

Being a Prophet

Prologue

To be clear, this only relates to the Western One G-d Theology. By no means should any of what follows be interpreted as anything else than what it is and that is one small and insignificant Jewish man's effort to make sense of the insanity fostered within the circumstances of what constitutes Western civilization within the 21st Century. In this effort I can't help that as a result of all the craziness to wonder as to why The Almighty just doesn't be upfront and come directly down here and run the show on earth. OK, I'm very aware that the Almighty is beyond name and form so that kind of explains the situation. Yet, then I have to wonder why during the Exodus The Almighty allows Moses to experience the Presence as a Burning Bush or the Hebrew People to experience the Almighty as a Pillar of Cloud during the day and a Pillar of Light during the night. Isn't a Pillar a Holy Image of G-d? I mean in cultures that worshipped idols they were at times perceiving The Almighty as fire or maybe even as a cloud. So what's the difference between hanging out as a Pillar rather than choosing to project The Presence as a recognizable Being? At least with a Recognizable Being casting major miracles and being immortal there would be no mistaking any other as The One. Also, Being The One G-d, and having created All, then isn't Everything a part of The Creation and Thus a part of G-d. In this light all of Creation can be viewed as The Children of G-d. In that vein, All is Sacred. So, for me it seems that the Torah is so much more than about obedience, loyalty, following The Commandments, Laws, rules, regulations and individual and cultural punishments for the failure to do so. To me the Spiritual comprehension of The Torah and all else that followed is best understood when filtered through the concept that the Covenant with Abraham was meant just as the starting point in revealing The Awareness that We Are All One Family. As parts of the Whole, each of us has a journey in learning how to accept this and to act accordingly with care and concern for all Creations.

Ok, that being said and since this is about The Prophets, here's what I'd like to share. So, without The Presence in a Recognizable interactive form I guess that's where imbuing Spirit into an individual comes in so that they can fulfill the role of a Prophet. To my way of looking at relationships, a Prophet is basically a person chosen by G-d through which G-d speaks to people in order to convey a message or teaching. At times G-d also through the Prophet performs miracles, which acts to provide the Prophet with an elevated authenticity thus providing an authority over everyone else including kings. In this role Prophets are viewed as holier than anyone else of their time. I like this description of a Prophet. I hope it doesn't offend anyone, but if it does for any reason, take it up with the Prophets. You don't know how to contact them? Well, then read on.

The Dream

Me, "I am calling the meeting to order." Funny to say this what with my company being the Ancient Prophets of the Western religions, these being Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad.* Where we are for this meeting is in a timeless dimension with and without name and form as this allows the Prophets to attend. Because I'm mortal I am

experiencing this in a dream state. While this is not really happening it is simultaneously so really happening.

Me again, "If I understand correctly, the focus and ultimately the goal of our collaborative effort is to help me gain a greater insight as to how I may avoid the disappointing Historical and Traditional Outcome of a Prophet interacting with The People. We've all agreed that while the intent was Golden the Outcome was like a lump of Lead. Generation after Generation the distance between the intent and the behavior of humanity ever widens. Our hope, if I'm putting this correctly, is that we need to make an adjustment to the Traditional Prophetic Approach so that as I interact with humanity the outcome more approximates G-d's intent. And to do this we really have to take a hard look at our relationship with humanity, which includes how we have presented ourselves, how we have testified as to our purpose and how we have supported humanity in living The Message.

How we have presented ourselves:

Muhammad, "What's happening is such a dilemma. Warfare between each of our religions and warfare between various factions within my religion.

Jesus, "The same at times for me and mine."

Moses, "Can't say the same for mine."

Muhammad, "Can you share how not?"

Moses, "In history of course we attacked the existing peoples at the time of Exodus when we entered The Holy Land. But my people have never initiated an attack on either Christianity or Islam. We have basically fought to defended ourselves in recent times once Israel was created in the middle of the 20th Century given the political intent of the surrounding countries to 'Cast us into the sea.' And as to warfare among various factions, while there have been groups of people who practice Judaism to varying degrees with some completely orthodox and others in a marginal manner, we have never engaged in warfare amongst ourselves. Here's also a difference. I feel that while the way my people view me is as a Prophet they do not view me either as the first or last of our Prophets. There have been plenty of prophets before and after me. Not only is there no fighting over who had the last word, there is no concept of The Last Word. The Last Word is strictly a human imposition by people who are such that they always want to have the last word. There is always room for more words. Who is to tell G-d that G-d has nothing more to say? Nuh? Still we hold on to our position as 'The Chosen People, and don't accept the furtherance of Christianity or Islam as replacements for our faith. I guess we been hearing for too long that we are "The Past" as The Torah is called 'The Old Testament.'" What we need to hear instead of that is that "We are all One Family like the oldest limbs still being critical as the middle and highest ones to maintain the health of our Life."

Muhammad, "Yes I can see this. But look at my situation. I am the only Prophet of my Religion and my people insist that I am the last Prophet, so what I shared all that time ago they believe it is still the latest and most updated message from Allah. I taught that we are from the same Source and that our history is the Jewish and Christian History. What I was trying to bring out was that my message was not for practicing Jews or

Christians who were already living by The Law, but for all those who either strayed from The Law or were not yet taught The Law.”

