## A Biblical Glossary of Redemptive Terms

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Remember, just two responses to the gospel!

- 1. The sower—God, the Father
- 2. The seed—God, the Son
- 3. Moisture for germination—God, the Holy Spirit
- 4. The various soils—the human heart

## Matt. 13:18-23

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

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- 1. **'to whom much is given, much is required'**<sup>1</sup>—God has revealed his will to man through:
  - God's righteous actions toward men in history
  - The law from Sinai
  - His completed, inerrant, word
  - God's Son, Jesus Christ
  - The "candle of the LORD," namely man's moral conscience
  - God's creation
- 2. **age of accountability**—A works-related condition of salvation created by men, which is imposed upon God. With any works-related redemptive paradigm there is, without exception, conditional expectations. No conditions are placed upon the individual when God acts on behalf of the sinner, in altering their position as condemned individuals to new creations.
- 3. **altruism vs. natural affection**—Altruism is the unselfish action(s) demonstrated towards others without regard for reciprocity (mutual compensation). While this is seen as a noble gesture, altruism cannot weigh the thoughts and intents of the subject's heart. The law of God weighs both thoughts and intents (the unseen), along with behavior (the visible). Men can be hypocrites by their actions, as they hide their insincere thoughts and intents from others. Natural affection, on the other hand, is behavior we should exhibit towards all individuals who are part of the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve—the human race. Some might call it civility and respect. Its thoughts and intents are consistent with outward conduct, unlike altruism.
- 4. **Apollos with Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:24-28)**—We learn from this passage that Apollos, in his witness at an Ephesian synagogue, was teaching the baptism of John. He was taken aside by Aquila and Priscilla who "expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Once Apollos understood the baptism by the Holy Spirit of Christ, he was able to 'publicly declare by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.' This event happened during the apostolic church age when the scriptures were still being lived and written. In our present age of Bible publishing houses and God's complete revelation to man, there can be no excuse for not knowing what God has clearly declared. The action we read about here in Acts, as God's grace was extended to Apollos as it should

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Luke 12:48—But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

have been, today no such leniency should be extended towards an individual who purports to know Christ. Ignorance of the law is without excuse.



Figure 1--Like the scribes, Pharisees and circumcision of New Testament times, James or Jacobus Arminius believed that men could save themselves by effort and 'goodness.' Arminius called it "prevenient grace," or grace that prevented God's grace, in Christ, from delivering the sinner from condemnation. <u>WikiMedia Commons image</u>

- 5. **Arminius, James (1560-1609)**—A Roman Catholic, Dutch theologian and Reformed pastor who formulated an unbiblical view of redemption. The five tenets of Arminianism:
  - I. "PREVENIENT GRACE" OR FREE-WILL—Is 'grace' that comes from within the individual and usually takes a crisis or turning point moment to ignite it from within. This is not the biblical definition of grace. God's grace is that virtue extended to the sinner they do not deserve unmerited or unearned favor or acceptance. Free will is something no one possesses. The unredeemed are servants, slaves, and prisoners to their disobedient nature ... Like the dog that returns to its vomit or a pig that was washed, to its wallowing in the mire. (II Pet. 2:22)
  - II. CONDITIONAL ELECTION (SOME ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS)—Says that God responds to the sinner based on faith. The Bible teaches that faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit. Man does not possess faith within himself. It is not there. It lay outside himself. It is beyond himself. It comes from the Holy Spirit within and the believer immersing themself in the inerrant scriptures. The redemption from God has no strings attached because redemption is all of God. We do not come to him. He has elected us. He has chosen us. He has predestined us.
  - III. LIMITED ATONEMENT—This does not refer to limitations on Christ's atoning work from the cross, but rather that forgiveness is universal or granted to all. While Christ's forgiveness and debt payment is extended to all, it is NOT granted to all.<sup>2</sup> In coming to the Father through the Son, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit produces:
    - a. repentance—knowledge of sin with its confession
    - b. contrition—remorse or sorrow for one's sin
    - c. forsaking sin—seeing the alienation and tension it has caused in our relationship with God, we turn our backs on sin
    - d. crucifixion—the old nature is crucified as death to self occurs
  - IV. RESISTIBLE GRACE—With this tenet, I will add my own comment in that Arminian's believe they are mightier than God. They foolishly believe they can 'get saved' when they are 'ready.' How foolish, stupid, and idiotic. Since God has decreed his <u>irresistible grace</u> before the foundations of the world, the Bible's doctrine of election reveals man will NOT resist God. This of course, applies only to those that God has called and chosen.
  - V. NO ASSURANCE OF SALVATION—This is what you get when your redemptive paradigm is man-centered and NOT God-centered. Never knowing whether you have done enough in this system of slavery, there

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I John 2:2—And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

is no peace, assurance, rest, and contentment. Because Arminianism is conditioned on prevenient grace or man's free-will, justification in the sight of God hinges on expectations, goals, faithfulness, namely the works of the law. And in Romans 3:20 it says that "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight."

- 6. **baptism by the Holy Spirit**—Without this invisible, supernatural, once-andfor-all action there can be no new creations in Christ. Baptism by the Holy Spirit produces repentance, contrition, forsaking of sin, and the Lordship of Christ in the sinner. An individual can believe but be lost. Belief and faith work together to deliver the sinner from darkness to light. This is evident from the following scriptures:
  - Matt. 3:11, 12—I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: 12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

John's water baptism produced repentance, something water baptism CANNOT . . . For the entire process of redemption is accomplished by the Holy Spirit's baptism. This is why water baptism gave way to the Spirit's baptism during the apostolic church age.<sup>3</sup> Also, suggested in verse 12 is the teaching that the Holy Spirit's division of the wheat from the chaff—the real from the counterfeit would occur. Did not Jesus in Matthew 24:4, 5 say, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." This is the first in a litany of events he enumerates indicating that these phenomenon usher in *the beginning of sorrows* (v. 8).

• Mark 16:16—He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Jesus clearly taught the relationship between belief and faith—they must be ONE. Notice it says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Belief is NOT enough. The Holy Spirit must baptize you. It is the Holy Spirit that bequeaths the gift of faith. . .Something that does not, and cannot come from within man. Marks 16:16 goes on to say that belief is not enough. You will be damned!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Yes, I am aware of several water baptism accounts in Acts; however, this phenomenon was a waning ordinance that altogether disappeared as people understood from Jesus' lips himself that the ONLY baptism that mattered was that which the Holy Spirit accomplished, "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:5)

• John 20:22, 23—And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

This verse reveals why the apostles were not ready to receive the Holy Ghost prior to Pentecost in Acts 2—unbelief and fear of the Jewish leadership and Roman authorities to jail and kill. After Acts 2 there is a complete change in the apostle's mindset—no trace of fear, but bold as lions. Jesus went on to say by the Holy Spirit the apostles could have, on Jesus' behalf of course, forgiven sins or not forgiven them, based on the Spirit's discernment within the apostle.

• Acts 1:5, 8—For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Jesus told his disciples the importance of baptism by the Holy Spirit and compared it with the Baptist's. The one hundred and twenty<sup>4</sup> knew the difference—repentance vs. redemption.

• Acts 2:38—Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Could John's water baptism, after the Holy Spirit had been poured out, produce repentance? No! This was now the responsibility of the Holy Spirit's baptism. Could water baptism grant forgiveness of sins? No! If we place this kind of significance on water baptism, what was the point of Jesus' crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection? Peter here, is obviously speaking of baptism by the Holy Spirit and God's gift is not only Jesus' blood but the Holy Ghost as well. The reception of the Holy Ghost occurs as man's sin nature is crucified. Just as the Father forsook the Son on the cross because of his condemnation for us, likewise the Holy Spirit cannot come to make his abode within until the old sin nature is crucified.

• Acts 2:40,41—Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Acts 1:15—And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

This is not water baptism as some might contend. Water baptism cannot produce an excitement, from within, for God's word. Neither can water baptism produce a hunger for godly doctrine, fellowship, or for that matter, prayer.

- From Acts 19:2, in Paul's journey to Ephesus, he encounters twelve of John the Baptist's disciples. In the apostle's verbal exchange with them, Paul interrogated them with the question, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Their reply was that they did not even know the Holy Ghost existed. As Paul expounded to them the difference between John's water baptism and baptism by the Holy Ghost, the Spirit drawing them, enlightened their minds to the truth—they were born again. As Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. The Holy Ghost was 'in them'<sup>5</sup> and "on them."<sup>6</sup> Please, do not ever try to limit God—he is omnipotent.
- Romans 8:9—But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

If you do not possess the Spirit of Christ, you are none of his!

• I Cor. 6:19—What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? The ONLY way the Spirit can indwell you is by death to self—

crucifixion of the sin nature.

• I Cor. 12:3—Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

If you claim to be a Christian and you take God's name in vain, the Spirit of God does not dwell within you. God will not curse himself! And that no man can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. His Lordship will be evident in the individual's life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> You do not want to be a partaker of the Holy Ghost as those in Hebrews 6:4. These partakers are lost because they do not have the Holy Ghost 'in them.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Holy Ghost came upon King Saul, but Saul never had a relationship with Jesus. He was lost. He did not obey God's instructions, through Samuel, of leaving nothing of the Amalekites. Saul also murdered eighty priests in cold blood. Saul, on a couple of occasions, tried to kill David, and consulted with the witch of Endor wanting to know his fate, and that of his sons, in a battle with the Philistines. Now, does that sound like someone who obeyed God, and desired to please God?

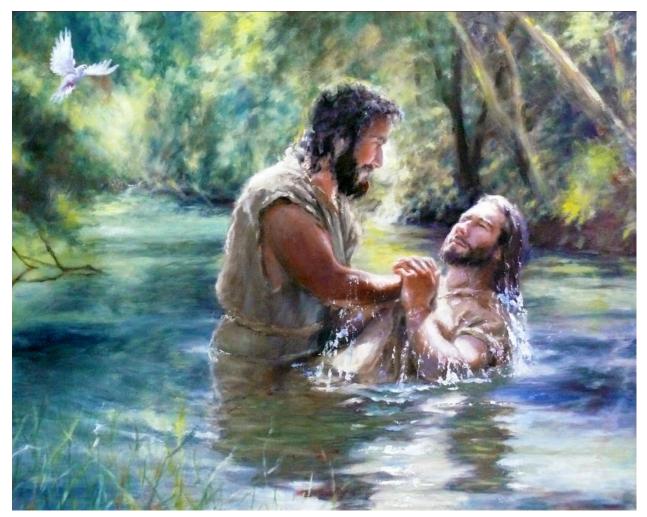


Figure 2--John's baptism of Jesus began Jesus' ministry to "fulfill all righteousness." (Matt. 3:15) Daniel 9:25 tell us that from the time Cyrus, King of Persia, issued his decree for the Jews to return and build the wall, temple, and city of Jerusalem after 70 years of Babylonian captivity, until Jesus' baptism would be 69 weeks or 483 years. In Matthew 1:17 scripture confirms Gabriel's words to Daniel, "and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations." 490+70 yrs. captivity=560 years (14 generations x 40 yrs. / generation) Image from Jan Bower Art

7. **baptism by water**—There is only one reason to continue water baptism in the church. It is to control men. It is a dead ordinance that disappeared at the completion of the scriptures in 99-100 A.D. The following verses provide some insight into the uncertainty, by some, regarding baptism's significance during apostolic church times:

Acts 8:12-17—But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

This is a great example of belief without its other half, faith. Even though the Samaritans were baptized in water, they were not born again until Peter and John laid their hands on them. Peter and John were sent down from the apostolic leadership in Jerusalem because the Samaritans were half Jews who had married Assyrians during their northern captivity.<sup>7</sup> They had also a counterfeit Old Testament called the Samaritan Pentateuch.

 Acts 8:36, 37—And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Philip did not allow the Ethiopian eunuch to be baptized in water until the eunuch understood that Jesus must be Lord in the eunuch's life. At that point Philip, granting the Ethiopian's desire to be baptized, accommodated him.

• Acts 9:17, 18—And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Paul's conversion involved Ananias, a Gentile, who laid his hands on Paul. The Holy Spirit, using Ananias as God's human extension, came upon Paul and in Paul ("filled with the Holy Ghost.") When this happened the apostle's sight was restored, and a converted Paul went forth in the power and wisdom of the Spirit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The marrying outside of their Jewish ancestry naturally brought them in contact with pagan/demonic rituals, idols and abominable modes of worship.

 Acts 10:46-48—For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Why did Peter suggest water baptism for Cornelius, his family, and kin? Unfortunately, Peter showed his weakness as the circumcision were present. It happened here in Cæsarea and in Antioch when Paul confronted Peter on his hypocritical behavior, again, in the presence of the circumcision (Gal. 2:11-16).

Acts 16:13-15— And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us:* whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us. Lydia of Thyatira was saved before she was baptized in water ("by a river side")

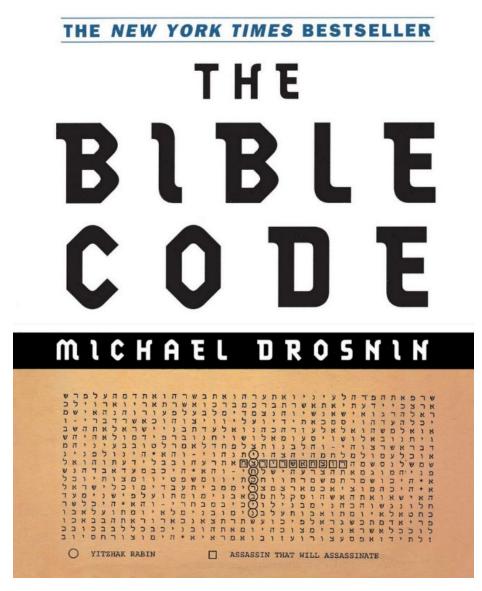
Lydia did not get water baptized until the Lord opened her heart and "she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." Paul did not baptize Lydia. In his I Corinthians 1:14-16 recollections of water baptisms, he recalls Crispus, Gaius, and the household of Stephanas. No Lydia of Thyatira.

• Acts 16:29-33—Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

In the same river where Lydia and her household were baptized, the Philippian jailor and his family were also water baptized. Someone else baptized the Philippian jailor and his family, as Paul does not recall baptizing this gentleman nor his family in I Corinthians.

8. **Bible Code**—As in the case of software programming, the Bible Code acts as a back door or channel in the Bible's capacity to communicate with man, without knowing the information or message contained coming in the front door. It is a three-dimensional code; however, instead of knowing the author, Jesus Christ, living one's faith, and studying the scriptures, the Bible Code is the cheaters way of 'knowing' God. Just as D.N.A. is the most complex operating system in the universe, likewise the Bible Code contains:

- key dates (birth, historical, key events)
- names (only the elect and the called,<sup>8</sup> with important contributions, inventions, innovations)





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> While the called may be religious, they are lost, nonetheless. God does not make mistakes. It is the called, not chosen, whose names will be blotted out of the book of life. In Revelation 20:11-15, at the great white throne judgment by Christ, those whose names do not appear in the Lamb's book of life are cast into the lake of fire. This, is the resurrection of the damned.

