



## Love's Child

**I**t was a most severe time, what with the dominating and ruthless Romans, the highly intellectual Greeks, and the dogmatic Jews. Yet God saw fit to have His Son born into this time, a time of age old conflicts, embedded into a most miserable world practically since time began. 6000 years, as we see it today, was a mere 4000 or so when Jesus took his first breath. Yet, the world was scarred nearly beyond, yes beyond recognition of when it saw God's light once again – *And God said, let there be light!* It was a different place for sure, but a ready place – for the Love's Child. Let there be Love!



Love had no place to be sure. Empires had come and gone, The valley of the Nile had long since stopped producing the amazing culture of its' fathers; Mesopotamia laid it's claim to civilization only to be swallowed up by the ancient Babylonians and their law-giving Hammurabi. But the pyramids were build, and they still stand today in memory of a glory gone by. Scarcely had 2000 years passed now since light broke upon the waters. Still, more empirical rule was to rise and fall before Love's Child

graced man's dwelling place.

Egypt fell to the Hyksos dominance, Assyria rose from the dessert sands, and the Jews left their old, nearly unknown home, and trotted westward in search of new land - Canaan, more prosperity, and a nicer place to raise their families. But the wars continued, the scaring deepened, and the earth's people became more enslaved to the edicts of a privileged few.

Even though the Greeks conquered so much of their world, they couldn't rule things very well at all, but they could think. In their midst became Crete the center of known civilization, and their glory continued for

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some time. During their rise, Phoenicia rose from earth's belly, to a place of prominence that so many in the past 2500 years had seen. Even so, times grew even worse for those wandering Jews, so they headed off for Egypt.

All the while, Greece, now filled by so many foreigners from the North, continued to build its physical worldly hold, and gained an intellectual grasp destined to rule for another, nearly two thousand years. These northern folks, fighting as they came, moved deeper, now into Italy and settled, only to enforce and eventually enrage Rome, ever conquering, ever dominating. But Rome had not yet risen to its glory.

Love's Child had yet another 1000 years to come. In this millennium a million events had yet to transpire. The Trojan horse, the development of

Palestine (old Philistia), and the Jews conquering Canaan's land under the Judges rule came and went. Solomon's Temple was built and the Jews finally had a kingdom, but this didn't last long, for it was soon ruptured into two states, Judah and Israel.

While these two brothers were fighting, Greece rose up via its City States, a novel idea, and a new child was born to the world – Rome. *God rose up His Prophets and they became the conscience of His people.* Love's Child still had 700 years to come. And the world grew more embattled. After all, all of these changes had to have some negative effect on the world around.

Assyria stepped out onto the ever-changing battle field and conquered the whole of western Asia and destroyed the independent Jewish Kingdoms (Judah and Israel). A lot can

happen in 200 years! But the conquered Jews liked what they had been given from these desert folks. Assyria ruled them but gave them nearly complete freedom with one exception – they couldn't go back to their lands. Judah and Israel (eventually changed to Galilee) lay barren and wanting.

Philosophy and Science in Greece began, and so did Buddha and Confucius. But the Persians didn't much care, because it was now their time to conquer, and conquer they did when they took over the whole of, none other than, Western Asia. But at this milestone in earth's childhood, 500 years before Love's Child took his first breath; the Jews are allowed to return to their homeland – Jerusalem. So did, but many stayed in Assyria to live the good life. So Judah began to nurture its people once again, but Israel didn't, for it lay dormant

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for another 400 years. When it revived, its name was changed. The blue seas of Galilee entered the worldly scene.

