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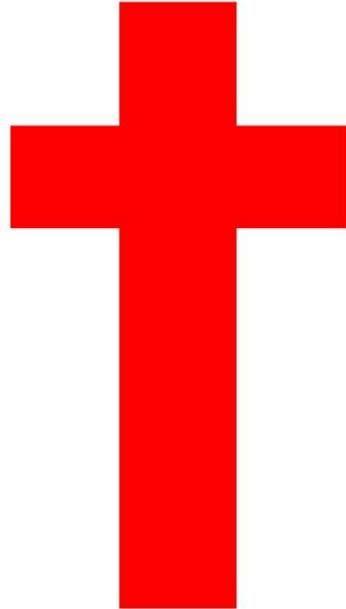
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The Book of Abaddon
(The Abaddon Apocryphon)

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him,
Give me the little book. And he said unto me,
Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly
bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as
honey. Re:10:9

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand,
and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as
honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly
was bitter. Re:10:10

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again
before many peoples, and nations, and tongues,
and kings. Re:10:11

I was given this word by the most ancient of days and came in remembrance of things that have gone before me. Things of the world, like our behavior when the Lord turned away. But I have not fanned the religious flame with rash boastings of the Lord. I have not contributed to science with any revelations that cause harmony or disharmony among my peers. I have not ridden any political horse that I might be seen as one who has authority over others. I am only a small boy insignificant in endeavors and achievements.

Nevertheless I have this one thing of power. I have this little book sealed with the seven seals of God. Now those seals are loosed and fall completely off and I have read the book and cannot unread it! I cannot put the knowledge back. I cannot reseal the book to its previous condition. I cannot restore my mind to its former bliss. Now I am burdened with heartache that I should be the one to reveal this folly to the world. The world craves for it and searches it out but I am like a man hunted around every corner. I have the book and the world wants it. This is the book, this is the book which the angel gave to me and said eat it up. This book is both a blessing and a curse. I was never before in the spirit but I am in the spirit now and I have the book. From this book I have learned that there are two spirits of significance. One is the Spirit of Prophecy which as we know is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The other is the Spirit of Truth which is science and the testimony of the world. This is

that spirit which abides in mankind. It drives humanity always to seek the truth. This is a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for understanding. People strive for it and delve into the mysterious secrets of nature for profit and to benefit their society. Whole nations educate their children. Schools of learning are established wherever people are gathered. That which they teach is thoroughly searched out and found to be factual and truthful upstanding principles of science.

But there is this other spirit which also makes its awareness felt in humankind, Spiritualism and the Spirit of Prophecy. This is the need and the push, the drive to worship God. Earliest archaeological finds support the notion that from the very beginning, earthlings have felt the need to worship god. This need has been expressed in a myriad of ways by a multitude of cultures. Religions therefore are firmly established in the cultures of the earth. Each religion in its precepts however, claims to be the only real truth. Nevertheless, science also makes this same claim. It is obvious that they can't all be correct.

The Spirit of Truthfulness is a spirit that drives people to seek knowledge and understanding so that they may find out the truth in all that they do. Honesty is its foundation stone and sincerity its vehicle. This is the unquenchable thirst in humanity which by its very nature raises more questions than answers. It haunts the soul by continually asking what the meaning to life itself is. How big is the universe? Is there really a God? Why are we here?

So the Spirit of Truth makes its presence known through questioning. Even so, many questions have multiple answers but the acceptability of answers depends on other factors. These other factors are usually personal ones which differ for every individual. Peoples environments vary and their needs vary with it. Therefore a perfectly acceptable insight for one person may be a bone of contention to another. One person's meat is another person's poison!

The very same is true for religion. The Holy Bible requires at times, interpretation. This is exemplified by prophecies which are written in such an ambiguous way that many opposing viewpoints can be sustained. This has caused much division within and without the church over the centuries so that now there exists a legion of doctrines.

The end product of cultural evolution therefore becomes a confusion of beliefs. Every culture has developed its own religion. Christianity is but one of the many. Christianity however is also fragmented into hundreds of separate factions each with opposing views.

Apart from religion there are also other beliefs which co-exist in our society. New-age spiritualism; occult doctrines; beliefs in extra terrestrials; the realism of science and many more This is the modern spiritual confusion which confounds the world. Out of it a growing disillusionment is felt, especially by younger generations who see themselves as being born into a world which is polluted by all the previous generation's exploitation and abuses.

Confusion Confusion the world awaits in confusion.

The Spirit of Truth is that human spirit which directs and governs the generations through their discoveries towards knowledge and enlightenment.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
Joh:16:13

The searching for truth and learning has become this methodical science. The scientific method is trustworthy and reliable and is not given to fanciful notions that cannot be proved. But to be reliable, knowledge must be tested. It must be demonstrable and so documented that any person can replicate its outcomes. Only when its product is consistent with its prediction should it be accepted. This makes scientific truths dependable principles on which to build a civilization.

It was this Spirit of Truth which turned alchemy into chemistry and astrology into astronomy. This was achieved by the cutting away of misconception in favor of Truthfulness. This did not happen without tribulation however, for not all people of the earth have the ability to cast off misconception readily. There have been many people, who were or are deceived by their leaders. They are taught to reject new teachings. Being fed with propaganda they believe only that which their deluded gurus feed them. In each age they become a spectacle and a warning against puritanical extremism, fundamentalism and dogma. If the teacher is deluded then the disciples also will be deluded.

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?
Lu:6:39

Regardless of how fervent they believe their misconception, their belief will never make it become a truth. A delusion will always remain a delusion even if it is taught to others. A misconception will not conceive truth!

There was a time when people believed that the earth was flat and although the whole population of the world believed this as a truth, they were all wrong! Simply believing in something does not make it the truth. Truth must be searched out and proven through relentless investigation.

Therefore this Spirit of Truth which is in all earthlings; this compulsion to learn and to discover things about the world and the environment is what sets humankind apart from other animals on this planet. It is a desire and an attitude which cannot be suppressed nor halted. Even through persecution or the threat of certain death the quest goes on. If this were not so, there would be no scientific methodology in the world today. The story of civilization is littered with examples of those who have sought truth in the face of persecution even receiving death for their efforts.

All too often, religious ideology in its time has hindered scientific progress. Basic fundamentalist and purist thinking within the church argue that the word of god, being *truth*, was all the knowledge that was necessary for peoples redemption. Nevertheless new knowledge had the habit of turning up in the face of their beliefs searing holes in their long established doctrine, showing up the hypocrisy of their zealously and the pitfall of dogma.

THE INSULT OF THE CHURCH two millennium of pain

Believing that they held God's Truth, the church throughout the ages, fought against these up-surges of knowledge as determinedly as it could. From the turn of the first millennium this battle has waged supreme. It has been therefore a sad period of dominance of religious oppression over civilization. But it has also been a battle the church was destined to lose. Even though its life and death struggle took it to the very edge of human sacrifice and obscenity, the search for knowledge and understanding, and the scientific method would prevail.

The result of this religious dominance and struggle has left a legacy of shame for the church. The various Inquisitions; the witch hunts; the oppression of the poor; the accumulation of wealth and the denial of scientific investigation, have left the church suspect in the modern age. Throughout its history also, there have been breakaway groups, who became disillusioned with their mother doctrines and have therefore set up their own daughter versions of Christianity, in opposition. These days there are seemingly hundreds of Christian sects, each with their own brand of worship methodology. This only goes to show that people's tastes differ from culture to culture. The same is true whether for religion or politics. Nevertheless, because of it, we have a prevailing impression of religious confusion stacked against an overwhelming world of scientific achievement. The offshoot of which is much disillusionment in society by the young generations of today.

Confusion Confusion the world awaits in confusion.

Scientific achievement has not come without cost either. In its wake it has also left destitution and poverty in some areas of the world, but affluence and decadence in others. It has polluted every aspect of nature and raped and pillaged the landscape in every country. It has constructed more destructive weaponry than ever in the history of humankind; enough potential to completely destroy the entire planet! **Science has no morals and no conscience!**

This potential for destruction adds fear and contempt to the confusion and spiritual desolation of this day and age. Is it any wonder that church numbers are dropping off whilst psychiatric hospitals are filling up? The wonderful promise of science has not

eventuated in a better world but instead has produced war and devastation, unemployment, poverty and general apathy in the world. Whereas the church has also failed to stand against reason and has become stagnant and powerless to fight the affliction of its people. Therefore the young generations of today hate life and feel that their lot is hopelessness forever. They choose to live a hedonistic lifestyle and use drugs and other means of escape from the harsh realities of this sad world.

