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Torah From Where? Extraterrestrial Reception and the Nature of Authority

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**"Moses received the Torah from Sinai and transmitted it Joshua.
Joshua transmitted it to the Elders, the Elders to the Prophets,
and the Prophets transmitted it to the Men of the Great Assembly."
(Pirkei Avot 1:1)**

The opening words of Pirkei Avot are short and to the point. The Torah that Moshe taught to Israel was not of his own design. Every other so-called prophet claimed to have a personal revelation from G-d and then expected the masses to believe him and to accept his word and his religion. The giving of the Torah was radically different. No one person saw the events of Mt. Sinai, rather over three million human souls, men women, and children experienced together the giving of the Torah. All together saw and heard. All together stood in awe and wonder as something not of this world descended upon the mountain and spoke to them in a voice that sounded like thunder.

Rather than attempt to validate the authority of Moshe's teachings, Pirkei Avot simply begins by saying, "Moshe received the Torah at Sinai." He did not write it, or think it up. It was given to him by what we must rightly call an extraterrestrial power. This and this alone validates the Torah and enforces its authority. One may if one chooses disagree with a single prophet who claims to have a message. It is possible that such a prophet is mistaken or self deceived. However, three million people witnessed a close encounter of the third kind. That sets the odds highly in their favor that what they collectively saw and heard was real and true. The echoes of this event are still murmuring in the unconscious minds of almost every human being. Whether we like it or not, agree with it

or not, the echo of the Ten Commandments and Biblical morality speaks into the hearts and souls of almost everybody.

The authority of Torah is therefore proclaimed, without fanfare or elucidated proofs. Once received by Moshe the Torah is passed on, intact, exactly as it had been received without any deviation or change. First Moshe passed on the Torah to Joshua. Joshua passed it on to the Elders; these were the Biblical Judges and Kings. They passed the Torah on to the prophets, who safeguarded it throughout the time of the First Temple and through the Babylonian exile.

At this time, as prophecy was ending, a new form of leadership arose in Israel. These were the leaders of the return from exile. This body of 120 men was called the Great Assembly (Knesset HaGedolah). Among its members were the last of the prophets, the descendants of the Davidian monarchy and the descendants of the Zadokite priesthood. In other words, the Aneshei Knesset HaGedolah (the men of the Great Assembly) included the entire Jewish leadership from all three arenas of Torah authority, executive/judicial, ecclesiastical and religious/prophetic. These 120 men received the same Torah, as did Moshe with no changes, no deviations, no additions, and no deletions.

The role of these 120 men as ordained for them by Heaven was to rebuild the Jewish nation after the Babylonian exile. Not only were they Divinely charged to rebuild the Israeli nation, they were also charged to restore the Torah into the hearts of the Jewish people. How this was done is the history of our holy Rabbis, recorded over a period of a thousand years and codified as the Talmud.

The beginning of this record is where Pirkei Avot begins, with the wise council of the men of the Great Assembly. In order to rebuild the nation and the fallen collective Jewish soul, these holy men gave council to do three things. They advised all people to be contemplative, careful and cautious when making any decision or judgment. They advised the leadership not to hold back learning only to a select few, but rather to disseminate the teachings of the Torah to all far and wide. Lastly, they advised the nation how to protect themselves from again falling into the pit of destruction due to the violations of Torah Law.

These wise men of authority from all branches of Torah government advised their students to safeguard the observance of Torah and to make a hedge around its observance to safeguard them from inadvertently violating a Torah commandment, thus bringing Divine retribution on their heads. From these words of advice came forth the body of Torah Judaism that has been observed and practiced for close to 2,400 years.

These forms of Torah observance will stay in force until the next time we are visited from beyond by the Power that came to Sinai. This next visitation is expected to bring to Earth more than just a body of instructions to mankind. The next time we make contact, the prophecy states, the Power revealed at Sinai will come with an invading army, one that will conquer the Earth and install a new world government led by a monarch, who

will be a descendant of the Biblical King David. When this armada from the Heavens arrives, the religious will welcome it as the coming of the Messiah. The secular will most likely be terrified in that their worst nightmare will be coming true – Earth is being invaded and conquered by a force from "outer space."

My intentions of mixing science fiction and religion is not to amuse you, but rather to make you recognize that the episode at Mt. Sinai was not merely a religious event of ancient history.

The Torah is no mere book of religious principles.

We made contact with something extraterrestrial on Sinai those many years ago. That "something" identified itself as the Creator and displayed a force and power that even by modern technological standards is very impressive. The Creator opened a channel of communication with mankind and gave us instructions for nearly one thousand years.

At the close of the prophetic period two final instructions were given. We were first and foremost commanded to obey the Rabbinic leaders who would take up the mantle of instruction and guide us in the ways of Torah. Our Rabbis faithfully fulfilled this with great diligence, eventually birthing for the Jewish people the Mishna and the Gemara. The second instruction that was given was that we should ever be prepared and daily wait; for the Power that spoke on Mt. Sinai promised to return with even greater force than before and to judge mankind.

Mankind has progressed much since those early days when the Jewish people received the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Most of the world has been influenced by this event. First Christianity and then Islam built themselves on the back of Torah. Each religion claims to be the legitimate heir and continuation of the path received at Sinai. Needless to say, such contradictory claims have led to centuries of conflict.

