

JEHOVAH UNMASKED!

The True Identity of the
Bible-God Revealed

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INTRODUCTION

This book is not merely an impersonal investigation into the Bible. Rather, it's an account of my own inward journey from the darkness of Fundamentalism to the Light of Gnosis. My experience of spiritual darkness began when I became involved in the Jehovah's Witnesses sect at the age of fifteen, and remained involved, off and on, for over four years. Never has there been a more disturbed, Orwellian, mentally and spiritually oppressed group of people on this planet. Their teachings and their practices destroyed my inner life. The Jehovah's Witnesses dis-fellowshipped me early in my nineteenth year of life because belief in their insane god drove me to the brink of insanity. As I write this, I am fifty-three years old. It has been thirty-four years since the Watchtower Society shunned me, and I am glad for every moment of freedom from Watchtower slavery that I have enjoyed.

However, after being shunned by the Witnesses, I became involved in mainstream Christianity via the "Jesus Movement" that began in the late sixties. It was a time when many hippies and other young people were turning off to drugs and "turning on to Jesus." I was among them. I was "born again" on May 4th of 1973 shortly before my twentieth birthday. (I was ordained to the ministry at Grace Baptist Church on May 4th, 1980 in Inkster, Michigan. The Evangelical Church Alliance did the honors) Though the JW's are incredibly negative, at least they do not teach that unbelievers will suffer roasting for eternity in a hell of fire. However, Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Evangelical, Fundamentalist, Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians do teach such a hideous, evil doctrine. After fifteen years as a mainstream Christian, I abandoned the Bible and Christianity as absurd and insulting to my intellectual and spiritual sensitivities. I em-

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braced Buddhism because of its calm clear rationality.

I have been meditating since the age of twenty, so meditation was not new to me when I became a Buddhist. However, Buddhism deepened and strengthened my practice, and for twelve years I remained a devout Buddhist. I even became a Buddhist priest in the Hongaku Jodo sect of Shin Buddhism on December 3, 2001. During the entire time I was a Buddhist I felt something was missing, and I felt alienated from my own culture and from my ancestors. I am a descendent of Saint John Thwing on my mother's side of the family. (He was born in 1319 near Yorkshire England, and died in 1379. He was canonized by Pope Boniface IX in 1401, and is the patron saint of women in labor) Yet, I knew too much about the Bible and Christian history to ever become a mainstream Christian again.

I was also growing disillusioned with Buddhism because of "Anatman," a doctrine that means we possess no self, no spirit, no soul, but are merely biological machines composed of five "skandas" nothing more. Such a view is contrary to my own spiritual experiences. Ever since I was a boy I have had encounters with the spirits of my deceased family members. As a Jehovah's Witness and mainstream Christian, I had explained these encounters away as "demonic activity," and as a Buddhist they simply did not fit. Then I had a profound out of body experience that convinced me we do have a spirit that survives bodily death, and I know deep inside that my experiences are real.

My meditation experience also led me to the deep conviction that many levels of divinity exist, as well as many levels of existence. The conviction also began to grow in me that the universe is fundamentally flawed, and that a malevolent intelligence or intelligences lurk behind the flawed nature of the cosmos. I began to realize I couldn't find God in nature, but beyond nature, and deep within my own being. Unknown to myself, I was fast becoming

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a Gnostic. When many of these realizations came to full bloom within me, it was then that a highly intelligent Gnostic friend named Robert Brian Hitchcock guided me further in my understanding. The interpretation of the Bible you find here then fell into place and poured forth from my inner self. Before long I realized I am a Gnostic Christian. I am now at Home, spiritually, though I remain a pilgrim and stranger in this world. *Hebrews 11:13*.

I invite the reader to reconsider your own spiritual heritage. That is, if you come from a Christian background and have become disaffected due to the negative views of God you have imbibed. There is no reason to jettison your culture and embrace foreign religions to find spiritual Reality. Gnostic Christianity is the inward, esoteric, mystical spirituality that so many Westerners are seeking in Far Eastern religions. You can find spiritual Reality in the midst of Christianity. You can become yourself a Christ, for that was and is the original intent and purpose of Christianity: "The disciple is not above his Teacher: but *everyone when he is perfected shall be as his Teacher.*" *Luke 6:40, American Standard Version of 1901, emphasis mine.*

"Jesus said, 'whoever drinks from my mouth will become as I am, and I shall become as he, and everything hidden will be revealed for him.' "*From the Gospel of Thomas.* Or, as the apostle Paul prayed, that the people of God would grow "unto the measure of the stature of the Fullness (Greek: Pleroma, see Strong's Greek Lexicon #4138) of Christ...that ye may be filled with all the Fullness of God." *Ephesians 4:13, 3:19 American Standard Version of 1901.* **Please note: The intelligent layperson with an interest in Gnosticism, the Bible, church history, or the Jehovah's Witnesses is the intended audience for this book.** *Also be aware that the Gnostic material herein is written for beginners.* Jehovah Unmasked is not a dry tome addressed to scholars. This book gives you the most important Key to understanding the Bible, which is the Key of Gnosis, the very Key that Jesus spoke of in Luke

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11:52. What will your reaction be? Stunned acceptance and illumination, or outright rejection of the truths you have discovered? The choice is yours. The Key is in your hands. Proceed. You will never view the Bible in the same way again.

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Chapter One

The Christian Conundrum

Does the Bible really say there is only one God? Or does it say that many gods exist? Did Almighty God really create this material world? Or perhaps another, lesser god, created this material world? These are important questions, because the God of whom Jesus Christ spoke is a gentle, loving Heavenly Father. Yet, the universe is overflowing with evil, cruelty, agony and death. How can one reconcile the reality of evil, cruelty, agony and death with the theory of a loving Heavenly Father? For, as countless thinkers have pointed out: If God is all-powerful, then God is not all good. If God is all good, then God is not all-powerful. Either God wants to eliminate evil but is not powerful enough, or God is powerful enough to eliminate evil but does not want to do so.

In other words, an all-good God would not make a universe brimming with evil, pain, violence, suffering, misery and death. An all-powerful God might do so, but such a God would not be all good. Mainstream Christians have danced around this issue for two thousand years but none of them have given a satisfactory answer to the Problem of Evil. Their "answers" have taken the form of mental gymnastics, verbal contortions, special pleading, misdirection, "smoke and mirrors." However, there is a very ancient and wise solution to this dilemma. The earliest Christians held this Key, this solution, and immediately realized and adopted it because of their unshakable Knowing (Greek: Gnosis, pronounced KNOW-sis) of an all-good Heavenly Father. Gnostic is the name whereby the early Christians who

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held this Key were known. The reason? Gnosis means *to Know* God as opposed to merely *believing in* God. The Catholic Church later rejected this Key of Gnosis.

It is important to understand *how* and from *what source* the New Testament acquired its present form and "authority." Western civilization, consciously and unconsciously, has been deeply affected by the New Testament. If we can discover the actual *historical* origins of the New Testament --rather than unfounded fundamentalist fantasies that require a leap of faith--we will discover why the history of Christianity is *anything but* the loving peaceful history of a people actually obeying and following Jesus. We will discover why Christian history is an ugly tale of violence, war, torture, murder, oppression, savagery, ignorance, greed, madness, extremism, superstition, fear, injustice and collective schizophrenia. We will see the god of Christianity, Jehovah, exposed for who and what it really is and where it came from. We will then be in a position to solve the riddle of the problem of evil. So, we will now take a few moments to trace the development of the New Testament "canon," the official list of books, so that we might begin to trace the origins of the Christian god.

Until around 367 AD, roughly twice the number of sacred writings were being circulated among Christians than were finally canonized as the "New Testament!" 367 AD is when "Saint" Athanasius--*the Byzantine Catholic Bishop of Alexandria*--began to review these materials in an attempt to determine which should be granted official Catholic approval. *Until "Saint" Athanasius, Christians had accepted only the Hebrew Bible as Scripture. All other books were viewed as mere "expressions of faith" not as sources of doctrine.* The Roman Empire needed religious unity to ensure political unity. So, canonization was militarily imposed via a number of Catholic councils convened for that purpose. With the power of the Roman Empire behind it through Constantine, the Catholic Church forced those who held the Key

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of Gnosis to conform to the Catholic Church or die. This resulted in their scriptures being seized and burned. Thereafter, only writings bearing the official approval of the Catholic Church were allowed.

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The New Testament Mutates And Evolves

The fact that Catholic Church leaders in both its Roman and Byzantine halves *selected by vote* which books would become the New Testament, will come as a shock to many Protestant, Evangelical, and Fundamentalist Christians. (For the purposes of this book, "Fundamentalist" means someone who believes the Bible is inerrant and infallible in the original autograph manuscripts. That it is wholly the work and word of God, the Truth in all it affirms) Most give no thought as to *who said* the New Testament books are the *right* books. Nor do they even ask if perhaps some of the *right* books *were left out* of the canon. All mainstream Christians of the western world, whether Protestant, Evangelical, Fundamentalist, Pentecostal or Charismatic, share the same canon of New Testament books selected and approved *by the Catholic Church*. They use the Catholic New Testament whether they are Catholic or not. I am not referring to the Latin Vulgate, but to the canon of the New Testament itself, the list of New Testament books.

The New Testament did not drop out of the sky. Most Evangelicals and Fundamentalists know that, but they *treat* the New Testament as though it *did* drop out of the sky. Nor did the New Testament canon, the official list of books, pop into existence in an historical vacuum. Most Protestants, Evangelicals, and Fundamentalists, though, are willfully ignorant of the historically verifiable process by which the books were selected. Although most non-Catholics have a vague unspoken notion that "spiritual

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osmosis" is how the New Testament books were selected, that is demonstrably untrue. Finally, the Bible lacks a divinely inspired table of contents. However, Evangelicals and Fundamentalists unthinkingly take it for granted that the New Testament does have a table of contents inspired by God.

The truth of the matter is that the current New Testament books made their way into the canon after a period of about four hundred years. During that time the Catholic Church held a number of councils in both the Eastern (Byzantine) and Western (Roman) halves of the Empire. These councils were convened to decide, *by vote*, which of the dozens of gospels and epistles available to the church hierarchy would be regarded as Scripture.

There was very little agreement among Christians and their leaders for hundreds of years as to which Christian writings are "scripture" and which are not. For example, the books of *Hebrews*, *James*, *Philippians 1 and 2*, *Thessalonians 1 and 2*, *Peter*, *Jude*, *the Gospel of John*, *2 and 3 John*, and *Revelation* were long rejected and deemed spurious. *The Gospel of John* and *Epistles of John* were disputed because they were too Gnostic for many Catholics, *Revelation* because it was too weird. In fact, during the first four hundred years of Christianity, every book now contained in the New Testament was considered either heretical or a forgery at one time or another by some segment of the Christian church.

In addition, the Catholic Church considered a vast number of other books as Divinely inspired, but later rejected many of those books. A mere handful of these are: the seven *Letters of Bishop Ignatius*, *the First and Second Epistles of Clement to the Romans*, *the Epistle of Barnabas*, *the Shepherd of Hermas*, *the Teaching of the Twelve (the Didache)*, *the Epistle of Polycarp*, *the Acts of Paul*, *the Apocalypse of Peter*, *the Gospel of Peter*, *the Gospel of the Hebrews*, *the Gospel of Matthias*, *the Acts of Andrew*, *Paul's First Epistle to the Colossians*, *Paul's Epistle to the Laodiceans*, and many others. Some of the

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books mentioned above, that once enjoyed status as Divinely inspired, are still in existence. Others have disappeared completely, and are only known by historical references to them. Penguin Books publishes an excellent paperback edition of a number of these books, titled *Early Christian Writings*.

The first official church council that was held to attempt a settlement of the question of the contents of the New Testament was the Catholic Council of Laodicea, located in Asia Minor, in 363 AD. This was hundreds of years after the time of Christ. Over a hundred years longer than the United States has existed as a nation. It is as if the United States had declared its independence from Great Britain in 1776, but did not get around to ratifying the Declaration until the year 2139. Those who attended this council consisted of thirty Catholic bishops. Their official Catholic pronouncement decreed that no non-canonical books or privately written psalms can be read in the Catholic church, but only canonical books of the Old and New Testaments. The list of books they give is the same as modern Bibles, except it leaves out the book of Revelation. See *The Canon of the New Testament: It's Origin, Development, and Significance*, by Bruce Metzger, published by Clarendon in 1987.

However, the Catholic laypeople did not universally accept the decision of this Catholic council, nor did any other Christians, and the dispute continued. There continued to be official Catholic Church councils held to decide this issue, such as the Council of Hippo in 393 AD, the Council of Carthage in 397 AD, and the Trullian Council in 692 AD. Somewhere in this time frame the Catholic Church finally settled on which books it would and would not accept. Scholars debate and quibble as to which exact Catholic council settled the issue once and for all. Athanasius--*the Catholic Bishop of Alexandria*--in 367 AD listed the books of the NT as we have them today.

However, to this day, various Eastern Catholic

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Churches, such as the Coptic Church, the Ethiopians, the Armenians and Syrians, all have different New Testaments than the Roman church, and from each other. The Armenian New Testament contains the book of *Third Corinthians*, the Syrian Orthodox New Testament lacks *2 and 3 John*, *2 Peter*, *Jude* and *Revelation*, and the Coptic New Testament includes *First and Second Clement*. The Ethiopian Orthodox New Testament contains the *letter of Clement* and four unique books found nowhere else: *the Sinodos*, *the Octateuch*, *the Didascalia*, and *the Book of the Covenant*.

How can an arbitrary voting process by a cabal of Catholic clergyman be regarded in any sense as definitive, let alone "inspired by God?" How could a conclave of Catholic clerics "infallibly decide" that some books belong in the New Testament while others do not belong? The fact is that many of the excluded books possess as much or more valid of a claim to historical veracity as the books that were included. This should cause the reader to doubt the decisions of the Catholic councils. One can accept the current canon of New Testament books as authoritative and reflecting the will of God *only* if one is willing to accept the Catholic Church, either Roman or Byzantine, as authoritative and reflecting the will of God.

The fact is that the New Testament owes its current canon of books to the decisions of the Catholic Church. That fact should cause all non-Catholic Christians to reconsider their blind unquestioning acceptance of the books of the New Testament, especially since the current crop of New Testament books suffered editing and alteration at the hands of the Catholic Church. Writing in the third century, Origen laments the fact that the manuscripts of the New Testament continued being altered even in his day. "It is an obvious fact today that there is much diversity among the manuscripts, due to either the carelessness of the scribes, or the perverse audacity of some people in correcting the texts. Or again due to the fact that there are those who *add* and *delete* as they please,

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setting themselves up as correctors." *De Principii section three and Commentary on Matthew*. Also, Eusebius, a fourth century church historian, quotes a second century "church father" who wrote shortly after the death of the apostle John: "Small wonder, then, if some have dared to tamper even with the word of the Lord Himself." *Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, 4.23*.

To eliminate the "heresy" of Adoptionism (the teaching that the man Jesus became the Christ on the day of his baptism, the day the Most High God "adopted" him), Mark 1:11 was changed from "This day I have begotten you" to "In whom I am well pleased." We know that it was changed because Justin Martyr in his book *Dialogue With Trypho The Jew* (written about 160 AD) quotes this verse as "Today I have begotten you" *not* "In whom I am well pleased." Also, in Saint Augustine's book *Reply To Faustus The Manichean*, written about 400 AD, Augustine quotes this verse as reading "This day I have begotten you." This is just one example of the many verses that were altered by early Catholics to eliminate support for various "heresies."

Of the well over 5,000 handwritten manuscripts of the New Testament in existence, no two read exactly alike. "The New Testament is now known, in whole or in part, in nearly five thousand Greek manuscripts alone. Every one of these handwritten copies differs from the others. It has been estimated that these manuscripts and quotations differ among themselves between 150,000 and 250,000 times. The actual figure is, perhaps, much higher. A study of 150 Greek manuscripts of the Gospel of Luke has revealed more than 30,000 different readings. It is safe to say that there is not one sentence in the New Testament in which the manuscripts' tradition is wholly uniform." *The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, Volume four, pages 594-59, quoted in Suns of God by Acharya S*. Therefore, all Christians should seriously investigate books rejected by the Catholic Church; books such as the Gnostic Chris-

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tian scriptures, for they contain a very different view of God than the Catholic New Testament.

Protestants, Evangelicals, and Fundamentalists try to evade the inconvenient and unpalatable facts of history concerning the Catholic formation of the New Testament canon. They attempt this by using the following straw man argument: "The books of the New Testament are inherently inspired, hence no church council, Catholic or otherwise, could confer inspiration upon them." This is a "straw man" argument because neither the Roman Catholic Church nor I has ever asserted nor inferred that the Councils "conferred inspiration" on the books of the New Testament. Rather, the Catholic Church has always stated that the books of the New Testament are inherently inspired, and the Catholic Church was merely the instrument God used in making manifest which books were inspired by including them in the official canon, or list. I do not accept that the Most High God alone inspired the books of the New Testament, but I do accept the simple fact of history that the Catholic Church was indeed the institution that chose the current canon of New Testament books.

Protestants, Evangelicals, and Fundamentalists, in an effort to support their "spiritual osmosis" theory of New Testament canon formation, will point to the writings of early Christians. In some of these writings are lists of New Testament books, lists that were left behind by these early Christians. One such list is the *Muratorian Canon*. Evangelicals and Fundamentalists put a lot of stock in the *Muratorian Canon*. Such people tell the unwary or uneducated that the *Muratorian Canon* lists the identical books as the current New Testament, and therefore the Catholic Councils had nothing whatsoever to do with the formation of the New Testament canon. However, that claim is an outright lie, a lie told "to further the Cause of Truth."

The *Muratorian Canon* is the oldest existing list of New Testament books, but it was written sometime between

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the late second century and the fourth century, though most scholars place it in the fourth century. That means *it does not pre-date the Catholic councils that settled the issue of the NT canon!* Also, it's badly written and was ignored by the "early church fathers," and even Eusebius demonstrates no knowledge of it. Furthermore, the *Muratorian Canon* is a product of the *Catholic Church*, which is exactly the point I am trying to get mainstream Christians to see. In addition, the *Muratorian Canon* does not have *Matthew* or *Mark*, nor *Hebrews* or *James*, nor *First* or *Second Peter*, nor *Third John*. It *does* list *the Shepherd of Hermas* and *The Wisdom of Solomon*. So, the *Muratorian Canon* does *not* support the position of Fundamentalists and Evangelicals. It does *not* support their notion of the canon of the New Testament being settled very early on by a grassroots movement of the Holy Spirit among the common people. (A fairy-tale movement that had nothing to do with the Catholic Church councils) This is what I mean by *spiritual osmosis*. There are other early lists of New Testament books that so-called scholars will point to in an attempt to prove their "spiritual osmosis" theory of canon formation. What these 'scholars' purposely do not tell you is that the early Christians that put together these conflicting lists were *Catholic* clergyman, *Catholic* theologians, *Catholic* monks or hierarchs--either Roman or Byzantine--and not "common folks" at all. Early Church *Fathers* is their designation, and that is a *Catholic* designation.

Also, many modern-day 'scholars' purposely fail to tell you such lists were not universally accepted, including the *Muratorian Canon*, which I have already pointed out. Lastly, early Catholic writers--the early Church *fathers*--who quoted from what we now call books of the New Testament, also quoted other books they considered inspired Scripture. Books that are now considered heretical by mainstream Christendom. That's because there was no set canon of New Testament books until 393 AD at the earliest, as we have already discussed. That's why early

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Catholic Christian 'fathers' quote from so many books that were later rejected by the Catholic councils. So, these early writings support what I am saying, and I am saying that it took at least several hundred years for the New Testament canon to be settled upon, and the Catholic Church leaders meeting in council did it. That's history.

Another tactic mainstream 'scholars' use is to point to very early handwritten copies of the New Testament, manuscripts such as the Codex Vaticanus, the Alexandrian Codex or the Codex Sinaiticus. These manuscripts are very ancient, and contain, essentially, the current New Testament canon. However, many such "scholars" fail to tell you that these manuscripts are *Catholic* manuscripts that were handwritten by *Catholic* scribes. They contain not only the currently accepted books of the New Testament but other books as well, books such as the *Shepherd of Hermas*, the *Epistle of Barnabas*, the *two Epistles of Clement to the Romans*, and also the Catholic "apocryphal" books of the Old Testament. Which demonstrates that, when these manuscripts were being written, the canon of the New Testament was still in a state of flux. All of which brings us back to the fact that it took centuries to settle upon the current New Testament canon, and it was done by Catholic hierarchs meeting in councils, not by "spiritual osmosis." *The canon did not simply "happen."*

If one wants to speak of a grassroots movement among the common people, the historical fact is that the common folk had no books at all. Books were very rare due to their extreme expense resulting from their having to be laboriously copied by hand. The printing press was not invented until 1452. So, obviously, the prevailing belief in a Christian church in possession of a single, uniform, New Testament right from the start is an utter fundamentalist fantasy. At least several centuries passed before the New Testament books were decided upon, and *Catholic* Church councils did the deciding. Dissenting Christians with dissenting views and dissenting scriptures suffered

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persecution and censorship at the hands of the Catholic Church, just as dissenting Christians do today. However, even now there is no single uniform New Testament, for the New Testament of the Middle Eastern forms of Christianity is diverse. Which of the many "New Testaments" will *you* decide upon?

A friend of mine named Stephen, a mainstream Christian, wrote to me concerning this chapter. He said, essentially, that it does not matter if God used a corrupt Catholic Church to select the books of the New Testament. "Divine intervention trumps all" were his exact words. Let us examine Stephen's line of reasoning a bit more closely:

Me: So, Stephen, you acknowledge the historical fact that the Roman Catholic Church selected and canonized the books of the New Testament, and that does not cause you to question the New Testament canon?

Stephen: Yes, I acknowledge that fact and it does not cause me to question the New Testament canon. It does not matter that God used the corrupt Roman Catholic Church to select the books of the New Testament. Divine Intervention trumps all.

Me: Do you accept other Roman Catholic decrees such as papal infallibility, transubstantiation, purgatory, Mary's perpetual virginity, etc?

Stephen: No of course I do not.

Me: Why not?

Stephen: Because the New Testament does not support them!

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Me: Yet it was the Catholic Church that selected and canonized the books of the New Testament, the very New Testament that you are using to judge the church that selected the New Testament books.

Stephen: Yeah, so?

If we can trust that the Catholic Church was guided by the Most High God in the selection of the New Testament books, then we can trust the Catholic Church in all of its other decisions and doctrines as well. Where does one draw the line? The answer, of course, is there is no such line. Anyone who trusts the Catholic Church to make *any* spiritual decisions for them should embrace Catholicism immediately.

Expressed in another way, what I am trying to tell you is this: Since your theology is shaped by the New Testament, then your theology is shaped by the Roman Catholic Church because the New Testament books were selected by the Catholic Church. Later in this book we shall see that the True God does not use corrupt evil institutions such as the Catholic Church to do divine work, or use intimidation, torture, violence or murder to accomplish divine goals. (*See chapters 11, 12, and 13 of this book*). God is wholly good, and there is no darkness in God at all.

One reader accused me of saying that Constantine had the gospels altered. Nowhere in my book have I made such a claim. I *have* quoted Eusebius and Origen complaining about the New Testament manuscripts being altered in their day, as well as some other ancient quotations that show the NT was altered early on. This same reader also informed me that the original autograph manuscripts of the books of the New Testament are "inerrant and infallible."

Well, where *are* these "original autograph manuscripts" so that I might *inspect* them and *verify* they are "inerrant

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and infallible?" They are nowhere to be found, of course, so a person can make any claim about them they please. I can claim that the "original autograph manuscripts" miraculously contained the nuclear fine structure constant, and the principles of aerodynamics, and who can prove me wrong? No one. The same with the claim they are "inerrant and infallible." That's simply an assertion with nothing factual to back it up. The bottom line about the New Testament is that it consists of *demonstrably* errant and fallible books chosen and canonized by a corrupt Catholic Church. *It was the Roman Catholic Church that selected and canonized the books of the New Testament. It was not God Most High who did so.*

All ancient New Testament manuscripts, of whatever text-type, in whatever language, from whatever location, whether fragmentary or full, were copied and passed down by *Catholic* scribes--whether Roman or Byzantine--or some other branch of the Catholic Church. Choose whatever ancient manuscripts you like; they arrived via a corrupt Catholic Church, with it's official seal of approval. Like it or not, mainstream Christian, you are using the Catholic New Testament. Even the titles given to the four "canonical" gospels are simply a tradition of the Catholic Church. Those four gospels were originally anonymous, and the current names they bear were an afterthought tacked on by the Catholic Church to give these four works a boost over their competition in the battle for universal acceptance.

My friend Stephen also objected and said that we should not be surprised that God used the Catholic Church to select the books of the New Testament because Catholics were the largest segment of Christianity and hence the only ones equipped for this work. This was certainly *not* true in the first few centuries. Christianity began as a Gnostic movement within Judaism, and the many Judaic and Gnostic groups were very much in the majority, not proto-Catholics or any other groups. Early

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Christianity, Gnostic Christianity, emphasized personal spiritual awakening, a personal relationship with and personal *knowing* (Gnosis) of the True God in Christ. In this sense early Christianity was elitist, since most people have little or no spiritual awareness or interest, but live very much on the level of their animal nature. They confine their "spirituality" to religious rituals, mental assent to dogmas and externally enforced rules of behavior.

The earliest Christians *had no scriptures at all* to be a stand-in for them in place of God, but they *did* have the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave them visions and dreams and all manner of spiritual experiences so that they might come to *know* the true God *personally* and *experientially*. There was no reliance on creeds or scriptures or priest-craft. (Priest-craft is the superstition that God has specially selected and appointed spiritual specialists through whom God officially works in an exclusive manner, usually through incantations, memorized prayers, and rituals)

There was no relying on someone else's word. Christianity was very egalitarian in this regard, with the expectation that *all* must *know* God experientially *for themselves*. Later, with Catholic Christianity being the sole legal religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine, the Catholic Church began to dominate. The ranks of the Catholic Church swelled to bursting, overflowing with people possessing little or no spiritual awareness, discernment, or personal gnosis of the True God. Rome dominated because it appealed to the lowest common denominator; "Bow to our authority, give mental assent to our creeds and scriptures, mumble some prayers, participate in our rituals, do as you're told, and give us your money. Be good little parrots and all will go well for you."

All the while, the Catholic Church and its sympathizers had been persecuting and censoring Gnostics. When Catholicism finally had the might of Rome behind it under Constantine, the Catholic Church drove most Gnostics

underground. The dissenters, once discovered, were given the choice of becoming Catholic or being put to death. That is how Catholicism eventually became the majority: by intimidation, torture, murder, and confiscation of property. This violent ugly church, the Catholic Church — both Roman and Byzantine—is the imitation church, not the true church. The True God did *not* use it to select the books of the New Testament. "The god of this world," however, did use the Catholic Church for this purpose, and for many other purposes as well, as we shall see later in this book.

At this point the reader may be asking, "If the New Testament is not trustworthy, *what is?*" Again I point you to the first Christians who got along quite well for a very long time without any scriptures, but with "only" their personal experience of God to go on. This is my challenge to the reader: Quit hiding behind your Bible or your Pope or minister or church or creed or fear or whatever. Step out into the Light and come to *know* the True God *personally*. "But ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things. But the anointing which ye have received of him abides in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it has taught you, ye shall abide in him." *1 John 2:20, 27.*

Stop worshipping an idol of paper and ink, and step into The Light, for God is Light, and in him there is no darkness at all. *1 John 1:5.* God is not a book, and is not confined to a book or any collection of books. However, if used with caution and discernment, the New Testament does have some gems to offer, as we have seen, and shall see. By the same token, so do the sacred writings of the Gnostics, long thought lost forever, and we shall investigate the Gnostic scriptures in the next chapter.

A reader of the previous edition of this book claimed that the modern Catholic Church possesses no continuity with the ancient Catholic Church; therefore it was not

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really the Catholic Church that selected the books of the NT. First, how on earth would that change the fact that church councils, not God, selected the NT canon? It would not change that historical fact at all!

Also, this person is simply wrong or knowingly "lying for the truth." The modern Catholic Church is the continuation of the ancient Catholic Church, just as the modern Lutheran churches are the continuation of the original Lutheran churches. This person is merely sending up a cloud of smoke to confuse people and obscure the issue. *The mainstream Christian Church* was already calling itself "*the Catholic Church*" ("Ecclesia Katholikos" in Greek) by as early as 105 or 110 AD. This was *long before* the Catholic Church councils that selected and canonized the books of the NT. By as early as 105 AD the Catholic Church (*which was the mainstream Christian Church of the time*) already had bishops, priests, deacons, and celebrated the Eucharist as the literal Body and Blood of Christ! It already had the Catholic liturgical worship, and a strong adherence to Apostolic Succession, Hierarchy, and what it called "Apostolic Tradition." *All of the foregoing facts can be found in the seven Epistles of Saint Ignatius, as well as in First Clement and in Eusebius.* Therefore, the modern Catholic Church (though it has evolved further in dogma since the early days) is indeed the organic, historical continuation of the early Catholic Church, the Catholic Church that selected the books of the New Testament. Why do Fundamentalists, Evangelicals, and Protestants fight the historical reality of the Catholic Church having selected and canonized the books of the New Testament? Because they know how corrupt and depraved the apostate Catholic hierarchy has always been, and to admit that such a hierarchy selected the books of the NT pulls the rug right out from under their claims that the NT comes from God.

Nowhere in history books can you find "God selected the books of the New Testament." What you do find is that Catholic Church councils selected the books of the New Testament. If you believe

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that the Most High God *used* the Catholic Church are you prepared to do the only logical and intelligent thing and submit to Rome the rest of the way? No? Why not, if you accept their New Testament?

The information herein regarding the actual historical facts about the formation of the New Testament canon is based upon well known, mainstream, accepted, church history books, as well as the published research of the preeminent scholars in this field. Professors Bruce Metzger and Everett Harrison. See Bruce Metzger *The Canon of the New Testament; Its Origin, Development, and Significance*, published by Clarendon Press, 1987. Also, *The Early Versions of the New Testament*, by Bruce Metzger, Clarendon Press, 1978, as well as *Introduction to the New Testament*, by Everett Harrison, Hendrickson Publishers, 2004. These books are *absolutely essential reading*.

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The Spiritual New Testament

Fortunately, many of the ancient writings of the earliest Christians, the Gnostic Christians, came to light seemingly by accident in 1945 in Nag Hammadi, Egypt. These Gnostic Christian scriptures form a second, wiser, more spiritual New Testament than the Catholic New Testament that all mainstream Christians currently use. The books of the Gnostic Christian scriptures were originally written in Greek, then subsequently translated into the Coptic language, the language of the Christians in Egypt. In this book I will point out the Greek words underlying the Coptic translation, to establish continuity with the Koine-- which means common--Greek of the New Testament.

I heartily recommend the Gnostic Christian scriptures to all those who have finished this book, whose eyes have thereby been opened, and who seek a purer stream than we have in the corrupted Catholic New Testament. Yet, I caution the reader against clinging to the Gnostic scriptures the way mainstream Christians cling to the Bible. Do not make a paper and ink idol, or paper-Pope, out of the Gnostic Christian scriptures as fundamentalists do with the Bible. Do not allow the Gnostic scriptures to become a substitute for your own direct personal experience and gnosis of God as mainstream Christians allow the Bible to become. Do not make the Gnostic scriptures into a "stand in" for God as most Christians do the Bible.

The Gnostic scriptures *do* contain the ancient Gnostic solution to the problem of evil, the problem we discussed at the opening of this book, as well as many other spiritual gems. The solution to the problem of evil which the Scriptures of the Gnostic Christians explain, and which

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the Catholic Church *violently* rejected, is this: The spiritual realms were formed from the Heavenly Father's own Essence, the all-good and loving Father of whom Jesus spoke. Elohim/Archons, distant descendants of the Absolute God, fashioned this material universe from eternally pre-existing matter. These lesser elohim were unable, as well as unwilling, to fashion a universe free of suffering and death. Read the very short Gospel of the Egyptians in the Gnostic Christian scriptures to explore this teaching further.

The True God, however, has been active through various Divine beings such as the Logos (Word), Sophia (Wisdom), Zoë (Life) and Charis (Grace), to bring us a direct Knowing of the Divine. This activity culminated in Jesus Christ. We will revisit this topic later in the book. A reader of an earlier edition of this book accused me of taking only a few paragraphs in this book to solve the problem of evil, a problem that has gone unsolved for all of human history. The fact is that this *entire book*, one way or another, is aimed at unraveling and solving the problem of evil, not just the few foregoing paragraphs. By unmasking Jehovah we will discover the solution to the problem of evil. *This book is not an exhaustive answer to the problem of evil but it is a solid, useful beginning.*

Now let's examine proof that the Bible is not monotheistic but is henotheistic, and even polytheistic, and we will discover yet another clue as to Jehovah's identity.

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The Fable Of Jewish Monotheism

We often hear that the world owes belief in One God to the Jewish people. That is "stuff and nonsense." The Jewish religion was henotheistic, and even polytheistic, during most of its history. Let us examine the false claim of "Jewish Monotheism" by looking at the Jew's own scriptures, their sacred writings. The *singular* forms of the Hebrew words for God are El and Eloah. See Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # 410 and #433. The *plural* form is elohim, pronounced el-o-HEEM, *Strong's Hebrew* #430. Elohim literally means gods, or even more accurately, "mighty ones." Again, see *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #430, where "mighty" is given as a valid translation of elohim. A mainstream Christian reader called me a fool for saying that elohim is translatable as mighty one(s), so I will respond to that ill-mannered individual here. Elohim is translated as "mighty" in Genesis 23:6: "Hear us, my lord, thou art a **mighty** prince among us." See also Exodus 9:28: "Entreat the LORD for it is enough that there be no more **mighty** thundering and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer."

According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #410, even El can be translated as Mighty One(s), as it is in *Job 41:25*: "When he raises up himself, the **mighty** are afraid; by reason of breakings they purify themselves." Read also *Psalms 50:1*: "The **mighty** (el) God (elohim), even the LORD, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof." Next is *Ezekiel 31:11*: "I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the **mighty one** (el) of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness." See

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also Psalm 82:1 "God stands in the congregation of the **mighty** (el) he judges among the **gods** (elohim)." Finally, read *Psalm 89:6*: "For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? Who among the sons of the **mighty** (el) can be likened unto the LORD?" Elohim, according to Strong's, is also translatable as Supreme God in *some* contexts, but not *most* contexts. Even so, the title Supreme God implies the existence of lesser gods. How can God be the Supreme God if he is not the superior of lesser gods? If there were no lesser gods, then simply calling God "God" would suffice.

