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At the time, Yemen was the most advanced region in Arabia. Muhammed sent Muadh ibn Jabal , as well to Al-Janad, in present-day Taiz , and dispatched letters to various tribal leaders. The reason behind this was the division among the tribes and the absence of a strong central authority in Yemen during the days of the prophet. He was assassinated by a Yemeni of Persian origin called Fayruz al-Daylami. Christians, who were mainly staying in Najran along with Jews, agreed to pay jizyah Arabic: Yemen was stable during the Rashidun Caliphate. Effective control over entire Yemen was not achieved by the Umayyad Caliphate. The state stretched from Haly in present-day Saudi Arabia to Aden. They nominally recognized the Abbasid Caliphate , but were in fact ruling independently from their capital in Zabid. They never exercised control over the highlands and Hadramawt, and did not control more than a coastal strip of the Yemen Tihama bordering the Red Sea. The chief of the Dahlak islands exported slaves, as well as amber and leopard hides, to the then ruler of Yemen. He was the founder of the Zaidi imamate in He was a religious cleric and judge who was invited to come to Saada from Medina to arbitrate tribal disputes. The sect slowly spread across the highlands, as the tribes of Hashid and Bakil , later known as "the twin wings of the imamate," accepted his authority. The Yufirid emir Abdullah ibn Qahtan attacked and burned Zabid in , severely weakening the Ziyadid dynasty. Meanwhile, a succession of slaves held power in Zabid and continued to govern in the name of their masters, eventually establishing their own dynasty around or according to different sources. Sulayhid Dynasty " [ edit ] Jibla became the capital of the Sulayhid dynasty The Sulayhid dynasty was founded in the northern highlands around ; at the time, Yemen was ruled by different local dynasties. His sons were forced to flee to Dahlak. No other Arab woman had this honor since the advent of Islam. His son Ahmed Al-Mukarram led an army to Zabid and killed 8, of its inhabitants. Jibla was strategically near the Sulayhid dynasty source of wealth, the agricultural central highlands. It was also within easy reach of the southern portion of the country, especially Aden. She sent Ismaili missionaries to India , where a significant Ismaili community was formed that exists to this day. A few years after their rise to power, Saladin dispatched his brother Turan Shah to conquer Yemen in After his demise, the Zaidi community was split between two rival imams. The Zaydis were dispersed and a truce was signed with the Ayyubid in When the last Ayyubid ruler left Yemen in , Umar stayed in the country as caretaker. He subsequently declared himself an independent king by assuming the title "al-Malik Al-Mansur" the king assisted by Allah. However, the Rasulid capitals were Zabid and Taiz. He was assassinated by his nephew in Mainly because of the victories he scored over his rivals, he assumed the honorific title "al-Muzaffar" the victorious. His pens used to break our lances and swords to pieces. The Rasulids were not the first dynasty to create a fictitious genealogy for political purposes, nor were they doing anything out of the ordinary in the tribal context of Arabia. The weakening of the Rasulid provided an opportunity for the Banu Taher clan to take over and establish themselves as the new rulers of Yemen in CE.