Jesus, “Yes, here is what people do when they either create a religion, convert to, are converted or are born into the religion. They attach their self-esteem to that of their Prophet. I experience the same phenomenon Muhammad. My people believe that not only was I sharing The Last Word, they eventually Deified me, which to me was so far from what I shared. Yes I related that I was the son of G-d, but I didn’t mean The Son of G-d, rather just one of the children, like everyone else. This really messed up things. They even made me into an idol to be seen in the church and that is deeply disturbing. All of this because the Romans took over in what they call the late 4th Century when the then Roman emperor Constantine decided that taking over Christianity would have a Phoenix Affect for the Roman Empire. You know, calling it The Holy Roman Empire and back off they go this time behind my name with their legions so called spreading My Word, which to them meant do it our way or off with your head. ‘Get It! We’re taking over!’ That wasn’t about Love. They just used My Name to undermine the existing cultures and to assert Roman Culture on everyone they converted to Christianity. This corrupted the intent of The Message.”

Moses, “Fortunately I am not viewed in the same way. I guess the reason that G-d prevented me from crossing the Jordan into the Holy Land was to prevent just that occurrence. Quite frankly, I was just an assistant in the liberation of our enslaved people as well as the literary and publishing agent for G-d. I’m no better than the next person. I mean anyone called by G-d to function in my role would have the same basic prophetic experience as I did. OK, yeah, I was raised in the Pharaoh’s home so I knew him well and I guess that made it easier for me, rather than anyone else to get close to Pharaoh. Still, It was all G-d and I was just the channel. So none of our people throughout history ever viewed me as that special. What was special was only that I was in the provided role. So, even though We are the Chosen People, we as a people never felt that We as Jews had the only path, except for ourselves. I mean the reason why we are The Chosen People is not really because G-d chose us, but rather our Ancestor Abraham was the only head of a family in that time to respond to G-d’s plea for followers to accept G-d’s insistence as being the only One.

There were lots of Gods at that time seeking followers and offering this and that if one chose to be a follower. It just turned out, that lucky for us, our G-d was the most powerful, as was proved in Pharaoh’s court and then at the Red Sea and then in The Promised Land. Or that was so until we ran into the gods of Rome. I guess looking back in history whenever what is now known as Israel was set upon by other cultures for a time their gods held sway over the land and our G-d wasn’t so supreme. I mean the Babylonians, Assyrians, Greeks and the Romans had very powerful gods and we suffered the consequences. In my viewpoint if you Muhammad and Jesus weren’t brought onto the scene centuries later, Our G-d wouldn’t have been sitting on The Throne of Heaven. Without the Christian and Muslim military we Jews would still have G-d, but it would be hard to defend the position that there is only One God. So no, I’m not venerated, but sure I’m appreciated for what little I actually did. Yet no Jew ever prays to me or seeks intercession with G-d through me like they do with you two. I’d say that my only special gift was I could persevere through pretty much anything thrown at me.”

Me, “Still, for me to come on like a Prophet will likely elicit a strong negative reaction from most conservative people in all three religions for wouldn’t I be challenging their concept of themselves, which is so deeply attached to being special in that they are the only ones living by The Word. Of course the belief that G-d has nothing more to share kind of closes them off to any further effort to make corrections in the way The People live.”

Jesus, “Such is the need of humanity, to ride the coattails of a powerful being and to fight for its supremacy, thus securing their position.”

Moses, “So as they do this, like my people who built the Golden Bull while I was up on The Mountain, they stray from The Source of their Salvation. That really upsets me.”

Me, “So we’re in agreement that there is a problem with how Prophets approach humanity.”

All Three, “Agreed”

Moses, “So let’s take a look how we presented ourselves. For me, once G-d contacted me, I just followed orders. You know, ‘Do this, now do that.’ I just gave the proclamations and G-d did the work through me like when The Message to Pharaoh ‘Let My People Go!’ was rejected. First there was the challenge by the Pharaoh’s priests as to whose G-d was strongest and suddenly my Staff transformed into the king of snakes as demonstrated by it eating the staff snakes of the Pharaoh’s priests. This repeated rejection then gave rise to the plagues and then the Egyptian threat was finally ended when the Red Sea parted for us. Then it was heavy work mollifying The People giving rise to the provision of Manna to our hungry. Oh yeah, and me hitting the rock with my staff providing needed water, although the hitting was viewed as a lack of faith by G-d and I was duly punished. Through all of this I was just this guy running around doing my best to hold it together. I wasn’t the source of the miracles, but because I was the Hand people through the ages make me into much more than I really was. At times, quite a burden I may share. Something really went wrong after that even though we did make it out of the Red Sea safely. We were condemned to wander the desert for forty years while a whole generation passed away because of the Golden Bull incident. So when I finally gave up my body, I really was no one so special. Looking down from On-High I witnessed how we successfully invaded and conquered the peoples of the Promised Land, however that didn’t keep the people from repeatedly going astray, which led to severe punishment. It was just an endless cycle of redemption, living properly for a while then slipping and sliding followed by punishment and after suffering seeking forgiveness and then once again off we go...redemption etc.”

Jesus, “Yes, in part it’s what people make of us that seems to push away from The Message. Yet, as we are coming to understand, isn’t this due to the manner in which we presented ourselves. I mean, my performing miracles through G-d’s empowerment was strictly to catch people’s attention and to put some emphasis to what G-d was sharing through me. It wasn’t my intention to be confrontational, but being human at times I lost it. For a long time I felt that my being crucified was a consequence of me running amuck in the temple and challenging the Roman’s Jewish puppet government’s authority by proclaiming myself King of the Jews which triggered my demise. I mean how could I have completely ignored the recent history of Herod ordering the killing of all infants and pregnant women when he heard about my birth and the prophecy that I was to take over.