- places (country, location, significance)
- 9. **body**—The believer's body is important to God. So much so, that in the end, God plans to reunite our bodies with our spirit and soul at the resurrection. This is why we should never choose to be cremated. It is wrong.
- 10. **Calvin, John (1509-1564)**—Young Calvin's claim to fame lay in his devotion to the scriptures regarding redemption with a proper exegesis of the Bible's doctrine of man's radical corruption. His remonstrance to that of James Arminius was noted in a written creed (T.U.L.I.P.) by Calvins's disciples after his death. That creedal acronym is:
  - T OTAL DEPRAVITY—While men have been given a moral conscience by their Creator, it is not enough to save them. All men have inherited sin from their first parents, Adam and Eve. Man's dilemma? He cannot save himself. Redemption is all of God. The doctrine of election and Romans 7:14-25 assures us of that. Did Adam and Eve's moral conscience deliver them from sin?
  - U NCONDITIONAL ELECTION—Election is the opposite of free-will. Sorry Arminians, you do not get to choose. A sinner is not free when he is enslaved, a prisoner, and in bondage to sin.
  - L IMITED ATONEMENT—While I John 2:2 says Jesus satisfied God's requirement of a perfect sacrifice (propitiation); Jesus also died for the sins of the whole world. Yes, he did. Christ's forgiveness and debt payment is extended to all, however; it is NOT granted to all—only to the elect.
  - I RRESTIBLE GRACE—Sorry Arminians, you are not stronger than God . . . "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate." (Rom. 8:29). Those religious hypocrites that resisted the Holy Spirit within Stephen were not chosen.<sup>9</sup>
  - P ERSERVERANCE OF THE SAINTS—Since God has decreed election with no conditions, the saints are in the palm of God's hand—the elect cannot lose their salvation. Any redemptive paradigm built on works will ALWAYS produce doubt, insecurity and no assurance of salvation.
- 11. **Chaldean mysteries**—The foundation of all religion and therefore mancentered governments are the Chaldean mysteries. This perverse religion is rooted in Nimrod's collectivist blueprint for a new world order. This world order is built on:
  - RELIGION—Atheistic and evolutionary, this religion is man-centered. Its false gospel teaches that Nimrod resurrected, Tammuz, is Jesus Christ, and that his wife/mother Semiramis, is Mary. The gospel of Jesus Christ

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Acts 7:51—Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.

was subverted and corrupted years before the incarnation of Christ and The New Testament. It operates on the bankrupt premise of collectivism. This contrasts with Spirit-filled living. One employs corruption, deceit, and lies, while the other demands the death of self baptism by the Spirit. One has an implacable hatred that is driving the seed of the serpent towards a climactic, spiritual showdown, where collectivism in all its perverseness and ugliness, is permitted to rule this planet for 3.5 years, while persecuting the seed of the woman.<sup>10</sup>

- GOVERNMENT—The greatest threat to man's presence on earth is the call for a coexistence of the various religious systems of belief, all of which fall under the operational heading of <u>collectivism</u>. It is this pursuit of religious acceptance (not tolerance) that is hurling our planet to an inexorable conflict of biblical proportions, namely Armageddon. Whether you label it Romanism, Protestantism, Judaism, Islam or Eastern Orthodoxy, <u>religious collectivism</u> IS the framework on which all of these operate—an unquestioned clerical hierarchy that has been casting the truth of Jesus Christ down for millennia and substituting it with their version of Jesus (Tammuz=self). The Bible calls the practice of casting down the truth and substituting it with a lie through an unimpeachable source, SORCERY!
- NIMROD'S TECHNIQUES FOR ACHIEVING HIS OBJECTIVE—As a "mighty hunter before the LORD," (Gen. 10:9) Nimrod employed:
  - I. Decoys (<u>APPEARANCE</u>)—I cannot arouse any suspicion. I will convince you that I am like you. I do this so I can obtain my ultimate objective—Jesus' destruction versus a ravenous, satanic veneration of self. Creating the problem and then offering a solution that erodes personal liberty incrementally. This is known as *Socratic dialecticism*
  - II. Camouflage (INVISIBILITY)—You will not see me until it is too late. I hide my nefarious intentions and objectives behind altruistic, and benevolent conduct. Evident in false flags (red herrings), crisis actors, orchestrated 'chaos,' predictive programming by Hollywood, Deep State clones or imposters, etc.
  - III. Animal mimicry (FALSE NARRATIVE)—Hiding behind a thin, perceived, veneer of 'truth' only those discerning and perceptive enough will see through the ruse of the lamestream media,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> At the opening of the sixth seal, the next prophetic event to occur, will be the resurrection and the rapture. Those left will have the witness of the 144,000 and the two witnesses in Jerusalem, as well as the Holy Spirit to draw and baptize them (salvation). Those saved during the 3.5 years will pay with their lives. They will also return at the end of the 3.5 years to rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4).

Hollywood, entertainment industry, tyrannical medical establishment, a corrupt government, as well as liberal academia. Fake data, computer modeling, consensus science, controlling the narrative by censoring opposing points of view, phony 'fact checkers,' computer generated bots, computer generated imagery or C.G.I., atheistic driven Ai algorithms, etc. This is accomplished by sorcery and bewitching. It is known in secular circles as M-K Ultra, Sylvan Mind Control, etc.

- 12. **churches of Asia Minor, seven**—These seven churches DO NOT represent seven church ages<sup>11</sup> as those who twist scripture (eisegesis) would have you believe. If you do believe these represent church ages, then you believe the words of Christ are incomplete. There were seven churches that existed at the time the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John was penned. Only two of the seven were commended by Jesus—Smyrna and Philadelphia. These two operated in the Spirit while the others operated in the flesh. One, Ephesus, outwardly, was a model church; however, they operated through dead orthodoxy. Pergamos ("where Satan's seat *is.*"), Thyatira, and Sardis had problems with false teachers (the prophetess Jezebel) and false doctrine (Balaam, Nicolaitanism), while Laodicea exhibited complicity towards evil, and the horrible mindset of spiritual lukewarmness, indecisiveness, and double mindedness.
- 13. **circumcision**—The removal of the excess foreskin on the man's privy member for health reasons, but more importantly as God's outward covenant existing between himself and Abraham's offspring. A religious sect that emerged during the four-hundred silent years of Israel's secular journey, the circumcision believed that only by this priestly procedure performed when the infant was eight days old, could the faithful pious effectively serve God. The circumcision unduly influenced the apostle Peter on two occasions in Cæsarea (Peter's call for Cornelius' family and kin to be water baptized) and in Antioch (Peter separated himself from eating with the Gentiles when the circumcision showed up). At the end of Romans chapter two it is taught that circumcision needs to be of the heart.<sup>12</sup>
- 14. **collectivism vs. individualism**—The difference is like night and day. Collectivism is rooted in Nimrod's religious framework. It is this framework that drives all religious AND political endeavors. Collectivism operates within the realm of deceit, propaganda, manipulation, perverseness, and a ruthless hatred for Jesus' creation, and the center of that creation—man. It is contrary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Clarence Larkin popularized the idea that the seven churches of Asia Minor represented seven church ages. This is revealed in his 1919 published book, "The Book of Revelation."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Romans 2:28, 29—For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

to biblical individualism where man, made in God's image and uniquely gifted by the Creator, is spiritually subject to the Creator in fulfilling God's *dominion mandate* as outlined in Genesis 1:28. **Collectivism is the single greatest threat to man's liberty that was spawned from Nimrod's Chaldean Mysteries.** 

- 15. conspiracy theorist-Emerging during the C.I.A.'s and Rome's (Catholic Intelligence Agency) cover-up of the J.F.K. assassination, a conspiracy theorist was anyone who challenged the C.I.A.'s lame and pathetic narrative of the single bullet fired by Oswald, as the lone assassin, from the Texas School Book Depository. Ballistic investigations proved that the fatal shot did not come from behind a seated Kennedy, but the front, AND at close range. Bullet trajectory, as well as powder and smoke residue on all the rear passengers—Jackie, J.F.K., John and Nellie Connelly, debunked the lone assassin theory. Filled with a plethora of Masonic symbolism, Dealy Plaza was the center of all Jesuit activity on that fateful, sinister day. Evidence at the time pointed to the C.I.A.'s involvement as two of their assets, the limo driver, William Greer, and front seat companion, Roy Kellerman, were assassin and co-conspiratorial accomplice. Kennedy's Bay of Pigs incident,<sup>13</sup> the Cuban Missile Crisis, his issuance of Executive Order (E.O.) 11110,<sup>14</sup> and Kennedy's April 27<sup>th</sup> speech given in 1961 to The American Newspaper Publishers Association at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, N.Y., in which he condemned secret societies and their nefarious operations to undermine freedom within our Republic, assured Kennedy as a prime target in the crosshairs of the Deep State at the time. As J.F.K.'s brother Bobby, U.S. Attorney General (1961-1964) was gathering compelling and incontrovertible evidence, namely discovery against the Deep State, Sirhan Sirhan was hired to silence Bobby.
- 16. **cult of personality**—Evident in all religions because of their humanly orchestrated origins, the apostle Paul condemned this veneration and sacrilegious worship of individuals in I Corinthians 1:10-13.<sup>15</sup> A close

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The C.I.A. leaked J.F.K.'s plan to overthrow Cuban President (dictator) Fidel Castro. What motivated the C.I.A.? Castro was installed by the C.I.A. Who would benefit? The C.I.A. and the U.S. and international, military-industrial complex, of course!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Jim Marrs, N.Y. Times journalist and author, in his book, "Crossfire," was led to believe this was a contributing factor in Kennedy's assassination. In Marrs book, the author showed how the Federal Reserve, international banksters and other financial interests were benefitting from Fed policy at the time, and why they supported a C.I.A. coup and assassination of Kennedy. Marrs alleges that the issuance of Executive Order 11110 was an effort by Kennedy to transfer power from the Federal Reserve to the United States Department of the Treasury by replacing Federal Reserve Notes with silver certificates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> I Cor. 1:10-13—Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

examination of religion with its denominations and splinter groups (sectarianism), reveals why concentrating power and influence in the hands of a few would benefit those clerics at the top.

- 17. **determinism**—Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." The Bible's doctrine of election, with its elements of predestination, foreknowledge and individuals being ordained,<sup>16</sup> is just too much for the free-thinkers, free-will advocates and rebels of the world.
- 18. **doctrine of inspiration (John 10:3-6;**<sup>17</sup> **II Tim. 3:16, 17)**<sup>18</sup>—If you want to get to the core of someone who claims to be a Christian, look no further than whether they believe in Jesus' words, hear them, or can recognize them on the written page. Jesus himself said that it will be his words that will condemn the infidel on Judgment Day. In John 12:47, 48 the Messiah said "And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."
- 19. **election**—Touching on this fundamental doctrine of the Bible, those who embrace the heresy of man's free-will cannot abide with election's components of God's predestination, foreknowledge, and condemnation.<sup>19</sup> The Bible is clear on this tenet of the Christian faith. Anyone who squirms and disagrees has a serious problem with the Almighty.
- 20. <u>emotions</u>—Jesus never dealt with individuals solely on the basis of the emotional. As God and the embodiment of truth, Jesus dealt with people on a spiritual, truthful, matter-of-fact level that was void of any pretension, indecision or ambiguity. As God, the Lord could penetrate through any sinister, subversive, and hostile facades. Hypocrisy was laid bare by the Messiah on many occasions as the Jewish, religious leadership placed themselves directly in the nexus of God's judgment and Jesus' probing observation. If we are to be holy as he is holy, then we need to relate to our world and others through the prism of truth, Jesus' words, and NOT emotion, shared subjective experiences, or the fickleness of sentimentality.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 16}$  Acts 13:48—". . . and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> John 10:3-6—To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> II Tim. 3:16, 17—All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Jude 4—For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 21. **exegesis**—Three rules will aid the Bible student in their understanding of the scriptures:
  - 1. CONTEXT—Words and their proper biblical meaning or definition can only be understood when examined in the context in which they appear. This is how ALL languages work.
  - 2. COMPARE SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE—Many heresies have been started by taking scripture out of context. One must compare a passage or passages of the Bible while holding them up to the light of other verses that may appear to contradict the verse in question. Some time there are no passages elsewhere to compare a verse with. In such cases, a verse can be a stand-alone verse. Carefully examine the meaning of the words contained in the verse. You may have to ask God for his wisdom. Pray for Holy Spirit understanding and ask him to direct you to another verse that might shed direct or indirect information that could be useful in the understanding of what God is communicating.
  - 3. NO PLACE FOR BIAS OR PERSONAL OPINION—I have had to do this a lot. I have found that I literally had to de-program myself having been immersed in the lingo and teaching of the church for over thirty years. You should rejoice when you encounter a Bible passage you cannot immediately decipher. Also, make sure you are using the best English translation of the scriptures available—the Pure 1906 Cambridge Edition of the K.J.V. Avoid Bible helps or interlinear 'Bibles,' as they confuse and prevent the Holy Spirit from working, and your faith from increasing.
- 22. **expiate**—Not found in the Bible, expiate is important to understand, nonetheless. When applied to the sinner, expiate means to extinguish or put an end to God's condemnation and judgment. This contrasts with propitiate. Propitiate, in the context or redemption, means Jesus' sacrifice appeased or placated God's requirement of a perfect offering. . . Something that the blood of bulls and goats could never do. Jesus' atonement covers past, present, and future sins.
- 23. **faith**—Invisible, a gift from the Holy Spirit, beyond men and laying outside of oneself, faith is a biblical virtue that has no relevance outside the pages of scripture.<sup>20</sup> Faith is commensurate to an individual's position before God (saved or lost), their maturity before God (do you have a teachable spirit), and their hunger and thirst for intimacy with the Creator. As the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, faith is not blind either. For God has left his physical evidence all over this planet. Just look at all the evidence for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Let it be said that scripture in no way is to be viewed as a limitation. I should know better. An eternal being, God is not limited in his actions or his WORDS. Spirit-controlled living his commands and precepts is the essence of personal liberty.

his creation, Noah's ark, the Red Sea crossing, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, <u>the shroud of Turin</u>, etc.

- 24. **fall, the**—The single worst event in man's history, took place in Eden, currently the location of the Dead Sea. The single worst event is complemented by the single greatest event in man's history—the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, while securing the keys of death and hell from the enemy, Satan. Consider why the fall happened, because of the serpent's lies, and why they should not have happened:
  - Adam and Eve were created physically unblemished
  - Our first parents had no sin
  - They were both created with a God-given, moral conscience.<sup>21</sup> They knew the difference between good and evil. <u>You do not have to participate in evil to know it is wrong!</u>
  - They were given God's loving commandment not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the midst of the garden
  - They were created immortal—to live forever
  - They were created to be married and had God's blessing—marriage, as well as the *dominion mandate* (Gen. 1:28)
  - They were to be subject to Jesus Christ
  - The woman, meaning taken from man (Gen. 2:23), was to voluntarily submit<sup>22</sup> to her husband<sup>23</sup>
  - Instead of two classes of people, the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman, you would have seen only one

Now consider the lies of the serpent and the horrible fallout:

- Rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft. (I Sam. 15:23) It led to the conversation Eve had with the serpent. You do not talk with the father of lies, unless you have compromised the truth in your life.
- In her confusion and rebellion, Eve in her conversation with the serpent, added to the words of God, "neither shall ye touch it." God did not say this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Man's moral conscience, or God's still small voice (Psa. 51:11), is what distinguishes man from the animals. From Adam's fall to Acts 2, it would be faith that saved Old Testament saints, even as it does today. The difference today is Christ's Holy Spirit abiding permanently within the believer AND the Father's dominating presence and influence, which direct and captivate the saint's life (Eph. 1:13; 4:30).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> It appears God's original intent, before sin, was that Eve voluntarily subject herself to her husband's authority evident in God's creation of them both—Adam first, then Eve. This changed after the fall. Eve was now compelled to obey with the force, power and blessing of God behind his words, "thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." (Gen. 3:16)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> I Tim. 2:12-15—But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

because he knew that if she had gone that far, it was over . . .and the rest is history, they say.

- SATAN'S 1<sup>ST</sup> LIE—The serpent, by twisting God's word said, "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" God did not say that.<sup>24</sup> The serpent lied by misquoting God AND he left out God's prohibition with its punishment. The serpent painted our loving God as an ogre, depriving Eve of something she deserved.
- SATAN'S 2<sup>ND</sup> LIE—In Genesis 3:4 the serpent said Eve would not die. Blatant lie! Remember, if she had not partaken of the fruit, she was created to live forever-immortal.
- SATAN'S 3<sup>RD</sup> LIE—In Genesis 3:5 the serpent tells Eve that her eyes will be opened, and she would be as gods, knowing good and evil. Another lie. Eve knew the difference between good and evil. She did not have to participate or experience evil to know what it was. As a matter of fact, you cannot know evil unless you know good . . . Because if all you ever experience is evil, then righteousness is never an option! Eve knew good on the basis of:
  - I. Her God-given moral conscience
  - II. God's commandment to refrain from eating of the forbidden tree
  - III. God's covenant of marriage
  - IV. The testimony of creation
  - V. The dominion mandate

Finally, Satan's lie that Eve would be as gods . . . who were these gods? She had never seen idols. They were the first humans on the planet! She already knew the difference between good and evil. She had discernment. She was wise enough to recognize the good from the bad. What did Satan really imply. He suggested that if you cannot discern between good and evil, you must be like him—all Satan knows is evil. He is the embodiment of wickedness!