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I have also read about Chinese Buddhism and books by Europeans upon China. Latterly, moreover since those atrocities which have been perpetrated upon the Chinese by Europeans " amongst the others and to a great extent by Russians " the general disposition of the Chinese people has interested and does yet interest me. The Chinese people, whilst suffering so much from the immoral and coarsely egotistic avarice and cruelty of the European nations, has, until lately, answered all the violence committed against it with a magnanimous and wise tranquillity preferring to suffer rather than to fight against this violence. I am speaking of the Chinese people, but not about the Government. This tranquillity and patience of the great and powerful Chinese people elicited only an increasingly insolent aggression from Europeans, as is always the case with coarsely selfish people living merely an animal life as were the Europeans who had dealings with China. Abstinence from returning evil for evil and non-participation in evil is the surest means not only of salvation but of victory over those who commit evil. The Chinese could see a striking confirmation of the truth of this law after their surrender of Port Arthur to Russia. The greatest efforts to defend Port Arthur by arms against the Japanese and the Russians would not have produced such ruinous consequences for Russia and Japan as those material and moral evils which the surrender of Port Arthur to the former brought on Russia and Japan. The success of some robbers elicits the envy of others, and the prey seized becomes an object of dissension ruining the robbers themselves. Such is the case with dogs, so also is it with men who have descended to the level of animals. II[ edit ] Therefore it is that I now with fear and grief hear and see in your book the manifestation in China of the spirit of strife, of the desire to forcibly resist the atrocities committed by the European nations. Were this to be the case, were the Chinese people indeed to lose patience and, arming themselves according to the methods of Europeans, to expel from their midst all the European robbers " which task they could easily accomplish with their intelligence, persistence, and energy, and above all by reason of their great numbers " it would be dreadful. I think that in our time a great revulsion is taking place in the life of humanity, and that in this revulsion China, at the head of the Eastern nations, must play a grand part. Methinks the vocation of the Eastern nations, China, Persia, Turkey, India, Russia and perhaps Japan, if she is not yet completely enmeshed in the net of depraved European civilisation, " consists in indicating to all nations that true way towards freedom to which, as you say in your book, there is in the Chinese language no other word than Tao, " the Way, " i. Freedom according to the teaching of Jesus is realised in this same way. And it is this freedom, which Western nations have almost irrevocably lost, that the Eastern nations are methinks called to realise. My idea is this: From the most ancient times it has been the case that out of the midst of peaceful and laborious people there arose savage men who preferred violence to labour, and these savage and idle men attacked and compelled the peaceful ones to work for them. So it has been both in the West and in the East amongst all nations who lived the state life, and so it continued for ages and continues yet. But in olden times when conquerors seized vast populated spaces they could not do much harm to the subdued: Thus it was in the whole world, and so until quite latterly did it continue amongst the Eastern nations as well, and especially in the vast land of China. But such a situation could not and cannot continue, for two reasons: And the disadvantages in course of time become so heavy that the subdued feel impelled to alter in some way or another their relation to authority. The Western nations have long felt this necessity and have long since changed their attitude to power by the one means, common to all Western peoples " by the limitation of power through representatives, that is as a matter of fact by the spreading of power, by its transference from one or a few to the many. At the present time I think that the term has arrived for the Eastern nations also and for China similarly to realise all the evil of despotic power and to search for the means of liberation from it the present conditions of life having become unbearable. But I think that such a teaching is merely a justification of power, and as unsound as the teaching of Paul circulated amongst the European nations, which affirms that

the powers are of God. The Chinese people cannot know whether their Emperor is wise and virtuous, just as the Christian nations could not know whether our power was granted by God to this ruler and not to that other one who fought against him. And the Western nations have long ago made this alteration: All these nations have attained the period when they can no longer remain in their former attitude towards their rulers. As was correctly remarked by the Russian writer Gertzen: If Gengis Khans or men similar to them still exist in the East, it is clear that their hour has come and that they are the last. The Chinese people cannot but feel the necessity of changing its relation to power. This solution, which at first sight appears the simplest and most natural, is not only a superficial one, but very silly, and, according to all I know about China, it is altogether alien to the wise Chinese people. To organise such a Constitution, such an Army, perhaps, also, such a conscription, and such an industry as the Western nations have got, would mean to renounce all that by which the Chinese people have lived and are living, to renounce their past, to renounce their rational, peaceful, agricultural life, that life which constitutes the true and only way of Tao, not only for China, but for all mankind. Let us admit that, having introduced amongst themselves European institutions, the Chinese were to expel the Europeans and to have a Constitution, a powerful standing Army, and an industrial development similar to the European. Japan has done this, has introduced a Constitution and extended the Army and Fleet, and developed industry, and the result of all these inseparably interconnected measures is already obvious. The condition of its people more and more approaches the position of the European nations, and this position is extremely burdensome. But however dreadful this state of things may be, it does not constitute the essence of the calamity of the Western nations. Their chief and fundamental calamity is that the whole life of these nations who are unable to furnish