So when I grew into adulthood there I was confronting the rule of Rome through Pontius Pilot running around proclaiming myself. Well what did I expect? Of course many people were frightened that there would be another blood bath as there was under Herod. This traumatic event was the 'left out' context of their effort to be rid of me in the hope to save their families. The people had been so traumatized and I was just so blind to it all. At that moment I certainly wasn't a good role model of Love. Me, being aggressive and violent at the Temple totally undermined The Message of Love. Gosh, I was so frustrated in the overwhelming task that I was assigned."

Me, "Tough to see it so clearly in hindsight. I wonder why at the time we just don't get it."

Muhammad, "I guess once we are imbued with the Spirit it takes over and we can't see it any other way. I definitely was empowered by G-d's intent to speak to me and from me to the people. But while I was in the position as the current Prophet of my time, I don't really remember emphasizing that I was the Last Prophet. I'm not saying I didn't somehow communicate that, it's just I too was also being rather overwhelmed, you know, not getting a good night's sleep what with the Angel keeping me up until all hours. When I read what I wrote it seemed wonderful, but being just a man, I didn't really comprehend the meaning of it all at once. Who ever does? So I too am wondering about how The Message is being defeated by how people perceive us in the Prophet Role. Once we are allowed to leave our bodies, those who end up with the responsibility of moving The Teachings into the general population, well they are fallible as anyone could be in the attempt to grasp the essence of The Message. I mean spreading The Message violently certainly does not support the wonder of studying the Koran and working hard to live by its intention. Sharing the word to the world is good. Killing people to obtain that goal isn't. You know in looking at the history of the Hebrews entry into The Promised Land under the directive to kill every man, woman and child in the cities that resisted the invasion is so difficult to understand. It definitely influences the attitudes of Muslims who feel that the protection of the True Faith requires a similar approach to people who do not submit. That's a terribly outcome to our effort to bring a living moral order into existence."

Me, "Basically, it seems that The Message is being undermined or should I say compromised by how we have been contacting all levels of the public. You know, it's all so sudden. One day no Prophet. The next Day, 'Hey you,' I'm your Prophet.' I mean, yes, The Message, yet I'm now wondering where were the instructions on how to do this so that people get it in a good way and don't eventually pull out their swords to either annihilate whole populations or force people to accept The Teachings."

Moses, "You know, I never considered this before. Hmm. It just seems that the more people get power, they want ever more and at some point by any means necessary. Looking back they always seem to get to the point that they convince themselves that it's G-d's Intent to have them act upon the belief that the End Justifies the Means. That just role models for the future generations the necessity of warfare. It is in the history of our entry into the geographic area intended by G-d for us. How we could expect the neighboring powers to just sit idly by while we projected our power over the native peoples of the area. Of course most of them didn't just bow their heads. Reminds me of a similar behavior by the Romans when they took over everywhere. The Legions and superior organization and warfare. How did we justify this?"

Jesus, “Yes, especially in my case as the Teacher of Love and then in my Name to witness through history our Christian persecution of the Jews, my own people. Then, the perfidy of the Crusades and the Inquisition in My Name. Good grief. What an abomination and a complete aberration from The Message. So, what would be helpful and in harmony with the reason that we are gathered is to sit together and evolve a more empathetic approach to sharing the message. This would, should I say, provide a safer manner in which to bring The Message that all people are the children of G-d and we can have peace only when we live according to the teachings.”

Me, “So coming on like a Prophet is out. Then in what manner will this loss of Status affect the public willingness to take me seriously enough to, you know, get on board?”

How Prophets have testified as to G-d’s purpose:

Me, “So Moses, I’m understanding what you are sharing is that while The Message is our responsibility to share with the public, Prophets really haven’t taken responsibility for how The Message is being received either by the intended people and by those in power who have historically felt sufficiently threatened by it to take up arms to defend their position of control.”

Moses, “Yep. That’s it exactly. When I look back at my interaction with Pharaoh, well it didn’t go over so well, thus requiring the Ten Plagues on the whole Egyptian population to get Pharaoh to let my people go. And of course that wasn’t enough so we had to have the collapsing of The Red Sea. Truly it was tragic. I feel that the outcome was achieved poorly.”

Jesus, “So, by taking responsibility as to how The Message is received means that The Outcome of our presenting The Message is effectively shared when the result of the sharing generates The Intended Outcome without aggression by any party. So when I look at my execution this then could be looked at as the outcome. Certainly a damning outcome of “Hey you all. Follow me. Love is the path to salvation. Sure my Resurrection occurred yet on an earthly plane it certainly didn’t bring in a period of Love. Just the opposite for my followers as they were persecuted for hundreds of years until the Romans finally wised up and took it over.”

Muhammad, “I like that Jesus. So honest. Yes, Well said! Basically The Message relates to how all humanity is this one great family and is so dysfunctional because people don’t live in loving and supportive Communes. No, instead people live in competing units. So, even though some people are attracted to The Message, they have no experience living such a Message. Therefore they can’t integrate the reality of this Message into their daily life. Characteristically, instead of integrating The Message, they attach The Message to us and not where it belongs. They can’t grasp that It’s about G-d and G-d Being The Actual Oneness of All Life, a part of which we all are. We actually inadvertently promote that by being the closest to G-d as they will ever get. By their attributing this Holiness to us it elevates us above them because our Message doesn’t include this warning against that association. With this elevation comes the inadvertent adoration and the attachment of attributes best reserved only for G-d.”

