

Everything about them is different

Who are they?

Where did they come from?

What do they believe?

Lets explore the intriguing and unusual world of Chabad Hasidism.

Hasidim (Ultra—Orthodox and Chabad Judaism) is very much on the march. Though still only a tiny portion of the overall Jewish population, Hasidism is proportionately the fastest growing movement within modern Judaism, with it's numbers doubling every 15 years.

The name *Hasidic* means “pious” and is used to denote a person committed to Judaism beyond what is expected.

Through the hardships of European anti-Semitism, particularly in the 13th and 17th centuries, the hope of a deliverer—a messiah within the Jewish communities gained momentum, one who would arise and bring justice and peace to the whole world. They longed for his coming . But sadly along the way, out of this despair many false messiah's appeared:

David Alroi (1160)

David HaReuveni (1542)

Shlomo Molcho (1500-1532)

Shabbtai Zvi (1626– 1676)

Jacob Frank (1726—1791)... and others

Each messianic failure left a hopeful yet helpless Jewish community disenchanted and disenfranchised. Many of these Jewish people lived in shtetls, small Jewish villages scattered throughout Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Romania and Russia.

During this time in early 1700's in the Ukraine, this situation paved the way for a leader by the name of Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer to arise, whose impact on the modern Hasidic movement remains to this day. His main emphasis was on the study of Kabala or Jewish mysticism and modified Judaism to appeal to the unlearned masses and espoused a type of biblical panentheism which holds to the “every where-ness” of G-d”. G-d is in everything that you touch, feel or see.

Mysticism still abounds in Hasidism today. Many Lubavitch for example, believe they can communicate with their late leader Rabbi Schneerson, who died in 1994. Scripture of course condemns such practice. (Isaiah 8:19)

Although Hasidism possesses many local leaders, each sect has one major leader who is revered, almost worshiped by his followers. Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer created the climate for this situation with his doctrine on the position of the *Tsaddik* (*Righteous one*). They are believed to possess superior spiritual qualities.

Besides Tsaddik, a Hasidic leader may be called a Rebbe — he is above everyone, he is analogous to a Hindu guru because he guides his followers to do *devekut* and is responsible to lead his followers to salvation through him.

One of the most visible and vocal of all Hasidic movements today is the Chabad.

The Chabad desire non practicing Jews to return to the fold of their mould of observant Jewry. They would consider the conservative and liberal Jewish communities to be apostate Jews.

Most Jews ignorantly accept Chabad as just another sect within the community, but many would be shocked if they really understood it, which is largely based on Kabala whose chief work is the Zohar, which is mystical Judaism based on superstition — it is in fact a Judaised version of Babylonian Gnosticism, based on mysticism, reincarnation, astrology, numerology etc, but whitewashed in a Jewish flavour.

They have a purely Gnostic belief in G-d that He has no being or essence as such, but only emanations — (this is pure Gnosticism). So to help G-d regain His Identity you have to capture something called “The Tzimtzum” (Holy Sparks), which you do by the Mitzvoth and dabbling,

Everyone of them opposes Zionism and the state of Israel .Yet all the prophets said it would happen. If the Lubavitch leaders are the true shepherds of Israel — why did G-d use secular atheists to re-establish the state of Israel — Why didn't He use them? That is why they are anti-Zionist, yet they still demand the Israeli tax payers subsidise their yeshivas.

The Lubavitch also teaches that, like Hinduism only the Rebbe goes to Hashem — you go through him, depending on of course which Rebbe you follow.

Chabad follow a Rebbe by the name of Menachem Schneerson who died in 1994, who they also claim is the Messiah (long story).

You see posters of him everywhere they meet, claiming him as the messiah — "Melech Moshiach"

But you see, they have a problem — he died, and had no son or son in-law, who would inherit his reincarnated spirit — Chabad can only go to G-d through the Rebbe, and they don't have one anymore.

They have a very big problem.

And so does every Jew who follows them.

A Messianic Jewish friend of mine once asked a Chabad as to what are they going to do now? - "since the death of Rebbe Schneerson you have no way of getting to G-d ", and he replied, that Rebbe Schneerson is going to rise from the dead!

My Messianic Jewish friend asked, "Ok, let me get this strait - you believe that a Jewish Messiah has to die and rise from the dead"? - "YES", the Chabad said.

My friend replied:

"That's all I wanted to know

At least we agree on something".

What is wrong with Chabad?

As you have seen it is totally founded on the teachings of Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer who based his teachings on Kabala and Zohar which is ancient Babylonian Gnosticism and mysticism, occultism — secret knowledge condemned by scripture.

Chabad in it's popularised form appeals to the flesh. It appeals to pride, to human nature, to elitism, to be apart of the so called enlightened group. Sadly they neither worship the G-d or Messiah of the scriptures.

The real call of G-d is of course the exact opposite, it is not knowledge hidden in secret, but is open for the world to see . Messiah hanging on a cross bleeding for our sin.

The very thing they stumble over and call foolish and say is devoid of power— IS THE VERY THING WHERE THE TRUTH, WISDOM AND POWER OF GOD IS.

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