

## The Worship of Family

The legendary German Psychologist/Psychiatrist/Philosopher Erich Fromm is one of the first to name and expound upon a mental disorder called Incestuous Symbiosis. This pathological mental disorder is first highlighted in his renowned study called; "The Syndrome of Decay.

Dr. M. Scott Peck also investigates the depths of this evil, producing pathological perversion from a personal case study concerning one of his patients who suffered from the disease in his book called; *People of The Lie: The Hope For Healing Human Evil* (pages 117-118).

### As For Me And My House

In short, spiritual incestuous-symbiosis is the disorder where family comes before truth. It is an emotional and spiritual perversion. It can also be understood as the psychology of "social incest," whereby family ties become paramount even at the expense of truth—a willingness to die for family regardless of any evil or wrong they are doing or have done. The victim, in the end, loses their ability to identify evil in their own family properly. They become passionately protective by sympathetically justifying evil or wrong in family while recognizing the same atrocities in all others as wrong. Also, the covering up or justifying of error within family no matter any personal harm it may cause the victim.

To inordinately stand by family simply because it's family no matter the evil or hurt it may cause themselves or others. When family controls your decisions, consequently, your actions must please family above all others. The victim suffering from the disorder loses their ability, in the end, to define good from evil and subsequently becomes trapped in the vice of family above truth. The institution of family becomes likened unto a god that must be worshipped at all costs, therefore silence against any of their wrong is justified and ultimately exonerated. Pressuring and condemning all friends and more especially all other family members to support the fraternal wrong of family no matter what they have said or done becomes the norm.

It is similar to ancestor worship. While ancestor worship is primarily the veneration of family that are dead and their continued influence after death, incestuous-symbiosis however is the veneration of evil among family that is still living.

Both spiritual disorders reveal that it is the idolatry of family that leads to the perversion of moral truths and the subsequent overthrow of God.

## **Momma vs. Moses**

Deuteronomy 13:6-11

- 6) If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;
- 7) *Namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;
- 8) Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:
- 9) But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.
- 10) And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- 11) And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

## **Who Shall Separate You?**

Matthew 10:33-38

- 33) But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
- 34) Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
- 35) For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
- 36) And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.
- 37) He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- 38) And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

## **They Have Moses And The Prophets**

Numbers 26:11

- 11) Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

Dathan and Abiram's families all perished in the coup against Moses. However, Korah alone died amongst his own family. His wife and sons abandoned both husband and father to follow Moses. This is historically incredible seeing the demographic unity of social arrangements regarding the tribes of Israel. They camped in a family tribal community. They worshipped in centralized family circles. They fought in battle as family with family units.

They rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem by family groups. Each family being appointed their sections to rebuild. Family with family. The Hebrew family unit was a tight knit exclusive dynamic that produced a uniquely special identification in each tribe.

Consequently all rebellion in the wilderness began in the tents of the family with family venting, grumbling, and complaining amongst family. The iniquity began in the tents murmuring with other family members. Korah's own family, however, broke tradition and did not participate with their patriarch's head in iniquity. As a result, we have 11 psalms from the sons of Korah, of whom God appointed porters and gatekeepers of both the temple and city gates. We also have the sons to thank for giving us the prophet Samuel, who came forth from their loins. Many scholars also reveal that Samuel was a descendant of Korah. Not only does it initially pay to stand with the man of God, but it emphatically pays long term dividends to stand against family who are enemies of truth.

Psalms 84:10 is another reflection of the son's referencing their father's rebellious sin and their own family history. Each of the 11 psalms of the sons of Korah often looks back and reflects on that dark era of their heritage.

Psalms 84:10

10) For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

### **Home Grown Terrorism**

Zechariah 13:6

6) And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

### **The Household Of Faith**

Matthew 12:47-50

47) Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48) But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49) And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

50) For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

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