Moses, “Yes, then through the years after we left our bodies each of our individual followers being so attached to that feeling of Holiness that surrounded each of

us, view those who follow as Prophet/Messengers as going astray and they then start to get into whose Messenger is best. First, we Jews are The Chosen Ones and given The Torah and that makes us The Best. Then Christians introduce The New Testament which is interpreted as being the Guide into Redemption and this allows for the cry 'Christianity is the Best' Then Islam comes forth and is proclaimed The Best because Muhammad is The Last Prophet. It all starts to sound like children fighting over a sweet candy, 'It's mine.' 'No it's not. It's mine. 'You're both wrong. It's mine!' This instead of 'It's Ours.' Then when it's not a sweet, but a religion it gets into, 'Mine is better than yours.' 'No it's not. Mine is better.' 'You're both wrong. Mine is the best!' And then it gets into, 'Oh yeah.' 'Yeah!' 'Prove it!' Of course this gets worse and worse until they start pounding each other. If they're children, just fists. However, as we've repeatedly seen, if adults, then bloody warfare. That's how it works. Who ever wins the war at that time, their religion is the best and the only one that should exist. All of this terrible religious warfare is a result of us Prophets being blind to the historical outcome of the approach of Prophecy in the manner we Carry The Word of G-d to the people and fail to educate our followers that there is an endless line of Prophets and that's good and will continue to be so until such time as G-d says 'Here I am'."

Muhammad, "Yes, The Message is Holy yet for it to have a Holy Result it must be shared in such a way that allows for growth and change to fit the times into which The Message is to be delivered."

Jesus, "Right. The Message of Love shared in a Good Way would have resulted in the people being able to Live Love, not so much as a religion but rather as a way of life that includes showing respect for what came before and what in the future might yet come into being. But how to do this?"

Me, "This is deep as it affects how I am going to come to the people? As Moses suggested, the starting point may well be with the power elite, for no matter where we start it will always end up with the power elite either supporting or making every effort to undermine The Message. If we can get them on board, which is in itself a contradiction of the evident historical role of the power elite, it will take Divine intervention. We really need to spend some time getting this straight before I'm released into the public venue. Hey, it's like we need to develop an effective Prophet Training Program which say I have to pass before I'm permitted to carry The Message into the public."

Jesus, "Hmm. It seems that by bringing anything to the public that is perceived as new is going to garner the power elite's attention. In the spread of things, at best some will perceive it as useless and harmless or at the other extreme it could be viewed as capable of undermining the community's sense of order and even morality."

Me, "So something perceived as negative by some would be like a new tax. All they see is that it will strip them of more of their income. Others will see it as positive because of what the new tax will pay for and provide the community. Others will see both the positive and negative."

Jesus, "Yes, something like that. However if it is a new morality or an emphasis on an existing morality that has been marginalized, something like what I was sharing about Love, then it can be perceived as a threat to the power elite who benefited from its marginalization. In my case that would have been the Romans and their Jewish puppet government. There's also the consequence of the deviation from what I shared with my disciples as they shared it with others. Let's say, The Message was not understood in the

same manner across the board. After I was crucified and the disciples became involved with propagating The Message, there was no unanimity as to how to share The Message. Each went off in their own direction doing the best that they could. This resulted in outcomes that were so very sad and disturbing.

This inconsistent manner in which the disciples interacted with the general public was confusing and disturbing so much so that it caused an aggressive and destruction reaction. The teaching was love and in it is a strong attraction and the one's attracted can't help but to project a certain amount of admiration for their teacher, just like what happened with us. In this the teacher has a very difficult time to maintain a deep sense of humility and non-judgment. In time many teachers struggle against a growing feeling of pride and then even arrogance. While my disciples having the benefit of spending so much time with me, those converted by them did not have this crucial experience and so were less secure in their development to resist the progression when they became the next generation of teachers. This had serious consequences when they spread my word by threatening people with damnation if they didn't convert. They caused certain people to react to this by attacking the teachers and with the converts often leading to their imprisonment and the unexpected elevation of pride in their martyrdom as a false support for a continuation of the disastrous approach. Instead of self-correcting in the missionary work they elevated martyrdom as the highest sense of achievement of my ministry. Worse, they elevated my Crucifixion to the goal of my ministry so that I supposedly died for their sins. Then, all my Resurrection resulted in was putting a seal of approval for this. This wasn't then Love. Death is not the goal of Love. Then the introduction of Revelations to my ministry was a disaster, a complete denial of Love. In its place...Cataclysmic destruction of humanity. It was like taking the complete message of Love and tossing it into the toilet bowl. I'm telling you those guys at Nicaea...and later at Carthage really messed up."

Muhammad, "You know Jesus, that has happened repeatedly and is now corrupting Islam where Aggression is clothed in achieving Bliss of Martyrdom and it somehow is so seductive to young people as a result of it being preached in some of our temples of worship and propagated in some of our religious schools and even on-line. I mean, I know that there are numerous political and cultural considerations that require speaking out loud enough to be acknowledged by those who restrict a healthy world community involvement. Still, to support one's cause by using the Koran in propagating one's point of view can easily lead to tragic outcomes. However justified these Imam's feel about the threat to Islam from Western values, in their effort to strengthen the heart of Muslims they have lost the perspective that all people are the children of Allah, and this strips The Message from The Koran."