DARWIN

When Darwin postulated his theory on the Evolution of the Species, the church reacted with fearful alarm. He was challenging their view of spontaneous creation as it is cited in Genesis. But Darwin's theory made sense. It was understandable and had the weight of hard evidence and archaeological fossils as well as living creatures, to bear witness to it. The church in defense, on the other hand, only had its own faith that its viewpoint was correct. Their faith mingled with their fear that Satan 'The Deceiver' may be cleverly misleading the scientists by some sinister ploy with knowledge, fought back with all the might it could muster. They never considered however that they themselves could possibly have been misled. They frequently forgot that **God created Satan 'The Deceiver'**. It is also written that God said

Now when the thousand years have expired, **Satan** will be released from his prison. Rev 20:7

Satan is a word which means 'Deception'. It is the original '**Spirit of Falseness**'. The fervent and zealous believer is often beguiled by their own vanity into interpreting Scripture according to their own ego. The church has an ego also, the curriculum upon which they base their whole interpretation. It forces them to be rigid and unmoving in the manifestation of their beliefs. This becomes such a narrow focus that hypocrisy is hot on their heels. They are trapped by their own devotion to god, into bigotry, too afraid of God's wrath to acknowledge their own mistakes with regard to the discovery of new truths. They are crippled by dogma.

HYPOCRISY of the CHURCH

What is the hypocrisy of the church? The hypocrisy of the church is that they take a literal interpretation of scripture when it suits them, but a metaphoric interpretation when a literal interpretation no longer works. As an example of this we show that Jesus referred to his people as sheep and to himself as the good shepherd. This is clearly a metaphor since people are not literally sheep and Jesus was never a shepherd. He was in fact the son of a carpenter. On the other hand the story of the creation of Adam and Eve might also be metaphor, bearing some underlying, deeper, more meaningful message than its ridiculous literal interpretation. Any person in this day and age of intelligent reason who does not think that it is ridiculous that Eve is made from one of Adam's ribs is not being true to their own heart or intelligence. Neither do they give the Father of Humanity any credence for intelligence either. The trap caused by fundamentalist views dictates that the word of God should not be doubted, even though doubt is the seed

necessary to begin the search for truth.

This whole business need not be such a mystery. **Jesus answered all these questions** in His testimony to the world which is recorded in the gospels of the New Testament. Jesus pointed out that the Scriptures are Spiritual in nature and must be interpreted from a Spiritual viewpoint.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Joh:4:24:

Jesus had something to hide; knowledge he did not want the world to hear at that time. It is presumed that Jesus was an authority on the Old Testament. He inferred that the Holy Scriptures held a second layer of meaning that laymen did not, would not, or could not understand. It was not his practice to translate scripture in any straightforward manner for anyone, at least not in writing but speaking in parables, stories with hidden meanings, he was able to reveal spiritual insights to his followers.

Whenever he was asked to give the meaning of these parables, he would do so. To his disciples he gave a more in depth explanation. He said to them:

Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. M't:13:13

And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: M't:13:14

A literal interpretation of parables will lead only to contradiction and inconsistency. But this is an intended outcome designed to cause the reader to rethink his or her interpretation and spur them on to investigate further his or her quest for truth. It is only through viewing and reviewing, reading and re-reading, searching and researching the Scriptures doe's one begin to understand that certain **Spirit in us all, to seek out the Truth** of any matter.

Literal statements have only one meaning but spiritual stories can have many interpretations. They can have a different meaning for every person who reads them, each time they are read. In other words they are a source of insight. This is what makes them so special; so valuable and so comforting.

Looking into this metaphoric and spiritual layer of meaning is the only way of discovering not only what it means but more importantly what we are. If we only ever read the literal meanings of the Bible and close our minds to any other possibility, we become narrow minded bigots and hypocrites. If on the other hand we investigate every possibility of meaning, we begin a journey in the search of truth. This opens our minds and allows us to have a change of heart so that we can purge ourselves of prejudice

and self righteousness.

When we examine the story of Adam and Eve in this way, a whole new conception arises. There is an interesting statement in I Corinthians.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 1Co:15:45

In this verse Paul is alluding to Christianity as the 'Last Adam' and by insinuation we can assume therefore that Judaism is the first Adam. Adam certainly was Jewish there is no question but was he plural? That is, not one man but many people as this suggests? The name Adam means '*Of the Ground*' and although this meaning does not seem to tell us much at first glance, other than to reflect on his creation story, **Jesus gives us a different perspective.**

Jesus spoke in parables, riddles, mysteries that would seem at first a bit odd, considering the important message he carried but He did this for a reason as mentioned earlier he wanted to keep certain knowledge away from the populace.

*He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to **know the mysteries of the kingdom** of heaven, but to them it is not given. M't:13:11*

What was this mystery and why not give it to all the public as well as the disciples? It was because this mystery was another level of understanding **which could not be simply 'given' in ten minutes to a public already under the common misconceptions of literal interpretation of the Scriptures and fundamentalist thinking.** Jesus realized that it had to be 'taught' as it were, gently over a period of time. It was necessary to examine Scripture closely but more importantly to 'purge' oneself of prejudice, vanity and misconception. This was a difficult thing to do therefore he asked his disciples to 'follow him', that is, to remain with him while he taught them the 'mysteries' of God.

Jesus told his disciples the parable of the sower. This was one of the many parables he used to describe the 'Kingdom of Heaven'. Jesus said that the kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. He says:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. M't:13:35

What are these secrets? When he was pressed by his disciples to:

"Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

He answered and said unto them.” He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world: the good seed are the children of the kingdom but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that sowed them is the Devil: The harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels’. *Matt. 13:36-39*

The same story is recorded in the gospel of Mark but the wording is slightly different. By comparing both accounts however we can obtain a clearer meaning of what Jesus actually meant by this parable. Again the account begins with Jesus telling the disciples of a dire mystery hidden in his words.

And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

The sower soweth the word.

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some

sixty, and some an hundred. M'r:4:11-20

From Matthew's account we are told that the 'field' is the 'world'

From Mark's account we see that the 'seed' is the '**Word of God**'. From Matthew's account the sower is the '**Son of Man**'. And from Mark's account Satan (deception or misconception) takes away that which was sown in their hearts.

It is clear by this that Jesus is describing the kingdom of heaven as being like a 'FIELD' in which the 'WORD of God' is sown in the 'HEARTS' of the people, by the 'Son of Man'.

THE FIELD

This 'FIELD' therefore represents the people of the earth and the 'SEED' is the 'Word of God' or teachings of RIGHTEOUSNESS. The 'sower' is the 'Son of Man' (Son of Mankind).

From this parable we learn that God's Field is Mankind (Humankind) and that God's Word is sown in the hearts of His people. But how does this help us to discover the meaning of the Adam and Eve story?

Firstly let us look at the name Adam it means '*Of the Ground*'. Of course, this word '*ground*' refers to God's Ground or **God's Field**, which we have just discovered refers to humankind, in which God's seed is sown.

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

*And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and was not a man to till the **ground**.*

*But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the **ground**.*

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the **ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:4-7*

Remembering from Jesus' parables that God's 'field' or God's 'ground' is humankind,

and seeing that Adam (of the ground) was made from the 'dust' of the ground, we should ask if the 'dust' of the 'ground' is the same as the 'dust' of 'mankind'. If so, this would suggest that Adam (Of the Ground) was not one person but a whole community of people selected from the larger population of Humankind.

Can this be substantiated? The answer of course comes in looking to other words which might convey special meaning. Look at the beginning of Genesis chapter five which seems to confirm exactly this point.

*This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him.
Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created" Genesis 5:1-2*

It must be remembered that mankind was created on the sixth day of creation well before the creation of Adam & Eve. In this verse from chapter 5 we pay particular attention to line 2 where it says **and called their name Adam**. This implies that Adam is both male and female and is not one person but is rather more than one person. Remember the line from Corinthians.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 1Co:15:45

Here the apostle Paul refers to Christians as the second Adam. Christians is of course plural just as Adam is plural. The first Adam therefore is the first Jews or Hebrews who knew this God. But to create Adam there needed to be a **field** a population which pre-existed Adam. It just so happens that such a field is set up on the sixth day of the creation story as set out below.

