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Rastafarians as a Religious Doctrine seen through Rastalogy.

Rastalism as a religious Phenomenon of the nineteen (19) century promulgated the Divinity of Emperor Haile Selassie I as the "Christ", The Prophets (Deuteronomy 18: 15), 'Isaiah 43:14-15, which spoke of him to come, and fulfill all those prophecy.

Rastalogy saw all these prophecies fulfilled in the Person of Emperor Haile Selassie I. AD. 1936 at Geneva when Emperor Haile Selassie I represented the Ethiopian People and all Small Nation also the "Conscience" of the World, in his fight against Roman Imperialism (fascism) compatible as in the days of Jesus The Christ, and Pilate Governor of Galilee. (St. Mark 15:2)

Rastalogy represent the continuity of an indigenous belief that the House of David would at all time produce "The Christ" who was to liberate the Ethiopian people fulfilling Acts. 15: 16-18. "Thereafter, I will return and rebuild the fallen house of David even from its ruin, I will rebuild it, and set it up again that they may seek the Lord Haile Selassie I all the rest of Mankind."

The advent of AD. 1930 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the Divine Coronation of "Rastafari" the Godhead of Emperor Haile Selassie I, represent the prophecy of the rebuilding of the fallen house of King David.

Rastalogy stated that the presence of Emperor Haile Selassie I as "The Christ", gave mankind the opportunity to seek the Lord "Negust" fulfilling Acts. 15: 16-18 representing the phenomenon Rastalogy spoke of to come.

The Birth of "Tafari" AD, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1892 represented the Second Advent of "The Christ" presence on earth. This fulfillment gave the Zara Yacobrites descendant of the Ethiopian Warriors of 1438-64, who was taken to Jamaica as vanquish, during the Zara Yaqob Era of Ethiopia. The prophetic insight to continue the worship, of the God of Ethiopia through the person of the *King*, who came through the lineage of King David. This represents the universal consciousness that transcended itself (2nd King) on flesh and dwell amongst man fulfilling Isaiah 9:6-7 "The Son" that is born 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1892 "Tafari" who's government shall be upon his shoulder. "Rastafari"; who laid the base of government 27<sup>th</sup> September 1927. "The Almighty God, Everlasting Father 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1930 Divine Coronation. Emperor Haile-Selassie I, Prince of Peace 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1941 in Addis Ababa where Emperor Haile Selassie I makes his historical speech of giving forgiveness to the Italian soldiers, quote "Do not render evil for evil, forgive them. Today is a new era in the history of Ethiopia."

Rastalogy accepted these fulfillments starting from Deuteronomy Chapter 18: 15 to Acts Chapter 15: 16-18, and Isaiah Chapter 43: 14-15 as fundamental *Pillars* heralding the presence of Emperor Haile Selassie I as the Divine "One".

Rastalogy identify these works and the divine historical statement of Emperor Haile Selassie I compatible to those of all the "Christ" starting from "Lord Buddha" to "Jesus The Christ" "Son of David" making Emperor Haile Selassie I, the embodiment of "The Christ" of the ages, "The Righteous One".

Religious Opposition From The Established Church

The religious dogma of the established church and the colonial establishment fought against the indigenous doctrine of the Rastafarians because it did not conform to the dogmatic doctrine of Nicaea or align with the Eurocentric doctrine of the church of our slave masters.

The indigenous doctrine and belief of the Rastaman is kept alive through secret teaching and underground society, and the local Binghi chant and gathering. The Paulinism of the Established Church could not have any effect on this new religious phenomenon promulgated, being that this new religious order based on black consciousness, and the philosophy of Ethio-Afrika, which represented the cradle of ancient civilization and religious beliefs older than that establish Christianity.

