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A recent Twitter post reported on a Mossad agent that was captured in northern Saudi Arabia.

The official Saudi report determined that the “Mossad agent” was an Israeli vulture armed with photographic and “espionage” equipment.

A close-up photograph of a vulture, likely a Griffon Vulture, with a tracking device attached to its body. The bird has a large, dark, hooked beak and is looking slightly to the left. Its feathers are a mix of brown and white, with a prominent white patch on its neck. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

The bird is merely a vulture with a tracking device attached to his body by the Veterinary Department of Tel-Aviv University.

In fact, a few years ago another vulture was captured in Lebanon and was immediately accused of being part of an Israeli attempt to spy on Hezbollah. Sharks, pigeons, storks and even squirrels are all animals that have been reported in recent years as being used by the Mossad.

Wikipedia article on Israeli spy animal conspiracy reports.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel-related_animal_conspiracy_theories

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מַתִּיָּהוּ **מַתִּיָּהוּ**

(Matthew) 28:16-17

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:16

בְּיַנְתֵּים הֵלְכוּ אַחַד-עֶשֶׂר הַתַּלְמִידִים
לְגַלִּיל, אֶל הַהַר אֲשֶׁר אָמַר לָהֶם יֵשׁוּעַ.

So the eleven *talmidim* went to
the hill in the Galil where
Yeshua had told them to go.

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שֶׁהִסְפִּיק קִיּוֹן בְּלִבָּם.

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prostrated themselves before
him; but **some hesitated**.

REALLY?

kai	idontes	auton	prosekynēsan	hoi	de	edistasan
καὶ	ἰδόντες	αὐτὸν	προσεκύνησαν ;	οἱ	δὲ	ἐδίσταν
And	having seen	Him	they worshiped	some	however	doubted

distázō (from "two, double" and *stásis*, "stance, standing") – properly, going two ways, **shifting between positions;**

choosing "a double-stance" and hence *vacillate* (waver); (figuratively) *uncertain at a crossroad* because refusing to choose *one* way over the other – "wanting to have our cake and eat it too"; to halt between two opinions (views, beliefs).

How is it possible to doubt, in the presence of the resurrected Messiah, in the company of 500 invited believers? Ideal circumstances?

How can we be sure we won't vascillate, and will endure?
"Finish well."

A radical answer:

**Repentance, T'shuva, is the
foundation of faith.**

**Some faith is required for
repentance, but minimal.**

Mark 1.14-15 Yeshua came into the Galil proclaiming the Good News from God: “The time has come, God’s Kingdom is near! **Turn to God** from your sins and believe the Good News!”

Turn to God = repent

metanoete	kai	pisteuete	en	tō	euangeliō
μετανοεῖτε	καὶ	πιστεύετε	ἐν	τῷ	εὐαγγελίῳ
repent	and	believe	in	the	gospel

metanoéō (from *metá*, "changed after being with" and *noiéō*, "think") – properly, "think differently after," "after a change of *mind*"; to *repent* (literally, "*think differently after wards*").

Hebrew for repent:

Tshuvah תשובה

Turn around, return

**Last Shabbat, some of us say a
movie about an amazing revival
movement in Iran. Based on this
concept:**

**repentance precedes
conversion.**

A person is walking away from the camera on a vast, dry, brown landscape. The terrain is uneven and appears to be a dry riverbed or a similar natural formation. In the background, there are low mountains under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy browns and muted greens.

**The Iranian awakening
is a rapidly reproducing discipleship movement
that owns no property or buildings,
has no central leadership,
and is predominantly led by women.**



The Iranian Regime
is losing control of the Iranian people
to a sweeping movement of women
who follow Israel's Messiah.

GLOBAL SCREENING EVENT
8.23.19

a film by
DAITON THOMAS and JOEL RICHARDSON

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**Without repentance, just
attendance, curiosity,
compliance...**

**It's possible to rebel in ideal
circumstances, right in the
presence of G-d.**

Yeshayahu/Is 14.12-14 “How did you come to fall from the heavens, morning star, son of the dawn? [Lucifer] How did you come to be cut to the ground, conqueror of nations? You thought to yourself, ‘I will scale the heavens, I will raise my throne above God’s stars

Yeshayahu/Is 14.12-14 I will sit on the
Mount of Assembly far away in
the north. I will rise past the tops
of the clouds, I will make myself
like the Most High.'

