



Religion Is a System of Brainwashing: Fear & Emotionalism Induce Ritualistic Compliance to Worship of Idols; Elijah's Challenge for Syncretists, 1 Kings 18:21

39. The belief system promoted by orthodox Judaism is designed to restrict the desires of the sinful nature so that the soul can grow in an appreciation for God and develop gratitude for one's salvation provided by the divine sacrifice of Messiah.
40. The belief system promoted by heathen cults is designed to broaden the desires of the sinful nature so that the soul can be brought into submission to the demons behind the idols and a commitment to rituals that promote Lucifer's objectives.
41. If the priests of the Lord can be eliminated, if the worship of *YHWH Elohim* can be ended, and if the people can be forced to forget the grace of God, then Jezebel will have the power to manipulate the people through fear, emotionalism, and sexual release.
42. All these things were a part of Baal worship. Fear of not worshipping Baal was mollified by the emotionalism of participating in the rituals associated with that worship. The liberty to participate in sexual perversions fed the sinful nature's lust pattern as a reward for compliance.
43. The fear and danger associated with Baal worship was attractive to those who had no doctrine and were also willing to engage in behavior that was favored by the national leadership in Samaria. The rewards for doing so were worth it and thus they forgot *YHWH Elohim* and went "a whoring after the heathen because they were polluted with their idols" (Ezekiel 23:30).
44. Some of the techniques utilized by religions to proselytize devotees of other faiths may be observed throughout history and are in fact a system of brainwashing:

Sargant, William. *Battle for the Mind: A Psychology of Conversion and Brain-Washing*. (Cambridge: Malor Books, 1997), 81-83, 168:

Fasting, chastening of the flesh by scourging and physical discomfort, regulation of breathing, disclosure of awesome mysteries, drumming, dancing, singing, inducement of panic or fear, weird or glorious lighting, incense, intoxicant drugs—these are only some of the many methods used to modify normal brain functions for religious purposes. Some sects pay more attention than others to a direct stirring up of emotions as a means of affecting the higher nervous system; but few wholly neglect it. (p. 81)

Those who wish to disperse wrong beliefs and undesirable behaviour patterns and afterwards implant saner beliefs and attitudes are more likely to achieve success if they can first induce some degree of nervous tension or stir up sufficient feelings of anger or anxiety to secure the person's undivided attention and possibly increase his suggestibility. By increasing stresses in various ways, or inducing physical debilitation, a more thorough alteration of the person's thinking processes may be achieved. If the stress or physical debilitation, or both, are carried one stage further, it may happen that patterns of thought and behaviour, especially those of recent acquisition, become disrupted. New patterns can then be substituted, or suppressed patterns allowed to re-assert themselves; or the subject may begin to think and act in ways that precisely contradict his former ones. Some retain their beliefs, once firmly implanted, with a tenacity that defies the severest psychological and physiological shock treatments... . But such resistance is unusual. (pp. 82-83)

Specialists in political conversion make ordinary people confess to having led lives of Pluto-democratic error, or acted like Fascist beasts, and, by way of atonement, gladly accept whatever severe penalty is imposed on them. (p. 168)



45. Jezebel was specialist in brainwashing for Baal and took out vengeance on those who defied the severest of her shock treatments. Elijah, although he wavered and ultimately committed a horrible crime by killing the priests of Baal, did take a stand against Jezebel's religious syncretism in:

1 Kings 18:21 -And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.

46. Note the final sentence, "the people did not answer him a word." To which Elijah probably thought to himself, "I didn't even make a dent, did I?"
47. No he didn't. The brainwashing job had been done and the people bought into it with a commitment motivated by fear but sustained by emotion and free sex. Thus the principle:

The Scripture declares and history confirms that when the restraints of divine prohibitions are ignored or rejected by a client nation, the souls of its leaders quickly turn to evil. The resultant loss of ethics and morals soon define the disposition of the people and immoral acts betray their loss of establishment and doctrinal thought. What leadership allows, the people will indulge. Thus all adopt the philosophy: *vox populi, vox Dei*: the voice of the people is the voice of God.

48. It was this kind of rationale that brought the leadership of both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms to a critical point with the justice of God. And divine sovereignty selected Jehu to be the dispenser of His vengeance:

Hebrews 10:30 - We know Him who said [in **Deuteronomy 32:35-36**], "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people."

v. 31 - It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

49. The dye is cast. The decrees are set. Jehu is about to execute justice on Jehoram, king of Israel; Ahaziah, king of Judah; Jezebel, the Queen Mother of Israel, the house of Ahab, and the prophets of Baal.