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Idolatry within the House of Elohim and among His people never begins with bold faced rebellion against true religion, but rather what all Ryders call Avodah Zara or idol worship, starts with emendation and amalgamation, the temptation to add to the Faith and to incorporate aspects and adjectives from outside influences into pure praise, to merge the holy with the secular, making the worship of the one, true Elohim, YAHWEH, into a form more fitting to our liking, one more familiar to our practices or our past experiences, one more compatible with our surroundings, one more acceptable to the populace, and one more adaptable with the ways of the world. The Templar notion of the bovine triangle is meant to serve as a warning to the holy against the compromising corruption of syncretism/monolatry, which has arisen among us in the distant past and remains with us in our day, and will likely haunt our future if we do not take the necessary precautions now, preparing our hearts to purge the evil in our midst by any means holy and necessary.

Known also as the Devil's triangle, Templar doctrine regarding idolatry in the assembly of believers acts as a cautionary tale, one calling the collective brotherhood to boldly approach their own understanding of Scripture and what they consider to be sacred tradition, to challenge every custom, count the cost of making corrections, and cast out everything not proceeding from the pages of holy writ or otherwise inspired or supported by it. As it was recorded of old and understood by every Templar the world over, the children of YAHWEH, Elohim of Israel, have upon three occasions throughout the ages, made for themselves Golden calves to bow before and worship according to their own will. And each time they set up the images, they were in direct

violation of a divine commandment, an attempt to customize religious expression in conformity with commonly held comfort, and an effort, not to replace our MIGHTY ONE with another, but to place that MIGHTY ONE under their control, to make HIM visible, familiar, definable, and tolerable.

Gods to Go Before Us

At the base of Mount Sinai, the children of Israel built the first of these abominations, as Moses recorded for our encouragement in the 32nd chapter of Exodus. Just 12 chapters after the Elohim, through Moses, His servant, gave the people the 10 Commandments, and the whole community agreed to keep them, while Moses is on the mountaintop receiving the written copy carved in stone by the finger of the Elohim Himself, the people grew restless and tired of waiting for Moses to return, so they went to his brother, Aaron, and said to him, "Make us Elohim to go before us..." So what did he do? Aaron, the high priest of YAHWEH, the One True, Living Elohim of all Creation created a compromise, and one which would set the standard for ages to come. Aaron fashioned, for their satisfaction, Elohim of gold in the form of a baby cow.

At first glance the High Priest succumbed to their will entirely, abandoned the LORD Almighty he had known all along, but that is not quite so. Inspite of the fact the people asked for a graven image of a different Elohim than YAHWEH Almighty, in clear contrivance to the first commandment to have no other Elohim other than HIM, Aaron crafted an Elohim they would recognize from their recent days in Egypt but did not identify the image with the corresponding deity. In Egypt, Aphis&Hathor were cow elohim, but Aaron said to the people of the one single idol, "these are your Elohim, oh Israel, who brought you out of Egypt." And then he declared, "Tomorrow is a feast to YAHWEH." Rather than replacing the REDEEMER HIMSELF, Aaron violated the second commandment instead by making an idol. Aaron's compromise was one of two things: either he made an idol of a foreign Elohim and named it YAHWEH, or he tried to make an image of YAHWEH. Whichever it was, Scripture illustrates that this was wickedness, and whether Aaron was attempting to be pleasing to the Elohim or not, the Elohim was not pleased with this perversion in the least.

Moses came down the mountain, commandments in hand, and beheld all the evil Israel had committed in his absence. Immediately he expressed his outrage over what they had done by smashing the tablets to smithereens in sight of all the assembly, illustrating that the people had broken all the "Law" by this one, single abhorrence. Moses did not care what was intended by the inhabitants of Israel nor what motivated his own brother's actions on their behalf. There was no "A" for effort, no "nice try," no "right-emphasis-wrong-syllable" kind of thing. He didn't scold them over one broken rule either, but grew instantly incensed by Israel in his understanding that the violation of any loan command destroys the whole Torah (Instruction). And the fury of Moses was full and fatal on a great many of the people.

