

You are the Light (I)

You would be surprised to know that some unbelievers out there want nothing to do with the devil. This is what I have discovered on my journey meeting people from diverse backgrounds, personalities, social statuses, and cultures. That said, let us not forget that satan has a lot of tricks in his book, and be deceived into thinking all is well with these people. An unbeliever will always be an easy target for satan to prey on. He sneaks into a person's mind, to deter them from coming to the knowledge of the truth. The person is then blindfolded (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). Choosing not to have anything to do with satan does not send him on his way and tear off the blindfold. The blindfold stays on, until the person truly and completely surrenders to Jesus Christ.

Let us imagine, for example, how Bob Marley (the Reggae Singer) could have positively influenced many souls if he had been singing and proclaiming the One and Only True God. He had good intentions but got his message all wrong. He and his sweet-voiced backup singers held '*jah*' the false god in great reverence all the time. I believe Marley would have been a vessel unto honour if he had the right foundation. No pretence, now: I listened to his songs a lot when I was young because he spoke against injustice, oppression, and discrimination all the time, and they sounded harmless to me. I was rebellious then, and hated injustice as well, so I became a huge fan and familiarised myself with the lyrics to his songs. When I became a committed believer, I did a little research of my own and realised he was proclaiming a false god *jah rastafari*, and believed Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia was the *messiah*. Though he mentioned Jesus Christ in one of his songs, he never recognised Him as Lord and Saviour. He most certainly thought Jesus Christ was a prophet of a kind, and kept himself busy, proclaiming *jah rastafari*, until he realised this *jah* could not save him in his dying days. Gladly, he surrendered to Christ shortly before he died (as we were told).

The Lord is counting on us to be the Light that leads others out of darkness (Matthew 5:13-16). He left this task to us, His ambassadors. You became an Ambassador of Christ when you made the decision to follow Him. It may not always be easy, as we sow in tears, sometimes; but we are not to relent in our efforts. Tell someone about Jesus Christ today by any means possible. It could be as simple as telling them what life used to be, before you met Him, and the changes you have experienced as a new creature. You are blessed!

Shalom!

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