Moses, "I wonder if it is the nature of people to fall into this pattern as a consequence of G-d's intervention in the public realm, not in person but by sending Messages through us. True, there is a part of the public who are corrupted by power and the more power they have the more they are corrupted. I can't help but wonder if they are not the victims of Power itself and anyone in those positions will feel corruption's influence. Sure a few can resist it, but usually they are eliminated by those more corrupt. We seem to have a real dilemma on our hands. There is another element to consider. Any new Message can be viewed as The Next Big Thing. This perspective gives all of those who didn't have power the opportunity to join in to the new thing, and by human nature

those who are most susceptible to corruption will through any means necessary seek to move into and climb up through the newly emerging hierarchy. What was innocent and emerged to serve humanity, as it ages, is somehow attached hand-in-hand with self-serving patterns of behavior that fosters the corruption. Maybe it's just like what happens as our body ages and the body becomes less capable of providing a healthy home for the soul. Maybe in each generation there needs to be a re-birthing or a re-newing of The Message so that it remains strong and vital for those who live during each period of life. This means the Message isn't new, but more of a reminder. So there is no last word, rather a healthy continuation of the Original Word. Definitely there needs to be an element that inhibits the formation of another Religion. Already between our Three, there is enough trouble. What we really need is to somehow promote the unification of our Three into a family concept such as Grandparent, parent, child so that the Message grows like a tree with many limbs, but from the same Source."

Me, "Given the way Religion has performed maybe this seems to mean that religion may not be the proper body for the continuation of The Message. I'm wondering if it means that historically that The Message becomes calcified as it becomes a religion and becomes secondary to dogma** and the inter-generational physical organization to maintain it."

Jesus, "The problem in my case was very likely my short lifetime. The Authority of The Message was based upon my presence and when I was removed from my followers my disciples were not really able to pick up my mantle. How could they given how G-d was imbued within my makeup? Yes, they were inspired by The Spirit, but of course that's not the same as that which was transmitted through my ministry. With their passing on, those who picked up the effort of continuing to spread the Message could only interpret it. The Message that was shared was transmitted according to their less than Enlightened Understanding. Of course this resulted in dissolution of The Message generation by generation. I mean hearing The Message is just one part of the process. Once it is heard, people need to experience it in their relationships. How can this be done, I mean, how can people acquire the skills required to live The Message just by hearing about it? It needs to be role modeled through a long term relationship like a new born would be able to experience living with their family should the family already have learned how to live The Message."

Me, "Well, isn't that the reason for the succession of Prophets?"

Moses, "Up to the time of crossing the Jordan we were one large migrating body of people and we had the closeness of G-d to keep us on track and thus I was able to herd the people more often than not. Then also, having all of the adult first generation pass away in the desert and bringing up the children under the presence of G-d was a major difference than that what was experienced ever after. Yes, through my long life and G-d choosing to keep in the presence of the people it was easier to keep The Message in the forefront. I mean when someone messed up, it was immediately rectified. However we didn't take into account the trouble to maintain this discipline for the following Messengers like Joshua who stepped in for me after G-d took me up. This challenge was due to the breaking up of The People with each Tribe being given conquered lands which naturally broadened the geographic distances between them. The tribes became spread out and the mantle of G-d was physically restricted within one tribe's boundaries in which the High Priest, the Chief Kohan lived. This was a contributing factor to the

Message being kept strong in the more central areas and less so the farther out people lived. But as to the living of the Message the skills necessary to achieve that goal were not taught, just expected. The ritual parts were manageable, however the attitudinal aspects were fragile at best. This is at least my explanation for the quickness that the discipline of observance broke down resulting in the cycle of punishment, the eventual cry for forgiveness, the raising of the people again only for a period of time before the next collapse.

Muhammad, “So far we’ve determined that who we are as Prophets and how we share The Message isn’t working for the intended outcome of The Message to be achieved and then maintained. So presenting ourselves as Prophets is an issue as is the form of how we present The Message to the public. If we can’t be in the role of Prophet and we don’t openly declare The Message, then I wonder how we are supposed to help out humanity.

Jesus, “That’s the challenge, to devise a more effective manner through which The Message is shared. Like Moses shared, living the message requires some people in the community to already have the ability to do so and it is in their relationship with the other members of the community that it is role-modeled.”

Me, “I have felt for some time that presenting Prophets requires something akin to miracles for the public to pay any attention. However I’ve also felt that once a miracle is presented then a Prophet is no longer just a person to the public, but instead the public can’t help but to associate the Prophet with with Divine Purpose. Divine Purpose to them implies The Prophet is a vessel for G-d, and therefore also shares in G-d’s Divinity. People always speak of the Prophet like they speak of you Jesus, as G-d on earth. Of course that wasn’t what you shared with anyone, however at some point The Church made the decision that you weren’t just a Prophet, but also G-d. Well they don’t speak of Moses in that manner, but Muhammad your followers kind of speak of you not just as a man who was a Prophet like Moses is viewed, but somewhere between a man and G-d. It’s got something to do with being viewed as The Last Prophet, so The Koran must be the Last Words of G-d. It wasn’t your intent, but it’s there by association.”

Muhammad, “No it wasn’t my intent, but what is, is what is. The problem is that we ourselves don’t necessarily know how to Live The Message. Learning how to Live The Message for us is no different that it is for anyone else. Learning a social mannerism isn’t just something that a Prophet acquires just by carrying The Message. So, looking back, as Moses suggested, we left out a large portion of supporting the integration of The Message into the public experience. So, it’s likely that people looking to us as role models were left short as our behavior and attitudes were deficient to provide the public that input. Also, once we pass on, we can’t return and correct the misunderstandings and the misinterpretations of who we are and what we brought to humanity. What was left out of this Prophet Role is now, in looking back, the source of the lack of human skills that allow the progress in sharing the essentials of living an ethical and cooperative communal life. This is a real problem.”

Me, “It seems that we are at an impasse. I wonder if G-d can send us some ideas, or instructions, or at least point us into the right direction. Anyone have any contact with G-d so that we can ask for help?”