themselves with food, is entirely based on the necessity of procuring means of sustenance by violence and cunning from other nations, who, like China, India, Russia and others, still preserve a rational agricultural life. And it is these parasitical nations and their activity that you are invited to imitate by the men of the Reform party! Constitutions, protective tariffs, standing armies, all this together has rendered the Western nations what they are – people who have abandoned agriculture and become unused to it, occupied in towns and factories in the production of articles for the most part unnecessary, people who with their armies are adapted only to every kind of violence and robbery. However brilliant their position may appear at first sight, it is a desperate one, and they must inevitably perish if they do not change the whole structure of their life, founded as it now is on deceit and the plunder and pillage of the agricultural nations. To imitate Western nations, being frightened by their insolence and power, would be the same as if a rational undepraved industrious man were to imitate a spendthrift insolent ruffian who has lost the habit of work and was assaulting him, i.e, in order to successfully oppose an immoral blackguard to become a similar immoral blackguard oneself. The Chinese should not imitate Western nations, but profit by their example in order to avoid falling into the same desperate straits. All that the Western nations are doing can and should be an example for the Eastern ones, – not, however, an example of what they should do, but of what they should not do under any consideration whatever. VII[ edit ] To follow the way of the Western nations means to go the way to certain ruin. But also to remain in the position in which the Russians in Russia, the Persians in Persia, the Turks in Turkey, and the Chinese in China are is also impossible. But for you, the Chinese, it is particularly obviously impossible, because you remaining with your love of peace in the position of a State without an army amidst armed States, which are unable to exist independently, will inevitably be subject to plunder and seizure which these States are compelled to have recourse to for their maintenance. What, then, is to be done? For us Russians I know, I most undoubtedly know, what we Russians should not do and what we should do in order to free ourselves from the evils from which we are suffering, and, not to fall into still worse ones. We Russians first of all should not obey the existing authorities, but we also should not do that which is being attempted amongst us by unenlightened people, as amongst you, by the party of reform, – we should not imitate the West: This for certain we should not do, because it would necessarily bring us to the same calamitous position in which the Western nations are placed. But we should and can do only one thing, and that the most simple: Only adhere to that liberty which consists in following the rational way of life, z. You will free yourselves from your officials by not fulfilling their demands, and, above all, by not obeying, you will cease to contribute to the oppression and plunder of each other. You will free yourselves from plunder

on the part of Europeans by keeping the Tao, and not recognising yourselves as belonging to any State, or as being responsible for the deeds committed by your Government. All the seizures and plunder you are subject to from European nations take place only because there exists a Government of which you recognise yourselves as subjects. If there were no Chinese Government, foreign nations would have no pretext, under guise of international relations, to commit their atrocities. And if, by refusing to obey your Government, you will cease to encourage foreign Powers in their acts of violence against you: VIII[ edit ] In order to free oneself from the evil one should not fight with its consequences: If the people recognise human power as higher than the power of God, higher than the law Tao , then the people will always be slaves and the more so the more complex their organisation of Power such as a constitutional one which they institute and to which they submit. Only those people can be free for whom the law of God Tao is the sole supreme law to which all others should be subordinated. As it happens with a man who has suddenly come to feel that he can no longer continue a childish life, so also in the life of nations there come periods when societies can no longer continue to live as they did, and they realise the necessity of changing their habits, their organisation and activity. And it is such a period of transition from childhood to manhood that, as it appears to me, all nations are now passing through, the Eastern as well as the Western. This transition consists in the necessity of freeing themselves from human authority which has become unbearable, and of the establishment of life on foundations other than human power. And this task is, I think, by historical fate predestined precisely to the Eastern nations. The Eastern nations are placed for this purpose in especially happy conditions, not having yet abandoned agriculture, not being yet depraved by military, constitutional and industrial life, and not having yet lost faith in the necessity of the supreme law of Heaven or God, they are standing at the parting of the ways from which the European nations have long ago turned, on to the false way in which liberation from human authority has become particularly difficult. And this plan of itself appeals to those who have not yet lost faith in the supreme, binding law of Heaven or God, the law of Tao. It consists merely in the following of this law which excludes the possibility of obeying human authority. If the Chinese people were only to continue to live, as they have formerly lived, a peaceful industrious agricultural life, following in their conduct the principles of their three religions: Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, all three in their basis coinciding: Confucianism in the liberation from all human authority, Taoism in not doing to others what one does not wish done to oneself, and Buddhism in love towards all men and all living beings, then of themselves would disappear all those calamities from which they now suffer, and no Powers could overcome them. The task which, according to my opinion, is now pending not only for China but for all the Eastern nations, does not merely consist in freeing themselves from the evils they suffer from their own Governments and foreign nations, but in pointing out to all nations the issue out of the transitory position in which they all are. And there is and can be no other issue than the liberation of oneself from human authority, and submission to the divine authority.