In this family, who was the first one God approached . . . Adam, the man, the husband! Look at the wake that sin left behind:

I. FREE-WILL (vs. 6, 7, 10)—1<sup>ST</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Adam, not God, had determined what was right and wrong. Had not God made Adam from the dust of the ground and naked? Adam had said God was wrong in making him naked. And the nakedness before his married wife was now wrong. In the end, sin had perverted righteousness in both Adam and Eve's conscience—good was now evil, while evil was labeled good. They revealed a disrespect for their Creator. Could Adam trust Eve that she would obey God as well as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Gen. 2:16, 17—Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

heed God's rebuke that her husband would now rule over her? He did not have a choice. He had to trust God for healing in his relationship between himself and his Creator, as well as that of his wife

- II. FEAR (vs. 8, 10)—2<sup>ND</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Adam's first emotional response to God was fear. This is not a bad thing. When we do wrong, we should be fearful. Adam hid his sin.
- III. BROKEN FELLOWSHIP (vs. 8, 10)—3<sup>RD</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Adam hid from God so he could avoid confessing his sin. Really. Hiding from God! God confronts Adam, "Who told thee that thou wast naked?
- IV. UNREPENTANT (v. 11)—4<sup>TH</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Adam refused to confess his sin when God says, "Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"
- V. BLAME GAME—PSYCHOLOGY (vs. 12, 13)—5<sup>TH</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

Adam, the first psychologist, found someone to blame . . . his wife! Eve blamed the serpent.

- VI. **CURSE OF THE SERPENT (v**. 13)—6<sup>th</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN God curses the snake above all cattle and every beast of the field. It went on its belly and ate dust
- VII. **TWO RACES OF PEOPLE EMERGE (v. 15)**—7<sup>th</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN The implacable (cannot placate or pacify) hatred that God permits the serpent and his seed to have between the woman and her seed, is what is driving all the evil that we see in the world. Adam and Eve's first children are the archetypes (models) of evil and good—Cain & Abel.
  - 1. Serpent's seed and their behavioral characteristics:
    - hatred—Completely opposite of holy anger & the Godgiven right of individuals for self-preservation and protection,<sup>25</sup> the wicked attack our Constitutional rights and approve of the very things they condemn in us hypocrites.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> The manslayer, in the event of an accidental death, was given protection by escaping to one of six Levite cities of refuge God provided (Num. 35:6). The manslayer must remain in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest ... If not, the victim's avengers could kill him. In Luke 22:35-38 we find Jesus' exchange with his disciples, during the last supper. He tells them to sell what they now have and purchase a sword for the defense of the gospel, along with its spread, transmission, and translation "for the things concerning me have an end." Jesus never, never taught passivism. In Matthew 5:38, 39, the Lord speaks figuratively, not literally when he encourages individuals (not society) to face their aggressors head on— "That ye resist not evil," while not letting the enemy sow fear or intimidation within. In the same chapter, Matthew 5:17, Jesus says he came not to destroy the law. In Matthew 5:38 Jesus quotes the law as a protection to society. Jesus would not undermine his Old Testament law. Verse 39 is not literal but figurative suggesting his followers will encounter evil AND when that happens not to be fearful or intimidated.

- II. murderers (real or imagined)
- III. **liars** (occasional or compulsive)—Their father, the devil, the quintessential liar, is the purveyor of lies.<sup>26</sup>
- IV. hypocrites—"All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." (Matt. 23:3) Through their disgusting virtue signaling and pious-sounding speeches, the things they condemn, they willingly, proudly, and wickedly participate in.
- V. **partial in judgment or partisan**—*Quid pro quo* 'you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours.'
- VI. **implacable, oppressive, selfish**—Incapable of persuading with facts and truth. 'It's my way or the highway.'
- VII. **emotional, fleshly, unstable**—Led, not by truth, facts, or evidence. They know they will lose, so they resort to personal attack. Foundation built on subjective experience, not objective truth. Unpredictable when it comes to discerning between good and evil. Their perverse minds pursue evil.
- VIII. **complicit or approving of sin, immoral**—Hollywood script writers and the entertainment industry routinely approve, advocate, and promote sin in their subliminal, predictive programming products.
  - IX. deceitful—The false narrative peddled by the lamestream media, academia, consensus science or "science falsely so called" (I Tim. 6:20), the Rockefeller medical establishment, as well as our Deep State government, routinely pre-program and propagandize us for coming attractions.
  - X. **manipulative**—Call it Ai, counterfeit studies, C.G.I., computer generated bots or manufactured consensus; their despicable behavior is given credence by false 'fact checkers,' and revisionist academia posing as intellectuals. A lie no matter how much glitter, glitz, and garbage...a lie is still a lie.
  - XI. **atheistic**—Their path leads to reprobation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> John 8:44—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 speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- XII. shallow, pretentious, emulations<sup>27</sup>—Human worth based on outward behavior and appearance, not the inner man.<sup>28</sup> God wants you, to be you. Do not impersonate or idolize someone. God call this emulations. He forbids it!
- XIII. evolutionary—Man is mechanistic, a mass of random cells, and an ongoing experiment to be tinkered with by shrinks, as well as the mainstream medical establishment. Man is not seen as fearfully and wonderfully made by the Creator.
- XIV. **psychology advocate**—Belief in finding someone to blame for your sin is a popular past time—the victim mentality. They love themselves and the wisdom of man.
- XV. **unjust, collectivist laws**<sup>29</sup>—Through legislative incrementalism and many within Congress owned by the C.C.P.<sup>30</sup> collectivists and the international banking cartel, representative government is just an illusion to them. Man-made laws are anathema (cursed), as well as their relationship and belief in God.
- 2. Woman's seed and their behavioral characteristics. Let it be said, while we are forgiven, we do not pretend to be perfect. The holy cry is to not quench the Spirit but be filled with the Spirit. Live Romans 8 in the Spirit, not in the carnal, Pharisaical fashion, nor the pretension of churchianity in Romans 7:14-25.
  - I. **love**—This is not the warm fuzzies of subjective emotionalism, but the agape, charitable giving with the expectation of nothing in return
  - II. **joy**—Outward happiness, with inward contentment, rest, and serenity
  - III. **peace**—The saint is forgiven; therefore, the wrath of God does not abide on them.
  - IV. **longsuffering**—As the forbearance and longsuffering of God is extended to man to lead him to repentance,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Gal. 5:20—Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, <u>emulations</u>, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies . . .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Eph. 3:16—That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man . . .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Isa. 54:15—Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Hosea 8:4—They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not . . .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Chinese Communist Party

likewise that virtue should be revealed in us and in our dealings with the lost.

- V. **gentleness**—While we all deserve hell, God's mercy and grace restrain God from dispensing his punishment according to the law because of Jesus and his Holy Spirit. As he has granted to us, might we extend gentleness to others.
- VI. goodness—His righteousness exchanged for my sinfulness. Jesus' Holy Spirit in lieu of my sinful nature.
  Be ye holy, as I am holy.
- VII. **faith**—Remember, faith is a gift. It is a virtue from God, not within man. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Belief is not enough,
- VIII. **meekness**—Reflects a humility and understanding that his power is from the Holy Spirit's abiding presence.
  - IX. temperance—abstinence
  - X. **patience**—Personal adversity, loss, or pain has taught the saint that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." (Rom. 8:28)
  - XI. **kindness**—The kindness God extends to the lost sinner, is the same kindness we to grant even to those who hate us.
- XII. teachable spirit—Regarding the things of God and the circumstances in our life, do not expect a different result if you continue to do the same foolish things. Prov. 27:22—Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.
- XIII. **individualism vs. collectivism**<sup>31</sup>—Do not follow a multitude to do evil.<sup>32</sup> Don't follow others even if their cause appears just (e.g., a secular, unbelieving, class

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> In Mark 10:42-45 regarding Jesus' response to the apostles and their indignation they had toward James and John when asked if they could sit on either side of Jesus in the kingdom, we see that Jesus silenced them all by giving them a glimpse of God's take on government—servant leadership. Jesus pointed out that all nations (Gentiles) in their template of government advocate a lordship, top-down mode of 'leadership.' America's Constitutional Republic is the closest government men have ever devised guaranteeing freedom from tyrants and intrusive government overreach, as well as protecting individual liberties. The concentration of power in the hands of a few is called collectivism, AND because of man's sinful nature, its creation is ALWAYS contrary to God and men.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ex. 23:2—Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest *judgment*. . .

action lawsuit or countenancing the poor<sup>33</sup> in their cause), because you have no control over the final, secular outcome.<sup>34</sup> <u>Understand that the greatest threat</u> to personal liberty on earth is collectivism. Remember, our Constitution limits government and its encroachment on personal liberties.

- VIII. SORROW & CONCEPTION PAINS (v. 16)—8<sup>th</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN
- IX. GOD'S DESIRE FOR HUSBAND TO RULE OVER HIS WIFE (v. 16)—9<sup>TH</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Remember ladies, ruling over the wife IS NOT man's idea but GOD'S. Had Eve voluntarily submitted to Adam, we would not be in the mess we are in today. We find Eve, away from her husband in the midst of the garden, where the forbidden tree was. She was conversing with the father of lies. She ignored her God-given moral conscience, God's loving command, and the witness of creation, while God rebuked Adam for listening to his wife.
  - X. **THE CURSE (v. 17)**—10<sup>TH</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Everything in the universe is now under the curse—entropy, decay, disintegration, degradation, aging
- XI. PHYSICAL DEATH (v. 19)—11<sup>th</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN In Adam, all men die. In Christ, all men live!
- XII. BLOOD SACRIFICE (v. 21)—12<sup>TH</sup> CONSEQUENCE OF SIN Adam and Eve saw that their sinfulness required the shedding of blood from innocent animals. While the blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin, Jesus' blood atoned for past, present, and future sins.
- 25. **false conversion**—Simply put, a false conversion is one in which Christ's Holy Spirit is absent. Belief may be present, but faith, a gift from the Holy Spirit, is missing. With the Spirit's absence, there is no life changing repentance, godly remorse, an urgent and compelling forsaking of one's sin AND no crucifixion of the old, sinful nature.
- 26. **forbearance**—The wrath of God abides on the unbeliever. It is God's forbearance granted to the undeserving and enemy of God, which should

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 33}$  Approving or sanctioning the poor in their cause . . . whatever that might be. (Ex. 23:3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> I Cor. 6:1-8—Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? 2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. 5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. 7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves to* be defrauded? 8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren.

cause the individual to bow at the foot of the cross of Christ. If you leave this world without knowing Jesus, you are without excuse. You will go to hell.

- 27. **foreknowledge**—That quality of God, which assists God in the other three primary attributes of his character: omniscience (all knowing); omnipresence (everywhere, without limitation); omnipotence (Jesus Christ possesses all power in heaven and on earth.) <sup>35</sup> There is no scriptural support for the erroneous concept of duality—two equal and opposing 'forces' in conflict<sup>36</sup> with each other. Foreknowledge is God's ability to know beforehand. When we stand before Jesus on judgment day, the unredeemed sinner will be without excuse—God will have given them every opportunity to acknowledge the truth in their life.
- 28. **free-will**—For Adam and Eve, they were the only individuals that never experienced any prior influence from sin. They also were in a perfect environment and in perfect union with God, with each other, and with the animals. They still sinned. Free-will, with regards to redemption, is a satanic heresy. Anyone who embraces it is ignorant, ignoring election including the components of predestination and God ordaining some to eternal life,<sup>37</sup> while others who send themselves to hell.<sup>38</sup> Those who advocate free-will can also appear as 'Christians.' Free-will, with its age of accountability, Pelagianism, Semi-Pelagianism, Arminianism, circumcision, religion, Pharisaicalism, etc. destroys the belief that, "It is God that justifieth."<sup>39</sup>
- 29. **Gnosticism**—Taken from the Greek word <u>gnosis</u> or knowledge, the Gnostics approached the word of God with a purely cerebral, secular approach, with its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Matt. 28:18—And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Rev. 12:7-12—And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven. Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Yes, I am aware of this verse, however, does the dragon win this war? No! Can he ever be victorious in the heavenly realm? No! Notice when this happens. Satan is cast out of heaven during the 3.5 years that are yet to come. He was not cast out at the beginning, as some believe, in Genesis 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Acts 13:48—And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Jude 4—For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I am aware of what it says about Pharoah's heart; that God hardened it; however, Pharoah rejected the truth, as it says in Romans 1:18 he held "the truth in unrighteousness." God technically, does not send the unrepentant to hell. They send themselves there because of their blindness and inability to hear.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Rom. 8:33—Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

standard of man's wisdom as the plumb line of what was relevant, important, verifiable, and tangible. In short, there was no room for faith, or the Gnostics having a moral conscience . . . For they completely denied its existence. While there were a number of Gnostic sects, the following tenets were common among all Gnostics:

- ANTI-TRINITARIAN—Accepted only one person within the Godhead. Denied Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
- DENIED THE RESURRECTION—The material world was seen as evil and created by a fallen creator. They understood the soul to be confined by the body
- INCARNATION DENIED—They refused to see and believe that the divine could inhabit the material body. Two options were proposed:
  - i. Christ was human, not divine—His divinity came at baptism, and left at the crucifixion. Those that believed this heresy were: the Ebionites, Basilidians, Carpocratians, and Cerinthians. Called Docetæ from the Greek word meaning "to seem."
  - ii. Christ was divine, not human—(1) His body was just a phantom (Saturninus, Encratites, Marcionites) (2) Christ had an ethereal body like the angels. Those that believed this heresy were: Bardesenus & Valentinus
- REDEMPTION—"That Christ's mission was not to die for sin, but to impart to man a knowledge of His heavenly origin, and to instruct him how to regain his lost condition. Those who attained this knowledge were saved. Salvation was the result, not of a sacrifice, but of *gnosis*."
- LIFESTYLES EXHIBITED: The Bardesanes, Saturninus, Ebionites, Encratites, and Marcionites considered it their duty to be celibate, observed tremendous austerities, and were ascetic in their outlook.
- LIFESTYLES EXHIBITED: The Basilidians, Valentinians, Carpocratians, and Cerinthians lived a life of immorality and debauchery. It was this group that gave the early believers a bad name and reputation and resulted in arrests and tortures of the real, Spirit-filled believers. While the Cerinthians believed in a millennium of wanton decadence, the Gnostics, as a whole, rejected the Old Testament, while embracing portions of the New Testament. They rejected those epistles and passages that strongly condemned works, the supremacy of Jesus over the law, grace, faith, and that saints are priest-hood believers.
- 30. **God-ordained temporal leadership**—Why is this important? Because in heaven God has a hierarchy of authority by which he operates. To defy and rebel against God's ordained temporal authorities is to defy God and bring his

judgment. The following is a proper list, in order, of authorities God wants us to obey:

- 1. Our Lord, Jesus Christ AND his words, the inerrant Bible.<sup>40</sup> The church with its clerical hierarchy IS NOT the pillar and ground of the truth. This was true during apostolic church times, but not now. The completed scriptures are the believer's authority. Those who tell and teach otherwise are enemies of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the believer's teacher, NOT anyone else.
- 2. God's covenant of marriage between one man and one woman
  - man—Head of every man is Christ; image and glory of God
  - woman—Head of the woman is the man; glory of the man
  - children—Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 3. <u>Godly</u> civil authorities. Ungodly civil authorities need to be removed. Do not ever go along, to get along. This is complicity, and God hates it!
  - elder believers—Should possess knowledge and life of God's law
  - magistrates—President (military as well as civil law must be subject to God's supreme laws), state legislatures, state governors, county commissioners and mayors—They should uphold righteous laws
  - judges—In The Old Testament godly judges respected, reverenced, obeyed, knew, and enforced the laws, as well as practiced God's laws in their own lives. Lawyers only showed up in the Bible during The New Testament. In the eyes of Christ, lawyers were viewed as parasites and unnecessary.<sup>41</sup> We do not need lawyers and the whole sordid Bar Association with all of its parasitic appendages (bail bonds)<sup>42</sup> should disappear.
  - sheriffs—enforcers of existing righteous law
- 31. **godly sorrow**—In II Corinthians 7:10 it says, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." Godly sorrow produces repentance, namely a change of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> If you are reading one of the counterfeits, whose origin is from Alexandria, Egypt, you are not helping yourself. "Devotion to error can never produce true righteousness," as Dr. David Otis Fuller in his book, "Which Bible?" has declared.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Luke 11:52—Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> This is nothing more than an elaborate money laundering scheme. God condemns this practice in Numbers 35:31, 32—Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. 32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

Satisfaction means financial compensation. So, no financial compensation on behalf of the murderer should be granted to one found guilty. He should be put to death. Ever ask yourself where all that money goes from the bail bondsman? Yes, its illegally sanctioned money laundering!

heart, direction, and purpose. No change, no godly sorrow. Wow! Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. It does not have to be repented of because it is genuine, authentic, produced by the Holy Spirit within.

