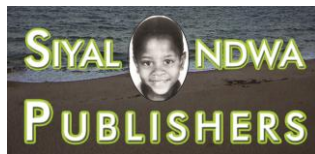


DID GOD CREATE SATAN AND DEMONS?

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1. DID GOD CREATE SATAN AND DEMONS?

What really is a demon?

Jesus is heard instructing his disciples to: “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.” (NKJV) *Matthew 10:8*. A New Survey of Universal Knowledge ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA states that the word demon is from the Greek word *daimon* meaning *supernatural being or spirit*. According to Greeks’ belief, such a spirit could do both good and evil. It would only depend on its mood. If it would decide to be a good spirit then it would do good things to people and cause them to be benevolent. If it would decide to be a bad spirit it would then do evil things to people and cause them to be malevolent. The Encyclopaedia also states that Socrates had a daimon that used to warn him whenever he was about to make a wrong decision. Inferring from Greeks’ belief, it becomes clear that demons have nothing to do with the devil or Satan but are in their own domain.

Read *Deuteronomy 32:17* “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.” (NKJV) Let us also read *Psalms 106:37* “They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.” (NKJV) The Dictionary of the Bible also states that demonology was practiced in both Assyrian and Arabic countries. *The word demon, the dictionary continues, denotes a species of genii or demi-gods that was conceived as invested with power for good or evil and for whom even human sacrifices were offered.*

These demons or daimons as their original Greek name is, are also known as the jinni or jinnee or djinni or djinny in Arab communities. Collins English Dictionary states that djinni are spirits found in Muslim mythology that could assume human or animal form and could influence man by supernatural powers. Andrew Collins in his book; *From the Ashes of Angels*; has this to say: “In Muslim theology, the djinn were said to have been created two thousand years before Adam. They ranked alongside the angels and the chief among them was Eblis.” Djinn could be spelt as djinni, djinny, genie, jinnee or jinni.

What is a genie? Collins English Dictionary states

that a genie is found in fairy tales and stories. It is a servant who appears by magic and fulfills a person's wishes. The dictionary also states that genie is another word for jinni. The etymology of this word according to this dictionary is from French genie, which is from Arabic jinni, demon. It is also greatly influenced by Latin genius which is an attendant spirit. This guiding spirit attends a person from birth to death in a Roman myth. It is also the guardian spirit of a place, group of people, or institution.

Jude in his epistle writes something which stands out as his own revelation. He writes something we have never heard of in all other previous books of the bible. Read *Jude verse 9*. 'Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (NKJV) What Jude states here correspond with what is found in the book of Zachariah 3:2 where God Almighty is found rebuking Satan: And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!" What is totally new is the account on the devil and the archangel Michael contending over the body of Moses. Such contention is not found in the bible. Perhaps it is found in other books that were not included in the bible. The Satan that is rebuked by Lord God Almighty, is the Satan that is obedient to Him not the rebellious one that will be looked at closely in this chapter as well as in this book as a whole.

Peter opens another door for us when he says in *2Peter 2:4* For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgement. (NKJV) The only angels who sinned against God Almighty that we know of are found in Genesis 6:4.

Most people have been told; and they all, in the most incredible manner believe it without qualms; that the leader of those rebellious angels was Satan who was dismissed peremptorily from heaven to earth. Peter talks of disobedient angels that are in hell and in chains awaiting God's judgement. Peter comes with something new to us now. He just mentions angels. What about Satan? We all generally have heard that the devil together with his angels was cast down to earth

after his rebellion in heaven. The general assumption is, to this day they are all busy deceiving people and causing them to sin here on earth. Yet Peter says disobedient angels are in chains awaiting God's judgement. Surely Peter talks of other disobedient angels, not the angels that were cast down to earth from heaven together with their leader Lucifer. In fact myths of gods fighting against or rebuking one another, sometimes punishing other celestial beings for their wrongdoings are from Greece, Arabia and India.

Did you know that the person who fabricated this rebellion story which he claimed took place in heaven was Enoch? His books which are Pseudepigrapha, *for they had been excluded from the Greek canon of the Old Testament*. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia has it that; "In [Medieval Judaism](#), the Rabbis rejected these Enochic literary works into the [Biblical canon](#), making every attempt to root them out." They were once more rejected by the early Fathers of the Church especially, St Augustine, and could not be part of the 27 books of the New Testament. The edict of the Fathers of the Church in the Council of Nicaea in A.D. or C.E 325 was; "*All apocryphal writings had to be burnt to ashes.*" Most such writings were destroyed but others were hidden and as was expected, were recovered centuries later. These apocryphal writings were then propagated by the Gnostics after Gnosticism had been tolerated. They have varying versions of Satan who grew temerarious and opposed God Almighty Himself.

When The People of Israel arrived in Canaan they might have been fascinated by stories about Canaanites' gods who sometimes fight one another. These stories might have caused Enoch, a Jew, to emulate the Canaanites by coming up with a myth of their God who, just like theirs, was once opposed by Lucifer.

It was in the land of the Canaanites where the people of Israel heard a lot about their gods who had challenged higher gods for their positions. The Canaanites' earliest myth is about their god Helel, who was also a mighty warrior that tried to dethrone his high god El from his throne which was situated high up in the mountain. To his dismay Helel was

forced to go down to the depths. Later the Canaanites came with another myth about god Athtar or Attar who was referred to as The Morning Star, who also had tried to usurp power by occupying the throne of his highest god Ba'al but failed. He also was cast down and became the ruler of the underworld. Such myths together with similar myths from Greece and the East resulted in Enoch composing the myth about God Almighty having to rely on His archangel Michael's army against the army of Lucifer. Michael eventually defeated Lucifer, who was subsequently cast down to earth with all the angels who had supported him. All his angels were turned to demons and Lucifer was given a new name Satan. John Milton substantiated Enoch's account of war between Lucifer and the archangel Michael in his epic poem, Paradise Lost. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, puts it thus concerning Milton's epic poem: "Satan is comparable in many ways to the tragic heroes of classic Greek literature, but Satan's hubris far surpasses those of previous tragedies." Wikipedia also states that "The [Book of Enoch](#) contains references to [Satariel](#), thought also to be [Sataniel](#) and [Satan'el](#) (etymology dating back to [Babylonian](#) origins)." Satan then came to be acknowledged by Christians as the devil, the king of darkness, whose duty it was to cause people to sin.

There are also religious books with a version of Satan, as a rebellious angel. Their version resembles that of Christian Church Fathers from Cyprus, Armenia, Greece and France (as *Philip G. Zimbardo mentions them*) for it also states that after God had created Adam He commanded all His angels to worship him. Lucifer impetuously defied worshipping Adam. Their version goes a step further for it gives reasons for Lucifer's disobedience. It states that Lucifer argued that he, far superior for having been created of fire, could not worship Adam who was made of dust. The URANTIA BOOK, intentionally or unintentionally elucidates the point that Lucifer and his disobedience is purely a figment of story tellers' imagination, when it mentions that Lucifer was in fact from the land of Nebadon and was also a son of Nebadon.

The book of Enoch is one of the most ancient books to influence the world in this incredible way, hence its teachings are being used to this day to propagate confusion all over the world that Satan was once a rebellious angel in heaven. It is said that when the Jews were in exile in Babylon they came into contact with the religion of the Magi preached by Mani as well as Zoroastrianism of Zoroaster. Just read what Manichaeism clearly and in no uncertain terms says about the devil. “...*the devil is the king of darkness ...a precosmic, uncreated, omnipotent power, the maker of the world and the equal with God.*” That is why Paul preached in Corinth using what they already believed in saying in 2Corinthians 4:4 “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving...” (The Holy Bible) What people of Corinth had been made to conceptualize was; it was the devil who created this world hence he owns it. This conception has later given rise to Luciferians that worship the devil under the name of Satanael (the God-Satan) or of Sammael. These two religions, of the Magi and Zoroastrianism, dualistic as they were and still are believe, as Collins English Dictionary states, that *the universe has been ruled from its origins by two conflicting powers, one good and one evil, both existing as equal ultimate first causes.* Yet the Pentateuch clearly states in unequivocal terms that those worshipping the idols with their demons were the gentiles and the Israelites were not even the least afraid of their demons. Read *Deuteronomy 32:17* “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.” (NKJV) These demons are not known to the Israelites. They are just a new thing to them. According to Judaic religion, whatever wrong man chooses to do, man will suffer the consequences thereof. There is no buck passing to any incorporeal being such as Satan and his demons for any kind of influence.

Yet Jesus Christ is heard saying “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose an ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from

this bond on the Sabbath?" (NKJV) *Luke 13:15-16*. Jesus here uses the word Satan figuratively for an adversary. This is how Satan is conceptualized in the Judaic Religion. Jesus Christ was referring to the disease that poor woman was suffering from as Satan. It had crippled her and she could not walk straight. This woman might have been suffering from multiple sclerosis. *A chronic progressive disease of the central nervous system characterized by loss of some of the myelin sheath surrounding certain nerve fibres and resulting in speech and visual disorders, tremor, muscular incoordination and paralysis* as Collins English Dictionary puts it. Multiple sclerosis is really an enemy of the body. It is incurable even to this day. It causes the patient to suffer unbearable pains especially in the joints. It takes many years to kill one suffering from it. So Jesus, like all other Jews understands Satan figuratively as an enemy. The enemy of the body in this case is the disease.

Luke also writes these words in connection with Satan; *Luke 22:3-4* Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. (NKJV) Here Satan takes a form of an evil thought which enters human mind causing him to evil to others. The concept of Satan here resembles that of Greek daimon. In Matthew 4:1 it is written: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Most people, the world over who read the bible, take this line literally that Jesus was brought to Satan by the Spirit to be tempted. The truth is, God Almighty knew that after Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights he would be famished and the first thing he would desperately long for would be something to eat. Surely Jesus, seeing all the way he had to go before reaching home for something to eat, thought of using his powers 'as a son of God' to turn stones into bread. That temptation took place right inside his mind. He was also able to brush that thought aside. Soon his mind started playing tricks on him. He saw himself on the pinnacle of the temple. He heard a voice telling him to prove that he really was the son of God by throwing himself down for it is written angels

would fly down and catch him before hitting the ground. Jesus averted that thought again. Thoughts after thoughts came to him and he was also able to overcome them. After such thoughts had left him, angels who had been watching him from heaven, came down and helped him. (*GNB Matthew 4:11*) It could be the most absurd incident if Jesus could literally be tempted by Satan or the devil. To those who believe in Satan as an angel that was expelled from heaven, it would be like sending a prisoner serving a life sentence to tempt a judge of the Supreme Court.

John also writes about Satan. Read *John 8:44* John says Jesus once said: "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (NKJV) Now here Satan takes a new form altogether. Here he is not only an enemy that kills but also a liar. Jesus mixes what the Hebrews thought Satan was; a foe; with what the Greeks and Arabs perceived Satan to be; a calumniator. Jesus says Satan is the father of calumny. It then could not be improbably that Jesus had studied demonology. Most people wrongly think Jesus was referring to the snake that tempted Eve. Jesus is referring to the Arabic demonology which has Iblis (Satan) as the chief of all demons. Iblis and his demons reveled in chaos, destruction and carnage. So Jesus Christ used what they believed in so as to be fully understood by them

Let us hear what Paul says concerning Satan in *1Thessalonians 2:18* "Therefore we wanted to come to you – but Satan hindered us." (NKJV) Does Paul literally mean that Satan stood on their way? No, no, no! Here Paul is figurative. Whatever hindrance they could not overcome is here referred to as Satan.

Peter again has something to say concerning Satan. Read *1Peter 5:8* Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Peter here figuratively depicts Satan as fearsome as a lion that is busy devouring up people. He must be referring to sinning

but other biblical scholars would say he talks about The Roman Empire. He says sin (Satan) eats up people as if they are eaten up by the lion itself. If it is so, Peter then is one hundred percent correct. Sins eat up people. When people kill, rape and abuse one another, when some are busy eating unbalanced diet, or are busy subjecting themselves to all sorts of perils of this world and some getting hooked on drugs; they all in fact sin against God Almighty. All sins finish people up as if are devoured by hungry lions.

What does Jesus mean when he talks of Satan and his angels in hell? *Matthew 25:41* Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: (NKJV) This is a parable which is aimed at encouraging people to take care of one another especially the indigent. Jesus in most cases would talk in parables. His disciples who were puzzled by it asked Him why He spoke in parables and he answered: Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them has not been given. (NKJV) Satan and his angels in this parable symbolize sin. The bible states that sinning itself will eventually come to an end. It will be thrown into the fire and be burnt. This is the obliteration of sinning as a concept. Sin and sinning will then be no more. Read Revelation 20: 10 The devil, who deceive them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (NKJV)

What does Jesus mean when He says in *Luke 10:18* “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven?” What does Satan now do in heaven? Was he not, according to some writings, cast down to earth? Does it mean that he was driven out of heaven and was later pardoned and reinstated? If it is so, why is such an event not stated in the scriptures? What does Jesus then mean with these words? Jesus was warning his disciples that once a person has been endowed with powers over demons and diseases, in most cases, deceit falls upon him like lightning. Subsequently some would then use their powers to make money so as to be affluent here in this world.

Where according to the bible is Satan?

What the bible says Satan really is, has never changed. That is, Satan is an obedient spirit that is in heaven with God. What The Dictionary of The Bible says about Satan, citing the book of Job? “Here Satan appears as a member of the celestial council of angelic beings who have access to the presence of God. His special function is to watch over human affairs and beings with the object of searching out men’s sins and accusing them in the celestial court.” This Satan does not come up with fabrication to the celestial court. He states things as they are. He never lies. In the book of *Zechariah 3* he is found accusing Joshua the priest of the sins he had committed. In all these books Satan is presented a loyal, submissive, and very much responsible celestial being. Is this Satan the same one Enoch wrote about? If he is not then how many Satans are there? If there is only one Satan so it means Enoch’s Satan, which is known by almost all people on earth, is nothing but a fabrication.

Satan in the book of Job as well as in the book of Zechariah is not just figurative, but is a real celestial being. The Old Testament in most cases deals with things that really happened. In the Old Testament God Almighty is presented as omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient and omnicompetent. Omnipotent: *He is having unlimited power*. Omnipresent: *He is present in all places at the same time*. Omniscient: *He is having infinite knowledge or understanding*. Omnicompetent: *He is able to judge or deal with all matters*. These are His attributes.

God Almighty was able to see Adam and Eve defying Him miles away on earth. What then might have made Him not to quickly know about Satan’s plot to dethrone Him in Heaven? God Almighty got vexed with the iniquities of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah and summarily annihilated them and demolished their cities. He freed single handedly people from enslavement in Egypt. There is nothing that could challenge Him. Whatever tries to raise a head against him is subjugated with alacrity. The Judaic God has no opposition. He is really the Almighty God. Which god is this that had to give its archangel a magical sword to fight against

Lucifer. Surely this is not the Almighty God of Abraham, Jacob, Samuel, David, Job and all the prophets in the Holy Bible.

Where does then the concept of the Almighty God who struggles with opposing forces emanate from? Encyclopaedia Britannica states; “...pseudepigraphical Jewish literature offers a more developed demonology with some evidence of the influence of pagan literature.” It is this pagan literature that had created Satan and his demons. Witchcraft and sorcery practiced by people have turned Enoch’s Satan into a demi-god, and then Christians as well as Muslims propagated him.

The New Testament is largely to blame for this confusion for it never makes it clear to people that a Satan it refers to is neither a super incorporeal being, nor a rival to God Almighty, but only figurative. It never expounds on Satan as merely symbolic. The omniscient and omnipotent God could not have been so foolish as to create His own opposition and rival. Satan and his demons are the results of witchcraft and sorcery and should never be made equal with God in anyway. As South African Christians never preach tokoloshe, izizwe and abalozi in their churches, Christians the world over have to stop preaching Satan in their churches. If they wish to preach Satan they have to state that Satan is figuratively the personification of evil.

THE INTRODUCTION OF SATAN IN THE BIBLE.

The name Satan is mentioned in the Chronicles for the first time in the bible. Read 1Chronicles 21:1. You will also find Satan in the book of Job. The last book that mentions the name of Satan in the Old Testament is that of the prophet Zechariah. It is the New Testament that is busy telling us more and more about Satan. In the New Testament we learn of Satan as the king of darkness and even having his own kingdom of demons. *Such is not found in the Old Testament.* If Satan appears in the Old Testament, he is under the control of God Almighty and is very much submissive to Him. What nowadays is referred to as Satanism by most people, is referred to as sorcery in the

Pentateuch.

A Satanist Cult is in fact sorcery, as the Old Testament clearly puts it. Sorcery was, and even to these days is still practised all over the world. Nowadays it has been given this new name, which is Satanism. Some will argue that Satanism and sorcery are two different yet somehow related entities. But according to the Encyclopedic Dictionary of Cults, Sects, and World Religions they both use witchcraft as well as black-magic.

God Almighty never created Satan who became a rebellious angel. God Almighty is no fool. Only a nincompoop can deliberately create problems for himself. The Almighty God is not in any way an idiot.

2. DID GOD ALMIGHTY CREATE WITCHCRAFT AND SORCERY?

No, no, no! This question is tantamount to asking if God Almighty created the atomic bomb that did destruction in Japan or if God manufactures weapons of mass destruction most powerful countries possess? No, God Almighty had never done, never does, and will never do such things. *People possessed with evil spirits use the knowledge which was obtained from the fruit of the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden wrongly and manufacture these weapons.* God has nothing to do with these weapons. God has also nothing to do with witchcraft and sorcery which in fact is the invention of those still using their knowledge of good and evil wrongly.

The plain truth is, all sorts of demonology have to do with witchcraft and sorcery. It is piteous that people of the world under the influence of Christianity and Muslim religions ended up adopting demonology as part of their way of worship. Consciously or unconsciously ending up believing as they even to this day do, in two ethereal forces opposing each other. They believe in the power of good or light which is God and the power of evil or darkness which is Satan. They have fully adopted the teachings of the Magi, Manichaeism, as well as Zoroastrianism.

Witches, wizards and Satanists use their knowledge of witchcraft and sorcery to create demons, evil spirits and diabolic creatures and cause people to be hooked on them. Such had been done by them in the days of our ancestors. Such is still done by them even in our time. Sorcerers were, as they are even to this day, able to create the spirits of darkness. These spirits are found all over the world. They are owned and controlled by those practising witchcraft and sorcery. In Africa especially in South Africa, Zulu people refer to them as otokoloshe, izizwe and abalozzi. These spirits especially otokoloshe are said to be able to enter any place with ease. They could easily enter a fortified building with

the best security system. They could talk. They could appear and disappear. Izizwe are said to be able to cause people to go hysterical and ran away as if insane speaking in tongues or claiming to see things other people could not see. Abalozzi are said to be used by sangomas, African mediums, to help them in their divination. Yet people of South Africa have never confused these spirits with divine beings such as uMvelingqangi (The Precosmic One) which is God Almighty. They also have never put these spirits on par with God. All South Africans know that these spirits, especially tokoloshes and izizwe are manmade. They are the work of witchcraft and sorcery. No one gets even the least confused and claim God created them.

Christianity came to South Africa with devils and demons which almost all native converts did not fully understand. The converts just like the white Christians who brought Christianity ended up dualistic in their worship of God Almighty. They ended up preaching God Almighty and at the same breath, teaching people about Satan and his powers as well as his demons. As a result the converts and their descendants just like all other Christians the world over found themselves honouring God Almighty and acknowledging the existence of Satan and his demons. God and Satan in Christianity are great rivals. Most Christians would sin and blame it all on being tempted by Satan.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica states that witchcraft and sorcery were closely connected with matters of demonology. There is also a story in this Encyclopaedia which was written by Athanasius about Anthony who died in 355 or 366AD. This story states that Anthony was tempted and even attacked by the devil. The attacks were in such a way that those who witnessed them in broad daylight were convinced that they were real hand-to-hand encounters. At night the devil conjured up obscene visions which Anthony repelled by prayer and acts of physical penance. Anthony eventually defeated the devil.

In South Africa Anthony would have been said to be suffering from izizwe which are sometimes referred to as izipoliyane or ufufunyane. This is the work of witchcraft and

sorcery. People practising sorcery and witchcraft are able to create evil spirits which can change form and appearance or take a form of anything especially snakes, lizards and birds. Sorcerers can also easily destroy these familiar spirits if they so wish. Prayer and deep faith easily repel these spirits.

The Dictionary of the Bible states; "In the beginning these arts (magic, divination, and sorcery) were associated with religion; diviners and magicians were those thought to be most intimately connected with the Deity, and, owing to their superior knowledge of Him and His ways, were best able to learn His secrets or secure His aid. Among the Arabs the priest was originally also the soothsayer."

Micah the prophet has this to say about these people.

