

Have you heard about Yazidi? Who is Yazīdī/Ezidi?

3rd of August 2014/ Genocide of Yazidis by ISIL

Yazidis are the people who suffered the most genocide in history with 74 times. It's astonishing how a number can mean so much to a group of people and mean absolutely nothing to others. The Yazidis believe this spate of violence to be the 74 genocide against their people.

3rd August 2014, another massacre by ISIL (ISIS, Daesh) militants attacked (to the extermination of men and women to sell in slavery) and took over Sinjar in northern Iraq, a Kurdish-controlled town that was broadly populated by Yazidis, and the surrounding area. After the attack, around 50,000 Yazidi escaped nearby Sinjar Mountain and they were trapped on Sinjar Mount, surrounded by ISIL and faced starvation and dehydration.

According to the UN reports that ISIL had murdered 5,000 Yazidi men in northern Iraq in 2014. Women paid the biggest price when the ISIL group attacked. Around 7,000 Yazidi women were enslaved and brutalized by ISIL fighters, many of them repeatedly victims of sexual assaults. They were forced to convert to Islam, and many were forcibly married off to ISIL fighters, tens of women have been killed and raped while some committed suicide to protect their honor.

Boys from the age of seven years and older were divided from their families and put in camps where they were educated and trained to become fighters. More than 2,745 children have become orphans. Hundreds of thousands of Yazidis remain displaced.

People who were trapped in the mountains and managed to escape due to an escape corridor are severely traumatized by their experiences. They witnessed such mass murder. Many of them say that they will not return to their homes. Their homeland's ground is soaked with the blood of their families and friends. Their homes have been destroyed, and they are deprived of their future.

Over the 700 years, approximately 23 million Yazidi people have been murdered, thus bringing their civilization to the brink of destruction. Unless such "encouragements" cease and this irrational killing is stopped the Yazidis could face permanent extinction. If this happens, the world will not only lose a very peaceful and unbiased people but an irreversible link to its past.

Who are the Yazidis?

Yezidi also called Daasin, or Ezidi, the Yazidi are a Kurdish-speaking ethno religious community-based in the mountainous region of Kurdistan on the borders of Turkey, Iraq, and Syria who practice a monotheistic religion. Yazidis are an ethnoreligious group, who practice a religion with similar aspects from Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Yazīdī mythology says that they have been created differently than the rest of humankind, they have been descended from only Adam but not from Eve. The Yazīdī cosmogony holds that a supreme creator God made the world and then ended his involvement with it, leaving it in the control of seven divine beings (angels). The chief divine being is Malak Ṭawus ("Peacock Angel"), who is worshipped in the form of a peacock.

In Yezidism, when God gave life to Adam from his own breath and told all archangels to bow to Adam. The archangels obeyed, except for Tawûsê Melek. In answer to God, Tawûsê Melek replied, "How can I submit

to another being! I am from your illumination while Adam is made of dust." Then God praised him and made him the leader of all angels and his aide on the Earth.

However, the belief of some followers of other monotheistic religions of the region that the Peacock Angel equates with their own unredeemed evil spirit Satan (Lucifer/ Shaitan) has incited centuries of persecution of the Yazidis as "devil worshippers".

Another important facet of the Yezidi faith is their belief in oneness with nature. They pray to the Sun God, three to five times every day. When Yezidis pray they face the sun. The Sun represents the source of energy or the ultimate truth. It is divine and seen as the origin of God.

The Yezidis have the oldest religion in the world, the truth of this is reflected in the antiquity of their calendar. The religion goes back to their religious calendar 6776 years, thus making 2020 CE the Yezidi year of 6776. In relation to some of the other major religions, the Yezidi Calendar is 4,750 years older than the Christian or Gregorian Calendar, 990 years older than the Jewish Calendar, and it is 5329 years older than the Muslim Calendar.

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