- 32. grace—Favor extended to the sinner they do not deserve.
- 33. **heaven**—The abode of the trinity, the holy angels, the deceased saints, as well as resurrected saints that appeared after Jesus' resurrection,<sup>43</sup> and presently two raptured saints—Enoch & Elijah.
- 34. **heavenly books** (Dan. 7:10)—Just what might they be and how many?
  - I. (Rev. 3:5; 20:12) <u>BOOK OF LIFE</u>—This is the Holy Bible. People's names will be blotted out from it. Whose names would be blotted out? Those who are not chosen of God. Remember, many are called, but few chosen. In Revelation 3:5 it says those who do not overcome in Jesus and are not wearing his wedding garment of righteousness, "clothed in white raiment," will be blotted out from his book.
  - II. (Rev. 20:12) <u>BOOKS OF WORKS</u>—For those who believe righteousness can be attained by the law through its doing and effort, your works will be recorded here. Those that live this way will go to hell because we cannot enter heaven without Jesus' blood and righteousness. Christ's Holy Spirit will attest to this on our behalf.
  - III. (Num. 5:23) <u>BOOK OF CURSES</u>—Do we want God's blessings. What about your past? Have you forgiven those you have wronged? If you have not, you will not get to heaven. Forgiveness is the core of the gospel. If you do not forgive others, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you. God's curses include health problems, relationship problems, financial difficulties, wrong priorities, following after evil including associations with wicked individuals, the weather, crops (agriculture), livestock, etc.
  - IV. (Rev. 5:1) <u>BOOK OF GOD'S JUDGMENTS</u>—The seven sealed book. Is this the Book of Revelation?
  - V. (Ex. 24:7) <u>BOOK OF THE COVENANT</u>—The book containing God's agreement with national Israel in which they said they would obey God . . . and did not. And for your information, the Gentiles have not lived

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Matt. 27:52, 53—And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

This is NOT to be confused with the first resurrection which occurs at the opening of the sixth seal and includes deceased (resurrected) and living saints (the rapture) as well as deceased saints who die during the millennium and receive their glorified bodies at the millennium's end. Hymenaeus and Philetus were two false teachers who taught Jesus' resurrection from this incident recorded in Matthew 27:52, 53. This was a local resurrection outside Jerusalem, not the global resurrection that will occur along with the rapturing of living saints at the opening of the sixth seal, and the resurrection of the deceased at the end of the millennium.

up to God's standards either! Not without Christ in us, the hope of glory.

- VI. (Gen. 5:1) <u>THE BOOK OF THE GENERATIONS OF ADAM</u>—This work established the chronological age of the antediluvian world. Its acceptance is a given in biblical creationism and the springboard from which other dates given throughout scripture can be relied upon to build an accurate chronology and calendar.
- VII. (Ex. 17:14) <u>BOOK OF MEMORIALS</u>—The complete extinction of certain people groups for their unspeakable wickedness: Canaanites, Amalekites, etc.
- 35. **hell**—The pagan words of gehenna, sheol, hades, and Tartarus do not deliver the same linguistic force or impact as the word hell, nor are they contextually consistent with the original apostolic manuscripts.<sup>44</sup> Have you recently heard anyone swear saying, 'Go to gehenna!' No gehenna, sheol, hades, or Tartarus can destroy the soul . . . Only a place called hell. For the biblical record, Jesus said it would be better in this life to be maimed than to enter hell without physical blemish, where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not.
  - 1. gehenna—Is the Aramaic equivalent of the Hebrew "Ge Hinnom" referred to as a trash heap outside the city wall of Jerusalem and was a place of perpetual fire and human waste after the Jews returned from their Babylonian captivity. The Valley of Hinnom, Tophet, or the valley of slaughter, as it was also known, was one of three principle valleys defining Jerusalem's borders, the other two being the Kidron & Tyropoeon Valleys. The valley of slaughter was an ancient site where idolatrous Jews were seen offering their children on a blazing pyre to the pagan god Molech (Jeremiah 7:31). This occurred before their 70year captivity into Babylon. The use of this temporal word to replace hell as an eternal place of the spiritually unclean and damned is entirely inappropriate and unacceptable exegetically. How can the eternal, non-corporeal essence of the human soul be destroyed by fire in a human garbage dump? It cannot! Only God can do that! (see Matthew 10:28) And he does so in a place called hell. It should also be noted gehenna is not a translation but a transliteration (letter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Although it is understood no original autographs exist, biblical preservation has assured the present-day believer the Holy Spirit has overseen that neither additions nor remissions of scripture have occurred while at the same time the manuscript purity has been maintained. The believer, contrary to "Higher Criticism," can take comfort in knowing it has been God, not man, which has overseen the preservation of his inerrant Word. The wanton vivisection of the Holy Bible is nothing more than a personal assault on the person of Jesus Christ—the Incarnate Word. Those who knowingly and wantonly engage in "Higher Criticism" are not friends, but foes of the Cross.

translation, not word meaning). There is no corresponding English translation for the word Gehenna—trash heap, garbage dump, or valley of waste, because hell, as the eternal abode of the wicked, is in a class by itself. See more on

Gehenna: <u>http://www.chick.com/ask/articles/gehenna.asp</u>

- 2. sheol—In the Hebrew, sheol is the equivalent of the Greek hades (the phantom text of the Septuagint which is non-existent and most likely a manuscript from Origin of Alexandria) and both refer to the grave, the underworld, or the pit. Those who espouse the use of the word sheol contend these locales are the ultimate destination of the righteous and unrighteous dead. The problem with this explanation is that it is not found in the King James Bible, but it confuses the reader. In Job 7:9 it says, "Just as a cloud dissipates and vanishes, those who go down to Sheol will not come back." If sheol is a place where the righteous end up, then what is the eternal hope for the redeemed on this side of eternity? See the following Christian web site for further clarification on the topic of hell: http://www.chick.com/bc/2009/bc\_sept09.pdf (page 8 of the magazine, Battle Cry)
- 3. **hades**—Is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew sheol. It means the same thing in Greek—the abode of the dead. To substitute the word hades for the word hell does a great disservice to God and robs the contexts, from which the word is mined from its genuine meaning. Hades, like sheol, makes no distinction between those who die in Christ and the wicked . . . They both go to the same place.
- 4. **Tartarus**—Is the Greek word and means the underworld or abyss, not hell. The idea of an abyss and not eternal hell fire is offered by the counterfeit 'Christian' prophets and their mutilated manuscripts which declare in II Peter 2:4, "God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them into pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment." This corrupted verse implies a place other than hell where these evil spirits are held in a state of limbo (like purgatory), not eternal punishment awaiting their eventual consignment to the lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 20:10).

It is understood that since the completion of the New Testament a crescendo of sinister opposition to the truth has purposely eviscerated the truth. This has surfaced in a swarm of mutilated 'bibles.' Since a host of strategies involving confusion and doubt are legion in these corrupt 'bibles,' it should not surprise us Satan is behind it all. He is guilty of Bible corruption and tampering. Such is the verdict of those who improperly substitute the words hades, sheol, and gehenna for the correct word hell.

- 36. **heresy**—A tenet or teaching that is not biblical. Believe me, there are many out there. The following Christological heresies were taken from this <u>website</u>:
  - Sabellianism—Utilizing apocryphal books, especially The Gospel to the Egyptians, as well as a disciple of Noëtus from Smyrna in Asia Minor, Sabellius, a Third Century (215) Catholic priest and theologian from Ptolemais, Libya began publishing his heresies in 260 A.D. Sabellius claimed he acknowledged the scriptures. He obviously did not understand them as a result of being lost-no Holy Spirit. These heresies lasted until the Fifth Century. It took this heresy to introduce the word "person" when discussing the biblical doctrine of the trinity; however, this concept of God is first apparent in the Hebrew word Elohim found in Genesis 1:1—a uni-plural noun<sup>45</sup> describing God as a trinity NOT a tripartite being. This uni-plurality is also evident in Genesis 1:26; 3:22. Sabellius also perceived the Father, God as the Creator; the Son as Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost as the one who sanctifies. This heresy was definitely contrary to the scriptures that teach the Father, the Almighty as supreme Conductor over all creation, arranging all things after the counsel of his perfect will. Jesus is Creator, Savior, and Emmanuel. The Holy Spirit is not only the Sanctifier AND Consecrator but the person by which the old, sin nature is crucified and salvation is made possible. Contemporaneously, it is this Holy Spirit that is perhaps the most misunderstood and ignored when discussing the process of redemption and what that looks like! Now, the Sabellian heresies:
    - 1. GOD IS ONE, NOT THREE PERSONS (ANTI-TRINITARIAN)— Hence, the word Monarchism meaning one supreme head or authority
    - 2. JESUS IS NOT GOD
    - 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT GOD
    - 4. Oneness Pentecostalism falls into the camp of being antitrinitarian and therefore antichristian
  - Docetism—Emerging from the apocryphal book of *The Gospel of Peter*, these uninspired writings taught that John 1:14 speaking of Jesus, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Morris, Dr. Henry, "The Genesis Record," Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI, Copyright 1976, p. 39

Word that became flesh, was not to be taken literally but figuratively. Another pathetic attempt to undermine the authority of the scriptures, as well as Jesus, Docetism taught that Jesus was merely a phantom or illusion. Completely denied Christ's incarnation, i.e., his humanity. By doing so, this heresy also denied Christ's virgin birth, death, resurrection, ascension, Christ's coming for the deceased and the living, Christ's Second Coming, etc.

- Monophysitism—Could the father of this heresy been Eutychus, the young man the apostle Paul revived after death from a fall out of a third story loft window in Troas? Those following this heresy were known as *Eutychians* who were condemned by the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. Monophysitism was not only a heresy but a powerful political party. Meaning one body, this heresy taught that Jesus consisted of two separate natures—man and God. This contradicts the teaching that Jesus is one nature, God, and that he was fully human and fully divine—*the hypostatic union*. This heresy taught that Jesus' two natures, the human and divine, became one at his incarnation.
- Adoptionism—"The leaders of the Adoptionist party were Elipandus, Archbishop of Toledo, and Felix, Bishop of Urgel, in Catalonia. The error was condemned at the Council of Frankfort in that year. Felix argued with Alcuin for six days before the Council of Aix la Chapelle in the year 799, was convinced of his error, and renounced it before the Council, but Elipandus was never called to account, as Toledo was at that time in the hands of the Saracens."<sup>46</sup> This heresy taught that Jesus, as a human, was not God until the Father adopted him. The time of this adoption varied from his birth to his water baptism by John the Baptist.
- Nestorianism—Catholic Bishop of Constantinople (386-451), Nestorius taught that Jesus' human and divine natures were separate throughout his life.
- Apollinarianism—This heresy taught and promulgated by Apollinaris Bishop of Laodicea,<sup>47</sup> Syria from the Fourth Century (fl. 350), said Jesus

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Benham, William, Rev., "Dictionary of Religion: An Encyclopedia of Christian and Other Religious Doctrines, Denominations, Sects, Heresies, Ecclesiastical Terms, History, Biography, Etc.," Cassell & Co. London, Paris, N.Y., Melbourne, Copyright © 1887, p. 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> One of the churches of Asia Minor Jesus strongly rebuked, the Laodicean church was an assembly that was neither hot nor cold for Christ. They straddled the fence hoping to appease everyone and in so doing pleased no one . . . Not even their Creator, Jesus Christ. Is it any surprise that a heretic emerged from such an evil, church legacy.

was not a real man nor divine. "The special tenet of the heresy originated by Apollinaris was that the human nature of Christ consisted of body and animal soul only, the place of a rational soul being supplied by its union with His Divine Nature."<sup>48</sup> This heretic went on to say that at some point Jesus' mind became divine when the Word overcame him.

- Arianism—Arianism is named after Arius (c. 250 c. 336), Bishop of Lycopolis. This is considered the most serious heresy and was unanimously condemned by the Council of Nicæa in 325 A.D. "The substance of Arian doctrine may be stated in a few words. It is that although the Second Person in the Holy Trinity may be designated as God in some sense, He is not God in the same sense as the First, or in any really true sense, because He is not eternal, and there was therefore a time when He did not exist."<sup>49</sup> The Goths embraced Arianism and became prevalent in all the lands they conquered: Italy, Spain and Africa. The Jehovah Witnesses and Protestant Liberalism still clings to this heresy even today.
- Socinianism—Its architects: Lelio Sozzini (1525-62) and his nephew Fausto Sozzini (1539-1604). Faustus Socinus gave the heresy its identity and momentum; however, Socinianism existed before these two came in contact with it. Socinianism advocated:
  - 1. A denial of the trinity. Specifically, that Jesus was not God, therefore no trinity
  - 2. That Jesus was not one in essence or substance with the Father and Holy Spirit
  - 3. That St. Joseph begat Jesus. This is NOT what the Authorized Version says
  - 4. That Jesus' death and suffering were not instrumental in redemption
  - 5. That while scripture teaches that Mary was not Jesus' mother in the biological sense, she retained her virginity up to the time Jesus was born. The Socinians; however, believed that Mary was not a virgin when Jesus was conceived
- Donatism after Donatus Magnus 300-400's Fourth & Fifth Centuries—Donatism included an uncompromising group of Berber peoples indigenous to North Africa. Their existence pre-dated any Arab

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> ibid. Benham, William, Rev., p. 57

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> ibid. Benham, William, Rev., p. 68

migration by Ishmael's descendants to this area from the north. They posed a threat to the established church of Rome because of the Donatists' refusal to acknowledge the routine practice of sin, the condoning of sin, as well as sin's operation within the ecclesiastical ranks of Rome. They had no use for apostates (priests and bishops known as *traditores*) and were angered by those who ruled in such a sacrilegious fashion. Reasonable in their demands for clergy to be above reproach and spiritual examples to their disciples, the Donatists were much like Jonadab and the Rechabites in Jeremiah 35 who were praised by God for the faithfulness they exhibited toward their father Jonadab—they drank no wine, sowed no seed, nor farmed, but lived in tents. This was contrasted to the Southern Kingdom who inhabited Jerusalem, and ignored God's prophets and spurned God's commandments inviting the judgment from the Babylonian Empire.

In 317 A.D. attempts to quell future uprisings and protests by the Donatists in Carthage, Constantine the Great, like any totalitarian, eventually mandated that anyone, especially the minority group of the Donatists, opposing his imperial decree would be put to death, followed by the confiscation of church property.

All this did was to pour gas on the flames the Catholic church ignited. In 321 A.D. Constantine called for Catholic bishops to exercise patience and self-control in an open letter to the Donatist sect.

Enter Augustine of Hippo who argued that a priest's conduct had no bearing on the priestly administration of the sacraments. What!!! It is said that Augustine championed the cause of orthodoxy, when in actuality he simply defended the established order of a corrupt religious system.

In 409 A.D. Marcellinus of Carthage issued a decree condemning Donatists as heretics.