So the seers shall be ashamed,

And the diviners abashed;

Indeed they shall all cover their lips;

For there is no answer from God. (NKJV) Micah 3:7

The word magic was derived from the word Magi. Magi meant wise men. The wise men could also do a lot of magic and magic tricks. These people, as Herodotus put it, formed one of six tribes or castes of the Medes.

Who are the Medes?

The Dictionary of the Bible states that; *the Medes were the first of the Iranian immigrants to form a settled government on the borders of the old Semitic realm. The Magi therefore would be an aboriginal sacred caste... It also states that ...they conformed to the religion of the conquerors, profoundly altering character as they did so, and thus gained the opportunity of re-asserting their own sacred functions among their fellow-countrymen. They were also good at astrology, divination by dreams as well as magic.*

VALUABLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ancient religions of the people of the Middle East are:

1. The Magianism (religion of the Magi),
2. The Manichaeism (religion of the prophet Mani)
3. Zoroastrianism (religion of the prophet Zarathushtra the

Iranian name or Zoroaster the Greek pronunciation thereof).

These religions had a great influence on Judaic religion. It was Zoroastrianism in particular that influenced Judaic greatly. This influence subsequently spilled over to Christianity. Christianity in return created a better picture of heaven and hell, claiming hell to be in juxtaposition to heaven. The concept is in fact quite correct. *Emmanuel Keih Revelation* clearly puts it, saying that *in fact it is not a hell but a hospital for the sick souls*. This revelation concurs with the concept that souls have first to go via Hades so as to be purified before entering heaven.

Hades in fact is a hospital for souls and not the place of punishment. According to *EKR*; SOULS ARE SINLESS. Souls have never come out of anyone's body to sin and then re-enter it. God the most knowledgeable, could not allow for the soul to be punished for sins it never committed. The flesh, according to *EKR* is punished here on earth. The Holy bible says that the punishment for most heinous sins never ends with the perpetrator only, but it also falls upon his or her generations. Read *Exodus 20:5 For I, the Lord your God, am a jealousy God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.* (NKJV)

Jesus even tells us of a rich man and a poor man called Lazarus. To many people this is only a parable but the fact is, Jesus wanted us to have an idea of the set up of things in heaven. The Hades, a rich man's soul was in, is the hospital for sick souls in heaven. That is why that rich man was able to see Lazarus with Abraham in the section set aside for healthy souls in heaven.

If a good person dies, whose soul is not diseased, it goes straight to heaven in the company of angels. If an evil man dies, his sully soul will start by going through a healing process in The Hospital for the Sick (HSS). If his soul is not in a critical condition, it might not be quarantined but allowed to move around in the hospital yard just like that of a rich man. If his soul is lucky enough, it might even see souls belonging to people it knows on the other side of the border which divides the hospital premises from the place of good

souls which is paradise. That is why the rich man was heard talking to Lazarus yet could not come into contact with him. Read *Luke 16:19-31*.

Was the flame which tormented the rich man symbolical or not? It goes without saying that the flame was symbolical. Someone burning in flames could not be able to stand up and talk to someone a distance from him. Flames could not allow him to do so. A person in flames usually runs around frantically not even aware of what is taking place next to him. So the rich man was in hospital feeling the flames of treatment he was receiving there.

Theodicy, which according to Reader's Digest Great Illustrated Dictionary, *is a vindication of divine justice in the face of the paradox that God is both omnipotent and benevolent and yet permits evil to exist among men*. The stance EKR takes is; The first human beings, Adam and Eve, on their own waywardness and stubbornness transgressed and ate the fruit they were instructed not to eat. As a result they were able to discriminate between what is good and evil, for their mental faculty had developed a sense of knowledge. God drove them out of Eden. To this day it is up to us to choose between right and wrong. God never intervenes to permit for both right and wrong doing. We make these choices on our own free will. It is the fulfillment of what God Almighty said to Adam and Eve: *"Behold , the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil."* (NKJV) Genesis 3:22.

People on their own volition in most cases choose to do evil things. They choose to do evil they know. They choose to do evil they have heard of. They also choose to do evil they have been warned about. No one can just do drugs having not seen someone doing it, or having not been informed or warned about it. At their own discretion, being not forced to do so in any way, many people just like Adam and Eve of old, choose to do evil things.

When a person has long been bogged in evil deeds, evil in turn possesses him. It is just like doing drugs, which in turn take control of its perpetual doer turning him or her into an addict. A condition one could not easily free oneself

from, but through strict medication and rehabilitation processes. Evil spirits and their evil powers are made by people using their power of invention wrongly. When their evil spirits get out of control, unfortunately, people would claim those evil spirits to have been created by God. If God Almighty had truly created evil spirits and demons, He would have made that known to us all. God Almighty had mentioned all He had created. Evil spirits, Satan and his demons are not mentioned in the story of creation because God Almighty never created these diabolical forces but are all manmade.

Through the love of God Almighty there is a solution to evil spirits. The name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is powerful enough over demonic forces. The power of the name of Jesus Christ has been used to exorcise people of these evil powers ever since Christianity came into existence. The power of the name of Jesus Christ is known in South Africa for being able to free even those possessed of the spirits of their ancestors from becoming sangomas (traditional diviners). What Anthony relied on in 300AD is still very much effective in our time, the 21st century. That is the power of the name of Jesus Christ. Anyone can do what Anthony did as long as he or she has strong faith and belief in Jesus Christ and is not shy or ashamed of calling upon His name with all his or her conviction. This evidence proves beyond doubt that Jesus Christ really is the son of God Almighty.

3. DID GOD CREATE A NEW EARTH?

The book of Genesis appropriately states that God did not create a new earth but He made what was there to be suitable for His fauna and flora He later created. Prior to that earth is said to have been void and without form. It was submerged under water and was darkness all over. Lord God Almighty is said in Genesis to have created all things we see; in the sky, on earth as well as in the seas. Nothing according to Genesis evolved on its own. All things came to being through the word from Lord God Almighty Himself.

It has also been proven scientifically that there was a period when the whole earth was under water. Scientists postulate that climatic changes such as global warming might have resulted in severe flooding resulting in most creatures that were on earth that time to becoming extinct. Some palaeolithic writings of the Arabs concur with the book of Genesis in mentioning that long long ago mighty floods which lasted for days really took place here on earth. Contemporary scientists also affirm through their modern scientific investigation that planet earth had been flooded more than once. Therefore one can safely deduce that after the last prehistoric floods God's Spirit, as Genesis 1:2 states, hovered over the face of the waters and made earth habitable to human beings, animals and plants. It then could not be far-fetched that God Almighty could, if He so wishes, destroy everything on earth and thereafter create whatever He might wish to create to start life all over again on earth. What happened to the dinosaurs could happen to the creation our forefathers marveled at, and we are so much fascinated with. God Almighty is undeniably the sole creator of the universe.

Those believing in Evolution deceive themselves. Evolution is strangely one sided. It only delves on one aspect of creation, explaining in grotesque details how unicellular animals evolved and ended up being human beings. It is grotesque for to this day unicellular animals still exist. They never give answers to; Why unicellular animals we have to this day never continue to evolve until they crawl out of the

sea water as human beings? What stopped them from evolving? Another question they have never answered is: How grass, trees, shrubs in their diversity evolved? We only hear of aquatic animals leaving sea waters for land and later on developing limbs and starting to climb up trees. How did trees evolve? *Trees should have been grass which evolved into herbaceous plants that evolved into semi woody shrubs and shrubs evolved into woody trees.* This is how gross the theory of evolution is. Unfortunately the erudite world over accept it as factual. Black people could evolve through mutation to white people. Black bears could evolve through mutation to white bears. But an ape could never evolve and become a human being. If apes could evolve and become human beings, there would be no apes left.

God Almighty created it all and nothing came into being on its own through evolution.

4. IS CHRISTIANITY REALLY MONOTHEISTIC?

There are Christian denominations which claim that Christianity is not monotheistic. They put it in no uncertain terms that Christendom, except them, worships many Gods. Those Christian denominations are: The Jehovah's Witnesses, Oneness Pentecostalism, Unification Church, The Way International, Worldwide Church of God, Christadelphianism and other smaller Christian groupings.

It is an undeniable fact that The Holy Trinity is not found in the bible. Nevertheless there is a lot Christians say that is not found in the bible yet Christians never dispute it. Here is some of it.

- a) Most Christians say a snake that tempted Eve was Satan incarnate, yet that is not written in the bible.
- b) Most Christians say Satan was once an arch-angel of God Almighty, yet it is not found in the bible.
- c) The existence of two ethereal kingdoms, one of God Almighty and the other of Satan and his demons, is not found in the bible yet almost all Christians preach it.
- d) Some Christians claim that there are seven heavens, which also is not found in the bible.

For all these unsubstantiated sayings I have just mentioned and many more I did not mention, Christians have never involved themselves in disputation resulting in schisms and proselytizing. But say to Christians: "There is the Holy Trinity." Then unimaginable contention will be ignited.

Christians should not be scared to proclaim that Jesus is the son of God, for the bible says so. Other people are busy counting and ending up saying: "*So it means Christians worship three gods.*" Read what God Almighty says to us through His Prophet Isaiah: "My thoughts," says the Lord, 'are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours.'" Isaiah 55:8 (GNB) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. (NKJV)

The essence of Christianity is faith not analytic and comparative thinking. That is why Christians believe that

Jesus Christ was born of the Holy Spirit, as Matthew puts it that Mary was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit. What really happened to Mary is far beyond our knowledge which is limited to gametocyte. What happened to Mary defies scientific and biological explanation concerning viviparous gestation.

The bible, just like the universe, has what our mortal minds could not fully comprehend and our science with its most modern technology could not give answers to. Here are some incidents from the bible which our minds and scientific investigation could not give answers to:

- a) Three people were translated straight from earth to heaven. The first one is Enoch. The second one is Elijah the Prophet and the last one is Jesus Christ. (*Genesis 5:24; 2Kings 2:11; Acts 1:9*)
- b) Moses struck a rock twice in the wilderness and a lot of water came out gushing from it. (*Numbers: 20:11*)
- c) Big rocks once fell down from the sky upon the alliance of the army of three kings who fought against Israel and the rotation of the earth round the sun was made slower causing the day to be longer. (*Joshua 10:11-1*)
- d) A donkey talked to its master. (*Numbers 22: 28-30*)
- e) Ravens once brought Elijah the prophet of God Almighty who was in a hiding place at His command bread and meat twice a day. (*1Kings 17:6*)
- f) Jonah was swallowed by a big fish, and spent three days and three nights in its belly before getting spat out on the sea shore. (*Jonah 1:17*)
- g) Naaman was entirely cured of his leprosy simply by dipping himself seven times in the River Jordan at the command of Elisha the prophet. (*2Kings 5:14*)
- h) Elisha once pleaded with God Almighty to cause the whole Syrian army to go blind and at once all its soldiers were blind. (*2Kings 6:18*)
- i) Lazarus, who had been four days dead and buried was commanded by Jesus to come out of his grave alive, which Lazarus did. (*Johan 11:44*)
- j) A man who was born lame and had not walked on his own

since birth stood on his healthy legs and strong ankles and feet after he had been commanded by Peter to do so, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. (Acts 3:6-8)

The bible is full of mysteries, yet people seem to fail to realize that and pile all their criticism upon the Holy Trinity. They fail to understand that no one could count God Almighty. They seem to forget that God Almighty is Spirit which could not be analysed or counted. They seem not to have understood, when Jesus says in Johan 4:24: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him, must worship in spirit and truth."(NKJV) How can a person count that which is Spirit? An incorporeal being is not the least like a human being.

The bible says Jesus who has been a spiritual being was embodied so as to be able to live among people. Each and every human being has a spiritual element within himself or herself which makes human beings spiritual beings to a lesser extent. The spiritual component in human beings can be developed or defiled.

Spirits and their existence where they are have never been seen by those in flesh. Therefore it would be falsehood for one in flesh to describe life in the spiritual world. One has to die and release one's spirit to the spiritual world first, for one to fully comprehend spiritual life. Paul has put it correctly when he said: "To have faith is to be sure of things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1 *The New Kings James Version* says: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The vehicle of faith is credence.

Christians with unconditional faith should in fact unanimously agree with Jesus Christ himself when he says to Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (NKJV) Jesus, who is said to have been conceived of the Holy Spirit which all Christians should believe with no reservations, promised his disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit.

It will be very much dubious of a Christian who believes in God Almighty and his Son Jesus Christ to raise a

question: *“Which Holy Spirit did Jesus Christ send, the one through which he was conceived or the other one?”* This question and all other sarcastic questions should be asked only by those opposed to Christianity as well as by those contemptuous thereof.

Faith and belief have nothing to do with reckoning, similarities and dissimilarities. Christians should believe without counting numbers that God sent His Son to earth. They must also believe in the existence of the Holy Spirit without adding or taking away anything. Counting and looking at similarities and dissimilarities should be left to non-Christians to waste their time on.

What people should know is; Christianity is monotheist. Let us look at the Son of God as well as all other sons of God found in the bible which are numerous.

A. The first one is Jesus Christ.

God Almighty said Himself: “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.” Matthew 3:17 (GNB) The Prophet Isaiah says: “For unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (NKJV) People read the bible all the time yet what Isaiah says always eludes them. According to Isaiah’s prophecy Jesus has many names:

- a) He is Wonderful.
- b) He is Counselor.
- c) He is Mighty God.
- d) He is Everlasting Father.
- e) He is Prince of Peace.

It is by the will of God which is always done in heaven which must also be done here on earth that Jesus Christ has all these names. So if one can pray to Jesus Christ and say: “Wonderful I thank you.” The other one says: “Oh Counselor help me.” The other one says: “Mighty God I worship you.” The other one says: “Prince of Peace you are so good to me.” The other one says: “Thank you Jesus Christ of Nazareth we have finished.” To someone who does not read the bible and

one who does not understand it well, it will be as if these people pray to many gods. If God Almighty told Isaiah to tell us that Jesus Christ is Mighty God only an apostate or a non-believer can challenge Him for that.

Let us hear what Paul says of Jesus Christ in his letter to the Romans chapter 1:1-4 “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God - the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.” (HBNIV)

Those who say when Jesus was crucified God Almighty Himself hang on the cross, must read what Paul says to the Galatians chapter 1:1 “Paul, an apostle sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead.” (HBNIV) If what they say is something to go by, it means God Almighty sent Himself down to earth to be born of Mary. If this is what they think, it means God Almighty called upon Himself on the cross saying: “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” It also means God Almighty raised Himself from death. This is nonsensical which true Christians should not entertain.

B. There are also heavenly sons of God.

Read Job 1:6 “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord...” Job 2:1 “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord...”

C. People of Israel were once sons and daughters of God Almighty.

Read Isaiah 43:6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the South, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth.’ (NKJV)

D. Jesus Christ teaches people in his sermon on the mountain how they can also become children of God Almighty.

Read Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

E. Paul says those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ and such are sons and heirs of God Almighty through Christ.

Read Galatians 4:6-7 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Christians who deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, then they also deny that they, themselves are sons, daughters and heirs of God through Christ.

Christians have also to learn to stop turning against one another. Jesus warns them of such a bad conduct in Mark 3: 24-25 saying: "If a kingdom is divided against itself that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."(GNB) Christianity is the biggest religious body which is divided into numerous non violent parts called denominations that unfortunately keep on undermining one another. It is paradoxical that these divisions in Christianity have more advantages than disadvantages. The most prominent advantage is that they fuel the spread of Christianity from all directions.

Forbearance Christian denominations have with one another attest to Jesus Christ teachings when he says: "For whoever is not against us is for us." (GNB) Paul also condones these divisions as he says in his letter to the Philippians 1:17-18; "The others do not proclaim Christ sincerely, but from a spirit of selfish ambition... It does not matter! I am happy about it - so long as Christ is preached in every way possible, whether from wrong or right motives."

Christianity is monotheistic yet paradoxically Christians believe in Lord God Almighty, as well as His son Jesus Christ the King of Christians and in the Holy Spirit.

What I have just mentioned never makes Christians to worship many gods. They worship one God, the Lord God Almighty. Jesus Christ is the spiritual being from heaven that was made flesh so as to be able to interact with human beings. The bible states without reservations that presently Jesus Christ sits on the right hand side of Lord God Almighty. All Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God.

If a king has a son will it be wise of us to call that son a king as well. No, that would be stupid of us, for a son of a king is a son of a king. We could not say: "Because a king has a son so we have two kings." If a second son is born, it would be foolish of us to say now we have three kings. There will always be one king with his two sons, the princes.

Jesus, the bible states categorically clear that HE IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE. God omniscient as He is, knew that people will also call him a wonderful counselor. Others will even call him mighty God. Others may even call him everlasting father. All these names will never change Jesus Christ from being what he was and what he will always be; THE SON OF GOD.

5. WAS CANAAN REALLY THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY? (If it was, what changed it?)

The book by Andrew Collins, *From The Ashes of Angels*, has given me an answer to this question which used to pester me a lot. It made it clear to me why Canaan was said to be the land of milk and honey. The book states that the regions of the Middle East once had very good summer rains. *Chapter 15, from The Ashes of Angels, under the sub-heading The Hero Gilgamesh reads thus:*

“Palaeo-climatological research has shown that... forests replaced the cold tundra and sparse grasslands that had covered the lower valley regions of the Kurdish highlands after the final retreat of the Ice Age, somewhere around 8500 BC. The appearance of powerful Asian Monsoons in northern Mesopotamia and north-west Iran around this time had brought about dramatic changes in the climatic conditions of the Kurdish highlands, creating vast inland lakes as well as the proliferation of lush vegetation during the spring and summer months. Thick forests of deciduous trees, including cedars, began to grow in the valleys and on mountain slopes, while the higher elevations turned into lush grasslands, ideal for cultivation.

“Yet then, sometime between 3000 and 2000 BC, these Asian Monsoons slowly retreated, leaving the region devoid of its essential spring and summer rains. As a consequence, the lower valleys suffered most, with a reduction in the variety of vegetation, and a slow desiccation of the neighbouring lowland regions, a process that continues to this day.”

Now read Deuteronomy 11:10-14 *“For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year. And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the*

latter rain..." (NKJV)

That land, Canaan, which is part of the Middle East regions no longer enjoys those good rains. The rains Andrew Collins says, once transformed the Middle East into a place of thick forests and lush vegetation which was seasonally watered by powerful Asian Monsoons.

Is this not also the fulfillment of the prophesy by Jeremiah the prophet which was directed to Babylon as he says in chapter 50:12-13 "*Behold, the least of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land and a desert.*" (NKJV) This prophecy also tells us that regions of Babylon which is now Iraq, were once not a desert, they are these days. Jeremiah could not say of Babylon which was already a desert it would be a desert. That would not make sense.

Moreover it seems the Almighty God was not only referring to the city of Babylon but also to all areas under Babylonian rule which was the whole of the Middle East. With all those prophetic words warning them, people continued transgressing against God Almighty, by worshipping Him and at the same time praying to idols and evil spirits referring to them as God Almighty equals. Eventually they stopped altogether to worship God Almighty. God could not take it any longer. Then as if it was created hostile, the whole of the Middle East lost its summer rains and was turned into the desert it is.

Here is EKR warning. If the majority of people in the whole world could go dualistic in their worship of God Almighty, or forsake Him altogether and worship other gods, the whole world will be turned into a desert or will become uninhabitable with catastrophic consequences to humanity and all living things. So it is up to us individually to decide our relationship with our Almighty God. Emmanuel K Revelation has also this to say: Countries whose governments and the majority of their citizens forsake God Almighty or tolerate or engage themselves in evil practices which God Almighty abhors, will be the first to be totally destroyed by natural forces.

6. DID WAR IN HEAVEN REALLY TAKE PLACE?

I had also asked someone this question before the Almighty God revealed answers to me. The answer I got was from the book of The Prophet *Isaiah 14:11-12*. It reads thus: Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you. How you are fallen from heaven, o Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! (NKJV)

The name Lucifer means morning star which later became synonymous with Satan. Hence *son of the morning* which is the *bright morning star* verse 12 is called Lucifer. We know this star as Venus. It was named after Venus the Roman goddess of love which in Greek language is called Aphrodite. As time went on people were heard, to this day, citing *Isaiah 14:11-12* that Satan was cast out of heaven and thrown down to earth. They say so referring to these words: “*you have fallen from heaven*” (GNBTEV). Enoch in his book of questionable authenticity (apocryphal) wrote that Satan revolted against God Almighty in heaven and as a result suffered expulsion together with his demons. People call his expulsion from heaven, “Fall from Grace.”

