



## ANSWERS

On March 4, 1968, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the now infamous J. Edgar Hoover, circulated a staff memo entitled "Counter Intelligence Program, Black Nationalist - Hate Groups Racial Intelligence."

The U.S. Government sponsored F.B.I. program -- which came to be known as "COINTELPRO" -- stated that one of its main goals was to "Prevent the rise of a 'MESSIAH' who could unify, and electrify, the militant black nationalist movement."

By 1999, the U.S. Government considered the Hebrew Yisraelite Movement to be more of a threat to its internal security than "...terrorists and jihadists." This covert activity has contributed to an open climate of hate, fear, and even dread in America toward those of us among so-called African-Americans who have awakened to our true national identity.

To be sure, within any group or social movement, there are fringe elements that reflect poorly upon the whole. No doubt. Nevertheless, *all* of us face constant accusations, coming from every race, class, and political persuasion -- and especially from our own 'families' and 'friends' -- on a regular basis.

*Here is our official response to the most common accusations:*

### **1. You're anti-Christ.**

**Answer:** To begin with, to suggest that any group of people are all one thing is simply inaccurate. Of course, this holds true for the Hebrew Yisraelite Movement. There are believers in Mashiach/Christ among us, and non-believers as well; just as there are among traditional "Judeo-Christians."

What many Hebrew Yisraelites refer to as "Christianity" is more precisely referred to as "Churchianity", or Greco-Roman Paganism mixed with the true faith of the original disciples. This is the religion of mainstream "Sunday Christianity" -- which Hebrew Yisraelites, including us, wholeheartedly reject; and that, with no apologies.

TCVI is a community of Messianic Yisraelites. We believe in Christ and His atoning work at Calvary; but not in the false European image, who is not Christ. This is the concocted god of the ancient Roman Emperor Constantine's wicked imagination. We teach that Ha Mashiach is a Hebrew Yisraelite, or "black man" -- not a European son of Japheth.

And yes, race matters. If not, there would never have been a need to change His race to begin with. The African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) denomination for example, believes this also. Hebrew Yisraelites have simply returned to our original culture. And even as we speak, many traditional Christians are turning to their "Hebrew roots" -- which by the way, we believe

genuine move of Ruakh Ha Qodesh/The Holy Spirit.

## **2. You're legalists.**

**Answer:** Based upon a pagan, Greco-Romanized Western mindset, much if not most of mainstream "Christianity" has grossly misinterpreted the writings of Paul, and believe that the curse of the Law is the Law itself. In other words, they believe that those of us who are returning to our Hebrew roots are frustrating the grace of YAHUWAH.

As for keeping the Law: even as the tablets of stone were placed inside the Ark of the Covenant, with the Torah scrolls placed beside the Ark; the Ten Commandments have been written in our hearts by the Ruakh Ha Qodesh, so that we may comprehend and fulfill the Torah, unto everlasting life.

*The truth is, the greatest teachers and keepers of the Torah who ever lived were/are Ha Mashiach and His disciples.*

'Seventh Day Adventists' for example, have the wisdom to keep the Shabbat - both in the natural and the Spirit. And many other groups are beginning to understand the true relationship and proper balance between Law and Grace.

It is written, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of YAHUWAH, and have the testimony of Y'shua Ha Mashiach" (Rev. 12:17). Selah.

## **3. You're a cult.**

**Answer:** According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a cult is "a small religious group that is not part of a larger and more accepted religion, and that has beliefs regarded by many people as extreme or dangerous."

By that definition, we're absolutely "guilty" (of 'religion' as defined in Mashiach's brother Ya'aqob's [James'] epistle). Having said that; the fact that some people may regard TCVI's beliefs, or any other set of beliefs, as "extreme or dangerous" does not necessarily indicate that they are.

The truth is, Mashiach Himself and His Original Movement were viewed in that same fashion, along with every other significant political or religious movement in history.

And earlier this year, the President of the United States himself pointed out publicly that many atrocities, including the Crusades of the Middle Ages and the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, were the result of the religious beliefs of mainstream "Christianity".

So again, to conclude all as guilty based upon the admitted extremism and danger of some is at best, unwise. At worst, it represents the very folly that led to the rejection of the Messiah and destruction of ancient Yisrael.

**You're racist, sexist, and homophobic.**

**Answer:** TCVI believes that racism - judging or even condemning someone on the basis of race -- is illogical, anti-Torah, and has proven to be foolish by the fear-mongering antics and

inflammatory language of race supremacists of all kinds.

We do find it ironic and hypocritical to be called racist, sexist and homophobic by racists, sexists and homophobes.

Are there Hebrew Yisraelite-aware who judge people by race? Of course. But again, that doesn't mean that all of us are racist, any more than it does among any other group. As for TCVI being sexist and homophobic, we do believe in the divine order of male and female, and we don't fear anyone but YAHUWAH.

The truth is, almost without exception, across all factions, cliques, denominations, etc., the clarion call for the removal of gender distinction is: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28).

But is this verse really a doctrine that says the order of male and female has been removed in Mashiach?

In reality, the same apostle who wrote "...there is neither male nor female" also wrote, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Mashiach; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Mashiach is YAHUWAH" (I Cor. 11:3). Was Paul confused, or inconsistent? No.

Despite those who reject Paul as the instigator of a lawless movement; the answer, in my judgment, is clear - Paul was absolutely consistent. Rather than removing class, gender or nationality, he was simply confirming to the 'Judaized' Galatians that contrary to the doctrine of the "Jews," salvation is the same for everyone, regardless of race, sex, or social status.

### **You're terrorists.**

**Answer:** This particular accusation is probably the most absurd of them all. The idea that the Hebrew Yisraelite Movement at large is somehow linked to extremist Muslims based upon similar garments and other cultural features is a point that should be routinely dismissed.

(Although lawlessness in the name of 'sovereignty,' and abusive verbal attacks on the part of certain Hebrew-aware individuals and factions are a legal, lawful and legitimate concern.)

Despite any evidence of actual terrorist acts being carried out by the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware, this myth continues to persist. And from our perspective as the children of indigenous Americans and chattel slaves, to be labeled as violent or dangerous by a nation which has perpetrated the most brutal terrorism in the annals of human history is perhaps the ultimate irony.

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