After smashing the Tablets, he seized upon the graven image itself; Moses burned the calf to ashes, ground it then to powder, scattered it over the water, and forced all its worshipers to drink it. The prophet of the genuine Elohim then turned his ire on Aaron, his brother demanding he answer for

the evil he had done. And what was his excuse? Aaron claimed he made the false elohim of metal to keep the people from turning all the way away from YAHWEH Almighty. In other words, he did it to prevent a greater sin of abandoning YAH altogether. We would be tempted to sympathize with Aaron and likely would have done as he did ourselves, were we in his position, but Aaron received no pity from Moses but only a powerful and punctual example of how he should have answered the Israelites when ever they dared demand a foreign deity. Moses march straight to the entrance of the encampment and called out, "whoever is for YAHWEH, come to me." And the tribe of Levi rallied to his side, where Moses ordered every one of them to take a sword and slaughter all the others in Israel who would not worship their Elohim. 3000 died that day, but that was not enough for YAHWEH.

For the sin of the golden calf, the Elohim brought on his people a severe plague and later required the rule of sanctifying all things in water mixed with ashes from a red heifer to perpetually answer for this one abomination, never to be forgotten. Such was the displeasure of our Dread Sovereign Lord over the lie of the first cow idol as an image of Himself or an answer to the alternative as complete abandonment of Him and His Ways. And so this was the first point on the triangle of evil, the first line of compromise to be drawn from it going directly to the second and successive wickedness duplicating its debauchery, because the sin was not stomped out at Sinai as it should have been in the moment Aaron was asked to craft a calf. He should have asked as Moses did, "Who is for YAHWEH?!" And then set them on the rest... He should have, but he didn't... And sin by nature spreads like sickness and dread.

To Your Elohim, Oh Israel

Fast forward 1000 years or so, after the life of David with all his exploits, after the life of his son Solomon and his own accomplishments both good and evil, the golden god rose up again, but this time two-fold. The original sin of Israel, which ought rightly to have been long gone, eradicated and repented for, had in fact been hiding in the people's hearts for a millennium and more awaiting its moment to emerge in duplicate. David was dead. Solomon was dead. And nothing remained to rein-in the rebel nature of the nation but for the ill-prepared and ignorant, king Rehoboam. And he proved quickly to be incompetent, losing everything his father had painstakingly built and his father before him.

When Rehoboam ascended the Davidic throne in Jerusalem, the people came to him humbly begging relief from the tyranny and taxation of Solomon's reign. Seeking counsel of the wise, the king was encouraged to be merciful to the masses and to loosen his father's heavy burdens, but ultimately Rehoboam adhered to the advice of his peers instead, who called for him to keep to his father's harsh nature and to increase it even further. In response, all the people said, "What share do we have in David?... To your elohim, oh Israel!..." And all the nation but for Judah, Benjamin, and Levi broke away to the north to become their own kingdom, choosing for themselves Jeroboam as their leader and king over all the northern tribes of Israel.

All this was right and holy thus far and the proper fulfillment of prophecy made against Solomon for his sins of idolatry. The nation was at a turning point as it had been at Sinai, and a choice was set before them to follow YAHWEH as before or to turn away. Just like it had been at the mountain in the wilderness, the wrong decision was made, and this time by Jeroboam who put himself in Aaron's place. The king irrationally reasoned that the people would run back to David's service if they had to keep going to Jerusalem for worship every year; So fearing the loss of the very thing YAHWEH had given him and promised to preserve for him if only he remained obedient, Jeroboam betrayed his Elohim, doubled-down on the ancient heresy, and made two Golden Calves for his people to worship as if they were YAHWEH, placing one North in Bethel and the other South in Dan. And of these gilded cow idols, Jeroboam proclaimed that long ago blasphemy spoken by Aaron, "Here are your elohim, oh Israel who brought you out of Egypt."