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Siddur and Jewish liturgy Piyyut Classical Jewish poetry Many traditional Jewish texts are available online in various Torah databases electronic versions of the Traditional Jewish Bookshelf. Many of these have advanced search options available. Jewish legal literature Main article: According to rabbinic tradition, there are commandments in the Torah. Some of these laws are directed only to men or to women, some only to the ancient priestly groups, the Kohanim and Leviyim members of the tribe of Levi , some only to farmers within the Land of Israel. Many laws were only applicable when the Temple in Jerusalem existed, and only of these commandments are still applicable today. These oral traditions were transmitted by the Pharisee school of thought of ancient Judaism and were later recorded in written form and expanded upon by the rabbis. The Oral law is the oral tradition as relayed by God to Moses and from him, transmitted and taught to the sages rabbinic leaders of each subsequent generation. For centuries, the Torah appeared only as a written text transmitted in parallel with the oral tradition. Fearing that the oral teachings might be forgotten, Rabbi Judah haNasi undertook the mission of consolidating the various opinions into one body of law which became known as the Mishnah. The commentaries from each of these communities were eventually compiled into the two Talmuds , the Jerusalem Talmud Talmud Yerushalmi and the Babylonian Talmud Talmud Bavli. These have been further expounded by commentaries of various Torah scholars during the ages. In the text of the Torah, many words are left undefined and many procedures are mentioned without explanation or instructions. Such phenomena are sometimes offered to validate the viewpoint that the Written Law has always been transmitted with a parallel oral tradition, illustrating the assumption that the reader is already familiar with the details from other, i. The Halakha has developed slowly, through a precedent-based system. The literature of questions to rabbis, and their considered answers, is referred to as responsa in Hebrew , Sheelot U-Teshuvot. Over time, as practices develop, codes of Jewish law are written that are based on the responsa; the most important code, the Shulchan Aruch , largely determines Orthodox religious practice today. Jewish philosophy Jewish philosophy refers to the conjunction between serious study of philosophy and Jewish theology. Major changes occurred in response to the Enlightenment late 18th to early 19th century leading to the post-Enlightenment Jewish philosophers. Modern Jewish philosophy consists of both Orthodox and non-Orthodox oriented philosophy. Soloveitchik , and Yitzchok Hutner. Rabbinic hermeneutics 13 Principles of Hermeneutics: A law that operates under certain conditions will surely be operative in other situations where the same conditions are present in a more acute form A law operating in one situation will also be operative in another situation if the text characterizes both situations in identical terms. A law that clearly expresses the purpose it was meant to serve will also apply to other situations where the identical purpose may be served. When a general rule is followed by illustrative particulars, only those particulars are to be embraced by it. A law that begins with specifying particular cases, and then proceeds to an all-embracing generalization, is to be applied to particulars cases not specified but logically falling into the same generalization. A law that begins with a generalization as to its intended applications, then continues with the specification of particular cases, and then concludes with a restatement of the generalization, can be applied only to the particular cases specified. The rules about a generalization being followed or preceded by specifying particulars rules 4 and 5 will not apply if it is apparent that the specification of the particular cases or the statement of the generalization is meant purely for achieving a greater clarity of language. A particular case already covered in a generalization that is nevertheless treated separately suggests that the same particularized treatment be applied to all other cases which are covered in that generalization. A penalty specified for a general category of wrongdoing is not to be automatically applied to a particular case that is withdrawn from the general rule to be specifically prohibited, but without any mention of the penalty. A general prohibition followed by a specified penalty may be followed by a particular case, normally included in the generalization, with a modification in the penalty, either toward easing it or making it more severe. A case logically falling into a general law but treated separately remains outside the provisions of the general law except in those instances where it is specifically