Anyone can easily be justified in thinking that the verse from *Isaiah 14:12* refers to the expulsion of Satan from heaven. But the truth is, here The Prophet is referring to the fall of Babylon, an ancient city which was built in the land nowadays known as Iraq. Babylon was as glamorous as a morning star. There is therefore no similarity whatsoever between Satan and that ancient city of Iraq. Satan is a spiritual being and Babylon was a man made city here on earth.

Someone opened a book of Revelation for me. It was chapter 12:7-8 which reads: *Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, who fought back with his angels; but the dragon was defeated, and he and his angels were not allowed to stay in heaven any longer. (GNB)* If we continue with verse 9, it says; *The huge dragon was thrown out - that ancient serpent, called the Devil, or Satan, that deceived the whole world. He was thrown down to earth, and all his angels with him. (GNB)*

Now let us take a closer look at the book of The Revelation with greater attention to what its verses say concerning this incident. What stands out clearly is that this war takes place after the seventh trumpet has been sounded by the seventh angel. Read Revelation 11:15. So to this day this war has not yet happened. It is predicted to happen after the seventh trumpet has been sounded by the seventh angel. Presently no celestial trumpet has been sounded.

Let us then look at what has been said earlier in the book of Revelation. *Rev 1:1* reads; *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.* (NKJV) Here it is clearly stated that Jesus reveals to John things that have not yet happened but that will eventually happen. Let us read *Rev 1:19* *Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.* (NKJV) *Rev 4:1* Read the last sentence “*Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.*” (NKJV)

The crux of the book of Revelation is about things to come not things that had come to pass. *Rev 4:1* and *Rev 1:1* concur in stating that John will learn of things that have to come. *Rev 1:19* states; *...and the things which will take place after this.* (NKJV)

Revelation 5 clearly tells us about what will happen before dooms-day. *Rev 5:3* states that *no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth would be able to open the scroll, or to read from it.* Mind you, this is the scroll of death and destruction to the whole universe. It is not the scroll, as most preachers like to say, which Jesus Christ figuratively volunteered to open, meaning He agreed to be born on earth knowing very well that he would later be crucified. During this time, the prophecy is, it will only be Jesus Christ who will be brave enough to take the scroll of Doomsday, open it and read from it. What will cause Jesus to be so bold?

Jesus Christ will do so confident enough that those who believe in Him who will still be on earth, will not perish but will be translated straight to heaven, as stated in the second letter to the Thessalonians chapter 4:16-17. *Rev 5:9-10* gives us a glimpse of how heavenly beings would react to his

opening of the scroll; And they sang a new song, saying: *“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”* (NKJV) The First Epistle to the Thessalonians 4:17 is more vivid; *Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.* (NKJV) They say: *“... for you were slain...”* It is a mystery how some Christian preach that it was the scroll of an agreement he made with God to go down to earth and be slain.

Revelation chapter 6 sums up beautifully what will happen on earth when the Lamb breaks open the seals of the scroll. It says there will be death and destruction on earth. This chapter ends with these words: 17 *“For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”* And these are the words people who will be left on earth after others have been translated to heaven will be uttering. Rev 7 tells us how angels will get ready for the destruction of the world. It also tells us how 144 000 people from the twelve tribes of Israel will be marked with God Almighty seal on their foreheads as they enter heaven. The book of Revelation states it clearly and in no uncertain terms that the Jews will enter heaven first, with the seal of God Almighty on their foreheads. What then will happen to Christians the world over? Rev 7:13-14 says *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”* (NKJV)

What will happen when Jesus breaks the seventh seal? The book of *Revelation 8:1-2* says: *When the Lamb broke open the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets.* (GNB) The angels will then begin to blow trumpets one after the other. After each trumpet has been sounded terrible things will happen on earth.

When the seventh angel sounds the trumpet an

incident of a woman and the Dragon will come to pass. Thereafter “WAR WILL BREAK OUT IN HEAVEN.” Then Michael and his angels will fight against the dragon. After this war Satan will be driven out of heaven. Frances Jane van Alstyne, born in 1820 and died in 1915, in her hymn Blessed Assurance wrote: O what a foretaste of glory divine. I say: O what a foretaste of things to come. All this attests to the fact that the war in heaven has not yet taken place. It also affirms to the fact that God Almighty is really OMNISCIENT. He knows everything and nothing takes Him by surprise. Enoch wrote fabrication about his version of war in heaven which took God by surprise. To this day not a single angel has sounded a trumpet and none of us has been translated to heaven. It is pitiable that most people believe that once a war took place in heaven. Most Christian preachers preach this heresy. But the truth is, presently and previously, there has never been a war in heaven.

What people have to know about Satan, the loyal spirit of God and God Himself is that God never sends Satan out to tempt anybody. According to the bible God sent Satan to tempt only the most righteous. Only two people are in records as having been so righteous that they qualified to be tempted by that spirit, not just anyone. Both those two people from different places in different times passed their tests in flying colours. The first one is Job and the second one is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. There has never been another person to whom God Almighty has ever sent His loyal spirit, Satan to test. Those who claim to have been tested or tempted by Satan propagate falsehood. The bible has nothing to conceal and leave out to speculation.

People like Adam and Eve: who disobeyed God Almighty, Cain: who killed his brother, Jacob: who stole his brother’s birth right, Judah: who impregnated his daughter-in-law, Samson: who deliberately and obstinately fell in love with a gentile woman, King Saul: who out of greed kept the fat cattle and sheep for himself, King David: who out of lechery killed Uriah and took his wife, Absalom: who out of hunger for power fought against his father and being uncouth

had sexual intercourse with the wives of his father King David, King Solomon: who on his own volition worshipped idols, King Ahab: who killed Naboth for his vineyard, Judas Iscariot: who betrayed his Lord and Master Jesus Christ; to mention these few people; the bible never mentions that Satan ever tempted them to commit their respective evil deeds. The bible says each and every one of us will be held accountable for our own iniquities. Yet after being caught committing whatever wrong, we boldly and without any reservations blame it all on Satan for having tempted us. Barring the episodes of these two righteous people Job and Jesus, there is not a single line in the bible which says God sends out Satan to tempt people here on earth.

Someone may ask what Jesus Christ meant by these words in His Prayer: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:13 I like this line even more when written like this: Do not bring us to hard testing. (GNB) Yes, it is God Himself who tempts and tests us. Not Satan. There are numerous people in the bible who were tested by God Almighty. Let me mention just a few; Adam and Eve: failed the test. Lot and his family: unfortunately his wife failed the test. The Israelites: occasionally failed the test. Some prophets, King David, King Solomon and other kings of both Kingdoms; Israel and Judah and many people in the bible: failed the test . Abraham, Joseph, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Jesus Christ, Paul and all apostles: all went through rigorous tests from God Almighty and they all passed with flying colours. That is why Paul was heard saying: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2Timothy4:7 (*HBNIV*)

a) Question: Does God have rivals?

Answer: No. God Almighty does not have rivals. It is only people who have problems of rivals and enemies who in most cases have to contend with and sometimes fight against.

b) Question: Could God Almighty have also created some super spiritual beings to oppose Him?

Answer: No. God Almighty is omniscient, and He never does stupid things.

The Pentateuch as well as all the books of the prophets says nothing about the existence of other super spiritual beings and their rivalry against God. In these books God Almighty is without opposition. God Almighty is seen in the first parts of the book of Genesis being in close contact with His creation particularly Adam and Eve. After Adam and Eve had eaten fruit of the tree of the knowledge, God is said to have cursed and driven them all out of The Garden of Eden. He also commented saying: "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil." *Genesis 3:22*

That is the last time God Almighty is ever heard communicating with Adam and Eve. Lord God Almighty is reported to have had walks with Enoch for three hundred years before taking him with Him to heaven. *Read Genesis 5:22*. There is no conversation that was ever recorded between Enoch and God Almighty in all those years. The second man who finds favour with God Almighty for being just and perfect in his generation is Noah. Noah is also reported to have walked with God Almighty just like Enoch. *Read Genesis 6:8-9*. God Almighty is heard talking to Noah, instructing him to build an ark for He would destroy all in the face of the earth in a flood. Noah never raises any objections but starts without delay to build the ark.

I am sure you know almost all of the following incidents. The destruction of two evil cities by God. Abraham sends away Ishmael following his wife's evil thoughts. Rebekah causes Jacob to steal Isaac's blessings pretending to be Esau to his blind father. Joseph is sold by his brothers, and eventually finds himself in Egypt where he becomes a prominent person. Moses kills an Egyptian. People of Israel seeing Moses not coming back from the mountain where he has gone to, under God's instructions, on their own they start to worship an idol, a bullock, Aaron has fashioned out of their jewelry. We also find David taking Bathsheba the wife of Uriah after Joab has been

instructed by David to put Uriah in the forefront where the battle is the hottest so he could be killed, and Uriah is killed. We find kings of Israel sinning against God Almighty by worshipping other gods, the idols. In all these events, there is no mention of any influence from the devil. *Yet since the beginning of Christianity to this day, most people are busy getting convinced that the devil has all along been deceiving people into sinning against God Almighty from the days of Adam and Eve to this day.*

When the devil is mentioned in the bible he is in heaven with all other heavenly beings and talking amicably with God. He is very much loyal with unquestionable and unequivocal obedience to Him. *Read 1 Kings 22:20-22.* Whatever Satan does, he does it with a full permission from the Almighty God.

We also find him in the book of Job. *Read Job 1:6-21 as well as Job 2:1-13. Job 1:6 reads like this: "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them." (NKJV)* Read more on this story under the topic False Priests and Pastors and their Characteristics chapter 16 under 16.10.

In the book of the prophet *Zechariah 3: 1-9* we also find Satan with God Almighty as well as His angels in heaven holding a discussion. The Lord God Almighty wants to cleanse Joshua of his iniquities yet Satan is very much opposed to that. *Zechariah 3:2* reads: And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" (NKJV) (Referring to Joshua the priest.) *Zechariah 3:3* reads: Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. (NKJV) *Zechariah 3:4* Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." (NKJV) We do not hear any more objections from Satan but he just keeps quiet.

The only records we have from the bible of a rebellious Satan are in the New Testament in the book of The

Revelation written by the blind John. *Revelation 12:7-9.*

12:7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

12:8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. (NKJV)

12:9 The huge dragon was thrown out – that ancient serpent, called the Devil, or Satan, that deceived the whole world. He was thrown down to earth, and all his angels with him. (Holy Bible Good News Edition)

After reading these verses, one can quickly be convinced that there was once really a war in heaven and Satan was defeated. Yet the truth is there has never been any war in heaven for John in the first chapter of his book clearly states that he writes about things that have not yet taken place. Good News Bible in its introduction states that The Revelation to John was written at a time when Christians were being persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Saint John was exiled in the isle of Patmos by Domitian who ruled the Roman Empire those days and the Book of Revelation was written in 97 A.D.

If John is not referring to things yet to come, does it then mean that the war in heaven; Michael together with his angels fighting against Satan and his angels; took place at a time when Christians were being persecuted for their faith? No! It does not mean that. All John writes about are things that have yet to happen. Many believe the book of Revelation has hidden meaning in it. Jesus Himself once spoke in tongues no one could understand, on the cross, causing some to think He was calling upon Eli but when it has been interpreted its full meaning was known. In Babylon the writing on the wall was later interpreted by Daniel. Why is this book of Revelation so unique as not to have its hidden meaning made known to us in the bible? Is there really any hidden meaning in the book of revelation? As far as I know there is nothing that is hidden in the bible. Even the most shameful sin committed by very much prominent people is written down as it is in the bible. Why the book of Revelation then

so unique as to have some hidden meanings in it?

Most biblical scholars say the meaning in the book of Revelation is shrouded so as to be understood by Christians who were persecuted by the Romans especially during the times of Nero (37-68 AD) in Rome. This poses no controversy for it goes without saying that Domitian was continuing with what was started by Nero, which is brutal persecution of Christians. John then was encouraging them not to despair for Rome, which he referred to as Babylon, would soon be destroyed. We still have Rome. The irony is in it is the Vatican City. Therefore which Rome (Babylon) then did John refer to? This hidden meaning then lends itself to a lot of speculation and guesswork to those trying to interpret it. This hidden meaning in the book of Revelation is more or less the same as that of Satan. All over the bible, from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation; Satan is speculated to be hidden in almost all books. Those who say this about Satan have found him in a form of a snake in the Garden of Eden. They find him in the form of Pharaoh of the Egyptians. They find him in a form of Delilah in the story of Samson and so on and so forth. These people have succeeded in making people the world over fully understand the existence of Satan and his demons. Most people would question the existence of God Almighty but a few doubt the existence of Satan. They claim it to have been revealed to them that Satan is represented in all books of the bible. It is pitiable that what has never existed is accepted as existing and what existed and still exist and will always exist, take pains for people to accept it. The truth is Satan in the Old Testament is found busy in action in the book of 1Kings 22:21-22; 2Chronicles 18:20-21 (*the repeat of the same story*), the book of Job and the book of the prophet Zechariah.

In the book of the *1st Chronicles 21:1* and *2nd Samuel 24:1* two verses tell us identically the same incident but involving two different ethereal beings.

A. *2Samuel 24:1* reads: Again the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and

Judah.”

B. *1Chronicles 21:1* reads: Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. (NKJV)

Reader’s Digest Great People of Faith and Wisdom states clearly that these are two versions. The version found in *2Samuel 24* was written before the Babylonian captivity whereas the version in *1Chronicles 21* is post-exilic. It also states that “Babylonian captivity, which began in 586 B.C, brought the Jews into contact with Zoroastrianism. Zoroastrianism believed in two super spiritual beings, Ahura-Mazda, *the Supreme God of Light and Truth* and Angra Mainyu which *is Satan*.”

In the New Testament Satan and his demons are mentioned now and then, yet there is no mention of him being equal to God Almighty. In *Matthew 4*, the Spirit which is not specifically described is seen leading Jesus Christ into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus could not yield to those temptations. Surely this is something more like what Job went through but with Jesus it lasts only an hour or two. In both instances God Almighty is allowing the devil to tempt them. In both instances Satan is defeated.

In *Matthew 12:24* we hear the Pharisees accusing Jesus of casting out demons using powers he receives from *Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons*. These Pharisees are obviously knowledgeable when it comes to demonology and the hierarchy thereof. I then quickly took my father’s Dictionary of the Bible to find out who Beelzebub really was. The dictionary states that Beelzebub was nothing more than a Philistine god named Beelzebub which was worshipped at Ekron whose name was later pronounced as Baalzebub which then denoted him *the prince of devils*.

Jesus makes a parable in which the devil is found busy doing something. Read *Matthew 13:39* “The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of age, and the reapers are the angels.” (NKJV) Jesus now teaches us that Satan is busy sowing evil among the people. But this is only

a parable not something that really happened. Jesus understood Satan in the same way as the dictionary states, *that the word Satan is Hebrew and means "adversary"*. He also says it Himself that it is the enemy he talks about which in Hebrew language is Satan, Hasatan. In Hebrew language whatever opposes or is a foe is referred to as Hasatan. Satan to them is not a super celestial being but figuratively means an adversary.

Conclusion

Did it ever occur that there was once a war of some kind in heaven among the angels?

The answer is an emphatic No! The Almighty God's WILL is always done in heaven. The literature with gods and goddesses that fought one another or of gods and goddesses that were in contention against one another is that of Ancient Greek, Indian, as well as Arabic mythology. The influence of this literature got into Judaic religion and later was passed on to Christianity through the writings especially of Enoch. The consequence thereof is people getting either directly or indirectly dualistic or pluralistic in the way they worship God. Some also get themselves confused as which is which, who is who, where is who and what is who?

7. DID SATAN ENTER A SNAKE SO AS TO BE ABLE TO DECEIVE EVE?

When God Almighty gives His instruction to Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, the bible never states that He first drove away animals that were next to where Adam was or that He took Adam to a secluded corner of the garden to tell him that instruction. This gives us a clear picture of Adam being given this instruction by God openly with creatures that happened to be nearby hearing it all. It also could not be contentious that the snake was also there and heard everything. God was heard telling Adam in no figurative expression what that fruit were capable of doing to people. Genesis 2:17 "...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (NKJV) Some people incorrectly claim it was the snake that told Eve for the first time that that tree was of the knowledge of good and evil.

What might have caused the snake to tempt Eve? Adam, Eve and all the creatures in the Garden of Eden were like a big family. They could communicate in the way they did, probably speaking the same language. One day, seemingly out of curiosity the snake being more cunning than all other creatures in the garden became naughty enough to tempt Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. Just as any curious mischievous child, at any home among his or her siblings, could tell one of them to do something wrong having not been sent by anyone to do so, but driven by his or her own silliness. Sometimes the snake merely wanted to find out how faithful Eve was to God's instruction. Eve was a soft target, and was easily beguiled. Adam seeing what Eve had done and knowing the outcome very well, he opted to die together with his sweetheart. Hence he never raised any objection but took some and ate.

If the snake had been tempted by an evil spirit to deceive Eve, God was going to inform us of it or pass His judgement against that evil spirit as well. If that spirit might

have been sent by God Himself God was also going to comment on it. God never made it a secret that He sent Satan to harass Job. What might then cause Him not to disclose it if He had really sent away Satan to influence the snake to tempt Eve? The answer is; God never sent Satan to tempt Eve.

Once, a spirit volunteered to deceive Ahab the king of Israel so that he would eventually be killed. Read 2 Chronicles 18:20-21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said, "I will persuade him." The Lord said to him. "In what way?" So he said; "I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets." The Lord said; "You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so." (NKJV) Note, it was God who commanded it to do so.

All heavenly spirits are under God Almighty's control and no spirit does as it likes in heaven. We saw that in the book of Job. Satan did exactly what God Almighty had commanded him to do. Firstly he destroyed all Job possessed and killed all his children, but under God's instruction could not touch Job. Later on God Almighty permitted him to torture Job with whatever affliction but never to kill him. And as God had commanded him, he caused Job to suffer from boils that were coming out all over his body but he never died of them.

This justifies what Jesus Christ says in His Prayer, which is; Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10 NKJV) *Jesus never says your will must be done on earth as it is now being done in heaven.* Jesus says as it is continuously done, from time immemorial, in heaven. This prayer nullifies any idea based on what one once heard or read about in connection with bloody wars that once took place in heaven. Such incidents are unfounded for if such incidents really took place it would render God's will having not been continuously done in heaven.

The story of the war that took place in heaven is blasphemy beyond comparison. This means some presidents are better governors than God, for completing their tenure as heads of their governments peacefully. The

story of war that once occurred in heaven renders the omniscient, omnipresent and omniscient God lacking in all these attributes for failing to foresee conspiracy evil spirits were busy plotting against Him in heaven. *If such a plot had really entered the minds of those evil spirits, God Almighty would have peacefully brought it to an end with neither His angels nor those evil spirits shedding blood in heaven.* If such a war really took place, it then means God Almighty was taken by surprise by the devil's uprising in heaven just like any ordinary human being would. How nonsensical this is! God Almighty was able to see all Adam, Eve and the snake were busy doing down on earth in the garden of Eden, even their first disobedience, yet He could not see the devil busy plotting against Him in heaven. This is very much incongruous and absurd to the extreme. It sounds like something out of Ancient Greek mythology.

A book by Andrew Collins states that when the Jews were in exile in Babylon they came in contact with new religious ideologies found there. The most influential religions were the Magianism (the religion of the Magi) and Zoroastrianism. He also states that both the Magianism and Zoroastrianism seem to have been greatly influenced by earlier religions such as the native religions of Kurdistan. On closer investigation it becomes clear that almost all the religions of the Middle East somehow influenced one another in one way or the other.

The story of Enoch and his grandson Noah features almost in most of them, yet the way it is told differs from religion to religion. In one religion Enoch is one of the angels of God Almighty. In the other religion he is a human being who was turned into an angel. Whereas in the bible or the Judaic religion he is a human being who was translated to heaven by God, in more or less the same way Elijah the prophet reached heaven.

It may happen that other religions got the story of Enoch from the Judaic religion then modified and expounded on it. This is based on the fact that all the people of these religions claim to be the descendants of Enoch, Noah and

Isaac. Yet the Jews had never claimed to be much related to all the tribes and nations of the Middle East except the Arabs who they claim are the children of Abraham and some are descendants of Isaac the brother to Jacob. So it cannot be groundless that the people of the Middle East are somehow descendants of one and the same ancestor. It seems as if unfavourable circumstances forced them to get separated from one another. They then lost contact with one another for hundreds of years wherever they were, in different places. They then adopted cultures and religious practices of lands they lived in. Then their original language was interlarded with new and foreign words of languages spoken in their new settlements. As time went on syntax underwent a gradual change until it became quite different from the original. Yet the same old stories sustained by their oral tradition were passed on from one generation to the next, although getting distorted here and there. Others got their stories completely changed. The changes their languages underwent caused their descendants not to recognize one another when circumstances compelled them to meet after many years of separation. They had also developed genetic traits found among nations they and their children had entered into matrimony with.