The second corruption therefore was far worse than the first, and this for a good number of reasons. Whereas Aaron himself had no previous example of sin and consequence pertaining to his own particular situation of infidelity, Jeroboam had this exact example of Israel's wickedness from history along with knowledge of the repercussions of such rebellion. And worse still, Jeroboam possessed full knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the sin of the golden calf aforetime including the lead up to it as well as the aftermath, and yet repeated it anyway. Moreover, he made this golden calf two times and in two locations, and he had the audacity to do it in imitation and even mockery of the true worship of YAHWEH at the Temple in Jerusalem. Each cow, memorializing the monstrous evil of Israel's first blasphemy, was situated in such a way as to mimic the placement of the bronze pillars in Solomon's Temple which themselves were raised up in remembrance of the two pillars of fire and cloud by which the Almighty Elohim guided His people through the wilderness from the first. Jeroboam's choice of words to announce his new idols was exactly those of Aaron when he revealed his own golden creation, and for a holy day in honor of his new (and yet not so new) elohim, this wicked king commissioned the 15th day of the eighth month of the year, the precise anniversary of the completion of King Solomon's Temple. Jeroboam even went so far as to name his own sons Nadab and Abihu after the sons of Aaron slain by YAHWEH for offering "strange fire" in His Tabernacle. Every action of this man was open rebellion, defiance of sound doctrine, and willful destruction of the truth. Yet even considering all this, there is still a far better cause for condemnation of Jeroboam because of his own history and life experience including empirical knowledge of the Elohim of Israel.

According to Templar tradition, this is the low point on the Devils triangle because Jeroboam built the Temple of YAHWEH, was killed in the Temple of YAHWEH, was resurrected in the Temple of YAHWEH by the power of YAHWEH, and thereafter was prophesied to become king by the authority of YAHWEH ... And yet Jeroboam turned his back on YAHWEH. Of all persons upon the earth, none but Jeroboam had such reason to remain steadfast in the way, though he would not, and of all persons upon the earth, none but Jeroboam betrayed their Elohim with such brazen determination and deliberate blasphemy. It is told in the "Legend of the Tyrian Artist" that Jeroboam was born the identical twin brother of Hiram Abiff, Master-builder of king Solomon's Temple; they were the sons of an Ephriamite from Tyre named Nebat and his wife, Zeruah of Naphtali. After Nabat's untimely death, His widow remarried into the tribe of Dan to a man named

Rahm who himself had already three sons by his deceased wife; these being, Jubelo, Jubela, and Jubelum. Eventually Rahm died too leaving Zeruah in the good care of her sons.

During the construction of Solomon's Temple, Hiram served as the grand designer and architect of the building but Jeroboam served alongside him as chief overseer and each of their step brothers were given honored positions as Hiram's apprentices. Nearing the completion of the building, Hiram received word that their mother was ill, so Hiram made haste to Tyre to care for her. Rather than allowing the work to halt in his absence, nor to permit discouragement among the workmen while he was away, Hiram changed places and clothes with his brother, setting Jeroboam in his place to continue the work. Soon after however, his step brothers: Jubelo, Jubela, and Jubelum, having been promised the secrets of the Temple, but not yet receiving them, confronted Jeroboam in the unfinished Holy of holies, thinking him to be Hiram. When he would not satisfy them, they struck and killed him there in the Most Holy Place and buried him on a high hill by night in an unmarked grave. All three fled in terror of Hiram when they discovered him alive and well and realizing who they had slain. However, after half a year the Jubel Brothers returned to finish what they started, but were overheard conspiring to murder and talking of Jeroboam's murder, were arrested and executed. Hiram, having climbed a high hill to scatter their ashes to the four winds discovered an acacia tree full-grown which had not been there the day before and digging under it he found the body of his brother, untouched by time or rot. Jeroboam's body was brought into the Temple, set on the portico between the pillars, and when Solomon took him by the hand, Jeroboam came back to life, proclaiming for all to hear and believe, "YadakaiYAHU!" That is, "Know YAHWEH & live!"

