

SOURCES – ESSAY 9

“Followers of the Gospel ... Behold the gates of heaven are flung open. He that hath ascended unto it is now come.” (Baha’u’llah)

“O followers of the Son! Have ye shut out yourselves from Me by reason of My name?” (Baha’u’llah).

“As the adherents of Jesus have never understood the hidden meaning of these words, and as the signs which they and the leaders of their Faith have expected have failed to appear, they therefore refused to acknowledge, even until now, the truth of those Manifestations of Holiness that have since the days of Jesus been made manifest. They have thus deprived themselves of the outpourings of God’s holy grace, and of the wonders of His divine utterance.” (Baha’u’llah)

“... the Promised One of all the world’s peoples hath now been made manifest. For each and every people, and every religion, await a Promised One, and Bahá’u’lláh is that One Who is awaited by all ...” (‘Abdu’l-Baha)

“... the return of Christ for a second time doth not mean what the people believe, but, rather, signifieth the One promised to come after Him. He shall come with the Kingdom of God and His power which hath surrounded the world. This power (or reign) is in the world of hearts and spirits and not in that of matter (or bodies). ... Verily Christ came with His Kingdom from the beginning which hath no beginning and will come with His Kingdom to the eternity of eternities, inasmuch as in this sense Christ is an expression of the divine reality, the simple essence and heavenly entity which hath no beginning or ending.” (‘Abdu’l-Baha)

"I (Christ) go away, and come again unto you." (Christian Bible, John 14:28)

"... the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father ..." (Christian Bible, Matthew 16:27)

"... The kingdom of God cometh not with observation ..." (Christian Bible, Luke 17:20)

"... ye cannot tell whence I come ... Ye judge after the flesh ..." (Christian Bible, John 8:14,15)

"The men of Nin'-e-veh (present day Iraq) shall rise in judgement with this generation ..." (Christian Bible, Matthew 12:41)

"And I will set my throne in E'-lam (present day Iran) ..." (Jewish & Christian Bible, Jeremiah 49:38)

"In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria (present day Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey) ..." (Jewish & Christian Bible, Micah 7:12)

"... the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east ..." (Jewish & Christian Bible, Ezekiel 43:2)

"But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation (Christians?). (Christian Bible, Luke 17:25)

"He (the Christ) shall come and ... shall give the vineyard to others (other than Christians?) ..." (Christian Bible, Luke 20:16)

"... The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation ..." (Christian Bible, Matt 21:43)

"... if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not." (Christian Bible, Matt 24:23)

“Behold, I come quickly ... and I will write upon him my new name.”
(Christian Bible, Revelation 3:11-12)

“... and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written ...” (Christian Bible, Rev 2:17)

“... and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man ...”
(Christian Bible, Revelation 14:14)

“... and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.” (Christian Bible, John 10:4)

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ... The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days (i.e., Biblical years) ...” (Christian Bible, Revelation 12:1-6) (Note the likely references to Islam. The Biblical image of a woman refers often to a religious dispensation. Islam is also symbolized by the sun and moon as is seen on many national flags in Muslim nations. The twelve stars may symbolize the twelve Imams. The wilderness may be Arabia, where Islam was “taken care of” by God until the year 1260 on the Muslim calendar, or 1844 AD, year one on the Baha’i calendar!)

“But thou, Bethlehem ... out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. (Jewish & Christian Bible, Micah 5:2, Bible, KJV)