*And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let **them** have dominion over the*

fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Ge:1:24-31

We pay particular attention to verse 27 where God creates man male and female. This is surely describing a population of mixed gender on the sixth day of creation from which Adam was made. This creation voids the need to retell the same event in chapter 2 unless of course it is necessary to ‘set up’ the ‘field’ from which Adam was created. This therefore suggests that the creation of Adam is a completely different creation from that of mankind - male and female. It is plain that Genesis records that God created man in His own Image, male and female created he them; and on the seventh day God rested. It was not until after this rest period that God **saw the need to create Adam from this previously created ‘field’ or mankind.**

What then is Adam Of the Ground? If Adam is not one person and certainly not the first person, what exactly is he? This is God’s MAN (plural, i.e. male and female), made from God’s ‘field’! Now that verse from Corinthians makes a lot more sense

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 1Co:15:45

Paul is alluding to all Christians as being the 'last Adam' who, through Jesus, have been made a quickening spirit. By this he also suggests however that the 'first Adam' is 'Judaism' which was made a living soul. Adam therefore is not a single person but is in fact the first generations of Israel (Ruling with God) although they weren't called by that name at that time. This then is the creation of a new type of community taken from the larger population of mankind. The beginning of Genesis Chapter Five seems to Confirm this;

**This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. Ge:5:1-2**

The significant occurrence which brings about Adam's creation is the 'mist' which went up and 'watered' the whole face of the 'ground'. If the 'ground' is mankind then we must seek out what is meant by the 'mist' which went up to 'water' it (i.e. to water mankind). Prior to this, the Lord God had not caused it to 'rain' upon the earth. So we can take it that Adam is the first of God's people. Before Adam there were no people of God and hence no knowledge of God nor were there churches, nor synagogues, nor preachers nor hearing the word of God, in short no 'rain from heaven'. The mist which went up can be likened to such a rain or preaching or perhaps even a Baptism. The planting of the 'Seed of God', the teaching of righteousness, the spreading of His 'Word' is via 'Baptism' or watering of the ground (watering of Humankind).

WATER

Throughout the world, water holds an almost universal representation of the 'Spirit of Life'. Just about every culture on earth respects fresh water in such a way. This is not surprising since nothing on the planet can survive without it. It is the most unique substance in the entire world. To those people who live in or near deserts it held special value. Throughout the Bible it is constantly referred to especially in association with its cleansing abilities but also for healing and of course for quenching the thirst. The later is important when associated with peoples thirst for truth and knowledge. Water will appear in a large percentage of all Biblical stories and parables. It is not surprising therefore to see it in use in the creation of Adam. This 'mist' that 'watered' the whole face of the ground (i.e. that watered mankind), might very well apply to an existing religion or religious body of thought in practice at the time or prior to the creation of Adam.

Archaeology has established that ever since man has walked upright there has been

evidence of supernatural beliefs and practices. The earliest signs include burying the dead with artifacts suggesting a belief in some concept of gods and spirit worlds. Although pagan, these doctrines or indoctrination qualify as a 'watering' of the 'ground' (watering of humankind) with the 'seed' which leads to an awareness of god. Remember also that the Jews were slaves of Egypt before Moses drew them into freedom and gave them the beginning chapters of the Old Testament. The Egyptian religions had been popular for about 6,000 years before Judaism existed.

Discovering what 'water' actually represents in the metaphorical terms of the Bible is no easy matter because different authors allude to it in different ways and there are two types of water talked about, salt and fresh water. Also there are no hard, fast or singular meanings. Nevertheless there is enough evidence to suggest that water is a crucial concept and a central theme representing 'life force' to the believer. The Baptism of course is the most dramatic use of water in which it is used to cleanse away sins.

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. M'r:1:4:

The word 'Baptism' means a washing or cleansing by way of immersion in water and the idea is a cleansing of sins or repentance. There is however another concept at work with baptism; that being one of immersion. In Revelations there is a verse which puts a meaning to 'waters'

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Re:17:15

From this verse we get the notion that 'water' represents the population of earth, or humanity. To be baptized therefore is to be fully immersed or plunged into the service of humanity, which after all is the main objective of Christianity.

In other places we have said that water represents rain from heaven or preaching. Such analogies can be found for example as in Amos, the prophet who thinks of it as judgment and righteousness.

But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Am:5:24

Above Amos connects the word judgment to the word waters and we see this literary trick used again and again throughout the Bible. Judgment is water and righteousness is a stream.

Habakkuk uses the same device to link knowledge of the Lord with waters as a mighty sea.

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of

*the glory of the LORD, as the **waters** cover the sea.
Hab:2:14*

Zechariah however foretells it's more spiritual significance. He makes an allusion to living waters.

*And it shall be in that day, that **living waters** shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. Zec:14:8*

It was this living waters which Jesus referred to when He spoke to the woman of 'Samaria.

*Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water**. Joh:4:10*

Could this 'living water' be a reference to 'living people' i.e. humanity as indicated by the Revelations' reference above?

By these comparisons we see that the cleansing ability of water is parallel to the cleansing ability of the teaching of morals and principles and knowledge that God's Word has on Humanity.

Rain is also water; water which falls from Heaven. This is also consistent with the imagery of water being knowledge that 'rains down' upon mankind.

*My **doctrine** shall drop **as the rain**, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: De:32:2:*

This same concept, that **rain** is likened to **doctrine** appears in many places.

*After my words they spake not again; and **my speech** dropped upon them.
And they waited for me **as for the rain**; and they opened their mouth wide **as for the latter rain**.
Job:29:22-23*

I make mention of rain here in order to emphasize the prevailing condition prior to the creation of Adam.

*For the Lord God had not caused it to **rain upon the earth**, and there was not a man to till the **ground**.
But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the **ground**. Gen. 2:5-6*

This therefore is suggesting that there were not the teachings of righteousness from the Lord, that is to say no 'RAIN' from 'HEAVEN' and there was no person to sow the seeds of righteousness '**Not a man to till the ground**' in mankind.

The verse that follows describes how doctrine was waited upon as rain and this brings to mind a verse from Revelation

*My **doctrine** shall drop as **the rain**, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: De:32:2:*

Revelation;

And I will give power unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. Re:11:3-6

In this verse the rain is stopped as one of the powers that the appointed two witnesses have to draw attention to the message they bring in the last days. We shall see more references to Revelation as we move on with unveiling the secret meanings to scripture. Revelation will start to unfold as we do so. The two witnesses can be named they are the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Returning to Adam we see that a mist went up to water the whole face of the ground

But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. Ge:2:6:

Now this mist may have been **doctrine** as we unearthed above. If it was doctrine then it may have been a movement like baptism. Whatever it was it was sufficient to do the following;

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Ge:2:7:

We must continually remind ourselves that man was made from the **dust** of the ground which by interpretation means he was made from the **dust of God's ground** or field which we learned earlier was **mankind**. The dust of mankind insinuates that a remnant of people were made God's children by the mist (doctrine) which went up to water all the ground or mankind.

So we can see that Adam was a movement of people of both sexes that have a particular doctrine which made them children to God. So the Lord God formed man from the **dust of the mankind or from a remnant of mankind; Adam emerged.**

But if Adam is of the ground which is to say a community of people male and female, what then is Eve?

EVE

The creation of Eve happens much after the creation of Adam. First God creates Adam (which means of the ground or of mankind), then the Bible goes on to describe the creation of the garden of Eden (which means *delight*); the four rivers that make up the borders of the world; and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. After this Adam is given charge over all the beasts of the field and the fowl of the air. It is his (mankinds) task to name them all and only after all this is complete, does the Lord God finally get around to creating Eve.

Of course there is more spiritual significance to all these events than is indicated in this short summary, but haste is warranted here in order to review the subject of Eve. Nevertheless it seems a bit odd, when the Scripture is read in literal terms that all these events take precedence over the creation of Eve. However, using our spiritual eyes and insight, Eve's creation becomes more meaningful.

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his **ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;*

*And the **rib**, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

*And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall **be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.***

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Ge:2:21-25:

The word 'Woman' literally means '*Out of Man*' but if this 'woman' is not what we understand a physical woman to be, then what is she? What would a 'Spiritual Woman' that was taken **out of man** (mankind) be? We have said that Adam (of the ground or of mankind) was not a man but was in fact a group of people both male and female the origins of Israel, the first Jewish community; what then could such a population have, which could arise from it, to be called a 'woman (out of mankind)? It is suggested that this is the particular religion, doctrine or belief held by that community which separated them from the rest of mankind. In this case Judaism. We suggest that Eve was religion, the spiritual wife of Adam (Judaism).

WOMAN – *out of man*

Every culture on earth has its own unique religion. Religion arises out of its own culture. It can then truly be said that it was taken out of man. **This is a truth which only the Bible confesses.**

Christianity is a good example of this 'Woman' (Out of Man) metaphor because not only did She arise out of an existing culture which was Judaism, but she also gives birth, just like any woman. Every Christian who has ever been baptized has been in her womb and has been re-born.

