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When it comes to "Whistleblowers'—you don't talk about their message—you do everything you can to destroy the messenger." (Stephanie Gibaud). Without the messenger the message can be meritoriously ignored by the corrupt people who would otherwise be exposed. A very good example is the following account of Stephanie Gibaud... It is well worth watching—you will get some insight into what whistleblowers (prophets) face and go through today.

<u>See 'UBS's (United Bank of Switzerland) French whistleblower Stephanie Gibaud exposes</u>
<u>worldwide banking fraud | The Chris Hedges Report French Banker Woman's Story' on Chris Hedges program:</u> or copy and paste the following in to your browser
https://youtu.be/InbfRHM6tIY?si=vhRpUkFZO61h54DR

Now let's look at the 'Godly' analysis and meaning of a 'prophet' from our Heavenly Father's perspective. He has clearly upraised many whistleblowers over several millennia and He hasn't finished yet!

Prophet

*(Heb. nabi, from a root meaning "to bubble forth, as from a fountain," hence "to utter," comp.) #Ps 45:1 This Hebrew word is the first and the most generally used for a prophet. In the time of Samuel another word, _ro'eh_, "seer," began to be used #1Sa 9:9 It occurs seven times in reference to Samuel. Afterwards another word, _hozeh_, "seer" #2Sa 24:11 was employed. In #1Ch 29:29 all these three words are used: "Samuel the seer (ro'eh), Nathan the prophet (nabi'), Gad the seer" (hozeh). In #Jos 13:22 Balaam is called (Heb.) a _kosem_ "diviner," a word used only of a false prophet.

The "prophet" proclaimed the message given to him, as the "seer" beheld the vision of God. (See) #Nu 12:6,8 Thus a prophet was a spokesman for God; he spake in God's name and by his authority #Ex 7:1 He is the mouth by which God speaks to men #Jer 1:9 Isa 51:16 and hence what the prophet says is not of man but of God #2Pe 1:20, 21 comp. #Heb 3:7 Ac 4:25 Ac 28:25 Prophets were the immediate organs of God for the communication of his mind and will to men #De 18:18,19 The whole Word of God may in this general sense be spoken of as prophetic, inasmuch as it was written by men who received the revelation they communicated from God, no matter what its nature might



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be. The foretelling of future events was not a necessary measure but only an incidental part of the prophetic office.

The great task assigned to the prophets whom God raised up among the people was "to correct moral and religious abuses, to proclaim the great moral and religious truths which are connected with the character of God, and which lie at the foundation of his government." Any one being a spokesman for God to man might thus be called a prophet. Thus Enoch, Abraham, and the patriarchs, as bearers of God's message #Ge 20:7 Ex 7:1 Ps 105:15 as also Moses #De 18:15 34:10 Ho 12:13 are ranked among the prophets. The seventy elders of Israel #Nu 11:16-29 "when the spirit rested upon them, prophesied"; Asaph and Jeduthun "prophesied with a harp" #1Ch 25:3 Miriam and Deborah were prophetesses #Ex 15:20 Jud 4:4 The title thus has a general application to all who have messages from God to men. But while the prophetic gift was thus exercised from the beginning, the prophetical order as such began with Samuel. Colleges, "schools of the prophets," were instituted for the training of prophets, who were constituted, a distinct order #1Sa 19:18-24 2Ki 2:3,15 4:38 which continued to the close of the Old Testament. Such "schools" were established at Ramah, Bethel, Gilgal, Gibeah, and Jericho. The "sons" or "disciples" of the prophets were young men #2Ki 5:22 9:1,4 who lived together at these different "schools" #2Ki 4:38-41