Taking all this into consideration, the Hebraic religion seemed to be the oldest and least influenced religion by other religions of the people of the Middle East. I also find its influence very much strong to almost all other religions found there. What the Hebraic religion adopted from other religions which once prevailed and are still prevalent in the Middle East is the concept of two incorporeal super powers competing to influence the minds of people on earth. The teachings of these religions were, the power of good is God Almighty and the power of darkness and evil is the devil.

This concept was foreign to the Hebraic religion. Hence their prophet would not mince words in emphasizing that their God is capable of doing everything good or bad. Read Isaiah 45:5-7

5." I am the Lord, and there is no other;

- There is no God besides Me.
I will gird you,
Though you have not known Me.*
6. *That they may know from
The rising of the sun to its setting
That there is none besides Me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;*
7. *I form the light and create darkness,
I make peace and create calamity;
I the Lord, do all these things.” (NKJV)*

Deuteronomy 4: 35 says; “To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.” (NKJV)

In Deuteronomy 32:39 God brings to an end all kind of controversy in as far as who does what when He says:

**“Now see that I, even I, am He,
And there is no God besides Me;
I KILL AND I MAKE ALIVE;
I WOUND AND I HEAL;
Nor is there any
Who can deliver from My hand. (NKJV)**

Read what Hosea 6:1 has to say; “Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us;” (NKJV)

According to the Pentateuch (*the first five books of the Old Testament*), God Almighty is the only Supreme Being and is without rivals. Human beings were totally responsible for their wrong actions and there was no one to blame their felony on. There was no evil spirit who would be blamed for influencing or tempting them. Hence God Almighty passed His judgement solely upon them. Magianism and Zoroastrianism later were very much successful in convincing not only the Jews but the whole world that there are in fact *two incorporeal super powers competing to*

influence the minds of human beings on earth. Christianity went a step further and propagated a concept of a rival kingdom for the power of darkness.

God never sent an evil spirit to enter the snake so that the snake might in turn tempt Eve into eating the forbidden fruit. If the snake had been sent by the evil spirit to tempt Eve, the snake itself would have said so in the presence of God Almighty just as Adam could not dither but was heard saying it loud and clear in a hope of getting exonerated; “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” (Gen 3:12 NKJV)

If the snake was also sent by the evil spirit to tempt Adam and Eve, it would also have said, at that time in the presence of God Almighty; “The evil spirit has sent me to tempt her.” The snake cunning as it was, never said so, for no one had sent it to deceive Eve.

God Himself never lies. Therefore, He would have also had it put down in black and white that; “I, God Almighty, have sent the evil spirit to tempt Eve.” He admitted to tempting Job. He admitted to having made the heart of Pharaoh as hard as stone. What might have stopped Him from telling us if He had sent the snake to tempt Eve? The answer is, nothing might have stopped Him for He never sent that snake to tempt Eve. Moreover, if the snake had been sent by God Almighty, it never would have been punished. God Almighty is not a confused God.

When Jesus Christ was tempted in the wilderness soon after his long fasting was over, the scripture records that angels were watching him from heaven. That is why they came down to earth to worship Jesus Christ after he had defeated the satan. It is also clearly stated that He was led there by the Spirit to be tempted by the Satan. Nothing is left to our speculation and guesswork. Satan in this context is deceit. Jesus was hungry. He had been alone in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights fasting. Then a thought (Satan) came to him to change stones into bread. Then all other thoughts of deceit came into his mind. He

never yielded. Jesus was pestered by his thoughts which were busy deceiving him. God Almighty knew that Jesus would have these deceiving thoughts. That is why this story begins with these words from Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. If it was Satan that was expelled from heaven, whom Enoch wrote about, will it make sense that God Almighty made use of him? No! No! No! It will be most preposterous. It would be like sending a prisoner serving Life Sentence to deceive a judge of the Supreme Court.

Question: Why was it then so difficult for God Almighty to state that He had sent an evil spirit to tempt Eve if He had really done so?

Answer; God Almighty never did that. He had never sent the devil in a form of a snake to tempt Eve. That snake was not the devil but was a real snake with limbs. That is why it subsequently lost all limbs as God Almighty had said it would. To this day all snakes the world over have no limbs. It is only those propagating the profanation that God has a rival He has ever to contend with.

Conclusion: The snake never deceived Eve but it tempted her. Most people claim the snake deceived Eve. Collins English Dictionary defines deceive as to mislead by deliberate misrepresentation or lies. The snake then never lied to Eve but told Eve the plain truth about the tree and its fruit. It told her that after eating of its fruit their eyes would be opened and they would know what is good and what is evil.

8. DO THE RICHES OF THIS WORLD SIGNIFY GOD'S BLESSINGS?

Many people say that it is stated in the Old Testament that God's blessings manifest in wealth an individual or a nation possesses. They site *Genesis 26:12* Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. (NKJV) *Genesis 26:3* Live here, and I will be with you and bless you. I am going to give all this territory to you... *Genesis 26:13* He continued to prosper and became a rich man. (GNB) All this is about Isaac son of Abraham.

With intensive study of blessings found in the Old Testament, one could discover that, they, just like all other blessings could not be seen with a naked eye for they were spiritual blessings. Take for instance Jacob. In *Genesis 27:1-29* we find him under his evil mother's instructions, stealing his brother Esau's blessings. Later on he would wrestle with an angel of God Almighty that ended up blessing him. Read *Genesis 32:29* *Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.* (NKJV) Nevertheless Jacob was the most miserable family man regardless his abounding blessings.

His first problem. He lacked safety and security for fear to be killed by his brother Esau. He then sneaked out from home to Mesopotamia and became a refugee at the home of Laban his uncle who later on became his father-in-law.

His second problem. He had to flee from Mesopotamia with Laban in hot pursuit after him. Jacob was caught by Laban in the hill-country of Gilead. Had it not been for God's warning to Laban not to harm Jacob he would have been harmed.

His third problem. Jacob had his heart terribly rent, on hearing that Joseph had been killed by wild animals.

His fourth problem. He was again in deep distress

when the Governor of Egypt demanded that Benjamin be brought to him in Egypt.

His fifth problem. Jacob and his family were forced by drought and famine to leave Canaan and stay in Egypt.

(This incident might have taken place before Ice Age Period.)

His sixth problem. Jacob could not go back to his home in Canaan. Before breathing his last he asked his sons to bury him in Canaan. This shows clearly that regardless of the best treatment he might have received in Egypt, his heart was home in Canaan. Unfortunately for him, he died having not paid home a visit even once. Jacob died a self exiled man.

We all see that with all his blessings, Jacob's life on earth was not the kind of life one can generally call blessed. He started moving from one place to the other soon after cheating and stealing his brother's blessings. God Almighty in His mercy could not condone thievery, hence Jacob was made not to have peace of mind till he died. Lord God is just.

Jacob's blessings were hidden to human naked eye. These are his hidden eternal blessings.

a) He is the father of the Israelites the Jews. The name Israel is in fact his name. The angel gave it to him as they were busy wrestling. Psalm 1:1-2 states clearly that God's blessings have to do with human spiritual being. It also tells us what kind of a person is it who is blessed. "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he mediates day and night." (NKJV) Jacob was like that.

b) The Hebraic religion is largely about him and his children as well as all his descendants.

c) Christianity is based on Hebraic Religion hence almost all Christians could not help that soft spot they have for the Jews.

d) The first five books of the bible were written by Moses, the great-great-great-great-grandson of Jacob.

e) Jesus Christ is the descendant of Jacob.

f) *The God Almighty himself proclaims that He had chosen and loved Jacob.*

g) *Jews refer to God as The God of Abraham and Jacob.*

It then could not be a surprise that Jacob is among other heavenly beings together with God Almighty in heaven, which is the most sought after blessing ever.

Moses, David and even Jesus had to endure hardship, sorrow and pain here on earth but they were the most blessed people ever to live among people here on earth.

The New Testament clarifies the blessings to us. A blessed person in the New Testament is not the affluent in terms of material possessions but in spirit. Jesus had to demonstrate what He meant by this, by His very own life He led on earth. Jesus was the poorest of the poor. He was not even ashamed of telling people His state of poverty. Luke 9:58 *Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* (NKJV)

One day Jesus had to send his disciple Peter to the sea to catch a fish and take money from its mouth to pay for his, as well as his disciples' temple tax. Read Matthew 17:24-27. *When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax? He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?" Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him. "Then the sons are free. Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."* (NKJV)

Why Jesus was so poor, yet all prophecies say of him to be the most blessed? The answer is Jesus had

nothing to gain from earth. John 18:36 *Jesus said: My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!* (Good News Bible)

Jesus warned His followers against getting hooked on the riches of this world. Read Matthew 6:21 *"For your hearts will always be where your riches are."* Matthew 6:19 *Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth...* (Good News Bible)

According to Jesus Christ teachings His followers will only be blessed if they keep His commandments. If they are obedient to Him He will have riches stored up for them in heaven. So riches of this world to Christians should not be signs of blessings from God Almighty.

Even the Old Testament has verses that teach us not to be obsessed with the riches of this world. Ecclesiastes 2:11: *Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labour in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity... There was no profit under the sun.* Ecclesiastes 12:8 *"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher. All is vanity.*" (NKJV)

Why are the riches of this world of no use at all in heaven? The answer is if one dies he leaves all his riches behind. Read Luke 12:20: *But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?"* (NKJV)

People have caused irreparable damage to the earth in search of diamond, gold, platinum and so on. Nowadays we are faced with the problem of global warming because of the people's greed and perpetual quest for wealth and comfort. People are busy precipitating Dooms Day. Yes we people are very much foolish. We are never satisfied.

What are riches then if they are not the blessings from God Almighty?

Riches are temporal comforts of this world and

nothing else. Riches never provide peace of mind. Read Ecclesiastes 5:12 *The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.* (NKJV) Therefore one is justified when one enjoys oneself with what one has so hard worked for. Yet the more you have the more worried you will be.

Whatever a person gets here on earth is a gift from God. Never be stingy with those gifts they are not yours they are God's. Read Ecclesiastes 3:13. *..and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor - IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.* (NKJV) Gifts are not blessings and they will never be.

Some people think to own a car is a blessing from God. What? A car? A blessing? They must be joking! A car has never been a blessing. If a car is a blessing how can it be a curse again. How is a car a curse? Someone may wish to know. A car can be a curse if people do deplorable acts in or on it or by it. It can be a curse when it is hijacked or is involved in accidents and lives are lost. A blessing cannot have all these negative things.

Others say owning a house is a blessing from God Almighty. How is a house a blessing if it can be broken into and its property stolen? How, if sordid acts can take place under its cover? How, if it can be burnt down to ashes by enemies or by accident? How, if people can fight within it? All these acts are not part of blessings.

There are those who say children are blessings from the Almighty God. How, are they a blessing if they can be wayward, murderers, gang-stars, robbers and so on? Children therefore cannot be a blessing. The bible says in *Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a HERITAGE FROM THE LORD, THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB.* (NKJV) What an excellent definition from the bible! God Almighty loves us so much that He has made almost most things in the bible clear for us, as long as we read it without any involvement of undue influence. Yes indeed, children are the heritage. A heritage is passed from one generation to the next. Many people have been through wars and many other problems they have to

contend with just because of what they inherited. Yes of course children are the fruit. Fruit can either be sweet or sour, fresh or rotten; so are the children. Some are good others are bad.

Jesus taught us that a blessed person is:

- a) The one that is poor in spirit.
- b) The one that mourns for ones sins.
- c) The one that is meek.
- d) The one that hungers and thirsts for righteousness.
- e) The one that is merciful.
- f) The one that has a pure heart.
- g) The one that is a peacemaker.
- h) The one who is persecuted for righteousness' sake.

These are the blessings a Christian has to strive for and cherish in attaining. They are so vividly recorded for us all in Matthew 5:3-10.

If a Christian happens to be rich, there is nothing wrong at all with it, as long as he does what Jesus taught Christians to do, which is not to be selfish and greedy but to be generous and share that wealth with other people, especially the poor.

9. WHAT GOD ALMIGHTY ABHORS.

This is all that Lord God Almighty abhors.

1. People who reject the fact that He is God the creator of all things in the universe. People have to stop getting trapped in trivial debates such as how and when God created the universe. They have to come to the understanding that all these things are His creation. People have to stop believing in the evolution which was started *by a demon possessed Charles Darwin. The fact that almost all creatures have some more or less similarities attests to the fact that one creator created them all.* Their similarity no matter how big or small, is the signature of God appended upon them.

If human beings were once apes that evolved to human beings, there would never have been apes left for us to see nowadays. What would have caused some not to change while others were busy undergoing a complete change, in the same area under same conditions?

White polar bears are said to have evolved from brown bears. They both look alike except for their colour and minor changes. It is but intriguing to note that polar dogs and jackals are not as white as polar bears. Did white polar bears really evolve from brown bears or were they just created white?

Human beings and apes are two different creatures. It would have been better if apes had some form of language regardless of how crude it could have been, but people would have ended up speaking it as well. The acid test is the ability to talk. Whatever animal could construct sentences for communication and walk on two legs with arms and hands and lastly be governed by thought processes as opposed to instincts, would without doubt be considered human being.

Apes, without exception, are governed by their instincts just like all other wild creatures. Therefore, that human beings were once apes is an insult. All believing in such a

thing despise human beings. This talk befits alien people mocking the human race.

People with dark skins have failed to develop white skins after years spent in cold European places. To this day pure African Americans look like Africans in Africa with all the years spent in Europe or the Americas. Their pigmentation becomes lighter only after miscegenation has taken place between white and black people. Most souls are subjected to a gruesome healing process after death by not believing in God Almighty but in evolution. (E.K.R.)

2. People who fail to honour their parents as well as their elders.

3. Parents who fail to teach their children accepted ways of behaviour and to instill in them appreciation for God Almighty and willingness to worship Him and to strive to be virtuous on earth.

4. Perverts who cause other people to sin.

5. People praying to gods made of wood, clay and rocks. People praying to drawn or painted gods as well as those praying to other human beings.

6. Parents who love their children so much that they could not chastise them for the wrongs they do.

7. Parents who defend their children who have sinned or committed crimes.

8. People who buy stolen property from thieves.

9. People who kill other people.

10. Priests and pastors who practise simony, preaching that blessings from God Almighty are bought with monetary offerings. All monies people offer are for material things here on earth and have nothing to do with heaven. They are for the betterment of that particular church or religious institution as well as for stipends. All things belong to God, and there is nothing a person can give back to Him. That is why all monetary offerings end up in banks or spent to buy things needed by priests, pastors and those authorized to use such funds. God gave everything to human beings and God has no share whatsoever in it. *God only needs His soul in each and every human being to be taken care of.* (E.K.R.) It is good for a

member of a church to give her church as much financial support as possible. That is very good. People who do that are people who know how to worship God Almighty. What is wrong is to say that the more money she gives to the church the more she will get blessing and wealth coming her way. This is simony. No one can buy God Almighty blessings. If someone is stingy when it comes to giving financial support to his church, he must know from now on that he never likes that church. Love shows itself in giving.

11. People who enslave other people. God Almighty is against all forms of slavery. All people are His own creation. (E.K.R.)

12. Children who run away from their homes and become street-kids. Such children are the scum of the world. Families producing street children will suffer the worst soul diseases in the life after death for failing to be good shepherds to their children. Families who had tried all they could to bring their children up well but children on their own turned themselves into street-kids will never suffer diseased souls emanating from deeds of their children. (E.K.R.)

13. An unjust judge, magistrate, headman and king.

14. People who are lazy to perform their duties and cause a lot of suffering to other people.

15. People who practise bestiality.

16. Serial killers, murderers and rapists have the worst diseased souls. (E.K.R.)

17. People who practise sorcery rend their souls to shreds. It will take them countless years to heal after death. (E.K.R.)

18. People who destroy nature by burning down God's land, plants, animals and insects aimlessly defile their souls by bringing about hellish destruction to nature. They as well as their descendants will suffer countless misfortunes here on earth. If a natural force such as lightning burns down the land, plants and animals, as a natural phenomenon it brings about a balance in nature some human beings could not understand. But manmade lightning strikes through sorcery rend the soul of perpetrators to tatters. (E.K.R.)

19. People who never hunt for food but just kill animals as a

game abusing God Almighty's wild animals defile their souls. (E.K.R.)

20. Fishermen who fish excessively endangering some aquatic species do what God Almighty abhors and misery will always be upon them and their children in one way or the other here on earth and will also suffer horribly diseased souls after death. (E.K.R.)

21. People who cause wars among people afflict their souls with countless blisters. (E.K.R.)

22. People whose lies cause other people to suffer.

All these are people God almighty abhors and their souls are defiled. They have to repent, join the church of God's worshippers so as to reduce the amount of defilement in their souls. Worshipping God Almighty with joyful singing from ones heart and listening to soul supporting sermons not boastful ones or sermons causing people to lose hope or hurting people's feelings reduces defilement from the soul. Praying to God, if it is personal and for repentance, has to be private not public. Prayers made in churches among other people or by all people in the church have only be for praising Lord God Almighty for the good things He has done for people on earth.

God Almighty never causes people any sufferings here on earth, regardless of how sinful they might be, only the person's poor judgment and bad choices subject him to all sorts of misery and sufferings. (EKR.)

There are people who are favoured by God. Those people love God for what He is. The love for God is similar to the love of a baby for its mother. There is nothing a baby has to do for its mother in order for it to receive her love and care. The mother's love is always brimful for her baby. God has such abounding love for humanity but has no love for sinners and those failing to realise that He has created all which is around us from celestial to earthly creations. All was made by Him and Him alone. Because of His love, God sends out revelations to mankind such as this one. Yet mankind has that tendency to rebel

against the Almighty God. God in His mercy has given all His creation freedom. God has caused all His creation to derive sublime elation from that given freedom, be it of speech, movement, respiration, sleep, nourishment of the body and so on and so forth. The freedom God gave to His people and all His creation, causes life to be the most fulfilling to those who are able to apply their minds wisely and care for all that God Almighty created. (E.K.R.)

Conclusion.

Almost all Christians are under the deception that their souls could not be defiled and as a result they eat what God Almighty commanded not to be eaten by His people. They also engage in practices God Almighty had barred His people from getting involved in. They claim that those in Jesus Christ could not be defiled. Their claim is not found in the bible. Peter encourages people to keep on purifying their souls by obeying the truth with a pure heart (1 Peter 1: 22-23). Obedience is as good as worshipping God and shunning all evils. It also is the cleansing of the soul. Most Christians are greedy and lack strict self discipline.

Jesus was never served pork, or any meat of animals that do not divide the hoof, and also do not chew the cud. Jesus never roasted unclean birds. Jesus had never been served creeping creatures, such as moles, mice, lizards and reptiles. He also had never partaken of unclean aquatic animals. Yet on the cross God found Him defiled.

What defiled Jesus, which even caused God to forsake Him on the cross was that he could not help touching the sick with their discharges and sometimes the dead and could get no time to make Himself clean. God is just, hence He forsook Him on the cross. He definitely had then to descend to Sheol, Sick Soul's Hospital, for purification.

That is why those Christians who might be allowed to gain access into heaven would but look at the throne of God from a distance and the big tent would be erected where they would be and Jesus would make it a point that He

watches over them as a shepherd watching over his flock. Why has Jesus to do so? Christians are greedy and curious and could not help it. Jesus therefore has to make sure that no one of them enters the throne. As unclean food became part of their lives it also had left something in their souls which could never be taken out.

God Almighty in His mercy warned the children of Israel never to eat and touch unclean things. Some did previously and their descendents are still doing to this day as God Almighty commanded them to do. Others previously did and their descendents still do as they like even to this day. That is why the prophet Isaiah had to state it loud and clear how serious God Almighty is with all what He says. Read *Isaiah 55:11* *So shall My word be that goes forth My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.* (NKJV)

Lord God Almighty has taken His time with Moses telling Him all He wishes His people to know and do. Jesus is on records as saying He has not come to do any amendments to the Laws given to Moses but He has come to fulfill them. Paul is not on records as having said people had to stop circumcision. Paul only warned those who thought the worship of God Almighty is only about circumcision. He made it clear that circumcision is not a barrier. He never instructed the churches to stop it.

Peter never partook of unclean food. That was just a dream. Unclean animals in fact are all the people who were not Jews. They are unclean for eating and involving themselves in unclean activities. John saw it clearly. All the unclean were in robes made white in the blood of Jesus as they stood a distance from the throne of God. Entering heaven is quite a privilege. They will enjoy all heaven has to offer, which is the best God Almighty could do for them regardless of their condition. (EKR)

“If a person does what God detests, he will be barring his soul from entering heaven straight away after death. A soul of such a person is a sick soul. Sick souls will

have to be examined and their disease be diagnosed then they will be barred from entering heaven. They would then be subjected to a healing process the duration of which is determined by the severity of a disease. The place where the healing takes place is just a distance from the righteous abode.” (EKR) The Judaic traditional belief of souls undergoing purification in Gehenna was not the least away from the truth.