Judaism also has the 'Woman' (wife of mankind) image which is especially evident in the 'Song of Solomon' where Israel, the religion, is likened to that of a beautiful woman. In fact many of the prophets draw the same analogy; that Israel is like a woman. All too often however she is described as a whore and a harlot because she had defiled herself by worshipping idols.

Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD Jer:3:20

So 'Woman' arose 'Out of man' and her name was called Eve which means '*Foundation of Life*'. Again Christianity can be used to illustrate this 'Foundation of Life' since Jesus promises 'Life' to those that follow his teachings.

I am the bread of life. John 6:48

I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25

FLESH

A religion is just doctrine. It is a belief system that people hold in order to make sense of the world around them. The belief system and the person holding it are one flesh. We see many references to the flesh especially in the New testament. Adam's wife Eve was also doctrine just as Jesus is doctrine to Christianity.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Ge:2:23

We see here that Eve was made from Adams flesh and we will remember this for future reference.

*And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth Joh:1:14:*

Thus we see that the Word of God was made Flesh in the image of Jesus full of grace and **truth**.

In the next verse we see that the BREAD of the Pharisees is actually their DOCTRINE as told by Jesus to the disciples. We see that bread is doctrine in this verse as it is throughout the Bible.

*How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the **leaven of the Pharisees** and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, **but of the doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. M't:16:11-12:*

In another place Jesus tells us that **His body is Bread** meaning of course that His **doctrine** is our daily bread just as it quotes in the Lords Prayer.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body M't:26:26:.

And this is reinforced in the Gospel of John.

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Joh:6:33-35:

Jesus states that He is the living BREAD and that His bread is His flesh. So we learn that Bread is Flesh is DOCTRINE.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Joh:6:51:

We also see a reference to the Flesh in John chapter 1 whereupon he discusses Jesus who was sent by God.

And the Word (doctrine) was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Joh:1:14:

Even the Lord's prayer mentions bread;

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. M't:6:9-11:

This bread is our daily bread or scripture which we eat and digest from our bibles on a daily basis. The bread (Christ's flesh) is scripture. Now remember that Eve was also made of flesh; Adams flesh. She is flesh of his flesh.

And Adam said, This is now **bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:** she shall be called Woman (out of

man- religion), **because she was taken out of Man.**

Ge:2:23:

Remember that WOMAN literally means “Out of Man” because she was taken out of man or out of the population. As stated above, every culture has formulated its own religion this is even true for the lost tribes in the Amazon. All cultures have their own religion but there is only one religion which confesses this fact namely Christianity.

RIB

The creation of Eve from Adam as it is in Genesis states that the Lord God took one of Adams ribs.

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: **and he took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, **made he a woman**, and brought her unto the man. Ge:2:21-22*

We ask the question why a rib? However in order to answer this, we must first look at this word very closely. The Hebrew word actually used in this verse is ‘Tsela’ which has other meanings apart from ‘rib’. It also means ‘leaf’ and shade. This may seem surprising at first but as we read more of the story of Adam and Eve, we come upon this verse.

*And the eyes of them both were opened, and then knew that they were naked, and they **sewed fig leaves together**, and made themselves aprons. .Gen 3: 7*

We see here that leaves are used as a covering and if Tsela means leaf and not rib we immediately get the feeling that something else is going on. We are not wrong in our guess but why do they bring figs into the picture? Obviously fig leaves are different to just any old leaf. So it looks as though we have to work in a circle to see what RIB (Tsela) leaf is all about and how it differs from fig leaves.

FIG

So now we must ask ourselves why is Tsela which means leaf, also used to make an apron, a covering for their nakedness and why in particular is it a fig? It is soon discovered that figs have a long association with the Bible. In ancient times before there were synagogues or churches people would gather at many shady places to worship God. The Fig tree was a favored place to hold such meetings. The Fig tree therefore became known as a place of worship. The leaves of the fig tree; particularly when associated with worship, represented a *covering for spiritual nakedness* and came to symbolize the stories, myths, parables psalms and prayers of worship. All these trappings of worship were bundled together and given a descriptive name such as grace. In the story of Eve it is called an apron and it was made from a fig (worshippers) leaf (covering). Eve was not made from Adam's rib but was in fact made from Adam's Tsela (leaf) or (covering) known as grace.

Figs remained important throughout the Old Testament and also into the New Testament from which we get **Fig Sunday**. Palm Sunday is so called from the custom of eating figs on that day. The practice arose from the Bible story of Zaccheus (*one who is pure*) who climbed up into a fig tree to see Jesus.

In another encounter with the fig tree we see that Nathanael was discovered by the Lord to be under a fig tree at the onset of His mission.

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Jesus answered and said unto him, **Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou?** thou shalt see greater things than these.

And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
Joh:1:45-51

In this story we have Jesus finding Nathanael which culminates in Jesus saying because I saw thee under the Fig tree. If the word FIG represents a place of worship as it does elsewhere then by all accounts Jesus means that He saw Nathanael under the synagogue or

church. Belonging to a church would make more sense for Nathanael than being under a tree.

Fig Tree It is said that Judas hanged himself on a fig tree. This also deserves mentioning because if the FIG represents a place of worship what does this say of Judas's hanging.

When we search for other mentioning's of 'leaves' and 'figs' our attention is once again drawn to Jesus. In Matthew is recorded.

*Now in the morning as he returned into the city,
he hungered.
And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came
to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves
only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee
henceforward for ever. And presently the fig
tree withered away. M't:21:18-19*

As we wonder what strange behaviour this is for Jesus, to curse a tree because there was no fruit! He could have simply blessed the tree and made fruit but he chose to curse it which seems to go against his personality somewhat. But nevertheless look closer. After this cursing of the fig tree, it records how Jesus went into the temple (a place of worship) to teach but was immediately challenged by the chief priests and elders as to where he had authority to teach. There is an account in Mark of the same story but with subtle differences.

*And on the morrow, when they were come from
Bethany, he was hungry:
And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he
came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and
when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for
the time of figs was not yet.
And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat
fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples
heard it. M'r:11:12-14*

After this account it is recorded that Jesus went into the temple in Jerusalem and began to overthrow the tables.

*And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went
into the temple, and began to cast out them that*

sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew
the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats
of them that sold doves; M'r:11:15

What does all this mean? Fig trees represent a place of worship. In this story they indicate the Temple at Jerusalem which had turned the place of prayer (Jesus' Father's house) into a den of thieves. The cursing of the Fig tree (place of worship) is a symbolic rehearsal of the cursing of the Temple. The Pharisees doctrine was not producing 'fruit' or the spiritual 'truths' which it should have. Likewise Jesus spoke of the **fig tree** saying 'no man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever'. This was not so much a curse but a statement of fact that the doctrine of that synagogue (place of worship) held no truth which is the fruit. That doctrine may have had the age old stories, fables, myths and histories and may have been keeping all the correct rituals and feasts and fasts but did so without bearing 'fruit' or coming to the knowledge of the truth. Therefore Jesus said they have produced 'leaves only' and no fruit.

Leaves are used to symbolize the 'covering' of the tree or as discussed above the grace of stories and doctrine. Without leaves the tree is naked. Leaves therefore represent the stories, fables, rituals and feasts; all the traditions of the history of the doctrine but without producing fruit. It is from this "*Spiritual Covering*" that mankind (humankind) takes spiritual comfort from their loneliness and times of grief but it is also this very covering which constantly was the cause of idolatry in Jewish history.

The Fig tree at the end of time.

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and,
lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became
black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as
blood;
And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig
tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a
mighty wind.
And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled
together; and every mountain and island were moved
out of their places. Re:6:12-14

This verse is saying that at the appointed time when fig trees (places of worship) are casting off their untimely figs (worshippers) then the end time is at hand. Even when you can interpret these writings it is near. The sun represents the light of the miracles which are seen as mundane (black or darkness) or have lost their light. The Moon is seen as the secret truth whose spirit now dominates the world. The stars of heaven refer to the prophets of the Bible who are now understood in a worldly or earthly light. More on these

things to come.

The fig tree therefore represents a place of worship or the synagogue. In these stories we are reminded that Man was made in the image of God. God has no ruler so too man is given a free will. If we are ruled by misconceived worship, then we commit that sin called idolatry, and by it are crippled in the mind. In other words we surrender our will when we begin to believe in something which can only be imagined.

Returning to Eve's creation we now have

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Ge:2:21-25

We have already established that Eve was taken **out of mankind**. For this reason she was called Woman which means *out of man*. Every culture on earth which has a religion has taken their religion **out of man**. All religions arise out of the population of the culture which gives them birth. Christianity also arose out of an existing culture. Christianity is also a good demonstration for the idea of "*Foundation of Life*" the meaning of Eve. Jesus said;

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Joh:14:6:

I am that bread of life. Joh:6:48:

Eve was not the only foundation of life as we see here. Jesus also was the foundation of life. Jesus did not purposefully create Christianity but Christianity came about because Jesus' followers called themselves by His name. This was the marriage of His following to His surname hence Christians then Christianity. This was signified by the marriage in Cana in Galilee.