These young men were taught not only the rudiments of secular knowledge, but they were brought up to exercise the office of prophet, "to preach pure morality and the heart-felt worship of Jehovah, and to act along and co-ordinately with the priesthood and monarchy in guiding the state aright and checking all attempts at illegality and tyranny." In New Testament times the prophetical office was continued. Our Lord is frequently spoken of as a prophet #Lu 13:33 24:19 He was and is the great Prophet of the Church. There was also in the Church a distinct order of prophets #1Co 12:28 Eph 2:20 3:5 who made new revelations from God. They differed from the "teacher," whose office it was to impart truths already revealed. Of the Old Testament prophets there are sixteen, whose prophecies form part of the inspired canon. These are divided into four groups:

- 1. The prophets of the northern kingdom (Israel), viz., Hosea, Amos, Joel, Jonah.
- 2. The prophets of Judah, viz., Isaiah, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah.
- 3. The prophets of Captivity, viz., Ezekiel and Daniel.
- 4. The prophets of the Restoration, viz., Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

See Easton on PROPHECY 3005 (*above source: Bible Online)

Jesus is the prime example for both old and new testaments.

Everyone loved him until he opened His mouth and began to speak by the Spirit of God! Why didn't He just continue to be a respected carpenter building exotic kitchen cabinets and beautiful bedroom



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furniture everybody loved? But no! He gave that up and at around 30 years of age started out being God the Father's whistleblower (prophet) on the corruption and shenanigans of Israel's Lawyers, Scribes and Pharisees, including the Priests and their merchandising of birds and animals and icons of worship in the 'House of Prayer' for profit—calling the prayer house a 'den of thieves'.

Of course if he'd kept his mouth shut and joined them in their moneymaking schemes he could have perhaps become very rich like so many do today, since His heavenly Father owned the temple, but then we most probably would never had heard of him as all of them were God's children—God's expressly favoured and explicitly chosen ones we are told—uh oh! But we did hear of Him as He made a whip and began to beat them up, turning over their money tables chasing them with their merchandise out of the temple—yelling after them "My Father built this to be a 'house of prayer' for all nations, but you have turned it into a 'den of thieves'!"

The Father sent the heir of all things to blow the whistle! Did they listen to him? No they went out of their way to silence Him! They reset the temple up again into a market enterprise as fast as they could, so Jesus came back and did it a second time—this is the second warning! Does anyone learn anything from these warnings? Only the whistleblower it seems! The very one who exposes corruption becomes the accused, is condemned, persecuted, and where necessary prosecuted, convicted of causing malfeasant prejudice, jailed or killed. Yes—the exposer becomes the accused!

The fastest way to shut up a prophet (whistleblower) is to take away their opportunity to speak—to also forbid them to talk to anyone in their congregation, institution or business group or use outside media as it may cause confusion and inhibit the growth, development and profit of the business, church or institution by exposing error, corrupt traditions and any malfeasance—conflicts of truth. This is the most common form of 'excommunication'. If this doesn't work it will be followed by exclusion of meetings and other functions. If that doesn't work then it will be followed by personal jail time i.e. no one will be permitted to speak to you by the authorities without also being accused of collaboration with the exposer—whistleblower. If that doesn't work then it will be followed by death i.e. you will be treated by all people as though you are dead or don't exist—watch Stephanie Gibaud's story for an example if you haven't already done so.

They hated Jesus after this and so this hatred of Him set up the process of His crucifixion. Anyone exposing Israel's corruption cannot be their Messiah becomes the mandate of the accusers of Jesus. It hasn't changed to this day. Every whistleblower is a type of 'messiah' endeavoring to save the corrupt people from their sins in order to establish righteousness i.e. right doing for everyone's sake among the nations as a 'house of prayer'—exhortation to righteousness whether in government, business or religion!

Mk 11: 15-19 They arrived in Jerusalem. Jesus went into the temple and started throwing out the people who were buying and selling there. He overturned the money changers' tables as well as the



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benches of anyone who was selling doves. He wouldn't let anyone carry merchandise through the temple. He lectured them, "Hasn't it been written that, 'My house will be known as a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a hangout for thieves!" The chief priests and the Bible scholars heard about it and started looking for a way to kill him. This was because they were afraid of him, as the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. When evening came, they left the city.

