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IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft has become rampant in the United States and throughout the world. So many, many people have become victims of this phenomenon which can ruin one's reputation, credit rating, even clean out one's bank account, savings, retirement, etc.

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Identity theft can happen in so many ways. If we make a purchase from the internet, there are spy programs that can steal credit card numbers, our names, and other vital information. There are now devices that a thief can have which can read one's credit card numbers straight from their billfold, purse, etc. There are other devices that a criminal can attach to an ATM machine which can read one's bank account number, pin number, and the like. Result: One's bank or savings account is wiped out.

Even the IRS enables the thieves by failing to protect one's Social Security number when filing taxes electronically. There are thieves, and hackers that can hack into so many so-called protected archives these days, that even the Pentagon can be penetrated.

But many thieves will steal one's name, Social Security number, credit card numbers, and make thousands of dollars of purchases before being detected. This author had a thief who stole a debit card number and began to make purchases in various parts of the country. I de-

tected the illegal activity quickly because I have the ability to get on the internet and check out my various accounts. Some establishments had already suspected the fraudulent thief and denied purchases, but others, desiring to increase their business sales, accepted it and sent the merchandise to the thief, even though they also had suspicions. At any rate, it was detected early and all problems were solved quickly. But this is not the case with many victims.

LifeLock Inc. is an American identity theft protection company based in Tempe, Arizona. The company offers the LifeLock identity theft protection system - intended to detect fraudulent applications for various credit and non-credit related services. LifeLock provides a \$1 million guarantee in the event of identity theft. (*Wikipedia*)

RABBI'S WITNESS

I came across an article written by a Jewish Rabbi who had his internet website and postings affected by a hacker. Here is what he wrote:

I have been injured.

A **repugnant robber**, without even the courage of a mugger, hiding behind the anonymity of the Internet in foreign countries has injured me. Riding on my reputation, with **resolute wickedness**, this **degenerate wretch** has dispatched millions of emails to countless innocent recipients around the world pretending to be me. Attempting to persuade people that his loathsome letters originate from me he peddles vile merchandise and shameless sleaze to the unwary.

He has stooped to using my photograph and bogus stationery to mislead those at whom he aims his electronic missiles. Fortunately, most recipients recognize the emails to be the work of a **vile hooligan**. But some of you have asked me if these criminal communications are from me. To my distress some, in a futile attempt to stop these emails, have unsubscribed from my weekly Thought Tools. I occasionally find myself paralyzed by a mental mix of pain and rage, despair and revenge.

We have successfully shut down some of the servers he has used. We



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have involved law enforcement and been guided by an Israeli cyber-intelligence expert. The authorities are closing in on him. Delete his emails. Eventually he will be caught or will move on to more gullible prey.

But he has injured me.

He has caused people I care about to sever their relationship with me under the mistaken impression that I am the author of the spam. He has devalued confidence in the resources that I publish. He has stolen money from people who probably thought they were investing in the ancient Jewish wisdom which is the only merchandise that I make available. Above all, he has damaged my reputation which is a devastating injury.

Let's see how ancient Jewish wisdom teaches that robbing someone of his reputation is a crime.

Although we speak of 'The Ten Commandments' throughout the entire Five Books of Moses they are called that only three times. However, they are called the "Two Tablets" thirty-two times.

The reason for this is because, as ancient Jewish wisdom explains, rather than viewing them as ten separate statements, they are more correctly seen as five permanent principles stated twice;

once on each tablet. These five principles govern all relationships. And relationships, of course, are the antidote to God's first warning to mankind—"It is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18)

The first principle is that for a relationship to exist between two entities, each must recognize the other's existence. Thus, **acknowledging that "I am the Lord your God" is a prerequisite for a relationship with Him.** The first principle reiterated on the second tablet, commandment number six, prohibits murder. Again, without acknowledging the other's right to exist, no relationship is possible.

Jumping to the third Commandment, **not taking God's name in vain, we acknowledge God's right to His name and reputation.** Similarly, the third principle on the second tablet which is the eighth commandment prohibits stealing. Ancient Jewish wisdom emphasizes that this includes stealing someone's good name or reputation.