Yekhez/Ezk 28 12, 14-15 You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty... You were an anointed guardian *cheruv*. I placed you on the holy mountain of God. You walked among stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

**G-d loves to help us with our faith
if our heart are open.**

Mark 9.21-24 “Ever since childhood,” he said; “it often tries to kill him by throwing him into the fire or into the water. But **if you can do anything**, have pity on us and help us!” Yeshua said to him, “What do you mean, ‘**if you can**’? Everything is possible to someone who has trust!” Instantly the father of the child exclaimed, “**I believe! Help my unbelief!**”

Yn 20.24-29 Now Thomas/T'oma (the name means "twin"), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Yeshua came. When the other talmidim [disciples] told him, "We have seen the Lord," he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands,

Yn 20.24-29 put my finger into the place where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe it.” A week later his talmidim were once more in the room, and this time T’oma was with them.

Yn 20.24-29 Although the doors were locked, Yeshua came, stood among them and said, “Shalom aleikhem!” Then he said to T’oma, “Put your finger here, look at my hands, take your hand and put it into my side.

Yn 20.24-29 **Don't be lacking in trust, but have trust!"** T'oma answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Yeshua said to him, "Have you trusted because you have seen me? **How blessed are those who do not see, but trust anyway!"**

Luke 24.36-41 While they were speaking of these things, Yeshua Himself stood in the midst of them and said, “Shalom Aleichem!” But they were **startled and terrified**, thinking they were seeing a ghost.

Luke 24.36-41 Then He said to them,
“Why are you so shaken? And
why do doubts arise in your
heart? Look at My hands and My
feet—it is I Myself!

Luke 24.36-41 **Touch Me and see! For a spirit doesn't have flesh and bones, as you see I have.**" And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they were **still in disbelief due to joy and wonder**, He said to them, "Do you have anything to eat here?"

**Even the MOST radical
supernatural experience profits
nothing without a decision of
faith. Decision releases faith.**

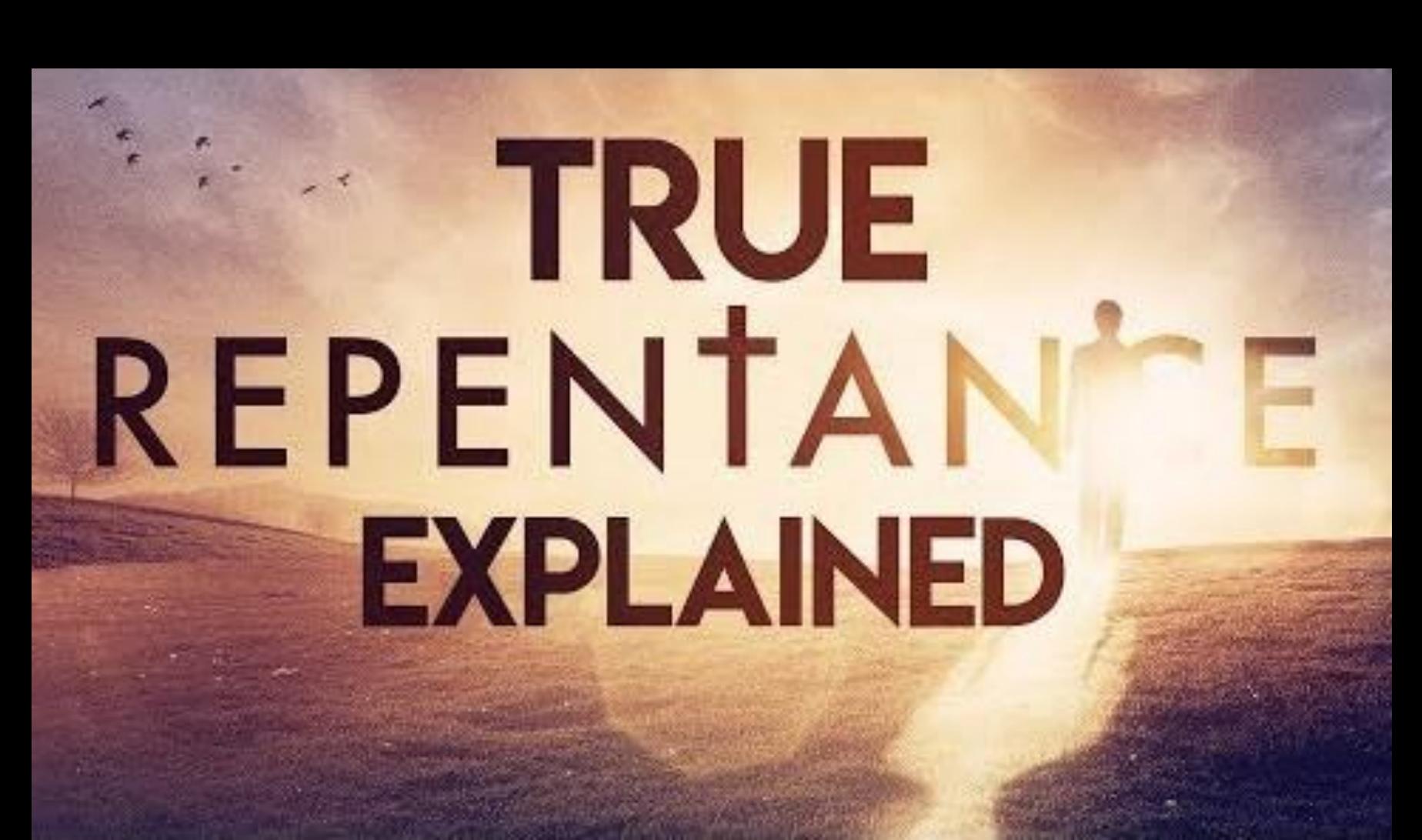
Acts 27.14-25 But before long, a hurricane-force wind called “the Northeaster” swept down from the island. When the ship was caught and could not face into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along...But as we were violently battered by the storm...