included in them. Obscurities in Biblical texts may be cleared up from the immediate context or from subsequently occurring passages. Contradictions in Biblical passages may be removed through the mediation of other passages. Ishmael [60] Orthodox and many other Jews do not believe that the revealed Torah consists solely of its written contents, but of its interpretations as well. The study of Torah in its widest sense, to include both poetry, narrative, and law, and both the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud is in Judaism itself a sacred act of central importance. According to the Talmud, These are the things for which a person enjoys the dividends in this world while the principal remains for the person to enjoy in the world to come; they are: But the study of the Torah is equal to them all. In Judaism, "the study of Torah can be a means of experiencing God". It is a most serious and substantive effort to locate in trivialities the fundamental principles of the revealed will of God to guide and sanctify the most specific and concrete actions in the workaday world Here is the mystery of Talmudic Judaism: In the study of Torah, the sages formulated and followed various logical and hermeneutical principles. According to David Stern, all Rabbinic hermeneutics rest on two basic axioms: According to the Talmud, A single verse has several meanings, but no two verses hold the same meaning. It was taught in the school of R. Just as this hammer produces many sparks when it strikes the rock, so a single verse has several meanings. Observant Jews thus view the Torah as dynamic, because it contains within it a host of interpretations [64] According to Rabbinic tradition, all valid interpretations of the written Torah were revealed to Moses at Sinai in oral form, and handed down from teacher to pupil. The oral revelation is in effect coextensive with the Talmud itself. When different rabbis forwarded conflicting interpretations, they sometimes appealed to hermeneutic principles to legitimize their arguments; some rabbis claim that these principles were themselves revealed by God to Moses at Sinai. Ishmael, thirteen baraita at the beginning of Sifra; this collection is largely an amplification of that of Hillel. Jose ha-Gelili listed 32, largely used for the exegesis of narrative elements of Torah. All the hermeneutic rules scattered through the Talmudim and Midrashim have been collected by Malbim in *Ayyelet ha-Shachar*, the introduction to his commentary on the Sifra. The conflict between iudaismos and hellenismos lay behind the Maccabean revolt and hence the invention of the term iudaismos. Cohen writes in his book *The Beginnings of Jewishness*: It means rather "the aggregate of all those characteristics that makes Judaeans Judaeans or Jews Jewish. During this time, Jews experienced slavery, anarchic and theocratic self-government, conquest, occupation, and exile. In the Diaspora, they were in contact with, and influenced by, ancient Egyptian, Babylonian, Persian, and Hellenic cultures, as well as modern movements such as the Enlightenment see *Haskalah* and the rise of nationalism, which would bear fruit in the form of a Jewish state in their ancient homeland, the Land of Israel. They also saw an elite population convert to Judaism the Khazars, only to disappear as the centers of power in the lands once occupied by that elite fell to the people of Rus and then the Mongols. Who is a Jew? According to Rabbinic Judaism, a Jew is anyone who was either born of a Jewish mother or who converted to Judaism in accordance with Jewish Law. Reconstructionist Judaism and the larger denominations of worldwide Progressive Judaism also known as Liberal or Reform Judaism accept the child as Jewish if one of the parents is Jewish, if the parents raise the child with a Jewish identity, but not the smaller regional branches. The conversion process is evaluated by an authority, and the convert is examined on his or her sincerity and knowledge. Conversions have on occasion been overturned. Thus a Jew who claims to be an atheist or converts to another religion is still considered by traditional Judaism to be Jewish. According to some sources, the Reform movement has maintained that a Jew who has converted to another religion is no longer a Jew, [83] [84] and the Israeli Government has also taken that stance after Supreme Court cases and statutes. For example, Jews who have converted under duress may be permitted to return to Judaism "without any action on their part but their desire to rejoin the Jewish community" and "A proselyte who has become an apostate remains, nevertheless, a Jew". Although a minority of modern Karaites believe that Jewish identity requires that both parents be Jewish, and not only the father. They argue that only patrilineal descent can transmit Jewish identity on the grounds that all descent in the Torah went according to the male line. This is still not settled, and occasionally resurfaces in Israeli politics. Historical definitions of Jewish identity have traditionally been based on halakhic definitions of matrilineal descent, and halakhic conversions. Interpretations of sections of the Tanakh, such as Deuteronomy 7: Jewish population by country The total

number of Jews worldwide is difficult to assess because the definition of "who is a Jew" is problematic; not all Jews identify themselves as Jewish, and some who identify as Jewish are not considered so by other Jews. According to the Jewish Year Book , the global Jewish population in was around 11 million. In , according to the Jewish Population Survey, there were The Jewish Year Calendar cites Jewish population growth is currently near zero percent, with 0. Jewish religious movements Main article:

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