Greece was at its hey day when it saved Europe from the deadly Persian invasion, but Rome had already begun – it became a Republic and quested for an unquenchable empire. *The priestly class in Judah was established, marking the beginning of the fall of Judaism.*

Malachi was written and 400 years remain until Love's Child. The earth was reeling and writhing in pain, but it seemed that no relief was in sight as an impenetrable spiritual darkness engulfed the ages. 400 years of sightlessness began when the spiritual capital of the world was re-established – Jerusalem. But the world recognized it as such, and mostly, the Jews were left alone to practice their dogma,

ruled by the cruel Pharisees and Sadducees. They only gained more power as the centuries went by. Darkness moved. Love's Child was a tender 200 years away while Rome became a world empire.

The time was right. God's people had all but disbanded to the far corners of the earth. The ten tribes of Israel became assimilate into the many different cultures of Assyria, Egypt, Greece, and beyond. Judah and its two tribes held out for as long as they could; they feared Love's Child, because Love was not a part of their practices. Love had no place; rules and laws, murder and power did. *Jesus forsook all but Love and proclaimed Love in the face of utter and sheer darkness – a complete absence of love.* Whereas God once said, let light have its place once

again, now He delivered His proclamation of Love. Let Love reign once again too. (It had been forsaken by Love's first man and woman.) Let it bring an end to the ever encroaching forms of darkness.

Love's Child spoke it clearly and plainly:

*(Mat 5:44-45) But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; {45} That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

He didn't much care of Rome's dominance, of Greek intellect – he spoke Aramaic and some Hebrew only. He cared of Love.

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He did his best to ignore anger's hate and dominance, and spoke of His Father's goodness. He spoke of Love and goodness – a seemingly miniscule voice in that ever-present shroud of darkness.

He spoke of service to One God, a true God of Love and Life:

(Mat 6:24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Judah knew only service to the theocratic rule of dominating priests and priestesses. They knew only of their hate and bitterness against all of mankind.

*They knew only of their murders and punishments to those who refused their doctrines.* Jesus knew this

too, but he was in a land semi-far removed – Galilee. Yes, he came to Jerusalem for to sacrifice, but he lived in another place, perhaps more quiet than this center of spiritual cruelty. Love's Child grew, aged, and became God's man. At 30, he became a man, had only a very short time to mature into mankind's savior, and release LOVE into a sick and craving world. Could he do it? *Could one man turn the tide of pain and suffering in the midst of the most massive power struggle yet to visit planet earth?*

The dominating and merciless Romans, the intellectual Greeks, the Stoics and Epicureans, the Pharisees and Sadducees, the Essenes, yes, all of these were everywhere present, only to name a few. And here was Love's Child in their midst! But God's plan was not going to fail, and nothing the world arranged

could alter that.

(Mat 19:18-19) He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, {19} Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Times were indeed bad, but Love's message rang clear. Stop the murdering. Stop the adultery (John screamed this into the ears of Herod), stop the stealing, stop the lying. But rather, love, love your father and mother, and love your neighbors and yourself. Love!

Jesus proclaimed the most hated message, yes most hated by the Pharisees and Sadducees. Love, love, love.

(Mat 22:37-40) Jesus said unto

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him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. {38} This is the first and great commandment. {39} And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. {40} On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Love signified the end of an evil time, an evil way, and an evil spiritual epicenter. Hate maimed, love destroyed it and all evil as it germinated and rooted itself around the world. This God of hate and pain proclaimed by the misguided priests of Judah was soon to be replaced by a wonderful God of Love the world over. The message was clear. Love the God of Love. Love each other. Love and fulfill the quest of the ages – awaiting Love's Child. Now, you are Love's child. Continue the fulfillment of such an empirical

quest and raise the family of Love to greater heights. Love in the face of adversity, hate, pain, and suffering. Love in darkness and cause the springing forth of a long awaited light.

(Luke 11:42-43) But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. {43} Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

*Let us, no never, pass over the Word of Love.*

God said, let there be light some 6000 years ago when He gave His Love. Some 2000 years ago, he said, let there be love and He gave His Love again.

(John 3:16) For God so loved

the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Now, fulfill God's quest. Fulfill love!

(Rom 13:8) Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Go and love!

Much love in Christ,

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