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana (to take a surname) of Galilee (the circle); and the mother of Jesus was there:

And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. Joh:2:1-4

Jesus at Cana (Cana means *to take a surname*) in Galilee (Galilee means *the circle*) at a wedding. Note the name meanings here - Cana means to take a surname which is exactly what the bride does at a wedding. She takes on the surname of the bridegroom. Christianity is the bride to Jesus Christ hence the surname in Christianity (belonging to Christ).

SERPENT

Eve like Christianity is the foundation of life. But things were about to change for Eve. Next we witness the struggle in the garden of Eden, the first encounter with deception.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Ge:3:1-7

Ah the metaphor of the serpent what a wonderful red herring we have here. Everybody thinks the serpent is evil. Many associate the serpent with the devil or Satan but these are wrong. Just because the serpent has a forked tongue people think it is the epitome of deceitfulness but they couldn't be more wrong. In this encounter the serpent does not tell a lie at all. In fact it is God who told the fib. The serpent said **unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.** Whereas God said **Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**

The fact is that they ate of the fruit and DID NOT DIE. The serpent was right. In fact the serpent is always associated with **THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH.** Remember it was the search for truth that led Eve (the religion) to taste of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

This is the first encounter with the serpent but there are others that demonstrate this aspect a little clearer. The serpent can be found again in Numbers 21:6.

And the LORD sent fiery (argument) serpents (search for truth) among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. Nu:21:6-8

So Moses made a serpent of brass and put it on a pole so that all who looked upon it would live.

And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. Nu:21:9:

This story relates how the people of Israel were **searching for truth** but the truth had a

way of wounding them spiritually just as it did for Adam and Eve. The word 'fiery' describing the serpents relates to "argument" so we see that the people were arguing about the word of God. Their arguing left some of them dead to Gods rule. We see this elsewhere in the Bible as well but perhaps the best known instance was when Jesus also used this account of things in His ministry to tell about the search for truth.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: Joh:3:14

In this verse we see that Jesus wants to be seen as **the search for truth**. Just as he confessed to Pontius Pilate that he seeks truth. Jesus claimed to be the truth in many places and his desire to be raised up was obviously fulfilled by the crucifixion but not only that but also by His fame. Jesus is the epitome of the search for truth. He tells us that

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Joh:14:6

So returning to Eve we learn that the serpent is a search for truth that leaves both Eve and Adam or the (people and the religion) ashamed and **naked** but not dead! **Of course it is a big deal to be spiritually naked** and there are countless references sprinkled throughout the Bible demonstrating it. Adam and Eve found they were naked mind you; they had been naked all along but were not aware of it.

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. Ge:3:10

What is this nakedness? Remember Adam is a population and Eve is their religion so their nakedness is a spiritual nakedness which came about from the search for truth or by eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

People blindly go through life not knowing or ever realizing that they are spiritually naked. This is a sentiment found in Revelation

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, **and naked**:

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; **and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed**, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. Re:3:17

Revelations reminds us that we are naked and that we should buy **white** raiment that we should be clothed so that the shame of our nakedness is not seen. Just as Adam and Eve took fig (worshippers doctrine) to make clothing for their nakedness so we should also. Spiritual nakedness is a state of atheism or agnosticism. Without God we are all naked without hope of salvation for our souls. We will come to this topic soon enough but now we must only look at nakedness. It is from a study of nakedness that we can learn to appreciate what Jesus really did when He saved us from a fate worse than death. This too will be covered in future verses.

The premise that God is our ruler is wrong. God does not rule us. It is stated in Genesis day six of creation

And God said, Let us make man in our image, **after our likeness**: Ge:1:26

that God made man in the image of god. **Let us make man in our image after our likeness**. It is quite plain and there is nothing mysterious about it. It simply means that man has no ruler over him just as God has no ruler over Him also. This sentiment is repeated in Habakkuk below.

And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, **that have no ruler over them?**
Hab:1:14:

This is how man is given free will. Free will is the freedom to believe in God or not. We are not forced to believe in anything at all. Atheism is a natural state. We are born without any knowledge of God hence we are born atheists. This is termed nakedness. We are born naked and we shall die naked. Job says it this way.

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb,
and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave,

and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. Job:1:21

Nakedness is a state of worldliness and being without the spirit. Peter went fishing **naked** in the company of other fully clothed companions. Why he should go naked is peculiar unless it means he was in a worldly mindset which is the only interpretation that makes any sense.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, **(for he was naked,)** and did cast himself into the sea. Joh:21:7

This happened on the third occasion that Jesus showed himself after He was raised from the dead.

So, to be naked means to be worldly atheistic and without God. Adam and Eve found themselves in such a state after partaking of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil. So to hide from this state of worldliness they sewed fig (Place of worship) leaves (doctrine) together and made themselves an apron (a covering) for their nakedness (worldliness).

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God **make coats of skins, and clothed them.** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is **become as one of us, to know good and evil:** and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Ge:3:21

God therefore acknowledged that Adam (the people) became as **one of us** or **as gods** knowing good and evil. So Adam became as god. He had no ruler over him and he knew good and evil. It is also stated that God made coats of skins and clothed them. Now coats of skins refers to animal hides which are not worshippers doctrine. This means that from this point on they had worldly beliefs.

SPIRITUAL NAKEDNESS

Obviously all this writing is not referring to physical nakedness but to the people's spiritual nakedness. What exactly is this spiritual nakedness?

If Fig Leaves, as has been discussed, are used in order to make a 'covering' for this nakedness and if these same 'fig leaves' represent the garnishing of worship, doctrine, Scripture and practices, then to be naked in a spiritual sense, is to be without this raiment. Jesus said...

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: M't:6:28

As we have said when an infant is first born, it has no knowledge and knows nothing of the world. As it grows into a child, it is taught and begins to learn about the world. Like everything else, Knowledge of heaven and God is also taught to it. Suppose that child, if it were isolated from such teachings, might grow into adulthood and never hear or see anything about heaven or God. This ignorance therefore would be spiritual nakedness but that child would not be aware of it. As we are born naked physically so we are also born spiritually naked. Atheism is a natural state.

A person only knows about God and Heaven because some other person introduces that concept to them. For this reason it is written 'naked we are born and naked we die'.

However another state exists, which is knowing about the concept of God but not believing in that same concept or that there ever is a God. Atheism! This non-believing in God is also spiritual nakedness in which case the person would know that they were spiritually naked. It is by personal choice that people either believe there is a God or not. Nevertheless there remains a misconception about what God is. This will be discussed in future chapters. Consider first the grace of God which allows us the privilege of choice to be an atheist. If there were indisputable proof that God existed physically, such as His very presence on the earth, none could deny that He existed. We would then have no spiritual choice at all! We would be nothing more than slaves. Having no choice means having no free will and consequently we would also not have self responsibility.

Being atheistic however, frees us to accept responsibility for our own actions and gives us freedom otherwise impossible if God were present. The realization that ***no person has ever seen God*** and therefore all evidence that God exists requires 'Faith' is the starting point of insight.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him Joh:1:18.

Nakedness therefore is the notion that there may not be any 'God' or that 'God' might just be an ideal! An ideal is just an idea that people should aspire to a higher set of standards without there actually being a god in attendance. If there is no such thing as god then our behavior would not matter. At least having a god might help to control the

population's behavior.

So having become aware of their spiritual nakedness, society adorned itself with its religion, a 'covering' made from 'fig leaves' (Doctrine) in order to not be 'ashamed' of this spiritual void.

The spiritual void is described by Moses.

And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the **thick darkness** where God was. Ex:20:21

He was saying that although they could not say there is no such thing as god, at the least they could say that where there ought to be god there was a spiritual void and described this as a **thick darkness**. A thick darkness is also used to describe truth. Even atheistic truth is described this way.

The fig leaves or covering that religion provides is mentioned many times in a variety of ways.

But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. 1Co:11:15

If a woman (out of man – religion) has long hair (covering) it is a glory to her as it is given as a covering. How plain can it be stated? Hair is often used as a covering in stories as in real life. Monks shave their head to signify that they know the truth (which is nakedness). Sampson was another whose strength was in his hair.