In 2: 13-17 When the Jewish Passover was approaching, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found dealers in cattle, sheep and doves in the temple, as well as currency changers sitting at other tables. He made a whip out of cords, and chased them all from the temple area, including all the sheep and cattle. He tipped out the currency changers' coins and overturned their tables.

"Get them out of here!" he said to the dove dealers. "Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that the Scripture said, "Passion for your house will consume me!" 18-22 Certain Jews asked him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to account for your actions?" "Destroy this temple, and in three days I'll raise it up!" Jesus answered. Certain Jews responded, "It has taken 46 years to build this temple — you're saying you're going to raise it up in three days?" However, the temple Jesus had spoken about was his body. After he was raised from among the dead, his disciples remembered what he had started to say. Then they believed the Scripture and the Word that Jesus had spoken.

23-25 Now while Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs that he did and gave their allegiance to him. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them because he knew about everyone. Jesus did not need anyone's evidence about humanity, as he already knew what humanity was like.

Corrupt people and people knowingly promoting error or lies for personal gain or profit hate whistleblowers. Jesus put Himself among the prophets (whistleblowers) of old: *Mt 21: 33-41 "Listen*to another example. There was a certain person, a landowner, who planted a vineyard and put a
hedge around it, dug a wine press in it and built a tower. He leased it out to farmers and set out on a
journey. When vintage time got close, he sent his slave servants to the farmers to collect its fruit. The
farmers grabbed his slave servants, beat one, killed one and stoned another.

"Next he sent other slave servants, more than the first, and they did the same to them. Last of all he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son!' he said to himself. "But when the farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir! Come on, let's kill him and get the inheritance!' "They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard and murdered him. So then, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what's he going to do to those farmers?"

They answered, "He will see to it that those bad people have a horrible death. Then he will lease the vineyard to other farmers who will give him his share of each harvest."

42-43 Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, Has become the cornerstone; This was done by the Lord And it is wonderful to see!" "This is



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why I say to you that Heaven's Realm will be taken from you and given to a nation that will benefit from it."

45-46 Upon hearing his examples, the chief priests and Pharisees realized he was talking about them. They fully intended to arrest him, but they weren't able to carry it out. They were afraid of the crowds' reaction, as the crowds took him for a prophet i.e. whistleblower!

Look at what else He said: Lu 11: 37-41 When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to lunch. He went along and sat down for lunch. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus didn't wash in the ritual way before dinner. The Lord said to him, "As a matter of fact you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You silly twits! Didn't God make the inside as well as the outside! However, as for what is inside, if you would give charitable gifts you would be clean all over!"

42-44 "Woe to you, Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of herbs, but you forget about justice and you forget to love God. You should have done this, without forgetting the rest of it. "Woe to you Pharisees! You love the best seats in the synagogues and you like to be greeted with honour in the marketplaces. "Woe to you! You are like unmarked graves that people walk over without noticing."

45-52 One of the experts in the Law of Moses complained, "Teacher, when you say all this, you're insulting us, too." Jesus replied, "And all you experts in the Law of Moses, woe to you, because you impose burdens on people. They can't carry them, and you yourselves don't even lift a finger to help them! "Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them! So this means that you approve of what your ancestors did - you built tombs for the prophets that your ancestors killed! This is why God in his wisdom said, 'I will send prophets and apostles to them - they will kill some of them, and persecute some others!' "So this people group will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this people group will be held responsible for all of it.

"Woe to you experts in the Law because you have taken away the key to the door of knowledge. You yourselves didn't go in, and you have stopped people who were trying to enter!" 53-54 After Jesus left the house, the Bible scholars and the Pharisees held a terrible grudge and questioned him about lots of things, trying to catch him out on something he said.