Please keep in mind that whenever you see LORD or GOD in all capitals in the Old Testament, the original Hebrew is Jehovah. More accurately translated Yahweh, the name occurs nearly seven thousand times. LORD and GOD are usually substituted for Jehovah because of a Jewish superstition that regards the name as too sacred to pronounce. This superstition was carried over into Christianity. However, Jehovah was simply considered the Chief God among many gods by the ancient Hebrews, not the only god, as we shall see. This belief is called Henotheism.

The reader needs to understand that the *meaning* of a word is determined by its *usage*. This linguistic maxim is obvious to the point of banality, yet when it comes to religion and the Bible this fundamental law of language is often thrown out the window. Why? Because often the actual *usage* of a word in the Bible is in conflict with a *preconceived notion*, tradition, or ideology held by Jews or Christians. Such is the case with the word elohim. Its actual usage is in conflict with the preconceived notion, tradition, and ideological fable of "Jewish Monotheism." So the word elohim is hammered and shaped to fit the preconceived notion in nearly all Bible dictionaries and lexicons. Strong's is an exception to the rule. If you do not have a copy, buy one.

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So, I will simply let the Bible *speak for itself* as to the meaning of *elohim*. How will I do this? By relying on how the word is *actually used* in the Bible, rather than rely on the plethora of *sectarian* Bible dictionaries and lexicons that have an ideological fable of "Jewish Monotheism" to uphold. Many lexicons and Bible dictionaries make the claim that *elohim* does not mean gods, but means "Plurality of Majesty," emphasizing God's majesty. Try substituting "Plurality of Majesty" for "gods" in the verses quoted below, and you will quickly see this claim is mere pseudo-scholarship. *Elohim* clearly means gods or "mighty ones."

Another example of pseudo-scholarship was given to me by a reader trying to uphold the fable of Jewish Monotheism with a bogus "rule of Hebrew grammar" that goes like this: "Why is *Elohim* translated 'God' rather than 'gods'? In Hebrew, a plural noun must have a plural adjective and plural verb, not just a plural suffix. In each of its approximately two thousand occurrences, *elohim* has a singular verb. In order for *elohim* to be a numerical plural it must have a plural verb. If it has a singular verb and plural suffix, that means it is a majestic plural, not a numerical plural." If this "rule of grammar" were actually true, which it demonstrably is not, then all the references that I cite below that say "gods" are mistranslated, and should actually be translated as "God." That would mean the non-Jewish peoples of the Bible were Monotheists not Polytheists. Let's read a few verses and see what I mean:

Exodus 23:13: "And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect, and make no mention of the name of **other gods**, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth." If the above "rule of Hebrew grammar" is true, then this should be translated "And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect; and make no mention of **other God**." Clearly that makes no sense.

Consider also *Exodus 18:11*, which says: "Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other **gods**." If this

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"rule of Hebrew grammar" is true, this verse should be translated "now I know that the LORD is greater than all other **God**."

Or take *Exodus 12:12*: "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all **the gods** of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD." (How does one execute judgment against gods if they are nonexistent?) If this "rule of Hebrew grammar" is true, then *Exodus 12:12* should be translated "all **the God** of Egypt." Clearly, these verses, and the many dozens I quote below, show that *elohim* is *plural*, not singular, regardless of a phony "rule of Hebrew grammar" cooked up by deceived people with an agenda. Just as I said, the meaning of a word is determined by its **usage**, and *elohim* is clearly **plural** as the dozens of verses below prove. Fundamentalist Jews and Christians, wishing desperately to shield people from the Truth that the Old Testament is henotheistic and even polytheistic, concocted the phony "rule of Hebrew grammar" that I have been refuting.

Please note that the ancient Hebrew texts are written in all capitals. So it is completely arbitrary whether one does or does not capitalize *el*, *eloah*, and *elohim*. Unless indicated otherwise I will be quoting from the King James Version of the Bible: "For God (*elohim*) doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as **gods** (*elohim*) knowing good and evil." *Genesis 3:5*. The King James Version is at least half accurate in its translation of *elohim* in this verse, which is much more than can be said for most modern translations. Most modern translations demonstrate a disturbing propensity for inaccurate and/or deceptive so-called "translation."

Try substituting "Plurality of Majesty" in the verses below, or "God." The verses cease to make sense. "Who is like unto thee, oh LORD, among **the gods**?" *Exodus 15:11*.

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"Now I know that the LORD is **greater than all other gods**: for in the thing wherein **they** (plural) dealt proudly he was above them." *Exodus 18:11*. There would be no plural if 'elohim' weren't plural. You will see this plurality time and again. Try substituting "Plurality of Majesty" here too, or "God." The verse ceases to make sense.

"Thou shall have no **other gods** before **me**." *Exodus 20:3*. This is one of the Ten Commandments. Why would Jehovah include this in the Ten Commandments if the gods were mere imaginings? It will take quite a song and dance to explain this one away.

"Thou shall not revile **the gods**, nor curse the ruler of thy people." *Exodus 22:28*. Why command us not to revile the gods if the gods do not exist? Try substituting "Plurality of Majesty" here, or "God." The verse ceases to make sense. (Modern translations deceptively substitute "God" [el] for "gods" [elohim] in the above verse!)

"And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of **other gods**, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth." *Exodus 23:13*. If the other gods are nonexistent, what's the big deal? Try substituting "Plurality of Majesty" here, or "God." These verses cease to make sense if you do that. Try this mental experiment with *all* of the verses below:

"Thou shall not bow down to their **gods**, nor serve **them**, nor do after their works: but thou shall utterly overthrow **them**, and quite break down **their** images." *Exodus 23:24*. Here we see idols referred to as mere images of the gods, not the gods themselves. In other words, there must be a spiritual reality behind the images, or it would simply say "and quite break down the images" not "*their* images."

"Thou shall make no covenant with them, nor with their **gods**." *Exodus 23:32*. Why tell us not to make a covenant with gods if they do not really exist?

"They shall not dwell in the land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their **gods**, it will surely

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be a snare unto thee." *Exodus 23:33*. This makes no sense if the other gods are not real.

"For you must not prostrate yourself to **another god**, because Jehovah, whose name is **Jealous**, he is a **jealous God**." *Exodus 34:14, New World Translation of the Watchtower Society*, emphasis mine. Jehovah is jealous of another god. Why would Jehovah be jealous of another god if the other god does not really exist but is a mere imagining?

"Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their **gods**, and do sacrifice unto their **gods**, *and one call thee*, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their **gods**, and make thy sons go a whoring after their **gods**." *Exodus 34:15-16*. Here the Jews are warned that one of the other gods might actually call unto them to come and eat of their sacrifices. That is not possible if the other gods are unreal.

"And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their **gods**: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their **gods**." *Numbers 25:2*. "Upon their **gods** also the LORD executed judgments." *Numbers 33:4*. How could Jehovah god execute judgments on gods that do not really exist? Tell me!

"Ye shall not go after **other gods**, of the **gods** of the people which are round about you." *Deuteronomy 6:14*. What does Jehovah fear if these "other gods" are not real?

"For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve **other gods**: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly." *Deuteronomy 7:4*. Sounds to me as though the other gods are very real, and Jehovah is extremely jealous and none too pleased with the situation.

"And thou shall destroy all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; *thy eye shall have no pity upon them*: neither shall thou serve their **gods**; for that will be a snare unto thee." *Deuteronomy 7:16*. Jehovah is definitely

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jealous and bad tempered about the other gods.

"And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after **other gods**, and serve **them** (plural), and worship **them**, I testify against you this day that *ye shall surely perish.*" *Deuteronomy 8:19.* Jehovah is so jealous of these "nonexistent" gods that he will kill you if you worship them. When Jehovah says he's a **jealous** god, by golly he means it!

"For the LORD your God is the **God of gods** and Lord of lords, a great God, mighty, and *terrible.*" *Deuteronomy 10:17.*

"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve **other gods**, and worship **them** (plural)." *Deuteronomy 11:16.*

"And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after **other gods**, which ye have not known." *Deuteronomy 11:28.* Jehovah has so much flaming jealousy over these "nonexistent" gods he will even put a curse on you if you worship one of them.

"Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their **gods**, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their **gods**, and destroy the **names** (plural) of **them** out of that place." *Deuteronomy 12:2-3.* Jehovah means business! Those "nonexistent gods" of which he is so **jealous** have to go!

"Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their **gods**, saying, How did these nations serve their **gods**? Even so will I do likewise. Thou shall not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hates, have they done unto their **gods**; for even their sons

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and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their **gods.**" *Deuteronomy 12:30-31.*

Jehovah is angered because these non-Jewish people sacrificed their children to their gods. What is Jehovah's solution to this child sacrificing? Why, to send the Israelites in to slaughter the children! See chapter nine.

"But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other **gods**, even that prophet shall die." *Deuteronomy 18:20.* Best be careful what "nonexistent" gods you invoke.

"And thou shall not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after **other gods** to serve **them** (plural)." *Deuteronomy 28:14.*

"For they went and served **other gods**, and worshipped **them** (plural), **gods** whom they knew not, and whom *He had not given unto them.*" *Deuteronomy 29:26.* Here Jehovah says he had not given the other gods to the Israelites. That is a meaningless statement if the other gods are not real. Also, the other gods *are his to give. They belong to Jehovah!*

"But if thy heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shall be drawn away, and worship **other gods**, and serve **them** (plural)." *Deuteronomy 30:17.*

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shall sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after **the gods** of the strangers of the land." *Deuteronomy 31:16.*

"And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto **other gods.**" *Deuteronomy 31:18.* Here Jehovah has the nerve, the chutzpah, to talk about the "evils" that the worshippers of other gods perform, when Jehovah is the one with the genocidal mass-murderer record. It is Jehovah who is the evildoer.

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"They made him **jealous** with their foreign **gods**." *Deuteronomy 32:16*. Or, as the New World Translation says, "They began inciting him to **jealousy** with strange **gods**."

"The LORD, God (el) of **gods** (elohim), the LORD, **God of gods**, he knows, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD." *Joshua 22:22*.

"Woe unto us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty **Gods**? (elohim) For **they** (plural) are the **Gods** (elohim) that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness." *1 Samuel 4:8*.

"For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be **feared above all gods**." *1 Chronicles 16:25*. If the other gods do not really exist, **why fear them at all?** Why does Jehovah want to be feared more than them if they are not real? Why would a loving God want or need to be feared?

"And the house that I build is great: for great is our God (el) above all **gods** (elohim)." *2 Chronicles 2:5*.

"God presides in the Great Assembly; he gives judgment among **the gods**." *Psalms 82:1 New International Version*. Here Jehovah is said to preside over an entire Assembly of Gods, and he judges them. How could Jehovah do that if these gods are not real? If the gods are not real, this verse is nonsensical.

"I have said, **ye are gods**; and all of you are children of the Most High." *Psalms 82:6*. Jesus quotes this verse to some hostile Jews in *John 10:34*: "Jesus answered them, is it not written in your law, I said, 'Ye are gods?'" "

"I will praise thee with my whole heart: before **the gods** will I sing praise unto thee." *Psalms 138:1*. What sense would it make to sing praises in the presence of the gods if they do not exist?

"What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except **the gods**, and **they** (plural!) do not live among men." *Daniel 2:11*. Here even the great prophet Daniel acknowledges the existence of gods other than his

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own god Jehovah, and he does so in the presence of the "heathen."

"The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all **the gods** of the earth." *Zephaniah 2:11*. How can Jehovah famish or starve the earth-gods if they do not exist? The fact that earth-gods exist is very illuminating indeed. If the above verses are not enough to convince you, the reader, that the Bible teaches the existence of many gods, I offer even more evidence to you:

"Namely, of **gods** of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth." *Deuteronomy 13:7*.

"Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the **gods** of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that bears gall and wormwood." *Deuteronomy 29:18*.

"Now therefore *fear* the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the **gods** which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the **gods** which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the **gods** of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." *Joshua 24:14-15*. If the gods of the Amorites are not real, how could they possess land? Also, notice the warning to fear Jehovah. He's a bully.

"And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other **gods**, of the **gods** of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto **them** (plural), and provoked the LORD to anger." *Judges 2:12*.

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"And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the **gods** of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice." *Judges 6:10.*

"And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the **gods** of Syria, and the **gods** of Zidon, and the **gods** of Moab, and the **gods** of the children of Ammon, and the **gods** of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him." *Judges 10:6.*

"Go and cry unto the **gods** which ye have chosen; let **them** (plural) deliver you in the time of your tribulation." *Judges 10:14.*

"Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, so let the **gods** do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time." *1 Kings 19:2.*

"And Benhadad sent unto him, and said, the **gods** do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me." *1 Kings 20:10.*

"And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the **gods** of Sepharvaim." *2 Kings 17:31.*

"Has any of the **gods** of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the **gods** of Hamath, and of Arpad? Where are the **gods** of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? Have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? Who are **they** (plural) among all the **gods** of the countries that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?" *2 Kings 18:33-35.*

"Have the **gods** of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?" *2 Kings 19:12.*

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"And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the **gods** of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them." *1 Chronicles 5:25*.

"Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the **gods** of the children of Seir, and set **them** (plural) up to be his **gods**, and bowed down himself before **them** (plural), and burned incense unto **them** (plural). Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the **gods** of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thy hand?" *2 Chronicles 25:14-15*.

"But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the **gods** of Edom." *2 Chronicles 25:20*.

"For he sacrificed unto the **gods** of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, because the **gods** of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to **them** (plural), that they may help me. But **they** (plural) were the ruin of him, and of all Israel." *2 Chronicles 28:23*.

"Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? Were the **gods** of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver **their** (plural) lands out of mine hand?" *2 Chronicles 32:13*.

"Who was there among all the **gods** of those nations that my fathers *utterly destroyed*, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?" *2 Chronicles 32:14*.

"Among the **gods** there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works." *Psalms 86:8*.

"Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, the LORD will deliver us. Has any of the **gods** of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?"

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Where are the **gods** of Hamath and Arphad? Where are the **gods** of Sepharvaim? And have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who are they among all the **gods** of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?" *Isaiah 36:18-20*.

I will close this list of quotations with this highly illuminating verse: "They sacrificed unto **devils**, not to God (eloah); to **gods** (elohim) whom they knew not, to new **gods** (elohim) that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not." *Deuteronomy 32:17*.

The elohim, the gods, are in fact devils or demons, rebellious angels, in rebellion against the Most High God. The Jehovah elohim, the Jehovah gods, are demons. Also called Archons, they are in rebellion against the True God. The Jehovah gods are not the Most High God, the True God, as I will continue to demonstrate throughout this book. The Jehovah gods are *devils*. By simply letting the Bible speak for itself, I have conclusively demonstrated that elohim is indeed plural in many dozens of its occurrences. There are many more verses in the Old Testament declaring the existence of many gods, as you can see for yourself in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. Interestingly enough, Bible translators render elohim accurately as "gods" except where to do so would strikingly give away the fact that the Old Testament is henotheistic or even polytheistic. Such as *Genesis 1* which should be translated as "In the beginning, the gods created the heavens and the earth ...and the gods said Let *us* make man in *our* image, according to *our* likeness." (At least the plural "us" and "our" can still be read in English Bible versions. At least *that* much remains!)

Though later referred to as the Most High God, the early Jews knew Jehovah as just one of many elohim. *The Song of Moses* helped them to distinguish between the Most High God and the pretender Jehovah: "When the Most High El gave the nations their heritage, when He divided

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mankind, He fixed the territories of the peoples according to *the number of the sons of El*; But *Jehovah's* share was *his* people, *Jacob* was *his* inherited possession." *Deuteronomy 32:8, ASV of 1901.*

A fundamentalist reader (a former Jehovah's Witness named Kelvin) who read this chapter kept insisting "but the Bible is *strictly monotheistic!*" Then he refused to even consider the evidence I marshal to the contrary. This is the kind of person who could look directly at the noon-day sun and say "I don't see any light." I hope you are not willfully blind as is Kelvin. Realizing that *elohim* is more accurately translated as "mighty ones" than "gods" can clear up the confusion as to how many gods the Bible actually says exist.

The English word God means Supreme Being, and by definition there can only be one Supreme Being. However, *elohim* does not mean Supreme Being. There is only One *Supreme* Being, but there are many *superior* beings, many "mighty ones" begotten by the Supreme Being. It is the *elohim*, the mighty ones that we confront in the pages of the Old Testament under the collective name of "Jehovah gods," or more accurately the Yahweh *elohim*. It is the *elohim*, (also called Samael by Gnostics, which means the "the god of the blind" or the "blind god"), which fashioned this material cosmos. The Supreme Being, the True God revealed by Jesus, did not fashion this material universe.

A misguided reader of an earlier version of this book insisted that *elohim* is plural because it stands for Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity. Needless to say, that is utterly anachronistic. By that I mean that such a claim is nothing more than reading back into the Hebrew word an utterly foreign and much later Christian concept. That is a sure path to nonsense and sectarian propaganda. (Such an anachronism is analogous to reading a book supposedly written by Abraham Lincoln that describes Lincoln flying cross-country on a jetliner) This strange individual even

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made up quotations from imaginary Hebrew scholars supporting the anachronistic claim that "elohim" is plural because it stands for the Trinity! Needless to say, if a Rabbi or Hebrew scholar were to ever actually say or write anything like that, they would soon become a laughingstock among all genuine Biblical scholars, both Jewish and Christian. It's stunning to see, as a writer, the levels to which fundamentalists will stoop in their desperate attempt to save their religion, even going so far as to "lie for the truth." Regardless, the dozens of verses we have just examined reveal that such a claim is erroneous. Elohim is a plural word because the Bible says there are many gods. That's that.

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The Father Of Lies

Remember that Jesus said that Satan is "The Father of Lies." John 8:44. Let's look at Genesis in that light and see who told the Original Lie and then we'll have another clue as to Jehovah's identity. In the allegory of the Garden of Eden, the Jehovah gods tell Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because "in *that day* thou shalt *surely die*." *Genesis 2:17*. On the other hand, the Serpent *promised* them "Ye shall *not* surely die. For God (elohim) doth know that in *the day* ye eat thereof, *then your eyes shall be opened*, and *ye shall be as gods* (elohim), knowing good and evil." *Genesis 3:4-5*.

Who was telling a lie? The story goes on to show that Adam and Eve *did not die* when they ate the fruit. Far from dying "in *that day*" Adam lived to be nine hundred and thirty years old. *Genesis 5:5*. The Bible also states, "*Their eyes were opened*" (*Genesis 3:7*) just as the Serpent *promised* they would be. The Jehovah gods even come right out and *confirm the truthfulness* of the promise of the Serpent: "Behold, *the humans have become as one of Us*, they know good and evil." *Genesis 3:22*. It was the *Jehovah gods* that lied, *not the Serpent*. It is the Jehovah gods that are the Original Liars, who told the Original Lie. *The promise of the Serpent was true!* The Serpent is actually the "good guy" in this story, not the Jehovah gods. This is not how you were indoctrinated to read the allegory of the Garden of Eden. You've been prevented from seeing the obvious by the constant repetition of falsehood.

Most Christians also overlook the glaring fact that Adam and Eve were *already dying* before they ever ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A careful

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reading of *Genesis 3:22-24* will demonstrate this to the reader. "And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. And now, *lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever.* Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed Cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life." Obviously, until they could eat of the tree of life and live forever, they were doomed to die. In other words, the Jehovah gods had already fashioned the first couple mortal and dying or they would not have needed to eat of the tree of life to live forever.

So, their death was *not* a result of anything they had done. It was the result of the flawed and malicious workmanship of the Jehovah gods who fashioned them in a mortal dying condition. Then the Jehovah gods barred their way to the tree of life out of jealousy because Adam and Eve had become as gods. "I, the LORD thy God, am a Jealous God!" Exodus 20:5. A *literal* translation of the Hebrew "in that day thou shall surely die" is, "in **the day** of thy eating of it, **dying** thou dost **die**." *Young's Literal Translation*. In other words, "you are *already dying*, but this act will *kill* you *this very day*." This confirms what I have said about the first couple having been fashioned mortal and dying, and it reaffirms the Jehovah gods were lying about their dying that very day.

Here is an illuminating quotation from the *Testimony of Truth*, a Gnostic Christian scripture: "The Jewish Law says that god told Adam, 'From all of the trees you may partake and eat, except for the tree in the middle of the Paradise of Eden. You must not eat any of it, because on the very day you do partake of it, you will most definitely die.' The serpent, however, being more wise than all the other creatures in the Paradise of Eden, convinced Eve by saying to her, 'Your spiritual eyes will be opened the

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very day you partake of the fruit on the tree in the middle of the Paradise of Eden, and you shall become as the gods.' Eve did as the serpent suggested, and took some fruit from the tree and ate it, and she also gave some to her mate, Adam. That very instant they realized their nakedness, so they found some fig leaves and fashioned clothes for themselves from the leaves. Next, god was walking in the Paradise of Eden. When Adam saw god he hid, and god called out, saying 'Adam, where are you?' Adam said, 'I am hiding under the fig tree.' In that instant god knew that Adam had partaken of the forbidden fruit. God said 'Who was it that told you this?' Adam replied, 'It was the female you gave me.' Then the woman said, 'I was taught by the serpent.' So god cursed the serpent. Then god said, 'Look now, Adam has become as one of the gods, he knows good and evil. Let us cast Adam out of the garden of Paradise so that he cannot partake of the Tree of Life and become Immortal by doing so.'

"What kind of god is this? With evil intent he forbid Adam from partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and he also said, 'Where are you Adam?' Why did god ask this? 'God' doesn't possess foreknowledge? Would he not have already known what had happened from the very beginning of time? Then god spoke and declared, 'From out of the Paradise of Eden shall We cast Adam, so that he cannot partake of the fruit of the Tree of Life and become Immortal.'

"This reveals that he is nothing but a malign spiteful god. What other sort of god could he be? Those who read this yet do not recognize this god for who he really is, their blindness is complete. Then this god said, 'I am a jealous god, so I will punish the sins of the fathers by punishing their children even as far as the fourth generation. I will harden their heart, and bring blindness to their minds, so they can neither know nor understand these things that have been said.' Yet it was to those who actually believe in him and serve him that he said these

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things!" (End of quotation)

Most mainstream Christians try to perform an "end run" around the fact that Adam and Eve did not die the day they ate the fruit by saying "but they died *spiritually*." Where does the text *say* that or even *hint* at that? No-where. The text is very straightforward. What mainstream Christians are doing is called eisegesis, which is the opposite of exegesis. Exegesis is to "lead out" the meaning of a text *by sticking to what it actually says*. Eisegesis is to "read into" a text a meaning that accords with a preconceived notion or doctrine one already has established in one's mind, or to rescue some cherished dogma. Eisegesis is intellectual and spiritual dishonesty, driven by spiritual blindness and obstinacy.

Readers of an earlier version of this book kept insisting that Adam and Eve were *created immortal*. If that is so, then why did the Jehovah gods drive them out of the Garden precisely so they would not be able to eat of the Tree of Life and thereby become Immortal? Where does the text *say* they were immortal? It does not say they were immortal, not anywhere. However, it does tell us in *no uncertain terms* they were *prevented* from partaking of the Tree of Life so they *wouldn't* live forever! *Genesis 3:22-24*.

One of the Gnostic scriptures discovered in Egypt, which dates from the first century and is titled The Apocalypse of Adam, gives an illuminating version of the creation of Adam and Eve. In this Apocalypse, Adam says: "When 'god' fashioned your mother and I from the red clay, I walked with her in the glory she had once known in the Aeon from which we had issued forth. Knowledge of the eternal God did she also give unto me. The likeness of the great Eternals was given to both of us, for we were more exalted than the 'god' that created us, as well as the gods with him, with whom we were not acquainted. Then the Archon that ruled over all the Aeons and the spiritual Rulers, in great wrath cut us in twain. Then the glory that was in our hearts took flight and de-

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parted from us. Thereafter, the eternal True God withdrew from us and we knew the True God no more. Thereafter we recognized the 'god' who fashioned us, for his abilities were not unknown to us. So we did his bidding in slavery and fear."

It was pointed out to me that *Genesis 2:16-17* and *3:1-2* make it plain that Adam and Eve were free to eat of the fruit of *any and all trees* in the Garden *except* the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Therefore, they were free to eat of the Tree of Life before they ate the forbidden fruit. If they did so, then my point about Adam and Eve *already dying* before they disobeyed the Jehovah gods would be erroneous. However, let me remind the reader of the plain, simple, and downright *glaring* fact that, according to *Genesis 3:22-24*, the Jehovah gods drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden *precisely so they would not be able to eat of the Tree of Life* and therefore *become Immortal or Deathless!* (Deathless is the literal meaning of immortal)

If they had *already eaten* the fruit of the Tree of Life, they would have *already become Deathless*, and the Jehovah gods driving them away from Eden becomes rather like locking the barn doors after the horses have already escaped. The genie would then be out of the bottle, so to speak, and the Jehovah gods' actions would be pointless because the first pair would have already achieved Immortality. Therefore, my point stands. Adam and Eve had *not yet* partaken of the Tree of Life, and *were therefore already dying before they disobeyed the Jehovah gods*. This means they *were fashioned mortal and dying or there would have been no reason to have to eat of the Tree of Life*.

Some have tried to rescue the traditional erroneous interpretation of the allegory of the Garden of Eden by bringing in a verse all the way from the New Testament (which is written in Koine Greek, not Hebrew), *2 Peter 3:8*: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that *one day* is with the Lord as a *thousand years*, and a thousand years as one day." Therefore, this line of reasoning goes,

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Adam and Eve did die "the day" they ate the forbidden fruit because the Jehovah gods were *really* talking about a "day" from *their* point of view, not a day from Adam and Eve's point of view. This is nothing but a desperate ploy. I can do the same thing and bring in **two** verses that are written in **Hebrew!** *Ezekiel 4:5-6*: "For I have laid upon ye the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shall thou bear the iniquity of the House of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on they right side, and thou shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee *each day* for a year."

Using this text, I can "prove" the "day" the Jehovah gods were talking about was actually a year, but Adam and Eve lived for hundreds of years, so the Jehovah gods were still lying. Numbers 14:34 says the very same thing! "After the number of the days in which you searched the land, even forty days, *each day for a year*, you shall bear your iniquities, even forty years." Look! *I have two* verses to prove *my* point!

This entire line of interpretation is nonsensical eisegesis and fallacious. Peter is discussing the second coming of Christ, not the allegory of the Garden of Eden. *We* are talking about Genesis and the Garden of Eden, which is in the Hebrew language, so lets stick to Genesis and the Hebrew language to help us here. In Genesis, the Hebrew word for day ("*yowm*") means the time between morning and evening. See *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #3117. "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the *evening* and the *morning* were the first *day*." *Genesis 1:5*. The Hebrew day ends when the sun sets and a new day begins. In the land of the Hebrews, the sun sets over the Mediterranean *Sea*. Sea is "*Yam*." Consult *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #3220. Therefore, "*yowm*" literally means "the time between the setting of the sun over the sea."

Adam and Eve did not die in the day they ate the forbidden fruit therefore the Jehovah gods lied to them. It's

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that simple. A majority of modern translations of the Bible, such as the NIV, RSV, ESV, TMB, NLB, NLV, HCSB, and many others, leave the words "in that day" completely out of the text in an effort to sidestep this obvious problem. *Most modern translations cannot be trusted!* You must go beyond them by using an Interlinear and a good Lexicon such as Strong's to get to the facts. Or learn the biblical languages.

Some have tried to rescue at least part of the erroneous traditional interpretation by pointing out that the Serpent said "You shall not die," but Adam and Eve *did* die, therefore the Serpent was only telling a partial truth. First let me again point out that the Jehovah gods were telling a *total* lie even if the Serpent was telling a half-truth. However, the Serpent did not lie at all. Fundamentalists think the Serpent lied because they continue to read this allegory wearing the blinders of Tradition. We must keep this discussion in context, so let's review the context. The Jehovah gods had told Adam and Eve they would die the *very day* they ate of the tree. They did not. They lived for hundreds of years afterward. It was *this lie* of the Jehovah gods to which the Serpent responded. The Serpent was not talking about their ultimate demise hundreds of years in the future, but of the fact they would not die the day they ate of the fruit. Again, the Serpent told the whole truth, not a half-truth. Adam and Eve *did not die the day they ate the fruit*. The Serpent was aware of their mortal condition, and that the Jehovah gods had *created* Adam and Eve mortal and dying, or they would not have had to eat of the Tree of Life to live forever.

A fundamentalist reader of the first edition of this book falsely accused me of denying the truthfulness of Romans 5: 12-21, which tells us that death came to humanity through Adam. Rather than deny it, **I affirm it!** Adam was indeed mortal and dying when he disobeyed Jehovah, and never had a chance to eat of the Tree of Life and become immortal. So, all of his children were born mortal

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and dying. Allegorically speaking, we receive death from Adam. I agree with Romans.

Remember, the Fruit of the Tree of **Knowledge** is the Gift of **Gnosis** (Knowledge)! Also, I would like to point out that although this interpretation of the Garden of Eden allegory came to me in a flash of Divine inspiration and illumination, I am far from being the first to have had this particular revelation. This interpretation of the Genesis story is found throughout the Nag Hammadi texts (as we have seen), and was for centuries a leading interpretation among early Christians. Valentinus, an early Gnostic Christian who nearly became a Pope, held this view. So this view is neither new nor exclusive to myself.

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Wisdom and The Serpent

In the New Testament, it is Jesus himself who uses the Serpent as the Archetype of Divine Wisdom when he says: "Be ye wise as serpents but harmless as doves." *Matthew 10:16*. The ancient Gnostic Christians realized that the Serpent spoken of in Genesis is in fact Sophia (a feminine word that means "*Wisdom*," see *Strong's Greek Lexicon #4678*) at work on behalf of the True God of Love. Attempting to give Divinity and Immortality to the poor first couple, formed mortal, ignorant, and crippled by the blind Demiurge (*Greek for Half-Maker*), also called Jehovah/Samael.

We see the true identity of the Serpent again in the book of *Numbers 21:8*. The people of Israel are struck by their pernicious gods in the form of poisonous snakes, and Moses is instructed "Make thee a bronze serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live" thereby prefiguring the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus refers to this verse in *John 3:14*: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." Sophia, under the guise of a Serpent (which the ancient Semites associated with Wisdom, not evil, just as the Chinese do today) acts to help the people of Israel who are afflicted by the Jehovah gods, just as She acted to help in the Garden. Let me point out that Sophia is in fact none other than the feminine side of the Logos. We see this in *1 Corinthians 1:24, and 30* where Christ is called "the Sophia of God" in Koine Greek.

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As various scholars have pointed out in many works on the subject of Gnosticism, the authors of *Genesis* apparently indulge in word play by identifying the Serpent with the Teacher since "serpent" is *hewya* and "to instruct" is *hawa*. Also, the name Eve is *Hawwah*, so many Gnostic writers see a significant word-play there as well. According to Gnostic Christians, instead of tempting Adam she gives Life (*Zoë*, a feminine word that in Koine Greek means "Divine Life") to him and teaches him: "After the Sabbath, Sophia sent her daughter Eve, also called Zoë, to teach Adam to rise up, for he was spiritless. This was so those he fathers can become Vessels of Light. When Eve saw Adam lying prone, she had compassion on her male counterpart Adam, and she spoke to him, saying, 'Adam! Come to Life! Stand up!' Immediately it was so, for Adam opened his eyes, and when he beheld Eve he said to her, 'Mother of all Humankind' you will be called, for you have given me Life." Quoted from the Gnostic scripture *On the Origin of the World*.

The Jehovah gods had merely given Adam biological life, which is only temporary, but the Heavenly Father, the True God, sent Sophia and Zoë to give him Divine Life by imparting to him a Divine Spirit. The Gnostic Christian scripture titled *The Hypostasis of the Archons* describes Eve as the Spirit in humankind that raises Adam from his merely material condition: "The woman with the Spirit came and spoke with Adam, and she said 'Adam arise!' When Adam beheld her he said 'You have endowed me with Life, therefore you will be called 'mother of all humankind.' For it is you who are my mother, you who are my healer, the woman who has given birth.'

"Then the woman with Spirit appeared as a serpent, the Teacher, and it instructed them saying 'you shall surely not die, for it was in jealousy the he spoke to you. Instead of death, your eyes shall be opened and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.' Then the haughty Archon

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[The Ruler, the Demiurge Jehovah] put a curse upon the woman."

This is indeed an eye opening refreshing "take" on the allegory of the Garden of Eden, is it not? It is the Jehovah gods who are the jealous liars, and the fall of humanity was not a fall into "sin," but a fall into material existence. It was a fall into this prison-house for our spirits, which are our material body and the material world. The Jehovah gods, the *elohim*, trap us here, but Christ has come to set us free of them: "And having disarmed the sovereignties and authorities, Christ made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the *cross*." *Colossians 2:15, NIV*.

Unlike mainstream Christians and Jews, many Gnostics maintain that *matter eternally exists* and this insight is borne out by modern physics! Just as the Most High God had no beginning but simply *is*, so too matter simply *is*. Spirit simply *is* and matter simply *is*. Matter (Greek: *Hyle*, pronounced HE-lay) is uncreated and eternal. However, because matter is inherently dead and imperfect (and thereby subject to malfunction, deterioration, and disintegration) the Absolute God has nothing to do with it and does not interact with it. *Except* through Divine intermediaries such as the *Logos/Sophia*.

"Those who have come to know this world have found a cadaver. This world is unworthy of those who have discovered it is a cadaver." Jesus in *The Gospel of Thomas*. When a living Spirit is trapped in a material body, that Spirit becomes blind to its true nature as Spirit, because Samael the blind god fashioned this universe out of defiled dead matter. The embodied spirit is then subject to the blind laws of nature devised by the blind god. Just like every other animal, the Spirit then becomes driven by the necessity to eat, drink, rest, procreate, and survive at all costs. We are trapped in our body because of desire for survival of the body via any and all means necessary. The

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desires of the body, the needs of the body, the lusts of the body, the satisfaction, comfort, and continuance of the body become first and foremost in the minds and hearts of material beings, whether human or not.

Our desires for things of the body trap us here because we become attached to them. Desire for food, sex, "immortality" through childbearing, entertainment, fame, power, riches, and the entire gamut of human cravings and lusts form the cable that fetters our Spirits to these bodies.

Bodily desires, and attachments to things of the body cause us, just like the animals, to become selfish, self-centered, self-seeking and self-willed. We are born into this world as screaming self-centered bottomless pits of Ignorance, Desire and Attachment, just as all animals are. Our bodies and their needs and desires come first. So then, it is the needs, desires, cravings, and lusts of the body, and our attachment to the body and things of the body—as well as identifying ourselves with the body—hat keep us trapped here on the material plane by Jehovah lifetime after lifetime. (Reincarnation is explored in chapter ten) Our ignorance of our true Divine Nature and our Divine Home also keeps us mired in the darkness of this world. We must cease to identify ourselves with the body, and identify ourselves with the Spirit instead.