While some will blame the eventual Muslim conquest of the Byzantine Empire on the schism and unrest (demand for righteousness) created by the Donatists, Bible history proves time and time again that judgment came to this area because of personal disobedience, rebellion and compromise of God's laws by those masquerading as believers (Rome). Frend, W.H.C., "The Donatist Church—A Movement of Protest in Roman North Africa," Oxford-Clarendon Press, Copyright © 1952 Internet Archive available

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- Pelagianism, Pelagius (350-425)—A heretic, who denied the work of the Holy Spirit within the saint, believed moral behavior was something that could be summoned within man. Pelagius was a humanist or atheist. He believed the following:
  - Men are neither good nor evil, but morally neutral. MAN'S MORAL CONSCIENCE IS WHAT DISTINGUISHES HIM FROM THE ANIMALS. There is no such thing as moral neutrality in God's eyes. In Matthew 12:30 Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." What of Jesus rebuke to the Laodicean church that was neither hot nor cold. Because they were neither, Jesus said he would spue them out of his mouth.<sup>50</sup>
  - 2. Divine grace assists; however, it springs from within.<sup>51</sup> This is also known as the cooperative effort. Pelagius could not understand the role of the Holy Spirit in filling and controlling the saint to accomplish the will of God in spite of "the day of redemption"<sup>52</sup>— a reference to the day the saint physically dies and no longer has the influence of the flesh interfering.
  - 3. Adam's sin was not passed down, therefore affecting and condemning all that followed thereafter. Adam's sin was just a bad example. Pelagius would say we imitate Adam in his sin. This not only nullifies the message of The Book of Romans, but Christ's crucifixion, death, resurrection, ascension, descent of the Holy Spirit and his filling, Jesus' coming in the clouds, etc.
  - 4. Pelagius rejected the biblical doctrine of man's radical corruption—innate, biological, and spiritual sin Many modern, liberal unbelievers agree with Pelagius.
- Gnosticism—Imbedded in an interpretive approach that was purely secular, Gnosticism was a heresy prevalent during New Testament times, and addressed by the gospel writers and Paul in his epistles. Gnosticism has never entirely disappeared, and can be seen in the traditions of alchemy and astrology, and even in modern times in the works of Carl Jung.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Rev. 4:15, 16—I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> If this sounds a little bit like Arminius' "prevenient grace," it is. To put it politely, Pelagius was a 'moral' humanist. <sup>52</sup> Eph. 4:30—And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Manichaeism—Taught that Jesus was merely a prophet and not God. It also taught that God was not omnipotent because it advocated dualism or the notion that two equal and opposing 'forces' were in constant conflict with each other. It refused to understand the biblical teaching that the devil, while opposing his Creator, Jesus Christ, only receives power based on the will of the Creator. While there will be a war in heaven between Michael and the holy angels and the dragon and his unholy angels, the dragon will never, ever win . . . He is a LOSER! "Manicheanism is actually a separate religion which blends Christianity with Gnosticism, Mithraism, Neo-Platonism, and even Buddhism. Again, it was considered a profoundly serious heresy. It survived well into the Middle Ages, where it strongly influenced the Bogomils in the Balkans and the Cathars in southern France."<sup>53</sup>

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- Bulgarian Heresy—"In the 10th century, there arose in Bulgaria a gnostic heresy credited to a priest by the name of Bogomil. The beliefs of the Bogomils, as they were called, were:"
  - 1. adoptionist—Jesus adopted by the Father, God at his incarnation or baptism
  - 2. anti-trinitarian
  - 3. Mary not the mother of God<sup>54</sup>
  - 4. Denied the doctrine of the saint as priesthood believer<sup>55</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Early Christian Heresies, Dr. C. George Boeree

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> It is important to understand what went on when it comes to the virgin birth of Christ. Jesus was begotten of the Father. This was accomplished by the Holy Spirit's conception of Jesus within Mary. Jesus' development within Mary, his ontogeny, was also miraculous. Jesus was not connected to Mary via an umbilical cord. This would have rendered him unsuitable, unclean, and unworthy to atone for our sins. Jesus' birth was the only 'normal' event in the process of his incarnation. Jesus NEVER addressed his mother as mother, because she was NOT his mother in the biological sense, therefore Mary should NEVER be referred to as the mother of God. This teaching is blasphemous. Upon discovering the supposed ark of the covenant beneath Golgotha, <u>Ron Wyatt</u> (pp. 11, 12 of pdf.) originally said Jesus received 23 chromosomes from Mary, a sinner. This could never have happened since this would have compromised Jesus' incarnation. When Wyatt took a blood sample he removed from off the mercy seat, where the blood of Christ had found its way during the crucifixion when the rocks rent; it was rushed to a lab in Jerusalem. After 1995 (currently 2023) the blood revealed 24 chromosomes. I am not sure how one would interpret this; however, we know Jesus was fully God and fully man.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> I Pet. 2:5, 9, 10—Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

- 5. Denied the doctrine that the Holy Spirit is the believer's teacher<sup>56</sup>
- 6. Followed the apostolic church age practice of meeting in homes rather than visible, public meeting places, i.e. churches
- 7. Infant baptism not practiced
- 8. They denied marriage as a sacrament—The structure on which all society rests, marriage, and that between one man and one woman, was not viewed as an oath, pledge or sacred covenant, as well as an outward expression of the grace of Christ within. Perhaps they felt this way because they considered materialism and the body evil
- 9. Saints were not to be worshipped and idolized
- 10. Satan and Michael were God's two sons
- 11. Satan created the material world but could not create Adam with a soul
- 12. God created Adam with a soul; however, man became bound by Satan
- 13. Michael came to earth as the Holy Spirit and entered Jesus
- 14. Jesus broke that link between Satan and men
- 15. Mainstream religion is collectivist in nature and therefore opposed to Spirit-filled living
- 16. While it was believed by these heretics that Satan orchestrated the crucifixion, it was actually God, the Father that arranged and permitted it before the foundations of the world. Satan has no power other than that which he receives from God
- 17. Rejected the doctrine of man's radical corruption<sup>57</sup>
- 18. In northern Italy the movement was known as the Albigensians
- 19. They were also knows as Cathars or Puritans<sup>58</sup>
- 20. The Cathars believed the Old Testament God to be Satan, responsible for the material world
- 21. Jesus was viewed as purely spirit
- 22. It was believed that he that could remain stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart, <sup>59</sup> it was believed anyone could "awaken in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> I John 2:27—But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Sin has its hold on men in three ways: 1. innately—relating to the mind 2. biologically— cellular degradation and physical death 3. spiritually—damnation of man's soul in the hereafter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> op. cit. Benham, William, Rev., pp. 752, 802, 823

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> I Cor. 7:37

heaven." This contradicted Jesus' exclusive invitation to those who had ears to hear.  $^{\rm 60}$ 

- 23. Believed in karma and reincarnation or the pre-existence of the soul. "One interesting side effect of this belief was that women were treated as equal to men, since we have all been men or women at some time in our past lives."<sup>61</sup>
- 24. These non-conformists were held in contempt by Rome in the west and absorbed by the Ottoman Turks in the east. Their refusal to relinquish their beliefs was one of the sparks igniting the Protestant Reformation.
- 37. **Holy Spirit**—While it is important to confess that Jesus died for my sins, the sinner does not become a saint until the old sin nature is crucified, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2) In Mark 16:16 Jesus tells his audience the importance of baptism by the Spirit and its relationship to belief, when he declares, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

In Romans 7:14-25, twelve verses, where the Holy Spirit is never mentioned and the pronoun "I" is used no less than twenty-seven times, this system of works where "*how* to perform that which is good I find not," Paul makes the Pharisaical excuse it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me (vss. 17, 20). Paul also tells his audience that we "serve the law of God." Is this the Christian life, to be servants of the law? At best it sounds like Paul listened to his God-given moral conscience within; however, one's moral conscience will never save you.

In the next chapter, Romans 8:9, Paul tells his listeners, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Anyone who teaches that Romans 7:14-25 is the Christian life is teaching a system of works or conditions, without any assurance of salvation. If Romans 7:14-25 is the life Jesus has secured for his redeemed, who would want it? There is absolutely no contentment, peace, rest, purpose, calmness and deliverance in a system where one is constantly striving, and falsely hoping that what I am doing is 'enough.'

The believer is NOT a servant of the law SINCE Jesus righteousness has been imputed (transferred) to the believer where the old sin nature was/is crucified!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Matt. 13:11—He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> op. cit. *Early Christian Heresies*, p. 4

- 38. **Hymenaeus & Philetus**—In II Timothy 2:16-20 we learn some interesting things about false teachers.<sup>62</sup> Their teaching is:
  - profane—secular, not inspired
  - vain—empty, worthless, of no value
  - babblings—They contradict other scriptures. In the end, they make no sense. Eisegesis (make scripture say whatever you want), not exegesis (scripture with scripture), is their motto
  - ungodliness increased—The Holy Spirit absent from their teaching
  - cankerous words—destructive in purpose and intention
  - bewitched—Passing off lies as the truth, they are incapable of seeing the truth—they have been bewitched by sorcery.
  - > overthrow the faith of some—Dependents are actually what they seek.
  - > apostate—Having known the truth, they hold it in unrighteousness.
  - vessels of dishonour—Unless they repent and receive forgiveness, they are lost.
- 39. **ichthus**—IXΘYΣ, or Ichthys, means fish. In Greek, the acronym is formed by taking the first letters from the Greek words Jesus, Christ, Son (of), God, Savior, or:
  - I'asus-Jesus
  - Xristos Christ (king)
  - Theus God's
  - 'Uios Son
  - Sotaras Savior

While this was a visible way of identifying oneself as a believer, there is a problem with this. It is too predictable and could be duplicated by a wolf in sheep's clothing. Committed to memory, an approach offering the invisible and which would line up with the essence of faith, namely "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence not seen," (Heb. 11:1) the invisible is far superior to the visible as a solution in identifying believers. A better method would be to quote a Bible verse and have them fill in the missing word(s), and cite the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> II Tim. 2:16-20—But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenæus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

Hymenæus and Philetus taught that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was past. This was based on the event we read about in Matthew 27:51-53. This was a local resurrection NOT a global one that will occur when the sixth seal is opened and the dead in Christ rise first. This will then be followed by those who are alive and remain (raptured). The first resurrection will also include those saints who die during the millennium and receive their resurrected temples at the end of the millennium.

book from which it came. Verse number and chapter divisions did not come until later when the Masoretic scribes achieved (6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> Century) a consistent, traditional text through rules of pronunciation, as well as spelling corrections and the insertion of punctuation.

- 40. **impute**—Means freely given or transferred, in this case our sinfulness is exchanged for the Messiah's holiness—Jesus' perfect keeping of the law. When the sinner is made a saint through baptism by the Holy Spirit, Jesus righteousness becomes our holiness. This is something that happens once, is supernatural, invisible, and transformative.
- 41. Islam (The following info. is from *The Prophet Alberto Part Six,* from Chick Publications)—Cardinal Augustine Bea revealed to Dr. Alberto Rivera, a Jesuit priest, that Rome wanted Jerusalem at the end of the Third Century. One of the most diabolical plans turning men into slaves was hatched with the objective of making the children of Ishmael their target. As the primitive church of Jesus Christ attempted to evangelize the nomadic Arabs of north Africa, Catholic monasteries cropped up wherever a Christian settlement took hold.

While this was taking place Augustine was born in 354 A.D. He was seen as a holy man by many Arabs. Two seminal works he authored were "The City of God," and "Confessions." These two propaganda pieces would be instrumental in directing the Arab's future. They would influence Arabs to embrace or least tolerate Catholicism—Nimrod's Mary (Semiramis) and Jesus (Tammuz resurrected). While Augustine of Hippo (North Africa) won many Arabs to the Catholic faith, many of Ishmael's descendants rejected Rome's doctrines and commandments of men.

Rome did not want to lose this Arab multitude, so they sent missionaries (spies) who spread the word that one day a great leader would arise and rally the Arab peoples as one.

Approximately two-hundred years after Augustine's birth Muhammad would be born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. This man, Rome would manipulate to alter the course of world history. Twenty years after Muhammad's death his armies conquered the Byzantine and Persian Empires. Years later, his armies invaded Europe.

Islam claims that the well (Zamzam) God miraculously provided water for Hagar and Ishmael to drink from, would become the site where Abraham and Ishmael constructed "The House of God." This original structure was eventually replaced by a 50' cube called the Kaaba, also known as "The House of God." Devout Muslims pray five times a day in the direction of the Kaaba to their god, Allah, <sup>63</sup> without an intermediary.

Muhammad's youth was not without its tragedies and heartaches. He never knew his father, Abd Allah, who became ill on a caravan trading venture and died. His mother, Aminah, passed away when he was just six years old. And if that was not enough, his life was spared as part of a sacrifice vow made by his grandfather, Abd Al-Muttalib. His grandfather eventually found the well Zamzam after it had been filled with sand, treasure, and pilgrim offerings from the Kaaba. He became the hero of Mecca.

The filling of the well was done by Yemenese Jurhumites, who at one time controlled the Kaaba and Mecca, but were eventually driven out. They were followed by a tribe known as the Khuzaites who worshipped the Moabite god Hubal. This tribe was eventually replaced by the Quraysh, an Arab people descended from Ishmael. While Quraysh peoples were prevalent, it was from the kin of Hashim that Muhammad's grandfather descended from.

Abd Al-Muttalib's vow was that if god blessed him with ten sons, he would offer the youngest as a sacrifice in the Kaaba to the Moabite god Hubal or Chemosh. His youngest son turned out to be Muhammad's father, Abd Allah. Abd Allah's life was spared as one-hundred camels were exchanged for the sacrifice.

At nine years old Muhammad, on a desert journey with his uncle's caravan, was approached by a Roman Catholic monk. This cleric warned Mohammad that if he was discovered, the Jews would "construe evil against him." This monk convinced Muhammad's uncle that Allah had great things planned for the youth.

Muhammad was twenty-five years old when he married a wealthy, widow woman, Khadijah, who was forty years old his senior. She was a devout Roman Catholic, gave her substance to "Mother Church," and lived in a convent. There she was instructed to return to the world and marry a man who could be used as an instrument of Rome, for the purposes of creating a new religion, and whose husband the children of Ishmael would rally behind. Muhammad begat two sons, who died early, and four daughters. One of his daughters Fatima married Muhammad's cousin, Ali (significant because of the Shiah branch of Islam).

Claiming he received messages from Gabriel in 610 A.D., Muhammad's Roman Catholic cousin, Waraquah, assisted Muhammad in interpreting these

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Allah is actually the moon god. Before Islam's creation, the Sabeans from Arabia, venerated the moon god who was married to the sun goddess. Their offspring were three goddesses named Al-lat, Al-uzza, and Manat. Becoming idols, they were worshipped throughout this area as the "Daughters of Allah." Islam is rooted in the symbol of the crescent moon.

angelic messages, as well exposing Muhammad to the writings of Augustine, specifically the books, "The City of God" and "Confessions." Again, it was here that Muhammad was propagandized to engage in anti-Semitism.

These messages said Muhammad would be Allah's messenger and prophet. Some of these messages were recorded in the Koran in 650 A.D. Many other writings of Muhammad were not written in the Koran but became the property of Deep State, Islamic holy men (Ayatollahs).<sup>64</sup>

These writings of Muhammad are kept secret and guarded because they tie Rome with the creation of Islam. Both sides have an avalanche of information against the other, and if discovered and made public, would destroy both Catholicism and Islam.

In the fifth year of Muhammad's spiritual journey, persecution came to Islam's leader and followers as they refused to worship the idols set up in the Kaaba. His followers fled to Abyssinia and were accepted by the Roman Catholic potentate, Negus, King of Abyssinia. What caused the king to receive Muhammad's soldiers? Muhammad's views on the virgin Mary, of course.

As ties between Rome and Muhammad were gaining strength, militarily and through Muhammad's numerous marriages to foreign women, Arab generals were given permission to invade North Africa by pontifical bulls.<sup>65</sup>

As Arab power, prestige, influence and hegemony (dominion) were exploding, Waraquah convinced Muhammad to replace in the Koran that it was Ishamel Abraham sacrificed, not Isaac. This lie eventually caused the Islamic propagandized to construct The Dome of the Rock, part of the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, on the site where the second Jewish temple once stood. The pope at that time, Pope Sergius I, was a Syrian who had been thoroughly influenced by Greek culture.

The growing power of Islam and its followers, as well as the insertion of Ishamel as the one Abraham sacrificed instead of Isaac, and the recognized importance of the site on which this event was to have occurred to both Rome and Islam, created a rift between Rome and Islam. This impasse, or better known as a double-cross, was the catalyst for the Roman Catholic Holy Land Crusades (1095-1291), as well as preventing Islam from consuming Catholic Europe. Jerusalem has yet to become the sole property of Rome.

In Islam's failure to completely take Spain, Portugal and Turkey because they were too far extended, they entered into negotiations with Rome, namely through Francis of Assisi. Years later they were ready to take Italy from the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> It is the Ayatollahs, the Islamic priests, nuns, and monks that the Muslims are kept in check from finding out the real truth about their Roman infiltrated movement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> A bull is a pontifical decree in which Rome covenants with a foreign power or leader to extend Rome's empire. This is usually done through the avenues of 'justice' (a political then a military invasion of another sovereign state) or 'grace' (armed violence, subversion, propaganda, and eventually a military coup).

strategic islands of Sardinia and Corsica. Again, the children of Ishmael discovered they had supply chain issues. They also entered into negotiations with Rome. The upshot of the concordat<sup>66</sup> was that Islam was allowed to occupy Turkey, while Catholics could occupy Lebanon.