Such souls are like a piece of metal covered with rust. The severity of the rust on the soul caused by sins of the flesh causes the healing process to be as painful as burning in hell itself. That is why the healing process is accompanied by agony the soul has to bear. To simple onlookers, (*the souls of the righteous who happen to be nearer, just like the soul of Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31*) this healing process is always mistaken for punishment and the screams from pain by sick souls as if caused by burning in hell itself. These screams are nerve wrecking.

10. WHO KILLS PEOPLE, THE ALMIGHTY GOD OR SATAN?

God does not kill each and every person who dies. No! God never does that thing. God had made things here on earth to follow a specific law without fail. Take for instance a person who cuts his throat with a knife. The law is, he will bleed to death as long as he does not get help soon. Someone sets a house alight with people inside it. The law is, all inside the house would burn together with it. If people could not escape would also burn to death. If a person eats too much of fatty meat, drinks a lot of sweetened drinks, does not do exercises and is always watching a television, the law is, he will develop heart problems and may become diabetic. This illness may lead to his death. Sometimes a person is born of diabetic parents the law is, chances are high that he himself may also be diabetic. If a person slits open his veins, will bleed to death unless help comes soon. If someone takes in a poisonous substance, that one is sure to die unless suitable help is received quickly or will survive if that substance is not lethal. One who douses oneself with petrol and sets oneself alight will burn oneself to death. These incidents and many more fatal ones will themselves continue to kill people.

All things follow a certain law laid down by God long time ago here on earth. God has nothing to do with what a person does. God allowed people to do according to their judgment and dictates of their hearts. The Almighty God made it a law that whatever a person does, will suffer consequences or enjoy benefits thereof. People started to be able to use their own discretion when doing things after Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

Read Genesis 3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us. To know good and evil." Thenceforth people became the directors and architects of their own destiny (EKR). One who plans his life well will definitely live a better life in future. God watches as people do

whatever they do on earth. No intervention whatsoever is made by Him.

There are only two incidents where God had to talk to people who had killed others. The first one is after Cain had killed his brother Abel. The second one is through a prophet Nathan who was sent to King David by God Almighty to tell him how angry He was with him for killing Uriah for his wife. We will look at the repercussions of King David's actions broadly later on.

Someone may ask: What about people who are killed by natural forces? Is God not causing their death? The answer is, if someone is struck by lightning, it is either he was at a wrong place at a wrong time or his home is built at a place prone to thunder strikes.

What about dying in floods? The answer is, people decided on their own, in most cases through lack of space, to build their home in low lying areas that are flooded during rainy seasons. People have power to think, they are like God Himself, so they can see what they can do to avoid staying in a place where floods are prevalent. This applies to people staying in places with volcanic eruptions and earth-quakes. They have to think. Their ancestors Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of wisdom so they have wisdom too. They must make use of it. It is either they leave that place and stay somewhere else or devise survival means.

God fought for the Israelites long time ago but they were so disobedient that He stopped fighting their wars. God assisted them in winning battles and in those battles people were killed. People knew that Abraham's descendents were coming back home. What was once their homeland had been inhabited by others. It is not easy for one to destroy his home and hand the land over to the rightful owners therefore war has to settle it all. If the owner is defeated then he loses his claim to that land. If he is victorious then he wins his land back. God had taken the Israelites from the land of Egypt back to Canaan. He could not just dump them there and leave them like that. So God had to be part of their battles. After giving the Israelites their promised land back, God Almighty

expected them to worship Him till the end of the world. But the Jews, starting from the reign of King Solomon onwards started to worship the idols. God Almighty could not stand it. He then stopped helping them in times of war. What followed was catastrophic to them. They were defeated and driven to exile many times. It was only in 1956 that The Jews had to reclaim their land back with the help from the Christian West. Jesus Christ intervened. In fact he was sent to do so by God Himself. Yet the Jews never realized that.

There are those who are taken by Lord God Almighty Himself. People like Enoch, Elijah and Jesus. But most people die through, old age, accidents, error in judgement, or are killed by other people.

A young man once tried to stop the Ark of the Covenant of God Almighty from falling down to the ground. He held it up with his hands, and died instantly. What God had said had to happen to him. God had only allowed His priests to handle His Ark yet, Uzzah forgot about all that and was seen handling the Ark of God with his hands, as it was falling to the ground. He died instantly. God did not kill him but it was the fulfillment of His word. Uzzah was killed by his forgetfulness. Read *2 Samuel 6:6 and Numbers 4:15*.

If a person out of rage kills another person, God Almighty gets very much cross with the killer. God detests such an act. God will never condone actions of murder done by people to other people.

Let us hear what God has to say in Genesis 4:10 Then the Lord said, "Why have you done THIS TERRIBLE THING? Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground." Therefore if a person kills another person it is not the time for that person to die but it is only a TERRIBLE THING done by the murderer. God Almighty will ask the murderer this question: " Why have you done this terrible thing?" Read Genesis 4:10. God Almighty does not end there He continues; Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground. Soon a curse is cast upon the murderer. God

Almighty never says; "Well done, that is how I wanted him to die." No! no! no! God Almighty rebukes the murderer. God refers to murder as the terrible thing done.

Note; if people die in a road accident, the one who caused that accident is cursed and the blood of the dead is upon him. God Almighty will ask him why he has done that terrible thing. If a person decided to terminate his life, his blood would be upon himself.

The Jews knew about this and I am sure even this day they still do. That is why they said in Matthew 27:25 Let the responsibility for his death fall on us and our children. Let me clarify this. The murderer gets a curse that will never be redeemed by any means. Neither prayers nor fasting could free one from such curse. If you do not believe it learn from King David; 2 Samuel 11:1-27.

King David out of lust had Uriah the husband to Bathsheba killed. Little did he know that by so doing he had provoked the wrath of The Almighty. All his prayers, his fasting and supplications to God Almighty could not help him. Why? Uriah's blood kept on calling out to God Almighty from the ground.

King David had to face the curse. Firstly Absalom killed his brother Amnon for raping his sister Tamar. Tamar was Amnon's half sister. Amnon could not control his lust for Tamar just as King David had failed to control his for Bathsheba the wife of Uriah. Absalom too could not be stopped from killing Amnon as David could not change his mind set on killing Uriah. Absalom made a plan to kill his half brother Amnon just as King David had done for Uriah. Read 2 Samuel 13:1-39. It did not end there. King David saw the unexpected when Absalom his son had sexual intercourse with all his concubines who were left behind in the palace to take care of it as king David fled from him. Read 2 Samuel 16:21-22.

The curse continued. Absalom was also killed in the battle against his father King David. Still the curse remained unabated. Solomon who had been blessed with wisdom by God Almighty, could not be stopped from

whatever he wanted to do. He ended up worshiping the idols brought to his palace by his wives, the heathens. God Almighty had warned the Israelites against getting married to the gentiles. Solomon could not control himself so he took no notice of that because the curse of his father King David was upon him.

The curse continued and caused the kingdom of Israel to be divided into two. Rehoboam the grandson of King David could not be advised. He followed his heart the curse of King David being prevalent. Eventually both kingdoms ceased to exist. The almighty God's wrath was upon the murderers. This must prove it to you beyond doubt that it is only God Almighty who has authority over our lives here on earth. One who takes someone else's life has crossed swords with the Almighty God, hence curses, following what God stipulated fall automatically upon him.

The blood that is shed during times of war is also a terrible thing to God. That blood will be called upon the one who caused that war. Neither prayers nor sacrifices could free that one from the curse

Read Isaiah 45:7 I create both light and darkness; I bring both blessing and disaster. I, the Lord DO ALL THESE THINGS. (GNB) These things then operate on their own. Just like the traffic lights that flash green, amber and red on their own. They do not need the manufacturer to keep on controlling them to work.

Question: What God means by these words 'I create both light and darkness; I bring both blessing and disaster. I, the Lord DO ALL THESE THINGS.' to Prophet Isaiah?

Answer: God means that He created light and darkness as we see it even today. He also created life which He freely gave to all living things as well as death which He hid in the fruit of the tree which He had planted in the center of the Garden of Eden. Human beings being disobedient as they still are, ate of the fruit and took in death as well. Now death is busy doing its work of killing people as God said it would do. This is the disaster He created, which Adam and

Eve brought upon themselves and upon all living things. That disaster which is death in all its forms is still with us even to this day.

Did Satan enter a snake to deceive them?

According to the Gospel of John chapter 8 : 44 Jesus says: “You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and the father of all lies.” (Good New Bible)

Question: What does Jesus mean by saying Satan was a murderer from the beginning? Who was murdered by Satan in the beginning?

Answer: Indeed Satan in this (*in this context figuratively meaning a deceiver or anything causing people to disobey God*), killed us all in the beginning. The curse of Adam and Eve keeps of falling upon all living things to this day.

Question: What caused Adam and Eve to disobey God? Was it a snake?

Answer: No it was not a snake but it was their greed. They could not resist greed within them pushing them on to eat those delicious sweet smelling fruit. The snake is only a scapegoat. Not all things that people are told to do, do. Teachers may tell children to study, some will and others won't. Why? Each and every person follows the dictates of his or her mind. Before any action, thinking process takes place, then a choice is made. If someone can say steal! No one can there and then start stealing. Thinking will take place then a choice will be made. If he steals, it will be wrong to blame the one who told him to steal for his thievery. That is why it is only a thief that is arrested not the one who told him to steal unless the culprit is a minor. That is why if he doesn't steal, accolade falls upon him. Nothing is said of the instigator. The instigator gets involved if he forces the

perpetrator in any way to steal. It can be by threats or paying him to do it. One who has been forced or paid to do something is different from someone who is only told with no threats or incentives.

Let me clarify this point. The blood of Jesus Christ does not call out for curses. Jesus Christ's blood calls out for salvation ready made by God Almighty for those who believe in Jesus Christ.

Why is it like this with Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the lamb of God that was seen by John the Baptist. Read the gospel according to John 1:29 *The next* day, John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jesus therefore is both The Highest Priest and the lamb for sacrifice to those who believe in Him. Therefore His death was the final sacrifice to God Almighty for the sins of the world. It was the sacrifice which brought to an end all other sacrifices to all Christians. The Almighty God Himself planned for it to be like this.

11. IS THERE REALLY LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Yes life after death is a reality. But it is a new kind of life. It is the life that has never been experienced by anybody in human flesh. It is a spiritual kind of life.

All human beings are embodied spiritual beings. This truth is as plain as the truth that a mature human male has tiny living creatures inside his testicles. These creatures, the spermatozoa, do not know that one day they will be transferred to a female organ where one or more of them would enter the female womb and become human beings. In the womb they will experience a new life altogether. Life that is different from the life in male organs. A completely new life altogether. There, they will not swim around in schools gliding and touching, but they individually will stretch twist and turn getting all their nutrition from their mothers through umbilical cords. They are in a state of peace and tranquility as long as their mothers are healthy and eat the right kind of food. They will be like that for a period of nine months then they will be born. After birth new life starts all over again. This is life on earth. So far a human being has by now experienced three different types of lives.

Firstly life in the male reproductive organ.

Secondly life in the womb.

Thirdly life after birth.

What a father does with his life affects his spermatozoon positively or negatively. If it is negatively affected it may be deformed. Fortunately such spermatozoon usually fails to fertilise the female egg in the womb. If a woman is by any chance impregnated by it, the baby will be born deformed but in most cases the baby will be a stillborn. If the mother takes food that is harmful to the baby in her womb the baby will then be badly affected as well, resulting in the baby being born with a syndrome of some sort. Something the baby has to live with for the rest of his or her life, unless it is curable.

The fourth type of life one has to experience is life after death. This is spiritual life. Like mothers who have

conceived, all human beings have souls inside them. The souls are affected, almost the same way the baby in the womb is - positively or negatively - by whatever human beings do with and to their bodies. A spirit needs to be fed the correct type of food just like a baby in the womb. Spiritual food is a correct type of life one has to lead according to his religious preference. *All religions are good as long as they point to God Almighty as the Super Spiritual Being all people have to worship and adore.* When people worship God they feed their spirits. The worship of God, simple as it looks with all the prayers and singing, is food for the soul. The good conduct and behaviour one has, purifies the soul. After death the soul will be released to start a new life once more, a spiritual life. What a person's spiritual life will be after death is in most cases determined by the life that particular person led while in human form.

If a person doubts these things he has also to doubt that he was ever a sperm cell. He must also doubt that from his father was transferred to his mother's womb where he was fed for nine months through a navel not mouth. He must also doubt that he was born.

What is most striking is the fact that no one remembers any of these things. So it will be when one is a spiritual being. No one will ever remember life as a human being. Read Ecclesiastes 9:5 For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing. (NKJV)

Just look here; spermatozoa in the male organ are fully developed minute creatures. They are alive. Where they are they receive everything for their needs. In the male organ are no wars. They are in total tranquility. But their life there is for a very much short period of time. But they are not aware of it at all. Soon they will be out and forget all about life in the male organ and experience a new life in the womb. After birth they forget all about life in the womb and experience another completely new life outside the womb. Soon they breathe in air. They feel cold and warmth. They experience dark and light in their environment. They hear noises through

their ears and so on and so forth. After sometime they will die and only their souls will continue with yet another new life in a spiritual world. It is just like that, regardless of how you take it.

Our merciful God has demonstrated this transformation of life to us through many living things we share life with here on earth, that life after death is a reality. Some small animals have the mystery of life after death hidden right in them. It sounds strange and untrue yet it is a plain truth.

Let us take a look at the life cycle of a butterfly, to clarify this point. A butterfly undergoes metamorphosis in its life cycle. It hatches out of its egg as a caterpillar. This creeping worm-like creature is complete in its structure. There is nothing amiss about it. It lives its life fully, enjoying itself as it feeds on tender juicy plants. It wishes for nothing else but the life it lives. It does not even think of reproduction. Its life is eating, eating and eating. To it this is the most splendid life one can ever think of. Nevertheless we cannot dispute the fact that unlucky ones get eaten up by birds or sprayed to death with poisonous substances by human beings. Despite all those hazards some keep on growing until they reach the stage of transformation. The last nap they take as caterpillars is not just an ordinary nap they are used to, but a nap of transformation. Their bodies will now be changed into pupae. A pupa is cloaked in the world of unconsciousness. Neither eating nor moving about occurs in this stage. Only the bottom side of the body shows some signs of life by keeping on turning this way and that periodically. As time goes on this pupa develops into a butterfly.

A butterfly is a completely different creature altogether. It also lives a completely different life from that of a caterpillar. Soon after being transformed into a butterfly, it starts flying. It does not need any lessons in flying skills. It just flies. Its food now is nectar from flowers of different plants. It has no idea that the plants that bear flowers with such delicious nectar were lucky not to be cut down and devoured by it when it was still a caterpillar and these plants

were still young and tender.

The same transformation will take place in human beings. As the butterfly could not tell of life as a caterpillar, so would human beings be unable to tell of life on earth after their transformation to spiritual beings. Let us confirm this with what Jesus Christ told us. **Matthew 22:29-30** **Jesus answered them, How wrong you are! It is because you don't know the Scriptures or God's power. For when the dead rise to life, they will be like the angels in heaven and will not marry.**

Those who feed their souls spiritual food which is the word of God and live a way of life acceptable to Him are definitely going to be transformed into angels after death. Let us hear what Paul has to say about this. 1 Corinthians 15:40 ***And there are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies; the beauty that belongs to heavenly bodies is different from the beauty that belongs to earthly bodies.***(GNB) The book of Revelation 7:13-14 says: ***One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?" "I don't know, sir. You do," I answered. He said to me, "These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb."***(GNB) Now you see that it will not only be the bodies that will be transformed, but the clothes as well.

Most people do not like this idea that people turn into spiritual beings with no connection with people on earth, yet it is true. That is why they do all they can to get connected with them even after death. What a person thinks she is connected to when invoking the spirits of the dead is in fact something else not her dead relatives' spirits.

One may ask; What about Samuel whose spirit was conjured up by a diviner? Was it or was it not Samuel's spirit? The answer here is a big No! It was not Samuel's spirit. Why do I say so? The bible says the medium brought up an old man covered with a mantle. 1Samuel 28:14 ***And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle."*** ***And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he***

stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down. The medium never said so, but it was Saul who perceived that it was Samuel. Saul never saw that old man only the medium saw him. Secondly that medium knew that Samuel died an old man. So it was easy for her to say an old man was coming up. It would have been better if Saul never told her what he wanted from her. The medium through her power of clairvoyance should just have told Saul before getting any information from him, that he wanted to consult with Samuel. After that whoever she would have brought up would without doubts be taken as Samuel. It would have been more credible to us all that that old man was really Samuel. The medium was able to recognize Saul the king of Israel that is why she asked: 1Samuel 28:12 *“Why have you tricked me? You are King Saul.”(GNB)* Yet it was difficult for her to recognize Samuel. What that old man said to Saul was the repetition of what God Almighty had told Saul through Samuel previously. Everyone in the kingdom knew about it. So it was easy for that old man of the medium to repeat it. Read 1Samuel 15 26-28 *But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and then Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.” And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. So Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”(NKJV)*

People should know that the world is full of all sorts of spirits moving up and down in it. If a person is busy with incantations he will end up conjuring up one or more of these wandering opportunistic spirits. These spirits are wise. If a person dies they may easily frequent his home and people will say it is his apparition. They are very much mischievous. They toy around with those who are receptive to them. They frustrate the soul. The soul of a person will neither fight back nor go on strike. Going on strike of the soul would mean death to a person involved. After that person had died the naughty spirit which had been inside him will wander about

in the world in search of another victim. People who become willful receivers of such spirits are the relatives of the deceased.

Every cloud has a silver lining. Sometimes these spirits can be of great help to people. They can reveal things to people or teach a person to be a herbalist. They are also naughty for they would also cause that person to do some silly things as well. A person with strong faith has a power to repel such spirits. Such a person will die and no longer be seen or heard of again unless he or she left something behind on earth in the form of innovations, literature and outstanding performance in any field here on earth.

12. DO SOULS GO STRAIGHT TO HEAVEN AFTER DEATH?

This question is continually controversial among Christian denominations. Some say there has never been a single human being's soul in heaven. Others state human beings' souls go straight to heaven after death.

Let us look at what the bible says. The bible tells us of people who were transported to heaven as corporeal beings. The first person believed to have been taken by God straight to heaven is Enoch. Read Genesis 5:24 *He spent his life in fellowship with God. And then he disappeared, because God took him away. (GNB)* The second person who spent some time with God and thereafter disappeared was Moses, but sadly no one could tell whether Moses was taken straight to heaven by God or not, for nothing of that is stated in the bible. The bible states that God buried him yet no one saw his grave. Deuteronomy 34:6 *The Lord buried him in a valley in Moab, opposite the town of Bethpeor, but to this day no one knows the exact place of his burial. (GNB)* Moses too could have been translated to heaven. The third one to be transported to heaven is Elijah. His transportation is quite dramatic. He rode on a chariot of fire which was pulled by horses of fire in a whirlwind. *2 Kings 2:11.*

The soul of a criminal, was also taken to heaven. Read Luke 23:42-43 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Yet others dispute the fact that the criminal's soul was taken straight to heaven by Jesus. They state without any support from the bible that Jesus only took that man's soul to a certain beautifully prepared park or garden in heaven.

The criminal asked for Jesus to remember him in His kingdom. All Christians believe that the Kingdom of Jesus is in heaven. Jesus never disputed or corrected that criminal saying; "Truly speaking I could not take you to my kingdom but to my garden or my park." Jesus never said that. Jesus undoubtedly understood the man's question very well. What

Jesus said is what He meant. Jesus could not give the man false assurance. Lord God had warned people against that. Jesus swore in front of all who were there that He would take that man together with Him to heaven.

If the bible is the authority of Christians, then the last one to ascend straight to heaven was Jesus Christ Himself. Furthermore, on the cross the speech of Jesus was somehow weird. He did not call upon Lord God or Father but to Eli or Eloi. Eli or Eloi meant My God. Some people there thought He was calling for Elijah. Jesus promised the criminal that that very day He would be with him in Paradise. Some people even to this day think Jesus promised to take the criminal to a park or garden. Park, garden and Elijah attest to the misunderstanding people commonly share. Even what is written is in most cases misunderstood.

Most churches claim without any support from the bible, that when Jesus died His soul went down to Hades. What is Hades? Hades is also called Sheol as well as Gehenna. The Dictionary of the Bible by Hastings et al has information on Gehenna. It states that traditional Judaic belief is, Gehenna is under the earth. Those who are neither great saints nor great sinners have to be purified by the fire of Gehenna. All the greatest sinners get condemned there to eternal fire. Jesus too had to be purified in Gehenna. So it means he was neither the saint nor the great sinner. The Apostles' Creed and The Nicene Creed concur that Jesus Christ had first to go down to Sheol. The Creed continues that thereafter He ascended to Heaven.