"The Adversary lies in wait to ambush us with these foods: First he places into your heart a sharp pain until you are overcome with a heartache for some inconsequential thing of this life. Then he overcomes you with poisons by placing a *desire* in you for fine clothes, so that you will be proud of your outward appearance. Then you will be filled with the love of mammon, vanity, envying everyone else as if they are rivals, and in *ignorance* you will be bound with lies. These things the Devil makes ready in a lovely manner and lays it out for the body to feast upon, so that the mind and soul will be overpowered and

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bound. The hook he uses is ignorance, beguiling you until you do evil and put forth the fruit of matter, and live a life of debauchery, pursuing sensual lusts, indulging in covetousness." *From the Authoritative Teaching.*

The following verses are for all those reading this book who identify most strongly with their body, rather than with the Spirit: "Once more the Savior said to them, 'I must instruct you in the Teaching of the Perfected. If you really wish to become perfected, then you will put my teaching into practice. If not, your name shall be 'Ignorance.' It is not possible for a wise man to live with an ignorant man, because the wise man is perfected in all wisdom. Good and evil are all the same to a fool, however. The wise man, though, will be fed by Truth, and he shall be like 'a tree planted by the waters.' However, there are others who take wing and fly to the world of appearances, which is very far indeed from Truth. Their leader is none other than Desire. It sends illusion to them as a gift, an illusion of truth, which will radiate upon them the beauty of Death. They will be trapped in sweet darkness, and held fast by the scent of sensual delight. They shall be blinded with a bottomless craving that will scorch their very souls. There it shall stay, impaling their hearts. It has bound them with the bitter bondage of lust for the things they see, things that will rot and shift form with their every whim. Since the beginning they have been tugged downward toward the base things of this world. So, when they die, all the brute beasts of this dying world absorb them. Happy is the wise one who seeks Truth and rests upon it forever, having no fear of those who wish to dissuade him." *From The Book of Thomas the Contender.*

"Mary spoke and said, 'My desire is to comprehend all things as they really and truly are!' Christ replied to her, 'He who has the will to seek out life should do so, for that is true wealth. For the nature of this kosmos is deception, and its shining baubles are nothing but lies.' " *From the Dia-*

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logue of the Savior.

I repeat: our own ignorance of the True God, and ignorance of our inner Spiritual Nature and of our true Home keep us trapped here as well. Worshipping the God of this Age, the demiurge Jehovah, keeps us trapped here on the material plane by enslaving us to that god, as the Authoritative Teaching once again tells us: "Anyone who submits to the Jewish Law [in other words, someone who is in subjection to the Demiurge Jehovah] will be unable to raise their sights and see the Truth, for no one can serve two Masters [in other words, the false god and the True God]. The impurity of the Jewish Law is easily seen, but purity is of the Light. The Jewish Law orders people to marry a wife or husband, and to bear innumerable children. However, desire, which they rejoice in, binds the souls of all who are born in this realm; those who are impure, and those who bring impurity to others, so that the Jewish Law will be fulfilled through them. When they obey the Jewish Law, they demonstrate they are helping the world and abandoning the Light. When they die, until they pay the utmost farthing, they shall be unable to get past the Ruler of the Darkness [Jehovah]."

Those who worship the Yahweh elohim, the Archons of Darkness, and submit to and obey them, are thereby defiled and in bondage to the Archons of Darkness, who gave the Jews the "*Treasures of Darkness*" as we read in *Isaiah 45:3*. Worshippers of the Yahweh elohim are unable to free themselves without Divine aid from the True God.

The elohim and other spirits that govern the earth are depicted as despotic devitalizing influences in Gnostic literature. The elohim have commandeered the human race and the cosmos to pilfer power and ego-gratification. It is the responsibility of Gnostics to know this, and in that experience of Gnosis to free themselves from the dominance of these false "gods" and all that appertains to

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them. The root problem of man's existence is the pain and suffering inflicted on humanity, through spiritual, mental, and physical captivity and bondage to the elohim/Archons. Only the mystical and intuitive experience of Gnosis can free us of these enslaving cosmic powers. Gnosis is our only Hope, our only Way out of earthly torment. We must disobey the Jehovah gods and partake of the Tree of Gnosis, the fruit of which the Jehovah gods jealously try to keep us from eating.

So, we material beings are not "sinners," we are merely trapped in a flawed world fashioned by the rebellious Yahweh elohim, the Jehovah gods, and hence our physical nature partakes of the flawed and defiled nature of matter. As do all things, living and non-living. Mainstream Christians try to tell us we are born with a "sinful nature" that causes us to "sin." Gnostics answer that we are simply born with a physical, animal nature that partakes of the same animal nature as all living things, and from thence comes our problems, personal and interpersonal, mental and behavioral. All animals are selfish, self-centered, self-seeking and self-willed, just as humans are. There is no difference in the animal nature of a human and that of a wolf or tiger or any other predator. Chimpanzees, our genetic cousins, with whom we share over 99% of our DNA, have been shown to lie, steal, cheat, become lonely, depressed, angry, throw temper tantrums, assault one another, and even wage wars. Are wolves, tigers, and chimps "sinners?" Or are they simply animals, just as we are, and partaking of the flawed nature of material existence, of the flawed nature of matter itself?

The only difference between humans and other predatory animals (other than our intellectual superiority and opposable thumb, which increases our ability to do harm a trillion fold) is the fact that humans possess a Divine Spark, a Spirit, and it is our destiny to return to the *Pleroma*, the Fullness of the Godhead. *The Teachings of Sil-*

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vanus from the Gnostic Christian scriptures gives the budding Gnostic this advice: "Stray not from this instruction of mine. Acquire not ignorance, for ignorance shall cause you to lead your students astray. Flee not from the teachings that are now within you, for they are Divine in nature. Know that your Teacher loves you greatly, and from him you shall inherit a laudable strictness. The animal nature that is within you, cast it out. You must not entertain any such vile thoughts."

In order to be set free of this world and the elohim, we must also discover and gain insight into the words of Jesus Christ. Simply "believing in Jesus" is not enough, despite the insistence of carnal Christians to the contrary. *The Gospel of Thomas* opens with these lines: "Herein are the hidden words spoken by the living Jesus, and Didymos Judas Thomas inscribed. Jesus said 'Whosoever discovers the meaning of these words will never really die.' " In closing, I remind the reader that Gnosticism is nearly identical to Theravada ("Hinayana") Buddhism. *Therefore, these views did not originate with me.* Thank you for keeping that in mind.

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The Blame Game

Notice in the allegory of the Garden of Eden that the Jehovah gods shift the blame for the frightful condition of the cosmos they shaped onto Adam. The blame-shifting Jehovah gods tell us that it is because of Adam eating a piece of fruit that existence is cursed and pain-filled. See *Genesis 3:17-19*. The universe *is* a place of suffering and pain, where life can *only* come forth from death. In order to feed themselves, all living things murder and eat each other, visiting terror, agony, and death upon one another. Even herbivorous animals live by killing plants, and plants have been shown to feel pain and fear. Disease-causing microbes and viruses abound by the countless trillions, killing untold millions in horrible deaths. "This world is an eater of corpses. All beings that feed in it themselves die also. Truth is an eater of Life. Ergo, no one fed by Truth can die. From that place of Life and Truth Jesus arrived and delivered food. To all who desired Life, he gave Life, so that they might not die." *From the Gospel of Phillip*.

Tsunamis, hurricanes, tornadoes, volcanoes, earthquakes, blizzards, avalanches, landslides, flood, famine, wild fires, pestilence, crop-destroying insect hordes, thousands of species of poisonous plants and insects, deadly carnivorous wild animals, thousands of diseases, grotesque birth defects, continent-wide drought, gigantic meteor strikes that cause planet-wide extinction, all prove that death and violence are integral to this material universe; It did not *become* this way, it simply *is* this way. Matter is by its very nature defiled. For those who insist on

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seeing the universe through rose-colored glasses, I will use the rose as a perfect example of the nature of this material universe molded and shaped by the blind god, Samael/Jehovah. A rose is extremely beautiful, with an exquisite fragrance. Yet it possesses thorns that will stab you

and make you bleed. Likewise, the natural beauty of the earth and of the starry cosmos is simply a thin patina designed to cover up the ugly truth of violence, suffering, agony and death beneath it all. Material beauty is just another lure to ensnare us, blind us to the Truth, and keep us trapped. Most people live in denial about the true nature of matter and of the material universe. They lack the will or the courage to squarely face these facts and truths. Do *you*?

Humans will work for years to cure a deadly disease or condition, putting all their energy, time, genius, and money into the struggle until a cure for the disease is found. When they do, suddenly you hear "Thank GOD!" from the mainstream Christians around you for the medical breakthrough. They thank the very being that formed the disease in the first place. Such is their logic. The universe is not a friendly place, and *never has been*, regardless of the lies to the contrary told by the Jehovah gods.

The matter in the universe took its present form in an incomprehensibly violent explosion we call "The Big Bang." Entire galaxies collide. Stars grow old and explode, destroying all the planets circling them. Our star, the sun, will one day expand and engulf the earth before the sun finally dies. The entire universe is slowly but surely dying, and in a few billion years will return to being lightless and lifeless, just frozen ashes, which is its natural state. This is called entropy. Death and darkness are the final victors in the material universe, for matter is by nature lifeless and lightless. Are we to suppose that because Adam ate a piece of fruit that the entire unfathomable universe went from being a nice friendly place where there was no pain,

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suffering, violence, or death, to its current condition? Am I to suppose that the saber-tooth tiger and T-Rex were once gentle herbivores that suddenly sprouted fangs and became ferocious carnivores when Adam ate a piece of fruit? Or that a virtually limitless cosmos that *cannot function* apart from *violence and death* was actually the exact opposite before Adam ate a piece of fruit? Am I to be so gullible as to believe that a supposedly Omnipotent God is not responsible for its own work, but can shift the blame for its mistakes onto its finite creatures? Not only are such beliefs childish and silly, they are insulting to anyone with even average intelligence and education. Yet, hundreds of millions of people believe those very things. There is a world of difference between childlike faith and childish beliefs.

Evangelicals and Fundamentalists pride themselves on being true to the "letter," the literal interpretation, of the Bible. Yet they would be hard-pressed to find many early Christian writers who did not interpret the Genesis story of Adam and Eve as an allegory. Fundamentalists and Evangelicals think of themselves as representing primitive, original Christianity. Yet their crude literalism would be foreign indeed to the highly diverse, often highly sophisticated early church they so revere, yet are largely ignorant of. They do not comprehend that "the letter kills, but the Spirit gives Life." *2 Corinthians 3:6*.

As I have pointed out, mainstream Christians believe and teach that tiny puny humans are responsible for the mess the entire cosmos is in. They tell us their god is perfect wisdom, all knowing, and that all imperfections and violence and death we see in the *infinite* universe is due to actions of *finite* man. Yet the Bible is clear that imperfection, mistakes, and stupidity on the part of the Jehovah gods were present in the Garden of Eden before the so-called "fall."

I can demonstrate from the book of Genesis that the Jehovah gods that fashioned this world did so in a stupid,

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blundering fashion: "The Lord works in mysterious ways his blunders to perform." The book of Genesis tells us that Adam was created alone, and it took awhile for the Jehovah gods to realize that Adam needed a mate. Adam had been living for a period of time when the Jehovah gods suddenly realized "It is not good for man to be alone." *Genesis 2:18*.

So, having realized their blundering oversight, what was the solution proposed by the Jehovah gods? They proceeded to make all the animals of the earth, and then paraded them before Adam, hoping he would find an animal suitable as a mate. Let us read *Genesis 2: 18-20*: "And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him (a suitable mate for him).' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him."

First the blundering Jehovah gods failed to make a mate suitable for Adam, and then after realizing their mistake ("*It is not good for the man to be alone*") they formed the lower animals and hoped that from among their ranks Adam would pick an animal as his mate. They wanted Adam to engage in bestiality. Some Bible translations bend over backward to try to disguise the disgusting fact that the Jehovah gods expected Adam to choose an animal as his mate, but the concluding section of verse 20, "*... but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him*" reveals the truth of the matter. Yes, the Jehovah gods wanted Adam to name the animals, but they also wanted him to pick a mate from among the animals. It was not until after Adam had named all the animals, and "*for Adam there was not found an help meet for him*" that the Jehovah gods then

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made Eve out of one of Adam's ribs. How did the Jehovah gods determine that none of the animals was a "help meet" for Adam? Did Adam attempt to have sex with them? That's the logical and disturbing conclusion.

Even if the Jehovah gods did not intend for Adam to choose a mate from the animals, but merely a "companion" it still demonstrates stupidity and ineptitude on their part for not knowing the human they fashioned would need one of his own kind, a fellow human, to be a companion. Humans go mad without another human to interact with. That's a well-known psychological fact. However, the text is plain and straightforward that Adam was expected to find a mate among the animals. When he could not, Eve was fashioned as a last resort. I reiterate: the Jehovah gods are blind blundering fools, not all-knowing, because they had to learn from their mistakes. Also, their workmanship displays their stupidity and cruelty and shortsightedness, as I have already made abundantly clear.

Buddhism, Hinduism, and New Age teaching try to lay the blame for the horrific condition of the cosmos on karma, which is Sanskrit for "action." However, karma does not really make any sense as an explanation of the cosmos flawed state, or of suffering and death. Karma might explain *the workings* of the cycle of birth, suffering, death and reincarnation, but it does not explain *why* such an awful System exists to begin with. (By the way, anyone foolish enough to meditate to "become one with the universe" will in fact *succeed*, and thereby *ensure* they will be *trapped* in this universe *forever*)

Its easy to think of "mother nature" as basically good, benevolent and Divine as you are sitting on your porch, enjoying a lovely sunset and a cool breeze while the songbirds serenade one another, but that's because of your extremely limited perception. You are not seeing The Big Picture at that moment. While you are enjoying the sunset, billions of lives are being snuffed out in vari-

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ous grisly agonizing ways (on our planet alone), and nature is erupting with violence. If you could see The Big Picture (and you can if you make the mental effort) you would be stunned by just how violent and murderous nature actually is, and your cuddly feelings about it would vanish. Modern humans are too insulated from the grim realities of the natural world because of the comforts of modern technology. Let that technology fail to insulate them such as in a plague, tornado, hurricane, tsunami, earthquake, wildfire, drought, blizzard, crippling injury or disease and people receive a sudden slap of awakening from reality. If you sit down and think about the *millions* of forms of suffering and the *billions* of beings involved, you will either snap out of denial, or plunge deeper into denial and continue on as one of the sleepwalkers.

Pantheism (All-Is-God-ism), and its several variations, is the most stupid philosophy man has ever cooked up. To think that matter is "crystallized Spirit" as some of them put it, is absurd in the light of what we know scientifically about matter. The best analogy I can give you is the movie *Frankenstein* adapted from the novel by Mary Shelly. In the movie version, Dr. Frankenstein fashions a golem, a dead thing in human form, from dead human parts. Then with a mighty surge of lightning Dr. Frankenstein brings his disgusting golem to "life." Yet the monster is still really and truly dead, its "life" is only a simulacrum of life, and therein lays the ghastly gruesome appeal of the movie. "Those who have come to know this world have found a lifeless corpse. The world is not worthy of those who have discovered this world is a lifeless corpse." Jesus in *The Gospel of Thomas*

Matter is dead; it's a corpse, just as Jesus said. The light and heat it is presently giving off is not the Light of God. It's a thermonuclear counterfeit brought about by the unimaginably violent fury of nuclear fusion. Also, the

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universe is running down, like an old spring-wound watch, and in a few more billion years all atomic motion will cease. It is mind-boggling gravitational pressure that ignites nuclear fusion, which causes stars to give off light and heat, and thereby enables planets, which are themselves made of star-stuff, to enter into all the chemical reactions necessary for material life to arise, evolve, and flourish. Entropy is the Final Truth about this cosmos. Entropy is the scientific Fact that the fundamental atomic and sub-atomic structure of the universe is slowing down. It's dying, and will one-day cease entirely. When that occurs the universe will be dead.

Spirit is the antithesis of matter. Matter is the antithesis of Spirit. Matter is not God, or made out of God, or God playing hide-and-seek with God. God did not make matter. Matter just is. This insight is truly fundamental to awakening to Reality, to seeing things as they are. I cannot stress this enough. This universe is a Frankenstein's Monster. The elohim that formed this universe did so from dead, pre-existing matter. They brought it all together and compressed it into a singularity, a pinpoint, so dense that we cannot even begin to comprehend the density, and thereby infused their Frankenstein Monster with the energy, the motion, the vibration, to bring forth the thermonuclear counterfeit light and life of this universe. Their Frankenstein's Monster was born in an incredible explosion we give the infantile name "Big Bang."

The Most High God has nothing to do with matter, any more than the reader wishes to touch oozing, bloated, stinking corpses and try to bring them to life. Matter is dead, and is entirely dependent on violence and death for it to continue to give the impression of life, a simulacrum of life. As long as you keep looking for God in dead and dying matter, you will remain deluded, coming here lifetime after lifetime and suffering in this hell.

Obviously, not all life forms possess Divine Life, or Spirit. Only higher, sentient forms of life possess Spirit.

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Humans possess Spirit, and the higher mammals also do. Other life forms merely possess the makeshift, Frankenstein, biological life, which is dependent on violence and death for its temporary continuance. Such a poor counterfeit of Divine Life is the only "life" the Yahweh elohim are capable of producing. That is because God is not matter, and matter is not God, crystallized or otherwise. The universe is not the Divine Essence. Nor, as mainstream Christians and Jews maintain, did God make it out of nothing, "*ex nihilo*."

Matter and Spirit are the two eternal of the universe. Matter is dead and dark, having no life of its own. What light and life it does have is temporary, being the work of the Yahweh elohim, and is but a thermonuclear counterfeit of the True Light and Life. Some people are convinced they "feel God" when they are out in nature. They do indeed feel the presence of the elohim. The elohim, though in rebellion against the Most High God, are nonetheless of the Divine Essence. They are emanations of the Supreme Being. So, yes, one can feel the presence of the elohim in nature. One can feel a counterfeit of the Divine Presence.

So, realize when you look at a sunset, you are not "seeing God in the sunset," you are merely seeing the setting sun. When you smell a rose, you smell a rose, not God. When you see a dead cat or a pool of vomit, you are not seeing an emanation of God. You are seeing a dead cat and a pool of vomit. You are not seeing "crystallized Spirit." You are merely seeing matter. Some New-Age types insist that the universe is God because matter exhibits many bizarre properties at the quantum level. Recognizing these quantum properties is one thing, but concluding the universe is God because on these properties is an illogical leap over a gigantic chasm with nothing connecting the two. Except the belief of the one making the unfounded leap.

Now that I have been awakened to this Reality, I am

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astonished that otherwise intelligent, educated, sensitive, and sane people think this universe is a manifestation, emanation, or incarnation of God. It is no more God than dung is diamond. This universe is a dying thing, and its "life" is a grotesque imitation of Divine Life. God is not dying. God is Light and Life and Love. You are Divine, trapped here in dead defiled matter by the elohim for their sport. They placed a strong desire in you to reverence and even worship the material world to keep you trapped here. Don't play their game and remain their tool. Wake up and smell the formaldehyde!

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The God Of This World

Ironically, even while Christians and Jews are worshipping and praising their god in structures dedicated to him, tornadoes and earthquakes destroy the buildings, killing all those inside worshipping "the Prince of the Power of the Air." "Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the Power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience." *Ephesians 2:2*. If you worship the elohim that fashioned this world/cosmos, your god is not the Almighty God, is not the Heavenly Father of Jesus. The Bible, even in its current highly edited and corrupted form, still contains plenty of clues as to the real identity of the misshapen divinity that gave form to this fatally flawed material cosmos.

Let's read *2 Corinthians 4:4*: "The God of *this world* (Greek: *Aeon*) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the Light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the Image of God." The ancient Koine or Common Greek of the New Testament was written in all capitals, so it is arbitrary to make the word "theos" either God or god. Satan is called **the** God (Greek: *ho* theos) of this Aeon in *2 Corinthians 4:4*, and *1 John 5:19* says, "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one." In John 12:35, 14:30, and 16:11 Jesus calls Satan "the Archon [Ruler] of this world." The Greek word translated in the KJV as "world" in these verses is "kosmos," which is obviously the source of the English word cosmos. Kosmos literally means "an adorning or orderly arrangement" or "system." See *Strong's Greek Lexicon* #2889. Like the

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English word cosmos, kosmos can refer to the entire universe, the earth and stars. It also refers to the entire System of man's worldly arrangements: social, economic, religious, governmental, and military. The entire "world of man" and the entire universe lie in the power of the evil one. Read also *Ephesians 6:12*, where we are told: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against Principalities, against Powers, against the *Rulers* (Greek: Kosmokrator) of the darkness of *this world* (Greek: Kosmos), against spiritual wickedness in high places."

This verse is one of the single most revealing verses in the entire Bible. The word Kosmokrator occurs only this one time in the Bible. A related Greek word, "Pantokrator" means all-powerful, almighty, or omnipotent. See *Strong's Greek Lexicon #3841*. Kosmokrator is a combination of kosmos and kratos. Kratos means dominion, power, might, and strength. See *Strong's Greek Lexicon #2904*. Kosmokrator, then, means the Power behind the Kosmos, the one whose Might runs the Kosmos, the one who has Dominion over the Kosmos. Kosmokrator is used in *Ephesians 6:12* to describe Satan and his minions.

This is exactly what I am trying to get across in this book, and here it is hidden away in this one verse. Truly it is hidden, because all Bible translations in English are careful to avoid translating this verse literally and accurately and thereby give away the dark secret: Satan is the Cosmic-Power. As *Strong's Greek Lexicon #2888* says about Kosmokrator: "It is an epithet of Satan." English Bibles are sneaky when it comes to translating Kosmokrator. The word is singular yet they translate it in the plural, "Rulers." I can only conclude this is another attempt to hide the awful truth.

The Greek word translated "world" in the King James Version of *2 Corinthians 4:4* is "*Aeon*." See *Strong's Greek Lexicon # 165*. Aeon is a very peculiar term. It can mean an age, an eon, an era, or an epoch, all of which are extremely long periods of time. In addition, the Gnostic

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Christian scriptures demonstrate Aeon can also refer to an emanation of God and all that pertains to that emanation. The Jehovah elohim are distant emanations or Aeons from the Most High God. However, in the context of *2 Corinthians 4:4* "Aeon" means "Age" hence Satan is "The God of this Age."

In other words, during the incredibly long, but finite, period of time that the material universe continues to function he is The God of it because he fashioned it from pre-existing matter. That is why the Jehovah gods are referred to as "half-maker" (Greek: Demiourgos, Demiurge), because they merely fashioned pre-existent matter into various forms, they did not really "create" anything. They acted merely as artisans, builders. The whole cosmos or System lies in Satan's power (*1 John 5:19*) because he is the God and Artisan of it. Jeremiah 10:7 reinforces all that I have written here by calling Jehovah the King of the nations. "Who should not fear thee, O King of the nations?"

We've gained plenty of information at this point into the identity of Jehovah based on many insights from many angles of view from the Bible as well as from science and our own human experience of life. Now we're going to examine the most telling evidence of all to aid us in successfully unmasking Jehovah. If you've never let the horrifyingly weird picture of "God" that emerges from the Old Testament sweep over you, it's high time that you did so. We shall now look at far more than simply the *nice* parts of the Bible

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The Bible-God Reveals Itself

Most mainstream Christians, in my experience, become very agitated when someone, especially another Christian, exposes the "dirty laundry" of the Bible. When I was a mainstream Christian I was supposed to keep quiet about the dark underbelly of the Bible. If I brought up any Bible atrocities, and questioned the Bible-god because of them, I was snubbed. I became an enemy in their minds because mainstream Christians do not want the stinking dung in the Bible shoved right under their noses where they cannot escape its stench. One must keep the Code of Silence about the dark ugly monstrosities in the Bible so that no ones faith is disturbed, and no ones cozy little religious dream world is threatened by reality.

For all their talk of Truth, mainstream Christians have no interest at all in the Truth when it comes to the Truth about the Bible. Well, I am going to open that can of worms and expose the hideous Bible-god to full view. Jesus Christ gives us a very piercing Insight into the true identity of the god Jehovah when he says in *John 10:10*: "The Thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have Life (Greek: feminine Zoë, Life Divine) more abundantly." Let us keep this verse, as well as "ye shall know them by their fruits" in mind as we examine the mad murderous behavior of the Jehovah gods.

"And the LORD was with Judah, and He drove out the inhabitants of the mountain, but He could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had chariots of iron." *Judges 1:19*, KJV. Many try to say that it was only

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Judah who was thwarted by the chariots of iron, not the Jehovah gods. That makes no sense at all, because *if* the Yahweh elohim are *really* Almighty and they were "with" Judah, then chariots of iron certainly would not thwart Judah. Clearly, then, the Jehovah gods are not the Almighty God; they're fakes, impostors. Exactly who the Jehovah gods really are is revealed in these graphic biblical quotations:

"Samaria shall become desolate, for she has rebelled against God; they shall fall by the sword, their **infants shall be dashed to pieces**, and their **pregnant women shall be ripped open.**" *Hosea 13:16*. Samaria rebelled against the Jehovah gods so now the Jehovah gods will see to it that their infants are dashed to pieces and the pregnant women ripped open. So much for Jehovah being anti-abortion.

"And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou go to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thy hand: but **I will harden his heart** that he shall not let the people go. And thou shall say unto Pharaoh, Thus says the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: 'And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.' And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met Moses, and **sought to kill him**. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at the feet of Moses and said, 'Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.' So God let Moses go: then she said, 'A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.' And the LORD said to Aaron, 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him." *Exodus 4:21-27*. Here we see Jehovah acting as only he can; as a surreal nightmare god that "hardens Pharaohs' heart" so that Pharaoh will disobey him (and Jehovah will later kill him for his "disobedience"), and then one of the Yahweh elohim attacks

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Moses and tries to murder him. The god's anger is appeased only when Zipporah chops off her baby boy's foreskin. If this behavior does not shock and disturb you, then nothing will, for this is a truly freaky and disturbing portion of the Bible.

"And the **LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh**, and Pharaoh hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses. And the LORD said unto Moses, 'Go in unto Pharaoh: *for I have hardened his heart* and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him.' "*Exodus 9:12, 10:1.* Again, it is the Jehovah gods that harden Pharaoh's heart, so that Pharaoh *will disobey* the Jehovah gods. Then, as we all know, Jehovah murdered Pharaoh and his armies in the Red Sea for *disobedience*.

"And we took all Sihon's cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, *and the little ones* of every city, we left none to remain." *Deuteronomy 2:34.* Ask yourself this question: Why would an all-powerful God need human beings to act as its "hit-men?" *It makes no more sense than Almighty God needing a space ship!* What did the little kids do to deserve this kind of treatment? They were innocent. Modern armies seem to recognize this fact, why didn't Jehovah? Is he an imbecile or just heartless and merciless? As for those who whine that "the religion of Baal demanded child sacrifice" and that's why Jehovah ordered *this* slaughter, what's the difference? Either way, the innocent kids end up slaughtered! Baal-god and his insane worshippers were the same as Bible-god and his insane worshippers: both murdered sweet little infants, toddlers and babies.

"And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that were round about

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them fled at the cry of them: for they said, lest the earth swallow us up also. And there came out *a fire from the LORD*, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense." *Numbers 16: 32-35*. Here we see that the demented Jehovah gods punish members of entire families, including innocent infants. Also, the Jehovah gods send blazing fire to immolate their creations. How does *any* of this equate with "God is Love?" Or harmonize with the description of the God of Love in *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*? Jehovah is someone and something other than the Most High God.

"So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. And they *utterly destroyed all* that was in the city, both man and *woman, young* and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword." *Joshua 6:20-21*. As ordered by Jehovah, every cute little baby was ripped from its mother's arms, and its stomach sliced open to spill its guts and last meal of mother's milk upon the filthy ground. All the children were "utterly destroyed" for no good reason, other than to give more real estate to the Israelites. It was not enough to massacre every man, woman, and child. No! Even the harmless animals were needlessly slaughtered. *This* is the god that mainstream Christians and Jews love and worship. "By their fruits ye shall know them." What being displays this irrational and murderous behavior? It's a being whose name is on the tip of your tongue.

It was 'Jehovah' that ordered all these children to be chopped into bloody chunks. They used swords and axes back then. It was 'Jehovah' that delighted in bashing in the heads of little children, and all for what glorious reason? To gain more real estate for Israel, that's all. That's the bottom line. That's what wars have been fought about

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since time began—you have what I want so I'm going to take it from you by force. Notice also the way prisoners of war are treated by Jehovah's army. There aren't any. The Jehovah-crazed soldiers killed them all! We see that the Jehovah gods punish entire families, including innocent infants. How would we Americans like it if some weak little country, run by religious nuts in the Middle East, took a few dozen of our U.S. Army soldiers and their families captive, and then "utterly destroyed" all of them, as Jehovah and his obedient fanatics did in ancient times? Most Americans would have the common sense and decency to condemn the action as being barbaric and just plain wrong. So, where are the outraged Jewish and Christian voices condemning this barbaric behavior?

"And Israel joined himself unto Baal-Peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel." *Numbers 25:3-4*. What does "the fierce anger of the Lord" have to do with "Love is not provoked?" Mainstream Christians actually read this awful stuff to their *children!*

"And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with a host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots. So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled." *II Chronicles 14:9,12*. Here the Jehovah gods slaughter over a million Africans; more mindless murder.

"And it came to pass that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead." *Exodus 12:29-30*. Once again the Jehovah

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gods, the "murderers from the beginning" show us their true identity: Once again, we see Jehovah's love for murdering the innocent. What did these babies and children do to deserve the death penalty, except being born into a non-Jewish home? This racial genocide, though, is admired and praised by mainstream Christians and Jews. Is it any wonder that almost all racist and vigilante groups in America are earnest Bible devotees?

"Either three years of famine, or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while the sword of thy enemies overtakes thee. Or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men." *I Chronicles 21:12, 14.*

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." *I Samuel 15:2-3.* Again we see the real identity of the Jehovah gods, the murderer from the beginning, who has nothing in common with the God of Love described in *1 Corinthians 13:4-8.*

"And He smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even He smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter." *I Samuel 6:19.* Here we have yet another instance of 'Jehovah' performing mass murder, becoming the prototype for Hitler, Stalin, and all mass-murderers. You know who Jehovah really is, don't you?

"If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thy own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known,

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thou, nor thy fathers, thou shall not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him. Neither shall thy eye pity him, neither shall thou spare him, neither shall thou conceal him: But thou shall surely kill him. Thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. Thou shall surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword." *Deuteronomy 13:6, 8, 9, 15*. These insane laws of "Jehovah" commanded the Israelites to murder even their own family and children if they did not worship him. These Bible verses can cause, and have caused, fanatical Fundamentalists to kill their friends and family simply because the Fundamentalist does not like their religion. They imitate the savage actions of "Jehovah."

"When you draw near to a city to fight against it, offer terms of peace to it. And if its answer to you is peace and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do forced labor for you and shall serve you." *Deuteronomy 20: 10-12, RSV*. Slavery is fine with Jehovah. The United States, when it defeated Japan and Germany, did not enslave them, it bettered them. Therefore, the USA has a much more refined moral sense than does Jehovah.

"But if it makes no peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it; and when the LORD your God gives it into your hand you shall put all its males to the sword, but the women and the little ones, the cattle, and everything else in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourselves; and you shall enjoy the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you." *Deuteronomy 20: 13-17, RSV*. So, after the enemy army surrendered, Jehovah ordered all the captives murdered, and their widows and orphans given to the Jews as sex slaves and servants. This is the "god" of both Jews and mainstream Christians. Worship should not be offered to Jehovah. We should spit in his face and tell him he is a monster. He turned the widows and orphans

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not just into slaves, but into sex slaves. Doesn't that at least enrage any modern Christian or Jewish fathers who have teen-age daughters or pretty wives? How about if your wife or thirteen year old daughter were to be taken away to a harem? Would that finally enrage you, or is enslaving a woman and making her a sex slave just fine with modern Christians and Jews? Is *that* the "family values" that mainstream Christians keep preaching to "the godless heathens" about? Is this something a good god does? Stop avoiding the true moral nature of the god you worship every Saturday or Sunday morning. He is evil and no amount of public relations "spin" can change that.

"And to the others He said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maidens, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began with the ancient men that were before the house." *Ezekiel 9:5-6*. Here, 'Jehovah' orders the slaying of not only women and the elderly, but also more innocent tykes. These cold-blooded massacres occurred simply because people refused to bow down to 'Jehovah.'

"And they [the Israelites] warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. And the people of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire. And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts. And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by Jordan near Jericho. And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside the camp.

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"And Moses was angry with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle. And Moses said unto them, have ye saved all the women alive? Behold, these caused the people of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD. So therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that has known man by lying with him. But all the *women children*, that have not known a man by lying with him (meaning the virgins), *keep alive for yourselves.*" *Numbers 31: 1-18.*

What in blue blazes is going on here and how can anyone with even a shred of sanity and humanity worship the Jehovah gods who gave such barbaric orders? Keep the young virgins so you can *rape* them? Murder their mothers and fathers and little brothers in front of them, then while they're wailing with grief, *hold them down on the floor and rape them!* Be sure to kill all the girls who've already lost their virginity! Imagine the brave soldiers of Jehovah, pulling the clothes off *all* the girls and opening their legs and sticking their fingers into their vaginas to see if they're still virgins. *That is what the god Jehovah ordered!* How else do you think they could tell which were and were not virgins? "Excuse me miss, but are you a virgin? If not, I have to kill you. God's orders you know, nothing personal."

As if the above were not enough of an outrage, Jehovah also gave orders to kill off all the little boys. "Onward Jehovah Soldiers," get your sword and thrust it through the little five year olds belly- yeah, the cute little boy with the angelic face-that's the one, right over there, crying over his bloody dying mother. And slice up his little four-year-old brother too! Cut his arm off, cut his legs off. Play with him first and then just let him bleed to death. Keep hacking the little boys until your arms are so tired you think you cannot possibly hack another one to death. At that point, The Lord Jehovah will give you power to rise

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anew, and kill even more little boys. Hallelujah! Then debase yourselves before the deity who gave such orders, and tell mankind what a loving, good and merciful deity he is.

Incredibly, it is mainstream Christians and Jews who think atheists and Gnostics are odd for not wanting to bow down and worship their devilish god Jehovah. They think it is atheists and Gnostics whose minds are clouded. They believe it is those who find the satanic behavior of the Bible-god holy that are the sane ones. The truth is that anyone who does not find the behavior of the devilish god Jehovah evil and malevolent but holy, good, and loving, deserves an eternal afterlife with Jehovah.