No one living in that day knew the power and might of the Elohim more so than Jeraboam, so no one could have fallen farther. When Israel sinned with the first Golden calf, they were at least doing what they knew, what they found familiar, what had been their old habits, but in Jeroboam's day, Israel knew better; for them these practices were unfamiliar; and none of it was practiced habit. They were fully and completely without excuse for their iniquitous actions, and YAHWEH responded to their perfidious contumacy without measure and without mercy. As the Templar tale is told, the Almighty Elohim sent Hiram at once to Bethel to denounce his brother and prophesy damnation on his false practices, and thus the man of Elohim pronounced a curse upon the altar that the future king Josiah would sacrifice the false priests up on it, and he gave for this a sign divinely splitting the altar in two. Another prophet later foretold of the death of Jeroboam's son which soon followed, and Jeroboam himself died naturally but his sons and all his bloodline were massacred to oblivion. Moreover, because of this sin and the refusal to repent, generations on end, Israel was eventually conquered by Assyria and lost to the nations of the world leaving only the southern kingdom of Judah intact unto this very day.

Our Elohim destroyed the vast majority of His people, 10 whole tribes, because they refused to keep His Ways, and because they deliberately bastardized them, and as for their leader in the rebellion, Jeraboam has not one single person walking the world today who could say, "I am his descendant." But for the knowledge of his depravity, his memory is in fact, no more. YAHWEH didn't care that Israel didn't leave Him entirely. He didn't care that not everyone looked to an idol called by His NAME; any who did not rally with the Levites to Judah, were lost with the rest of the

nation, those who perverted the true worship of the true Elohim on purpose, along with all those who followed after the madness, meaning well and working good intentions. Every one of them was swept away in the wake of Jeraboam's wickedness which only increased over time till YAHWEH was worshiped in the worst ways and that alongside other invented divinities of outside nations. As is ever the case with compromise, once the first line is crossed, nothing remains to restrain our will to move further into the corruption we have begun, the end of which is always overwhelming evil unable to be saved. The last end being worse than the first as was so with Jeroboam. Better to die by murder in the Holy of holy's, then to be brought back to life in a lesser part of the Temple only to become an idolater in our new life and leave no lineage to speak of.

From the Rest He Makes a God

To be sure, Jeroboam's rebellion against the Elohim of Heaven was and is the low point on the Triangle, but it is by no means the last point. And if a line can be cleanly drawn between Aaron's iniquity at Sinai and Jeroboam's repetition and duplication of that scene at Bethel and Dan, truly we can just as easily see one connecting that second sinister act with the syncretism of Constantine and his established ministries at Antioch, Alexandria, and Rome.

The time of the third appearance of golden calves (and the final point on the Bovine Triangle) is indeed the compromises of Constantine. A line can also be drawn from here all the way back to the beginning when Israel was set free from bondage only to compromise the true worship of the true Elohim into idolatry. No sooner had the Roman emperor ascended Caesar's throne and 100 years of martyrdom against good Christians came to an end. The "church" was established with prominence in the world and converts poured into the faith by the thousands. Finally, the Most High had placed a man on the throne of the empire who was "Christian" himself and would defend the faith by the strength of the law... Well, it was a nice thought anyway, and one we continue to further 1700 years later. But let's be honest shall we, though he was far better than Jeroboam, and he did not willfully overturn what he knew first hand to be truth, Constantine was no more righteous than Aaron in the hour he carved the graven image of the Elohim for Israel. Nor were his idols any less golden or bovine than the first golden calf, though they took a less obvious shape.

Constantine the Great had seen the similar aspects in the prevailing religions of the Roman world, and he understood the course that things were taking, the direction everything was heading in, as well as what intervention on his part it would take to push it there. And this was the subtlety of the evil spirit of the golden calf which has continued creeping up over the ages increasing every time from 1 to 2 and from 2 to 3. First that "demon" utilized a familiar picture from recent history to incite Israel to commit iniquity but justified itself as a salvation from worse forms of wickedness. The second time the golden calf came twinning as a means of convenience and salvation from national destruction and the repression of Rehoboam. And that third time the golden calf arrived on the scene in triplicate as a means of making unification and ending the centuries long persecution of true religion, but this last deception was most devious and destructive because for

the first time in history, no image was ever erected of it which would easily be identifiable as idolatry.