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us.” 1John 1:8 (GNB) All souls then have, as in accordance with Judaic traditional belief, first to descend to Hades for purification before ascending to heaven. Jesus too then had no alternative. The presumption should be that He took with Him the criminal. When Jesus was on the cross He promised to take a criminal to Paradise. As Jesus could not tell a lie, it could be deduced that that

very day from Hades, they went straight to heaven. It could also be implied that Jesus brought the criminal to one of his many mansions in heaven which automatically became his paradise. (John 14:2). Jesus might have spent some time with the criminal updating him about heaven hence He never got time to go up, from where they were, to His father. John 20:17; Jesus said to her, "Don't touch me, for I haven't yet ascended to my Father." On the third day early in the morning Jesus' soul had to be back in his body in his grave. The bible states that angels accompanied Him down to his grave (John 20:12; Luke 24:4; Mark 16:5).

I have not even the least found a verse which states that the SOULS of the dead remain in their graves waiting for the Judgement day. Surprisingly almost all people the world over would tell you that souls of the dead are in the graves. The bible has only one rare case, of not clearly identified people except that they were holy, who happened to be raised out from their graves. Read Matthew 27:52-53 *"...the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into holy city and appeared to many."* It is Matthew only who comes up with this incident. It could not be far-fetched that those who were raised were taken up by Jesus Christ from Sheol on His way to paradise. So for them to be human beings once more, their souls had to enter their bodies that were only bones in their graves. God Almighty could have easily done that. The prophet Ezekiel once saw it happening right in front of his eyes. (Ezekiel 37)

Even Paul never states that the souls of the dead wait in their graves together with their bodies to be raised on Judgement Day. Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 has this to say: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the

clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” (NKJV)

According to Paul those who would be raised would be those who died in Christ and not all the dead. It then needs not be mentioned that those who did not die in Christ would not be raised. The second incident would be that those who would be living, in Christ, would then be snatched to join Jesus Christ in the firmament.

What about non Christians?

Unfortunately the bible says nothing about them. During the Dooms Day only the chosen Jews “of all the tribes of the children of Israel” (NKJV) who would be bearing a seal on their foreheads, and numbering one hundred and forty-four thousand, would be seen entering the gates of heaven. Read Revelation 7:3-8. It is unbelievable that most non-Jewish Christians count themselves literally among the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of the children of Jacob.

The bible then states that all non-Jews would stand a distance from the throne of God, all in white robes. Read *Revelation 7:9-10* *After these things I looked, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, people, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* (NKJV)

They would not be bearing a seal on their foreheads like the 144,000 Israelites. But they would be in white robes that had been washed in the blood of the Lamb. It is then clear that Christians from all over the world would assemble a distance from the throne of God. The bible states without any reservations that the biggest tent one could think of would be erected to accommodate them. Read Revelation 7:15. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. (*The Holy Bible Revised Version*) New versions of the bible avoid using

words like; “...will spread His tabernacle over them.”

It is now clear that souls could only be in the throne of God Almighty (*those of the 144 000 Jews*) or before His throne (*those of all people all over the world who have washed their clothes in the blood of Jesus*) after the Lamb has opened the sixth seal.

Where does a soul go to after a person has died?

The book of Ecclesiastes 12:7 puts it so vivid: “Our bodies will return to the dust of the earth, and the breath of life will go back to God, who gave it to us.” (GNB) Whether some souls will go via Sheol and some not, but the fact is they are all on their way to heaven where they came from. The book of Revelation states that souls will only enter the throne of God Almighty or stand before it after the sixth seal has been opened by Jesus Christ. So all souls go to heaven, and those of Christians enter the mansions of Jesus Christ. Other souls would be kept where they should be in heaven. But not a single soul up to now is in the throne of God Almighty or in front of it.

13. HAVE HUMAN BEINGS LEAVE TO TELL GOD WHAT HE HAS TO DO WITH THEM?

The answer is a big NO. Most people all over the world think they know more than God Almighty Himself. Their propensity of ever telling God what He has or has not to do render God Almighty foolish. God does not need anybody to remind Him of His responsibilities. God has created everything in the firmament, on earth and even under the waters of the seas without any assistance from human beings. God knows everything concerning His creation. He knows everything just as the manufacturer of a machine knows everything about his machinery. He knows when to service it, and what kind of service it will be, minor or major. He knows what to replace and what to polish up.

God is more responsible than mere manufactures of this world. To tell God what He has to do with one's life is a waste of one's time. God knows a person before he is born. He chooses without being held accountable, a person's race, country and continent. Although most people have resettled themselves to countries of their choices, yet they could not change what God Almighty made them to be.

God does with people as He pleases. As a farmer does with his herd and flock. God does not abuse His powers. That is why a tyrant is always doomed. That is why warmongers never have peace within themselves. That is why murderers never have peace of mind. God has made it to be like that under nobody's assistance or command.

It is very much presumptuous of people to give God instructions and commandments. People have to learn to only give thanks to God for all He has done for them. They have to thank God for:

- a) *The well mixed air they breathe.*
- b) *The life sustaining rain as well as spring water freely given.*
- c) *The life they have.*
- d) *The ability to think and communicate.*
- e) *The fact that they rule over all His creation.*
- f) *Each day that dawn and each night that engulfs them.*

g) *The seasons of each year.*

People have to learn to thank God Almighty all the time.

If people really appreciate what God Almighty has done and is constantly doing for them, they would be stopping at each and every passing hour and silently give thanks to Him. People would always be talking of His mercy and love. People would be living peacefully with one another here on earth. And I am sure that God merciful as He ever is, will be renewing the universe before them. God Almighty would be bringing to an end all afflictions human beings are presently experiencing here on earth. God Almighty would be changing desert areas to fertile agrarian areas.

Read Palms 147:7-8 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praises upon the harp unto our God: who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. (*The Holy Bible Revised Version*)

Joel 2:23 *Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you - the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. (NKJV)*

Jeremiah 5:24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. (*The Holy Bible Revised Version*)

Amos 4:7 "I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. (*HBNIV*)

God knows everything and He does not need any one to remind Him of things He has to do or not to do to people and for people on earth. God gave people power to think. People (Adam and Eve) ate the fruit of knowledge thereafter they and all people after them were able to make choices as we still do to this day without God Almighty's intervention. If a person makes wrong choices God Almighty never intervenes. If a person decides to end his life God will never stop him from doing so. If a person betters his life in any acceptable way, God will neither subtract from nor

add to it. It has to be what it should be. God never keeps on making adjustments. If one wishes, one can persuade or dissuade oneself. All is up to each and every one of us. People also can encourage or discourage one another. God allowed for it to be within each and every one of us to do so.

People have to learn to give God all honour, glory and reverence. People have to learn to stop instructing God. It is only those in the upper rung who command those below them. God Almighty is always in the upper echelon. To God Almighty we are all in the lowest rung. Here on earth no one can command his king or governor, yet people young and old find it very much easy to give God instructions in their endless pleas and grievances. Some take God for their servant. In their prayers they boldly order him to do this and that for them.

God is King of kings and Lord of lords. What kind of a king is it that could be easily instructed by his subjects? On earth there is no such a king. It seems as if when people pray, they totally forget that they talk to their king, God Almighty.

Question: What about those who are somehow mentally retarded? Surely prayers have to be sent to God asking Him to improve their brain power.

Answer: God Almighty never created any retarded person. People he created, Adam and Even were physically perfect human beings to strut the earth. For a person to be born retarded, or to go mad depends on circumstantial outcome. Sometimes one becomes retarded due to the way one's parents behaved when one was still young or when one was conceived. If a mother turned alcoholic or continued doing drugs, the chances are her baby could be born mentally retarded or with a syndrome. God Almighty has nothing to do with that. If one injures one's head and get retarded thereafter, God Almighty cannot be blamed for that. Only proper medication can somehow better one's condition.

Question: What about a person born blind or

deformed? Surely prayers have to be sent to God asking Him to improve their state of life.

Answer: No one has to blame God Almighty for people like that. Such people are the result of something that has gone wrong within the bodies of their parents. That is why parents have to go for medical tests and check-ups during pregnancy. If something weird is detected in the unborn baby such a pregnancy should better be terminated early. To perform unnecessary abortion is tantamount to murder. Promiscuous people who later perform a lot of abortion on themselves flay their souls. If a person is born blind or deformed, it is then incumbent upon all people closer to him to give him love, comfort, respect, support and make him feel good as a human being. No matter how disabled or retarded a person can be, the truth is he is also a human being. (EKR)

Christians who under imperative conditions have to ask God for something, have to do so through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ himself is ever ready to hear and give answers to their prayers. Read *John 16:24* “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. (NKJV) Surprisingly His disciples never asked Jesus for anything till the time of his ascension.

Question: What made them not to ask so their joy might be full?

Answer: His disciples knew that one who asks is one really in need. Some Christians whenever they pray they ask for something like spoiled children. Peter and John made use of the power of the name of Jesus Christ some time later on, calling upon the name of Jesus Christ and the lame stood up and walked at once. They then explained to all who were perplexed and dumbfounded by their action saying in *Acts 4:10* “...let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.” (NKJV)

14. IS IT NECESSARY FOR HUMAN BEINGS TO WORSHIP GOD?

Human beings were created by God Almighty for a special purpose. They are the only creatures God created for that purpose. God then gave human beings brains with power to think constructively or destructively. It is up to the thinker what it is he wants to do. God wanted human beings to think of the best ways they could come up with to worship Him. He also gave them all senses one could think of. The purpose thereof was and to this day is that they should worship Him. *The best form of worshiping God brings out joy and happiness even to the doer. Nevertheless worshipping God should never be in any way dominated by sensual feelings.* Any dance made in honour of God has to be glorious and godly. God forbade it that He be worshipped the way other gods were or are still worshipped. Read *Deuteronomy 12: 30-31* "Don't try to find out how they worship their gods, so that you can worship in the same way. Do not worship the Lord your God in the way they worship their gods," (GNB) God wanted the way He is worshipped to be His and His alone, hence it has to be unique. The joy His worshippers experience has to be different from sensual gratification reached by idol worshippers. 'The worship of God Almighty should arouse spiritual joy which should only be experienced by those in spirit.' (EKR)

God gave human beings the ability to talk, write, and do whatever they want to do on earth. God is pleased with all the things people do on earth as long as they are good and not detrimental to any of His creation and also in keeping with His ethics. The act of doing good things to other people as well as the act of caring for all that He had created is one of the best ways of worshipping God. Yet this form of worship becomes complete when paired with attendance to places of worship.

A person can worship God privately alone or with other worshippers but he has to be affiliated to a church denomination. Jesus asked for those willing to follow Him to

do so in front of the congregation. So no one could just choose to follow Jesus without other members of a church witnessing it. One has to be among a group of people and then confess his faith. God does not like it if a person has clandestine relationship with Him for there is nothing illicit about it. Even if the worship of God by Christians is made illegal, it is much better for one to be known than be persecuted if needs be. Early Christians understood this well.

God Almighty likes it if a person supports those who have made it their full time occupation to serve Him. People who need that support are His priests. No priest has to starve or be needy. God does not like that. Each and every church must make sure priests' needs are met. They must not support their priests with a hope of receiving favours from God in return for whatever they might have done for the priest. They have to understand that it is incumbent upon them as the church to support their priests and all in the service of the Lord God Almighty. A priest who is also employed by a certain private or public company is not found in the bible. Read Ezekiel 44:16 God Almighty has this to say concerning His Priests "... will enter my Temple, serve my altar, and conduct the temple worship." God also makes it clear how people have to care for His Priests. Ezekiel 44:30 The best of all first fruits of any kind, and every of every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifice, shall be the priest's; (NKJV)

Those failing to support their priests and their churches defile their souls. Those supporting the priests and their churches are obedient to God Almighty. God loves all those who do so and to Christians no blessings should ever be expected in return. Christians have to earn their blessings from their daily conducts as written in Matthew 5:3-11. People have to worship God and support His work without expecting any form of compensation from God thereafter. People are all obliged to support their priests and churches. Such services are received with great adulations in heaven. God had already offered all He had created to people to use and enjoy. It is only unjust people who turn selfish and rob

others of things God had given to them all free of charge to share. Such people are evil and are despised by God. No matter how wealthy they may be. They are despicable. (EKR)

Priests and any other person serving God Almighty who steal from the coffers of the church not only defile their souls but cause a curse to fall upon their generations. Their generations will in most cases be wayward and uncontrollable. What has been given out for God's work must be used entirely for it. Priests have to be given stipend sufficient enough to satisfy their needs as well as their families' if they are married. Priests must be exemplary to all to see how people who serve God Almighty and who get support from the church should be. Priests as well as all people who fear and love God Almighty have to teach their children the ways of God Almighty without compromise. They have to instill the love of God Almighty in the heart, soul and mind of their family members especially their children or children they are guardians to at the very early stages of their lives. They have to continue drilling the ways of the Lord God Almighty in their children every day. If they go to church on Sundays or on worshipping days, no member of their families has to be left home unless ill or looking after the sick. All homes of people not only priests have to shut and lock their doors on the days of worship and all roads have to be turned into trails of people, every morning, going to their different churches or their places of worship. (EKR)

It is very much easy for people to go in droves to political party rallies, or to games in stadiums and halls yet it is very much difficult for them to come in multitudes to the places of worship, out of love not fear of any intimidation or harassment or retribution in hell. God Almighty is pleased with those who worship Him with elation from hearts.

Priest, preachers and members of the church who commit immoral acts in the premises of the place of worship and inside the place of worship are cursed by God almighty.

Read 1 Samuel 2: 22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. (NKJV)

No one could plea to God Almighty on behalf of the sons of Eli for forgiveness. They subsequently died. The act of committing immorality within the premises of the place of worship or inside it is the most deplorable. Even repentance and becoming a devout Christian thereafter could not help. **Read 1 Samuel 2:25** If one man sins against another, God will judge him, But if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?" (NKJV)

People have to teach themselves not to defile what has been set aside as God's. People have to learn to respect places dedicated to the Lord God Almighty.

Remember: "The worship of God Almighty purifies the soul." The church is the rehabilitation centre of the soul therefore no one, priests and pastors included, should deceive oneself into thinking one is better than others. All sick souls are known by God Almighty only. How the soul is like, can never be felt. Only God is able to see the condition of each and everybody's soul. It is easy for one to defile ones soul without knowing it. One could eat food prepared by unclean people and get one's soul defiled. One could be in a place where a dead person has been or touch a coffin with a dead person inside and defile one's soul. One could share a place with unclean people and defile his soul. One could sin and defile one's soul. One could think of bad things and defile one's soul. That is why it is imperative for everybody to frequent a place of worship once a week, as God has stipulated, so as to flush defilement out of the soul. Ho unto those who break the hearts of people worshipping Lord God Almighty. (EKR)

Jesus Christ Himself had a defiled soul that had to be cleansed first before entering heaven. His soul was defiled by staying and eating with unclean people as well as healing the unclean. When he was on the cross, Lord God Almighty

could not come nearer him hence he cried out: “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” When translated it says: “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (NKJV)

If the soul of Jesus can be defiled, all human beings’ souls could not be immune from defilement. The worship of God privately and most importantly with other worshippers is the only way the soul get cleansed. A person has to belong to one of the many churches worshipping God Almighty here on earth. The failure to worship God in the church one has registered oneself with is gross disobedient

People worshipping God have to do it from their hearts. They have to sing to Him with joy. No one has to spare God one’s voice. There should be no spectators in the church when the congregation sings. The worship of God is no entertainment. It is better for one not to join the worshippers than to go there and become a spectator. Cursed is the one who attends the church or who associates oneself with worshippers so as to cause disturbances. The worship of God has to be at all times venerated. Any dance that could be performed for God Almighty has to be graceful and should never express any form of debauchery. God is holy and those worshipping Him have to bear that in mind.

The worship of God should be enjoyable. The fact that God Almighty is being adored should stimulate ecstasy. Ecstasy to the soul rather than to the flesh. The mere praises rendered to God Almighty have to be fulfilling to the soul and a delight to one praising him. All prayers have to be in praise of God Almighty rather than commandments and instructions directed to Him. People have to bear in mind that God Almighty is the highest authority one could think of. God Almighty is the Ruler above all other rulers. Therefore people have to give God Almighty all respect due to Him.

The worship of God Almighty when done correctly and properly heals the soul of the inflictions received from the sinning flesh. (EKR.)

Priests and pastors, preachers and anybody else who may be in a position of asking for monies towards the work

of God, have to learn to stop using words such as; “Put God to the test by bringing Him your offerings so as to see if He would not bless you thereafter.” God Almighty would not have any person putting Him to the test. He has to be worshipped with joy, passion, selflessness and adoration. God had done almost everything for people on earth expecting nothing in return but to be worshipped, glorified and praised by people. People should continuously strive to do good deeds to other people, for this is part of adoring Lord God Almighty.

Those who are being discouraged from worshipping God, paradoxically by their priests and pastors who claim God Almighty has only to be worshipped by the righteous; are deliberately made to go against Lord God Almighty’s commandment that He should be worshipped by all people on each and every seventh day of the week.

15. WAS A TREE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN A REAL TREE OR WAS IT JUST FIGURATIVE?

Many people like to ask questions such as; “What kind of fruit was it? Was it a real tree? Was it a real fruit? Why was this tree planted in the middle of the garden? Was it a real garden?” Most people think that it was not a fruit in the literal sense of it but it was just figurative. They say the bible is too holy to just glaringly call a spade a spade. Such talks are more fitting to people whose culture allows for euphemism.

The bible, truly speaking, is the most direct and to the point book the world has ever seen. It says a thing as it is regardless of how embarrassing it might have been. Therefore there is no need for this section of the bible to have some hidden facts. The bible could never say it was a tree but meaning something else. The bible is the most straight forward book in the world. It was never written in riddles. Riddles and parables in the bible are clearly mentioned.

Most people say Adam and Eve ate a fruit. The bible does not say so. Genesis 3:6 “...she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. (*The Holy Bible Revised Edition*) When put plainly it can be said: “Eve took the fruit and started to eat one of them, then she gave her husband some and he ate one of them as well. Even if they had shared one and the same fruit there is nothing sinister about it. The fact that Eve ate the fruit in her hand first, makes it literal and not figurative. If Eve had eaten the fruit at the same time as Adam, perhaps my mind could have been boggled a bit.

If The Almighty God had used the name tree figuratively, He would not have warned Adam against the eating the fruit thereof alone. God Almighty would have waited until Eve had been created. Common sense dictates how absurd it would have been for our Good Lord to instruct Adam not to eat that fruit meaning something else. Adam would have been left confused as to how such a thing could

be eaten up. God Almighty is not the God of confusion.

The Almighty God had actually pointed at the tree which was a distance from them and told Adam not to eat of its fruit. If God Almighty had wanted them not to engage in sexual intercourse, he would have plainly said so. Later we hear Eve telling the snake that: "God told us not to eat the fruit of that tree or even touch it; if we do, we will die." (GNB) This shows us that Adam had told her about it for God Almighty never said the tree should not be touched. Adam tried by all means to keep Eve a distance from that tree. When Eve saw that snake she was alone, Adam was not there. That is why the bible says: "The snake asked the woman..." If they were there together it would have been written thus: "The snake asked them or Adam and Eve." It is obvious Adam came to Eve later on. Eve then started to eat of the fruit alone. If it is figurative it makes no sense now for the snake cunning as it was is never said to have eaten of the fruit together with Eve.

If the tree was just figurative how were they going to avoid touching their bodies? *"God told us not to eat the fruit of that tree or even touch it; if we do, we will die."* (GNB) If it was not a real tree but some parts of their bodies how were they going to avoid touching those parts. It is just unthinkable.

If God Almighty did not mean a real garden with real trees and real animals but their bodies, where were the angels placed in or on their bodies which the bible states were put at the eastern side of the garden? Which part of their body is that eastern side? Where is the flaming sword which turns in all directions in their bodies? The failure to answer these questions is the proof that it was a real tree in the middle of the real garden.

Moreover God Almighty never planted one tree in the middle of the garden of Eden, He planted two trees there. One was the Tree of Life and the other was the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If that garden was a body of a human being and the Tree of knowledge of good and evil, as most people like to say, being the genitals; what would the

Tree of Life be then? Secondly where would it be situated in the body of a human being? Perverts like to distort things capitalizing on the ignorance most people have of the scriptures. The irony is most people read the bible a lot but fail to read it with understanding.