Moses, “Well, here we are, Me, Muhammad, and Jesus and oh yeah, you’re here also. Ever wonder how you came to be included. Your whole adult life you’ve been

resisting taking on the mantle of The New Prophet, and as we have come to understand, for good reason. Still, in your resistance to this role you never actually stated that you weren't the New Prophet, just that you didn't feel that it would have a benefit to humanity until The Message was more than, 'Here's what you all should be doing.' Your work has been to understand The Truth as to why humanity struggles to live in peace, love and harmony. Nothing has been able to deter you from this effort. During these years, as you have concluded, your work history and the challenges that they have brought you was the training for one day taking on This Role. What's more, the volumes that you have written down in regards to what you have discovered and the immense effort of cataloguing the knowledge that you have attained in written form, which you have repeatedly shared with those who can hear and even those who can't, is that It's not what we haven't yet learned, rather its about developing the skills to put what we have learned into the way we live life. That's the "What's Missing" that you repeatedly refer to. Your work is in that vein. A Working Manual so to speak wouldn't you say. That would be the right description. (See: Outfar10.com) What is now needed is the correct manner in which to present it to the public so that it doesn't trigger aggressive reactive behavior from the powers in place or completely overwhelm those who would learn. Does this help at all?"

Jesus, "Good going Moses. Great analysis. Yeah, for me it was The Message of Love, but because I never married or had children, how could I have role modeled the living of love as I never learned what it is to be a husband, new parent, never experienced the stress of providing for my family, and never dealt with the political stresses of struggling to keep my family safe living as a practicing Jew in a Roman dominated environment? For all these reasons plus my total focus on my ministry, it never occurred to me as to the necessity of not just lecturing and performing miracles. I would have had to live a lot longer and then maybe I would have come to this realization. Many people surely try to live a loving life, but who really knows how to do this and without that role model whom does anyone have to learn from? So how then can this living of Love come about except through the work that has been developed by our hesitant Prophet and yes, how it is presented to the people is crucial."

Moses, "Hmm. The Message has to be reworked. OK, first The Message comes from G-d to The Prophet. The Message is right on, yet too powerful for it to be safely shared because it automatically fires up the authorities' defenses and it overwhelms the people who don't have the skills to support the integration of the Message into culture. You know, 'Hey you guys. You all messed things up and I've been put here by G-d' to straighten things out. So you all got to do what I says." As we've been talking about, how we've been coming on as The Messenger from G-d, just isn't working right. So, maybe The Prophet has to be in disguise long enough to form a harmonious and supportive relationship with the Authorities. You know, instead of challenging their power, to instead somehow gain their respect and increase their enjoyment and benefit from our spending time with them. You know, kind of in the footsteps of our ancestor, Joseph of the many-colored robe. Even in the depth of the trauma that his brothers visited upon him by selling him into slavery, and then the time he spent in the dungeon of Pharaoh, he was able to gain the attention and then the trust of Pharaoh and as a result became his most valued advisor. Then of even greater importance Joseph responded in a loving manner to his family when they came for help, not holding a grudge and in this way role modeled

the outcome of his relationship with G-d and The Teachings. Again though this good fortune was because G-d gave Joseph the gift of interpreting dreams. Not a miracle, but a Wondrous Gift.”

Muhammad, “I’m in agreement about it’s no longer about what to do, rather it is to bring a Teacher into the presence of humanity who can train other teachers along with the public in supporting their integrating the goal of Living in the Spirit into daily life by moving through practicums in applying the newly learned skills. All of humanity would benefit from starting at the beginning of learning, which is to acquire the skills of being nice even under highly stressful situations. This Teacher, being innocent in purpose and function would be attractive to all levels of society, even the powerful, as long as The Teacher kept supporting the view of their elevated status of our society and then by offering the suggestion that they can move this elevated status even higher by living The Message more effectively while in service of the general population.”

Me, “OK, this all makes sense in a way. Still, I’m unclear as to what gives The Teacher Authority.”

Muhammad, “Ah. That’s the thing. When we explored your insightful writing the underlying theme has always been the challenge to the establishment of supporting Free Will and Choice, which is seemingly in conflict with our role. You see Prophecy and Miracles as being so overwhelming in asserting our Authority due to their being so reinforced with the implied threat of suffering and death if not complied with. This just brings adherents who come to us as a result of this fear. I mean Pharaoh didn’t budge until the death of his son. And even then once seemingly free of Moses he was driven to wreak revenge on The People. Then you share that there are the people who adhere like moths that are drawn into a flame. They can’t help but to engage. However, they do not really make the choice. They are motivated by an impulse that they can’t resist as it operates as a compulsion to adhere. As a result, it all ends up all about Faith for them and they lack the strength that comes from Free Will and Choice and a comprehensive Overview that connects all of Existence. That in part explains why they can’t really live The Connection because they haven’t studied and learned how to integrate the mechanics of The Union of All Life. So, the dilemma. Then there are the new converts who have hit bottom. Instead of seeing themselves no more or no less than any other being, they elevate themselves by believing that they are on the only worthwhile path. This results in them viewing their path or religion as better than any other. Instead of honoring those different paths, they totally exclude them because they have been mistakenly taught that these other paths are contaminated. Then they are given the role of saving these contaminated cultures because they have been taught that it is their duty to G-d to foster the conversion of all “Non-Believers” to their path or what they call The Faith. Of course the result of this misunderstanding and the resulting confusion is conflict between those who believe and those who have yet to come into the faith. The Teaching that you have been recording must stand on its own so that people can choose to live by a moral code of Peace, Love and Harmony. So the conclusion is the need to discover how to bring it into the public awareness in such a way that the ethics are fully integrated.”

