## Smoking and the Use of Drugs

Nowadays, many so-called Blacks and Hispanics (the 12 Tribes of Israel) are smoking and using various different types of harmful chemicals / drugs which are destroying their bodies. The smoking of CIGARETTES, CIGARS, MARIJUANA / REEFER, PEACE PIPES, SNIFFING OR INJECTING DRUGS, etc., into their bodies is against the laws of the Most High. Many Israelites (mainly the Rastifarians) try to justify smoking "reefer" by saying the use of the word "herb" in the scriptures (Genesis 1:29), is referring to marijuana, which then makes it okay to smoke. The Most High did not command the Israelites to take a herb, role it up in paper or put in a pipe and smoke it, neither did he bid them to take any other types of ILLEGAL drugs.

Therefore, there are two scriptures (Genesis 1:29 and Psalms 18:6-8), that must be explained properly which many Rastifarians so often misinterpret to justify smoking reefers / weed. First and foremost, the Heavenly Father is not dealing with any people known as Rastifarians, only the Nation of Israel, read Amos 3:1-2.

Genesis 1:29, "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (the "meat" is referring to the fruits from fruit bearing trees that was made to be eaten)." The "herb bearing seed" is not referring to marijuana seed, but herbs that the Most High created to be used as medicine and for the seasoning of food. Read Psalms 104:14, "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man (the herbs are to be used to cure man from his sicknesses, not to be smoked or inhaled): that he may bring forth food out of the earth." In the book of The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 38:4, "The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth (the "medicines" are these same herbs created to service man by healing him from his sicknesses) . . . " The Most High created the "herb" to be used by the physician (read Ecclesiasticus 38:1-3,12) to heal the sick, it was not made to be smoked.

Psalms 18:6, "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. Verse 7, Then the earth shook and trembled (referring to the destruction); the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth (angry). Verse 8, There went up a smoke out of his nostrils (the 'smoke" coming "out" of the Most High "nostrils" is not speaking about marijuana smoke; it is figuratively referring to his anger against those who are disobedient to his laws) ... " To prove this statement, read Isaiah 65:3, "A people (the Israelites) that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; verse 4, Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; verse 5, Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day." Therefore, the "smoke out of his nostrils" is symbolically speaking of his anger toward the Israelites that are worshiping other Gods and eating swine's flesh and all other types of unclean animals, including smoking marijuana etc. The "fire that burneth" is referring to the destruction that the Most High will bring upon those wicked Israelites who refuse to stop using drugs and repent of their sins.

Many people believe smoking cigarettes is not a sin, but only the use of cocaine, crack, heroin and other types of so-called hard drugs is unlawful. According to the scriptures, there is no difference between a person that smokes cigarettes, a drug addict who sniffs cocaine (or uses other types of illegal drugs), or an alcoholic - they are ALL breaking the laws of the Most High.

1 Corinthians 3:16, "Know ye not that ye" (the children of Israel) are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you" ("the Spirit of God" that "dwelleth" in the Israelites are the laws)? Verse 17, If any man defile the temple of God (through philosophies, the use of illegal drugs or wrongfully abusing over the counter medications and alcohol), him shall God destroy (put to death); for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." The Israelites are "HOLY" because they were given the laws of the Most High, read Leviticus 20:7-8, "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy (by keeping the commandments): for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you." Also, read Leviticus 11:44.

It is not against the biblical laws to drink wine, beer or any type of strong drink in the privacy of ones home, at a social occasion or on the High Holy Days, but they must be consumed in moderation. Ecclesiasticus 31:28-30, "Wine measurably drunk and in season bringeth gladness of the heart, and cheerfulness of the mind: verse 29, But wine drunken with excess maketh bitterness of the mind, with brawling and quarrelling. Verse 30, Drunkenness increaseth the rage of a fool till he offend: it diminisheth strength, and maketh wounds." Remember, Christ was known as a "winebibber," meaning he loved to drink wine (read Matthew 11:19), but he was not a drunkard. However, it is UNLAWFUL to drink wine / alcohol when teaching the Bible. Read Leviticus 10:9, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor they sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: verse 10, And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy (having a sober mind to properly execute the Most High's judgment), and between unclean and clean; verse 11, And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses." The Most High commanded the priests / Israelites not to drink any wine or strong drink before they enter into the temple, or when teaching his word / laws.

Note: The transportation, sale and/or use of any type of drugs are illegal. Not only is it against the laws of the Most High, but it also against the laws of America and almost every other nation on the earth. The Heavenly Father commanded the Israelites to obey the powers that be (the other nations), by obeying their laws (as long as they do not contradict the laws of the Most High), read Romans 13:1-4.

Deuteronomy 10:12, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways (by keeping the laws), and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, verse 13, To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?" Shalam!

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