I hope now you have seen that God Almighty had literally planted a tree in the middle of The Garden of Eden. If it dawns to you as well; I say Amen to that.

16. FALSE PRIESTS AND PASTORS AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS.

They have what Paul warned Timothy to be aware of. 2Timothy 3:1 “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud...”

16.1 They are pompous in nature (lovers of themselves). To them blessings from the Almighty God manifest themselves in material opulence and lavish life style. They always go for expensive things such as cars, clothes, houses or furniture. They refer to it all as blessings from God. They seem to have forgotten that all these, are manmade and not God’s creations. Yet these things no matter how exquisite or exotic they might be, are all made from God Almighty’s raw material.

They seem not to understand that His blessings come straight from Him, and are spiritual. As it has been mentioned in page 47, chapter 8 under the sub-topic: *Do the riches of this world signify God’s blessings?*

Let us look at blessings from God.

- a) They never get stolen.
- b) They never rust or lose value.
- c) No one can destroy God's blessings.
- d) No one can duplicate or recreate God's blessings.
- e) No one can use God's blessings to sin against oneself or against other people.
- f) God's blessings are always pure. They never get contaminated or defiled.
- g) God's blessings are never used for evil purposes.

Those who hunger for money, greatness and fame would always be pompous and exorbitant in their manner. (EKR)

16.2 They preach simony (lovers of money). They seem not to have understood why Peter so harshly chastised Simon the sorcerer. The very Simon who had made many people to

listen to Peter, giving him support saying Peter was the great power of God. Little did he know that Peter was not even the least impressed by that flattery. Then Simon went a step further, unintentionally offending Peter by offering him money saying: "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Acts 8:19. (NKJV) Peter was never lured by money, as most priests and pastors nowadays would have been. Instead he reprimanded Simon saying in Acts 8:20 "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!" (NKJV)

Pastors have now re-introduced simony to Christianity and almost all denominations are busy applying it. What Martin Luther fought so vigorously against has been a norm in churches these days. Nowadays one finds all priests, pastors and preachers in most churches in South Africa and I think even all over the world, preach simony. Using Paul's words as found in his second letters to the Corinthians 9:6 "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."(NKJV); In some churches the most paramount objection is to have coffer filled. They claim such monies are God Almighty sacrifices, however they are Christians. Christians' sacrifices to God are repentance from sin, love for Him with heart, soul and mind and an endeavour by all means to live a godly life here on earth, as well as to be in good terms with all the people of the world who according to the teachings of Christ are neighbours to all who follow him.

Christian sacrifices are not slaughtered animals and burnt incense. They are:

- a) spreading of His gospel to other people without any material gain in return.
- b) Worship done individually and privately as well as in congregations with other worshipers.
- c) Conti Dedication one has for God, in a form of daily praising of His name.
- d) Continuous teachings one always does to one's

family members especially young children. Teaching them never to forsake God Almighty and never to be wayward.

These are the sacrifices all Christians have to make daily to God. God Almighty needs no material sacrifice from Christians but spiritual sacrifices.

Why Christians no longer have to make offerings to God of slaughtered and burnt animals?

Jesus Christ was their ultimate sacrifice. Such sacrifice could not be repeated in any way. Jesus Christ offered to God the sacrifice with no blemishes. The sacrifice which was His life as he died on the cross. There is nothing and will be nothing that could replace the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for all who believe in Him. Now the sacrifices of God should be what is so precise said in Psalm 51:17: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart - These, O God, You will not despise." (NKJV) This psalm was prophetic. It states categorically clear what sacrifices of God are. Whenever one is penitent, to God is the purest offering.

Monies people offer in churches never go to God Almighty, but to banks or trading companies to buy what the churches and their priests need. Nothing is thrown up to heaven and taken by God. So it is simony to say those monies are God's monies. God does not need any one's money. Read what Paul says in the book of Acts 17:25. "Nor is He worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath and all things." (NKJV) They seem to forget what Peter said to Simon the sorcerer: "May your money perish with you..." It is an undeniable fact that all material things perish with us. Nothing material will last forever. Only spiritual things endure forever no matter people believe these words or not, but this is the plain truth.

16.3 They brag themselves of possessing some supernatural

powers to heal the sick, to raise the dead, to cause people to get jobs, and to make people wealthy. Their focus is on material things of the flesh. They could spend a lot of time praying not to die and to have wealth. Their lives are centered on material things. Lengthy public prayers and body mortifying fasting as far as they are concerned are the way in which a person could get closer to God and receive his anointing. What does Jesus say about wealth? Matthew 6:19-20 says: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up yourselves treasures in heaven..." (NKJV) Does Jesus mean that his followers have to be indigents? There is not a single verse quoting Him as saying His followers have to be destitute. Jesus instead encourages those who are wealthy to share their wealth with the poor. Jesus Christ does not like someone who is monopolistic and egocentric. Read Luke 12:19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' (NKJV) This man has no wish to share what he has with other people. Jesus Christ is totally against this. Jesus calls upon any one affluent to freely share with others especially the needy. Those who have money have to create jobs for the jobless and pay them living wages. Even the churches have to create jobs for their indigent members rather than keep all lands and all the wealth which ironically were bought through their poor church members' tithing and collections. If all wealthy people could give heed to what Jesus says, no one all over the world would move around famished. Good deeds are the best offerings a person could offer God.

16.4 They claim to communicate directly with the Almighty God on daily basis. Such communications ended with Jesus Christ. We cannot dispute the fact that some people could still hear His voice in the same way as young Samuel did, but communicating with Him in the way Moses did, is nowadays something we have never heard of. God in most cases makes use of His angels. Even John who received the

Revelations never communicated with The Almighty God. If they claim to be communicating with Jesus Christ, at least it would have been credible.

God last talked directly to people in the days of His chosen prophets. Then God Almighty sent His angels. Thereafter spoke directly to people. Jesus communicated with Saul on his way to Damascus and continued to do so after Saul had embraced Christianity. Jesus spoke to Ananias instructing him to go and meet Saul. A voice, probably similar to that Samuel heard, spoke to Peter saying "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." (NKJV) Jesus also spoke to John informing him of what he had to tell seven churches.

Nowadays some people claim to communicate with God Almighty and when one listens carefully to what they say one comes to realize that they did not communicate with God Almighty but with either one of the angels or some spirits. I say with some spirits because I could not say of the dead people. Communication between the living and the dead is not found in the bible. Those who could divine like sangomas are said to be able to communicate with the dead. God forbids such practices. Read Lev 19:31 "Do not go for advice to people who consult the spirits of the dead." (NKJV)

God Almighty used to communicate directly with His prophets. The first prophet was Moses. To anybody else God Almighty would send His angels. Abraham is exceptional for God would talk directly to him or send him His angels, but Abraham was not a prophet. God had never sent him out to tell people what He wished them to know. Whatever God told Abraham, had to do with Abraham himself and his family.

God communicated with Jacob through dreams and through His angels. God communicated with the Virgin Mary through His angel. God also communicated with Zacharias His priest through His angel informing him of the birth of John who baptised Jesus. Yet these pastors being no prophets claim to communicate directly with God Almighty. Moreover they are Christians. Christians come to God in faith and by grace they are saved. No Christian should communicate with God Almighty except through Jesus

Christ. Jesus Christ is their gate to God and heaven. Jesus says: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28. NKJV) “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6 NKJV) Pastors are in fact shepherds so are the priests, and God Almighty spoke to the shepherds through an angel. (Luke 2:8-15).

16.5 One having been touched by them, especially on the forehead, in most cases, collapses. This unbiblical power is claimed to be from God Almighty Himself. Nonetheless the Holy Bible has no record of any one who was touched on the head by either the prophets, Jesus, Peter or Paul and thereafter collapsed to the ground, and then suffered bodily dizziness and discomfort. Such preachers, prophets, pastors and evangelists use notorious spirits they are possessed with.

Some mediums are also possessed with such spirits. If a possessed person did not like to be a medium he would be a Zion Church priest, here in South Africa, with clairvoyant powers which he would call prophesy. The Zion Church is able to make ancestral spirits possessing a person to get converted and make that person their prophet in the Zion Church. Biblically, a prophet is one who could hear the voice of God directly talking to him. God would use His prophet to guide His people, warn them of dangers and teach them His ways. New connotations to prophesy have nowadays to do with foretelling the future.

Saul fell down after the bolt of lightning directed to where he was by Jesus had caused him to fall down. In the bible the voice could cause people to collapse, sometimes die. Acts 5:5 “Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down...” (GNB) His wife fell down and died too after hearing what Peter had said. People possessed with demons fell down at seeing Jesus Christ. Mark 3:11 ‘And whenever the people who had evil spirits in them saw Him, they would fall down before him and scream, “You are the Son of God!” (GNB) The bible puts it clearly that some collapsed on

hearing His voice others at seeing Him. No one was touched then collapsed. Pastors are busy touching people causing them to fall down.

16.6 They do not preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to people but they preach sin recalling and giving vivid ostentatious accounts of how they once indulged and reveled in sins to great applauses from their delightful audiences. Their intention in so doing, they say; is to encourage those among them in their congregation who are in the same situation, not to give in but to turn over a new leaf, emulating those testifying how evil they had been before being cleansed by Jesus.

Here is a questions to be answered first:

“What about those who have never gone through those evil deeds? Are they not encouraged to sin and then repent thereafter?”

People should know this:

Jesus does not like rejects. Jesus does not like people who would start by messing up their lives in sins and after having had enough of sins turn over to Him. No! No! No! Jesus wants no one to start by bogging oneself in sins before turning over to Him. Jesus Christ is not a refuse pit. Nevertheless those who repent no matter how sinful they are, are welcome. *Read Isaiah 1:18* “Come, now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” (NKJV) In so saying God never condones sinning, but He encourages those whom other people could impose on to sin, not to continue with it but to repent and be obedient to Him.

Priests, pastors, preachers and many other people mistakenly refer to Paul as someone who was very much sinful but through the grace of God was saved. This is very much incorrect and misleading. Paul was never bogged in sins. Paul led a good life from his early years hence he was in close association with Judaic priesthood. He was at wars fighting against those who were busy corrupting Judaic

religion. Paul as far as he was concerned and as far as all other Jews faithful to Judaism believed, was in the right track. He was purging Judaic religion of heretics. Paul was beyond any doubt sure that he was hundred percent on the side of the Almighty God, until he was struck by lightning and heard Jesus Christ Himself, in that very moment, speaking to him.

If a thing is abhorrent, it will never incite any form of myth from anyone unless that one is also one of the perpetrators. An evil thing remains evil no matter how sugar coated it can be. It must never elicit any form of laughter from anybody especially the just and those who know the difference between good and evil. It is therefore uncalled for, for members of the congregation to have euphoric emotions on hearing a person telling them plainly of his wallowing in sins. Paul warns the followers of Christ never to utter any corrupt word from their mouths. Read Ephesians 4:29. According to Paul, categorical testimonies on how someone had sinned should not be allowed. As Paul did, it is enough for one to say I was a sinner but through the grace of Jesus Christ I am now a born again Christian.

16.7 They derive some pleasure on hearing of someone not belonging to their churches reported to have been caught committing sin. Only the forces of darkness would experience a tingle of joyous emotion from such incidents. Those who are the children of the light will be mostly offended. They will also be filled with the worst feeling of shame and embarrassment. They will either have prayer sessions held for such a person asking Jesus to open his eyes and make him see his wrongdoing and repent. They would also pay such a person special visits so as to make him or her a better Christian.

Repentance minimizes the defilement of the soul. Forgiveness from Jesus Christ cleanses one from any iniquity affecting his soul.(EKR) Yet this does not give a license to any individual to sin so as to be forgiven thereafter. The reason being, no human being could rest assured that he

or she has really been forgiven. One would only be able to fully know whether he was forgiven or not after death. One's soul will tell one's status. All healthy souls will enter heaven and get accommodated in Jesus Christ mansions. Souls defiled with sins will not. The soul is the breath of God. Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life... (NKJV) It is the God's breath of life which turns each and every human being on earth into a spiritual being.

Human beings are not like animals. Some perverts think so. Human beings and animals are of flesh and blood, but that never make them the same. All human beings primitive or modern could talk, could count, could warn others of danger, could chastise the wrong doers, could have compassion, veneration as well as vindictiveness depending on circumstances. Lastly they, in one way or another, believe in the spirits. All animals could not count, warn others of danger and venerate their leaders and heroes. Moreover all human beings primitive or modern could outwit all animals. What gives human beings such an edge over other animals? It is the spirit of God which is their souls. Those practicing bestiality not only defile their souls but they destroy them.

Souls never commit sins. As God Almighty is sinless so is His soul. A soul remains sinless no matter how the flesh, it is embodied in, sins. The soul gets stained. After death such a soul is said to be sick. Here on earth, among the quick, no one could feel the cleansing of one's soul. No one could tell how sick or how purified one's soul is. Therefore no one has to assume to be better than others.

16.8 They try by all means not to use natural herbs or any form of homemade medicine except one prescribed for them by a medical practitioner or a pharmacist. To them mixing herbs and using them as medicine is a sin. They seem not to be aware of the fact that all medicines homemade or not, are the combination of natural herbs and other natural ingredients which were all created by God. They do not like to

use homemade herbs to heal themselves yet they eat vegetables and drink tea. These are in fact also herbs. What God dislikes is for one to start by conjuring up other spirits to make the herb potent or for one to attribute ones power of healing to some spirits. All things belong to God. All things were created by Him alone. What most people do not know is that some pills and tablets contain substances from bodies of human beings. Herbs are in fact the purest form of medication. Read Genesis 1: 29 And God said, “See I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be food.” (NKJV)

16.9 Some false priests claim to be God themselves. Their followers worship them as if they are gods. They are said to possess powers to bless, to curse and to kill. Their followers are occasionally heard calling upon their names during times of hardship or luck. Their followers go to an extent of having pictures of their priest with them all the time in their wallets, pockets, cars and homes. They also hang them on walls in their homes. They believe such pictures have powers to repel evil spirits and protect their families from dangers of this world and also to cure them when they are sick. In fact these priests, just like any other human being, have their own personal problems, as well as family problems. They are not immune from diseases. They also suffer inflictions like all human beings. Their followers blindly overlook all these things and worship them as gods.

16.10 False priests and pastors are showy. They do the opposite of what Jesus Christ teaches in Matthew 6:5 where he says: “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men.”(HBNIV) What they do whenever they worship God Almighty is completely the opposite. They stand whenever they pray. They like to erect their tents by the street corners or by the road side. They even put loud speakers in their places of worship. Using their

microphones they make it a point that all in their neighbourhood hear them as they sing their choruses, pray and preach. When it comes to singing only those with microphones are heard from a distance singing. Inside their tents or places of worship musical instruments deafen the ears causing some members of their congregation to stop singing all together. Their singing sometimes is accompanied by them dancing like mad as if in a disco. If their tents are juxtaposed, a cacophony of noise from those tents covers a big area. They do all this to be heard and be seen by people.

16.11 False priests and pastors discourage some people from worshipping God Almighty through their preaching which is either boastful or disheartening. Preaching has to give courage and hope to the despondent and prompt willingness to people to worship God, especially those with misgivings. God said in *Exodus 20:8-10*;

8. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9. Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
10. but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work. (NKJV)

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

God states that his Sabbath is the seventh day. It does not matter whether one's Sabbath falls on a Saturday or a Sunday as long as it is the seventh day; it is the Sabbath of the Lord God Almighty. No one could claim to be keeping the genuine Sabbath Day of God since we are using a Roman invented calendar, The Gregorian Calendar not a Hebrew Calendar nor a Muslim Calendar. Our calendar has 365 and a quarter days a year. The names of the months are the names of ancient Roman gods and goddesses. Even the days of the weeks are the days which were once set aside for the worship of gods or goddesses people of those days once worshipped. *So there should not be any debate as to which day is the true Sabbath in our calendar for there is none.* Perhaps a Hebrew or a Muslim calendar can point to a true Sabbath but as long as it was written in the times of Moses.

Fortunately for us all, God being The All-Knowing (*The Omniscient*) stated that if one works for six days the seventh should be His Sabbath. But in order for uniformity in the worship of God Almighty, people saw it wise to have all the days of the year written systematically in calendars. A Saturday was then declared a Sabbath. Then persecutions and wars which aimed at annihilating Christianity, had forced them to worship their God on a Sunday secretly in catacombs (*underground tunnels*), hence Sunday became their Sabbath to this day. Yet there are also some Christians whose Sabbath day is a Saturday.

As long as there is a Sabbath for the worship of the Lord God Almighty, it does not matter which day it is. What people have to be careful of is to keep it holy. Something people dismally fail to do. There should be no fighting and the breaking of other people's hearts on a Sabbath day. Not that fighting and the breaking of hearts is permitted on other days but on a Sabbath day people have to learn to be at peace with themselves as well as with God so as to be able to perpetuate this kind of behaviour even on other days.

Those at homes who could not go to places of worship have to talk about Lord God Almighty now and then until sun set on a Sabbath day. They have to praise Him and talk about all the great things God Almighty had freely offered to all people to use and sustain their lives with. All these things regardless of how precious and sumptuous they are to a human eye or how delicious they are to human senses or how savoury they are to the tongue, they are all for human beings and God Almighty never desires none of them. To Him it is like a person watching cattle grazing. A person would just look at the cattle and would not the least wish to eat grass as well. So people have to praise God Almighty for creating for them so much to enjoy and delight in.

Those in churches have to worship Him with joy, singing and praising His name and sending solemn prayers to Him, glorifying His name and thanking Him for all He has done.

Some pastors discourage other people from going to

churches to worship God by calling them ‘the church-goers.’ Such pastors are filled with evil demonic spirits. Going to church is a way of giving God Almighty all the glory He expects of His people. By going to churches, people show to all and sundry without any reservations and shame that they adore God Almighty. The act of worshipping God Almighty at any time and any place is the most effective way of soul cleansing. That is why priests and preachers have to avoid at all costs the utterance of evil words as they preach to the congregations. Corrupt words not only defile themselves, but the Sabbath day as well. All sermons have to be tools used to admonish and edify in a constructive way. All sermons have to correct and instruct in righteousness “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV)

To God Almighty there is no one here on earth who can claim to be holier than the other. Jesus understood this so well that He had to stop those referring to Him as good from saying so. He continued to say no one here on earth is good, for God Almighty is the only Good One. Yet some people take no heed of Jesus’ words and claim to be holier than Jesus Himself.

The Church as well as any place of worship is a spiritual clinic or hospital here on earth. Sick people at clinics and hospitals never laugh at one another. No patient ever stood up and boasted to be healthier than other patients at clinics or hospitals. All patients wait patiently for their turn to their respective doctors’ rooms. Other patients go to an extent of encouraging those whose conditions seem worse never to give up. Yet spiritual patients laugh at one another. It is pitiable that such a thing happens. Furthermore, false priests and pastors, and all other people who happen to hear them preach, have developed a tendency of looking at other people for sins and mistakes they commit and then tell it to other people as a joke.

As far as the Holy Scripture is concerned such a duty was given to the spirit whose job it still is to record down people’s sins here on earth. That spirit could also deceive

people. Not each and every Tom, Dick and Harry is deceived by that spirit. That spirit is usually sent to deceive people God fully trusts will never betray Him by yielding to its temptations. Job was one of them so was Jesus Christ. With all other people here on earth it is their discretion that leads them astray.

Remember what God Almighty said to Adam and Eve; “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.” (*Genesis 3:22 NKJV*) After Adam and Eve had eating the forbidden fruit having been fooled by the snake they developed power to be able to identify good from evil. So it is up to one to choose between what one sees before one’s eyes. If one likes, one chooses to do evil things. And if one also likes, one may turn a new leaf and do good things. If also one likes, one may decide never to do wrong. The choice is one’s. The other one can start by doing good things and end up doing evil things. All is up to what one chooses to do. There is also no divine intervention in as far as one’s choices are concerned.

False priests have a tendency of quoting from the book of Malachi in their effort to make people support them financially.

What those priests do is a great deal of abomination. The book of Malachi is not just a book anybody can use anyhow. It is the book where God is very much displeased with his people. The people had shown no respect for God, His priests and His temple.

Question: What have these people done?

Answer: Even His priests are busy doing evil things. These people have done the following to insult Lord God Almighty;

1. They doubt that God love them. Malachi 1:2

“I have loved you,” says the Lord.

“Yet you say, ‘In what way have You loved us?’ (*NKJV*)

These people are becoming atheistic now. The fact that God

created everything for them, the sun, the moon, the stars, the sky, the rain, water, air, plants they feed on or use for their needs, animals they feed on or use for their needs, soil and had also given them feelings for love, joy, compassion, sorrow, anger and so on. With all the things they have at their disposal they keep on saying “How has God shown His love for us?” As a result God Almighty is very much upset with them.

