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Are Values Found in the 'Old Testament'—The Word of God?

With all the contention in my life do I really want to take on this question, and, will I be able to argue in a way so as to raise questions while at the same time not alienating readers?

Let's start with this from my friend William: *'On my flights to Bombay we would layover in Cairo. Down in the main salon curious intellects who were Muslim would meet us for discussions on politics, philosophy and militarism. Too bad our politicians can't do the same with other nations and cultures.'* This caused me to reach back across my years in search of a time when Americans were capable of open and free discussion.

What would it take to make this possible, and is it possible within the confines of Christianity? If we take the Christianity of Pete Hegseth as the model, it is not possible. Pete belongs in the 11th/12th century as a Crusader, with a mission to slaughter heathens in the name of God.

Assume Hegseth is a devout Christian. If so, from where does he get his rationale for murder? This begs the question: is Christianity, as practiced/ supported by Christian Zionists (and much of the right), a force for good? If not, a force for good, why not? And what about Christianity, as practiced, blurs the lines conveyed in Christ's teachings?

If this question doesn't resonate with you, maybe it's best to stop reading

now as it's imperative for me to search-out reasons—to understand this phenomena. To understand in a rational way, relying on logic, and built around an obvious fact that anyone yet supporting Trump's mass murder without viable reasons, runs contradictory to the ethics of Jesus.

Is there anything in an American foreign policy of murder, asset seizure, and regime change, that allies with the *New Testament* teachings of Christ? For secular persons such as myself, a fundamental question is more important than whether or not Christ is the Son of God. Does the *Holy Bible* function as a paradox or as a contradiction?

A paradox is resolvable and a contradiction is not. Is the *Bible*, with the *Old Testament* next to the *New Testament*—a paradox or a contradiction? For anyone unable to suspend personal beliefs, this question is unanswerable. Again the question: is the *Bible* at odds/cross-purposes with itself? If so, what about the *Bible* is contradictory?

The question cannot be asked without first questioning whether or not the *Holy Bible* is the *Word of God*. And, was the decision to include the *Old Testament*, a spiritual decision or a political decision? And did that decision contradict the teachings of Christ?

Maybe (by way of support), Christ in the New Testament functions as amendments do in the US Constitution? Maybe Christ came to make up for past injustice and set us straight? But is that what happened? Or has the *Old Testament* compromised the teachings of Christ?

Consider the *Old Testament*. Maybe it functioned as did Alexander Hamilton in the run-up to ratification of the Constitution—a spokesperson to retain power in hands of elites rather than American citizens. Or, maybe, the ravings of murderous old men in the *Old Testament*, needed to be accepted as the Word of God—not spiritually—but politically. Consider the edict that

Catholic priests cannot marry. It wasn't always that way but now part of the divine plan—with lots of young boys who wish it were other.

When Israel went off the tracks in Gaza, I had friends who lined-up behind Gaza genocide (including Bill Holter), with the Old Testament as their rationale. God gave all those lands to Israel (without concern that Zionists came from Poland). God gave it all to Israel—from the *river to the sea*. Questioning, I was astounded how many conservatives accepted this as fact.

Historical transgressions such as openly gay are no longer punishable in the West. In the Old Testament—maybe punishable by death. And, in the Book of Joshua, we find a template for genocide: take 7 adjacent lands, don't drive the heathens out—kill them, all of them. Is this the source for the rationale behind the mission of Pete Hegseth and Donald Trump?

Is this the basis for Pete Hegseth's doctrine of *maximum lethality*, ignoring Christ's *tender mercies*—to bring the *Word of God*—forward? Which of the parables of Jesus Christ justifies human slaughter? And, does the *Old Testament* belong in the *Bible*?

Having the Old Testament next to the New Testament—what's the function of that? If written as a history, there would be an implicit connection—with the New Testament as an epiphany out of the Old. But, is it there? Or is it just two stories—an ancient one telling tales of murder and a wrathful God—is that the same God who fathered Christ?

Ethnic nationalism, such as practiced in Israel, has a strong fascist connection—and by default goes the way of 1933 Germany. And my country supports Israel's war with Iran. Iranians consider it a religious duty to support justice—hence they support Gaza.

Shia (Iran), religious practices seek justice—not to be found in the monarchies, Israel, or US Foreign Policy. Hamas is not Shia—so Iran's Hamas

support is for justice. Trump rails on about Iran's theocracy, while Hegseth's Pentagon cite Christ as a rationale to slaughter Iranians. Is the US achieving its goals in Iran? The US has no goals (other than oil), in Iran.

'Sunrise doesn't last all morning. A cloudburst doesn't last all day.' George Harrison, *All Things Must Pass*. Today is a sad day for me—I'm ending many years of affiliation with Bill Holter. About my last article *Elephant in the Room*, there were dozens of comments, all expressing support except for two. Bill Holter sees it as Erik's diatribe.

But it's not. Instead it's dozens of my subscribers/Bill's, mystified at Bill's woefully lack of geo-political research, that allowed him to censure, name call, degrade my work. Here's a comment: 'Holter read your article and looked for ways to show he's cognizant of the geopolitical situation and what could go wrong. He replies, for openers, calling your article a 'diatribe'... looks like the MSM way of dissing someone/thing while trying to seem logical and unbiased. His comments on Iran show no depth of understanding (for) what's really taking place. He dances around the word 'genocide' with Gaza beach front stuff. He then reverts to all the financial stuff but doesn't come to grips with the foundational facts that the US cannot claim the white hat any longer. That the US and Israel (tag team) are the problem and it's not harming our reputation, it's destroying it. It's hard for most Americans to look in the mirror when it's a Dorian Gray portrait. '

Conservatives aligned with the Parables of Jesus Christ in the New Testament need to break with Trump. Without taking support from Trump/Netanyahu, I see a 50/50 chance, Israel runs out of options and plays the nuclear card. If the past is prologue, Trump and all the little Trumps sign on for Mr. Toad's Wild Ride into the holocaust.

Listening to Tulsi Gabbard obfuscate, I'm saddened and ashamed to be

an American. Listening to Trump warning Tehran *to watch what happens* and *I am killing them—what a great honor it is to—*terrifies me. begging the obvious question: What would Jesus Christ do?

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