Me, “OK, still to date what I have to teach, or The Message in disguise, isn’t that attractive for I have come to see that it somehow unravels people’s conditioned upbringing and systems of belief. While initially they are drawn into The Teachings, the deeper they study and practice the essential skills of integration it paradoxically

engenders their feeling increasingly uncomfortable, eventually becoming bewildered and anxious. Yes, I'm fairly sure it's because The Teaching unravels and displays the illusions that they have been taught to believe in and to defend. This causes an emotional and spiritual crisis, which forces them to defend what they believe to be their Faith. At this point the relationship is overwhelmed by deep subconscious mechanisms. The conditioning of culture is terrifically strong. As you know, I experimented with camouflaging The Message in the Mentoring Training Program that I ran for fifteen years and even in that setting of their hoping to be helpful to a child in therapy, they all hit a wall beyond which they couldn't progress. So the key to this challenge must be somewhere between being The Prophet and being The Teacher.

Moses, "Hmmm, somewhere between The Prophet and The Teacher, or another perspective might be that we are challenged to identify what barriers are created in the way people hear The Message and how The Message is eventually overwhelmed by the seeming very nature of people. I wonder if we can imagine or devise a presentation that finds the balance point that may provide a gentle non-threatening opening of people's minds. I feel that The Teaching must sound like we are not taking anything away, rather just sharing what would help them get more of what they seek, and by accepting this sharing, their lives would be influenced toward a more heartfelt and yet rational path."

Muhammad, "Yes in a way I feel that we are getting closer to the resolution of presentation. Still we are somehow circumventing Free Will and Choice unless we can share The Message in such a way that provides the foundation of that goal. So in a sense it's about being totally transparent and being open to explaining who we are and what we also struggle to accomplish and in this way we may be able to ask them for their help. In this manner it wouldn't be influencing or a compulsion so much as enhancing their opportunity to live and to help us live the core values of Peace, Love and Harmony."

Jesus, "Yes, Muhammad, this approach is more consistent with the core of The Message, and yet with each perspective we gain greater insight to the challenge of being Messengers.

Me, "So, we have The Message which if effectively integrated into daily life will transform humanity into a more cohesive yet openly flexible earthly community. The Challenge is in its presentation so that It is a more effective approach than just dropping in on Humanity and proclaiming The Message. I mean you Moses spent all the time from challenging the Pharaoh until you were gathered onto G-d working with the people to kindle the motivation to live by The Teaching and whenever you turned your back, too many of our ancestors slipped and slid into idolatry through their relationship with people outside the tribes. So it seems that it isn't only about how much time we spend with The People. This kind of brings us to the investigation as to our support of Humanity in its effort to live The Message. Maybe by exploring this subject we will have some insight in to how to relate to Humanity in or through the process of sharing The Message.

How we have supported humanity in this effort:

Me, "Well, this concept of Supporting humanity needs a bit of defining."

Support:

1. Be capable of fulfilling (a role) adequately.
 - a. Prophets gain practical experience that helps them support their role.

2. Give assistance to
 - a. The Prophet gives encouragement to the minion.
 - b. The Prophet gives help by teaching the minion.
 - c. The Prophet heartens, fortifies, consoles, provides solace, and reassures.
 - d. The Prophet advocates, promotes, champions, backs, and defends.
 - e. The Prophet substantiates, corroborates, confirms, attests to, and endorses.
 - f. The Prophet commits to role-modeling The Message in all aspects of

life.

Jesus, “Wow. I never really looked at Support in such depth and detail. This is really helpful. It seems that for us to be supportive I would have had to remained alive much longer than I did. Between us not being immortal and the fact that G-d doesn’t reside on Earth and hasn’t chosen or been able to communicate with humanity directly, well, this is the critical dilemma of providing Support.

Moses, “Yes, this is a challenge. Prophets come and go. We don’t necessarily have the ability, experience or the skill to role model the living of The Message that we bring to humanity. We just deliver the Torah, or the New Testament or the Koran. So, while this is like a map to Spirituality, it alone is not the vehicle to carry humanity to the destination. These vehicles for teaching the proper values must be coupled with the practice of living the values. Once practiced, this body of ability must then be integrated fully and then sustained in family and in neighborly relationships.

Me, “So, are we discussing the practical formation of a teaching environment, which may be in step with a Religion(s) where The Message is preached?”

Jesus, “Hmm. Yes, something that supports The Message being lived.”

Mohammad, “Still, as we’ve wondered about this before, unless we come as Prophets, well, there is no authority to The Message and to the Role-Modeling of how to live The Message in all aspects of life.”

Jesus, “Yes, this is what we keep coming back to. Like I alluded to just a moment ago, I didn’t have the time or the guidance to learn the essence of The Message and to then develop the skills in living The Message including being a father and husband. Without this in place I was not able to evolve into an effective Role Model for those who were attracted to a life of lived-love.

Moses, “It seems Jesus, that you are suggesting that in your experience as a Prophet that the very process of receiving The Message was somehow incomplete as it did not automatically provide you with the knowledge in how to live The Message. If that is so, then I can relate to this in my own experience. How about you Mohammad?”

Mohammad, “I feel that I am able to connect to this concept, but it is the first time that I have ever considered its impact on the evolution of Islam. I mean, the Essence of Islam is that all people are children of Allah. Yet, in the course of history, The Children have since my passing on, been fighting over whose ‘Line’ is legitimate. The result has been grief and despair. That is complicated due to the sibling rivalry when Christianity and Judaism are thrown into the mix. So, for sure, something was missing as The Message barely lasted a moment after my last breath. This is kind of devastating for me, and am I right, for all of us?”

