

Noel Rude's Notes on the Virtual Church program, May 28, 2016

Malachi 2:

יג וְזֹאת שָׁנִיתָ תַעֲשֶׂוּ כַסּוֹת דְּמַעַתָּה אֶת־מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה בְּכִי וְאֲנָקָה מֵאַיִן עוֹד פְּנוּת אֶל־הַמִּנְחָה וְלִקְחַת רָצוֹן מִיְדָכֶם: יד וְאַמְרַתֶם עַל־מָה עָל כִּי־יְהוָה הָעֵיד בֵּינָךְ וּבֵין אִשְׁתֵּי נְעוּרֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אָמַתָּ בְּגִדְתָּהּ כִּי וְהִיא חֲבֵרְתָּךְ וְאִשְׁתֵּי בְרִיתְךָ: טו וְלֹא־אֶחָד עָשָׂה וּשְׂאָר רוּחַ לּוֹ וּמָה הָאֶחָד מִבְּקֵשׁ זֶרַע אֱלֹהִים וְנִשְׁמַרְתֶּם בְּרוּחְכֶם וּבְאִשְׁתֵּי נְעוּרֶיךָ אֶל־יִבְגְּדוּ: טז כִּי־שָׂנֵא שְׁלַח אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכִסָּה חֻמָּס עַל־לְבוּשׁוֹ אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת וְנִשְׁמַרְתֶּם בְּרוּחְכֶם וְלֹא תִבְגְּדוּ: ס	<p>13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth <i>it</i> with good will at your hand.</p> <p>14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet <i>is</i> she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.</p> <p>15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.</p> <p>16 For he hateth putting away: says the LORD, the God of Israel, and him that covereth his garment with violence, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.</p>
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What is spirit? Emotion? Whopping and hollering?

Isaiah 11: **1** And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: **2** And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: **4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. **5** And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.
John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:
for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

John 6:63 **It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.**

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

1John 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

The Breath of Life

Genesis 2:7

וַיִּצְרֶה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם
עֹפָר מִן־הָאֲדָמָה

וַיִּפַּח בְּאַפָּיו נְשֵׁמַת חַיִּים

וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְגַפְשׁ חַיָּה:

And the LORD God formed the man
dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils a breath of life;
and the man became a living soul.

Onqelos

וַבְּרֵא יי אֱלֹהִים יַת אָדָם

עֹפָרָא מִן אֲרֻעָא

וַנְּפַח בְּאַפּוּהִי נְשֵׁמַתָּא חַיָּה

וַהֲוֵת בְּאָדָם לְרוּחַ מִמְלֵלָא.

And YY God created man
dust from the earth,
and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life;
and there was in Adam a spirit of speech.

Job 32:8

אֲכֹן רוּחַ־הַיְהוָה בְּאָנּוּשׁ

וַנְּשֵׁמַת שְׁנֵי תְּבִינָם:

But *there is* a spirit in man:
and the breath of the Almighty giveth them
understanding.

1Corinthians 2:11

τίς γὰρ οἶδεν ἀνθρώπων τὰ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου
εἰ μὴ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ ἀνθρώπου τὸ ἐν αὐτῷ;
οὕτως καὶ τὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐδεὶς ἔγνωκεν
εἰ μὴ τὸ Πνεῦμα τοῦ Θεοῦ.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save
the spirit of man which is in him?
even so the things of God knoweth no man,
but the Spirit of God.

THEOLOGY VS. TORAH (ETHICAL TEACHING)

1Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ... 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **7** Because the carnal

mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **10** And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

THE TWO TABLES

Exodus 20

The commandments don't employ the imperative but rather an imperfective "thou shalt". Some sages have seen in this a series of if-then statements to be read across the two tablets. Thus if "I

THE TWO TABLES

<i>First Tablet</i>	<i>Second Tablet</i>
IF "I am the LORD thy God..."	THEN "thou shalt not murder."
IF "thou shalt have no other gods before me..."	THEN "thou shalt not commit adultery."
IF "thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain..."	THEN "thou shalt not steal."
IF you "remember the Sabbath..."	THEN "thou shalt not bear false witness..."
IF you "honor thy father and thy mother..."	THEN "thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house..."

am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage," then "thou shalt not murder."

Clearly monotheism and monogamy are related—if you honor the covenant with God then maybe you will not break the covenant of marriage. The others seem more difficult.

For how is that if we do not break our oaths to God that we will not violate the right to

property. If we remember the Sabbath to keep it holy that we will not bear false witness against our neighbor. If we honor our father and mother we will not covet our neighbor's house and property. The commandments all hang together (James 2:10), "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all." If we swear an oath in God's name and break it we dishonor his name. The Sabbath is a sign by which we bear witness to God (Ex 31:12-17).

Do we worry about whether God loves us? What if God doesn't love me passionately every moment? What if sometimes God gets pretty disgusted with me?

The Three Dimensions of the Culture War

- 1) Were we designed for a purpose, or are we here by chance and decide our own purpose?
- 2) Are there universal moral principles, or are morals social constructs that evolve?
- 3) Is human nature fixed, or is it completely malleable?

Darwin, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud

- 1) Darwin's theory killed tens of millions via the Nazis.
- 2) Marx's theory killed tens of millions via the Communists.
- 3) What effect will psychologizing the USA have on the world?