The emperor declared himself to be "Christian" and was allowed to become de facto "head of the church," and with him came three golden calves called Soli Dies (Day of the Sun), Dies Natalis Sol Invictus (the Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun), and the so-called "Christian Passover" (the three we have come to regard fondly as Sunday, Christmas, and Easter). And from these monstrosities we have not yet broken free, even to this very day. No one challenged the conversion of Constantine. No one demanded he denounce idolatry. No one required he give an accounting of his miraculous change of mind. And no one took an accounting of his theology nor instructed him in The Way of the Word of Elohim and the infallible gospel. He was simply embraced as a believer and his every surface-action and utterance was excepted as from the One, true Elohim and His Messiah...but never searched for substance. Had he been subjected to skeptics and his every move or lack thereof aswell as his every word and mysterious silence been scrutinized, the people would have beheld the bovine idols buried beneath the surface.

Yes, Constantine favored the Christian faith, but he himself did not belong to it, nor would he submit to baptism till on his deathbed. He forbade the building and repairing of pagan temples, truly, and offered tax breaks and many other benefits to "churches", but this was by no means for the benefit of true religion. Even his outlawing of blood sacrifice and ritual slaughter of animals was not for concern of Christendom. No. This emperor had ever one thing in mind and that was the Empire itself with himself atop it. The pagan Faiths were waning, and he knew it; so he rode the wave the way it was breaking, upon Christian Shores. And then he guided the waters according to his own course. Like Aaron and Jeroboam before him, Constantine did not conform himself to true worship, but transformed true worship instead to how he himself imagined it should be. Even if it could be said that Constantine became a Christian, it must first be understood, that before any such Conversion occurred, first the "Christian" emperor changed Christianity before embracing it. And that is the truest spirit of the golden calf, whether there is a physical image erected or not.

Unlike both Aaron and Jeroboam, however Constantine was an outsider who became an infield traitor, and was then put in charge of everything. Should he be blamed like Aaron was for corrupting the true worship of YAHWEH, the only Elohim, or like Jeroboam for doing so with malicious intentions? Not hardly, since he, unlike the other two, never knew YAHWEH, nor ever bore witness to HIS mighty acts of power. For all his life, Constantine was a henotheist which means that, though he may have worshiped only one deity, he acknowledged the existence of all the others... Oh, and which deity was his? Not YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel! No. The divinity of Constantine was Sol Invictus, also known at times as Helios or Mithras. His deity was that burning ball of gas 93,000,000 miles away, which we call the Sun. Sure, he said he converted because the Most High gave him a miracle of a cross appearing above the sun, but the clever thing about the Constantinian Religion was it's subtle utilization and application of generic terminology, theology, and symbolism to deliberately confuse people. For example, he says he saw a cross. He says it was from the deity. He says the words, "conquer by this sign," appeared in the sky with it. But he gives no specifics for which elohim gave this order, and we would assume as Christians we know what a cross looks like. The thing is though, that in Constantine's day the term "Christian" was not so

narrowly applied exclusively to followers of the crucified and risen Nazarene, Yahshua, whom we are taught today to call "Jesus". No. In the fourth century, there were a good many religions, each with its own savior figure called "Christ," including the cult of Sol Invictus who just so happened to be called "Christ" and to bear a symbol call the Chi Rho, which was a type of cross, the very same the emperor claimed to have seen in the sky as a sign from Heaven, and which he adopted as the new "Christian" standard he called the Labarum.

Indeed, he became a "Christian", but which "Christ" was he following? "Jesus" or Mithras? His actions are all that show us. From the first, Constantine appropriated such general nomenclature related to his beliefs as to fool the faithful, but at the last he left the "church" reformed with the traditions of Invictus infused with the truth. As he saw it, not only were there many other deities, but all of them were expressions of the one true Deity; therefore speaking of the Creator and His Messiah in non-specifics, he could please all religions with each one believing the emperor might be one of them. And why not? They all called their various divinities "deity," "dominus," "most high," "sovereign," "Christ," "word," "light of the world," etc.