Think of the children and women of your own family. No matter how utterly they may reject your religion, or how ill they may be physically, how would you feel and react if someone claiming to speak for God Almighty sent soldiers into your house and chopped to bits the women and male children and babies? Also, how would you react if they spotted your virgin sister, and abducted her to rape her?

"I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives *raped*." *Isaiah 13:3,15,16*. Here Jehovah not only commands the murder of children, but also commands the rape of women. Is this the behavior of the God of Love? Or is this clearly devilish behavior? If you are firmly and immovably convinced this behavior is "holy" then I'm at a loss for words.

"The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance of God. He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked." *Psalms 58:10*. What wonderful righteousness. Is this a person filled with the *Holy Spirit*? *Is it?* Emphasis in

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all of the following Bible verses is my own:

"And **SATAN** stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel." 1 Chronicles 21:1. "And again the anger of **JEHOVAH** was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah." 2 Samuel 24:1

"Then **God sent an evil spirit** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech." *Judges 9:23*.

"But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an **evil spirit from the LORD** troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, 'Behold now, **an evil spirit from God** troubles thee. Let our Lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on a harp: and it shall come to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well... And it came to pass, when the **evil spirit from God** was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the **evil spirit** departed from him." *1 Samuel 16:15-16, 23*.

"And it came to pass on the morrow, that **the evil spirit from God** came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand." *1 Samuel 18:10*.

"And **the evil spirit from the LORD** was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand." *1 Samuel 19:9*. The fact that Jehovah has the evil spirits at his command is a clue as to Jehovah's real identity. In case you are thinking the King James Version is inaccurate in how these verses were translated, you could not be more wrong. The word translated as "evil" is again the Hebrew word "*ra*" (See *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon #7451*), which does indeed mean "evil." If it reads differently in the translation you are using, that means you are using a modern inaccurate transla-

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tion with a particular "spin" to it. The "spin" is to make the Bible as fit for Sunday go-to-meeting as possible by tidying up all these "distressing" verses.

The Bible also commands that a woman who has been raped must marry her rapist: "When a man comes upon a virgin who has never been engaged and grabs and rapes her and they are found out, the man who raped her has to give her father fifty pieces of silver. He has to marry her because he took advantage of her. And he can never divorce her." *Deuteronomy 22:28-29, The Message Bible*. If you, the reader, are female, how would *you* like to have to marry your rapist? An unspeakable horror, you say? The Jehovah gods don't think so. Your dignity, mental health, and sanctity are worth "fifty pieces of silver" to Jehovah. Judas only received thirty.

"Happy shall he be that takes and dashes thy little ones against the stones." *Psalms 137:9*. Are these the words of someone filled with the Holy Spirit? *Are they?* Or are these the words of someone filled with the spirit of Satan? The answer is obvious to anyone except those who refuse to see.

"And they [the Israelites] utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword." *Joshua 6:21*. Can you say, "Osama Bin Laden?"

According to Jehovah in *Exodus 35:2*, someone caught working on the Sabbath should be murdered.

In *Leviticus 24:16*, we are told that anyone who "takes the name of the LORD [Jehovah] in vain" should be murdered. That is how seriously Jehovah takes himself. One would think an "Omnipotent Being" would not feel threatened, or be so full of itself, or take itself with such deadly seriousness. Jehovah is a god small in mind but huge in ego. He is in fact an egomaniac.

According to Jehovah in *Exodus 21:7*, it is acceptable to sell one's daughter into slavery. Millions of mainstream Christians wish to put these barbaric Old Testament laws

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into effect here in America. They call it "Dominion Theology" or "Christian Reconstructionism."

According to Jehovah in *Leviticus 25:44*, possessing slaves is quite acceptable civilized behavior, as long as they are purchased from neighboring nations. So, I guess I could purchase a Canadian, eh? There are far more atrocities in the Bible than the ones I have examined herein. This chapter has been a mere sampling. Try reading your Old Testament all the way through for a change and finally face the ugly Truth of *who* "Jehovah" *really* is, for "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Be like God, that's what the Bible says. But on nearly every page it portrays God as a homicidal maniac. This just might be an important clue as to why the western world behaves like a bunch of nutters. There are hundreds more such verses proving that the Yahweh elohim are none other than *The Thief* spoken of by Jesus in *John 10:10*: "The Thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; *but I have come* that they may have *Life (Zoë)*, and have Her more abundantly." The verses I quoted in this chapter are just a tiny sampling of the atrocities committed by Jehovah in the Old Testament, so its time to dust off your Bible and read it. Only then will the Truth about Jehovah set you free from Jehovah.

There are even accounts of *human sacrifices* in the Old Testament, human sacrifices *commanded by the Jehovah gods!* I will now quote these demented Bible verses:

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, **and her daughters shall be burned with fire**: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD." Jeremiah 49:2

It is also the Jehovah gods speaking in this next verse: "He that has stolen that which was assigned to be destroyed shall **himself be burned with fire**, he and all he possesses. Because the covenant of the LORD has he

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broken." (Joshua 7:15 NJMV)

"As for you, son of man, prophesy: Thus says the Lord GOD against the Ammonites and their calumny: 'A sword, a sword is drawn for slaughter ...I will judge you, and I shall I pour out my wrath upon you, breathing the fire of my fury upon you! I will hand you over to men of ravaging, craftsmen of destruction. **Fuel for the fire shall you be** and throughout the land shall flow your blood. You shall not be remembered, for I, he LORD, have spoken!" (Ezekiel 21: 28-32 NJMV)

"At the command of the LORD a man of God went forth to Bethel from Judah. He arrived just as Jeroboam was approaching the altar to offer unto the LORD a sacrifice. Thereafter at the command of the LORD he cried out, '**Altar oh altar**, thus says the LORD: Born into the dynasty of David shall be a boy named Josiah. Upon **you**, oh **altar**, shall he **sacrifice the priests** from the heathen temples that do come here to offer incense ...and Josiah **did sacrifice the priests of the heathen temples on their own altars** ...in obedience to all the Laws of the LORD written in the scroll which Hilkiyah the priest did find in the Temple of the LORD. Never before had there been a king like unto Josiah, a king who, with all his heart and soul and might turned to the LORD, obeying all the laws of Moses. A king like unto him there has never been again." (1 Kings 13:1-2; 2 Kings 23:20-25 NJMV)

As you can see, the "god" that emerges from the pages of the Old Testament is a terrifying insane thug, far worse than Adolph Hitler. It is a truly satanic god, as it tortures and murders multitudes in fits of rage and orders human sacrifices and the slaughter of millions, even babies and infants, over and over again. Losing its temper constantly, always angry and destroying and frightful. The Jehovah gods are egomaniacal murderous despots. That is why the Jehovah gods use the title "LORD of hosts." The church language of English translations often cover up the actual meaning of the underlying Hebrew words. Such is the

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case with the term "LORD of hosts" (Hebrew: Yahweh Sabaoth) which is actually "Jehovah of armies." The Old Testament even says, "Jehovah is a Man of War, Jehovah is his name." *Exodus 15:3, ASV of 1901*. Contrast "Jehovah is a Man of War" with the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for *they* shall be called the children of God." *Matthew 5:9*.

I mailed an early draft of this book to an online Fundamentalist acquaintance and after he read this section detailing the evil insane murderous acts of the Jehovah gods, he informed me that Jehovah's satanic behavior was a demonstration of "holiness." Needless to say, anyone who equates such vile evil with "holiness" is not right in the head or is completely and hopelessly brainwashed. Holy beings do not throw temper tantrums and destroy things and murder people. Mentally and emotionally disturbed beings do that. That is why large segments of early Christians, especially Gnostics, rejected Jehovah. They realized that Jehovah is a mentally defective and spiritually bankrupt lesser god or gods, the Demiurge. Instead, Gnostics embraced the Heavenly Father of Jesus.

Again, lest you think the Bible does not teach there is more than one god, remember that Jesus was accused of blasphemy by some hostile Jews for "making himself God" in *John 10:33*. He retorted with *Psalms 82:6*: "Ye are Gods, and sons of the Most High God." There is a host of gods, but only one Most High God. Otherwise, calling God "The Most High God" makes no sense. Especially in light of the Old Testament's clear multiple affirmations of many gods. "GOD (Jehovah) presides over heaven's court; he judges amongst the gods." *Psalms 82:1, RSV*

The Israelites and Judeans of the time of Jesus were not monotheists. They believed that a multitude of gods exist, but only ONE Most High God. Unfortunately, the Jews identified the foul Jehovah gods of their scriptures with the Most High God, but anyone who has read the Old Testament, especially a modern reader, will be aghast and

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repulsed by Jehovah. Unless they have been desensitized to him from youth by constant exposure, which is the case with well over one and a half-billion Christians and Jews.

Unbelievably, I've had mainstream Christians and Jews email me and tell me that the fact that the Jehovah gods horribly tortured, punished with horrific punishments, and even murdered the Israelites by the millions is *proof* the Jehovah gods are *good* and *merciful* and *kind*! I kid you not! In their tortured minds, behavior that would make Adolph Hitler envious is *loving and holy*! *That* is the depth of the mental conditioning, emotional disorder, and spiritual blindness caused by belief in the Jehovah gods. How can a thinking person possibly form an answer for such people and have it actually be comprehended? I do not believe it's possible except in extremely rare instances—such as my own—in which the earliest childhood training was in thinking for oneself and using critical thinking skills in all areas of life. That early childhood training played a huge role in my own deliverance from the madness of fundamentalism.

The Old Testament god says "For you must not prostrate yourself to another god, because Jehovah, whose name is **Jealous**, he is a **jealous** God." *Exodus 34:14, New World Translation, emphasis mine*. Jehovah is **jealous of another god**. If there really are not any other gods, of who is this god jealous? If this god Jehovah is not really sinister, why is it motivated by the most sinister of all emotions, jealousy? Why is its behavior satanic? If Jehovah is not really Satan, why is Satan called "The God of this Age" in *2 Corinthians 4:4*? Little wonder, then, that Satan proclaims himself the creator of this universe (*Genesis 1:1*) for that is what he is. Satan the *Kosmokrator*! However, if this cosmos was fashioned by an all wise, all-good, all-powerful, loving and gentle Heavenly Father (as mainstream Christians and Jews maintain), then why are evil

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and pain, disease and death, and all manner of violence, suffering and misery *designed into it?*

The Jehovah gods programmed the poisonous scorpion to sink its dart into an innocent child causing the child's heart to spasm as the venom takes hold, and death begins to climb up her leg. The Jehovah gods create lovely marvelous birds, and then programs felines to tear them to bits. Jehovah makes human sex, and then watches cancer consume newborn babies. The Jehovah gods do nothing to feed the world's starving billions, not even babies, infants, or children. When leukemia is diagnosed in an adorable little girl, her parents learn what no mainstream theologian has yet understood about the nature of evil. None of this is our fault. In your heart of hearts, you *know* that a *good* God could never be responsible for a universe overflowing with such violence and suffering and pointless death. Be honest with yourself.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the Jehovah gods knew the world trade towers were going to be destroyed and over 3,000 lives snuffed out by Muslim terrorists, yet Jehovah did absolutely nothing to stop this tragedy. The Bible says, "Therefore to him that knows to do good, and **does it not**, to him it is sin." *James 4:17*. By the Jehovah gods own definition of sin, they sinned, and are therefore sinners. This is not restricted, of course, to the events of 9/11. Anytime you see or read about something evil and/or destructive that occurs, the Jehovah gods have sinned by not preventing it. That is, if you believe the Yahweh elohim are really all-powerful, all-good, all-knowing, and loving. Jehovah is none of those things. Jehovah is evil.

The Gnostic Christians, the earliest Christians, realized the god that formed this cosmos is not the Most High God, the Heavenly Father, revealed by Jesus. The various other gods are descendants of the Most High God, but the Most High God did not fashion this material cosmos. The Most High God emanated the spiritual realms from

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the Divine Essence, therefore the spiritual realms are perfect and free from suffering and evil. However, the material universe was fashioned from pre-existing matter by deluded lesser gods, violent angry gods, jealous gods we know collectively as Jehovah/Samael or the Yahweh elohim. These mighty ones are either in open rebellion against the Most High God out of jealousy and hubris, or are simply ignorant of the Most High God and therefore operate under the delusion they alone are god, such as in *Isaiah 43:10, American Standard Version of 1901*: "Ye are my witnesses, says Jehovah, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am he. *Before me there was no god formed, neither shall there be after me.*"

Here is the Gnostic insight into the mind of Jehovah/Samael: "When he [Samael] opened his eyes, he saw an unlimited quantity of matter. This made him haughty and he declared, 'I and I alone am God! There is no other God besides me.' By speaking such words, he sinned against the Fullness [*the Pleroma*]. From above the domain of Plenary Power came a voice crying out and saying, 'Samael (which means 'god of the blind'), you are in error.' " From *The Hypostasis of the Archons*. Notice that matter was already in existence when "God" discovered it.

"I and I alone am God, there is no other God besides me." he bragged without ceasing. In so doing he sinned against all of the Immortals. When Faith [*"Pistis"* in Greek] beheld the irreverence of the chief Archon she became wrathful. She told him 'You are mistaken Samael, because an illumined immortal Humankind exists before you!' " *On the Origin of the World*.

"He spoke in his insanity, saying 'It is I that am God, I and I alone!' for he does not know his origin. When he looked upon the creation that encircled him, and observed the army of angels round about him, which had emanated from him, he told them, 'I am a jealous God, and I alone am God.' In so doing he made it plain to the

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angels that another God must of necessity exist. Because if there is no other God, of whom is he jealous?" *From The Secret Book of John.*

You may well be asking at this point, "How does the fact that this universe was sculpted by lesser gods let the Most High God "off the hook," so to speak, for the condition of the universe? Did not the Most High God bring forth these lesser gods, and is not the Most High God therefore responsible for the actions of its progeny?" That is an excellent question, and here is the answer: Think of your great-great-great-great-great-great-grand parents. From one angle, we can quite logically say they are responsible for all of your actions, good and evil, because if they had not procreated, you would never have existed and therefore would never have done anything evil *or* good. However, looked at from another angle, such a line of reasoning is ludicrous and transparently absurd, for you are responsible for your own actions. The Most High God stands in relation to the elohim and their actions the same way your ancient ancestors stand in relation to you and your actions. Also, remember the True God did not create matter, and has never fashioned anything out of matter either. Matter is self-existent and eternal, and is by its very nature dead and flawed. Life is alien to matter, and must be brought in from Outside, and even then matter can sustain life only briefly and only through death.

It is the nature of the Most High God to emanate Divine beings (elohim) in the Divine Likeness, to "beget." God is the Eternal Parent; so God has been *eternally* begetting Divine beings, "mighty ones," the elohim, from God's own Essence or Being. "Because we are discussing the interaction of gods and men, you should understand, Asclepius, the ways in which man is powerful. As the Father emanates gods from Himself, so too men fashion gods." *Asclepius 21-29, an ancient Gnostic scripture.*

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The elohim in turn have fashioned worlds from pre-existent matter, and emanated or begotten "mighty ones" from their own essence or being. See also the *Trimorphic Protennoia* of the Gnostic Christian scriptures to explore this teaching further. The elohim, the "mighty ones" that gave form to this universe are very far removed indeed from the Most High God. As we have already noted, they are either in open rebellion to the Supreme Being, or are simply ignorant of the Supreme Being and therefore operate under the delusion they are the only gods as *Isaiah 43:10* would indicate. The mighty ones that shaped this universe are at best indifferent, and at worst malevolent. They are not merely a "force" such as the Tao.

The universe displays an insidious yet blundering blind intelligence, as befits blind blundering elohim. The sufferings that material beings must endure amuse them. *Your* sufferings amuse them. Worshipping them in ignorance, mistaking them for the True God, binds you to them, places you under their power, and enslaves you to them. Unless you wake up, and the scales fall from your eyes, you are their lab rat. Also, until you call out to the True God, the Abba (Papa) of Jesus Christ, for deliverance from the shackles of these evil beings, and renounce and denounce them, you will *remain* their lab rat. You will remain the object of their cruel sport lifetime after lifetime in this hell. For it is this material world that is the real hell, not some fictional place of suffering in the afterlife, a fiction invented to keep us enslaved to the elohim via fear.

"There is no fear in Love; but Perfect Love casts out all fear because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love." *1 John 4:18*. Christ came to set us free of the elohim: "And having disarmed the sovereignties and authorities, Christ disgraced them publicly, triumphing over them by the cross." *Colossians 2:15, NJMV*. Jesus Christ also imparted Gnosis, which is personal experien-

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tial *knowing*, of the True God of Love, the Most High God, who dwells within us via the Logos, yet is covered over by our own ignorance and delusions. Christ did not come with any nonsense about original sin, "Divine" wrath, hellfire or any of the other dark and demonic lies attributed to him by the Catholic Church under the power of the devilish god Jehovah. Jesus did not "die for our sins" because the True God does not hold us responsible for the wretched state in which we were fashioned and born. The True God is not a rageaholic demanding some sort of sadistic "satisfaction" via the agony and torture of blood sacrifice. All such teachings are the doctrines of devils, of the elohim. **I find it intriguing that Satanism is fixated on blood, bloodlines, blood sacrifices—the ritual spilling of blood--and that the Jehovah elohim are fixated on blood, bloodlines, blood sacrifices--the ritual spilling of blood. This is more strong evidence as to the actual identity of "Jehovah."**

The True God is Love Unconditional. Do you wish to continue to worship such a malodorous fiend as "Jehovah" and remain its lab rat forever? You *will* do so unless you find the True God, for reincarnation is a Spiritual fact.

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Reincarnation In The Bible

Most modern mainstream Christians are unaware that the earliest Christians believed in reincarnation, as did the Jews. The ancient Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, who lived in the first century AD, recorded in his *Jewish War* (3, 8, and 5) and in his *Antiquities of the Jews* (18, 1, 3) that reincarnation was widely believed and taught in his day. Even the Pharisees and Essenes taught reincarnation. Modern-day Hassidic and Orthodox Jews also teach reincarnation. Flavius Josephus recorded in his *Jewish War* that the Pharisees believed that the souls of bad men are punished after death, but that the souls of good men are "removed into other bodies" and they will "have power to revive and live again."

A contemporary of Josephus, Philo Judaeus of Alexandria, in several of his writings, also refers to reincarnation in one fashion or another. Early Church Fathers, such as Justin Martyr (AD 100-165), St. Clement of Alexandria (AD 150-220), and Origen (AD 185-254) taught the pre-existence of souls and reincarnation. Examples are found throughout the works of Origen, such *Contra Celsum* (1, xxxii), where he asked: "Is it not rational that souls should be introduced into bodies, in accordance with their merits and *previous* deeds?" And in *De Principii* he wrote, "the soul has neither beginning nor end." St. Jerome (AD 340-420) who translated the Bible into Latin (which is known as the Latin Vulgate) wrote in his *Letter to Demetrias* that a number of Christians in his day believed and taught reincarnation as an esoteric doctrine.

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This teaching would traditionally be imparted to only a few, he wrote, as a secret that must be kept.

Synesius (AD 370-480), Bishop of Ptolemais, also taught reincarnation, and in a written prayer he said: "Father, grant that my soul may unite with the Light, and be thrust no more *back* into the illusion of earth." In other hymns that he penned, such as *Number III*, he also clearly stated his convictions on reincarnation. They contain prayers that he will be so purified on earth that reincarnation will no longer be necessary. In his essay on dreams, Synesius wrote: "There is the potential, after much effort and time, and a transition into other lives, for the adroit soul to surface from this dark abode." Other early Christian writings, including but not confined to the Gnostic Christian scriptures, also attest to the fact that reincarnation was a normal part of ancient Christian instruction.

The teachings of the pre-existence of the soul and reincarnation stood until the Catholic Church declared them heretical in 553 AD at the Second Council of Constantinople. Please note that the very fact that the Catholic Church held a church-wide council to try to stop the teaching of reincarnation shows how ubiquitous this teaching was. Church-wide councils were generally not convened to deal with minor matters. The Catholic Church aggressively sought out all those who did not agree with her, and declared them "heretics," then burned their writings and homes and places of worship. Ultimately, the Catholic Church went on to persecute and kill anyone, and destroy any group, that dared to teach differently or oppose them.

Why did the Catholic Church oppose the teaching of reincarnation? The teaching undermined their power and control over the people. Instead of having many opportunities through many lifetimes to come to know God, the Catholic Church wanted to increase and extend their power by giving everyone only one chance in one lifetime through the Catholic Church. Since the Catholic Church

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claims they alone hold "the Keys of the Kingdom," believers were (and still are) frightened through threats of purgatory and hellfire to submit to Catholic "authorities." They're psychologically coerced to do as they're told, fill the coffers of the Catholic Church with money, and have their children molested by pedophile priests.

Most references to reincarnation were expunged from the New Testament by the hierarchs of the Catholic Church. However, not all were expunged. Some references were allowed to stand, but were explained away by Catholic theologians. Let's take a look at some remaining references. *Matthew 11:13-14*: "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John the Baptist. And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah, which was to come." Later in the same Gospel, Jesus again declares that John the Baptist is Elijah reincarnated. "And his disciples asked him, saying, 'Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?' And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you that Elijah is come already and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they wished. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.'" Then the disciples understood that he spoke unto them of John the Baptist." *Matthew 17:10-13*. This was based on the then-current understanding of the words of the prophet Malachi in Malachi 4:5: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."

Please note that Jesus did not say John the Baptist was merely someone "like" Elijah, but was in fact *Elijah*. This is again affirmed in *Luke 1:17*. "And he (John the Baptist) will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah." Please note it is the spirit that reincarnates in a new body, hence John the Baptist was the reincarnation of Elijah. That is plain to see for anyone with ears to hear and eyes to see. Some will object to this because John the Baptist did not himself know that he was Elijah reincar-

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nated, as we see in *John 1:21*: "And they [a group of Pharisees] asked him [John the Baptist], What then? Art thou Elijah? And he said, I am not." Obviously, John the Baptist did not know that he was the reincarnation of Elijah because he lacked any memory of his previous existence. However, Jesus in fact knew better, and declared John to be the reincarnation of Elijah. Please take note that the very fact that the Pharisees asked John the Baptist if he were Elijah reveals they did in fact believe in reincarnation.

After John the Baptist was beheaded, Jesus traveled with his inner circle of disciples to Mount Tabor, where he was transfigured. "And after six days Jesus took with him Peter, and James, and John, and led them up into an high mountain apart by themselves, and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining. And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles: one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' And they asked Jesus, saying, 'Why say the scribes that Elijah must first come?' And he answered and told them, 'Elijah verily comes first, and restores all things. But I say unto you, that Elijah is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they wished, as it is written of him.' " *Mark 9:2-13*. Again, this is an obvious affirmation that John the Baptist and Elijah the prophet are the same person.

"Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John the Baptist. And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah, which was to come. He that has ears to hear let him hear." *Matthew 11:11-15*. *Matthew 16:13-14* makes it plain that belief in reincarnation was widespread among the people of Jesus' day: "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, 'Whom

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do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' And they said, 'Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' "

Reincarnation is even found in the Book of Revelation. Jesus tells the members of the church of Philadelphia that when they overcome the world they will never again have to leave Heaven. Here Heaven is referred to symbolically as the Temple of God: "He that overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go out from thence no more." *Revelation 3:12*. The clear implication here is that people had in fact been "going out from thence" (the Temple of God, Heaven) to the world, but once they overcome the world they will no more be "going out from thence" to the world.

Finally let's look at the incident of the man born blind in *John 9:1-3*. It reads: "And as Jesus passed by he saw a man who was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, 'Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents. But that the works of God should be made manifest in him.' " Obviously, the Jewish people in the time of Jesus believed in reincarnation, or the disciples of Jesus would not have asked if this man was born blind as a result of a sin that he had committed. Because the only way for this man to have sinned and be *born* blind as a *result* would be if he had existed in a previous life and had sinned. Jesus did not deny the man's previous life, but informed his disciples the blindness was not a result of any sin in a previous life or that of his parents.

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The Light And The Darkness

Paul in the New Testament asks us a very interesting question. He asks us "What communion has light with darkness?" *2 Corinthians 6:14*. Paul's answer, of course, is *none*. "Light has no communion with darkness, nor righteousness with iniquity." With that fact in mind, a truly striking contrast between Jehovah and the Heavenly Father can be found by comparing *1 John 1:5* and *Acts 26:18* with a number of verses describing Jehovah. Remember, when you see LORD or GOD in all capitals in the Old Testament, the Hebrew is actually Jehovah, or more accurately, Yahweh. *1 John 1:5*: "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is LIGHT and in Him there IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL." *Acts 26:18*: "To OPEN THEIR EYES, and to turn them from DARKNESS to LIGHT, and from the power of SATAN unto GOD." Clearly, darkness is of Satan, and Light is of the True God. Now contrast those two verses with all of these verses describing Jehovah. Emphasis mine.

"Then spoke Solomon, Jehovah said that He would dwell in the thick **darkness**." *1 Kings 8:12*.

"Then said Solomon, Jehovah has said that He would dwell in the thick **darkness**." *2 Chronicles 6:1*.

"Woe unto you that desire the Day of Jehovah! To what end is it for you? The Day of the LORD is **darkness**, and *NOT LIGHT*." *Amos 5:18*. All of the people you know who believe in the Bible literally or are Fundamentalists eagerly awaiting "the Day of the Lord" should read the above verse.

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"But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and **darkness** shall pursue his enemies." *Nabum 1:8*. When you're an egomaniacal mass-murderer such as Jehovah, you acquire a lot of enemies.

"The great Day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hastens greatly, even the voice of the Day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste and desolation, a day of **darkness** and gloominess, a day of clouds and **thick darkness**." *Zephaniah 1:14-15*.

"Shall not the Day of the LORD be **darkness**, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?" *Amos 5:20*. Jehovah has no light to give, for his is a heart of darkness.

"He has led me, and brought me into **darkness**, but not into light." *Lamentations 3:2*. The only way to get light out of Jehovah is to set him on fire!

"All the bright lights of heaven will **I make dark** over thee, and set **darkness** upon thy land, says the Lord GOD" *Ezekiel 32:8*.

"He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and **darkness** was under his feet." 2 Samuel 22:10.

"He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and **darkness** was under his feet." *Psalms 18:19*.

"Give glory to the LORD your God, before he causes **darkness**, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, He turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross **darkness**." *Jeremiah 13:16*. Jehovah will "get you" if you do not flop down before him and quake with fear and tell him how wonderful and sensational he is. With a god like this who needs a devil?

"**Darkness** is His secret place." *Psalms 18:11*.

"And I will give thee the Treasures of **Darkness**, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou may know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." *Isaiah 45:3*. The god of Israel is Samael, the god

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of darkness, the blind god, and he has given Israel "the Treasures of Darkness." That does not sound desirable to me. Does it sound desirable to you? This verse certainly sheds light on Ephesians 6:12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the Ruler (Kosmokrator) of the **darkness** of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

"And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick **darkness** where GOD was." *Exodus 20:21*. "These words the LORD spoke unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick **darkness**, with a great voice. And he wrote them in two tablets of stone, and delivered them unto me. And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, or the mountain did burn with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders." *Deuteronomy 5:22-23*.

"And he made **darkness** pavilions round about Him." 2 *Samuel 22:12*. The most telling verse of all as to the real identity of the Jehovah elohim is *Isaiah 45:7*: "I *form* the light, and *create* **darkness**. I make peace, and *create* **evil**. I the LORD (Jehovah) do all these things." Modern translations of the Bible change "evil" to "calamity" or "woe" or some other word in an attempt to cover this revealing verse up. The Hebrew word is "ra" and its primary meaning is *evil*. See *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon #7451*. Notice that Jehovah does *not create* light, but merely *forms* (or shapes) the light. He merely shapes and forms something (the light) which already exists. The only things in this passage that the Jehovah gods actually *create* are **evil** and **darkness**! Who but Satan could be the creator of evil and darkness? As Acts 26:18 says "To open their eyes, and to turn them from **Darkness** to Light, and from the power of **Satan** unto God." "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." *Psalms 34:14*. How much more obvious can it be? "Jehovah" is Satan. *James 1:17* tells us

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the True God is "The Father of *Lights*." He is *not* the father of darkness.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the Ruler of the **darkness** of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." *Ephesians 6:12*.

Another powerful contrast is found in one of the best known, best loved sections of the New Testament: the Love Chapter, chapter 13 of *1 Corinthians*. Starting with verse 4 and ending with verse 8 we read: "Love suffers long and is kind. Love is not jealous. Love does not parade itself.

Love is not puffed up. Love does not behave rudely. Love does not seek its own glory. Love is not provoked. Love thinks no evil. Love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things. Love hopes all things. Love endures all things. Love never fails." Since the Apostle John tells us that "He that loves not knows not God, for *God is love*." *1 John 4:8*. Let us read the above verses again: "God suffers long and is kind. God is not jealous. God does not parade Himself. God is not puffed up. God does not behave rudely. God does not seek his own glory. God is not provoked. God thinks no evil. God does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. God bears all things. God hopes all things. God endures all things. God never fails."

Yet, Jehovah says, "I, JEHOVAH THY GOD, am a **JEALOUS** GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. **JEHOVAH**, whose name is **JEALOUS**, is a **JEALOUS** GOD!" *Exodus 20:5, 34:14, American Standard Version of 1901, emphasis mine*. Some modern translations, in an attempt to rehabilitate Jehovah, change the highly accurate translation "jealous" to some less repugnant term or phrase. See *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #7065 for a discussion of the Hebrew root word qana, and its two derivatives, #7067 *qanna*, and #7068

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qinah. Qana, the root word, means, "to be zealous in a bad sense, jealous or envious." The derivative *qanna* means "jealous," and *qinah* means "to be jealous or envious." *Qanna* is used in *Exodus 20:5*, and *qinah* is used in *Exodus 34:14*.

Unlike the God of Love, Jehovah does *not suffer* anything for long, and is rarely if ever kind. Jehovah *is puffed up*, and constantly *parades* himself and *seeks his own glory*. Jehovah behaves very *rudely* indeed! Demanding that humans debase themselves before him and quake in fear before him. See *Deuteronomy 6:24*. Jehovah *is easily provoked*, and not only thinks evil, but is the very *creator* of evil. *Isaiah 45:7*. Jehovah orders helpless innocent babies to be slaughtered, and their blood spilled before him for his bloodthirsty rage to be placated. That *is iniquity* and Jehovah *rejoices* in it. Jehovah endures or *bears* very little, instead demanding that the Israelites obey him blindly and explicitly or suffer a hideous death at his hands. Jehovah *is* very easily *provoked* to fits of rage and destruction, as chapter nine of this book has shown you. Jehovah orders the slaughter of millions, and even murders vast multitudes of people directly. Jehovah *fails* miserably to live up to the True God of Love described in *I Corinthians 13:4-8*. I ask again, how much more obvious can it be as to Jehovah/Yahweh's real identity? Jehovah is manifestly and clearly none other than Satan. It is Satan that calls himself Jehovah, and he has trapped us here in this miserable material world of pain, suffering, violence, disease, malfunction, old age, and death.

Horribly negative and demonic words such as rage, wrath, anger, enemy, enemies, destroy, slaughter, exterminate, kill, vengeance, revenge, hate, torment, occur collectively hundreds of times in the Bible in connection with Jehovah. Look these words up in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* and see for yourself. I ask you; why would an all-powerful, all wise, all-good loving God have enemies? I also ask why Jehovah cannot find a wiser more

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loving way to deal with his enemies than to torture and kill them in fits of rage? It was Abraham Lincoln who said: "If I make my enemies my friends, have I not destroyed my enemies?" This statement comes from a mere human. Yet, the supposedly omnipotent Jehovah cannot rise to it. That is because Jehovah is *a* god not *The* God. Jehovah is not our Heavenly Father.

The true identity of the Jehovah gods is given away by their behavior, as Jesus said. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?" *Matthew 7:16*. The name Satan means "Adversary" because Jehovah is the Adversary and Counterfeit of the True God. Consider the words of Jesus concerning Satan in *John 8:44*: "He is a liar, and the Father of Lies." The True God is not the Father of lies, for "It is impossible for God to lie." *Hebrews 6:18*. So then, what do the following verses reveal about the identity of the god Jehovah? *1Kings 22:19-23*: "And Micaiah said, Therefore hear thou the word of Jehovah: I saw Jehovah sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And Jehovah said, 'Who shall entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead?' And one said on this manner; and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before Jehovah, and said, 'I will entice him.' And Jehovah said unto him, 'Wherewith?' And the spirit said, 'I will go forth, and will be a **lying spirit** in the mouth of all his prophets.' And Jehovah said, 'Thou shall entice him, and shall also prevail. Go forth and do so now. Therefore, behold, **Jehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets**, and Jehovah has spoken evil concerning thee.' " This same scenario is repeated in *2 Chronicles 18:18-22*:

"Behold, **Jehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets**; and Jehovah has spoken evil concerning thee." And "**Then the LORD sent an evil spirit** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and

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the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech." *Judges 9:23*.

The fact that Jehovah has the evil spirits at his command is a clue as to Jehovah's real identity. In all of the verses just quoted it is Jehovah himself that puts the lying spirit in the mouth of the deceiving prophets, he does not merely "allow" them to be deceived. Ergo, Jehovah is not the God of whom Jesus spoke, but is Satan the Father of Lies. The above verses also demonstrate that "all the host of heaven" (at least Jehovah's "heaven") is eagerly standing by to deceive and do evil at Jehovah's bidding. These are the Archons or demons, the *elohim*, they are not from the Heavenly Father of Jesus, not from the *Pleroma*. According to *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*, the True God does not even *think* evil, let alone send lying evil spirits to deceive people and then speak evil of those he deceives. "And if the prophet be deceived, **I Jehovah have deceived that prophet**, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel." *Ezekiel 14: 9 American Standard Version of 1901*. Once again Jehovah *actively deceives* a prophet and then destroys the prophet he deceives. He does not merely passively "allow" a prophet to be deceived. The Hebrew word translated "deceived" is "*pathah*" and it can mean *delude, allure, deceive, entice, persuade, or flatter*, depending on the context. In this context it means to deceive or delude. See *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon #6601* for the full discussion. Can you not see the satanic nature of Jehovah's behavior?

Many modern Bible translators, in an effort to clean up their god's despicable behavior, bend over backward to "translate" this verse in deceitful ways that obscure the plain meaning of the Hebrew text: that Jehovah himself deceived the false prophets. (Some of the worst offenders in such "translation" are the New American Standard Bible, New International Version, the Amplified Bible, the Darby translation, and the New King James Version) By his own admission the god Jehovah is a liar and deceiver.

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Remember that it was Jehovah that told the Original Lie in the Garden of Eden. *Genesis 2:17*.