Me, “This feels like the crux of the challenge. I’d like to share that in the past all Prophets have been missing not only the part of being imbued with the ability to live The

Message, but the essential connection to a conversational relationship with G-d because of G-d not being present on earth. It's one thing to be lectured on what's right and to be able to recite The Message word for word. It's entirely another thing to assume that this is sufficient. I mean, that for it to be truly sufficient would require an ongoing relationship with G-d not only as one's progenitor but also as important, as a Mentor. This Mentoring Relationship is what I feel is the missing element of being an effective Prophet. Should I have that Relationship with G-d, then as a Prophet I would have that experience and with this experience I would have the blueprint as to how to build the relationship with those who are able to hear The Message. With G-d as my Living Mentor, I would have the ability to Mentor those who would endeavor to live The Message, even in commerce and politics."

Moses, "To continue in this encompassing thought, would it be reasonable for each human being to eventually have that kind of relationship directly with G-d, with you the teacher of how to accomplish this?"

Me, "As you all know, I have been living a fairly unique life. It has been the kind of life that provided me with some serious advantages in the realm of being open to exploring and being committed to living alternative viewpoints, accepting some, discarding others all with the eye as to whether they contributed to the expansion of my Spiritual Consciousness. This has helped me move from being just turned on to amazing possibilities and vision to actually living them. The most paramount of these has been the awareness that everything is interconnected and that the well-being of any one aspect affects the well-being of the Whole. For me, this led to the insight that we humans couldn't be so confused as to who our Family really is unless, as being part of G-d, that G-d too struggles with this consciousness. I mean, something is keeping G-d from being here with us. This led me to be concerned for the welfare of G-d's health and safety and because of this concern I felt that I needed to reach out to G-d and to offer my support and friendship."

Mohammad, "That very commitment is what brought the Three of Us to reach out to you. As we have shared before, we have been paying a great deal of attention to you from afar, and we are confident that this ability to see beyond the existing pattern is the gift that you are and We need this gift to come to a fuller realization of our Role and the possibility of Us reintegrating back into the physical plane to reconnect with those who seek their path through Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The difference will be that We Three through our example will bring the Three Religions Together as One Family."

Me, "Good! So I guess it's my role to first facilitate your conscious re-connection with The Celestial Family, for reappearing on Earth is going to require this kind of influence. Let me share however, that this requires The Prophets to learn how to connect with G-d. In my work with engaging with G-d I have been stressed over the effort to manage that relationship in addition to my work and personal relationships here on Earth. What is needed is help with encouraging G-d's ability to heal from feeling so poorly over the outcome of The Influence on humanity that has led to our current condition. Once we all get together to do this work, G-d won't feel so alone and will feel that there is some hope for a better future of being directly involved. The hang-up is what G-d needs, but hasn't yet accepted and this is the need for the input from a core of earthly advisors that will assist in redesigning this future engagement. Because you all as Prophets are born from an earthly experience it seems to me that it will take a similar leap of understanding

for each of you to accept that additional role; that being the mentoring of G-d. Should we come to that commitment as I alone am doing with G-d, then I'm optimistic that we can evolve into a team, and one that welcomes humanity into The Family, so that The Intent of Union can be achieved in a good way. I'd like to add just this. This is how we can help G-d heal and mature. The key is that we mentor G-d by example and to do this most concretely we have to take on the following challenge. The focus is not one G-d, but the people who have been diminished by the confusion of religiosity. It is in carrying the practice of compassion to the forefront of human focus. We do that by engaging with helping culture prioritize the helping of impoverished people and their families, who are all a part of G-d, to have an improved life with the physical basics such as food, clothing, housing, transportation, and a meaningful employment. This requires the dual focus on preserving the environment from further degradation so that sustainability of all life is secure in a healthy home. This effort must be coupled with the open free will and choice of those who seek to participate to commit to working diligently with us to achieve this outcome."

Moses, "This conversation is really amazing. Your effort to connect directly with G-d is not just a fanciful idea, but something that you are sharing in regards to what you have already accomplished. So, this possibility is real and you have the experience of actually doing this.*** I'm ready and willing to be guided by you. How about you Muhammad and Jesus?"

Muhammad and Jesus together. "I'm in."

Me, "Good. Very good. That statement of commitment to open to this wonderful experience is all that is required."

* Just for a deeper experience, a point of reference: Muhammad Means "praiseworthy", derived from Arabic (*hamada*) "to praise". Jesus: English form of *Ἰησοῦς* (*Iesous*), which was the Greek form of the Aramaic name *ܝܫܘܥ* (*Yeshu'a*). *Yeshu'a* is itself a contracted form of *Yehoshu'a* (see [JOSHUA](#)). *Yeshua* ben Yoseph, (Jesus son of Joseph), better known as Jesus Christ. From the Hebrew name *יְהוֹשֻׁעַ* (*Yehoshu'a*) meaning "YAHWEH is salvation". Moses: From the Hebrew name *מֹשֶׁה* (*Mosheh*), which is most likely, derived from the Hebrew name *מִשֶׁה* (*Mosheh*), which is most likely derived from Egyptian *mes* meaning "son", but could also possibly mean "deliver" in Hebrew.

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** Dogma: *Dogma* is a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true. It serves as part of the primary basis of an *ideology* or belief system, and it cannot be changed or discarded without affecting the very system's *paradigm*, or the ideology itself. Wikipedia.

*** Well reader, to put this into some form of context, it will be helpful to read "Conversations," This can be found in the website: Outfar10.com under the Folder "G-D and then check out "The Creator as an Infant." If you're still into this, then open Training and explore the various subjects.

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