Acts 27.14-25 With neither sun nor stars appearing for many days, and no small storm pressing on us, all hope of our survival was vanishing. As they had long been without food, Paul stood up in their midst and said...

Acts 27.14-25 “Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you—but only of the ship. For this very night, there came to me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve.

Acts 27.14-25 He said, 'Do not fear, Paul. You must stand before Caesar; and indeed, God has granted you all who are sailing with you.' So take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be exactly as I have been told.

Derek Prince was a pre-eminent lover of Israel and the Messianic awakening. Was in Jerusalem in the siege of 1947 and interceded through the battles! Great explanation of repentance, Christian terminology, till 4.57, at least.

A person is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that leads towards a bright, glowing light on the horizon, likely the setting or rising sun. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and a few birds are flying in the upper left corner. The overall mood is one of hope and journey.

**TRUE
REPENTANCE
EXPLAINED**

Does this have any application to Hanukkah?

Faith is a bit analogous to the fire of the oil lamps, burned for eight miraculous days.

Underlying faith is the repentance of the Jewish people

from compliance to the corrupt,
sensuous, idolatrous Greeks.

The story of Hanukkah as told
~300 years in advance,
prophetically, in the book of
Daniel.

Daniel 11.29-33 “At the appointed time he [Antiochus, the Syrian Greek tyrant] will invade the south again [Israel], only this time the outcome will not be as before. The ships of Kittim [Rome] will come against him, and he will lose heart.

Daniel 11.29-33 Then he will turn back and vent his rage against the holy covenant. When he returns, he will favor those who forsake the holy covenant. [compliant Jewish people] “His forces will rise up and profane the fortified Temple; they will stop the daily offering and set up the abomination of desolation.

Daniel 11.29-33 With smooth words he will seduce those who act wickedly against the covenant, but the people who know their God will stand strong and prevail. Those who are wise among the people will instruct many, though for many days they will fall by the sword, or be burned, captured or pillaged.

The Maccabees stood up to the
Greeks, and resisted, and
conquered!

So, have we complied with the
pleasure crazed spirit of our age.

Are we givers, lovers, servants?
Volunteers? Tithers?

Tony Perkins:

In his book *The Road to Character*, David Brooks explains that back in the day, there was something called moral realism—a worldview that put an emphasis on human sin and human weakness. Biblical figures like David and Moses were seen as great leaders who were also deeply flawed.

Fast forward to the 20th century when books like Rabbi Joshua Liebman's New York Times best seller *Peace of Mind* (published in 1946) urged people toward a new morality based on the idea that you should never repress any part of yourself as sinful. Instead, you should "love yourself" and not be afraid of your hidden impulses. Humanist psychologists ran with this idea.

They began arguing that the primary problem for humans was no longer sin, but rather the fact that we weren't fully accepting of ourselves exactly as God made us. This line of thinking led to the advent of the self-esteem movement in 1969.

The central belief of the culture of authenticity goes something like this: At the center of every one of us is a Golden Figure known as “the True Self.” The True Self can always be trusted. You know that what you’re doing is right when you feel an inner peace inside your True Self. You know that what you’re doing is wrong when you do not feel inner peace inside your True Self.

Previous generations believed the development of character and the road to salvation came by struggling against the desires of the True Self. This is why traits like selflessness and self-sacrifice were considered most admirable. But not anymore. Our culture now has a new “salvation”—with the True Self playing the role of redeemer.

The steps to this “new salvation” are as follows:

Relinquish any previous struggle you had against your True Self. Allow your ego/shadow self to fall away so your True Self can fully emerge without any guilt or shame (both of which are constructs of old, outdated religious systems).

Our society once believed this sort of self-restraint was the best way to live. Men and women were encouraged to exercise self-restraint in building a life of integrity. But the ideals of selflessness and self-restraint are now seen as hopelessly outdated and must be discarded in favor of the True Self.

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