If a spirit of rage, hate, violence or murder is rising in you as you read these words, you need to realize that you are behaving just as your father Jehovah behaves because you are filled with the spirit of Jehovah. For the fruits of the *unholy* spirit are "hatred, jealousies, contentiousness, outbursts of wrath, envy, murders." *Galatians 5:19-21*. Whereas the Fruits of the *Holy* Spirit are "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." *Galatians 5:22*. The fruits of the *unholy* spirit, such as hatred, contentiousness, jealousy, outbursts of wrath, envy, murders, are the very emotions and activities that Jehovah indulges in over and over again. So once more we see a powerful contrast between Jehovah god and the True God, the Heavenly Father revealed by Jesus Christ. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn-bushes, or figs gathered from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit." *Matthew 7:16-17*. Intolerance, bigotry, hatred, persecution, and murder are the fruits that have largely characterized mainstream Christian behavior throughout history.

Mainstream Christians and Jews have been duped into worshipping the Evil One, and are filled with the spirit of their father, and so they do his works. As Jesus said to the devout god-fearing Jews of his day, in *John 8:41-44* (*emphasis mine*): " 'Ye do the deeds of *your* Father.' Then said they to him, 'We were not born of fornication; we have *one* Father, even *God*.' Jesus said unto them, 'If *God* were your Father, ye would love me, for I proceeded forth and came from God...*Ye are of your Father the Devil*, and the lusts of your Father ye will do. He was a *murderer* from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a *Liar*, and the *Father of Lies*.' "

Clearly, Jesus flat out *told* the Jews that their Father, their

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god Jehovah, is the Devil, the Father of Lies. Jehovah told the Original Lie in Eden, and the Old Testament is replete with horrific accounts of Jehovah's murders and lies. So I say now to mainstream Christians and Jews who worship Jehovah: "Ye are of your Father the Devil." If you are still unable to perceive this, then compare the Sermon on the Mount with the behavior of the god Jehovah. It's another striking contrast between the gentle, good, loving Heavenly Father of Jesus and the devilish god Jehovah.

Let us read part of *the Sermon on the Mount* in *Matthew 5:3-9*: "Blessed are the *poor in spirit*, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that *mourn*, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the *meek*, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the *merciful*, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the *pure in heart*, for they shall *see God*. Blessed are the *peacemakers* for they shall be called the Children of God." Compare the code of behavior outlined by Jesus Christ in the Sermon on the Mount we just read, with the saber rattling and bloodlust of the Christian Right, and you will see what god they obey. Compare the Sermon on the Mount with the blood-and-guts history of Christianity, and you will see what spirit has animated most Christians. Observe also the striking contrast between the behavior of Jehovah and the behavior code laid down by Jesus himself in Matthew chapter five. Time after time Jesus contrasts his own teaching with that of Jehovah and the Old Testament scriptures.

For example, compare a quotation of Jehovah at *Deuteronomy 19:21*: "And thy eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot" with the teaching of Jesus in *Matthew 5:38-39, 43-44, 48*: "Ye have heard that it was said an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, *But I say unto you* resist not the evil person. Whoever slaps you on the right cheek turn to him

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the other also. You have heard that it was said 'Thou shall love thy neighbor but hate thy enemy,' *but I say unto you* love thy enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those that hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father in Heaven. Therefore be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

Here Jesus clearly contrasts the commands and behavior of Jehovah (who hates his enemies and curses and kills them) with that of his Heavenly Father (who loves his enemies and blesses those that curse him). Jesus commands his true followers to emulate the Heavenly Father. Precious few mainstream Christians have ever paid more than lip service to these words of Jesus and the Heavenly Father, preferring instead to ape the ugly behavior of their god Jehovah. See again John 8:44. Lest some Christians try to get around this clear evidence of two sharply contrasting deities by saying Jehovah has "gotten religion" or become "born again" or taken anger management class and is now more civilized than the days of old, read *Mala-chi 3:6, American Standard Version of 1901*: "I am Jehovah, I change not." Here is another of the dozens more *glaring contrasts* between the satanic god of the Old Testament, and the Most High God whom Jesus came to reveal: "Then the king sent unto Elijah a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to Elijah: and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke unto Elijah, 'Thou man of God, the king has said, Come down.' And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, 'If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty.' And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty." *2 Kings 1:9-10*.

Now read what Jesus said about this incident: "And when his disciples James and John saw this they said, 'Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did?' But Jesus turned, and rebuked them, and said, '*Ye know not*

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*what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.' " Luke 9:54-55. Obviously, Jesus is clearly saying that the spirit behind the murders in 2 Kings 1:9-10 were of a different spirit than He, for "He came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Clearly, this other spirit, the one that murdered at Elijah's request, is not the Most High God. It's someone else entirely. In closing, John the Baptist spoke these words to the Jews of his day, people who believed in Jehovah: "No one has ever seen God." (John 1:18) Yet the OT claims that Moses *did* see Jehovah "face to face!" (Exodus 33:11) *Jesus* told us that John the Baptist spoke the *Truth* (John 5: 32-33). I conclude that John and Jesus tell me the Truth. No one has ever seen God Most High, but Moses did see Jehovah "face to face." Ergo, Jehovah is *not* the Most High God!*

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One Fountain Or Two?

On the one hand, we read in the Bible that "God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all," and on the other hand we have also read in the Bible that darkness is part and parcel of Jehovah. On the one hand we read that "It is impossible for God to lie," and on the other hand we read of Jehovah deceiving prophets and lying. On the one hand we read that "God is love" and "love is not jealous," and on the other hand we read that Jehovah is a jealous god. On the one hand, we read *the Sermon on the Mount* and its call to pacifism, gentleness, altruism, and that we should "be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect," and on the other hand we read of the savage, vile, blood-thirsty, and murderous acts of Jehovah. On the one hand we are told "God is Love" and we have Love clearly defined for us in *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*, and on the other hand we see Jehovah behaving in a truly satanic fashion of undiluted evil. Are we really reading of only one God? Or is it obvious to you by now we are reading of at least two deities, one merely a god and one the Most High God? At this point we must ask ourselves, can both good and evil spring forth from the same God, a God who is Love personified? *1 John 4:8, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8*.

Most of the spiritually blind will attribute both sets of behavior, loving and evil, to the same God, clearly making God out to be a schizophrenic. A Doctor Jekyll and Mister Hyde in the sky. That is simply not possible as the apostle James says: "Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olives? Can a grape vine bear figs? **Neither can the same**

fountain yield both fresh water and salt water. Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good manner of life his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the Truth. This wisdom descends not from above, but is earthly, sensual, Devilish. (*Remember: In Isaiah 45:7 Jehovah says he both forms good and creates evil; In other words, both "sweet and bitter!"*). For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the Sophia from Above is first **pure**, then **peaceable**, **gentle**, and easy to be entreated, full of **mercy** and **good** fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in **peace** by them that **make peace.**" *James 3:12-18.* Again, contrast this gentle, loving Divine Wisdom with the Devilish, envying, evil, warring, impure, murderous behavior of Jehovah laid bare for all to see in chapter nine of this book. As *Isaiah 5:20* says: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." Or, as the *Book of Thomas the Contender* says, "Good and evil are all the same to a fool."

Clearly, the Heavenly Father is *not* the Fountainhead of both good and evil, of both "fresh water and salt water," or of "sweet and bitter" only the Jehovah gods are. To think that the True God is the source of both good and evil is to be deluded, to be filled with "wisdom" that is earthly, sensual, and Devilish. Again, this is why the history of Christianity and Judaism is filled with Devilishly violent, cruel, savage and murderous actions right up to today. It's why the Christian Right and "Israel" are so full of arrogance, hate, anger, racial bigotry, a spirit of war and vengeance! They emulate and ape the savage actions of Jehovah, whom they mistakenly believe is the True God. To attribute both good and evil to the True God is to make the Kingdom of God a "kingdom divided against itself," a kingdom that cannot stand.

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"Every *good* gift and every *perfect* gift is from Above, and comes down from the Father of Lights, with whom is *no variableness*, neither shadow of turning." *James 1:17*. Only *good* things only *perfect* things come from the Father of Lights, for he is not the father of darkness. He is our Abba, the True God. The evil, pain, suffering, cruelty, agony, death and imperfection of this cosmos come from the Jehovah elohim. Furthermore, to attribute both good and evil to the True God is to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. Let's read *Mark 3: 22-30*: "And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, 'He (Jesus) has Beelzebub, and by the Prince of the devils he casts out devils.' And Jesus called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rises up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies with which they shall blaspheme. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost has never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.' Because they said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' "

Jesus cast out demons, and hostile Jewish scribes attributed the work to Beelzebub, Satan the unclean spirit. Christians today attribute the actions of Jesus and the Holy Spirit to Jehovah/Yahweh, and have done so ever since the Catholic Church nearly exterminated Gnostic Christianity. Need we go over all the Biblical evidence again as to the real identity of Jehovah? I do not think so. So, be very careful about attributing the Work of the blessed Holy Spirit to Jehovah, whose actions clearly identify him as the Evil One, as do the words of Jesus in *John 8:44*.

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The Kingdom of God is not divided against itself. The True God, the Heavenly Father, is not a schizophrenic. The True God is not the Fountainhead of both fresh water and salt water, sweet and bitter, good and evil. Jehovah cannot cast out the Evil One, for Jehovah *is* the Evil One. Get this clearly fixed in your mind.

Some will try to say that it is perfectly acceptable if God has two standards of behavior, one for himself and one for his children. In other words, satanic behavior is somehow magically transformed into righteousness and goodness if it is attributed to God. On this very issue *Isaiah 5:20* says: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." If the True God has such double standards, this would mean that God holds his children to a higher, more loving, merciful, and gentle set of standards than God holds himself to. In other words, it's all right for God to be a monumental Hypocrite.

To that blasphemy I say, as Jesus said in *Matthew 10:24*: "The disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his Lord." In addition, I remind the reader what we have already read about such a view in *James 3:12-18* above: It is "earthly and Devilish." Only good and perfect things come from the Father. *James 1:17*. The God who is Love Personified *1 John 4:8*, who is described as Love in *First Corinthians 13:4-8*, is the Holy Spirit that produces the Fruits of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." *Galatians 5:22*. This God, the True God, does not throw anyone into a hell of fire, nor destroy anyone, nor harm anyone. To believe and speak otherwise is to be "earthly and devilish" as we have just seen in *James 3:12-18*. Surely, such doctrines as hellfire, eternal torment, "Divine" wrath/rage, and "original sin" are unworthy of the God who is Love Personified, and are worthy only of the Evil One, Jehovah. Such teachings are truly the doctrines of devils.

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The True God loves us unconditionally, and gives us peace that passes all understanding. Knowing and worshipping the True God does not produce lunacy or bad fruit of any kind. Persons such as Mother Teresa of Calcutta are clear and glowing examples of the kind of fruit the True God produces in a person's life. Clearly, Mother Teresa ignored Jehovah and followed the Heavenly Father instead. Keep these facts clearly in mind: The same fountain *cannot* be the source of both fresh water and salt water. Therefore, the evil, unjust, cruel, and demented behavior attributed to God in the New Testament, not just the Old Testament, is also a lie of the Evil One. He has successfully corrupted the Good News of Jesus Christ through the activities of the Catholic Church as it corrupted the Gospels and Epistles entrusted to its care and keeping.

Please note I did *not* say that the True God mixed true and false, sweet and bitter, in the books of the so-called New Testament, but that *Satan* through the Catholic Church did so. See the discussion in Chapter 2 on the evolution of the New Testament. Clearly, something terrible happened early on to the Christian faith, to its teachings, to its scriptures, as the early Catholic Church took hold and enforced its monstrous god and falsified versions of the gospels on the Christian people. As Thomas Jefferson said, "The clergy converted the simple teachings of Jesus into an engine for enslaving mankind and adulterated by artificial constructions into a contrivance to filch wealth and power for themselves. These clergy, in fact, constitute the real Anti-Christ." *Thomas Jefferson to Jeremiah Moor, 1800.*

At the point of a sword, in its pursuit of earthly power and riches, it used the methods of its god Jehovah to enforce its doctrines of devils upon the people of God. The light of the gospel was nearly extinguished by the darkness of Catholicism. The Jehovah gods took the place of the True God as the Great Apostasy began. The Refor-

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mation was a good start, but the reforming process must continue as we strive to recover the original Christian message, and the True God revealed by Jesus. During the early days of Christianity, before the Catholic Church had fully consolidated its power, many Christian heroes stood up against the false god Jehovah and Jehovah's imitation church, the Catholic Church. Men such as Marcion taught much the same things you are now reading in this book, but the Catholic Church branded them as "heretics" and their views and writings were banned.

There were many others as well, such as Menander, Valentinus, Bardaisan of Edessa, Saturninus, Monoimus, Carpocrates, and the prophet Mani. These brave men stood up for the God of Love and against the grotesque god Jehovah, rejecting the repulsive Old Testament and Jehovah's imitation church, the Catholic Church. These Gnostics insisted, more than a thousand years *before* the Reformation that an individual personal experience of and relationship with God in Christ is what matters, whereas the Catholic Church insisted on mere mental assent to their dogmas.

Gnostics emphasized personal spiritual transformation, whereas Catholicism emphasized conformity, blind obedience, and rituals. The Cathars and Bogomils of medieval Europe also taught what you are reading in this book, and the hierarchy of the Catholic Church ordered all of them to be ruthlessly hunted down and burned at the stake. Though the Roman Catholic Church did not succeed in murdering all Cathars, they came extremely close to doing so. The Roman Catholic Church also insisted on enforcing conformity and uniformity with creeds and its own narrow selection of books that it fobbed off on Christendom as the "New Testament." Gnostic Christians, however, celebrated unity in diversity, and avoided creeds or a set canon of scripture. The brave Gnostics insisted that one could have a personal relationship with God in Christ without the need of any mediating priest-

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craft, while the Catholic Church *insisted* on priest-craft. The Catholic Church insisted that the true church is an earthly visible organization with an earthly visible head, the Pope. Whereas the Gnostic Christians insisted the true church is invisible, is Spiritual not earthly, and has no earthly head, only Christ. One can plainly see there is much of the ancient Gnostic Spirit in the churches of the Reformation, yet they need to take the Reformation further.

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The Matrix Is Real

How can anyone of a sound mind not see the Brobdingagian difference between the Heavenly Father, the God of Love, and the grotesque demons worshipped under the collective name Jehovah? Apparently, only those not filled with the disturbed spirit of those malicious gods can perceive their true identity. It is to be hoped that the scales have fallen from your eyes, and "Jehovah" stands naked before you, revealed for who and what he really is: The God of this Age, the Liar and the Father of lies.

Jehovah has succeeded beyond his wildest dreams in getting over one and a half billion people to believe The Lie that he is the true God, the Heavenly Father. That's why Catholics kill Protestants in Ireland, and Jews murder Palestinians. That's why Christians bomb abortion clinics. That's why conservative and Fundamentalist Christians are such bloodthirsty saber-rattlers, ready to go to war at the drop of a Bible. They are filled with the violent spirit of their father who is "a murderer from the beginning." *John 8:44*. That's why the Catholic Church founded the Inquisition and fiendishly tortured "heretics," and why it nearly annihilated such "heretics" as the Bogomils and the Cathars in medieval times, both of which were Gnostic Christian churches.

Conservative mainstream Christians are not sane. They are willing to kill living breathing people to protect a fetus, but when the fetus is born and grows to the age of eighteen, they are eager to send the child off to war to be crippled or killed. Violence and gore on television and movies is acceptable to these people, but not nudity or

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the act of lovemaking. "Make war, not love!" is their demented mantra. They are not filled with the Holy Spirit. The most gruesome blood-spattered scenes of violence are acceptable to mainstream Christians, and they think nothing of filling their minds, and the minds of their children, with such ugliness. But let a breast or a derrière or genitalia be exposed on television and their twisted minds go ballistic. As an example, Melvin Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* was essentially a big budget, gory snuff film. If the subject of the movie had been anyone else but Jesus, the film would have been rated 'R' or even 'X.'

Melvin's movie was a mega-success, netting over \$500 million for Melvin alone. (After all, getting rich by selling their god is hoary ages-old Christian Tradition) Multitudes of impressionable children and teens were exposed to its bloody horrors. Yet when Janet Jackson briefly exposed her lovely breast on television at the 2004 Super Bowl, the uproar from Fundamentalists was immediate and loud. Fundamentalists and other conservatives have their priorities completely skewed. *Breasts aren't evil!* For the record, the New Testament (to its credit) does not graphically describe the crucifixion and suffering of Jesus. Its descriptions are terse and lacking in the gruesome detail found in Melvin's morbid movie. The minds of mainstream Christians, however, obviously thrive on violence. They're ill and totally misguided. Mayhem and mangling are fine with them, but they think images of nudity or lovemaking will warp their children's minds!

So, it is normal for a god-fearing born-again Bible-believing mainstream Christian to have been raised in a home where they witnessed countless bloody stabbings, beatings, shootings, stranglings, rapes, horrific war footage, and all manner and methods of murder and mayhem on TV, in movies, and in video-games. Yet, the god-fearing parents of these same people will have been very careful their child was not exposed to any nudity or scenes of lovemaking for fear of making a "pervert" out

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of their child. These warped people gladly "Seig Heil!" and send their kids off as good little goose-stepping patriots to maim and kill their fellow humans (and fellow Christians) in pointless stupid wars. They're proud their child is a trained killer for Uncle Sam, and relieved their grown child is not some sort of deranged dangerous "pervert" that actually dares to view erotic photography or videos, or "Heaven Forbid!" actually engage in pre-marital or gay sexual activity. The "family values" espoused by mainstream Christians are an abomination to the True God, but are the very lifeblood of the blood-thirsty warmongering Jehovah elohim and his savage, weird hordes.

That's why Christians burned "witches" for centuries. That's why French Catholics, under order of the Pope, murdered up to 100,000 French Protestants in the middle of the night on August 24, 1572. That's why Christians simply cannot get along, and have separated into at least thirty thousand (30,000) warring sects registered with the Internal Revenue Service. That's why the history of the mainstream Christian churches, and Christian nations, is the history of evil, wickedness, cruelty, savagery, persecution, oppression, greed, torture, and murder.

The Roman Catholic Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, ordered over 3000 Christians to be slaughtered in the fourth century. Why? Over *one word* in the Nicene Creed! Their own Christian Emperor slaughtered more Christians in the fourth century than died from being fed to the lions by pagan emperors!

Queen Isabella, a devout Catholic who commissioned Columbus to sail to the New World in 1492, is also the person who instituted the Spanish Inquisition. This resulted in the torture and murder of thousands upon thousands of Spanish Muslims, Jews, gays, lesbians, and "heretics." Even people whose only crime was the fact they could read and write, or women with viewpoints we today would call "feminist." Or anyone else the Queen decided

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was somehow unacceptable for any reason whatsoever. Isabella was a staunch upholder of the Catholic Church and its dogmas, and thought of herself as practically a Saint as her victims were slashed, gutted, barbecued, ripped apart, impaled, or died by other fiendish sick methods inspired by the Jehovah elohim. Obtain and read *The Dark Side of Christian History* by Helen Ellerbe, *Morningstar Books*, 1995, for a short and easily readable account of the gory unvarnished facts of Christian history. (As recently as 1846 hapless victims were still being beaten and tortured by the Holy Inquisitor in the papal states of Italy!)

The fact that mainstream Christians and Jews are unknowingly worshipping the Evil One, and are therefore filled with evil, is the reason that the majority of them are plagued with inner demons. Inner demons of guilt, inadequacy, repression, feelings of uncleanness and unacceptability, of never measuring up or being "good enough." It is why so many of them battle depression, and wind up in mental or penal institutions. It's why many of them hear "the voice of God" in their heads commanding them to assault or murder someone for supposed sinfulness. It's why so many Christians use their Bibles as weapons to lash out at "sinners," rather than turn the Light onto their own minds and hearts to illuminate and eliminate their own darkness.

Just as "you are what you eat" so too "you are what you worship." Ideas have consequences. Ideas have psychological consequences, societal consequences, and spiritual consequences. If the god you and your sect worship is a petty, angry, egotistical, mercurial, raging, murdering, irrational despot such as Jehovah, that is what you and the members of your sect will eventually become. If the god you worship indulges in murderous fits of rage, so will you and the members of your sect. If the god you worship shifts the blame for the woeful condition of the

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kosmos it fashioned onto your narrow shoulders, and tells you that you are born sinful, wicked, and fit only for hell-fire and damnation, your inner self will be fragmented and burdened with terrible guilt and self-loathing. Psychoanalysis--modern psychiatry--was born in the midst of the Christian civilization for this very reason. Let me also point out that Europe, mainly Christian, produced wonderful folks such as Hitler, Stalin, Lenin, Franco, and Mussolini in the twentieth century.

Of course, when faced with the astonishingly gross misdeeds of their fellow Christians throughout history, most Christians respond by saying, "But they weren't *real* Christians." What a convenient psychological device to keep one's fantasy image of one's religion intact! It's as if Ford Motors were to say, "Ford automobiles never break down." Then, when confronted with a bunch of Fords that broke down, they reply, "Well, they weren't *real* Fords because *real* Fords don't break down!" If we follow this line of reasoning to its logical conclusion, then *no one* is a "real" Christian because *all* Christians perform misdeeds, both large and small. Using this convoluted "logic" the apostle Peter was not a "real" Christian when he denied Christ. Of course *all* these people were "real Christians," real worshippers of the Jehovah gods, the evil elohim. That's why they're such a violent guilt-ridden mess, individually and collectively.

The OT "God" is outrageous and schizophrenic. Jehovah says "Thou shalt not kill" yet also commands the Israelites to use their swords, knives, axes, and bludgeons to kill everyone in the land of Palestine, including killing the children, infants, and violently aborting the unborn babies! No matter what exegetical method one uses in interpreting the Bible (figurative or literal or both), if one follows the example of this god then one has just flushed any hope for a meaningful code of ethics or morals down the loo. It is the failure of Christianity and Juda-

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ism to truly address and satisfactorily solve this foundational moral, ethical, and theological problem that has resulted in the schizophrenic histories of hate-violence-murder and philanthropy that typify these religions.

Chapter Fourteen

Using The Key

How can one know when something one reads in the Bible, or anywhere else, is of the True God or of the God of this Age? By one's own personal experiential *knowing* (*Gnosis*) of the True God, just as the earliest Christians did. "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. But the anointing which ye have received of him abides in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it has taught you, ye shall abide in him." *1 John 2:20, 27*.

Also, Sophia has made sure the Bible contains its own self-corrective warning in *Philippians 4:8*: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good** report; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on **these** things." If one keeps this guideline in mind when considering any Biblical statements, or claims made by preachers or other clergy about the raging wrath of God, hellfire, eternal torment, or original sin, one will be well-armed to know which statements originate from the God who is Love (*1 John 4:8*) and which originate with "The God of this Age" (*2 Corinthians 4:4*) who is Jehovah the Evil One.

Also keep in mind *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*, which is the definition of Love, and *1 John 4:18*, "God is Love". By so doing, you will be able to obey *1 John 4:1*: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the

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world." These false prophets and lying spirits are to be found right in the pages of the Bible, as we have seen: "Behold, **Jehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets**; and Jehovah has spoken evil concerning thee." And, "If the prophet be deceived when he has spoken a thing, **I Jehovah have deceived that prophet**, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel." *2 Chronicles 18:18-22, 1 Kings 22:19-23, Ezekiel 14:9, American Standard Version of 1901, emphasis mine.* Such verses present a good example of how to properly interpret the Bible. We have read how Jehovah is the Father of Lies (*Genesis 2:17, John 8:44*), but it is impossible for the True God to lie (*Hebrews 6:18*). So, when a verse such as *2 Thessalonians 2:11* says: "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." You can be sure the god spoken of here is not the True God. Rather, it is the Father of lies, Jehovah, The God of this Age, as we just read in the verses above.

Or take *James 4:4* as an example: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that friendship with the world (Greek: *kosmos*, which literally means "*The System*") is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." What God is being spoken of here? Surely not Jehovah, "*The God of this Age*" (*2 Corinthians 4:4*) who is the Kosmokrator ruling The System, but the Most High God that is no part of The System. Let the fact that "the whole System lies in the power of the evil one" percolate further into your mind. It will hopefully become clearer to you that to be a friend of The System, to relish and enjoy and fully participate in The System, is to side with darkness, to be a spiritual adulterer or adulteress. That's how simple using "The Key" really is in interpreting the Bible. You would do well to use it. If you *do* follow "Sophia from Above" (*James 3:17*) you will never look at Jehovah or the Old Testament the same way ever again.

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Why should you accept the Old Testament as fully authoritative, anyway? Those who rejected Christ canonized it long after his death, and Jesus said their Father, their god Jehovah, is the Devil, the Father of lies. *John 8:44*. So, treat the Old Testament with caution and use discernment, as I have explained to you. Not surprisingly, the process that formed the Old Testament canon of scripture was as untrustworthy as that of the New Testament, and you should investigate it further. Today's Bible scholars have demonstrated that the Hebrew Bible is not an inerrant or infallible account of history, inspired by the Most High God. It is, instead, a heavily reworked, revised, and rewritten combination of a number of completely separate source documents. The so-called "*five books of Moses*," the Torah or Pentateuch, is actually composed of writings from four distinct and separate sources. These documents are known as *the Jehovist* (or *Yahwist*), *the Elohist*, *the Deuteronomic*, and *the Priestly*, or JEDP for short. Mingled together in the book of Genesis are two documents that were originally separate. One is from the Jehovist source and one from the Elohist source.

In the Elohist document we find the religion of the northern tribes who worshipped the God El and his underling elohim (mighty ones). The Jehovist document describes an utterly aberrant deity, the evil and bloodthirsty Jehovah or Yahweh. In the 5th century B.C. Jewish priests combined portions of the J and E documents, adding some of their own thoughts, which are referred to as the JE documents, since the 'god' in these passages is referred to as the Jehovah elohim, usually mistranslated as LORD God.

This merging of ancient sources explains the diametrically opposed images of God we find in the pages of the Old Testament. We encounter Jehovah, merely one of the lesser elohim, passing himself off as the Most High God. There is the El and his elohim who create via emanating their own Essence or Spirit. We read of the evil Jehovah

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gods fashioning a human male out of red clay, Adam. "Adam" is merely the ancient Hebrew word for red, see *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #119. We discover that 'Jehovah elohim' is actually a collective name for the elohim/demons/archons that revolted against the Most High God. Although the Jews later lost this knowledge and began to refer to the Jehovah gods as the Most High God, earlier Jews knew Jehovah as merely one of many elohim, as I have already demonstrated.

Also, we have discovered that the so-called New Testament is unworthy of trust because the books of the New Testament were selected and approved by the Catholic Church, the church that put to death millions of "heretics" in the Name of Jesus. The same church that "Christianized" the western world at the point of a sword and the barrel of a gun. Convert or die! "Ye are of your Father, the Devil, and ye do his works." *John 8:44*. This verse perfectly summarizes the history of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church, the church that gave the world the New Testament, has garbled the Good News ("Gospel" means Good News) of Jesus by mixing "salt water and fresh water," good and evil, in the books it has selected and canonized. The Catholic Church, both Roman and Byzantine, has turned it into very bad news indeed by throwing into the Good News of Jesus such doctrines of devils as original sin, "Divine" wrath, hellfire, eternal torment, and all manner of lies. Worst of all, the Catholic Church has mixed together "The God of this Age," Jehovah, with the Heavenly Father.

"Woe unto you, teachers of the law! For ye have taken away *the Key of Gnosis!* Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." *Luke 11:52*, one of the few remaining instances of the word "*Gnosis*" in the gospels. See *Strong's Greek Lexicon* #1108. Fortunately, you have now been empowered and enabled to see through The Lie just as the early Christians did. You now hold The Key of Gnosis, and can be free of the elohim and

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come to *know* the True God.

The earliest Christians, the ones who *knew* the Heavenly Father by direct personal spiritual experience (*Gnosis*), rejected Jehovah and his satanic behavior. Rather than simply believe what religious hirelings or "Grand Poobahs" told them to believe, or what they read in books, or what their parents and peers told them to believe, they *directly experienced* the Christ dwelling within their own being. They *knew* how to access the Kingdom of God Within. The Church they were part of was a Church with invisible borders. A Church that consisted of persons whose eyes had been opened and *knew* the real identity of Jehovah. They *knew* that the responsibility for the mess this cosmos is in lies directly on the shoulders of the god who fashioned it, not on the narrow shoulders of the tiny creatures it fashioned. They *knew* by direct personal spiritual experience the True God of Love, and the true spiritual significance of the Resurrection of Christ. These Gnostic Christians wanted nothing to do with the power and pomp of this System and its blind god. They wished to follow Jesus and be no part of The System. "They are not of The System even as I am not of The System." Thus spoke Jesus, in *John 17:16*.

Unlike the Gnostic Christians, however, the hierarchy of the Catholic Church always was and always will be very much of The System, as are its countless Protestant daughters. Deeply rooted and firmly entrenched in all facets and levels of The System: socially, economically, politically, militarily, and religiously. The Catholic Church is really The Great Whore of Babylon. The Catholic Church early on enthusiastically embraced the God of this Age, emulated its satanic behavior, and ruthlessly ferreted out all those who would not comply. Assimilate or die! That was the Catholic Church's policy. That is why the Catholic Church mixes the blind god Samael/Jehovah with the True God, good and evil, to give "Divine sanction" to its heinous acts in imitating Jehovah. I am

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amused and saddened by the gullibility of so many Christians in thinking the Roman Catholic Church has changed. It has not. It is still the heinous monster it always was; it is simply putting on an act until the time comes when it once again has temporal power. Then you will see the *real* Rome; bloody talons, fangs bared.

Jesus Christ was himself offered the opportunity to rule the cosmos/System. During his forty days of temptation in the wilderness, Jehovah came to him and took him to a mountain peak, and showed Jesus "all the kingdoms of the cosmos/System." He offered all kingdoms to Jesus, if only Jesus would bow before Jehovah and worship him. Jesus refused. Jesus Christ himself said: "My Kingdom is not of this Kosmos." *John 18:36*. Do not let this point pass you by, all the kingdoms of this cosmos are Satan's to give for he is "The God of this Age" and the whole cosmos lies in his power. *2 Corinthians 4:4, 1 John 5:19*.

So where, then, do you suppose The Catholic Church got its power to assimilate and destroy and murder? Unlike Jesus Christ, when the Catholic Church was offered the kingdoms of this world by Jehovah through Jehovah's puppet the Emperor Constantine, they quickly bowed down to Jehovah. They worshipped him in exchange for earthly power and riches. The Catholic Church then proceeded, with the power of Jehovah behind it, to begin its nearly two thousand year reign of violence, murder, repression, oppression, spiritual blindness, ignorance, and sexual depravity. The evil works of Jehovah through the Catholic Church far outstripped the ancient Israelites in ferocity and murders and trampling of all people under her feet. She has drunk even more deeply than Israel or Judah of the evil spirit of Samael/Jehovah. Both the Great Whore and her daughters (the Protestant, Evangelical, and Fundamentalist churches) all worship the same grotesque false gods, the Jehovah elohim. All of them, to one degree or another, partake of Jehovah's Madness. Will *you* continue to do so?

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The Kingdom Of God

Enter ye in at the cramped gate: for *wide* is the gate, and *broad* is the way, that leads to *destruction*, and *many* there be which go in thereat. Because *cramped* is the gate, and *narrow* is the way which leads unto *Life*, and *few* there be that find it." *Matthew 7:13-14, emphasis mine.*

"Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." *Psalms 34:14.* Depart from the evil warring god Jehovah, and seek the good and peaceful True God and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. But where, you may be asking at this point, *is* Christ's Kingdom? Jesus said, "Neither shall you say, lo here! Or, lo there! For behold, the Kingdom of God is *within you.*" *Luke 17:21.* The Kingdom of the True God, the Kingdom of Heaven, is within each of us via the indwelling Divine Logos. The True God and the True Kingdom dwell within each of us, waiting to be discovered. Sophia placed the Life Divine within each of us. The True God and the Kingdom of Heaven dwell not in any book, or church, or earthly power structure, whether religious, political, military, or economic. Rather, God and the Kingdom are mystical, spiritual, and inward. "Christ *in* you, the hope of glory." *Colossians 1:27.*

The Catholic Church and its Protestant daughters pay lip service, but only lip service, to this Truth. In reality, most Christians and Jews are waiting for an earthly, material kingdom of their god, a kingdom that will never materialize because their lord is a liar and lunatic, filling them with false hopes and delusions. The so-called "State of Israel" and the Zionist Christians and Jews who support such land-grabbing terrorists are equally deluded. There is

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no earthly Kingdom, for the Kingdom *is not of this world* (*John 18:36*), as these quotations from the Gnostic Christian scriptures will help make plain: "The living Jesus did speak these hidden words, and Didymos Judas Thomas wrote them down: 'Whosoever shall find the meaning of what I say will not die. Those who seek should seek until they find, for when they find they will be troubled inside. After they have been troubled inside, then will they be astounded and will rule over all, and after that they will have their repose. If your leaders say to you, 'Behold! The Kingdom of the Father is in the sky!' Then the birds shall arrive before you. Or if you are told 'The Kingdom of the Father is in the ocean!' Then the fish will beat you to it. Know that the Kingdom of the Father is both within you and beyond you.'

"You will perceive that you are the children of the Father when you know yourselves, and you will then be known by the Father. However, if you lack Gnosis of yourselves, then shall you live in squalor, and you shall *be* that squalor. The elderly, without a moment's delay, will inquire of a child seven days old about how to find Life, and they will find that Life. For the first will be last and shall become One. That which is hidden from your sight will be revealed to you if you come to Know what is looking you in the face. There is nothing buried which shall not be unearthed, and there is nothing unknown that shall not be made manifest.'

"His followers asked Him, 'When shall come the Day of the dead and the New Earth?' Christ replied to them, 'These things for which you seek are already here, but you are ignorant of them!' His disciples next asked him, 'Then when will the Kingdom arrive? Jesus replied to them, Watching for it to come will not make it appear. Nor will it come when people say 'Look here! or 'Look there!' because the Kingdom of the Father covers the earth, and humans do not perceive it." *From the Gospel of Thomas.*

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The Gnostic Christian scriptures reveal that, although Jesus was a Galilean Jew, and his Gnostic spiritual movement began in the midst of Judaism, He came preaching a spiritual path that was a *complete break* with Judaism and its devilish deity Jehovah. He preached a Universal God of Unconditional Love who is utterly Transcendent, yet also dwells undiscovered within us all via the indwelling Logos. Jesus taught that *all* of us, not just Jesus, are containers of the Divine, simultaneously Divine and human. "That was the true Light, *which lights every human* that comes into the world." *John 1:9*.

