

"THE BIRTH OF A NEW RELIGION: ELVIS LIVES!"

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WHAT WE ARE SEEING TODAY, AND HAVE BEEN SEEING FOR THE LAST 3 DECADES, IS THE SLOW GRADUAL BEGINNINGS OF WHAT WILL ONE DAY BECOME ANOTHER OFFICIAL ~~RELIGION~~ RELIGION.

~~THE~~ "ELVISISM," FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, IT HAS ALL THE MAKINGS OF ONE, IF ONLY ONE IN ITS BIRTH STAGES. ILL DEFINED, NO DEDICATED HOUSES OF WORSHIP - (YET) NO OFFICIAL DOCTRINE (YET). ONE DAY THE OFFICIAL CHURCH OF ELVIS WILL EVEN HAVE THE USUAL SPLIT OFF CHURCHES AND BRANCHES, AS THEY ALL DO; THE FIRST CHURCH OF ELVIS.

THE CHURCH OF ELVIS, REFORMED.

UNITED CHURCH OF ELVIS THE REDEEMER.

SOUTHERN ~~BAPTISTS~~ BAPTISTS FOR ELVIS.

AND SO ON.

THE USUAL DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES WILL CAUSE SUCH SPLITS;

WAS ~~ELVIS~~ ELVIS THE PRODUCT OF A VIRGIN BIRTH? MUST ONE LISTEN TO ALL HIS RECORDINGS IN ORDER TO ATTAIN SALVATION? OR JUST ~~MOST~~ MOST OF THEM?

WAS TOM PARKER REALLY THE DEVIL, IN DISGUISE? ALL OF THE ~~USUAL~~ USUAL "HOW MANY ANGELS CAN DANCE ON THE HEAD OF A PIN" ~~RELIGIOUS~~ TYPE OF ~~RELIGIOUS~~ RELIGIOUS DEBATES

WILL RAGE ON AMONG ELVIS BELIEVERS - JUST AS THEY DID AMONG CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS AND WITHIN ALL MAIN RELIGIONS.



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OF COURSE - JUST AS LIKE ALL MAINSTREAM RELIGIONS ARE TREATED WHEN THEY FIRST COME ON THE SCEN - ELVISITES, TOO, WILL AT FIRST BE BRANDED AS-WHATEVER? - A "CULT" WHEN THEY FIRST APPEAR.

(BRANDED AS SUCH BY - SURPRISE, SURPRISE - BY THE OTHER RELIGIONS, THAT IS)

BUT IT WILL SURVIVE, PROSPER, AND - JUST LIKE THE MORMON CHURCH TODAY, THAT WAS ALSO CALLED AND SEEN AS A "CRAZY CULT" ~~BACK~~ IN ITS START BACK IN THE 1800'S BUT IS CONSIDERED JUST ANOTHER MAINSTREAM RELIGION TODAY BY THE MAJORITY -

THE CHURCH OF ELVIS WILL EMERGE AS A STRONG AND RICH AND INFLUENTIAL CHURCH.

ONE CAN TELL THIS EVEN TODAY BY SIMPLY LOOKING AT THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE - AND NOT ALL OF THEM IN THE SOUTH, EITHER - WHO TREAT ELVIS AND ALL THINGS ELVIS AS IF IT WERE A

RELIGION ALREADY - AND THE FIRST ACTUAL CHURCH HAS YET TO BE EVEN OPENED!

THAT'S HOW THE ATTUNED OBSERVER CAN CLEARLY SEE THE OUTLINES OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN, EVEN TODAY.

BY SIMPLY NOTING WHAT ALREADY IS.

IS IT LIKELY THAT TODAY'S VERY FEW "ELVIS IS NOT DEAD" FANATICS WILL, AS

IN THE VERY BEGINNINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, KEEP GROWING IN NUMBER AS THE YEARS GO BY UNTILL - ONE FINE DAY -

THEIR "ELVIS IS NOT DEAD" MANTRA - TODAY

~~IS~~ HELD ONLY BY A SMALL MINORITY - WILL ONE DAY EMERGE AS ~~THE~~ THE DOGMA →

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THAT DEFINES ALL FUTURE Church OF ELVIS BELIEVERS EVERYWHERE.

WELL I - PAT/SALTY - CAN ONLY SAY THIS; NOT ONLY IS IT LIKELY TO BE THUS, IT IS POSITIVELY ASSURED TO ONE DAY BE. BECAUSE THIS IS EXACTLY HOW RELIGIONS GET THEIR START (FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE).

WILL GRACELAND ONE DAY BECOME TO ELVIS RELIGIOUS PILGRIMS WHAT PLACES SUCH AS MECCA AND BETHLEHAM ~~ALREADY~~ HAVE ALSO BECOME AND TODAY ARE?

COUNT ON IT, I SAY.

TAKE IT TO THE BANK AND DRAW INTEREST ON IT. THE ONLY INCREDIBLE MISSING IS TIME.

THE GRADUAL PASSAGE OF TIME WILL BEAR THIS OUT. IT IS NOT "ROCKET SCIENCE" TO BE ABLE

TO PREDICT THIS. NOT AT ALL, BECAUSE ALL THE EARTHLY INDICATIONS OF IT ONE DAY HAPPENING CAN ALREADY BE SEEN TODAY. IT DOESN'T TAKE A ~~PROPHET~~

~~PROPHET~~ ROCKET SCIENTIST OR A THEOLOGY PROFESSOR TO SEE ANY OF IT, EITHER. JUST A REALISTIC GRASP OF HISTORY AND OF THE HISTORICAL FORCES THAT DRIVE IT. AND THAT DRIVE RELIGIONS, BELIEF SYSTEMS, AND THE LIKE.

RULE NUMBER ONE IN THE HISTORICAL FORCES OF HOW RELIGIONS GET STARTED IS THIS;

#1) THEY GET STARTED AROUND ONE SINGLE INDIVIDUAL, AND MOST ALL OF IT HAPPENS,

#2) AFTER THAT INDIVIDUALS DEATH.

ITS AS SIMPLE AS ALL THAT, WHEN ITS BOILED DOWN TO ITS BASICS; IN CONCLUSION, GO AND SIN NO MORE AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF ELVIS GO WITH YOU (JUST KIDDING)