WHEN I SAY UNTO YOU

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I am Zulf, and I am learning to be much more precise in my use of language. I am not a lawyer, and so my precise use of language does require some clarification because you cannot consult legal precedents to decipher some of it and often I have precision in my language that is better to explicate explicitly.

When I use "I say unto you" I am not using it as rhetorical flourish, or in imitation of Biblical speech. It is in fact exactly the *same* as some Biblical speech. But I am saying them and not Biblical historical people. I mean something fairly precise when I say unto you. I mean that I am putting my own honour and self and all that I am willing to risk and give you my word that what I say you should accept as truth with the provision that if you should find that I have spoken falsely what I say unto you that you should distrust me and disbelieve my further words and denigrate my honour.

In other words, when I use the phrase, it is a shorthand for "I stake my honour on the following thing I will say and please feel free to punish me with your negative trust levels for my further words if you should find that I have lied to you and please feel free to seek alternative views but I am confident that I am speaking truth to you." In other words, the short "I say unto you" is actually a contraction of a complex pronouncement.

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