When Shakespeare's Duke of Norfolk, in *King Richard II* says, "The purest treasure mortal times afford is spotless reputation..." he is correct. A company's treasure is its reputation; what we call brand. When a murderer introduced poisonous cya-

nide into eight bottles of Extra Strength Tylenol and placed them on the shelves of Chicago-area stores thirty years ago he not only killed seven victims. He also severely injured the company, *Johnson and Johnson*, by damaging its reputation.

Both companies and individuals possess value in their brands and reputations. We ought to carefully build and protect our reputations. I appreciate the many letters of support you have written as I struggle to protect my reputation.

hope you are intrigued by the idea that the Ten Commandments reflect five fundamental principles of friendship and connection. They are a practical guide to the relationships that enrich our lives materially and spiritually. *(End of article)*

ANSWERING HIS POINTS

Notice that the Rabbi utilizes some very profound terms in describing his nemesis. The person utilizing his identity was a "repugnant robber," "degenerate wretch," and "vile hooligan." The thief was utilizing "resolute wickedness" in order to accomplish his intended goals of injury to the Rabbi.

Then, he goes into the "ten commandments" or "two tablets" to serve judg-



ment in the situation. What is the first commandment that he goes to? Isn't it the first commandment? "I am Yahweh your Elohim, you shall have no other elohim before Me."

Did you notice that the Rabbi failed to utilize his and our Elohim's own identity? Doesn't he realize what he is saying? He is saying that to know Yahweh our Elohim is a prerequisite for a relationship with Him. However, to take away the knowledge of His name, introducing other terms instead, takes away that personal relationship, and knowledge of who He really is.

He also admits that (he says God, but it should be Yahweh) He has a right to His own name and reputation in accordance with the third commandment.

The Stone Edition of the *Chumash* (a Rabbinic commentary) admits that the name Yahweh (hwhy) is the name of grace, mercy, compassion, it expresses His eternal existence, and is His PROPER NAME! (pp. 11, 304-305, etc.)

The Creator, Himself, declares that Yahweh (hwhy) is His memorial name (Ex. 3:14-15). The Hebrew word for "memorial" is *zikrown*, which is defined as; to mark; to remember; to mention, etc. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*).

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How can we remember it if we don't mention it? The overall preponderance of the world's population doesn't know it because they have never heard it spoken.

The Prophet Joel, and the Apostles Peter and Paul all witness that we must call on the name Yahweh for salvation (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Ro. 10:13).

FORGETTING HIS NAME

In reality, the true name of the Creator, and the true name of the Savior have been taken out of their word and substitutes have been introduced instead. This is in line with the Prophet Jeremiah who is inspired to write, "I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as **their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal,**" Jer. 23:25-27.

As pointed out, how many people in this world know the proper and true name of the Creator Yahweh, and the Savior Yahshua? Even many of the ministers and rabbis



who do know of the true names, give lip service to them, but continue to utilize the false substitutes.

I know that I keep harping on this, and it may be getting old to some, but the major substitute for the name Yahweh is "the Lord" in both our English Bibles, as well as the English versions of the Jewish Tanach (Old Testament). The above prophecy of the Prophet Jeremiah has come true because baal in Hebrew means "**lord,**" "master," "Husband," etc. Thus, by taking Yahweh's name out of His own word, replacing it with the term "the Lord," has caused the people to forget Yahweh's name for Baal.

Whether you want to believe it or not, this is super critical, because if we are to call on the name of Yahweh for salvation, and we don't know that name, then where is the salvation associated with it? The serpent, who wants everyone's death and destruction and has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9) into associating the glorious things that belong to Yahweh with another general deity called "the Lord," (Baal) and "God." Neither of these titles are an acceptable substitute for Yahweh's name. Thus, Yahweh's identity has been stolen and has become associated with another named Ha-Baal (the Lord).



The name of the Savior, Yahshua, has also been taken away and replaced with the unacceptable Jesus.

WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE

The following article was found on Wikipedia concerning identity theft. Its elements are very revealing.