That he told her all his heart, and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. J'g:16:17

He confessed to Delilah that if his head was shaven he would lose his strength and so it was. The notion that we needed a covering for our spiritual nakedness was begun with Adam and Eve and it has remained a theme right throughout the Bible. Jesus said;

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: Mt:6:28

And also in Luke Jesus once again draws an analogy to clothing.

Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Lu:12:27

Here we have clothing mentioned as a covering for our nakedness much as it has already been discussed. Jesus also tells us what this nakedness is. He was confronted by the same

dilemma.

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or lo there! For, behold, the kingdom of God is within you Luke 17:20-21

The 'observation' spoken of here is that expectation that God (as a real being) will return to the earth. But Jesus advises that such observations are not only a waste of time but also indicative of **idolatry**! The Pharisees would never have seen it as idolatry however, because they were 'blind' to the truth. This blind, unquestioning faith of theirs, (i.e. religious delusion) as it was also for their ancestors, led them into bigotry and hypocrisy. It had the effect on them of denying this truth and in fact of turning the truth into a lie.

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. Ro:1:21-25

Jesus also had this to say about there being or not being a god.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. Joh:1:18.

Jesus states that **no person has ever seen God** therefore there is no witness that God exists and of course no proof that there is such a being. It is necessary to understand that there are no such things as gods. This is the oldest of all teachings. What we call God is what Jesus taught that God is a Spirit.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must

worship him in **spirit and in truth**. Joh:4:23-24

To hold the spirit of something is to belong to the same ideal. Another way to put this is to surname oneself to the same belief. We saw this surname process earlier with the wedding at Cana (to surname oneself) where we surname ourselves with that of Christ and hence become Christians.

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. Joh:2:1

God is a Spirit. God is not a living entity but is a **spirit** that we should adopt as a behavior moderator. To adopt god means to adopt Him as a Father. Adoption is the process by which we become the children, sons and daughters of God.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Joh:1:12

This is the truth and Jesus said we must also know **this truth** if we are to worship God, How else can we know that we are naked if we do not have this truth? It must also be pointed out that if there is no God then there is also NO SATAN! *Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death I wil fear no evil.*

CAIN AND ABEL

Adam, as we have seen was not an individual but was a unique society separated by his religion and spiritual wife (Eve). They had children; Cain and Abel. Of course these are not real people so just what are they? In order to answer this question we once again turn to Christianity. Jesus created Christianity but it was some 300 years before the Roman Catholic Church was born probably at the Council of Nicaea in 325. Next Christianity begat Lutheran then Anglican then Protestant then Methodist and so forth these are all children of the one Mother: Christianity!

Now let us look at Cain and Abel

Abel (which means 'vanity') was a keeper of sheep. A keeper of sheep is called a shepherd. Ever since Jesus called himself the 'good shepherd', pastors have likewise been referring to themselves as shepherds and their flock being the congregation. So from this insight we learn that Abel (*vanity*) was not a man (person) but was a doctrine (a congregation) born from the .Mother religion Eve (*Foundation of*

Life).

If this is so then what is Cain? The text says that Cain (which means *Possessions*) was a tiller of the ground. Remembering that the ground is God's field (mankind) we can assume that a 'tiller of mankind' must be some form of worldly business based doctrine or theory

Both Cain (*Possessions*) and Abel (*Vanity*) are doctrines because they were both born from the 'mother religion' Eve. They were *sons* because Eve knew the heretical truth. A *daughter* is a doctrine born under the idolatry delusion; therefore we can say that Protestant or Baptist are daughters of Christianity.

But Cain (*Possessions*) is even more *worldly* than Abel (*Vanity*) because he was a 'Tiller of the ground-mankind'. God is Truth and a worldly doctrine born of truth can be likened to a scientific attitude such as the theory of evolution. Seeking knowledge is good but people also need to appreciate their spirituality, consciousness and moral obligations. Science has no morals and promotes atheism which denies a person's right to spiritual comforting. Religion gives us morals as well as a comforter.

So we have this scenario. Abel (*Vanity*) – a keeper of sheep – the shepherd and his flock offer a sacrifice to the Lord and are blessed because of it. The Bible tells us that this sacrifice is the 'firstlings of the flock'. Does this mean the church sacrifices children? Hardly. The sacrifice that a zealous following make, even today, is the *sacrifice of reason*. In order to bolster their faith in their heart they make it immovable in their head. This process often makes it necessary to have fixed ideas about certain things so typical in fundamentalist doctrines. The believer becomes unwilling to question his doctrine for fear of blasphemy. Such a doctrine creates and sustains a wealthy income for the church through tithing a populous held captive in the fear of being damned eternally. Naturally, Abel's offering is blessed by God because he has a devoted congregation totally dedicated to the delusion.

By contrast the Lord showed no favor to Cain's (*Possessions*) offering of the "Fruit of the Ground-mankind" which is the product of the people, their reasoning, questioning and doubting. How could the Lord bless an atheist attitude? Just as the attitude does not acknowledge God, the Lord does not acknowledge the attitude. From such attitudes there cannot be blessings from the Lord for instance the comfort of the shroud which belief induces.

Perhaps Cain also indicates a certain self indulgence and decadence typical of a materialistic attitude.

Cain (evolution theory) and Abel (creation theory) are still with us today, struggling one against the other to win favor over the minds of the population.

Cain slew Abel; how? The Bible said they talked! Cain slew Abel with words.

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field (mankind) that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. Gen 4:8

It is easy to imagine this when one realizes that the larger part of the population is agnostic, not unlike Cain. It seems that Abel just became very much outnumbered. He became a minority group whose blood (energy, presence or spirit) calls out from the 'dust of the ground-mankind', just as it does today.

And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. Ge:4:10

It is also interesting to note that the Lord replaced Abel with Seth (Substitute).

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. Ge:4:25

It is also interesting to discover that Seth was one of the major religions of Upper Egypt dating back as far as the fourth century B.C. and it is thought by many scholars that the Egyptian Seth is the same Seth represented in the Bible.

We know that there were people in the world other than Adam, Cain, Abel and Seth as discussed previously. This is the truth and we know it is the truth from archeological evidence. The Bible has to be resolved as a Book of Truth. If it cannot be ratified truthfully then what worth is it? If I tell you the truth and you do not believe me well that is your choice. I know that only one third of those who read this book will believe it. One third will deny it and one third will be undecided.

*And the name of the star is called **Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood;** and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! Re:8:11

Wormwood is bitterness. I am bitter and everything I touch is turned to bitterness. I am the angel of bitterness. I bring the bitterness of the truth with me and woe to those who love the infatuation of the spirit. It must be put aside in order that the truth is known. It is the truth of god that must be revealed. Jesus shared this dilemma. He said

No man hath seen God at anytime; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1:18

And in another place He said;

I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead,** but of the living. M't:22:32:

All this is done to portray a side or aspect to the Bible that has never before been presented. The insight that God cannot be seen or comprehended, or the realization that God may not exist at all, can come as a terrible shock to some people, bearing both bitter and sweet implications. Revelations writes;

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and

upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who
created heaven, and the things that therein are, and
the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea,
and the things which are therein, that **there should
be time no longer:**

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel,
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And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto
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And again the knowledge that this truth is both sweet and bitter is mentioned in Revelations chapter 8;

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Wormwood is frequently referred to in Biblical texts because of its bitterness but there is an ancient story related to wormwood. It is said that the plant wormwood sprang up in the tracks of the **serpent** (search for truth) as it writhed its way along the ground when it was cast out of paradise.

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Lu:17:20

God is missing. Above Jesus said **do not look for God** anywhere as you won't find Him. In the very beginning of the Testimony of John He said that No man has seen God at any time.

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begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he
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This simply means that there are no witnesses to the existence of a physical God. The oldest of all teachings is the teaching on idolatry. Idolatry is the worshipping of idols as god. There are no such things as gods. That which we call God is a spirit. This is the spirit in which we worship God.

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we
worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
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These things were taught even in the Old Testament. In Ecclesiastes it is recorded.

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Ec:9:5

But Jesus and John introduced the Baptism for the resurrection of the dead. The Pharisees however misinterpreted this as well. Jesus said that the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Which reflects the teaching of Ecclesiastes above.

*For in the resurrection they **neither marry, nor are given in marriage**, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*

But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

*I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.** M't:22:30*

So we see that knowledge of the Spirit of God is a barren place to be and this truth is signified by salt. Salt is the imagery of the search for truth. In small amounts it represents a healing of the mind but in large amounts it stands for total devastation just as in Sodom and Gomorrah total devastation overtook them and turned Lot's wife into a pillar of salt well metaphorically speaking of course. Salt is the TRUTH that we have no gods lording over us. Salt therefore comes to represent **TRUTH** the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So we see its use in the Gospels indicating exactly this.