As for action, on March 7, 321 A.D., Constantine, after being so-called "Christian" nearly 15 years, issued the commandment for all the Roman empire that every person "should rest upon the venerable Soli Dies" (Day of the Sun)... And ever after, we have. For his reasoning, he cited nothing about "Jesus", nothing about a "new sabbath" for Christians, nothing about Pentecost or the resurrection. The day he called venerable was not the "first day of the week" or "the day after the Sabbath or any other general day. Throwing off his guises, he gave cause to the weekly worship day as being "day of the sun," his personal deity. Putting all other arguments aside about Sabbath versus Sunday, and looking at it squarely from Constantine's 321 A.D. commandment to honor this one day every week which was ever sacred to sun worshipers but which never in history held any significance for the people of YAHWEH, the holy Elohim, we see that its origins come from outside of Scripture and beyond the borders of true religion, just like the golden calf. It was something familiar, something everyone understands for their own reasons already, and something born of heathen heritage which can be adapted to honor the one true Elohim. But is our Elohim so honored by this?

How about the other golden calf of that age called Dies Natalis Sol Invictus? On the day corresponding with our modern calendar of December 25, Mithralists celebrated the birth of their sungod who had till that time appeared to be dying. Every year, they would honor the "virgin" birth of Sol Invictus springing full grown from a stone to be the "light of the world". Though not officially adopted into Christendom as the birthday of "Jesus" until 532 AD, this heathen custom was introduced in Constantine's day and labeled okay. The annual festival we keep every year to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior is in fact patterned after and memorialized perpetually on the birthday of the "Lord and Savior" of pagans. Would a Jew be well honored if we recognized his birthday every time Hitler's birthday rolled around? I don't think so. So why do we assume our Lord and Savior, "Jesus Christ", would be so honored by a memorial to Him every time the birthday of an idol rolled around.

And considering the third golden calf of our time, Constantine called an ecumenical council to establish the matter alongside many others. At the city of Nicaea in 325 AD, the emperor had it

ruled in his favor that the Biblical date of Passover should be altered so the annual Christian celebration should never coincide with the Passover of the Jew. In place of the Scriptural commandment of Passover, the emperor established an alternative time, and as with Sunday and Christmas, the event that would later become Easter was given a Christian shine to hide the heathenism and wholly received as righteous doctrine. But the name of the day still gives it away -Easter, the very same borne by the old British dawn goddess, Eoster (Eostern/Ostara) worshiped with white lilies, painted eggs, and bunny rabbits. Her day has come to be called Resurrection day and to this very era, we eat her cakes called "cross buns" and ham, and we still gather at her sunrise services... But now we do it for "Jesus"... So it's okay, right? Right? Let's ask Aaron, shall we. Or should we run it by Jeroboam? It may not seem like such a big deal to simply make a golden calf or two or three, to adopt a few doctrines sacred to a foreign religion, and to abandon all those traditions native to the original religion but our Elohim thinks differently than we do. That little deviation Aaron developed for the nation of Israel, nearly destroyed the people one and all. Had not Moses been standing in the gap to defend them against the wrath of YAHWEH, the story would have stopped then and there, with a very sad and tragic ending, over something so small as one, single idol. And why? Because one idol by itself, if tolerated, will replicate a hundredfold to overthrow the truth, if given half a chance, but moreover, when the order comes down from on High and reads, "NO IDOLS!", the appearance of so much as one solitary image amounts to open revolt against the Authority that issued the Instruction. Great or small, revolt is the opposite of what He requires of His people, and only repentance, obedience, and the blood of His Messiah can restore us to a right Path in line with Divine Law.

The prophet, Jeremiah, spoke about the folly of idolatry, telling of how a man cuts down a tree, uses the wood to construct things, and to burn for warmth and cooking,... And from the rest he makes an god. So what is the value of that divinity, built with our own hands, and crafted from the same components from which we have also built our furniture and burned for firewood? Moreover, what is the price we can put on the same actions done without the wood or the carving? When we enter the grove of pagan grown beliefs and practices, select for ourselves a similar specimen like into what we have known or comparative to our compromised "Christian" tradition, and we bring it home and dress it to match the rest of our own rituals and relics, have we done any differently than the agents who engaged in visible, tangible idolatry? Have we not been worshiping the golden calves raised up by Constantine? The question must be asked just as with the idols of old: if our ways and means have been made from the same things as heathen ways and means, how are they to be held as different from the heathen things they came from? Because they have different names? Because now we do them for "Jesus"? Because we don't mean any harm by them? These were not satisfactory answers when Aaron did it with the golden calf in the first place. And when Jeroboam made two golden calves the second time, these excuses were even less acceptable by our Elohim. Therefore, we should not make the mistake of thinking that such reasoning would be received to justify our practices today with the three golden calves passed down to us by Constantine. Evil doesn't always have to be ugly and unwelcome, but only has to be what is against what was ordered from our YAHWEH, the Almighty Elohim. Sunday, Christmas, and Easter have always held a special place in our hearts and sadly will never seem as sinister as they should