The advent of slavery and religious imperialism of Rome disrupted the social lifestyle of the Ethio-African causing a fragmentation of their indigenous beliefs, and way of life. The wise men of the Zara Yacobites maintain the ancient order of Rasta, and continue their worship underground. Ninety two (92) years after the emancipation of slavery in Jamaica, the religious phenomenon base on the Divinity of Rastafari as the "Living God" emerged in the ghettos of Kingston as a doctrine of "Hope" for the black people

The expounders of this new religious doctrine became known as Rastafarians, because of their resemblance to. "Rastafari" before his ascension to the Imperial Throne, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1930, became the vanguard for this "New Thing" which was so rightly identified by Isaiah Chapter 43:18-19. The doctrine of Emperor Haile Selassie I as "The Christ," "The Anointed One," "The Messiah", "The Emmanuel" God wi~ us. To establish the foundation of this new religious order Rastalism had to identify the geographical area of earth known as 'Heaven' and this area was identified by Psalms Chapter 87: 1-4, the place where the Godhead was to identify "Jah foundation is in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion than all the other dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee Oh City of God Selah. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia this "Man" Tafari. Rastafari Haile Selassie I was born there."

This Psalm also identify the birth place of Prince "Menelik" Son of King Solomon and the-Queen of Sheba, Rastalogical fulfillment of Genesis Chapter 49:10 "The-Scepter shall not depart from Judah nor the law giver from between his feet until Shiloh come and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Psalms chapter 89:34-37 establish the divine promise of Yahweh Elohim Sabbath to King David, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the things that is gone out of my lips. Once I have sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and his Throne as the Sun before me. It shall be established forever as the Moon, and as a faithful witness in Heaven Selah." Rastalogy accepts that at no time the earth has ever laid vacant, that the Godhead was not present, at all times the "Christ" was on earth in the flesh.

Today it is not only Rastafarians who are aware of the inconsistency of the four gospels. Practicing and non -Christians are aware of the conflicts that are rising in the Christian faith dealing with the man Jesus the Christ, who walked the earth 2000 years ago as God and man according to the scripture.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, analyzing these four gospels and what they say about Christ, one will recognize that non-Christian. Fundamentalists have reason to oppose the dogmatic belief of the practicing Christians because of the inconsistencies found in the examination and writing of the four gospels.

Rastalogy, in examining the person of Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betray his master "Christ" in the four gospels, found it is only Matthew 27 -5 identifies that after Judas received the money from the High Priest he threw the money down *in* the Temple and went and hung himself. The other three gospels fail to identify the end of Judas Iscariot, while in Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1-18 claims he bought a plot of land, then fell forward on the ground and burst open, so that his entrails poured out.

The question asked by Rastafarians why the other three gospels fail to identify the end of Judas Iscariot after what was done by him, was significant to all Christians the betrayal of Jesus The Christ. Could this be the fallibility of the gospel, and if it is, there is a lot of controversy. Rastalogy could identify things such as the resurrection of Christ, Matthew 28-1-4 Mark 16-2-5 Luke 24-1-4. These three (3) identify different scene and 'person present. Matthew claims a violent earthquake came and the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled away the stone from the tomb and sat on it and his face was like lighting and his robe white as snow. Mark claim the stone was already rolled away when the women came, and they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side. Luke claims that they found the stone rolled away from the Tomb and as they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly approached at their side. The three gospels fundamentally show differences in narrating the whole event, which identify another contradiction in the resurrection establishing doubt if there was really a resurrection scene.

Rastalogy sighted where Matthew and Luke identified the birth of Jesus in a contradictory manner. Matthews 1:-20-24 identifies where an angel appeared unto Joseph and told him not to be afraid to take Mary home as his wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived a child. She will bear a son and you shall call him Jesus (Saviour). All this happen in a dream while Joseph was asleep. .Luke 1-26-32 identifies where an angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary and told her "God has been gracious to you. You shall conceive and bear a son and shall give him the name Jesus.

Mark and John did not identify this birth, and in examining Matthew's and Luke's statements on the birth, they are contradictory to each other. This gives Rastafarians and people who are in dealings with the man "Christ", a lot of doubt regarding the virgin's birth, leading to which genealogy Jesus came from; if there really was a birth. Rastalogy in discussing the inconsistency of four gospels dealing with Jesus, looks n the three fundamentals , in "Christ" history, his birth, his resurrection, and his trial, believing that the Established Church has falsify these gospels, to highlight their doctrine and dogma around the man "Christ", giving them the opportunity to subject the grassroots people to a spiritual belief that was not compatible to their tradition and culture.

Rastafarianism as an Ethiopian indigenous divine conception reverses this dogmatic concept, hereby giving the followers and members, information that will assist them in their search for God, without any affiliation with the Established Church.