Lk 13: 31-35 At that time some Pharisees came up to Jesus and said, "You'd better get away from here and go somewhere else - Herod wants to kill you!" He answered, "Go and tell that fox, 'I am to drive out demons and perform instant divine healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I am to be completed.'

"In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day – Jerusalem's the place where all the prophets die! Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

You've killed the prophets and stoned the ones I sent to you! I've often wanted to gather up your people, just like a hen gathers up her chicks under her wings - but you wouldn't let me! Your temple



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will be deserted! You won't see me again until you say, 'Happy is the one who is coming in the Name of the Lord.'"

Then look at Stephen's testimony and whistleblowing in Acts 7 & 8. 7:51-53 "You stubborn lot, your minds and hearing are uncircumcised! (natural not spiritual). You always resist the Holy Spirit. This is what your ancestors did, and you are doing exactly the same thing! Was there even one single prophet whom your ancestors didn't prosecute? And your ancestors killed the prophets who foretold the coming of the Just One — and now you have become his betrayers and murderers! Yes, you, you who received the Law when the Messengers established it! And you haven't kept the Law!" 54-56 When they heard this they were absolutely infuriated, and ground their teeth in rage. Stephen, as he was full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw God's glory, and Jesus standing at God's right side. He said, "Look! I see the heavenly places opened and the Human Being standing at God's right side!"

57-60. Ch.8:1-2 They shouted out with loud voices, covered their ears, and rushed at him in unity. They threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put their coats down at the feet of a young man named Saul. They stoned Stephen as he was calling upon the Lord, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

He fell on his knees and shouted loudly, "Lord, don't charge them with this sin!" And when he had said this, he fell asleep. Saul was in entire agreement with his killing. This is the same Saul who was later apprehended by Jesus on the road to Damascus to become an apostle (a 'sent one' a 'whistleblower') to the gentile nations.

Jesus testimony to John: Rev 18: 21-24 And a strong Messenger picked up a boulder the size of a huge millstone and threw it into the sea. ('sea' here represents 'people') He said, 'With a sudden onslaught

Babylon the great city will be thrown down,

no longer to be found.

The music of harpists, musicians,

flute players and trumpeters

will no longer be heard in you!

No craftspeople of any trade

will be found in you any longer!

The sound of a millstone

will never be heard in you again!

The light of a lamp

will never shine in you again!

The voice of a bridegroom and bride

will never be heard in you again!

Your merchants were the world's magnates.



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By your sorcery all the nations were led astray.

In Babylon was found the blood of the prophets and the people
devoted to God and all who have been killed on the earth." (This is a picture of the end of the natural
man and the natural realm. See also 1 Co 15)

Babylon is the megacity of the whole natural world from the beginning of time. God has sent His whistleblowers to call His children out of Babylon.

Rev Ch.18 After this I saw another Messenger coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was brightly lit up by his splendor. (This is a picture of Jesus)

2-3 He shouted in a strong voice, "Fallen! Mighty Babylon has fallen! She has become a home for demons and a prison for every unclean spirit and a prison for every unclean and detestable bird and a prison for every unclean creature. Because all the nations have drunk the wine of the rage of her idolatry and the kings of the earth committed idolatry with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her revelling."

4-8 **And I heard another voice from heaven say**, "Come away from her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not share in her plagues, because her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Treat her as she has treated others, pay her back double for what she has done.

Mix her a double portion from her own cup. Give her as much torture and misery as the honour and revelling she gave herself.

She says in her heart, 'I sit enthroned as a queen: I am not a widow and I most certainly will never see misery.' For this reason her plagues will arrive in a single day - death, misery and famine.

She will be burnt up by fire, because the Lord God who judged her is strong."

Pray for all 'whistleblowers'! Without them you may not hear the call in order to have the way to be delivered from the tyranny of corruption, its perishability, its mortality with its impending judgment in the lake of fire—the second death Jesus talks to John about 4 or 5 times in the book of Revelation.

Your brother in Christ the light of the world, Pastor John