Additionally, the concordat agreed to allow Muslims to build mosques in Catholic countries, while Rome could operate freely in Muslim countries. And a most notable side bar of these negotiations was added: Rome and Islam's common enemy, Bible believing missionaries, would be soundly blocked and thoroughly discredited.

Francisco Ribera stated: "In the last half of the 1800's, Spain was going through political convulsions. Her Roman Catholic monarchy was tottering and the queen was dethroned in 1868. Spain became a republic, which only lasted for two years. Then the monarchy was restored until 1923. As political conditions grew worse, Spain again became chaotic. The Vatican was outraged when Spain chose once more to become a republic, and immediately the Catholic church moved to sabotage it. During this time, from 1931 to 1936, about five presidents came and went. Spanish Roman Catholics were showing their contempt for the Vatican's power (never dreaming what was in store for them). They taxed church property and removed priests and nuns from teaching in public schools."

In 1910 Portugal was going socialistic (People's Social Republic of Portugal);<sup>67</sup> however, this attempt was foiled by the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima that appeared in 1917. While this uprising was eventually quelled, its "Mother of God" production exceeded all expectations, while assisting Rome in vanquishing the Socialists in Portugal.

Because of the double-cross the Arabs committed against Rome when they falsely inserted Ishmael as Abraham's sacrifice instead of Isaac, built The Dome of the Rock on the temple mount where the second Jewish temple had existed, and moved northward to capture Catholic Europe, it was now time for Islam to honor their word in a previous pontifical bull.

Francisco Franco's army did not consist of Catholic Spaniards but Arabs. When "The Spanish Civil War" erupted in 1936, Rome made it look like the Holy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> A private, closed-door meeting between Roman clerics and a sovereign power or people, that while appearing to benefit both parties, in actuality benefits only Rome. This happens because of Rome's wickedness, stealth, and subtle technique of incrementalism. It also gives Rome the time to develop the dialectic, namely the Deep State narrative, which involves subversion, infiltration, murder and the eventual coup of Islamic occupied territories.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Notice how these Leftist's always create an apparent dialectic "Social Republic." The definition of these terms are actually opposite. Through their twisting of language, they blend the two terms together to mean the same by corrupting the meaning of Republic. It is like the word diversity suggesting the idea of differences when in actuality the Leftist's end-game is sameness, collectivism, with its destruction of the individual.

See was fighting Communists. Masters of the dialectic,<sup>68</sup> the whole conflict was orchestrated and financed by Rome<sup>69</sup> with the intent of squashing Spanish individualism with its representative, nationalistic form of government.<sup>70</sup> At the age of three Dr. Rivera witnessed Franco's Arab mercenaries invade his home.

While Rome recognized the state of Israel in 1994, their ultimate objective in doing so was to have a stake in the "peace process" of Jerusalem. This recognition of Israel was; however, after the Arabs had agreed with Rome that they would only fight in Spain, if the pope refused to recognize an independent state of Israel. Obviously, the pope agreed.

In John Paul's<sup>71</sup> and Ronald Reagan's foiled assassination attempts, these separate events brought the two leaders together. The Communists were blamed for John Paul's assassination, while Reagan's assailant, John Hinckley Jr., was a supposed disturbed, deranged political lunatic. When Pope John Paul's assassin, Mehmet Ali Agca, was publicly forgiven by John Paul<sup>72</sup> nearly one billion Muslims had nothing but praise for "His Holiness."

Mehmet Ali Agca was an expert marksman and one of Europe's top hit men. He could have easily killed the pope. He fired his weapon at close range, ten feet, but had no intention of killing his victim as instructed by the Jesuits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Again, this is the false and illusory creation of two opposing or conflicting ideologies, when in reality its creation, orchestration, implementation, and objective are two sides of the same coin. Rome's ultimate dialectic of synthesis or solution is collectivism with a corresponding elimination of individual liberties and totalitarian control over all facets of society: business, academia, the arts, sports, "science," education (propaganda), the military, medicine, and religion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Rome is the rider on the white horse from Revelation 6:2: "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Rivera points out that Spanish Catholics along with several presidents that were Jesuit trained, opposed the Vatican's power grab. The Vatican was outraged. It ordered a massacre on its own followers. Cardinal Pedro Segura led the Islamic army in slaughtering men, women, and children, first on the Canary Islands, and then in southern Spain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Did you know that the Los Angeles Times December 12, 1984, quoted Pope John Paul II as saying, "Don't go to God for forgiveness of sins, come to me." The Pope committed blasphemy, thus fulfilling prophecy according to the book of Revelation. The Pope is telling us that he is God! (<u>Secret Societies/ New World Order - part 3 of 3</u> by Milton William Cooper, p. 2)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> ibid. (Milton William Cooper) "In the early 1940s, the I.G. Farben Chemical Company employed a Polish salesman who sold cyanide to the Nazis for use in Auschwitz. The same salesman also worked as a chemist in the manufacture of the poison gas. This same cyanide gas along with Zyklon B and malathion was used to exterminate millions of Jews and other groups. Their bodies were then burned to ashes in the ovens. After the war the salesman, fearing for his llfe, [sic.] joined the Catholic Church and was ordained a priest in 1946. One of his closest friends was Dr. Wolf Szmuness, the mastermind behind the November/78 to October/79 and March/80 to October/81 experimental hepatitis B vaccine trials conducted by the Center for Disease Control in New York, San Francisco and four other American cities that loosed the plague of AIDS upon the American people. The salesman was ordained Poland's youngest bishop in 1958. After a 30-day reign his predecessor was assassinated and our ex-cyanide gas salesman assumed the papacy as Pope John Paul II."

The debacle of Reagan's foiled assassination attempt by Hinckley produced the Brady<sup>73</sup> Bill, a piece of gun legislation that targeted previous "serious" convicted felons from purchasing a firearm, mandated federal background checks, along with a five-day waiting period.<sup>74</sup>

Finally, Dr. Rivera revealed that the Marines we sent to Lebanon as part of a multinational peace keeping contingent to quell hostilities during the Lebanese civil war, became casualties (November 1983) as a result of the Catholic Arabs occupation and hegemony of surrounding territory. Rivera commented that because of Reagan and John Paul's relationship, this clandestine operation would never see the light of international scrutiny, as well as the disapproval and condemnation by the American people.

- 42. **Jesus & Nicodemus**—An important truth that is often overlooked or missed in Jesus' verbal exchange with Nicodemus, appears in John 3:11, 12.<sup>75</sup> Jesus told Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, that since Nicodemus refused to acknowledge the truth ("know" or objective knowledge) and the objective evidence ("we have seen") in the public arena, going to the next level, the spiritual, was impossible.
- 43. **Judaism**—Simply put, Judaism is the belief that righteousness can be achieved by personal effort, discipline, good deeds, and devotion to the law. God's law was never intended to be viewed as a list of rules and regulations for men to keep, but to show man his sinfulness in the sight of a perfect and holy God. The intent of the law is to convict the individual of their sin, driving them to the foot of the cross of Yeshuah, seeking his forgiveness and his Lordship.
- 44. **Judas Iscariot**—Jesus, knowing full-well what kind of person this traitor was, selected him as one of his apostles. Judas was even sent out, as the other apostles were, to share the gospel, heal the sick, and cast out devils. Jesus gave Judas the rope (the gospel) and Judas literally hung himself. As most notably one of the most 'intelligent' of the disciples, we come face to face with the insufficiency of education and academia when it comes to redemption and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> James Brady was Reagan's Press Secretary and was struck by one of Hinckley's errant "devastator" bullets. Others wounded were Timothy McCarthy, Secret Service, and Thomas Delahanty, policeman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> The bill also known as the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (11/93) has a disturbing overtone. No one has ever seen a handgun commit violence. By shifting the object of the crime, the criminal, to the weapon that is used deflects responsibility to where it should be focused, on the criminal. This should tell you all you need to know about the people in Washington D.C. The bill's implementation was to prevent prior convicted felons from purchasing firearms, while mandating a federal background check on firearm purchasers, as well as a five-day waiting period. Hello! Criminals do not obey the law. If they want a firearm they can get it through the black market. This law should have never been passed. These laws never protect the law-abiding citizen, but punish them. The government was now given the responsibility of defining mental competency. If you disagree with a government policy or action would you now be labeled mentally deficient. Scary!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> John 3:11, 12—Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?

having a personal relationship with the Creator. The inner three of Jesus: Peter, James, and John were fisherman. These were the common, ordinary, everyday type of individuals Jesus came for. Having spent 3.5 years seeing, hearing, and living with the Messiah, Judas was like so many Jesus ministered to who came to him for what they could get, NOT what was required of the individual to make Jesus Lord in their life. While Judas was the duly appointed treasurer or keeper of the bag, we see how manipulative and deceitful he really was. Judas was your typical Liberal with all their pious, virtue signaling, calling out others for their short comings, while having a beam in their own eye. In the end, Judas was sorry, but sorry he got caught. This conduct produced no godly repentance. Judas, the Lord Jesus himself said, went to his own place (in hell) ... Reserved especially for the human agent who betrayed God in the flesh.

- 45. **judgement seat of Christ**—All believers will have to face Jesus as he dispenses justice and equity from his rightful seat of judgment. Fortunately, the elect will not be damned, but they will have their motives weighed, and depending on their intentions, their offerings before God could be burned up as wood, hay, and stubble will. If not, then we will be rewarded with crowns we can place at the feet of Jesus.
- 46. **lapsarianism**—This has to do with God's decrees and their order in relation to man's fall from innocence.
  - III. <u>infralapsarianism (after the fall)</u>—This is the most accepted and biblically sound approach to the issue of God and his decrees toward men. This approach says:
    - Man's creation decreed
    - Man's sin permitted<sup>76</sup> because of man's refusal to heed his Godgiven moral conscience,<sup>77</sup> God's commandment to Adam and Eve, their covenant of marriage, Jesus' invisible creation,<sup>78</sup> their care and community of the animal kingdom, as well as God's *dominion mandate* (Gen. 1:22, 28). Remember, Adam and Eve were the only 'free' moral agents

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> There is God's perfect will and God's permissive will. God's perfect will is accomplished in heaven and less frequently on earth, but observable, nonetheless. God's permissive will we read about in Job. Satan had to get God's permission to buffet Job materially and then physically. God's permissive will can also include satanic influence and/or full or partial demonic possession.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Prov. 20:27—The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Eccles. 12:7—Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Rom. 1:20, 21—For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- $\circ$  God decreed to save some of the fallen (Gen. 3:15)<sup>79</sup>
- $\circ$  Jesus would bruise the head; the serpent would bruise the heel<sup>80</sup>
- II. <u>sublapsarianism (under the fall)</u>—This view and its order is as follows:
  - Man's creation decreed
  - Man's sin permitted. God stepped aside as he will when "he be taken out of the way." (II Thess. 2:7)
  - God's decree of forgiveness sufficient to all, but not granted to all (I John 2:2)
  - God decreed to save some of the fallen (Gen. 3:15)
- III. <u>supra/antelapsarianism (before the fall)</u>—After man's fall the order looked like this:
  - Man's creation decreed
  - God decreed election and damnation<sup>81</sup>
  - God's foreknowledge permitted man's fall
  - $\circ$   $\,$  God's elective counsel saves those from before the foundations of the world

All of God's decrees were determined before the world began. God is an eternal being. His thoughts have no beginning, so it is a moot point to accept an order of God initiating this before that. I agree with all of them, except the timing issue AND antelapsarianism's damnation decree by God. Info. gleaned from gotquestions.org.

### 47. **man**—Consisting of <u>three components</u>:

I. <u>body</u>—That part of man comprising his flesh, bone, and sinew—the physical. This is NOT seen by God as evil but very necessary as the body is part of the resurrection . . . both for the elect and damned

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Gen. 3:15—And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> While the gospel of Christ involves faith, God as a rational and wise Creator, has made his creation apparent to any level-headed, intelligent individual. Satan's 'intellectuals' and 'academia,' "the head," have been exposed for the frauds and liars they really are. They engage in consensus, pseudo-science. The serpent has hindered the spread of the gospel, "the heel," but not stopped its message from getting out.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> While we know God hardened Pharoah's heart, how did that happen? Pharaoh had a God-given moral conscience, the testimony of creation, the ordinance of marriage, the invisible things of him from the creation of the world, the cosmos, and the Hebrew race. Pharoah knew the truth, but held it in unrighteousness. Pharoah's heart was hardened: **1.** When God allowed his magicians to duplicate some of God's plagues (Ex. 7:11-13, 22), **2.** When God extended mercy to Pharoah (Ex. 8:15, 31, 32; 9:33, 34; 10:19, 20) **3.** When God's power superseded that of Pharoah's magicians and they could not duplicate the plague of lice, saying it was the finger of God (Ex. 8:16-19) **4.** The grievous murrain that killed the Egyptian's livestock but not the cattle of Israel (Ex. 9:3-7) **5.** God plagued the wicked and not the righteous (Ex. 9:11, 12) **6.** That God demonstrated his power through Pharoah (Ex. 10:1; 11:9, 10) and superior to Pharoah (Ex. 14:5-9) **7.** Moses' petition before Pharoah to let Israel go into the wilderness (10:24-27). In short, Pharoah, like many others damn themselves. Yes, God has power over the clay and the vessels that are dishonorable result not from God, but from men. Remember, God is not evil, nor does he tempt any man with evil. Men condemn themselves. This will become very apparent during the millennium when all satanic activity is absent and also during the new heaven, new earth, and New Jerusalem.

- II. <u>soul</u>—Comprising man's personality, the soul consists of the mind, will, and emotions and moral conscience ("the candle of the LORD"— Prov. 20:27)
- mind—reason, cognition, concepts, ideas, creativeness, inventiveness, inspiration from God, knowledge, understanding, wisdom, reflection
- will—the driver of personality
- emotions—feelings can reinforce objective knowledge and observational evidence or destroy these essentials
- spirit—The immaterial duplicate of one's physical appearance. The spirit consists of the law written on man's heart and has the godly attributes of goodness, holiness, and righteousness. ALL individuals possess one! It is not intelligence that distinguishes man from the animals, but rather his spirit. While the fowls of the heaven, creeping things, cattle and beasts of the earth, possess the **breath of life**; man, also possesses the breath of life. Man becomes "**a living soul**" because man has a moral conscience. While the animals have a spirit, it is not the same as man's.<sup>82</sup>
- 48. **mercy**—That characteristic of God that does not give the sinner what they truly deserve and have rightfully earned as wages—spiritual and physical death.
- 49. **mind of Christ vs. Christ consciousness**—As new creations in Christ, we are admonished to put on the mind of Christ. In Eastern thought, specifically Hinduism, Christ consciousness is something the unredeemed is encouraged to pursue through a series of hurdles the adept is expected to accomplish. Through effort and determination, and possibly with a little help from the powers of darkness,<sup>83</sup> the Hindi will attain Nirvana.
- 50. **mind of man**—This component of being houses man's capacity to reason, reflect, ruminate, conceptualize, deduce, imagine, and receive inspiration.<sup>84</sup>
- 51. **Nicolaitanism**—I believe the founder of this wretched religion was Nicolas of Antioch, a proselyte to Judaism.<sup>85</sup> So why would the apostolic leadership pray

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Eccles. 3:21—Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? Lacking a moral conscience, animals do not face their Creator to be judged. This is what the verse is implying.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> Yoga means union. So, who or what is the yoga student becoming one with? A demon, an avatar, or as Alice Bailey, New Age spiritualist, identified her ascended master as Djwhal Khul a supposed Tibetan monk. An author of twentytwo books on the New Age, her publisher was/is *Lucis Trust*, a renowned satanic publishing house. If you are a 'Christian' and practice yoga, GET OUT! You should know better than as a child of light, you should have nothing to do with the sinister minions of darkness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> All great inventions and innovations have the seed of inspiration. This comes from our Creator as stated in Job 32:8, "But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of

over someone like this, knowing they were enslaved to the law? A proselyte was a convert to Judaism. You could ask the question, 'Why did Jesus call Judas Iscariot?' I believe he was extending to Judas the opportunity to repent and get his life right. He had 3.5 years in the presence of God to make things right, but he refused.

