

Reader Response to Kingdom Now: Orthodoxy or Heresy by
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Dear Meggy,

Just finished your complete paper, and while I'm not familiar with all the names you mentioned, I'm certainly familiar with Todd Bentley. I could feel my spirit recoiling within me when I watched his heretical "preaching" in some YT videos a year ago.

I'll C&P some very disturbing quotes you included:

From page 3: (Both paragraphs sound ominously akin to Islamic teaching by replacing Christian references with Muslim vernacular).

"Essentially, Kingdom Now says that it is the job of the church (mosque) to establish the Kingdom of God (Allah's rule) on earth and until this is done, Jesus cannot return to earth to rule and reign. Essentially there has to be a restoration of the law and rule of God globally."

"The encyclopedia definition of Kingdom Now says:

'When Christians have caused the earth to reach a certain state of perfection, the return of Christ will then occur the doctrine rejects the doctrine of the Rapture, which states that Christ will return to remove the church from the earth. Rather than being "rescued" by Christ, the role of the Church is to usher in Christ'

How similar is the above to the deranged dedication of Ahmadinejad's efforts to usher in the Mahdi?

It was a fascinating read, opening new insights on a group that I've basically poo-pooed as lunatics. But you defined their lunacy and nailed it to the wall like a modern day Luther(ette?).

One point - the only point - I'm in disagreement with you is:
From page 10:

"Israel's contribution to the world is unique. Without Israel there would be no Prophets, Apostles, Messiah, Salvation, and no Bible ."

God chose Israel; they did not enable His will to have a conduit to the world. God will do what He wants through whomever He chooses. I honor and support Israel for all they have brought to the world, but I believe that Messiah could have come through any genealogy He chose. He makes the choices, we reap the rewards.

Maybe I do have one minor complaint to offer. It's too bad that this isn't reproduced in pamphlet form. I have a small pamphlet from the Zola Levitt ministries, "Israel's Right to the Land", and I love pulling it out of my Bible cover pocket and reading it again and again.

You really are a marvelous, compelling writer, Meggy! You've offered such clarity in exposing these New Age false messengers, I pray that many who struggle with such charlatans will find their way to your thesis. It should prove a real lifeline to those in need, and a weapon of truth to all who know someone swept up in this storm.

Here are some possible connections in Muslim thinking to Kingdom Now :

Ahmadinejad is a Shia Muslim. Many of them believe that the Twelfth Imam, or Mahdi, the last in a line of saints descended from Ali, the founder of their sect, vanished down a well near Jamkaran, Iran, in A.D. 941. According to their beliefs, he went into a state of "occultation," The belief is that he will emerge from this location at his Second Coming, and at his appearance the entire world will submit to Islam. But first, they believe, the world will go through great calamities and upheavals. This "apocalypse" will set the conditions for the Mahdi's return.

Ayatolla Khomeini explained to his followers that he was the forerunner, the one who had come to open the way for the Hidden Imam to make his reappearance (reminiscent of John the Baptist, heralding the coming Christ?).

The Hidden Imam, known by several monikers, including Mahdi (promised one) will apparently be kept in seclusion until the day he emerges to reunite Muslims, conquer the world and establish an Islamic caliphate.

Will Ahmadinejad launch an attack against Israel in an attempt to see his fantasy of the return of the Mahdi come true? It becomes more obvious that he is willing to stop at nothing to reach his goal.

in 2005, Ahmadinejad was telling colleagues that the end of the world was just two or three years away, and the way to hasten the coming of the Mahdi was to

annihilate Israel and the U.S. He has accused the U.S. - the "Great Satan" - of standing in the way of the Mahdi's return, and our annihilation is imperative.

Many signs will precede the Mahdi. An important sign is that he will return when there is great conflict, death and discord. People will experience great fear, and calamities will plague all people. There will be no shelter from oppression, and battles on a scale unseen. Fitna after fitna (forces that bring chaos and confusion to the Ummah). People will long for death due to the hopeless condition of the world. It is then that Imam Mahdi will "return".

Abdullah ibn Masu`d has reported that the Prophet has said:
"The world will not pass away before the Arabs are ruled by a man (referring to Mahdi) of my family whose name will be the same as mine" (Abu Dawud).

For more info on Ahmadinejad's Mahdi obsession read:

<http://flashtrafficblog.wordpress.com/2009/09/27/nbc-news-asks-ahmadinejad->

<http://www.danielpipes.org/3258/the-mystical-menace-of-mahmoud-ahmadinejad>

http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=53430

<http://www.nationalterroralert.com/updates/2009/12/07/ahmadinejad-u-s-blocking-return-of-mahdi/>

God bless you, my sister!

You are loved,