be, but, nevertheless. These golden calves came from the herd of a false foreign sungod and remain a thing evil in the sight of our Saviour – sick, twisted, and something first century followers of Messiah never heard of in their midst, nor would ever have had anything to do with. Therefore neither should we.

To Order a Generic Elohim

Are we talking about eternal salvation here? I would say no, or else the message would involve earning our way into heaven - another concept foreign to the ancient Faith of YAHWEH and thus in the vein of a foreign idol and false for every modern Christian also. But we are talking about sanctification for all those already possessing eternal salvation. We are talking about how we ought to live, we who follow the Master and Messiah, Yahshua (though you may yet oddly call Him by made up name of "Jesus" instead) and worship YAHWEH, the only Elohim (though you may yet only know Him by the moniker of "God". For all who trust this Messiah for their salvation by grace through faith, the Bovine Triangle doctrine should serve as a warning against blasphemy and abominations. The idol Triangle encourages us to remember true worship, to be reminded of how easily we can corrupt what our Elohim has given us to use for His glory, and to keep in mind the harsh penalty that comes with such compromise.

Avodah Zara appears in many different forms in this world and in the modern era rarely ever presents a graven image, but idol worship, whatever incarnation it embodies, always begins in subtlety, always invokes infidelity, and always increases indefinitely, until the original order from Above becomes forgotten fully and for so long that it's restoration is regarded by the holy as being a thing of blasphemy. Our Elohim gave Instructions in the ancient days that His people should worship Him alone with no partners nor substitutes. He ordered that His people make no images of adoration of Himself or anything else, and He established special days and special ways to worship Him, Appointed Times and approved traditions instituted at Sinai and installed in Zion allowing for no outside influences. And YAHWEH stated emphatically that His people were not to learn the ways of the nations around them, nor to let those or former things impact the practice of their own religion. But His people were to walk in His Ways and be obedient to His commands for only this is pleasing to Him.

Sometimes, since so much time has passed since He said these things, and so much has happened in the interim, we forget that they still stand even today, and they apply now as ever to His people, whom we have become by faith in His Son. Our Messiah did not do as we have learned from Constantine, so why do we? In all things the Master Yahshua, Who changes not, walked in the Ways of His Elohim and ours, keeping the Commandments of His FATHER in Heaven and serving as a living example to all His disciples down through the ages. And this Elohim Who changes not must, for His NAME-sake send wrath against all idolaters, as happened both when Aaron built a golden calf and when Jeroboam built two, thus we should not expect less rage from Him now over the three golden calves built by Constantine. In fact, it is most likely that the only reason we, His people, have not been destroyed from off the face of the earth for our long centuries of idolatry, is due to the continual intercession of our Messiah on our behalf, just as Moses did before and the

Prophets after him. This too is the great grace of our Elohim, but we have pushed the bounds of His mercy having come to the end of our ignorance on this issue of idolatry done in His NAME. As individual children of Elohim, it is up to us to act in prophetic fashion to break ourselves free of the boundaries of the Bovine Triangle, to grind our idols to powder, scatter the ashes on the water, and to drink down our debauchery, to own our past as evil and extirpate it outright. We must at last ask for the Old Paths, established by our Elohim and embodied by our Messiah. Only then will we be free to worship our Elohim as He has asked of us that we should so praise Him in Spirit and in Truth. To do anything else is to order a generic elohim made in our own image, and for our own glory...but not for our own good.





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