Anyway, in Revelation we see the inroads this apostate movement was making among the churches of Asia Minor, in Ephesus (Rev. 2:6) and in Pergamos (Rev. 2:15). Jesus said he hated the deeds and doctrine of the Nicolaitans.

It most likely was a syncretistic blend of Judaism and Christianity, with possibly a touch of Greek philosophy thrown in. I am sure it 'sounded' noble in its proclamations and convincing in its appeal as a man-centered ideology; however, it slowly and incrementally destroyed the work of Christ, while denying the transformative work of the Holy Spirit within the believer.

52. <u>Nimrod</u>—The Bible personality appearing after Noah's flood in Genesis 10. Nimrod's father was Cush. His grandfather was Ham. His great grandfather was Noah. Mentioned in the *Table of Nations genealogy*, Nimrod was probably one of the most influential actors for evil that ever lived. Embodying the seed of the serpent and all that would become evil in the world, Nimrod was very aware of the evil that emerged in Eden and the serpent's process and technique or eroding and eventually destroying trust in the Almighty. Nimrod's tower of Babel became the standard for all subsequent religious endeavors providing the blueprint to Babel's identity, structure, operation, and maintenance.

Babel's identity was clearly religious. Nimrod understood the power of captivating and oppressing man's soul. Babel's framework was collectivist in its structure and utilized the social memory complex of the group to keep the individual from realizing their full, God-given potential.

Its operation was predatory, utilizing fear as the main component in its mechanism of control. Its operation relied on the complete secularization of thought through the religion of evolution. Its maintenance relied on the 'dumbing down' of its disciples through propaganda, sorcery, controlling the narrative, eliminating opposition, while controlling the levers of education, academia, and monetary policy.

All of this would be accomplished by Nimrod and his observation of animal behavior as "the mighty hunter before the LORD." As a hunter, Nimrod

the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

accomplished his objectives on human subjects through three simple field observations:

- I. **decoys (duplicity of appearance)**—Convince and delude the hunted you pose no threat to them . . . Until they come within range. Your appearance, as one of them, will convince them you can be trusted.
- II. **animal mimicry (sound like your enemy)**—You must tell them what they want to hear. You must sound like them.
- III. camouflage (invisibility)—You do not want to be noticed or seen. Creating a dialectic, thesis-antithesis=synthesis is the most diabolical method ever conceived. Frame the truth. Attack the truth. Provide a solution which always is a compromise of the truth, that results in a lie. The lie of collectivism is <u>always</u> advanced, while a subsequent erosion and loss of individual liberties results. No one will ever suspect that the contrast between thesis and antithesis, with its compromise, always results in personal bondage, oppression, and slavery.
- 53. **ordained**—Its range of meaning will be determined by the context in which the word appears.
  - <u>established</u>, <u>determined</u>, <u>decreed</u>, <u>predestined</u> (Acts 13:48; Rom. 13:1)—"As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." This determination by the Godhead was made before the foundations of the world. Establishing the premise of God's omniscience, Romans 13:1 declares that every soul needs to be subject to the <u>higher powers</u>, with the understanding that in God resides all power, and this power has been issued by an unalterable decree. Let it be understood that the context is higher, godly powers, NOT profane, godless, and lawless rulers.
  - <u>appointed</u> (Acts 1:22; 14:23)—When choosing who would take Judas Iscariot's place, Matthias was numbered or appointed among the apostles by lot. Elders were appointed in the churches at Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch by Paul and Barnabas.
  - <u>chosen</u>, <u>secured</u> (John 15:16)—Jesus chose his disciples. Nothing stopped him. In Romans 8:38,39 scripture assures the saint, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
  - <u>called</u>—In order to be chosen, you must first be called; however, not everyone that is called is chosen (Matt. 20:16; 22:14).

- 54. **parable of the sower and the seed**—As the main story of redemption, an understanding of this parable is imperative IF the other parables are to be understood<sup>86</sup>—you must be born again to understand the parables. In this parable we see:
  - God the Father is the sower
  - The seed or word is Jesus Christ
  - The Holy Spirit is the moisture necessary for seed germination
  - The soil is the human heart
  - Two types of people emerge: the saved and the lost (the seed of the serpent & the seed of the woman)
  - Four responses to Jesus Christ emerge
    - 1. **ATHEIST** (wayside soil: hard and impenetrable—<u>ignore their God-</u><u>given moral conscience</u>)—Satan, the devil (Mark 4:15; Luke 8:12) comes and takes the seed which was sown in their heart
    - 2. **ATHEIST**—FALSE CONVERSION MARKED BY SENTIMENTALITY (<u>rocky soil</u>—Seed fails to implant within the heart—<u>ignore their</u> <u>God-given moral conscience</u>). They have an emotional response characterized by worldly joy.<sup>87</sup> The Holy Spirit cannot bear witness with this spirit, because there has been no crucifixion of self—Holy Spirit presence.<sup>88</sup> They are offended by persecution or tribulation that comes because of Jesus
    - 3. **ATHEIST**—FALSE CONVERSION MARKED BY MATERIALISM AND MAN'S WISDOM (<u>seed sown among thorns</u>—ignore their God-given moral conscience)—The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the seed and no fruit is produced
    - 4. **BORN AGAIN**—The ground is good because they heed their Godgiven moral conscience.<sup>89</sup> This allows them to hear and understand God's word as the Holy Spirit draws them.<sup>90</sup>
- 55. **perfect will of God**—In Matthew 6:10 Jesus' prayer example to his disciples is recited in the following manner, "Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven." God's perfect will, like man's moral conscience possesses only goodness, righteousness, and holiness. God's perfect will is less evident on earth as it is in heaven. This will all change; however, when Jesus' millennial rule will have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Mark 4:13—And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> This differs from the inner contentment, peace, and fulfilment that can only come from the Holy Spirit's abiding presence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> Luke 8:6—And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> This cannot be construed as a condition of redemption IF everyone has one . . . Which they do!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Rom. 8:16—The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: . . .

John 12:32—And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Satan bound for a thousand years. At the end of this thousand-year reign, Satan will be loosed to deceive the nations, thereafter demonic influence disappears forever as Satan is cast into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are.

- 56. **permissive will of God**—Found in Job 1, 2 we learn Satan had to get God's permission before materially and physically buffeting Job. The permissive will of God can include: 1. man's sin 2. or satanic influence 3. or demonic possession (full or partial) 4. or both man's sin and satanic influence or man's sin and demonic possession 5. or simply, a test of one's faith, as in the case of Job
- 57. **predestination**—For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Rom. 8:20, 21). In its context, these verses speak of the believer, as well as the power of God to redeem the individual from the grave and hell. This verse says the creature was made subject to vanity, or emptiness and without purpose, not of themselves, but of God. It is God who ordained them to hope (in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ). The elect will be delivered from the bondage, with its power, of corruption, while experiencing the glorious liberty as children of God.
- 58. **Protestantism**—A careful examination of this movement that sprang from Catholic protestors who launched the Reformation, Protestantism has its roots in Romanism which has its roots in the Babylonian mysteries. A transparent and honest discussion regarding Protestantism must understand that the movement is motivated by the cult of personality<sup>91</sup> which Paul condemned in I Corinthians 1:11-17. Denominationalism breeds contention within the body of Christ because the people in charge need to create dependents and doctrinal distinctions from others and the Bible. Instead of relying on God's provision and a unity in the Spirit of Christ, they pursue their own legacy.
- 59. **purgatory**—A temporary internment of the soul where sin can be purchased through simony,<sup>92</sup> rather than the blood of Jesus, with the ultimate objective of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Charles Wesley, John Wesley, William Miller, Charles Taze Russell, Martin Luther, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> simony—It comes from Acts 8:18, where Simon witnessed Peter and John that had laid their hands on the Samaritans and the Holy Ghost was given. The sorcerer believed the Holy Spirit could be purchased. Peter rebuked Simon and it appears Simon did not repent as he says, "Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me." Simony therefore is the belief that the gift of God can be purchased with money, or in the case of purgatory, someone's soul can be delivered from an irreversible sentence in hell by paying a 'fine' or "sin offering" as it says in II Maccabees 12:43 of 2,000 drachms of silver. As it says in Ecclesiastes 8:8, "*There is* no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." Psalm 89:48 says, "What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

delivering that soul out of its state of limbo into the glorious presence of God in heaven. This despicable practice and doctrine of Rome is utilized to line the pockets of the Vatican. There is no such place as purgatory in the Bible. Just the blessedness of the Savior in eternity or where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not. Purgatory is a concept revealed from the uninspired, apocryphal book of <u>II Maccabees 12:40-45</u>.

- 60. **rapture**—The replacement of corruption with incorruption in a living individual, that is changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Enoch and Elijah have been the only two saints that have been bodily raptured thus far.
- 61. **redemptive paradigm**—The process by which the Godhead saves the individual from eternal hell fire. This process is all of God. The individual, no matter what he does, cannot deliver himself from his eternal, dire predicament. There is only one biblical solution to man's eternal dilemma . . . And that is through the person of God himself in human flesh, Jesus Christ.
- 62. **religion**—Rejecting the Bible's grace and faith, as well as man's irreconcilable condition before God, religion on the other hand is the belief in man, including his veneration and elevation. Its biggest contributors are evolution, psychology and psychiatry. Religion is rooted in Nimrod's spiritual, collectivist blueprint and was spawned from his observations as a "mighty hunter before the LORD"—animal mimicry, camouflage, and decoys. All of this cunning behavior he eventually applied to humans. It went better than he ever anticipated. Jesus said it best when Paul chided the Corinthians for their misplaced devotion and allegiance to false teachers,<sup>93</sup> "For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise. 20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour *you*, if a man take of *you*, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face."
- 63. **reprobation**—A condition of the mind in which one's capacity to discern between good and evil exceeds God's repeated attempts at correction incorrigible. This is also noted as rebellion. It is a capital offense punishable by death, because of its defiance against God's established spiritual and earthly order and authority.
- 64. **Romanism**—That form of religious collectivism, with its elements of deceit, manipulation and lies is patterned after the great Babylonian mysteries of Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10). Nimrod also studied the fall of man in Genesis 3, learning from that tragedy about Adam and Eve's victim-centered responses, as well as the serpent's rebellion of questioning God's word, the serpent's compulsive lying, and how to elevate oneself as God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> II Cor. 11:4—For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

- 65. **Romans chapters 7:14-25 vs. 8:1-39**—Let me reveal the following facts about Romans 7:14-25, and if this is descriptive of the abundant life Jesus mentioned in John 10:10. Now Romans 7:14-25:
  - The pronoun "I" is used 27X or 108% in the twenty-five verses
  - In verses 17 & 20 the old sin nature is used to justify sin
  - No mention of the Holy Spirit is evident in these twelve verses
  - In frustration Paul, looking back on his Pharisaical upbringing, admits his failure to perform that which is good (v. 18)
  - There is no peace, contentment, rest and assurance evident in this life that serves "the law of God" (v. 25)
  - As a Christian would you say you were carnal, sold under sin (v. 14)
  - Your inclination to do good is eclipsed by your enslavement to do evil (vs. 15, 19)
  - Where is the mind of Christ. Paul, as a Pharisee, was activated by service through his own mind
  - What we see is constant striving, vexation of spirit, internal conflict
  - This is what you would expect from a church-going, religious person

Now Romans 8:1-39

- The word(s) and phrases—Spirit, spirit, spiritually minded, Spirit of adoption are used 20X or 51% of the time out of 39 verses
- The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us (v. 4)
- The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit (moral conscience) that we are the children of God (v. 16)
- If we do not have the Spirit of Christ we are none of his (v. 9)
- In verse 33, it is God that justifies us through his Son, Jesus Christ
- In verses 35-39 assurance of salvation is evident because it is through Christ we are justified
- The performance by the law and how one measures up is visible, whereas redemption is by faith or hope unseen
- 66. **scholasticism, Protestant (1560-1790)**—Put in its simplest terms, Protestantism scholasticism was an attempt by religious people to frame Godinspired precepts, doctrines, parables, and commandments through the lens of man's wisdom, man's understanding, man's knowledge, his philosophy, the esoteric, the metaphysical, man's abstractions, as well as the intuitive nature of man.
- 67. **sin nature**—The Bible clearly teaches that man is sinful. This is clearly not the message of religion and secularism, which teach that man is basically good and reformable. We have all inherited the sin of Adam. We are all children of

disobedience. God sees the whole of humanity as sinful. God is without partiality. He shows no favoritism towards one over another. Another way to look at this, for example, would be to examine the inner three of Jesus—Peter, James, and John. One must study and examine to what extent the Holy Spirit was able to work in their lives by degrees. In some, God can work more, while in others, he works less. It boils down to, 'how much more/less can the Holy Spirit freely operate in the believer.

- 68. sinless perfection of Methodism—Founder of Methodism, Charles Wesley believed the redeemed sinner could attain a state of sinless perfection. Of course, the Bible teaches no such thing.<sup>94</sup> When the believer dies, known as the day of redemption, this is the moment the flesh ceases to influence the body which has become incorruptible. We are holy because of Jesus' imputed righteousness AND the Holy Spirit's process of sanctification—a process the Holy Spirit gets credit for NOT the flesh, will, or man's determination. Wesley's imparted righteousness is nothing more than the belief that 'God needs my help' or the cooperative effort of man. Wesley obviously refused to understand what occurs at crucifixion when the old becomes new—'not my will, but thine be done.' If you can convince your followers that holiness is something that can be attained by human effort, you got 'em. This is how the Holiness Movement grew and spread by teaching that holiness is something, I personally, can attain. It completely ignores the work of the Holy Spirit, God's grace, and the power of faith.
- 69. **social media**—The popularity of such platforms are driven by the fact that most people crave the interaction and fellowship of others. I do. I also realize; however, the danger of following a crowd, group, or clique. Jesus made me unique with the giftings he blessed me with to advance his kingdom on earth. What you see in I Corinthians 12, where the Lord talks about the body of Christ, is that each individual benefits from the manifestation of the Spirit, evident in the giftings they receive from on high, to profit and receive profit from others. While the body of Christ works in tandem for the same goal—to bless and advance Jesus' kingdom—the saints retain their individuality and identity. Like the four distinct gospels of the New Testament.

What happens to the groupie that believes his identity, purpose, and direction are rooted in the group? He loses his identity. He has conformed. He becomes part of a larger group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> John 9:39-41—And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth..

Was Jesus' message and purpose popular? What about the few, namely the apostles, that turned the world upside down? Were they concerned about numbers, popularity, consensus, or acceptance?

We are taught by the visible, institutional church that if we forsake the assembling of ourselves together this is bad. Well, if the <u>church is apostate</u>, why should I follow it! If I understand that the three most significant events that occurred during New Testament times were: 1. Christ died for sinners 2. The Holy Spirit was given to deliver me from damnation and perform God's will in my life, in spite of who and what I am, and 3. That the apostolic authority Jesus gave to the apostles disappeared when the inerrant scriptures were completed, I ask then, where is the justification for the existence of the apostate church?

- 70. <u>social memory complex</u>—A term associated with the collective mindset of the alien Greys and other E.T.'s (actually demons), the social memory complex describes a phenomenon whereby <u>demons</u> (1:12:44 in video) display no uniqueness, autonomy, initiative, or distinct personality. Opposition to the sinister, collective authority is not tolerated. Any attempts at resisting conformity are met with the severest punishment.
- 71. **soul**—See <u>man's personality</u>
- 72. **spirit**—Only in the Authorized Version of the K.J.V.<sup>95</sup> Bible is this distinction made.
  - Spirit of Christ—A reference to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ is the third person of the trinity. In Genesis 1:2, it was the Spirit of God that moved upon the face of the waters, which produced the light of Christ. And this light was/is the life that animates everything on earth. It was the Holy Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness during his 40-day temptation by the devil.
  - spirit of God—A reference to the Father's presence, influence, filling, and purpose, occurring on or in the saint. Such was the case with Bezaleel a Aholiab whom God anointed with all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to craft the necessary items for use in the performance of priestly duties, priestly garments, as well as items for the tabernacle itself. Moses compounded the anointing oil and incense. In Ephesians 1:13; 4:30 it is the Father's holy Spirit that seals us as promised, as well as sealing us unto the day of redemption. The sealing by the Father shows ownership, authority, family ties, access to promises-hopes-purposes, and protection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> More specifically the 1906 Pure Cambridge Editon of the K.J.V. where publishers' mistakes have been noted and corrected.

