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Rastalogy Class: Rastalogical concept dealing with Belief

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Belief is frequently misconstrued with believe. Although these two words correlate with each other, they have two separate meanings. Believe is the first stage of acceptance. During this stage still lies a sense of doubt and lack of confidence. Belief is a doctrine or principle held to be true, it is pursued with a zeal or conscientious devotion (application). One can believe in a belief, however what one believes is not necessarily a belief (Psalms 20 : 7).

Belief is the moral or ethical standards that would identify a particular people (denomination). In life there are many different deities; it is through belief within that deity that will constitute their actions that will identify them. Belief is backed by faith. As faith grows and becomes stronger, confidence within the belief is the result. Out of belief must come action for it to become true otherwise it becomes meaningless. (James 2: 17) identifies what becomes of faith without works. "Even so faith, if it hath no works, is dead, being alone".

H.I.M. Emperor Haile Selassie I stated that "One must be guided by religion. Progress without religion is just like a life surrounded by unknown perils and can be compared to a body without a soul". As

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initiates of The Church Of Haile Selassie I, our belief is based on the divinity surrounding Emperor Haile Selassie I as the True and Living God (liberator). We have faith in a real and tangible being as opposed to a mythical and unseen being. We know that God is a title given unto a man Haile Selassie I. Out of our belief comes laws and tenets in which we are to abide and it gives us aims, goals, and objectives which we are to fulfill. It is through the strengthening of our faith within our belief that we will get the discipline to abide in our laws and tenets and get the courage and determination to achieve our aims, goals and objectives. As it states in (Mark 5 : 34) “thy faith has made thee whole”.

(2nd Chronicles 20 : 20) identifies the first stage of acceptance and consolidates the concept of belief as it states “Believe in the lord (law) your god, so shall ye be established; believe in his prophets, so shall ye prosper”. It is of significant importance to believe in the messenger of the law in order to learn and grow within your belief

(Mathew 21: 21-22) identifies mind over matter. All things are possible if you have faith in what you think, and the devotion to do the work necessary to accomplish what you have faith in. It is through prayer and meditation where by one can utilize the God within to help strengthen their faith. The heart (feminine principle) and the mind (masculine principle) come together in harmony and produce the word. The word must take unto itself flesh through works.

We as initiates of The Church Of Haile Selassie I must reflect within ourselves and see where we truly stand within our belief We must work towards achieving total confidence within our belief and gain the strength and courage we need to fulfill our aims, goals and objectives as Haile Selassie 1-ist. Thanks and Praises to The Most High.

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