Identity theft is a form of stealing someone's identity in which someone pretends to be someone else by assuming that person's identity, typically in order to access resources or obtain credit and other benefits in that person's name. The victim of identity theft (here meaning the person whose identity has been assumed by the identity thief) can suffer adverse consequences if they are held accountable for the perpetrator's actions. Identity theft occurs when someone uses another's personally identifying information, like their name, identifying number, or credit card number, without their permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

A recent article entitled, "Cyber Crime Made Easy" explained the level to which hackers are using malicious software. As one security specialist named Gunter Ollmann said, "Interested in credit card theft? There's an app for that." This statement summed up the ease with

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which these hackers are accessing all kinds of information online. The new program for infecting users' computers is called **Zeus**; and the program is so hacker friendly that even an inexperienced hacker can operate it. Although the hacking program is easy to use, that fact does not diminish the devastating effects that **Zeus** (or other software like **Zeus**) can do to a computer and the user. For example, the article stated that programs like **Zeus** can steal credit card information, important documents, and even documents necessary for homeland security. If the hacker were to gain this information, it would mean identity theft or even a possible terrorist attack. (Giles, Jim. "Cyber Crime Made Easy." *New Scientist* 205.2752 (2010): 20-21. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. Web. 3 Oct. 2010.)

Why would they be led to name this cyber identity theft crime package ZEUS!!!? Zeus is the name of the great god of the Greeks. Whether you want to admit it or not, there is a great unseen spirit in this world who is known as Satan. He is declared to be the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), and the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2).

Air in Hebrew is "*ruach*" which is also translated as



"spirit," and "breath." Carnal minded men are under the power and influence of this great rebellious spirit. He leads men to imbibe in rebellion, wickedness, idolatry, lies, fraud, (identity) theft, etc., etc.

In reality, he is the one who has caused the Scriptural translators to remove the true names of Yahweh and Yahshua from their own word and introduce the names of blasphemy, "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINA-



TIONS OF THE EARTH,"
Rev. 17:1-5.

This scarlet colored beast is none other than the fourth beast of the book of Daniel chapter 7. The succession of the kingdoms was shown in both Daniel chapters 2 and 7 to be Babylon, Medo-Persia, Macedonian-Greece, and Rome. Babylon's power, glory, and religion was passed down to each kingdom through inheritance.

THE ULTIMATE IDENTITY THIEF

The ultimate identity thief is that old serpent called the devil and Satan who has deceived THE WHOLE WORLD! (Rev. 12:9)

Isaiah prophecies concerning him, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High,**" Isa. 14:12-14.

Here is one who seeks

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to exalt himself into heaven to be worshipped as the Most High! This is the same being, called the serpent, who entered into the Garden of Eden to deceive the woman into partaking of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:1-6). He is still around in the book of Revelation in the process of deceiving the whole world! (See Rev. 12:9, again)

He has utilized the Babylonian system to keep the world steeped in false pagan idolatrous worship. Babylon comes from the Hebrew word *babel* which means confusion. He has the power to confuse the mind of man because man (Adam and the children of Adam) is dust (Gen. 3:19), and the serpent's food is dust (Gen. 3:14).

He, the Babylonian system, and the kings and rulers of the earth have worked together to deceive the world and cause all to commit fornication (Psa. 2:1-3; Rev. 17:1-5; Rev. 18:1-3).

The Creator's identity is His name. The Savior's identity is His name. Yours and my identities are our names. He has stolen the Creator's and Savior's identities, and is now working fervently to



have our names, our identities blotted out of the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12).

It is written, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:15. The serpent Satan has stolen away the Creator's and Savior's identity in order to cause your identity, your name to be blotted out of the book of life. He is the ultimate identity thief! Don't allow him to steal your identity and your life. Turn to Yahweh with all of your heart in repentance of the sins and confusion that has been sown in your life. Embrace the name that we must call upon for salvation! That name is Yahweh! Embrace the name Yahshua, which is the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). The name Yahshua means "Yahweh the Savior," or "The Salvation of Yahweh." Embrace the true Creator and Savior. The only true LifeLock is Yahshua the Messiah. Secure your identity in Him today!

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