- spirit of man—Also known as man's moral conscience, God gives this to each and everyone. In Zechariah 12:1 it says, "The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him." With no trace of wickedness or evil, the spirit within man is nothing but goodness and righteousness. So, do you listen to God's still small voice? In Romans 8:16 it says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." This verse says that the Father's holy Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.
- 73. statement of faith—In the past usually in pamphlet form, now generally evident on a website, a church's statement of faith was an itemized list of beliefs in a concise format. It gives an individual some idea of just how far the modern Protestant church has strayed from New Testament teachings. This statement is formulated by the church leadership and pastor/minister to communicate to outsiders what they believe . . . which may not necessarily be biblical at all. Categories usually include essential Christian doctrine: atonement, virgin birth, death of Christ, resurrection, ascension, bodily return of Christ, Christ's literal millennial reign, the rapture, biblical inspiration, formal interpretive approach, evangelism, the trinity, the Father, Christ the Savior, the Holy Spirit, baptism by the Spirit, water baptism, translations preferred, ordinances preferred and observed, etc. Depending on the thought, thoroughness, and time put into such a statement, a document such as this can be quite informative, and revealing while disclosing just how biblical an assembly really is.
- 74. **television**—If you want to discuss the most subtle form of mind control, it has to be the television. In the comfort of your home, and either in the presence of yourself, a couple, or a group, t.v. coveys its messages and stories through the powerful senses of audio and visual. When encountering anything objectionable the audience has only three choices: turn it off, change the channel, or continue watching that which is objectionable and become desensitized and complicit to sin. You must control the tube or it will control you!
- 75. **ten commandments**—Found in Exodus 20, the commandments of God were given to a nation and would become one of Israel's key identifiers as a people chosen by God. While certain laws and precepts may have appeared to have been directed to certain groups, e.g. priests, judges, economists, the saved, the lost, etc., the ten commandments; however, were to be memorized by the whole nation. Then there were the teachings of the Messiah, for example the

Sermon on the Mount, where his precepts were directed to the individual and not the state as a whole:

- Jesus' teachings on not allowing your enemy to intimidate or sow fear in you (Matt. 5:38, 39)
- God's provision amongst tribulation and false accusations (v. 40)
- Christian excellence (v. 41)
- stewardship (v. 42)
- 76. **tripartite**—Man is composed of three parts but visible in one body: spirit, soul, and body. These parts of man are indivisible throughout life. At death the soul and spirit leave the body. The Bible does not teach the pre-existence of the soul prior to conception. This is an Eastern teaching. Man's soul and spirit will eventually be reunited with the body at the *resurrection of the just* or the *resurrection of the damned*. God is a trinity, consisting of three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Their essence, nature and substance are one. They are all God.
- 77. **unforgiveable sin**—In I John 5:16-18 it says, "If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. The biggest sins I have seen in my Christian lifetime would be as follows:
  - **blasphemy against the Holy Spirit**—This takes two forms. <u>Firstly</u>, there is taking God's name in vain. Say it often enough, so it becomes vulgar (common); not reverenced, sacred or honored. This takes the form of o.m.g. (Oh, my G\_d!) as people use this all the time 'without thinking' about who God really is. <u>Secondly</u>, there are those who may say they are born again and take God's name in vain—G.d. Well, if you have any clue about what it means to be born again, you should realize the Holy Spirit lives within the believer. God will NOT curse himself. Of the Ten Commandments, all but one do not receive a capital sentence—stealing. According to God, the taking of his name in vain is punishable by death!<sup>96</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Lev. 24:10-16--And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; 11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name *of the LORD*, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:) 12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them. 13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. 16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name *of the LORD*, shall be put to death.

- hard heartedness or unforgiveness—In Jesus parable of the unforgiving servant (18:23-35)<sup>97</sup> we get a glimpse of an individual who believed they could actually pay the blood wage Jesus did for the sinner. Falling upon the mercy of the king, the indebted servant was accounted to have owed the king 10,000 talents—an amount impossible to pay in a lifetime! The king granted his servant leniency, and forgave the man the entire debt. Upon leaving this merciful scene, the forgiven servant finds someone who owes him a pittance but does not have the money on his person. Lacking patience, the forgiven servant has his debtor thrown into prison. When word gets back to the king, he arrests the sinner he pardoned and hands him over to the tormentors "till he should pay all that was due unto him."<sup>98</sup>
- 78. **will**—That component of being within man that is the driver of his personality. Man's will is more often than not influenced by the wisdom of man, feelings/emotions/intuition, and the flesh. This is in contrast to man's spirit or moral conscience that distinguishes man from the animals. Man's spirit, given to him by his Creator, Jesus Christ, contains all that is righteous and good, while searching and weighing man's thoughts and intents. On its own, man's moral conscience is not enough to deliver himself from eternal torment . . . but it is a good start.
- 79. **works**—Found in Matthew 7:15-19 and set within the context of false prophets coming in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves, Jesus said these phonies would be revealed by their corrupt works. Consider the <u>antichristian</u> works of the institution touting itself as the church today:
  - **inclusive/universal/ecumenical/Arminian**—All can be saved. Coming to Jesus on man's terms NOT on God's terms. A careful and thorough study of scripture reveals the gospel of Jeus Christ to be offensive. Spontaneity of the Spirit, and his work within the individual, has given way to structured worship, ritualism, ceremonialism, 'healing' services, speaking in 'tongues,'<sup>99</sup> and liturgy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> See also **Matt. 5:23-26**—Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. 26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. 25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

**Matt. 6:14, 15**—For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> Can the sinner pay back God for a perfect sacrifice that only God could offer? This is the problem with people who are religious. They believe that by their good deeds, they shall inherit the kingdom. It is only by Jesus' blood and crucifixion of the sin nature, that redemption can be accomplished.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> This is phenomenon does not reflect known human languages but glossolalia or gibberish, nonsense, disruptive, and even demonic

- **feminist teaching**—we need to feel our way through life, not be led by truth, the evidence, or the facts.
- water baptism—This outdated ordinance is still used by many ministers and pastors as a means of controlling the flock. Baptism by the Spirit is what should be emphasized. And if you think Romans 6:2-4<sup>100</sup> is talking about water baptism, think again. "How should we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein." Will water baptism deliver the sinner from their condemnation? To "walk in newness of life" cannot be accomplished by immersing someone under water. These verses are clearly referencing baptism by the Spirit, NOT water baptism.
- redemptive paradigm of works NOT grace and faith—Just listen to the attenders and they will tell you why it is important to come to church, and why church will make you a better person, and why the pastor will teach us what God's word says. I have heard it all! And when you ask someone whether they are saved or not, they will reply that 'they go to church.' Really!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Rom. 6:2-4—God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

There is a correlation between Jesus' spoken word and his glory. Jesus' words are powerful because of the source from which they originate, eternal God himself. They are powerful because they are eternal; his message transcends time, circumstance, and any condition the human heart may find itself. Jesus' words are powerful because they always speak to the human condition in the present, regardless the circumstance. And finally, Jesus' words are true, alien to all men that them. because hear they are incomparable, namely authoritative. These attributes of Jesus' spoken word became evident to their fullest on the Mount of Transfiguration, as his righteous intentions and holy witness were reflected in his glory.



"The Transfiguration," Carl Heinrich Bloch, edited by author, Paul J. Wickliffe

#### back to emotions

#### Jesus Christ, The Greatest Orator of All Time

The greatest orator of all time, Jesus Christ, never employed emotion to make an appeal to his hearers. A careful examination of the gospels reveals how Christ penetrated the soul of the individual, even amongst a multitude. In the conveyance of eternal principles and his ability to present truth in its most distilled form, he communicated to his hearers much the same way God did in the Old Testament to the prophets—simply, directly, unequivocally, authoritatively, and consequentially, namely with the understanding to the prophet and his audience that when God said something, we better listen.

While the actual words in a verbal exchange comprise probably ten percent of what is considered communication, the other ninety percent involves body language or visible cues, tone or verbal delivery, the demeanor of the communicator, namely the emotional state of the communicator at the time communication occurs, and finally, the hidden intentions of the communicator.

There is one other facet often overlooked in this complicated equation of communication that bears a passing comment. That facet is the spiritual temperament of the communicator. Since the believer's spirit bears witness with Christ's Holy Spirit within, this should give that communicator an edge, an edge beyond that possessed by the natural, unredeemed individual.

Unlike the saint, Christ is God and is able to see past the words AND non-verbal cues in communication. For Christ, he looks into the very heart of the individual, surveying one's thoughts and intents.

Probably the single most important attribute in Christ's equation of communication was his holiness and righteousness. These godly virtues are what separated the wheat from the chaff in his personal encounters with people. Christ did not have to employ emotion because he could see past the pretense and defense mechanisms, as well as the façade most people construct in their verbal exchange with others.

The wicked and indifferent, from their initial encounter with the Savior, recoiled and took a defensive posture attempting to cover what was blatantly exposed before the Savior. Much like the accusers of the woman caught in adultery, when Christ confronted these men, they became verbally defenseless as well as silent. They also dropped their weapons of judgment (stones), mystified by the Savior as to what he wrote on the ground, they proceeded to slink away shamefully knowing that the very accusations they were quick to deliver, came back to haunt them. They had been exposed for the hypocrites they were.

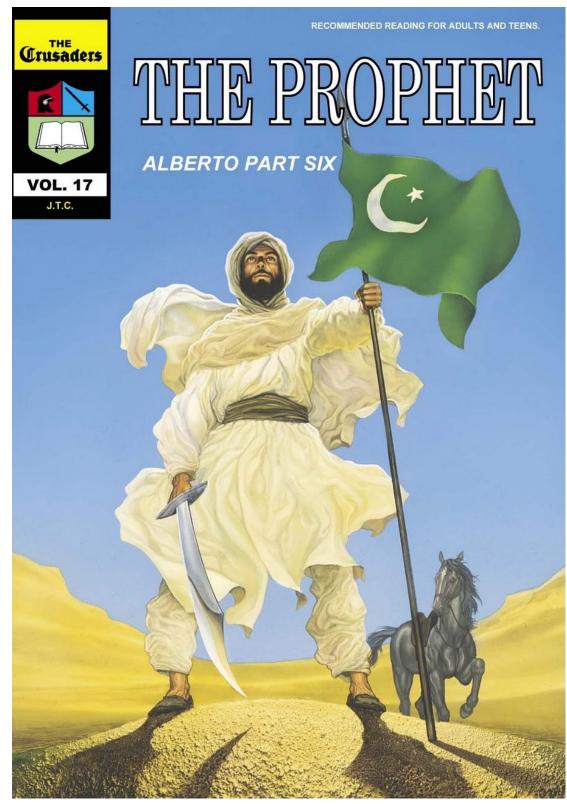
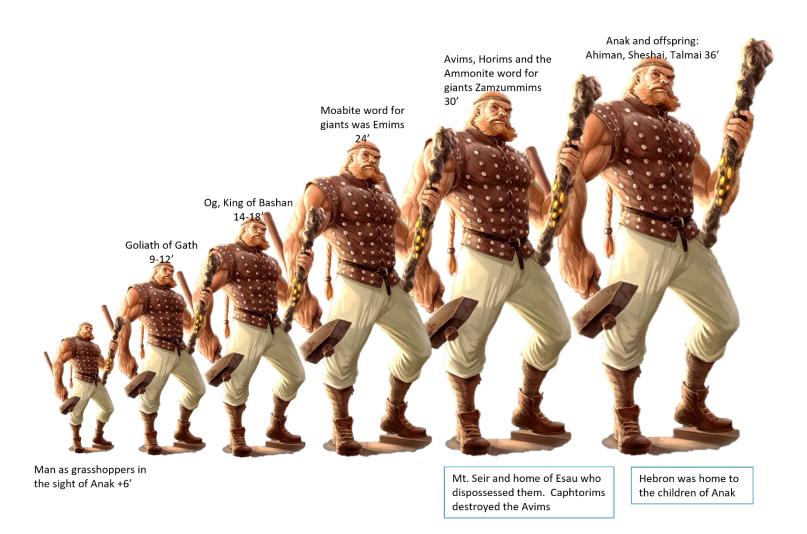


Figure 4—If the connection between Rome and Islam ever went mainstream, the revelation would send unconscionable, shock waves through religious circles BACK TO ISLAM



The man, Nimrod, founder and architect of **collectivism**, as well as **all religion**, was an imposing personality. Referred to by God as "a mighty one," and "a mighty hunter before the LORD," this divine description referred to Nimrod's size, strength, and prowess. A post-diluvian giant, Nimrod was a keen observer of animal behavior. From Nimrod's celebrated animal pursuits, his observations turned to the hunting, enslavement, and ultimately destruction of men's souls. Under the guise of false promises, a vast intelligence gathering apparatus known as the confessional, and subversive-clandestine influence over civil magistrates, Nimrod's regional empire within Shinar grew to include the city-states of Babel, Erech (Uruk), Accad, and Calneh. Little did he know that one day his religion of **self** would captivate the world and oppose his Creator in a final showdown of epic, biblical proportions—ARMAGEDDON. Yes indeed, Nimrod was the offspring of the seed of the serpent from Genesis 3:15 <u>BACKTO NIMROD</u>

# BIBLICAL GIANTS, MIGHTY MEN, MEN OF RENOWN



**Genesis 6:4**—There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

## THE TRUTH EXPOSED AFTER FIFTY YEARS!

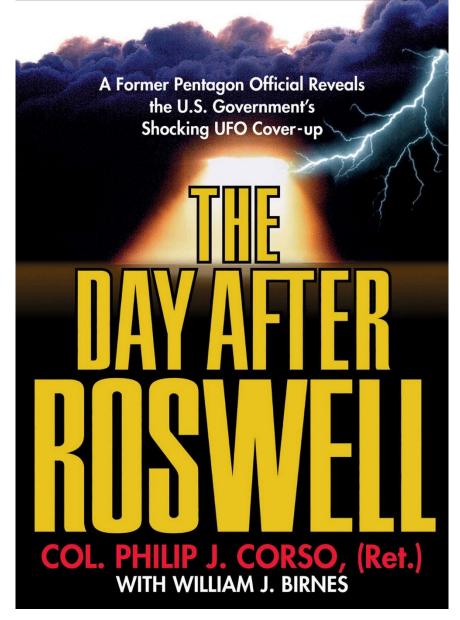


Figure 5--The U.S. government's attempt to cover up the truth regarding the biggest U.F.O. event of the century.

BACK TO SOCIAL MEMORY COMPLEX

dies of them that were slain, and to bury them with a To their kinsmen in their fathers' graves.

40 Now under the coats of every one that was slain they found things consecrated to the idols of the Jamnites, which is forbidden the Jews by <sup>b</sup> the <u>b De</u> law. Then every man saw that this was the cause 25, 2 wherefore they were slain.

41 All men therefore praising the Lord, the righteous Judge, <sup>c</sup> who had opened the things that were hid,

42 <sup>d</sup> Betook themselves unto prayer, and besought <sup>13.</sup> him that the sin committed might wholly be put out 7, 8, of remembrance. Besides, that noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin, forsomuch as they saw before their eyes the things that came to pass for the sins of those that were slain.

43 And when he had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachms of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin-offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of <sup>e</sup> the resurrection :

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44 For if he had not hoped that they that were <sup>35.</sup> slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.

45 And also in that he perceived that there was great favour ' laid up for those that died godly. (It f<sup>2</sup> Ti was an holy and good thought.) Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.

Figure 6--II Maccabees 12:40-45 and the concept of purgatory for verse 45. Compare this with Ecclesiastes 8:8--*There is* no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. What about Psalm 89:48--What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah. By the way, the second death occurs once you die!

Figure 7--II Maccabees 12:40-45 from the old Taylor/Wickliffe Family 

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The sinner's prayer coming from the heart, worded something like this . . .

Lord Jesus, forgive me for my sin of unbelief, as well as my sins that nailed you to the cross. I turn my back on my old, sinful nature and I am sorry for my carnal life that shut you out. I forsake the old life, with its darkness, emptiness, lack of purpose and fulfillment. May the Holy Spirit within create a hunger and thirst for righteousness that you and all may see. I want the Holy Spirit to come into my life and make me a new creation, while the old lusts and appetites are crucified. Holy Spirit, I petition you to make Jesus Lord in my life so that his will might be accomplished in me, and that 'not my will, but thine be done.'