2. They have dismally failed to give God honour due to Him. Malachi 1:6

“A son honors his father,
And a servant his master.
If then I am the Father,
Where is My honour?
And if I am a Master
Where is My reverence?
Says the Lord of hosts
To you priests who despise My name.
Yet you say, ‘In what way have we
Despised Your name? (NKJV)

These priests seem not to know that they wrong God. That is why they keep on asking; ‘In what way have we despised Your name?

The answer from God is quickly given. Malachi 1:7
“You offer defiled food on My altar,
But say,
‘In what way have we defiled You? (NKJV)

These priests seem not to understand hence they ask once more in what way they have defiled Him.

God Almighty answers: Malachi 1:7(NKJV)

“By saying, ‘The table of the Lord is contemptible.’
People bring sick animals for their burnt sacrifice to God.
God Almighty is now busy admonishing them. *Malachi 1:8*

“And when you offer
The blind as sacrifice,
Is it not evil?

**Offer it then to your governor!
Would he be pleased with you?
Would he accept you favourably?
Says the Lord of hosts. (NKJV)**

These people are really evil. How can one offer a blind animal to God as sacrifice? Normally one who can do this is one who has never believed in God. The people of Israel had known God Almighty for thousands of centuries yet paradoxically they doubt His existence. What these people fear are ordinary human beings in a position of power.

The irony again is they keep on asking God to have mercy upon them. God Almighty says in *Malachi 1:10*

“I have no pleasure in you.” (NKJV)

Lord God tells the Israelites clearly that the Gentiles will worship Him better than they do. *Malachi 1:11*

**“For from the rising of the sun,
Even to its going down,
My name shall be great
Among the Gentiles,
And a pure offering for My name
Shall be great among the nations. (NKJV)**

The book of prophet Malachi has only 4 chapters. In chapter 1 God Almighty vents his anger on His irresponsible priests. In chapter 2 God is angry with his priests for failing to glorify His name. He is also cross with the people of Israel and those of Judah. He blames Judah for being treacherous and Israel for committing abomination. Annoyed as He is, but since God is love, in Malachi 3:10 He allows them to put Him to test and see if He will not bless and make them prosperous. In chapter 4 God Almighty warns them that His Day is coming and it burns like a furnace. Therefore all the proud and the wicked have to repent or else they will burn up.

Our priests and pastors like to use the words God has used as He gives these people a second chance. He says if they repent and be honest with Him, the drought He has sent to their land and all the pestilence they now suffer will come

to an end. He will also heal their land and let the rain come down upon it at the right season.

Seeing that they do not trust Him anymore, God gives then the privilege He rarely gives to people. He allows them to test Him. This is the second time God has allowed a person to test Him. God had always warned people against putting Him to tests. Even Jesus Christ knows that, hence he said to the devil; “But the scripture also says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” (GNB) Yet God Almighty gives these people who despise Him a special dispensation of putting Him to the test. He allows people who have blatantly said; *Malachi 3:14-15*

“It is useless to serve God,
What’s the use of doing
What He says or of trying
To show the Lord Almighty
That we are sorry
For what we have done?
As we see it, proud people
Are the ones who are happy.
Evil men not only prosper,
But they test God’s patience
With their evil deeds
And get away with it.” (GNB)

Their words make it clear to us all that these people deliberately wrong God. These proud and evil people have already put God’s patience to the test. We all have to say: “Surely, God is merciful and His love endures forever.” These people do not want to worship Him. They do not want to offer sacrifices to Him. If they happen to offer sacrifices they offer sick animals and defiled food to Him. They purposely displease God. Yet God gives them a second chance, bending the rules He says: “Put me to the test.”

God never says these words out of joy but pain. God does not teach people to wrong Him first then test Him with their offerings thereafter. He does this only for reconciliation purposes. This is just like what any parent can say so as to

make a child to start doing good things. The parent can say; “If you can clean your room and help me in the kitchen then we will go to town and buy you what you need.” This is not necessarily the way of making a parent buy a child whatever she needs. What the parent says is only for that time. That child will not be expected any time in future to wake up, clean up her room, help her mother in the kitchen and thereafter expect to be taken to town to have all she needs bought for her. No! It will not be like that.

Yet false priests and pastors keep on telling people to test God and see if He will not pour blessings down upon them. *God had never liked to be tested.* When He allowed these people to test Him it was very rare and has never been repeated again.

Moses had warned people of Israel against tempting God Almighty. Read Exodus 17:2 Moses answered, “Why are you complaining? Why are you putting the Lord to the test? (GNB) Read again Numbers 14:22 “...none of these people will live to enter that land. They have seen the dazzling light of My presence and the miracles that I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, but they have tried my patience over and over again and have refused to obey me.” Read once more what the book of Deuteronomy 6:16 says. Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you did at Massah. Read Psalm 78:18 They deliberately put God to the test... Psalm 78:21 And so the Lord was angry... (GNB)

How wonderful it was that King Ahaz, despite all his iniquities, knew what to say or not to say to God. It was very much difficult for him to do what God Almighty asked him to do for he knew it was detestable to God. It was but wrong of king Ahaz not to put God to the test for He Himself had asked him to test Him. God Almighty was asking for the first time to be tempted by a person. It also has to be noted that God allows very vile people to test Him. Read Isaiah 7:10-12 The lord sent another message to Ahaz: “Ask the Lord your God to give you a sign. It can be from deep in the world of the dead or from high up in heaven.” Ahaz answered, “I will not

ask for a sign. I refuse to put the Lord to the test.” (GNB) But in this case it was impudent of Ahaz not to put God to the test for it was God Himself who had asked him to do so.

Lord God Almighty does not like to be put to the test. I wish this to be fully understood by Christians for seemingly some of them are not aware. Priests, pastors and preachers have to avoid quoting Malachi 3:10 to make people contribute financially to their churches. They must also not say people have to thank or ask God with money. God Almighty is our heavenly father. Therefore no child has ever paid his or her parents in order for them to do things for him or her.

17. WHEN WERE PEOPLE CAIN TOOK HIS WIFE FROM CREATED?

First and foremost I wish to bring this to our notice. In chapter one up to chapter eleven of the book of Genesis are ancient stories that had survived getting obliterated from the minds of people thanks to oral tradition. One also has to thank Moses and all his faceless assistants and informers a lot for compiling these stories. It may happen that He also got more information from literature set aside for the privileged few in Egypt, the royal family and perhaps families of those in higher ranks in the kingdom.

The story of creation comes in two different narrations. Barring some differences in them, one may safely say Chapter 1 and 2 are similar. But Chapter 1 ends in Chapter 2:7 and Chapter 2 starts in verse 8 and ends in verse 25. Chapter 5: 1-2 is a summary of the first two chapters and the rest of its verses state the years each person from Adam to Noah lived. The way first chapters of the book of Genesis have been written substantiates that they were from different sources. Seemingly Moses was equally fascinated by these two versions of the story of creation that he could not put it all under the same subsection. For instance, all that deals with the creation of people should be in verse 26 starting with Adam. Verses 27 should not just mention that He created a male and a female, but should have continued with the life of Adam alone in the Garden of Eden, and how God warned him not to eat of a tree of knowledge. The following verses would then tell of the creation of Eve and how God decided to create Eve and how God blessed them as it is in verse 28. Let us also note that the book of Genesis never states how old Adam and Eve were at the birth of Cain and Abel. It also says absolutely nothing about the daughters of Adam and Eve. So one can speculate that Adam was ten years when Cain was born and fourteen when Abel was born. Remember Adam was created a mature young man, so was Eve a mature young woman when she also was created. One can then

speculate that between the age 18 and 786, Adam begot numerous sons and daughters.

The bible states that when Adam was 130 years old, his son that looked exactly like him, Seth, was born. When Seth was born Cain who was still alive, and according to our calculation which does not give his exact age, was 120 years old. What we do not know is how old were they when Cain killed Abel. If Cain was forty it means Abel was thirty six. At that time Adam and Eve prolific as God had specially made them to be should have had nine children. If Eve also gave birth to twins would have been more than ten. If two daughters were born in succession, the eldest by the time Cain killed Abel should have been thirty two years old and the second one twenty nine years old. Some of Adams younger daughters who might have been in their teens and early twenties would all be living in the land which came to be known as Nod. Nod was on the east of Eden. Taking all this in to consideration, one can say with some confidence that Cain, who by that time might have been more than sixty years, married one of his sisters.

Adam lived up to an *unbreakable age record* of 930 years. The bible says after Seth was born Adam and Eve carried on giving birth to more and more sons and daughters. Adam and Eve still remain to this day the most fertile couple here on earth when it comes to producing children. God Almighty had really made them prolific and kept to his word; "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth..." Genesis 1:28. (NKJV)

One can also deduce from the fact that only Adam's age is mentioned, that Adam and Eve were not created on the same day, month or year. Eve was created a few years later. This deduction quite concurs with Genesis chapter 2:18 And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.' (NKJV)

Someone may ask: "Why were all of Adam and Eve sons and daughters not mentioned but Cain, Abel and Seth?" The answer is, oral tradition could not mention them and give historical accounts of them all. It was by zeal on the part of

Adam and Eve's immediate descendants that this story was kept alive in the minds of all generations that had come and gone until it reached Moses who made the best he could to pen it down.

Someone may ask; "When did Cain kill Abel?" The year is not stated. What is known is both of them were grown up men. What we must also note is that not a single daughter of Adam and Eve is mentioned by name. One can then infer that daughters were allowed to live on their own away from their parents and only boys who were few than girls stayed with their parents. This separation caused the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve to marry without a guilty conscious of committing incest since humanity was still at its inception stage.

Moses compiled his books around 1 400 B.C. In those years the lands of the Kurds, the Canaanites, the Persians and the Arabs were extremely fertile. The bible says in Numbers 13:23 "Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole." (NKJV) Even to these days of highly modernized agricultural technology one cluster of grapes has never been as big and heavy as to be carried by two men on a pole. Palaeo-climatological research as cited by Andrew Collins in his book, states that "...between 3 000 and 2 000 BC, Asian monsoons slowly retreated, leaving the region devoid of its spring and summer rains. As a consequence suffered ...a slow desiccation.., a process that continues to this day." Moreover David, who ruled the Israelites around 1 010 BC, states in one of his psalms; "*He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me besides the still waters.*" Psalm 23:2 (NKJV) David could not have fabricated the green pastures and still water. Andrew Collins states that these regions had mountains with very much huge and also very much tall cedar trees. These trees were so tall in such a way that one standing in their forest would think they even touch the sky. Other mountains had glades green with brushwood. Today all the lushness and greenness of the land of Canaan which is

Palestine and the neighbourhood is no more. These regions long lost their fertility and their streaming waters. To say they were once covered with a variety of vegetation would to many be more of a fairytale than of a historical fact.

The truth is during the days of David these regions were still enjoying copious rainfall and their soil in most places very much fertile, although not as copious and fertile as in the days of Moses. As time went on people of Israel in their contumacy became more and more atheistic in their way of life, doing what God Almighty had warned them not to do. Read what God Almighty said will befall them in Deuteronomy 28:23-24 “No rain will fall, and your ground will become as hard as iron. Instead of rain, the Lord will send down duststorms and sandstorms...”

Like all oral tradition, the book of Genesis starts off as a myth. Chapters 1-3 to me are more myth-like than historical. Chapters 4 up to chapter 31 are in all respects a folktale. From chapter 32 to the last chapter which is 50, the book of Genesis is historical. Genesis is one of the most ancient books to have survived various periods of time. From Palaeolithic period, to Mesolithic period, up to Neolithic period. Neolithic period is around 10 000 B.C. If the book of Genesis is that old, we would not be judging it fairly to demand precision out of it, especially in its first chapters.

18. HAS JESUS CHRIST A RACE?

The evangelists, who wrote about the birth of Jesus Christ, Matthew and Luke put it clearly that Jesus Christ was born of a Virgin Mary. They also state that she was a young Jewish woman who was still a virgin. The bible tells us that the Virgin Mary became pregnant not by a will of man but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Read Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."(NKJV) Jesus Christ was then created in the womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Others mistakenly think it was God Almighty Himself who came down to Mary. It was the Holy Spirit. Psalm 104:30 concurs with Luke 1:35 when it states: You send forth Your Spirit, they are created.

Since Jesus was born of a Jewish woman, it is an undisputable fact that He Himself had all the Jewish features and traits for he could not in any way look like the Holy Spirit. If Jesus Christ had been in a form of a Spirit there would have been no need for Mary to give birth to Him. Moreover, and most significantly, Jesus would have been invisible to human eye. Therefore only genes and body cells from Mary alone formed Jesus Christ into a human being He was, making Him one hundred percent a pure Jew.

This had caused those who had wished to kill him to be faced with the biggest problem of identifying him among other Jews who were his disciples. Since they did not like to be involved in a case of mistaken identity, they bribed Judah Iscariot to show them who Jesus was among them. Judah had to hug and kiss Jesus in order for His persecutors to be able to catch Him. Read Mark 14:44 The traitor had given the crowd a signal: "The man I kiss is the one you want." (GNB)

Furthermore a person belongs to a tribe he was born and brought up in, regardless of looks. That is why we now have African Americans. Truly speaking they are Americans and they also know that well. We cannot call them Africans

although we fully know their ancestors came from Africa. Children born in America by British people who came to settle there are no longer British, but are Americans. Their language is American English. In South Africa we have White people whose great grandparents settled in South Africa from Europe. We also have Indians whose great grandparents were from India. They are all South Africans now. They need not be fathered by the natives or be born of the native South African women to be South Africans. Since Jesus was born of a Jewish woman in Bethlehem of Judea, He then is the Jew.

There is something which strikes me most when it comes to the Israelis. They are unique no matter what. They, like the Zulus, Xhosas and Swazis, are not named after their continent or land. We have Americans, Africans, Asiatic, Europeans who are named after their lands and continents. Jews are Israelis. They are named after their greatest grandfather Jacob and they are a nation in their land which was once known as Canaan and later on Palestine. Is this not a mystery in itself? Look at their history. It dates back to pre-historic times, which is the time of the creation of heaven and earth as we know it even to this day. In the year 1400 before the era of Christ the Jews were literate enough to record down their history and preserve it for generations to come. Their history is accurate for there are sites here on earth where their historic events actually took place, long time ago.

Christianity is not a white man's religion or Europeans' religion. White people or the Europeans of old never believed in The God of the Christians. They were converted just like the rest of other nations of the world. Christian Religion started in biblical Palestine and was spread from there to the Greek Islands and eventually to Rome by Paul, Peter and John as well as many others who were by then converted to Christianity.

It was the Roman Catholic Church that collected and compiled all the books of the bible. Their monks did an exceptionally splendid work for us all. Under the auspices of Constantine the Great, the books of the bible were canonized.

In those days the bibles were only read by the priests of the Roman Catholic Church. The Pope and his priests, when preaching, were at liberty to interpret the scriptures in any way that would serve a specific purpose for requirements needed at that point in time by the Roman Catholic Church. One Roman Catholic priest became bold enough to bring that monopoly of scripture reading to an end. That man was Martin Luther.

Later on, the Protestants came with their canon of biblical books which excluded some of the books the Roman Catholic Church had included. The Protestants became powerful and were in charge of Bible Societies of the world that print Bibles. They then referred to those books as Deuterocanonicals or Apocrypha. The Roman Catholic Church continues to this day to have those books in their bibles. These books are; Tobit, Judith, Esther-Greek, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, Letter of Jeremiah, Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the three young Men, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, 1&2 Maccabees, 1&2 Esdras and Prayer of Manasseh.

From Rome Christianity was spread all over the Roman Empire following the decree by Constantine the Great in the year 312. The decree compelled all nations under the Roman Empire to become Christians or suffer persecution? The Roman Empire comprised European countries, British Isles which was England and part of southern Scotland. It also covered Greek Islands, Egypt and its neighbourhood as well as parts of the Middle East. It was the European countries that spread Christianity all over the world. It was also in this way that Christianity reached South Africa.

Black South Africans were converted through missionary work by missionaries from the so called Mainstream Churches. Mainstream Churches are; The Church of England, Methodist Church, Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church, Missionaries from Scandinavian Countries, The American Board Missionaries, The Salvation Army, The Dutch Reformed Church and The Roman Catholic Church. They built the first schools and hospitals for black

people. They preached to primitive black people who had never heard of any religion before. These natives of South Africa were following the dictates of their traditional cultural customs. They would also once in a while do rituals to appease the ancestral spirits or beg them for luck, guidance and protection.

In South Africa the Zulus and the Xhosas for instance, truly speaking, knew absolutely nothing about God. Yet they had their own incorporeal powers that they would honour. The Zulus had Nomkhubulwane the heavenly Princess of the rainbow. Nomkhubulwane was never worshiped. Nevertheless in summer a field was worked by young women who were virgins. They would then plant all sorts of crops therein. That field was called the field of Nomkhubulwane. It was never reaped or harvested. All crops in it were left to be eaten by wild animals and birds. Nomkhubulwane was said to be making the land fertile, livestock to multiply and seasonal rain to fall. She was referred to as The Princess of the Sky. To this day a rainbow in Zulu language is UTHINGOLWENKOSAZANA. Freely translated: THE BOW OF THE PRINCESS. The Xhosa people revered Thixo (Tixo) an insect, the praying mantis.

When the children of the converts, Amakholwa, as well as children of natives who were never converted, *mostly Professors at Universities and those with PHDs*, write books and engage themselves in religious symposiums; their aim is to try to make African Traditional Cultural Customs and the incantation of the ancestral spirits a religion of some sort of the African people. To make it credible they say Mvelinqangi of the Zulus, Thixo of the Xhosas to mention these two; which are names African people refer God with, are the proof that Africans worshipped God Almighty before the arrival of White people. Zulu names for God which are Nkulunkulu, Somandla, Mdali as well as Mvelinqangi were coined in the days of missionaries in our country. This is what my great grandparents passed on to my grandparents, which my grandparents passed it on to my parents who also passed it on to me. My paternal great grandparents got converted to

Christianity in 1847 when The Reverend James Allison arrived at Ndaleni near Richmond, in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa from Swaziland. The evidence that supports their assertion that Zulu names for God, Nkulunkulu, Somandla, Mdali, as well as Mvelinqangi were not known by our ancestors who lived before the arrival of White people in South Africa is that they are not found in Zulu language proverbs, idioms as well as in the praise songs of King Dinuzulu, Cetshwayo, Mpande, Dingane, Shaka, Senzangakhona and all other rulers of Nguni clans. University Professors on the other hand are busy coining more names for God, which our forefathers never knew. Those names are; Mlenzemunye (*The One legged one*) and Khulukhulwana (*The Ancient One*). Only those who have been to universities among the Zulu people know of these names.

It is piteous that our learned people, our pride, are the ones who are busy deceiving us all. The problem with them is they do not want to stoop down and get all the information about us from our mostly illiterate grandparents. They are busy studying the hypothesis of White people on how native people of Africa, they call the Bantus, spread all over Africa. White people are frank in calling it a hypothesis, yet our learned take it for an absolute truth. Our diminishing grandparents have something ingenuous to tell us about us. Unfortunately only a few of them are left now and these years are frail and forgetful. The only old people sane enough to tell a person something of the past are those born in the 1940s who in most cases tell of what they learnt from books written by both black and white people.

The children of the converts also made many people to believe that our forefathers could count the months of the year. They gave all the months in a Gregorian calendar Zulu names, our grandmothers and grandfathers never knew. Now they claim that Jesus Christ had neither colour nor race. *God in His wisdom knew that if Jesus had to be born in biblical Palestine His gospel would later be easily spread throughout the world and it was just like that.*

WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE SO PERTURBED WHEN GOD IN HIS OWN VOLITION CHOOSES A JEWISH WOMAN TO GIVE BIRTH TO JESUS BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?"

Is God Almighty really the king of kings? Or is God Almighty some kind of a minor? Why are we sticking out our noses into Almighty God's thinking and actions? We are more than presumptuous in our attitude towards God.

Some black people who are agitated by the fact that Jesus was a Jew, when still on earth, have come with their own Jesus they have painted black. They claim Jesus is also a black man. Why? Is it really necessary? Are they driven by egocentrism or stupidity? Jesus Christ was born a Jewish baby, grew up a Jewish boy, started his ministry a Jewish man and was crucified a Jew which was his race for he was born of the Virgin Mary the Jewish woman.

What Jesus Christ expects of us to do as Christians is to believe in him, not in his race. We have to believe that He really is the son of God Almighty. Remember that in heaven all those who believe in Him will be transformed into a new race. A race of angels. John in his Gospel puts it thus: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. (NKJV) John 1:12 Paul says they will be turned into new beings.

If God Almighty had chosen a woman from Africa or from Asia or any other continent, I am sure His message to all the peoples of the world would not have been spread the way it has been. Surely God Almighty is omniscient.

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