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Speculation, Sensationalism, and Maturity

There is nothing new under the sun

Ephesians 4:12

for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Mashiach

It seems these days that there is a lot of so-called teachers who raise themselves up by the use of sensational ideas or even outright speculation concerning the Scriptures. These off-the-wall ideas create schisms in the body and fracture relationships. They unsettle people in their walk and instead of bringing one to maturity, get one to focus on things that don't matter that much or even at all.

It is not the "newest" teaching that will bring one to maturity. It is not the chasing after speculative ideas that will help one to grow up in Mashiach Yeshua. Those in the body of Mashiach need to stop chasing after spiritual bobbles and one-upmanship.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

That which has been is that which shall be; and that which has been done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing new thing under the sun.

There are way too many who put speculative ideas out there as eternal truth and almost immediately, there is division within the body. This occurrence should be enough to alert those within the body that such an idea is divisive and not worthy of breaking fellowship with a brother or sister who does not see it quite the same way.

There are those who seem to live for this type of drama. It is not healthy for the body and not healthy for those who chase after such foolishness. There is an absolute, but only one and His name is YHWH Elohim. This idea of absolute is examined in the essay: Absolute.

Malachi 3:6

"For I, YHWH, change not; therefore you, sons of Ya'aqov, are not consumed."

The Creator is the same today and has always been the same. He does not change. To have "new" ideas about Him and the world He has created is dangerous.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 13:8

Yeshua Mashiach is the same yesterday and today, and forever.

While He does not change, one's understanding of Him should grow and mature. What we in the body of Mashiach need to understand is that not everyone is in the same place of maturity. Thus, not everyone's understanding is in the same place. While it is perfectly acceptable to discuss ideas and concepts about Him and His creation, it is not okay to attempt to force another to believe the exact same thing about Him and His creation.

Speculation needs to be seen for what it is and kept in its proper context. It is not wrong to speculate, but it is wrong to hold that speculation up as eternal truth.

However, those who use sensationalism as a means for notoriety within the body need to be seen and understood for what it is. It is a means to gain followers. A true teacher always points others towards Mashiach Yeshua, not at himself. Thus, one needs to look at the content of the sensationalism to see if it has any merit and put the hype aside.

The body of Mashiach Yeshua needs to begin protecting itself from this type of damage and walk towards maturity – towards Mashiach Yeshua. This is done by letting reason rule.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," says YHWH, "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

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