SALT AND BITTERNESS

The realisation that no person has ever seen God and therefore all evidence that God exists requires 'Faith' is the starting point of insight.

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SALT

The truth about God (that there might not be a God) **is bitter**. It is also described as seasoning us with salt. This seasoning is a reflection of this TRUTH. In small amounts salt symbolizes a healing of the mind but in large amounts it signifies death and desolation. Just as the Dead Sea is so salty nothing can live there and as in Sodom and Gomorrah, total devastation overtook them. Salt represents knowledge of the truth about God, that God may not exist at all, **that God is not an external power but is an internal power. God is within us.**

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.** Lu:17:21:

Salt is used for healing the spirit (waters) as according to 2Kings 19-22

And the men of the city said unto Elisha (God is Saviour), Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water (spirit) is nought, and the ground (population) barren.

And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put **salt** (truth) therein. And they brought it to him.

And he went forth unto the spring of the waters (spirit), and cast the **salt** (truth) in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, **I have healed these waters;** there shall not be from thence any **more death or barren land.**

So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha (God is Saviour) which he spake. 2Ki:2:19-22:

The knowledge of the truth about God is a place of desolation. Where can one's beliefs go if there is no God? Whom do we pray to? Well such a state of desolation is frequently described by this use of salt as the metaphor. Remember Lots wife who looked back at the desolation of Sodom and Gomorrah and was turned into a pillar of salt.

But his wife (belief system) looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt (truth and desolation of spirit). Ge:19:26:

Of course we know better than to take this verse at face value That Lot's wife actually turned into salt, but rather Lots wife (which represents his beliefs) saw the real truth about God and became "salted" by the knowledge.

This covenant of salt is set up early in the Bible. We see this in Leviticus and Numbers;

And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt (truth); neither shalt thou suffer the salt (truth) of the covenant of thy God to be lacking

from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt (truth). Le:2:13:

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And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law: De:29:21:

So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it; De:29:22:

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And very importantly Ezekiel explains how to prepare a **burnt offering** for the Lord.

When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt

*offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt (truth) upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD.
Eze:43:23-24:*

Therefore knowing the truth symbolizes what it means to be a burnt offering for the Lord. It is clear that the bitterness of knowing the Truth about God and the thought that there may be no God, has the effect of making one bitter because of the loss of the fantasy usually associated with the imagined god. This is how one is burned. Atheists have been burned by the truth. The water or spirit has been driven out of them.

This little story reminds us that God is a spirit and if we adopt such a spirit it fulfills our life. Even so we must also know the truth in all that we believe in.

Mark records another well known instruction regarding salt as representing truth. Salt is seen as the truth of God. To know the truth that there are no such things as gods is to become free. We should therefore shine with this knowledge and boast the truth. We are the truth and are therefore known as the salt of the earth.

Ye are the salt (truth) of the earth: but if the salt (truth) have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
M't:5:13:

This truth is for everyone to know. Even in argument we can display knowledge as truth and our faith that this is truth is made fast by the verification and background knowledge of the whole Bible. In the following verse argument is portrayed by “fire” we will look at this symbolism a little deeper soon.

For every one shall be **salted** (made truthful) **with fire** (argument), and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt (Truth). M'r:9:49:
Salt (Truth) is good: but if the salt (Truth) have lost his saltness (Truthfulness), wherewith will ye season it? **Have salt (truth) in yourselves, and have peace**

one with another. M'r:9:50:

To sum up Mark writes Have truth (salt) in yourselves and have peace one with another. In the account of Luke below we see the same analogy as that found in Matthew but the text of the verses leading up to it is completely different. These are well worth reading as they reinforce what it means to be salt.

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Salt (Truth) is good: but if the salt (truth) have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Lu:14:33-35

Luke of course repeats the verse because it is an important concept to grasp; Truth is likened to salt that seasons every aspect of our daily lives.

In Colossians is a favorite saying which reinforces the idea that salt is truth to those who understand their Bibles. Let your speech be always with grace (covering) seasoned with salt (truth).

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When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests **shall cast salt** (truth) upon them, and they shall offer them up for a **burnt offering** unto the LORD. Eze:43:23-24:

Therefore knowing the truth symbolizes what it means to be a burnt offering for the Lord. It is clear that the bitterness of knowing the Truth about God and the thought that there may be no God, has the effect of making one bitter because of the loss of the fantasy usually associated with the imagined god. This is how one is burned. Atheists have been burned by the truth. The water or spirit has been driven out of them.

The moment that a person begins worshipping a god, any god, he or she commits idolatry and their common sense is devoured by such idolatry. Humans are intelligent; to ignore this intelligence is an obscenity to the spirit of truth which is in humans. God is

the conscience of man and man (people) are as god because earthlings are made in the image of God as we mentioned earlier.

IDOLATRY

Idolatry has been the constant backsliding of Israel, for they knew in the beginning that God was a 'Spirit', an attitude within us, and in fact Jeremiah as well as other prophets name God as a belief in righteousness.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
Jer:23:5-6

Therefore God is a belief in Righteousness. This is a belief that goodness conquers evil. Having the 'Spirit' is to participate actively in this belief. Any doctrine which goes beyond this 'truth', turns this 'truth' into a lie. Any doctrine which claims God is a real personage and does not confess **that they do not know what god is**, denies this truth and quickly becomes a delusion. Jesus also gives a warning of bad doctrines.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in **sheep's** clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. M't:7:15

Again we see Jesus referring to trees, fruit and fire but the metaphor is clearly that of doctrine. He begins the verse by declaring 'Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing'. This 'sheep's clothing' is the 'covering' of the flock which of course also refers to doctrine of myths, fables and rituals and superstition of the church. The 'Flock' naturally, is the fellowship of the church and its raiment (clothing or covering) is doctrine. As for God being an ideal of RIGHTEOUSNESS, read the beginning of the Gospel of John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. John 1:1

This could be written, In the beginning was Righteousness, and Righteousness was with

God, and Righteousness was God. This is according to Jeremiah the prophet. This also is the confession of truth which one must confess in order to be pure in heart. **There is no other way to be pure in heart unless one realizes that there are no such things as gods.**

Or to put it another way, in the beginning was an ideal and the ideal was with God and the ideal was God.

The notion that god was self creating is not new. In fact the chief god of the Egyptian religion (the Mother of Judaism) was Tern or **Amen**. According to Egyptian tradition he is the oldest of the gods and was called the “The Hidden One” the “Divine God” the “Self Created”, the “Maker of the Gods”. The “Creator of Men”, “He who stretched out the heavens”, “who illuminated the Tuat (other world) with his eyes (i.e. the right eye—Sun ‘imagination’ and the left *eye*—*Moon* ‘truth’). The form he existed in is not known but he created for himself, as a place to dwell, the great mass of Celestial Waters to which the Egyptians gave the name Nu (i.e. The Subconscious). In these Celestial Waters he lived quite alone for a time but then in a series of *efforts of thought* he created the heavens and the celestial bodies in them, and the gods and the earth, and men and women, animals, birds and creeping things in his own mind. These thoughts or *ideas of creation* were translated into words by Thoth (Writing) who was known as the *Scribe of the gods*.

The history of Egyptian religion is not all that different to Judaism which is not surprising really since Judaism grew out of the former. Moses who was responsible for the establishment of Judaism grew up as Pharaoh’s son and became a high priest in Egyptian religion. Should we not be surprised therefore to discover similarities. The concept that the truth (atheism or that **‘thick darkness where god is’**) is our spiritual nakedness which needs to be covered up in order to protect us from such emptiness. This covering is called “The Grace of God”. It is also interesting to note that the Egyptian god **AMEN**, (The Hidden One) is still praised today. Even by Christians after each prayer we say **“Amen”**.

MORE on VEIL & COVERING

The whole of Jesus’ teachings proclaim this very issue. The notion that the truth is hidden by this ‘covering’ is consistent from Genesis to Revelation. It is central to understanding the message against idolatry. Believing in the ‘covering’ (which covers our spiritual nakedness) and not the ‘fruit’ or truth is the misconception which is also the **deceit** of the church. This **‘Deceit’** is named as Satan – the Deceiver who is so depicted from Genesis to Revelations. It is this deceit or misconception that leads all followers astray.