Obviously, the "Kingdom" of which Jesus spoke is symbolic of an individual Spiritual transformation of Divine awareness, not a literal place as the Jews were expecting. Also, Jesus did away with sacrifices and rituals and all the claptrap and accretions of religion, and initiated the Age of the Spirit. He did away with priest-craft, and called for each person to know the indwelling True God personally, without any need of religion or paper-and-ink-idols, popes, creeds, or any other such substitutes and crutches. "Remain vigilant lest anyone lead you from the Way, saying, 'Here He is!' or 'There He is!' because the Son of Man dwells within you. Follow Him! You will find Him if you seek Him." *From the Gospel of Mary Magdalene*.

On the Cross, Christ died to this world, to its pain, its miseries and sorrows. He died to the self and to the flesh, with their entrapping desires, cravings and needs. He died to the Rulers of this world, the elohim/Archons. By the death of his flesh, and his subsequent Spiritual Resurrection, he broke their power over our flesh. "This is why Falsehood became angry with him and was distraught with him to the point of persecuting him, and was shown to be empty: He was hung upon a Tree and became thereby the Fruit of the Gnosis of the Father. However, this Fruit did not kill when it was consumed. Rather, for those who consumed this Fruit, it brought forth their joy, for he thereby recognized them in his own Being, and

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they recognized him in their own Being." *From The Gospel of Truth.*

When Jesus broke the power of the Archons/elohim (*Colossians 2:15*) he made it possible for *each of us* to once again *experience* the Resurrection Life *in the here and now*, not as some distant future event. *Right now*, each and every one of us, in union with Christ, can step out of time and into Eternity, into the Pleroma, the Fullness of God, the very Life of God. "And he *raised us up with him*, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus." *Ephesians 2:6*. Or as *2 Peter 1:4* puts it, "that ye may become *partakers of the Divine Nature*, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust." Or, as Paul prayed, that the people of God would grow "unto the measure of the stature of the Fullness of Christ... that ye may be filled with **all the Fullness of God.**" *Ephesians 4:13, 3:19 American Standard Version of 1901.*

"Beloved, now are we the Sons of God. Yet it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, *we shall be like Him* for we shall see Him as He is." *1 John 3:2*. We shall *be like God!* Partaking of the Divine Nature filled with all the Fullness of God. This is the perfected state of the Gnostic, toward which all Gnostics move in the Spirit. Just as Jesus prayed in *John 17:20-23 American Standard Version of 1901, emphasis mine:* "Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they may *all be one. Even as Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be in us, and the glory which Thou hast given me I have given unto them. That they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that thou didst send me, and loves them, even as thou loves me.*" Christ prayed for his followers to all return to their proper place in the Godhead, the *Pleroma*, which is the very Fullness of God, *right here and right now! This very moment! This is Gnosis!*

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The Demiurge Jehovah, through the Catholic Church, tried to destroy Christ's work, but Catholicism did not succeed. There is *always* a Remnant with ears to hear and eyes to see. Are you among our ranks?

"For those who have been given the Gospel of Truth from the Father of Truth by the dynamic working of the Logos, it is bliss. Bliss to those who have arrived from the Fullness, and who exist in the Mind and Thought of the Father. For it is the Logos who is called 'Savior' because that is the nature of what he must accomplish for all who are ignorant of the Father. It is in Hope that the Gospel comes forth, so that those who seek him can find him. For this reason did the All seek the Source from which it had arisen. For the inconceivable One, the One without limits and who is superior to every thought has been inside of him." *From the Gospel of Truth.*

" 'Thomas,' said the Savior 'You still have some time left in this world, so hearken unto me! The very things you have often wondered about I will reveal to you. Scrutinize yourself carefully, since others know you are my twin brother and faithful friend. You must discover who you really are, the manner of your existence and how it arises. It is not fitting for one who is referred to as my twin brother to be ignorant of himself. I can see that you comprehend that to know me is to have True Knowledge. Earlier in my ministry and our travels you seemed ignorant, but in truth you already knew the Truth, so I will call you 'He Who Knows Himself.' Those who do not know themselves know nothing. However, those who do know themselves have already achieved Gnosis concerning the Pleroma. That means that you, Brother Thomas, see clearly what is opaque to other men, that which they stumble over in their state of unknowing." *From the Book of Thomas the Contender.*

"Jesus said, ' Blessed are the solitary and elect, for you will find the Kingdom. For you are from the Pleroma and to the Pleroma you will return.' " The quest for Gnosis is

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essentially a solitary, individual endeavor, or "the Alone seeking the Alone." "And His disciples said to Him, 'When will the Kingdom come?' Jesus said, 'It will not come by waiting for it. It will not be a matter of saying, 'Here It is,' or 'There It is.' Rather it is sprawled out upon the earth, and people just do not see it." *From Gospel of Thomas.*

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God The Mother

Are you uncomfortable with the Feminine descriptions and titles for the Divine that have occasionally popped up in this book? If so, you are out of step with the earliest Christians, who were very comfortable indeed with God the Mother as well as God the Father. In the writings of Hippolytus, a Roman Catholic priest and theologian of the second century A.D., we find Hippolytus quoting an early group of Gnostics, disciples of Mary Magdalene, referring to God the Mother and God the Father: "To You, Mother Divine, and to You, Father Divine, the Deathless Ones, the ones who beget the Divine Essence, we pray." *Hippolytus, Ref. 5.6*. These words are probably disturbing to many of my conservative readers. Do you really suppose God has a penis, scrotum, and produces testosterone that enables God to grow a beard? I hope you are not that childish in your beliefs. On the other hand, the Divine Reality does not really have breasts, a vagina, or a clitoris either.

The point of referring to God the Mother and God the Father is to emphasize the Wholeness of the Divine. Western religion and culture have been patriarchal for millennia, but at one time recognized the Feminine aspect of the Divine, which is the nurturing, comforting, gentle, birthing side of Divinity. At least, these are traditional aspects of femaleness; I make no pretentious claims that these qualities are actually confined to either gender. However, given the bloodthirsty violent nature of the history of those who worship an exclusively male deity or deities, I deeply desire to see God the Mother emphasized

as a corrective. The earliest Christians, the Gnostics, realized by Divine revelation that the Most High God can be likened to a Dyad consisting of both female and male energies. Two complementary sides of the same coin, each completing the other, rather than in opposition to one another as they are in the minds of most Christians. Although the Greek word for Spirit, "*pneuma*," is neuter, the Hebrew word for Spirit, "*ruach*," is feminine. The Gnostic Christians experienced the Holy Spirit as the Feminine aspect of the Divine, and referred to the Holy Spirit as "She." In *the Gospel of the Hebrews*, Jesus refers to "My Mother, the Holy Spirit."

Later, Catholic Christians with a patriarchal anti-female political agenda, persecuted those who would dare to speak or write of God in feminine terms. However, the irrepressible Feminine Divine broke out afresh with veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who effectively filled the place of God the Mother for many centuries. Modern-day Christians, Jews and Muslims are quick to say that God should not be conceived in terms of gender at all, yet they continue to employ exclusively male language when describing and addressing God. God is *still* "He" and "Him" to these people, not "She" or "Her." No one who is exposed to mainstream Christianity, Judaism, or Islam can escape the impression they give that God is somehow exclusively *masculine*. The early Christian Gnostics, as I have said, sought to correct this error in their time, and give God the Mother her due place in the Godhead.

Some are trying to do so today, but the sexist religious leaders, as well as laymen, of the mainstream churches fight this Divine development tooth and nail. I ask, for what reason are they fighting? Are they really fighting for some truth they perceive of God's ultimate maleness? Are they defending God's penis? Or are they fighting for the continuance of a patriarchal system that dominates, undermines, and keeps women "in their place?" Even their

own Bible tells them "in the image of God they were created, *male* and *female* they were created." *Genesis 1:27*. Reading of the histrionics of the "early church fathers" as they reacted to Gnostics honoring God the Mother, as well as Gnostics allowing women to be prophets, bishops, priests, and deaconesses, is humorous in the extreme.

The Feminine Divine is referred to in many ways in the Gnostic texts. Terms such as *Charis* (Grace), *Sophia* (Wisdom), the Womb, the Mother of the All, are employed. Hippolytus, in Ref. 6.17, quotes a lost Gnostic writing called *The Grand Pronouncement*: "Divinity exists within all sentient beings as a dormant Potency. This Potency is One, yet bisected beneath and skyward; sprouting itself, creating itself, searching for itself, discovering itself, always its own Father and Mother, its own son and daughter, its own sister and brother, even its own Mate." This is certainly a far cry from the pedestrian ideas found in mainstream Christianity.

"Mary Magdalene is the **wife** (*Not simply "companion"*) of the Teacher. More than all the rest of the disciple put together did Christ love her, and often he would kiss her on her lips. Jealousy arose in the other disciples because of her, and they asked him 'What is the reason that you love her more than the rest of us?' The Savior answered them 'Why is my love for her greater than my love for you? A blind man and a man with sight are no different from one another when they are both in darkness. But when the Light arrives the one with sight will see, but for the one who is blind the darkness remains, always." *From the Gospel of Philip*. Plainly, Jesus put the Gnosis of Mary Magdalene, and hence of all women, above that of the apostles, and hence of all males.

Remember, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the Risen Christ, not Peter, and she hurried to tell the other apostles the Good News. *Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16: 9-11, Luke*

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24:1-12, *John* 20:1-18. Mary was "the apostle to the apostles" in carrying the Gospel. The male apostles, acting as typical males, did not believe Mary Magdalene, a "mere woman" as the New Testament testifies. The mainstream Christian churches have not been able to utterly suppress women's place in the Church as living receptacles of the Feminine Divine, of the gospel of Christ, as the above verses demonstrate. So, as long as you or anyone else does not embrace God the Mother that is how long you will never really know inner Wholeness or Health, the Joy of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven *within*.

"Some babies were being nursed by their mothers, and Jesus saw them and said unto his followers, 'All who would enter the Kingdom must do so as these nursing infants.' His followers replied to him, 'Is it as babies that we enter the Kingdom?' Jesus replied, 'When you cause the two to become one, and you cause the inner to become as the outer, and the outer to be as the inner, as well as the lower to become as the upper, and when you cause female and male to unite as one, and the male is no longer male, and the female is no longer female, then into the Kingdom shall you enter.' " *From the Gospel of Thomas*. All of us must become Whole again, male and female properties merged into One if we are to *know* the Divine Within.

From the Trimorphic Protennoia: "I am both the Father and the Mother. I am Female and Male, and I mate with Myself as well as with those who love me. Only through Me is the Pleroma immovable, for I am the Womb that gives shape to everything. I give birth to the Light and its glory as well, for I am the Aeon that is to come. I am the Consummation of all existence, for I am the glorious Mother. To those who know Me, and have ears to hear, I give the Gift of Speech."

The Gnostic Christians took both God the Mother and God the Father into their hearts, and *knew* the fullness of

Health or "*Soteria*," and so should you. Translating "*Soteria*" as "salvation" usually obscures the real meaning, which is Health. See *Strong's Greek Lexicon* #4991. "For the Jerusalem Above is free, and She is our Mother." *Galatians* 4:26. *Think* about the verse you just read. **Paul comes right out and says that Jerusalem is an allegory for God the Mother!** Reading the histrionics of the "early church fathers" as they reacted to Gnostics honoring God the Mother, as well as Gnostics allowing women to be prophets, bishops, priests, and deaconesses, is highly amusing. These misogynistic misanthropes, so honored by the Catholic Church, both Roman and Byzantine, remind me of a tyrannical brat throwing a temper tantrum because a playmate is not doing what they're told in the sandbox. Its quite plain these "church fathers" were full of themselves and took themselves with deadly seriousness. Unfortunately, unlike the powerless brat, these men had real power and used it to successfully suppress all feminine descriptions of the Divine as well as to suppress women in general. They must have hated their mothers terribly to be so anti-female. This quote from the so-called "father of the Latin Church," Tertullian (155-230 A.D.), serves as an example: "These heretical females! How uppity they are! Lacking any modesty they're audacious enough to heal the sick, debate, catechize, exorcize and possibly even baptize!" (From "*On Prescription Against Heretics*")

Ironically this church father, Tertullian, one of the most vociferous misogynist anti-Gnostics of all time, wound up repudiating the Catholic Church later in life and becoming a follower of Montanus. Though technically not a Gnostic, Montanus allowed women to *prophesy*. So maybe there is hope for the sexists that pack the mainstream Christian churches. In closing this chapter, I recommend again that the reader turn away from the Jehovah elohim and embrace the True God revealed by Jesus. I have writ-

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ten this book hoping that those who read it will "Open their eyes, and turn from darkness to Light, and from the power of Satan unto GOD." *Acts 26:18*.

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Donald Duck And Jehovah

All of us grew up watching and enjoying the antics of Donald Duck. Laughing as he slowly but surely lost control of a situation, and then finally, in an impotent rage, threw a temper tantrum. Sometimes, it was his nephews Huey, Dewey, and Louie who drove poor Donald to the brink and beyond. We can all relate to Donald because often we too are faced with a situation that is beyond our control no matter what we do. After all, we are finite beings. However, when Donald Duck finally comes to the end of his rope and throws a destructive temper tantrum, he displays three important traits:

1. He is impotent in the face of great difficulty.
2. He utterly lacks self-control.
3. He can be manipulated by others and by circumstance.

When Huey, Dewey, and Louie continue to disobey Donald despite all his warnings, all he can really do in the end is throw a fit and destroy things in his impotent rage. In this, Huey, Dewey, and Louie demonstrate their control over their Uncle Donald. They can push his buttons until he can no longer respond to the situation in a rational or constructive manner, and he is finally overcome by his mindless rage. Donald is successfully manipulated and revealed to be impotent. For one is truly impotent when one can no longer respond to a situation constructively or maintain composure and self-control, and can only rage and destroy. As humans, we can relate to this. It reminds us of our own finiteness, and our own foibles.

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However, when we read about this same behavior being displayed by the supposedly omnipotent and omniscient god Jehovah in the pages of the Bible, it should give us instant pause for thoughtful analysis of Jehovah. Humans push Jehovah, over and over again, beyond his ability to respond to a situation in a constructive, rational, or self-controlled manner.

Just as Donald Duck throws impotent destructive rages because he can no longer respond constructively or rationally, so does Jehovah. In the pages of the Bible, humans disobey this supposedly omniscient and omnipotent god over and over, until he finally throws a destructive temper tantrum. He kills everyone on earth with a flood, sparing only a handful. He sends plagues upon Egypt because the Pharaoh of Egypt will not obey him. Jehovah kills all the firstborn sons of the Egyptians. Jehovah commands the Israelites to slaughter *millions* of men, women, the elderly, children, infants, babies, and even rip unborn babies out of their mother's wombs and smash them. In his impotent wrath, Jehovah again and again destroys vast multitudes of the Israelites, his own "chosen people." Why? Because he can no longer find a way to respond in a meaningful, constructive, self-controlled manner to their disobedience despite his supposedly omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipotent nature. The Final Solution for Jehovah is always impotent destructive rage and murder.

We can laugh at Donald Duck's behavior because we see our human finiteness and foibles portrayed onscreen. Yet, when we find such behavior attributed to a supposedly omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipotent Jehovah we should be horrified and repulsed. Why? The real God is beyond our flesh in intelligence, power, and wisdom. The True God is not subject to our human finiteness and foibles, being superior to our flesh, not inferior as Jehovah is. The True God is always able to find a meaningful, constructive way to respond to any situation.

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The True God could never be manipulated and controlled by finite creatures as Jehovah is. "Huey, Dewey, and Louie" (the human race) would never be able to exhaust the True God's mental and emotional resources and push it over the brink into impotent, murderous rage.

As we have repeatedly seen, "Jehovah" is none other than Satan the Devil. Those who worship that god, "The God of this Age," and fill their mind with tales of its impotent rage, begin to display such behavior themselves. Again I point the reader to the Christian Right, as well as Christian history, for confirmation of my claim. Therein you will discover bloody religious wars and crusades, imolated "witches" and murdered abortionists, bombed abortion clinics, murdered gays, the entire gamut of evil and wickedness.

It is only logical that we would become like that which we worship, that which we give the highest place in our minds and hearts. Those who worship Jehovah the Devil pose a continuous real threat to the lives of each other and to those of us who do not worship that vile and violent god. Christian and Jewish history, as well as today's news, is overflowing with examples of the savagery of those who have filled their minds and hearts with the Jehovah fiend.

Wherever Gnosticism has arisen, those who worship the God of this Age, Jehovah, have murdered Gnostics nearly to extinction. Why do you suppose that is so?

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Adolph Hitler and Jehovah

One of the most outstanding examples in history of someone trying to be just like Jehovah is Adolph Hitler. Let me explain. Jehovah is angry at the human race because of something our ancient ancestors supposedly did in the allegorical story of the Garden of Eden. As the Apostle Paul argues, each human being is born with the stain of "original sin" inherited from our first parents. So, according to this reasoning, each human being is under the curse of Jehovah the Devil unless they kneel before him abjectly. Eventually, according to which church you belong to, either Jehovah will annihilate all unbelievers or he will throw them into the Lake of Fire where they will be "tormented day and night forever and ever."

In other words, the human race will supposedly be tortured or destroyed by Jehovah because of something we inherited from an ancient ancestor, something utterly beyond our control. Because of something we were born with, an accident of birth, a genetic defect. How is this like Adolph Hitler? Adolph Hitler despised the Jews because of an accident of birth; they were *born Jews*. So, he hated them and hunted them down and tortured them horribly and finally murdered around six million of them. He also murdered the mentally and physically handicapped, gays, gypsies and anyone else who was in the way.

No sane or civilized person approves of Adolph Hitler. When we read of his dark deeds, and see the horror of the Holocaust portrayed in films such as *Schindler's List*, we are repulsed and aghast. Yet, mainstream Christians and Jews will read of worse behavior on the part of their devilish god Jehovah and think nothing of it. Somehow,

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in these people's distorted minds, behavior that is satanic when performed by humans such as Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin or Charles Manson, is magically transformed into the Epitome of Holiness when attributed to God.

I am constantly amazed at the blinders that Christians and even Jews wear when reading about the raging murderous exploits of their devilish god. If they were to read in the newspaper of some "holy man" claiming that he heard God speaking to him, and commanding him to raise an army to kill all Jews, they would write him off as a lunatic, and rightly so. Or if, as too often happens, some Bible-inspired Christian kills their children, co-workers, "witches" or "sinners" because they "heard the voice of God in their head" commanding them to do so, then many Christians and Jews write that person off as crazy. But why should they? The Bible says, "I am the LORD, I **change not.**" *Malachi 3:6.*

If God spoke to people in the past and told them to commit murder for him, then *God is still doing it* because *God does not change.* Mainstream Christians and Jews should embrace such homicidal maniacs as true prophets of their god. But most Christians and Jews will never do that because they still know, on *some* level of their mind at least, that such behavior is crazy and demonic. Yet, when they read of some prophet of Jehovah in the Bible "hearing the voice of God," and commanding the Jews to murder men, women, children, infants, the elderly (and even rip unborn children out of their mother's wombs as in *Hosea 13:16*) it all seems quite natural and normal and acceptable to them. Such people are not quite sane, or they simply will not face the truth about their fiendish god. Or both.

Who among us would torture and kill someone because they were born with a dread disease inherited from their parents? No one with even a shred of decency would do so. Even if that unfortunate individual displayed terrible anti-social behavior because of the inherited disease, we

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would seek to help that person, not torture and kill that person. Yet, Jehovah the Bible-fiend does precisely that. So you see, Adolph Hitler was indeed trying to be just like the god Jehovah. The Jehovah-fiend is the prototype for every fiend, both now and unto the ages of ages, amen. Like Hitler, the fiend Jehovah commands that humans fear him:

"Thou shall **fear** thy God; I am Jehovah!" *Leviticus 19:14.*
"Thou shall **fear** Jehovah thy God!" *Deuteronomy 6:13.*
"And now, Israel, what doth Jehovah thy God require of thee but to **fear** Jehovah thy God!" *Deuteronomy 10:12.*
"Thou shall **fear** Jehovah thy God!" *Deuteronomy 10:20.*
"Thou shall walk after Jehovah thy God and **fear** him!"
Deuteronomy 13:4. (All from the ASV of 1901)

There are many such Biblical commands to fear Jehovah. I ask again, why would a supposedly omnipotent God be so insecure, overbearing and egotistical as to want or need mere humans to fear it? Does Jehovah feel threatened by us? The truth is, the Most High God issues no such commands. The Supreme Being utterly lacks Jehovah's monumental ego, insecurity, and barbarism. Jehovah is manifestly a phony. He is the liar and the Father of lies. The True God is Perfect Love (*1 John 4:8, 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8*), hence no one has anything to fear from the Divine because: "There is no fear in Love, because Perfect Love casts out all fear." *1 John 4:18.* Actually, the entire verse reads: "There is no fear in Love; but Perfect Love casts out all fear because *fear has torment.* He that fears is not made perfect in love." That is crystal clarity. *There is no torment or fear in the God who is Perfect Love!*

Religious institutions are all about money, and the power and control money bring. Your fear of God is what gives them power over you. If there is no fear of God, there is no power over you, no control, and no money. It's as simple as that. "Know the Truth, and the

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Truth will set you free!" *John 8:32*. The True God judges or torments no one. We torment ourselves by remaining in bondage to The God of this Age and to the desires of our flesh. It is in our *own* hands whether we open to the Divine Within and enter the Kingdom of Heaven here and now, or keep returning to this hell until we finally learn.

So I say to you, *reject and renounce* the God of this Age! *Reject and renounce* the artisans of this cosmos, this System, the Jehovah elohim, and turn from their lies! Cease your worship of the Evil One. Pray to Sophia the Christos-Logos, and also ask for Charis (Grace) to reveal the True God, the Most High God, to you. Ask God the Mother and God the Father to grant you the Gift of Gnosis, of true Knowing. Ask the Sophia from Above to grant you Illumination. Ask in humility and sincerity, and your prayers will be answered, though you must make effort yourself as well.

I know that many who read this book will be infuriated and will denounce me as a "heretic" or "false teacher" the way the Catholic Church denounces those who dare disagree with her. Such people will angrily, or perhaps happily, consign me to the flames of their demonic hell because I do not parrot their doctrinal shibboleths. Yet, of what has this book actually consisted? This book consists largely of Bible verses. Bible verses most Christians have probably already read a number of times, but have failed to see the implications of, or have not bothered to connect together. Or have willfully ignored because they do in fact see the implications and are therefore *frightened*. Frightened that facing the Truth about their god will upset the apple cart of their religion. Or full of *fear* that the hellfire breathing Bogey Man Jehovah may, after all, turn out to be the True God. I feel badly for people whose minds and spirits are crippled craven captives of fear. Yet it is their *own* fear, and they are responsible for clinging to it. They have only to step forth and embrace the

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God of Perfect Love and Light, in whom there is neither *fear* nor *torment* nor *darkness*. I *John* 1:5, 4:8,18. There are others who are motivated by anger, hatred, revenge or bitterness to cling to the devilish Jehovah because they deeply desire to see their enemies or "sinners" murdered and tortured by that fiendish god. "Saint" Augustine was one such religious psychopath. He stated that one of the greatest pleasures of heaven would be in watching the torments of the damned. To such people I have nothing to say except "enjoy your darkness." I hope you are not among the ranks of the hate-filled but are among the ranks of the Lovers of Truth, and are willing to follow the Truth to Perfect Love and Light. Remember: *The real heretic is the one who starts the fire, not the one who burns in it!*

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The Gospel Of Joe Hovah

Once upon a time there lived a very wealthy man named Joe Hovah who owned a vast estate. His mansion was the envy of all, and his manicured gardens were a feast for the eyes. Except for his servants the rich man lived alone. His eldest son, Jesse, had grown up and moved away many years before. Because he was an insecure egomaniac, Joe Hovah had a special retinue of servants whose sole duty was to follow him everywhere, reminding him of his greatness. "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful you are, O Master!" they would chant as they followed him about. Often he would go out late at night and murder his enemies. (His enemies were anyone who did not share his views and refused to kneel before him and kiss his feet and acknowledge his "glory.")

The wealthy man lived this way for many years, until he again felt the urge to procreate. Being a man learned in every branch of science, he cloned for himself two children, formed from his own DNA, the same way he had created Jesse. They were his exact image and likeness, and he named them Alan and Eileen. Joe was a very doting father, and they were showered with love and every good thing. As Alan and Eileen grew older and ventured outside to play, Joe warned his children sternly "You can play anywhere in the garden, and climb any tree, *except* for my prize pine tree in the middle of the garden. If you even so much as *touch* that tree, you will *die*."

The children obeyed their father, and they played joyfully in the garden, as Joe watched them from a third story window of his mansion. The rich man never al-

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lowed his children on the Third Floor, for that was his own private sanctuary, where only he and his praising servants could be found, constantly feeding Joe's limitless Ego.

One day as Joe sat watching his children play in the garden, he spied his evil neighbor, Stan Deville, sneaking up to the fence that divided his property from evil Stan's property. His interest piqued, he merely watched as evil Stan motioned Alan and Eileen to come to him.

"What do you want?" asked Eileen as she approached the fence.

"Why, nothing, little girl. I was just wondering why you never play on that magnificent pine tree in the middle of your father's garden."

Eileen answered, "We don't play on it because that's our dad's prize pine tree. If we so much as touch it, we'll die."

"Nonsense, girl," Stan smoothly answered. "Your father doesn't want you to climb that tree because he knows that if you do, you'll be able to see as far as he can from his precious office window. Nothing will happen to you if you climb the tree, except that you'll become just like your father."

The rich man, who had been listening and watching closely, wondered to himself how his daughter would react; yet he did not speak out or go forth to prevent his little girl from disobeying his orders. He watched as Eileen walked over to the prize pine tree in the middle of the garden.

Oh no, thought Joe Hovah to himself, *My little girl is about to disobey me!* He watched in horror as his daughter climbed the pine tree all the way to the top. The look of triumph on her face as she reached the summit and surveyed the grandeur of the countryside, appalled him. Then, to his horror, Eileen climbed down the tree and approached Alan, who had merely been watching the proceedings. *Oh no*, thought Joe again, *what will my little boy do?*

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"Look!" Eileen exclaimed to her brother "I wasn't killed when I went up the tree! Stan Deville was right. Dad was lying to us. I could see for miles and miles. Just as far as dad can from his office window!" With that, Alan went up the tree and he too beheld the grandeur of the countryside.

Joe Hovah was livid. He leapt up from his desk and ran noisily down the stairs, then burst out of the back door into the yard. "Alan! Eileen!" he called out, but they were nowhere to be seen. "Come *out!* *Now!*" he shouted, and the children emerged, meek and frightened, from the bushes. "Alan, did you climb my prize pine tree?" Joe demanded.

"Yes, father," Alan admitted, "But Eileen did it first! She told me you were lying and that if I went up the tree I could be just like you!"

Joe turned to his daughter "Is this true, Eileen?"

"Yes it is, father. But it's not my fault. That nasty neighbor Stan Deville told me you were lying, so I climbed the tree."

With that, Joe grabbed his two children, one under each arm, and took them down into his gloomy basement laboratory. There, he chained them both to a table. "I love you both with my whole being," he told them. "But Rules are Rules. You have broken my Rule and now you must pay the penalty!" He grabbed a pistol from a drawer and said, "I'll be right back."

Joe then stormed over to Stan Deville's house and compelled Stan at gunpoint to obey him. He forced Stan down the stairs into his basement lab, and made him stand next to Alan and Eileen. He handed Stan a lit blowtorch and commanded him, "Torture and kill my disobedient children!" Stan looked at the helpless children, at the blowtorch, and then at the maniacal expression on Joe Hovah's face.

"Are you *nuts?*" evil Stan demanded. "This is insane, even for *you!*"

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Joe snapped back "Its not your place to question Me or My decisions! Do as I say or I'll tie you up and torture *you!*"

Stan shrugged and turned the blowtorch onto the two helpless children. He discovered he savored the sound of their hideous screams of agony, and began to enjoy his grisly work. Suddenly, someone else was walking down the stairs into the gloom of the basement lab. It was the eldest son Jesse, home for a visit, and when he beheld the scene transpiring before his eyes he was aghast.

"What in Hell is going on here dad?" he demanded.

"Oh Jesse!" exclaimed the father "Its so good to see you! These are your siblings, Alan and Eileen, and they broke my Rule about not climbing my prized pine tree. Now they must suffer the penalty of *death!*" Then he urged Stan on at gunpoint to scorch the children even more with the torch.

"But father! They're only children! Forgive them, for they know not what they do!" Jesse cried out.

Joe Hovah scowled and said, "I love them with all of my heart Jesse, but Rules are Rules. *Someone* must pay the penalty! My sense of Justice *must* be satisfied and my wrath *must* be appeased!"

"Then torture and kill *me* in their place dad!" Jesse offered bravely.

"My, but you certainly *are* my eldest Son. You're so very loving and courageous. I'm very proud of you!" Joe nearly shouted, elated. Then he commanded evil Stan, still at gunpoint "Chain Jesse to the table as well!"

Stan did as he was told.

"KILL HIM!" Joe Hovah shouted and Stan gleefully obeyed.

"*Oh how I love Jesse!*" the father sang out as he watched his son writhe in agony under the cruel ministrations of Stan Deville. Gladness and sadness played back and forth

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across Joe Hovah's face. Stan continued to burn Jesse, charring him horribly.

Suddenly Jesse cried out, "It is finished!" and he died.

Joe Hovah smiled and said; "Now my sense of justice has been satisfied, now my wrath has been appeased. I am now free to shower you with my Amazing Grace!" He then commanded evil Stan to let the children go. Stan did as he was told and unchained the children. Badly burned, Joe Hovah daubed them with a special healing salve that healed their burns like magic. He then said to them both "Behold your brother Jesse! He loved you so much he died for you!" The children looked at the charred corpse and were repulsed. "EAT HIM!" Joe Hovah roared and the children cowered. "Eat him, I said, or you will remain locked in this lab forever!" So the children tore gobs of bloody flesh from Jesse's body and forced themselves to eat it.

"Good, good children," the father said, and the rage drained from his face. Then just as quickly his face again contorted with rage. "DO YOU LOVE YOUR DADDY?" he bellowed as he advanced menacingly upon the terrified tykes. Alan and Eileen cowered in his huge shadow.

"Well, *do* you?" he demanded.

They managed to stammer, "Ye-Yes, father."

"Then *show* me!" he snarled.

So the children got down on their hands and knees and crawled to the father and lay abjectly at his feet, kissing his boots. "Yes, yes, you are good, good children," he muttered softly as the rage again drained from his face. Positively beaming with love, he smiled a dazzling smile at Alan and Eileen and said, "You can go up to the Third Floor now." The children beamed too, and ran joyfully upstairs out of the gloom. Then Joe turned his attention back to Stan Deville. "You no good scoundrel! Get into that cell over in the corner!" he yelled. Stan backed away

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from Joe and his gun, into the cell. Once Stan was inside, Joe slammed and locked the door.

Stan Deville asked Joe, "Why would you need to sacrifice your son to yourself to allow you to change a rule *you made yourself?*"

"Shut up you infidel!" Joe Hovah yelled. "I'll deal with you shortly," he whispered, and smiled with glee. Then Joe walked over to the charred corpse of his beloved son Jesse, and wept the tears of a father. When he had finished weeping, he gently picked up the corpse of his son, and laid it in a special chemical bath that magically restored Jesse's flesh. Next, he carried the corpse to a special table and placed the corpse on it. Then the father placed electrodes on the neck of Jesse, and sent a mighty bolt of lightning into the body. Suddenly, the corpse moved. "ITS ALIVE!" Joe Hovah shouted, "ITS ALIVE!" and then he collapsed onto the floor. When he came to, he stood and gazed upon his beloved son, Jesse. "*What a friend we have in Jesse!*" he sang out. Jesse gazed lovingly into his father's eyes, and then Joe helped Jesse to his feet.

Jesse exclaimed, "I'm glad that's finally over!"

The father replied, "Not quite yet, Jesse. We still have evil Stan Deville to deal with!" Father and son then walked over to the cell where evil Stan was imprisoned, and Jesse unlocked the door. Stan bolted and made a mad dash for the stairs, but Jesse tackled him, and then father and son wrestled him onto the torture table and chained him up. "Its time I let you in on a little secret," the father whispered to Jesse as he lit the blowtorch.

"What secret is that?" Jesse inquired.

Joe smiled broadly, and then whispered in a conspiratorial tone, "Stan Deville is actually your brother. I kicked him out of the house when you two were toddlers because of his rebellious ways."

"Wow!" Jesse exclaimed, flabbergasted "That's really *bizarre!*"

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Joe Hovah chuckled, "Oh, not so bizarre, not really. Not in our house anyway." Both father and son shared a good laugh as they turned their attention to evil Stan. The End.

What you have just read is, of course, a re-telling of the mainstream interpretation of the Bible. By putting it into fresh words and imagery, it becomes glaringly obvious that the mainstream interpretation of the Bible is crazy, absurd, and downright funny. To realize that over a billion people actually believe this kooky story is literally true is sobering and downright scary. May the Most High God, the Abba of Jesus Christ, deliver your mind and Spirit from such delusions if you are among their ranks.

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Jehovah's Agenda

In this chapter I'm going to closely examine some portions from the Old Testament to demonstrate further and in a more conclusive manner that the OT god Jehovah is not the Most High God from whom comes Grace and Truth. I'm going to reveal the hidden agenda, the real agenda, of Jehovah. Is the agenda of this god righteousness or something else, something truly sinister? I'll begin by reexamining Isaiah 45:5-7. This is a singularly important passage because it encapsulates the spiritual ambivalence, texture and tone of the entire OT:

"I am Jehovah, and there is none else, there is no God beside me...I form the light, and **create darkness**: I make peace, and **create evil**: I Jehovah do all these things." Let's quickly contrast that statement of Jehovah with a statement by Jesus the Christ in Matthew 7:17-18 in the King James Version: "Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a **corrupt** tree brings forth **evil** fruit. A **good** tree **cannot bring forth evil fruit**, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Since Jehovah *created* evil, he *is* evil.

Let's also contrast the verses from Isaiah with James 1:13-18: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man**: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. **Do not err, my beloved brethren**: Every **good** gift and every **perfect** gift is from above, and cometh down from **the Father of**

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lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own Will he begot us with the Word (Logos) of Truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.” The True God has nothing to do with evil. Jehovah, the creator of evil, is not the True God.

Again, Jehovah stands in stark fiendish contrast to the Father of Lights, our Abba. I have quoted Isaiah 45:5-7 because it can dispel the very glaring and spiritually crippling misconceptions that mainstream Christians and Jews have about the god of the Hebrew Bible. These falsehoods arise because the writers of the OT have childish conceptions of God not in harmony with the Spirit of the Most High God. The OT presents us with a god behaving in ways that are irreconcilable--unless we enjoy twisting our mind and moral compass into a pretzel--with a God of Love, Love Personified. As we've seen, the Yahweh elohim, the Jehovah gods, behave as petty despots or tyrants who throw temper tantrums just like a human brat who needs a spanking. This is not a strength but a **weakness**, a character flaw. Somehow, mainstream Christians and Jews are unruffled by a supposedly omnipotent and omniscient God who acts like a brat or even a manic depressive serial killer.

