

Mystery Feasts of Eli-Jahu's Messiah transformed into the Mass of Christianity. The revelation of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ was accepted as the completion and perfection of previous revelation. The previous Eli-Jahu alliances were replaced by Catholicism.

The doctrines, ascetic morality, sacraments, and social structure of the ancient Eli-Jahu alliances continued in the early church. Today these same elements of the ancient Eli-Jahu religion are found preserved to an extraordinary degree in the related major Eastern religions of Vaishnavism, Pure Land Buddhism, Sattvic Theistic Shaivism, and in smaller religions derived from these. Scholars have long noted profound similarities to Catholicism in these traditions, but no explanation has been acceptable to all parties. From the interdisciplinary evidence I have amassed over thirty years, it is clear that these traditions are closely related to Catholicism by descent from the same ancient *sampradaya* or teaching lineage of Messianic Eli-Jahu worship. Presently these related traditions represent approximately a billion souls prepared by Eli-Jahu to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, the deviation of Christian culture from apostolic asceticism poses an enormous barrier to the spread of the gospel among these peoples, whose moral ideal and general lifestyle remain ascetic.

During intertestamental times, asceticism continued among Eli-Jahu's faithful, but it was also found in the Mediterranean and Asia among many adversarial groups, including anti-Yahwist gnostics and atheists. Asceticism alone does not guarantee love of God and neighbor. Today we have much detailed information on the various ascetical moral disciplines and the different groups that practiced them. The Nazarite Jews and first Christians were ascetic. Catholic asceticism is a continuation of this particular spiritually motivated practice of both mental and physical moral discipline. Some of this discipline focuses on the control of appetites and consumption in relationship to the Christian stewardship of our bodies and the environment.

Historically the asceticism of the aforementioned related Eastern Eli-Jahu believers has had an enormous impact on their relationships to each other, to creatures, to their economic activity, and to the environment. Today, much of their individual, family, and community life focuses on devotional service, works of redemption, restoration, and mercy. Many embrace Jesus as a *sant* (saint), *purohita* (prophet-priest), or *sadhu* (Jewish *tzaddik*), and some even adore Him as God; however Christianity is not respected as having moral authority because it is perceived as anti-ascetical, exploitative, and sinfully indulgent.

What has this to do with the fate of the earth? What is wrong with the value system that has brought us to the present ecological impasse? We cannot separate the morality of humanity from the vitality of the biosphere. The more we sin, the more earth is cursed due to that sin. Surrendering to the Creator's good moral order restores us to a state of grace, healing our relationship to God, one another, and to the whole community of creation. A revival of inspired asceticism is needed to renew the moral leadership and spiritual vigor of Christianity and to open the door to unity with our Eastern relatives. This spiritual renewal and unity is the key to global cooperation in restoring the vitality of the biosphere.

### **"Take not thy Holy Spirit from me" (Ps 51:13)**

The good order of Eli-Jahu's law (*Torah/Dharma*) is inspired and sustained by His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets and prophetesses. Inspired souls reveal God's law, rebuke evildoers, warn the faithful, announce the coming of the Messiah, or perform some other sacred service, preaching, or priestly function. These souls are *Dharma* protectors, who lead God's people in their battles against the evil order of the enslaver antichrist. There are two enemies of good order, chaos and evil order. Evil order is organized crime, the devil's functional facsimile of God's good social order. The devil cannot create, so he has to be satisfied with hijacking parts of God's good creation and retooling them for his own cruel use. Prophets expose these intrigues of the devil. Today evil is overtaking humanity, and yet God's people fail to convict and halt the sinful activities of the perpetrators. Purity is potency. Spiritual impotence is due to sin.

The guilty do business openly in the international marketplace selling everything from legal intoxicants to ill-gotten human organs and "harvested fetal tissue." Legal abortion has murdered approximately 100 million infants since the 1960s. Millions of female genital mutilations have been legally performed in African and Muslim nations. Legal arms trade has turned the earth into a high-tech battlefield. There are presently 100 million land mines deployed on the earth. When legal commerce is so horrifically perverse, what must be the depth of evil, the social and environmental cost of illegal activity? People of goodwill and the earth itself are thus victimized by powers of darkness in high places, trapped between these social predators and parasites as they battle with each other over territorial disputes.