Indeed, the way the 21st century has begun it looks like that a major conflict between Moslem nations and Christian nations is brewing. The center of the conflict revolves around which path is the legitimate successor to Sinai.

Moslems nations rally against Israel and the Jews, but one does not need to pierce the veil of this too deep to see that Islam defines its greatest and true enemy as the "American Satan."

The United States and the European Union (which should rightly be called the United States of Europe) spend billions of dollars on defense and intelligence to protect themselves from growing threats of Islamic insurgency. Unbeknown to most, but we can rest assured that the Western powers are doing their share to subvert the rule of Islam in Moslem countries. Otherwise, Islamic fundamentalism will sweep through the Middle East on its way to taking over the world. What the eventual outcome of this brewing conflict will be, time will tell. Yet, there seems to be another source that discusses this conflict.

Those Jewish Rabbis who were charged from Sinai and the Power revealed there to teach the Torah have over the centuries stated something most prophetic. The Rabbis have claimed that a time would come in the future when there would arise an unavoidable conflict between the descendants of the Biblical characters of Esau and Ishmael.

Esau descendants settled in Europe and gave rise to Rome, Christianity, and western culture. Ishmael's descendants settled in the greater Middle East and gave rise to Islam. Even before the two great world religions were born, the Rabbis have taught that an inevitable conflict between them would arise. Here we are centuries later, witnessing the truth of their predictions.

What we must conclude from all this is that there is indeed a Force and a Power above that which we humans can control or even understand. Something happened that night on Mt. Sinai those thousands of years ago. Only a few hold the faith of the message departed that night. The rest believe that they have evolved beyond the need of such "myths." However, what is myth and what is reality better be defined with greater clarity before we wish to reject an Authority which apparently can impose itself upon us by sheer force of will.

This leads us to briefly discuss, what defines authority? Is it right or wrong, or force of arms or some other criteria? We believe that the dictum "might makes right" is not morally correct. We hold that there are certain inalienable rights that everyone should benefit from. Yet, who defines what these rights are? Is the American Constitution the definitive code for human morality? From where do the Americans, the Europeans, the Christians, or the Moslems receive the authority of correctness to impose their worldview upon all others? Whether we like to admit it or not, all these groups in one way or another, claim their authority is based upon the Torah of the Jews and impose such authority in the Name of G-d (who was introduced to them by the Jews).

What hypocrisy is it that while the Bible is claimed as the source of social morality and political authority at the same time the message and teachings of the Bible are cast aside in favor of specific things that the Bible condemns!

When Pirkei Avot begins with a declarative statement that "Moshe received the Torah from Sinai," the text is subtly giving a warning. This is the same warning that was given by Malachi, the last of the prophets. He concludes his book and thus ended the age of prophecy with these words spoken to him from G-d. *"Remember the Torah of Moshe my servant, which I commanded to him in Horev for all Israel, [to observe both] decrees (lit. Hukot - unreasonable laws) and ordinances (lit. Mishpatim – reasonable laws). Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome Day of G-d. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers with their children, and the hearts of the children with their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with utter destruction."* (Malachi 3:22-24).

The warning is clear. Accept the Torah of G-d and live by it. For the Day of G-d will come and it will be great and awesome. The Power that made extraterrestrial contact with us centuries ago at Sinai will return. When that Power comes back, will we find favor in its eyes, or will it use its incredibly superior Power to tear down mankind and civilization and start all over again?

It is a good thing that human technology has progressed as far as it has. It is also good that western world governments have secret military technologies developed and in testing the likes of which we can only imagine existing in science fiction movies. It would even be a good thing if western governments actually did have secret relations with extraterrestrial entities from other planets or dimensions and that they received technological information from them.

Why would all this be good? Because when the Supreme Extraterrestrial Power comes back to planet Earth to claim its territory and to punish those who have stood against its Torah and its representative Israel, the nations of the world will need all the help that they can get. Nonetheless, even with all their advanced technologies, no military weapons will withstand the invading armies of angels led by the Messiah.

Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook, a prophetic voice in the beginning of the 20th century summed it all up in these words (in his Orot M'Ofel, 8): *"The sin of the murderers – the wicked kings and all provocateurs – is indelible. The blood that was shed in the land will be atoned only by the blood of those who shed it, and the atonement must come: total dismantling of all foundations of contemporary civilization, with all their falsity and deception, with all their poison and venom. The entire civilization that rings false must be effaced from the world, and in its stead will arise a kingdom of a holy elite (ref. Daniel 7:18). The present civilization will disappear with all its foundations – literature and theatre, and so forth; all the laws founded on inanity and iniquity, all evil etiquette will pass away. Therefore, the entire contemporary civilization is doomed and in its ruins will be established a world order of truth and G-d consciousness."*

Try as they will to control the Earth and the minds of man, western civilization is destined to fall. The Highest Power will return to this world and will renew upon the Earth a Garden of Eden, one based upon its centuries old message in the Torah. This is our inevitable human future. We can choose to fight it or embrace it. The consequences of our actions will be telling. Moshe received the Torah on Mt Sinai, period. Deal with it!