This god is the creator of the human race, a race of beings that it can't control. Then, just like a weak and fallible human, this god reacts to its own weakness and failure to control its own creatures by blowing a gasket and going on a rampage of murder and mayhem. Further, the Jehovah gods use the Israelites to annihilate other groups of humans, including helpless babies, infants, children, and pregnant women. We've examined many verses from the OT revealing the brutal savagery with which the Israelites obey the hateful Jehovah gods. There is no rational, logical, moral, ethical, or spiritual reason for us to accept the OT god as the Most High God, the God of Grace and Truth. We must read the OT wearing the blinders of darkness, the “**treasures of darkness**” (Isaiah 45:3) as do

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mainstream Christians and Jews, to see the Jehovah gods as righteous and good. We have to have something wrong, desperately wrong and diseased, with our mind and spirit to do so. The Bible makes no sense under such circumstances, but is riddled with contradictions as to the nature of God.

However, if we accept the Truth about the nature of the True God found in the best sections of the NT, and recognize that the Jehovah gods are not really The God, then the Bible begins to make sense. As we've already seen, we can't call evil "good" or good "evil" therefore we must acknowledge the Jehovah gods as mere creator gods and nothing more. In addition, we must realize that the behavior of the Jehovah gods is not Divine at all and must not be aped, must not be imitated. We must acknowledge that the OT demonstrates and delineates to us precisely and exactly how the Most High God does **not** behave.

For those who still don't understand, I give some further evidence that the Jehovah gods are not The God, the Most High God. The OT says that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses saw Jehovah, the being they thought was God. (Genesis 17:1, 18:1, Exodus 6:2-3, Numbers 12:6-8) Yet Jesus and the Apostle John are clear that these men *did not see God*. "For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ. **No man has seen God at any time**. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him ... **No man has seen God at any time**. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and his love is perfected in us." John 1:17-18, 5:32-33. That's clear enough for even a TV preacher to understand, yes? *No one has ever seen God!* Yet Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses *did see Jehovah!* Ergo, Jehovah is not God but is merely a god.

Let me point out as well that John 1:18 makes it plain that *Truth did not come via Moses!* The OT law came via Moses, *but Grace and Truth came via Jesus Christ!* Truth did

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not and does not come via the law of Moses because the law of Moses comes from the Elementals of this System, not the Most High God! Paul makes this clear in Galatians 3:19 through 4:8. He argues in these verses that the law of Moses was prescribed by mere messengers [angge-los], via a **mediator** not by the Most High God. Who was this mediator? It wasn't Christ because John tells us that "the law came via Moses, *but Grace and truth came via Jesus Christ.*" Also, some mistakenly think that "angels" are always good. That's not so. Both the Hebrew and Greek words for "angel" (malakh and angelos) simply mean "messenger." Messenger is descriptive of *function*, not of *nature*. Divine beings both good and evil, as well as humans, are described as "angels" (messengers) in the OT and NT.

So, who was this mediator through whom the law was given? The "demiurge" the Jehovah gods. Paul goes on to say that those "under the law of Moses" are "in bondage to the Elementals of this Kosmos." These elementals of the System, the world, are of course the archons or elohim, which we Gnostics refer to as the demiurge. Paul is adamant that those in union with Christ are free of these elementals and free of the law of Moses, which includes the ten commandments. Mainstream Christians do not understand this in the slightest. If they did, they wouldn't be so zealous for the ten commandments to be hung around everyone's neck and bring them in bondage thereby to the Elementals rather than Christ! Read the verses from Galatians for yourself.

In 2 Corinthians 3:6, speaking of Christ, Paul declares: "He has also made us able ministers of the New Covenant; not of the letter of the law, but of the Spirit: for the letter of the law kills, but the Spirit gives Life." Again, I can only gape in awe as I see the evil one at work blinding the spiritual eyes, minds, and hearts of the mainstream Christians who insist on placing themselves and others under bondage to the elohim, the archons/demons, via

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the law of Moses. What spirit do you think animates these people to do this ugly thing? The Holy Spirit? Do you really think the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that causes us to cry to the Most High God, “Abba” is the one that animates these people and causes them to be zealous in bringing us into bondage to Moses and the Elementals? The very same Holy Spirit that sets us free of the law of Moses? May you never be so foolish, blasphemous, and demonic as to think so.

If we understand that the Jehovah gods, the demiurge, created this cosmos from dead matter, then we begin to see a marvelous balance, even a symmetry, in both the physical and spiritual universes. All contradictions in the apparent nature of God as given in the Bible disappear! No longer is God both good and evil, loving and insane. The Most High God then becomes perfect, the Father of Lights, in whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning.

Now let's return to Isaiah 45:5-7: “I am Jehovah...I form the light, and **create darkness**: I make peace, and **create evil**: I Jehovah do all these things.” These verses reveal to us that the Jehovah gods merely form or shape the light, they do not create it in the sense of bringing it into existence. They make (or shape) peace, they do not create it in the sense of bringing it into existence.. The Hebrew word for “form“ in this verse is "yak-tawn" meaning "to make little" not “create” in the sense of “bring into existence.” See Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # 3355. The Jehovah gods “make” (asah) or “shape” good, they do not create it in the sense of bringing it into existence. The only things the Jehovah gods actually **create** are **darkness** and **evil**. See Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # 1254 for the definition of “bara” create. There is no darkness at all in the True God, but the Jehovah gods create darkness and dwell in darkness, as we have abundantly seen.

Many Christians and Jews attempt to “defuse” this

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verse by claiming that “ra” doesn’t really mean evil. Then they list a slew of synonyms that are supposed to somehow make their god appear in a better light. Instead of evil, we are told, “ra” should be translated “calamity” “wicked” “woe” “misery” “suffering” “bad” “distress” “sorrow” “affliction” “adversity” “wrong” “ethical evil” “malignancy” “pain” “unclean thing” “vicious disposition” “unpleasant” “unhappiness” “injury” and a host of other words! How does this make the Jehovah gods any less monstrous? How does this even begin to “let god off the hook”? If anything, these synonyms illuminate and illustrate just what sort of fiends the Jehovah gods are. How truly blind the spiritually blind are!

When the demiurge is allowed his Biblical place as merely the creator or shaper of this universe from pre-existent matter, and the Most High God is seen as a different and distinct Being entirely, the universe can then be viewed in an entirely different light. God can be seen as pure Light and Love, not the creator of evil, darkness, suffering, or death. However, our alienation from the Jehovah gods, the creators of our bodies, began at the very beginning. Genesis three informs us that the chief of the creator gods spoke to the lesser creator gods and said, “Behold! The human *has become as one of us, knowing good and evil.*” After making this declaration, the Jehovah gods drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden and into the hostile wilderness. They did this in order to ensure that Adam and Eve would die, but there is something else at work here too. Something just under the surface.

Reading this section of Genesis makes me want to ask, “*Why* are the Jehovah gods so obsessed that the humans not become ‘as one of the elohim’ or ‘one of the gods.’” Recall that Genesis says that Adam and Eve’s “eyes were opened” and they “knew good and evil” and this is what made them “like the gods.” Perhaps the elohim feared that by having had their eyes opened, and finally knowing good and evil, Adam and Eve would recognize that the

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elohim were in fact evil not good. Perhaps this is implied when Adam hid himself from the elohim after eating of the Tree of Gnosis.

Before this event, Adam and Eve had been blind spiritually, unable to distinguish good or evil. Then they ate of “the Tree of the Gnosis of Good and Evil” and suddenly their eyes were opened and they perceived both good and evil. They attained Gnosis. They realized they had been *created blind and ignorant*. Furthermore, they realized that the Jehovah gods are therefore malevolent, so they hid. It makes sense. Interestingly enough, the Jehovah gods do not toss Adam and Eve out into the wilderness to die because of disobedience, but because they have “become as gods” and “know good and evil.” This behavior on the part of the Jehovah gods is not in accordance with Grace and Truth at all. Remember, Grace and Truth come through Jesus Christ!

So what does all of the foregoing information tell us as to Jehovah’s Agenda? Clearly, the agenda is Power. Not love, not grace, but Power. The Lord of the Old Covenant is a pitiless murderer and despotic fiend *because he seeks to have all power and is jealous of all others who have any power!* Moral dilemmas of right and wrong, good and evil, are irrelevant to the demiurge. The acquisition of power, the jealous selfish guarding of that power, and the ruthless means employed to acquire it are his real agenda. If humans are aware--have Gnosis--of good and evil, if they have a moral compass, they become useless to the Jehovah gods, because the Jehovah gods want humans to do his bidding as his Angels of Death in murdering all those who will not bow the knee to him. The Israelites became the material sword wielded by the Yahweh elohim to enlarge their territory and consolidate their power.

It is this issue of *Power* that is the reason behind the devaluation of the Mosaic Law in the NT, especially in the writings of John and Paul. I’m not saying that John and Paul were against the limited wisdom of the moral law

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mediated by the demiurge at Mount Sinai, *the problem is the agenda behind the giving of the Mosaic law*. Certainly, one can find many decorous references in the OT to justice, “righteousness,” fidelity, integrity, goodness, and so forth. Yet when it comes down to where “the rubber hit’s the road” we discover all those pretty words are precisely that. Mere words, empty rhetoric, because what Jehovah is really about is the exercise of Power, and he exercises it through violence and savagery and murder. Jehovah *says* one thing yet *does* another. *One looks in vain for any Moral Absolutes in the Hebrew Bible*. As I said, one can find flowery phrases extolling wonderful principles, but the actual actions of the Jehovah gods are something else entirely. Jehovah says “Thou shalt not kill” then proceeds to send the Israelites on a killing spree!

I will give you another concrete example: Jehovah likens himself to a husband and Israel to a wife in the OT. He promises all sorts of wonderful things for the Israelites if they accept him and obey him, but he also threatens to murder them, destroy them, kill them if they reject him or disobey him. Where is the love, justice, and goodness in that? Nowhere. It’s simply another example of Jehovah’s obsession with Power. The entire ethical structure of the OT, the Hebrew Bible, revolves around Power. Not love, not Grace, not Truth, but Power.

All ethics, all morality, in the Hebrew Bible take a back seat to the issue of Power. Rather than a Moral Absolute of Good, we find goodness and love being lost in a relativistic mess of moral porridge, a porridge consisting of every sort of foul and fiendish behavior, behavior commanded and extolled by the Jehovah gods. When the Jehovah gods commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, what was the hidden agenda? Power. Abraham had to be tested to see if there was even the slightest bit of self-respect, self-determination, independence, or backbone left in him. Or if Abraham is an obedient little sheep of Jehovah *willing to do whatever Jehovah commands no*

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matter how evil or wicked or senseless the command may be! Abraham obeyed, and wonderful promises were given, once Abraham had demonstrated that he was in utter lickspittle subservience to Jehovah. Again, it is this worship of Power that is the real reason for the devaluation of the law of Moses in the New Testament. (Why do I say this? Because the apostle John tells us “the law was given through Moses, but Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ.” The OT is therefore *not* about Grace and Truth since Grace and Truth did not arrive until the advent of Jesus Christ)

How are the “heathen” Canaanites any different from Abraham? How is Jehovah any different from the Canaanite gods? The Canaanite gods are also all about Power. They too demand witless stupid blind obedience. They too make murderous demands on their worshippers accompanied by the promise of goodies if the Canaanites obey.

According to Isaiah 45 (the Bible chapter we opened with), Jehovah was using the King of Persia, Cyrus, as an instrument of revenge against the Chaldeans. Isaiah 45: 1 reads “Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose hand have I held, in order that he may subdue nations before him.” Why did Jehovah do this? Because the Chaldeans had also been used by Jehovah to punish Israel via a demonstration of his power in the killing of them, because they continued to fail to obey Jehovah’s covenant. This is not about Grace and Truth, this is about Power. Why is it that this supposedly all-powerful and all-knowing god cannot find a better way to deal with things than to lose its mind and to crush, kill, and destroy? Because Love, Grace, and Truth are not demonstrations of Power. Not the kind of fleshly Power that Jehovah salivates over and murders millions to obtain. *The Jehovah gods couldn’t care less about the uplifting of the human race into education and empowerment!* The Jehovah gods want us **ignorant** and **obedient**. Hence the forbidding of the Tree of

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Knowledge and hence the emphasis in the OT on abject debasement of oneself to Jehovah, and unquestioning obedience.

Behind all the empty speeches about mercy, justice, righteousness and concern for the poor in the OT lies the reality of the insatiable lust for Power on the part of Jehovah, and his infinite Ego in demanding that all sentient beings fall flat before him and sing his praises. Now that you have glimpsed “the man behind the curtain” he is laid bare as nothing more than a power-mad egomaniacal schemer, a mass murderer and the father of all mass-murderers and power-mad despots. Now the OT makes sense, and the mission of Christ to reveal the true God, the Most High God, becomes paramount if our species is to rise above its animalistic ways, to rise above the image and likeness of Jehovah! Truly we are created in the image and likeness of Jehovah for we carry the seed of his egomaniacal darkness and murder within us, as do all living things. Humans are just as capable of unspeakable acts of evil and wickedness as are the Yahweh elohim. Humans can be, and have been, every bit as malevolent as the Jehovah gods. Yet we are this way *because we are created in the image and likeness of the Yahweh elohim, not because of some non-existent “fall” from a nonexistent “perfection!”* Read of the behavior of the Yahweh elohim, and then read of the behavior of human beings. Do you see the chain of cause and effect, the laws of heredity, “like father like son?” We are the way we are because we are made in the image and likeness of the Jehovah gods, the demons. “*Ye shall know them by their fruit.*” Certainly, our species is also capable of producing decent folks. Yet, taken as a whole, the human species is predatory, selfish, self-centered, egotistical, violent, and war-like. Human history is awash in a sea of gore.

The Yahweh Elohim, fixated on Power and the egotistical glorification of themselves, have thereby blinded themselves to the wisdom and love of the True God, the

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beloved and blessed Primordial Light and Love, the Father of our Reason. Our Reason has been revealed to us as the Logos, in whom resides the Fullness of God, the Pleroma. It was via the efforts of the Logos-Sophia that a portion of the Light and Life of God seeped into the material universe. The creator gods have neither Divine Life nor Light to impart, yet these creator gods have been allowed to use that Light and Life so that their wickedness would be exposed by the Light. The story of how the creators came into possession of the Divine Light is, to this very day, told in Symbols of the ancient Mystery religions. The story is told in the Myths of the scourging, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and deification of the Savior Demigods such as Osiris, Horus, Jesus, and many others. The ancient story of how the creators came to possess the Light is the story of a primeval infamy which came to a head in the formation of this dark and dying Kosmos, this chaotic world of darkness and evil mixed with Light and Good, and hate and violence mixed with Love and Peace.

When we read in the Bible of the violent actions of the Yahweh elohim, of their egomania and wickedness, of their commanding of humans to engage in campaigns of extermination of entire populations, and then we are told that such wickedness and evil is by definition “righteousness” and “spiritual rectitude” we are seeing the fruit of the primeval wicked actions of the creator gods and the beginning of their search for Power. Power to overcome and overthrow the Pleroma Itself, if such a thing were possible. Yea, if humanity is wicked, egomaniacal, and power-hungry it is because our creators are wicked, egomaniacal, and power hungry and we are made in their image and likeness. We humans did not choose our creators, nor did we direct their actions, hence we finite beings cannot honestly or truthfully be blamed for the wickedness and failure of our creators and their creations. The darkness at work within us will one day lead to our end as

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a species, the end of our material existence, and we will return to the Pleroma, the Fullness of God, from whence we came. What shall become of our creators once the Light and Life of God Most High have departed this Kosmos of darkness and death? Hopefully they too will return to the Pleroma, humbled and chastened. May it be so.

(Thanks to James West for the information in this chapter)

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A Brief Summary

Human beings are victims of a race of elohim/Archons, or “gods” that fashioned this material universe, and humankind, out of dead defiled pre-existent matter. “In the beginning the gods created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1), and humans remain their possession to this day. To maintain control over humans, and to make sure Earth continues as our dungeon, the elohim have made this Earth a continual source of endless squabbles amongst humankind. They have created and fostered religious and spiritual delusions to keep us blinded to reality and fighting and warring with each other, and they have made Earth into a place of relentless pointless physical and mental suffering and struggle. This sorry state of affairs has existed from the beginning, lost in the mists of prehistory.

A multitude of various orders of beings exists (the multitude of elohim, or gods, revealed in the Old Testament), and the Gnostics were aware of their existence. Gnostic Christian scriptures make reference to a large number of Spirit beings, a veritable Hierarchy, some from the Kingdom of Light and some from the kingdom of darkness. These entities can travel in the Spiritual as well as material worlds, and can even materialize bodies in the physical universe. The angels ("messengers") of Darkness were usually called Archons, and the Chief of the Archons went by names such as Jehovah, Samael, Sacklas, Yaldabaoth, and Satan, among others. Some Gnostics taught that the elohim believed they were the only gods. In consequence of this deluded mental condition, the elohim

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have become puffed up and are the enemy of humankind. They try to keep humankind from realizing their own innate Divinity and escaping from this wretched material existence.

The mainstream Christian churches are highly effective tools in the hands of the elohim/Archons because they teach their flocks a *powerful delusion*: that an omniscient, omnipotent, loving God created this universe and our first parents. By disobeying this God, the deluded churches tell us, Adam and Eve doomed their descendants (the entire human race) to be born as sinners, subject to the judgment and wrath of the Jehovah gods. Christianity derives the allegory of Adam and Eve from Genesis, the first book of the Jewish Bible, the Old Testament. In the Bible a 'God' confronts us (Jehovah/Yahweh) who, by his own admission, is a lying deceiver, full of wrath, vengeance, and jealousy. The Old Testament constantly stresses that we must "*fear* the Lord" and obey him blindly and worship him abjectly or suffer hideous consequences. The Old Testament is full of atrocities committed by or at the command of this fiend Jehovah.

According to the book of Genesis, this "God" that walked in Eden like a mere human, had lied to the first couple and told them they would die the very day they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Serpent, however, had promised them they would become as the elohim, the gods, and his word was good. Despite Jehovah's supposed omniscience, Jehovah was unaware that Adam and Eve had eaten the 'forbidden fruit' of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. When he found out by interrogating them, he forced them out of the Garden of Eden in a fit of jealousy, because they had become as Gods just as the Serpent had promised. He also desired to keep Adam and Eve from eating of the Tree of Life and becoming immortal. Since Jehovah had fashioned them mortal and dying from pre-

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existing dead matter, death became the lot of humankind rather than Immortality.

We have seen that the Gnostic Christians, the earliest Christians, who taught the original Way of Jesus Christ, distinguished between the Heavenly Father and Jehovah. Jehovah is merely one of the *elohim* or Archons (one of the multitude of gods the Old Testament speaks of as quite real), probably their Leader, but he is not the Heavenly Father revealed by Jesus. The Jewish scriptures reveal mere pretender gods that fashioned a defective universe out of eternally pre-existent defiled dead matter, but the God revealed by Jesus is the utterly Transcendent (yet Immanent) Most High God. The Jewish gods demanded fear from humans, and committed numerous murders. Jesus' Heavenly Father is Love Personified, and is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Jesus Christ never called the Heavenly Father by the name Jehovah or Yahweh. In fact he called the god of the Jews the Devil, the father of lies! (John 8:44) The Gnostic Gospel of Peter tells us that the Jews were deluded, thinking they knew the Most High God, but they were actually ignorant of the True God, and knew only a lesser god, an impostor, whose completely evil nature they were ignorant of. Based on a thorough study of the Book of Genesis, the ancient Gnostics exposed Jehovah as Samael the Demiurge, the half-maker of this wretched material universe, and who is opposed to the Most High God.

Gnostics taught that the Most High God, the Heavenly Father revealed by Jesus Christ, is utterly Transcendent above and beyond all created worlds, yet is also Immanent within most sentient beings. Gnostics maintained that the Father emanated from his own Essence the Spiritual Realms and their various angelic beings or Aions. However, seven rebellious *elohim*/Archons created the material universe out of eternally pre-existing matter, and

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humankind is also the creation of these ignorant, relatively feeble elohim.

Between the Pleroma, or Fullness of the Godhead, and the material universes exist innumerable gradations and classes of Spirit beings, arranged much like a pyramid. The elohim or Archons that sculpted the material universe and humankind, we know as the Jehovah gods (Or more accurately, the Yahweh elohim), or Samael. In blindness and hubris the Yahweh elohim led a rebellion against the Pleroma, with many elohim joining the rebellion. Afterward, in order to be like the Most High God, the Yahweh elohim tried to fashion material human bodies in their own likeness, but they were only able to form a crude golem out of clay. So it was necessary to animate the golem, Adam, by trapping a Spirit being from the upper Divine realms inside it. Samael then lured a Spark from the Pleroma into his clay man, his golem, Adam.

Other ancient Gnostics taught that Divine Spirits were enticed by the Yahweh elohim from the Fullness (the Pleroma) by the alluring promise of sensual physical experiences. Then the Yahweh elohim imprisoned the Divine Spirits in material bodies. As these Spirits continued to live, die, and be reborn in new physical bodies, they became so enmeshed and attached to the desires of physical existence that they entirely forgot they were in reality Spirit beings from the Pleroma, the Fullness of the Godhead. They had become ignorant slaves to the evil Samael and his malevolent minions in this material miasma. Consequently, these invisible beings are always putting obstacles in our way and manipulating us. We perceive only what they choose us to perceive, and they choose to lull us to sleep in a delusional state in which we think the loving Most High God created this universe, despite the avalanche of facts to the contrary. Only Gnostics teach the Truth about Humankind's true Origin, and the unseen powers that do all they can to keep human beings in bondage to them. The Archons strive to

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keep their human prisoners in bondage to them and to the earth through Desire, Ignorance, and Attachment. Trapped in the delusions of material existence, humans identify most strongly with their body and its needs and desires, and are ignorant of their true Origin as part of the Pleroma, the Fullness of the Godhead.

This deluded, ignorant state of mind perpetuates humankind's spiritual blindness, keeping humanity in bondage to the physical body and its desires, and thus in bondage to the Archons. The Catholic church, by worshipping "The God of this Age", became Jehovah/Satan's tool, and imitated the nation of Israel by founding a kingdom of *this* world: a "theocracy", a religious-political kingdom. Gnostic Christians refused to bow to the deception, the imitation kingdom. They knew the real Kingdom of God is an inward spiritual reality resulting from an inner revolution of our consciousness, awareness, and perception. The Catholic church soon maliciously denounced Gnostics as "heretics", and their various scriptures were banned and destroyed in book-burnings. (Book burning is something mainstream Christians have often resorted to throughout their violent history of championing ignorance, fear, and superstition)

The Great Harlot of Babylon and her daughters held sway over Christendom for nearly two millennia, steeped in delusion. But finally, in 1945, in Nag Hammadi Egypt, many scriptures of the ancient Gnostics were discovered by accident, buried in an earthen jar. This find is at last beginning to revolutionize the world's view of what early Christianity was really like. We now know that Jesus Christ originated his Way as a Gnostic movement within Judaism, and it was very much *unlike* the Catholic church, which later displaced true Christianity via violence. Early Church history was very much *unlike* the 'official' version of Church history that has come down to us via Catholic channels. History is always written by the victors, and in the process distorted into propaganda to place the victors

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in the best light possible. That is precisely what the Catholic church, the Great Harlot of Babylon, has done, but she has now been fully exposed, as have her countless daughters.

Gnostics have always maintained that our real nature is not the physical self, nor is the material universe our true home. Humans are really Spirits, sparks of the Pleroma, of the Kingdom of Light. We must come to know our higher Self, the Spark of Divinity trapped in this prison of flesh. We must return to the Pleroma, the Fullness of the Godhead, the Kingdom of Heaven, by discovering God Within, *Here and Now!* We cannot do this on our own, so we need help from the Divine realms. Divine Beings such as the indwelling Logos/Sophia have made this possible for us. We humans are in need of deliverance from bondage to the Archons and from physical existence, not deliverance from “sin” as the mainstream Christians tell us in their imprisoned, delusional state of mind. In Christ, we become enlightened, illumined and awakened to our true Divine Self and true Divine Origin, and the shackles of the elohim/Archons are thereby broken. Thereafter we need never return to this earth and material existence.

There is a spiritual battle between the Sons of Light and the sons of darkness. You, the reader, are already in the battle, like it or not. To decline to choose a side is to choose a side. Apathy places you on the side of darkness, and dooms you to return to this hell. Which side are you on? If you are looking for a reason to live, to keep on keeping on in this hell, there is no higher calling than to be a Child of the Light.

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Common Questions and Objections

I have received a number of emails concerning the first edition of this book. Some of the emails have been encouraging, which I deeply appreciate. Some have been astonishingly stupid, mindlessly damning me to hell. I am always amazed at the ability of mainstream Christians to read and judge the hearts of others. Some readers, however, have asked important questions and raised important objections. These people have been the most helpful of all, and I thank each of you. I will address your questions and objections here. One of the first objections raised was: Why do you have such a dark and dismal opinion of the material world?

The answer is that the things I point out aren't opinions. Death, entropy, disease, old age, malfunction, are all simple facts that we all experience. I point these things out to wake people out of their mental torpor and spiritual slumber. Also *to expose and combat Far Eastern and New Age thought that seeks to convince everyone that matter is God!* I'm a nature lover, more so than most, and delight in the great outdoors and the awesome majestic beauty of nature. Yet, I am not so foolish as to think or believe nature or matter is God! So, I wrote what I did to expose pantheism for the unrealistic nonsense that it really is.

How does your blaming Satan for the mess this world is in differ from mainstream Christianity, which also blames Satan for the mess the world is in?

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The difference is a quantum leap. Mainstream Christianity tells us an all-good, all-knowing all-powerful Loving God made this universe, but Satan (in cahoots with Adam and Eve) somehow managed to muck up an all-powerful God's plans and make the universe into an evil place. Mainstream Christianity does not go so far as to attribute the actual fashioning of this universe to Satan because it does not take the fact that Satan is "The God of this Age" seriously. Instead, blame is laid on our first parents for the wretched condition of this incomprehensibly vast universe, which saddles mankind with an irrational destructive enslaving guilt.

I, on the other hand, do take it seriously that Satan is "The God of this Age" and is the sculptor of this cosmos/System. I unveil the identity of Jehovah as none other than Satan. I demonstrate that the True God did not make this evil world, nor did God create imperfect matter, hence the evil and sin of the material world cannot be traced to God. Hence there is no longer any contradiction between the fact of evil and suffering and the existence of an all-good, all-loving, all-powerful God. I *uncloud* your mind and show you that the actual liar and deceiver in Eden were the Jehovah gods, which takes the onus for the condition we find ourselves born into off of our finite shoulders. It places the blame right where it belongs; on the shoulders of The God of this Age. I demonstrate that Satan fashioned the universe in its current violent and dying condition out of pre-existent matter. It did not "become" this way via a fabled fall from some former pristine condition.

Again and again Bibliolaters write to me after having read page after page of the horrifying slaughters of unborn babies, infants, children, women, and the elderly by their devilish god Jehovah. In their emails they completely ignore these atrocities as if they have no more importance than a fly in a hurricane. These people are verbally abusive and frightening. The average Bibliolater is exceeded

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in delusion only by insane Middle Easterners who blow themselves to bits for the glory of their fiendish god. Irrational, illogical, unreachable fundamentalists ignore all of the horrific atrocities of their god and parrot to me, "Jehovah is a good god because he gave us the Ten Commandments." Well, let's take a look at the wonderful Ten Commandments that somehow magically justify and vindicate the Lord of Dung and transmute him into purest gold.

The *first* of the commandments is of course the commandment that arises from the most base and sinister of all human emotions: **jealousy**. The Jehovah fiend is a **jealous** fiend: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me for I, Jehovah thy god, am a **jealous** god." Well, that certainly is a fine ethical and moral Example isn't it? It's certainly worthy of the Infinite God of Love, isn't it? I would certainly want my children growing up worshipping a petty jealous deity, wouldn't you? **Jealousy** is as petty as a human can get...wait, this is a *god* we're talking about! What was I thinking? Of *course!* *Now* it makes perfect sense and I can see how pure and loving and holy and good jealousy is! So, yes, I am utterly impressed at the high ethical standards and moral character which the Jehovah fiend demonstrates in the Ten Commandments. Now, with **jealousy** as the Jehovah-given basis for divine-human interaction, let's look at some more of these marvelous Commandments. Wait! Oops! *Which* "Ten Commandments" are we going to follow? You see, there exist *two sets* of "Ten Commandments" in Jehovah's Inerrant Bible, each of them *very different* from the other. Uh oh, looks like another Bible SNAFU in the road ahead!

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First List of "Ten" Commandments (Exodus 20)

1. I am the LORD thy god, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Thou shalt not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD thy god am a **jealous** god.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy god in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

Second List of "Ten" Commandments (Exodus 34)

1. Thou shalt worship none other god, for the LORD, whose Name is **Jealous**, he is a **jealous** god.
2. Thou shalt not make any molten gods.
3. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread in the month which the ear is on the corn.
4. All of the firstborn belong to me.
5. Thou shalt work six days, but on the seventh thou shalt rest.
6. Thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.
7. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven.
8. The fat of my feast shall not remain all night until the morning.
9. Thou shalt bring the first of the first fruits of thy ground unto the house of the LORD thy God.
10. Thou shalt not boil a baby goat in its mother's milk.

Which of these very different lists of "ten commandments" are Mr. and Mrs. Fundamentalist going on about? There are fully *seven* commandments in the second list of

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"ten commandments" not found in the first! These two sets of "ten commandments" only have **three** commandments in common. That makes **seventeen** commandments in all! **Both** of these sets of "ten commandments" were supposedly given to Moses on Mount Sinai. **Which set** are we supposed to believe and obey? The *second* set of the "ten commandments" (Given after *Moses destroyed* the first set of stone tablets!) has even *more* pointless material about cultic observances than the first. **These** cultic rites and cultic taboos are the Light Of The World and the Glory Of Jehovah? *These* cultic rites and cultic taboos somehow vindicate Jehovah and his satanic behavior and transmute the god of dreck into purest gold? The Apostle John tells us in no uncertain terms, "The Law was given through Moses, *but Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ.*" (John 1:17) Ergo, the Mosaic Law is not Grace and is not Truth, nor did it come through Jesus Christ! In fact, the Apostle Paul is adamant that the law of Moses is *rubbish* (Philippians 3:5-8) and was mediated by mere angels (Galatians 3:19), angels that we now know were the demons, the elohim! Paul calls the law *rubbish* because he knows it is neither Grace nor Truth, and that it did it come via Jesus Christ.

Another reader was deeply troubled that the name Jesus means "Jehovah-Savior" and wondered how the Teacher could be named in honor of Satan. Let me point out that "Jesus" is simply the Greek form of the Hebrew name Yeshua, which we Anglicize as "Joshua." Joshua was one of the greatest Jewish heroes of all time, and it was extremely common for Jewish males to be named after him in the time of Christ. Jesus was a very common name, so it is no surprise that the Teacher, born into the Jewish race and culture, would be named after the Jewish hero, Joshua. A much larger problem in my view--for mainstream Christianity anyway--is the "prophecy" in Isaiah 7:14 (quoted in *Matthew 1:23*), which states that the Messiah would be named "Emmanuel" ("With Us Is God").

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This prophecy clearly failed, for the Teacher was not named Emmanuel, but was named Joshua/Jesus.

Some readers have asked why I chose the King James Version of 1611 as my main translation for quotations since it is so archaic and based on the so-called "*Textus Receptus*" of Erasmus. The answer is simple: The KJV is no longer copyrighted and I can quote from it as extensively as I please without having to pay anyone royalties. Also, the KJV is still the Bible of choice for a slim majority of conservative mainstream Christians, and it carries an authority and power in their minds that no other English translation can. In addition, the translators of the KJV displayed a far greater concern for accuracy and honesty in their renderings than most modern translations. Modern translations take great pains to try to hide such things as the fact that Jehovah is the creator of evil, and that the evil spirits are at Jehovah's command, and that Jehovah tells lies and deceives. The King James Version is more honest and up-front and for the most part does not try to hide the ugly realities of the Biblical text. Modern Bibles try to hide the dirty underwear of the Bible the KJV usually does not. Plus I like the KJV.

Also, I care not what Greek manuscripts underlie a translation of the New Testament, for the New Testament is *still the Catholic New Testament* no matter what manuscripts you use, of whatever text-type. The Catholic Church not only chose and canonized the New Testament books but also *preserved and passed on the New Testament*. So, I do not care that the New Testament of the KJV is translated from the so-called "*Textus Receptus*" of Erasmus. *It's still the Catholic New Testament!*

I received an email from a devout mainstream Christian who objected that Satan is described as "one of the sons of god," or "the sons of the elohim," in the first chapter of Job. He is further described as coming into the presence of the LORD (Jehovah). So, how could Satan be Jehovah if he comes into the presence of Jehovah? First,

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keep in mind that the Jehovah gods are a class or race of beings, not a single individual. To say "Jehovah god" is misleading, for it should be translated as "the Jehovah gods" or "the Yahweh elohim." There are many Jehovah gods, an entire hierarchy, of these mighty ones. So it is no surprise that one of these Jehovah gods should come into the presence of the rest, and of their leader. To the author of the book of Job, Satan and Jehovah may or may not have originally been the same being, but there is an avalanche of evidence elsewhere that shows they are, at the very least, one and the same order of being, as I have demonstrated.

A very scholarly and personable reader pointed out that it is not until the writing of the Book of Job that a "Satan" figure even arises in the Hebrew Bible. Before the Book of Job was written it was in fact "Jehovah" that fulfilled the function of Satan in the OT! Even when Satan finally makes his debut in the Book of Job he is merely a pawn of Jehovah, a figure much like Loki in Norse mythology. He can do naught but that which his superior elohim command him to do. What do the Jehovah elohim command him to do? To kill all the people Job loves (except his harpy of a wife), to destroy all of Job's material wealth, and wreck Job's health, a man who loves and serves the Jehovah elohim! With a god like that, who needs a Satan? This information reinforces the view that "Satan" is indeed one of the ranks of the Jehovah elohim.

Also keep in mind the garbled nature of the Bible as it has passed down through the millennia being edited and rewritten as times and beliefs changed. The Old Testament did not achieve textual stability until a few centuries before Christ. So there was bound to be much confusion introduced along the way. I repeat, why should you accept the Old Testament as fully authoritative, anyway? Those who rejected Christ canonized it, and Jesus said their Father, their god Jehovah, is the Devil, the Father of lies. *John 8:44*. So, treat the Old Testament with caution

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and use discernment, as I have explained to you. Also, remember the machinations of the Catholic Church in its treatment of the New Testament. The Bible is a convoluted mess and has to be approached cautiously and with spiritual and mental discernment to make any sense out of it. I am convinced that is what I have done.

