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Genesis 13:5-9

"And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between my herdmen and thy herdmen for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I take the right or if thou depart to the right hand then I will go to the left".

The story about Abram and Lot is a distortion of the mind by the scribe. This distortion came by the scribe presenting Abram and Lot as two separate individuals within the story. While in essence Abram and Lot represent two attributes of self or the dual nature within a sphere, for two is the duality of one. Also the working force within a sphere of higher-self and lower-self.

This sphere is man, because man is a microcosm, that mini universe of higher and lower nature. The strife represent a situation which confronts Abram (higher-nature) within his evolution, as he reaches that stage of spiritual development. Abram (higher-nature) could no longer dwell with Lot (lower-nature) therefore the scribe uses the herdmen of the both nature to create a strife which demonstrates the working phase of the higher-nature (Abram) and the lower-nature (Lot).

Abram higher nature takes the initiative to reconcile by stating "let there be no strife, I pray thee between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be



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brethren."

To have no strife is to create that equilibrium between the two working forces; the herdmen of Abram and the herdmen of Lot, therefore making Abram the voluntary that which is manifested and making Lot the involuntary that which is concealed.

Abram is that higher nature which is spiritual nature, holding onto the spiritual values, constructive actions and every right choice that will bring him to the universal truth, that character of higher nature, which he seeks to become one with. Abram separating himself from Lot is to separate himself from materialism and the lesser mortal man with no spiritual values.

As Rastafarians Haile Selassie I-ists, Abram and Lot is a lesson for those who seek to walk on the path to the "higher" life, to seek self awareness (MAN KNOW THY SELF) as Abram was confronted with strife, so too will strife confront you, situations will arise between spiritual values and material desires.

The higher nature, (MIGHT OF THE TRINITY) within Rastafarians Haile Selassie I-ists must take the initiative to separate themselves from the senseless life(style). Things that is of no profit to their sacred goals and objectives in their lives.

Matthew 5;30 gives an example, "And if thy right hand offend thee, cutit off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell".

This senseless life(style) is compatible to Lot (lower-self) with no spiritual convictions, choosing this part will only lead to self-destruction and ones own downfall, which makes the individual become the lesser mortal man.

May the blessings of the might of the trinity be unto you.

BLESSED BE JAH HAILE SELASSIE I LIVETH