Others have written me and accused me of arbitrarily accepting some parts of the Bible, and arbitrarily rejecting others. They completely ignore all of the contradictions I muster, all the proof I show that the Bible confronts us with many gods, all the problems with the mainstream interpretation that I lay out, and fasten instead on this straw man. By doing so they can raise a wall of smoke and divert attention away from what I have shown and avoid having to answer my difficult probing questions and observations. I assure the reader my selection was anything but arbitrary. I was guided by the Key of Gnosis, prayers of faith for wisdom, as well as by the most spiritually refined and heart-resonating sections of the Bible, such as *1 John 1:5* and *4:18*, *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*, *Philippians 4:8*, *Galatians 5:22-23* as well as by Divine revelation, Divine intuition (Greek: *epinoia*), and reason. I think it's highly significant that if a fundamentalist makes a choice between believing the hateful verses or the loving verses, they usually believe the hateful. Perhaps they feel that by doing so they are hedging their bets, just in case. That is sad, quite honestly sad.

For the Fundamentalist Christians reading this book who do not like my hermeneutics (Principles of Biblical interpretation), I *challenge* you to look up all the passages of the Old Testament that are quoted in the New Testament. Read the surrounding context of each quotation as it appears in the Old Testament. You will be shocked to discover that the context of the verses in the Old Testament do not correspond to the way the verses are used in the New Testament. The New Testament writers yank verses wildly out of context and use them willy-nilly as

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they please! *None* of them use the "grammatical-historical method" considered to be The True Method by Protestants, Evangelicals, and Fundamentalists.

The grammatical-historical (or literal) method is the root of the "death of God" in modern theology. It turned theology from a mysterious spiritual art into a cold clinical science, and theology became a lifeless husk because "the letter kills but the Spirit gives Life." *2 Corinthians 3:6*. This happened because the grammatical-historical method of Biblical interpretation treats its source material much as a coroner treats a cadaver. "Bible study" becomes "Bible autopsy" as the theologian dons his smock and rubber gloves. This closes the door to far richer and more transformative allegorical meanings. The hidden, allegorical meanings give us unifying spiritual "meat." The grammatical-historical method gives us bones and formaldehyde as well as flat dull understandings that lead to disunity. If it did not, there would not be over 30,000 Christian sects in the USA alone, registered with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you bother to read *Galatians 4:21-26*, you will see that the apostle Paul was anything but a literalist when he declared that the stories about Mount Sinai and about Sarah and Hagar in the Old Testament are not literal history but are *allegories* ("*allegoreo*" in Greek, see *Strong's #238*) about the old and new covenants. Paul even tells us that Jerusalem is an allegory for our Heavenly Mother, God the Mother! Fundamentalists are sorely amiss in not acknowledging, as the Apostle Paul does, the deeper hidden allegorical meanings in the Bible. Fundamentalists and other literalists insist the grammatical-historical method is the True Method, yet the Apostle Paul and all the other New Testament writers abundantly prove that to be gravely erroneous thinking. The New Testament writers fail miserably as Fundamentalists; so "goodbye" to the grammatical-historical method!

Predictably, fundamentalists ignore all of this. Hence, I

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do not debate my hermeneutics with anyone, least of all with literalistic Fundamentalists. "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." *John 3:8*.

A couple of people informed me that I deny the reality of sin, therefore I am a liar and the Truth is not in me. I do not deny that Jehovah tells us we're "sinners," and we "fall short" of the moral law that miserable god laid down at Sinai. I do point out that the physical universe is by nature flawed because matter is by nature flawed and defiled, and our physical or animal nature shares in those flaws and defilement. We material beings are not "sinners," we're merely trapped in a flawed world and flawed bodies molded by the rebellious Archons. The Jehovah gods *want us* to think we are sinners, so they can keep humankind wallowing in self loathing and trapped in this hell.

Our physical nature partakes of the flawed and defiled nature of matter, as do all things, living and non-living. It is not our fault, our doing, it is the fault and doing of the Demiurge Jehovah, and is beyond our control. Yet I also point out that Christ, through the Cross and Resurrection, has set us free of the Jehovah elohim and has united us again with the *Pleroma*, the Fullness of the Godhead. The True God does *not* consider us "sinners" but as lost members of God's own essential Being, trapped temporarily in the prison of matter.

Some readers have informed me "Gnostics are antinomians and are therefore heretics." An antinomian (Greek: *anti*-against *nomos*-law) is one who has no regard for ethics or morality, and indeed there have been Gnostics with no regard for ethics or morality, just as there are mainstream Christians with no regard for ethics or morality. The Southern Baptist Church (as well as other sects that teach eternal security) is notorious for churning out Bible-believers who are scandalously immoral and even

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amoral. Actually, this is true of the Roman Catholic Church as well, and really *all* of Christendom. So Gnostics certainly have no monopoly in this regard.

On a related note, Fundamentalists and Evangelicals do not understand why non-Christians and atheists hold them in such contempt. Largely it is because such Christians talk out of both sides of their mouths, and their lives do not come within light years of matching their God-talk. They're arrogant, full of a sense of their own righteousness, and blind as a bat to their own faults and failings. Yet they're eager to point out the "sinfulness" of others and to force their views on others through various forms of pressure, not the least of which is political pressure. (At one time they used blades and guns to do this and still do sometimes) Non-Christians and atheists see all the rage, hate, and fear beneath the cheap grace and easy believism. They also see the greedy materialism, bigotry, and spirit of war, which are the antithesis of what Christ taught.

However, Gnostic Christians have always been of two minds on the matter of morality and ethics. Some are antinomians in both their teaching and their lives, but most are the most moral and ethical people one could ask for, in both their teaching and their lives. The Cathars and Bogomils, medieval Gnostic Christians, stressed moral and ethical purity in the extreme. Even if one is not a Gnostic Christian, but a mainstream Christian, one must choose whether or not to be antinomian. For myself, I have said "no" to antinomianism and have embraced the Moral Absolute of Divine Love. Have you?

God is LOVE. Love is clearly explained to us in *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*, and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are plainly enumerated for us in *Galatians 5:22-23*. This is how our minds and hearts *must* become if we are to be Partakers of the Divine Nature, filled with all the fullness of God. There is no room for moral and ethical darkness for one who is filled with the Holy Spirit. The Christ Within

must transform us if we are to truly walk in the Spirit of the God who is Love and Light.

Another straw man flung in my face is "You are an antichrist because you are a Gnostic and Gnostics deny that Christ came in the flesh." Some Gnostics did not believe Christ was a real flesh and blood human. However, that is not and never has been the majority view among Gnostics. Most do indeed accept that Christ "came in the flesh." In fact, long before the Christological controversies were hammered out at Nice, Ephesus, and Chalcedon, Gnostics were teaching that Christ was simultaneously Divine and human, fully God and fully man. However, the early Catholic Church rejected this view as "heresy."

The Apocalypse of Peter has this to say on the Divine and human natures of Jesus Christ: "After he had spoken unto me, it looked as though he was being captured, so I spoke 'Lord, what is it that I seem to behold? Is it you that are seizing me and they are capturing you? Whom do I behold nailed to a Tree, happy and full of laughter? Whose hands and feet are being nailed to the Tree? Is it you or someone else?' Christ the Savior spoke to me, 'It is the Living Jesus that you behold on the Tree, happy and full of laughter. It is merely the surrogate of flesh that you behold, made in my likeness, being humiliated by having nails driven into the hands and feet. Behold me and behold the surrogate.' After I had beheld, I spoke to him and said 'Lord, let us depart from here, for no one is looking at us.'

"He replied unto me, 'I have instructed you to let the blind lead the blind. You yourself can hear them, and they have no idea what they are saying. They have not put me to shame, but only my surrogate.' Then someone walked toward us that looked like him, the one that was full of laughter on the Tree, full of the Holy Spirit. It was Jesus the Savior. There was a large nimbus around him, radiant beyond words, as well as a crowd of angels, invisible, giv-

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ing forth a blessing. I was then told 'Take courage and be strong, for these sacred secrets are a gift to you through the power of revelation, that you may know the first-born one, even he that was crucified. Demons, the gods, make their dwelling within him, the receptacle of stone, and the one crucified under the Law of the Jews. However, the Savior, the Living One, takes his place next to him. He gazes upon those who tried to harm him; all the while they disagree with one another. He is full of mirth because of their spiritual blindness. When they crucified the surrogate, the one who could feel pain, they released my Spiritual Body.'

Lest the reader be too distressed by the statement about Christ's human nature being where demonic gods dwell, let me explain that this is merely a shocking way for the author of *The Apocalypse of Peter* to grab the reader's attention and drive home his point that Christ's human nature partook of the natural earthly realm, just as *our* human natures do. To Gnostics such as myself, the material realm is the home of demons, and our bodies are the receptacles of stone in which they dwell, the elohim/Archons. The author of the *Apocalypse of Peter* wishes to identify Jesus' earthly nature with the earthly realm, and his divinity with the Divine.

After Gnostics and Gnosticism had been successfully beaten underground by the Catholic Church, the Gnostic view of Christ being "fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures simultaneously" was adopted as official Catholic Dogma at the Councils of Ephesus (431 AD) and Chalcedon (451 AD). Although Gnostics accept that Christ 'came in the flesh' we add the caveat that His flesh was able to accomplish things ours is not, and hence was perhaps of a slightly different order than is ours, and that is possibly why we are told that Christ came in the "likeness" of sinful flesh. *Romans* 8:3. For instance, Christ's flesh was able to pass through violent crowds untouched and unrecognized, walk on water, glow brighter

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than the sun, and move from one location to another instantaneously. *Luke 4:28-30, Mark 6:45-52, Matthew 17:1-3, John 6:16-21.*

Two people have told me they simply cannot accept the fact there are many gods, that such an idea seems outlandish and silly to them. Well, it may seem that way to us moderns until we begin to think in terms of "Supreme Being" and "superior beings." We are superior to the lower species on this planet. The elohim/Archons are superior to us, at least to our physical natures. The people who cannot accept the existence of the elohim/Archons nonetheless accept the existence of guardian angels, Archangels, and even demons. Angels, Archangels, and demons are in the fact elohim/Archons. They are one and the same order of being. The Jehovah elohim are rebellious angels, or "demons," also called Archons, or Spiritual Rulers. There are also positive elohim/Archons, or angels that are the messengers of the True God. Both the Hebrew and Greek words for angel, *malach* and *angelos*, mean, "messenger." See *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* #4397 and #4398, and *Strong's Greek Lexicon* #32. Humans are also elohim for we carry the Divine Spark within. See *Psalms* 82:6 and *John* 1:9, 10:34.

One person wanted to argue with me about reincarnation, and they quoted the verse in *Hebrews* 9:27: "It is appointed unto men *once to die*, but after this the judgment." Well, how about the man who was resurrected from the dead by the bones of Elisha? *2 Kings* 13:21. He died *twice*. What about the people Christ raised from the dead? They died *twice*. How about the *millions* of people that would have been declared dead, and then buried, just a decade or two ago, but medical science now routinely raises from the dead? They die *twice*, and some even *three* times or more. Really, what it comes down to is "my verses versus your verses," pun intended, and the historical facts of the matter. There are more verses and the facts of history on the side of reincarnation.

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Some readers have tried to "answer" the problems I point out by becoming very abstract and airy-fairy and laying down broad vague "principles" that never really address, in a specific concrete way, the actual issues I raise. They become very nebulous and "scholarly" and thereby put on a show of learning that might impress the gullible or the ignorant through mystification and obfuscation. Yet they never really address the specific book-chapter-verse problems I point out over and over again. They refuse to come down from their ivory towers and just answer the questions.

Some people latch onto simple mistakes I have made, which they point out to me (and I gladly correct) as a reason to simply not deal with the issues I raise. For obviously, in their odd minds, since I made a mistake, my entire book must be in error. Or, they grab hold of a somewhat exaggerated comment I have made in my description of Jehovah, such as "Losing its temper constantly, always angry and destroying and frightful" and they belabor the point to death to show this is not *invariably* the case, instead of recognizing hyperbole when they read it and let it go at that.

These people use this as an excuse to *ignore* the difficult problems and questions I pose and instead make much ado about nothing, and think they have thereby "refuted" me. The Fundamentalist mind is doggedly determined to see only what it wants to see.

Some readers have been confused by the fact that matter is eternally pre-existent and God has no dealings with it except through intermediaries such as the Divine Logos/Sophia. Their confusion arises because of some statements in the Gnostic Christian writings such as "The All is from Him and for Him" that cause them to mistakenly think "The All" refers to the material universe. The "All" spoken of in the Gnostic Christian scripture is the *Pleroma*, the Fullness of the Godhead. It is the Entirety of the Divine Essence, which has been emanated into count-

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less Divine beings. The Gnostic Christian scriptures are not referring to defiled dead matter or the material universe when they speak of The All. They are referring to the *Pleroma*, the Fullness.

A few readers have accused me of being anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic. I hold absolutely nothing against individual Jews and Catholics. In fact, I am married to an Eastern Orthodox Catholic and am pleased to be friends with several fascinating Jewish women. However, I nonetheless speak the facts about the ugly god, ugly scriptures, and ugly history of these two religious groups. "Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" *Galatians 4:16*. If you do not like hearing or reading the truth about your monster-god, your church, your religion, your scriptures, then find the True God and True Way. Sophia/Christ is seeking you out.

An online acquaintance emailed me to tell me that I believe in a "different Jesus" than "*his* Jesus." As if he owns Jesus! Well, each of us has a finite mind with a finite capacity to understand. *Each of us understands our own language somewhat differently* based on our varying life experiences and background. Each of us has a finite and differing experience of the Infinite God. All Christians understand their Bibles differently, and have differing degrees of knowledge of the Bible. So, *all* Christians have "a different Jesus" because of these factors. Also, to the extent that we are unable to fathom the Unfathomable and grasp the Ungraspable, to that extent we all have an idol or "false god" haunting our minds. To fail to see this is to fall into idolatry far worse than any golden calf idolatry.

It is hubris of the first order the way Fundamentalists and Evangelicals speak of God as though they have God in their hip pocket and have God all figured out. Complete with *charts!* It is our Divine calling and privilege to continually seek after God, to Know God more fully, and to never be content with a limited and flawed experience and understanding. We must seek out and destroy all

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remnants of the idol haunting our minds. This idol comes to us from all corners of our culture, including books, movies, television, computers, and the Bible. Fundamentalists make a paper-and-ink idol out of the Bible. They are bibliolaters. They mistake the menu for the meal. They mistake the road map for the actual terrain. They erroneously think they know God vicariously through the experience of others, which they read in the Bible, rather than having their own God-given visions, dreams, Theophanies, epiphanies, and other direct spiritual encounters with the ineffable Christ. In other words, the Bible is their substitute for a direct personal experience of their own Christ Nature.

The truth is that language, at best, is a mere "finger pointing at the moon" nothing more. To really *know* this is to be armed against falling into complacency, arrogance and bibliolatry. Also, it frees us to seek the Christ on our own, directly, and not to be slavishly bound to any book or books. Not even the Gnostic Christian scriptures. As we have seen, if approached cautiously with discernment and a grain or two of salt, the Bible does have some gems to offer, as do the Gnostic Christian scriptures.

Fundamentalists have responded to me by saying that human speech is not merely a finger pointing at the moon, but is potent divine Reality, and that the human mind is quite capable of grasping divine Realities. I reply by asking if they really think they comprehend such words and concepts as Eternity, Infinity or Omnipotence. No one, including myself, comprehends or grasps these *basic* theological concepts. I have a divine intuitive feel for them, but they are quite beyond mental comprehension.

I have asked Fundamentalists to define Spirit for me; does it have a nuclear structure? What are its molecular and chemical properties? What is the method and manner of its interaction with matter? What does Spirit look like? Smell like? Taste like? They have no answers for the simple reason the human mind is quite incapable of under-

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standing or truly communicating these *rudimentary* concepts and "God words." Yet from this dense cloud of ignorance so great they do not even know they are ignorant, Fundamentalists proceed to build their Sand Castles of Conceptual Certitude. Those is, unless they are blessed to have had the Tsunami of Divine Mystery crash over them and awe them as it did me.

The Gospel of Phillip tells us that "words and labels deceive all who hear, by misdirecting from that which is Real to that which is unreal. For example, 'God' is just an imprecise word; misleading its hearers into thinking they grasp Reality. This perplexity is true of 'Church, Resurrection, Life and Light,' as well as 'Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,' and all such words. Because of these words, no one sees the Real, but the unreal. The words we use are all misleading, unless we have Gnosis, which brings us precision of awareness." Thousands of Zen Masters throughout the ages would heartily agree with this assessment. The Eastern Orthodox Church has long held to this Truth, in theory at least, that ultimately God cannot be conceptualized and put into words. This is called *Apo-phaticism*, or the Way of Negation, of saying what God is not. *Cataphaticism* is the futile attempt to describe what God actually is.

Your own personal experience of the Divine should be your one and only Guide. Why rely on the words of someone else (including mine) and believe their experience rather than your own? If I accomplish nothing else I hope I have shattered your confidence in mere words, books, creeds, institutions, and all *secondhand* religion. Books can be helpful and fun, but do not take them too seriously or allow yourself to be bound by them. To let books bind your mind and spirit is not only rather silly but is downright superstitious. If as *Acts 10:34* says "God is no respecter of persons," (*does not play favorites*), there is no reason *you* cannot break free of the herd and have *your*

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own direct personal encounters with Christ-Sophia via visions, dreams, theophanies, etc.

If you do not break free of the herd, you will never enter the Kingdom. *The Gospel of Thomas, verse 49*: "Jesus said 'Blessed are the ones who stand alone, the elect, because *only a few* will ever discover the Kingdom.'" This verse confirms *Matthew 7:13-14* : "Enter ye in at the cramped gate: for *wide* is the gate, and *broad* is the way, that leads to *destruction*, and *many* there be which go in thereat. Because cramped is the gate, and *narrow* is the way which leads unto *Life*, and *few* there be that find it."

I have also received emails from people who insist upon focusing on and arguing about peripheral and nonessential matters since they have no answers for the real meat of this book. For example, some wish to argue with me about "The Millennial Kingdom." The question of a literal earthly Kingdom is touched on in this book, but only briefly and tangentially. It is not the focus of this book--far from it--so I do not stoop to discuss it. Or they latch onto my statement about the so-called "State of Israel" being a bunch of land grabbing terrorists, and they wish to argue about that. The "State of Israel" has nothing to do with the central issues raised in this book, yet it is these sorts of things my critics wish to argue about, since they cannot effectively answer the main issues. None of these people are helpful or insightful.

Let me repeat the main points and issues this book raises, so the reader will know where to focus their energies if they wish to discuss or debate with me, or to even write an intelligent, fair critique: On the one hand, we read in the Bible that "God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all," and on the other hand we have also read in the Bible that darkness is part and parcel of God. On the one hand we read, "It is impossible for God to lie," and on the other hand we read of the god Jehovah deceiving prophets and lying. On the one hand we read that "God is love" and "love is not jealous," and on the

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other hand we read that Jehovah is a jealous god. On the one hand, we read the Sermon on the Mount and its call to pacifism, gentleness, altruism, and that we should "be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect," and on the other hand we read of the savage, vile, bloodthirsty, murderous acts of the Jehovah gods.

On the one hand we are told "God is Love" and we have Love clearly defined for us in *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*, and on the other hand we see the god Jehovah behaving in a truly satanic fashion of undiluted evil. Are we really reading of only one God? Or is it blatantly obvious to you by now we are reading of two deities, one merely a god and one the Most High God? At this point we must ask ourselves, can both good and evil spring from the same God, a God who is Love personified? *1 John 4:8*, *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*. Most of the spiritually blind will attribute both sets of behavior, loving and evil, to the same God, clearly making God out to be a schizophrenic. A Doctor Jekyll and Mister Hyde in the sky!

That is simply not possible as the apostle James says: "Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olives? Can a grapevine bear figs? *Neither can the same fountain yield both fresh water and salt water.* Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the Truth. This wisdom descends not from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish. (Note: What "wisdom is earthly, sensual, devilish?" Attributing both good and evil to the Heavenly Father) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the Sophia from Above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by them that make peace." James 3:12-18. *I trust I have made the main issues clear.*

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I strongly encourage all of my readers to *look beyond the literal meaning* of the words, ideas and concepts they encounter in spiritual or religious writings, *even this book you are now reading*. Seek in prayer and meditation the deeper Spiritual meanings, just as the apostle Paul gives us deeper Spiritual meanings in *Galatians 4:21-26*. Never settle for the mere literal husk, always seek the kernel of Life hidden within. "Who also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives Life." *2 Corinthians 3:6, American Standard Version of 1901.*

In *John chapter 6*, Jesus said that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood to have eternal life. Some of his disciples took him *literally* and were disgusted and repulsed. Jesus tried to open their Spiritual eyes of understanding by saying "It is the Spirit that gives Life; *the flesh profits nothing*. The words I have spoken unto you are Spirit and they are Life." *John 6:63, American Standard Version of 1901, emphasis mine*. However, the *literalistic* disciples *abandoned him anyway* as *John 6:66* tells us: "Upon hearing this many of his disciples went away, and walked with him no more." May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to Spiritual understanding if you are a literalist. Paul Tillich, the Protestant theologian, makes a clear distinction between the "God" we *imagine* when we hear the word "God," and the "God beyond God." The God-beyond-God is the ground and source of all being, the Reality behind the word God, the Ultimate Reality behind *all* "God words." The God-beyond-God is that which cannot be contained or communicated by mere words and concepts, but must be experienced directly by Divine revelation and Spiritual intuition.

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Within You

The Bible is a book of allegories as are all such sacred books, including the Nag Hammadi Library. Unfortunately, the intellectually and spiritually inadequate take these various sacred books literally and have thereby ensnared and enslaved billions. I do not wish to see Jehovah Unmasked become yet another burden foisted upon those who seek God, weighing them down in their quest for God.

Jehovah Unmasked, just as the "canonical" Gospels and the Nag Hammadi Library, is allegorical when it speaks of Christ and Sophia, the twelve apostles (Who are actually the twelve signs of the Zodiac), the Garden of Eden, Jehovah/Satan, the gods, etc. Both the Bible and the Gnostic writings must be approached as allegory for that is what they *are*. There are historical elements, yes, but these are merely the backdrop and stage props (The bones, so to speak, not the body) upon which the timeless story is played out. Allegory is the language of Spirit because God is utterly beyond our ability to conceptualize and communicate. Therefore, humans have devised allegories to communicate the incommunicable. Entering into these allegories via mystical initiation and mystical practice enables one to have the spiritual experience to which the stories point. This is true of all sacred books. Unfortunately, literalists usually take over and *enforce* their spiritual ignorance *by force* just as the Roman Catholic Church did against Gnostics at the beginning of Christianity.

There was never an enchanted garden with a talking

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snake and magic trees. These are allegorical stories (Myths) just as the Apostle Paul indicated when he wrote in Galatians 4:21-25 that Mount Sinai, Sarah, and Hagar are not literal history but are "allegoreo" (allegories) of the Old and New Covenants. According to Paul, Jerusalem is an allegory for God the Mother. I am astonished that otherwise intelligent *adults* think these stories in the Bible and in the Gnostic writings are actual history and science. They are no more historical or scientific than the Myths of the ancient Greeks! What is scientific or historical about a talking snake and a tree that imparts immortality? How is this more scientific or historical than a box full of evils, as in Pandora's Box? The God-man Jesus Christ is every bit as mythological as the God-man Hercules. It's extraordinary that I even have to write such words, astonishing in this day and age. However, to say these stories are Myths and allegories is not to say they are without meaning, power, and relevance. The truth of the matter is quite the opposite because allegorical stories were and are powerfully transformative. The meaning and power of these spiritual stories is to be found in the spiritual experiences they convey.

Take for example the story of Prometheus. The gods in this Greek myth withhold fire from mankind, so the titan Prometheus steals it from the gods and brings it to humanity for their blessing, and the gods thereafter punish Prometheus and mankind by sending forth Pandora and her box full of miseries to afflict mankind. Is this literal history? Of course not. Yet, it does carry some very profound truths. The gift of fire is indeed divine, yet it is a double-edged sword because all human technology began with the harnessing of fire, and as we all know technology is both a blessing and a *curse*. The allegories in the Bible are true in this same mode and manner. The reader would do well to actually read the Greek stories of Prometheus, Pandora, and the Greek version of the Flood. You will suddenly recognize what such stories of gods and men are

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all about, and the scales will fall from your eyes. Seek the same understanding and insight in the Gnostic writings, the Bible, as well as any and all "sacred books" the world over.

I am appalled when I listen to Christian Fundamentalists poke fun at the scriptures of other religions because such books contain "crazy stories" of all sorts of impossible feats performed by various gods, demigods, and heroes. Yet these same people take the *same stories* in their *own* scriptures as historical and scientific fact! Incredible! The transformational power of the God-man Jesus Christ is not to be found in believing that he is a literal man who lived two thousand years ago on earth and now lives in the sky! The point of the universal and perennial dying and rising God-man allegory is that *you* are the Christ, *you* are the Divine and human One, *you* it is who overcomes the world, *you* it is who dies to this world, to the flesh, to the false gods of this world-system (money, sex, power, fame, etc), and it is *you* that arises from death into the very Life of the Godhead. This allegory is found all over the world in the form of such God-men as Adonis, Attis, Dionysus, Mithras, Osiris, and many others, all predating the Christ Myth--some by thousands of years--yet all containing the same details; including virgin births, crucifixions, bodily resurrections and ascensions to heaven.

This ancient theme of dying and rising is also found in the story of the Phoenix, an ancient, beautiful, and powerfully transformative Myth. Yet modern humans, conditioned by science, have a difficult time resonating with Myth *unless it is presented to them in the form of a movie such as Star Wars, or a video game*. Then even modern people relate to the various allegorical and archetypal figures, and undergo a powerful transformational experience by identifying with a Mythic character. That is why there are Trekkers and other such fans of these modern transformational Myths. Instead of a Cult of Mercury we now have a Cult of Skywalker, instead of a Devil we have Darth Va-

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der, etc. What happened in the early Christian Church is exactly the same as if some science fiction fans began to view their science fiction stories as literal historical and scientific facts and began forcing all their fellow fans to take these stories literally *or die*. Indeed! All of the wonderful Mythic heroes, male and female, of the ancient peoples were for the everyday person to identify with, *and undergo the transformative experience offered through mystical initiation and mystical practices*.

Sadly, literalist power hungry career people took them literally and began their campaign of coercion and murder and the result was literalist fundamentalist religion. If the reader seeks spiritual truth and spiritual transformation, then the reader must "snap out of it" as to literalism by using their adult critical thinking faculties in examining their religion. Then they must realize the true *inward* point and purpose of the ancient allegories. God, the ultimate Truth, is only to be found *within*, not millions of light-years away, seated on a throne somewhere, "making a list and checking it twice, gonna find out who's naughty and nice."

As regards the Bible, even as a collection of allegories it is a very negative and destructive book, weighing people down with false guilt and self-loathing. *That is, unless the allegories are contemplated and experienced within a Gnostic context! Then* the Bible stories can indeed become transformational and liberating as the ancient Gnostic Jews and Gnostic Christians intended them to be. Gnostics are, always were, and always will be about the transforming and liberating Power of Myth. *The Gospel of Phillip* tells us "words and phrases deceive listeners by misdirection from the Real to the unreal. For example, 'God' is a deceptive word because it misleads its hearers into thinking they understand Reality. This mix-up is true of 'Church, Resurrection, Life and Light,' as well as 'Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,' and any such words. Because of words like these no one sees Reality but unreality. The words we use

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delude, unless we have Gnosis, which brings us a precise awareness."

The spiritual battle between Light and darkness is taking place *within* each of us, within our psyches. Will you be of the Light or of the darkness? Will *you* be a Christ? Will *you* arise from your death upon the Cross and live life anew in the Power of Resurrection into the very Life of God? Will *you* die and rise anew as the Phoenix? The Ultimate Reality behind the word "God" is indeed the realest of the real. Yet, we must find God within ourselves, for "the Kingdom of God is *within you*." Throughout human history we have approached the Divine through Allegories, Archetypes, and Myths. It is only in the past two thousand years, due to the literalizing campaign of conquest by Catholicism and Protestantism, that Myth was subsumed by literalness, by the grammatical-historical method of Bible interpretation.

The Truth is that within you is Life and Death. Within you are the Angels and the Elohim. Within you are "sinners" and "Saints." Within you are the Garden of Eden and the Expulsion from Eden. Within you are the Tree of Gnosis and the Tree of Life. Within you are falsehood and Truth. Within you are God Most High and Satan-Jehovah. Within you are Heaven and Hell. Within you are the Nativity and Crucifixion. Within you are the Temptation in the wilderness and the Transfiguration on the Mount. Within you are the Death and Burial. Within you are the Resurrection and Ascension. Within you are Armageddon and the Second Coming. Within you are the New Heaven and the New Earth. Within you are Sophia and Christ. Within you is the Kingdom of Heaven, yes the very Being of God.

The Gospels are not about historical events and historical people. They are about **you**. The tragedy and shame of Christianity has been the literalization of transformational Myths, for it is the slow and deficient of mind and Spirit who objectify mystical teachings and turn them into

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"historical events." Because once this occurs the door is opened to fanaticism. The Jihad, the Crusade, the Inquisition, the bombed abortion clinic, all have their genesis in the externalization and literalization of inward mystical realities.

We must not literalize, we must **internalize!** We must open our Spirits, minds, and hearts to the original purpose of the sacred writings of our Spiritual Heritage, which is the same as all such sacred writings. All of them use the literary form of Myth to illustrate spiritual realities and changes that must come to pass *within us* as we make our individual journey back to God. We must again see and understand that Jesus the God-man *is in reality each of us*. We are all the Incarnation of God and we must all pass through the events described in story form in the Gospels. Internally, in our psyche, not externally by imagining we are reading of historical persons and events.

The original Christians were not literalists. They understood the story of Jesus the God-man as the Judaic version of the ubiquitous Myth of the dying and rising God-man found throughout the Mediterranean world of the first century. As the standards were lowered for entry into the Christian Church during the reign of Constantine, so that just anybody could be a "Christian," it became flooded with those with little or no Spiritual discernment; People who could not understand, grasp, or see any value in inward Truths, but only in historical events. Since these people were empty of Spiritual reality, they could not relate to a Myth that challenged them to turn inward, for there was nothing within them to turn to. So, the Myth was projected outward into history, where it soon set the stage for Truth Wars with other undiscerning religious clods of the earth, of the dirt and mud, who killed each other--and continue to kill each other--over the literal historicity of their "sole soul-saving truth."

God is Spirit. The flesh profits nothing. A flesh and blood Jesus that is not our own innermost Self is a mirage

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that forever recedes as we approach it. Such is the futile search for the "historical Jesus." Such is the hope for a literal second coming. The Old Spirits among us, the truly Spiritual, they alone can understand, appreciate, grasp and resonate with Spiritual Reality, which is inward. "Christ in you the hope of glory," "The Kingdom of God is within you."

The mass of "Christians" don't see this, and won't for many hundreds, or thousands, of more lifetimes, if even then. Yet, those who are Chosen, they Know, they see. Their faces are not stuck in the dust and mud of the earth, in the vagaries of dead history, but in the Eternal Certainties of God Within.

Some have asked me, "What is a Gospel?" I answer, "A Gospel is a story of Gods and men, projected onto the clouds of our imagination. From there it whirls deep into our minds and Spirits with clashing cymbals and dancing maidens, heroes and heroines, angels and demons, villains and villainy. Our minds conjure bigger-than-life imagery and imbue the figures with life and exotic colors. We're lifted up in so doing and our hearts open and expand to engulf the archetypal tableau that is unfolding, not in the realm of time, but in an inner realm outside of time. A realm that is exclusively inhabited by the creations of our unconscious minds, creations that speak with power to our most primal longings and desires as a species. Longings that can only be expressed in story and song, in Mythic imagery of good and evil, of despair and hope, of loss and gain, of death and resurrection.

In this Archetypal imagery, the most base of human emotions and deeds--hate and greed, jealousy and selfishness, cowardice and hubris--collide with our most noble emotions and deeds--love and generosity, altruism and selflessness, bravery and humility—and the resulting explosion of the stuff of dreams coalesces into a saga so gripping and moving that we can be reduced to tears or made to shout with joy. The joy of Victory, the joy of

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true love discovered, the joy of Death itself conquered and overcome! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Our own mysterious birth into this world as an innocent Divine-Human child, accompanied by the voices of Angels, is celebrated in a Gospel, and we become the central player in spraying forth the kaleidoscope of our own eternal selves upon the canvas of time. A Gospel enraptures us, exalts us, causes us to ascend back to That Place of limitless possibilities from which we arose, and to which we shall return. Upon the Mount of Transfiguration our glory is revealed to our most intimate companions, and upon the Cross we suffer and die.

Yet from out of the darkness of the tomb, which is the Eternal Womb, we step forth yet again, *élan vital*, the very Life of God, renewing our youth again and again! An ageless and age-old reminder that we are Eternal, and if we can break through the stifling layers of jaded cynicism, pessimism, "realism" and pragmatism, if we can only break through the darkness that has collected around our Spirit via our own experience in Gethsemane, the connection with Life Divine will be reestablished and our Resurrection will be assured!

It is in such a spirit that our wise ancestors, with an Insight and understanding of the human psyche and its longings that we've forgotten, constructed and wove their tales of the heart. With divine fire they sought to awaken a race of sleepwalkers to their long-forgotten Divinity. If we open to our ancestors, their tales reach deep down inside us, to our innermost being, and draw forth the pearl of great price, even That which we cannot utter save only by signs, symbols, and ecstatic sounds.

Old the gospels are, constructed from writings older still, each of them retelling the story of our own Origin and Consummation, our own Birth, Life, Death, and Re-birth. They tell us this story in such a way that can grasp us and transform us and shape us into new beings, free to return

JEHOVAH UNMASKED!

to God once more. You have only to read with your heart.

I'm saddened when I look at my many literalist Christian friends and recall how they began their Christian lives decades ago with such high hopes of being "new creations" via belief in a literal externalized Jesus. Yet, in reality, they are the same people they always were, simply older. They are as bedeviled and tormented by their humanity and their angry god as they ever were. Literalism always fails.

For those truly Spiritual Ones who seek to know and understand these matters further, I give my highest recommendation to *The Power Of Myth*. In it, reporter Bill Moyers interviews Dr. Joseph Campbell, the world-renowned authority on the Myths of all cultures throughout all recorded human history. Easy to understand and highly awakening, the gnosis you will gain from this program will be a sure foundation for your growth and maturation in final Gnosis of the Kingdom of God within you. *The Power Of Myth* is available as a book, DVD, or a VHS tape, at Amazon.com or at any bookstore.