I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even

where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. Re:2:13

So we learn that Satan's seat is with the church itself. The teachings of the church of any religion that there is a god, is primarily a deception at worst or a misconception at best. This of course is saying that the church is also deceived into believing in the godhead and trinity as one would worship any idol. Idolatry is rampant. The truth that there are no such things as gods however cannot be cast out of heaven but deception has no place in heaven. This notion that there are no such things as gods also implies that there is no such place as heaven and no such thing as Satan. This is how Satan is thrown out of heaven by the realization that he or it doesn't exist. Heaven itself is nebulous and vague.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; **neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

And the **great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Re:12:7

Now we can understand who the accuser of mankind really is by this above verse. That which has deceived our minds for so long, that misconception which masquerades as enlightenment is actually a delusion that makes us err in all that we attempt to accomplish. How we have suffered because of wrongful instruction. How far we have fallen without being aware of our deception.

Jesus knew of the deception of doctrine concerning the miracles and 'truth' but he realized also that this deception was necessary in order that believers would continue in their church attendance. Let's face it, knowing the 'truth' or realizing that the ideal God is just

that, an ideal, destroys this attendance upon the 'word'. What need has an atheist of church! For this reason Christ advised people not to pray openly in the street but to lock themselves in their closets in order to pray.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. M't:6:5-6

Because if we are seen to be praying, others may think that we believe in an imagined god and are therefore committing idolatry and could induce idolatry into others. Praying is good, it has psychological benefits and should never be discouraged but we should also be aware of the truth about god, to prevent us from vain faith.

Religions however require a regular attendance of people to ensure their survival. Without attendance there can be no teaching of morals, no social unity, no upbringing examples for children, no weddings, no baptisms, no social graces or cultural improvement. Neither can there be comfort in times of grief? Nevertheless only this particular truth can 'heal' people of idolatry, superstition and spiritual confusion. Only this particular 'truth' can forgive sins and free people from the shackles of guilt and sin. This 'truth' enlightens people to knowledge and fact rather than the darkness of superstition and vain beliefs of an occult nature, misconception and delusion. Here is knowledge, wisdom and understanding but to be 'under the fig' as it were, is bigotry, hypocrisy, prejudice and dogma.

Jesus said.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. M't:7:21-23

Of course the iniquity that is worked is idolatry by worshipping god. The inference here is that those worshippers who do not bear good fruit are workers of iniquity even though they follow the Lord. Therefore the best Christians are those who worship nothing but

respect everything. Those who do good works not seeking reward, not even heavenly reward or everlasting life. Those who seek heavenly reward shall miss out because firstly their motives are misplaced and secondly heaven doesn't exist.

This is a reflection of the oldest Scripture, for example Deuteronomy points out;

When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. De:18:9-13

Obviously, idolatry leads to all these spiritual abominations but the 'truth' or the 'fruit of the fig tree' an awareness of our spiritual nakedness – can cure these illnesses.

The church can never produce such fruit! Jesus was well aware that it is impossible for the church to produce such fruit. He indicated this when he cursed the Fig Tree previously mentioned. He forecasted this with another parable of a Fig Tree.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. M't:24:32-33

This parable describes the fig tree as having leaves only. Having leaves only is as we have said, indicative of putting forth traditional worship methods but not freeing its people by informing them of the 'truth'. Here the analogy is used as a sign of the end of the world and as such it can be interpreted that when worship itself is questioned, exactly what science challenges or when the church is committing idolatry then the end is near.

So once again the 'fig tree' which has not produced good fruit is metaphor to a church or doctrine. Leaves therefore represent the 'covering' of one's spiritual nakedness, as it did for Eve and the 'fruit' of the tree represents the ultimate truth, that which allows us to have 'knowledge of good and evil' and to also be 'as gods' and to have our 'eyes

opened' just like Adam.

Eve was not made from Adam's 'fruit' but was made from Adam's 'Tsela' i.e. leaves. Eve (Foundation of Life) was a Woman (Out of Man) and was created from Adam (Of the Field) from his 'Tsela' (Leaves).

It is quite plain that by partaking of this fruit (truth) one is made 'as gods' but we are already made in the image of god anyway knowing good and evil. The fear that Adam would die is a reference to Spiritual Death i.e. becoming atheistic. This is the 'death' which Jesus alludes to so often and which the baptism signifies.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Ro:6:3-8

He that is dead is freed from sin. He that is told the 'Truth' suffers spiritual death, the First Death. He that is spiritually dead (atheist) is freed from sin. This is because sin is an invention; a concept of man like everything else.

LAW

There is NO LAW! Law is invented by culture in order to facilitate co-operation between people. The only natural laws are those of nature. Man made laws change depending on the culture that invented them. The Bible points out that there is only one godly law.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. M't:22:37

If this one law is obeyed through love then it follows that all man-made laws are irrelevant because they would be met naturally. But not all people are free from prejudice nor have the ability to forgive others indiscretions. Therefore the manmade laws come into effect as a means of stabilizing societies. Is it then a sin to break such a law? The answer is simple, no! It is an offence to break such a law especially if the breach was intended but this still is not a sin. Sin does not exist.

For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee;
or to say, Arise, and walk?
But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power
on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the
palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
And he arose, and departed to his house. M't:9:5-7

There is a distinction between God's law and society's law. Those who obey God's law would also comply with societies laws. Those who do not obey laws have to live with their own conscience.

Sin is an invented concept; a means of controlling a population through guilt! The knowledge of the 'truth' of God frees people from the sin-guilt carousel. If there is no God then there is no Satan and consequently no sin.

Look at nature; do animals sin? Do dogs copulating with many partners openly in the street sin? Of course not! Do lions killing a deer sin? Never! Man is also an animal not unlike any other creature on this planet. An animal act is just that an animal act. It is not a question of sin at all. The act may be base or primitive or reactive or whatever but it remains an act of animal behavior. It is not a sin because sin does not exist.

Humankind differs from animals by way of reason. We have the ability therefore to raise our standards above those of animals but even this is done through choice. An enlightened being understands this most difficult of concepts even though it is very simple. If there is no Satan there is no sin.

SATAN

Satan is the father of sin. People who call themselves sinners are children of Satan. They are oppressed by sin. They become ruled through their guilt and glued to sin. They are therefore permanently bound to Satan by the psychological association with sin. This is all imagined since there is no such thing as Satan; neither is there sin.

For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee;
or to say, Arise, and walk? M't:9:5:

If such people truly believed they were forgiven they would cease from calling themselves sinners. If there is no god, then there is also no retribution and then sin becomes irrelevant. But if there is no god, neither is there an everlasting life, so what need would there be to strive to be good?

Here then is the judgment of mankind. Each person must weigh the pros and cons and then decide what type of person they desire to be. Should they be good or should they be evil. This choice must be made **without** the expectation of heavenly rewards such as eternal life. Only a decision made in this light is pure or worthy.

*Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.
Joe:3:14*

We see also in the verse following that Christ or more precisely the Son of Man (Son of Mankind) is revealed in the last day. The New Testament does not say that Christ returns but it does say the **Son of Man is revealed**. This means that Jesus as the Son of Mankind is revealed in the writings of this book. This new aspect of Christ cannot be gleaned by any other writing. By looking at the meanings of the metaphors of the New Testament we therefore can appreciate a new attitude and new insight to Christ.

Jesus says

*Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.
Remember Lot's wife.
Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
Lu:17:30-33*

The reference to Lot's wife is not out of place here because Jesus is making a reference to the bitterness people will feel because of the revelation of this truth. There are a number of such references.

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the

fountains of waters;
And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and
the **third part of the waters became wormwood;**
and many men died of the waters, because they
were made bitter. Re:8:10-11

So just as the Truth frees us from sin it immediately burdens us with bitter responsibility. That responsibility extends not only to our neighbors but to the entire environment of the planet. It is humanity's responsibility to clean up the act of surviving on this earth; and allowing the planet to survive. In doing this **without** God's help i.e. the imagined God we allow the true **Spirit of God** to work through us. Our bitterness is to accept that we are without god i.e. the imagined god and alone. But our pleasure is in knowing that we are as gods and have the **Spirit of God** within us so that we can face our responsibilities squarely and in so doing elevate our own self esteem.

Isaiah writes .

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong,
fear not: behold, your God will come with
vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will
come and save you.
**Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and
the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.** Isa:35:4-5

This does not necessarily mean their physical sight. Jesus knew this. It is an allusion to their 'mind's eye' or insight. Partaking of the 'fruit' or 'truth' of scripture opens one's eyes to misconceptions (leaves only) and deceptions which are generally inherited from the habit of blind unquestioning faith. This is not a restoring of physical sight but a restoration of insight. We are to have foresight and hindsight but most of all we should have insight.

Children are often a much better judge of truth than adults. In their innocence they are not susceptible to being misled by their own vanities. However they can be misguided by wrongful instruction. Adults are just as gullible in this respect. Jesus speaks of the blind leading the blind and performed many miracles of healing the blind to combat it. The unfortunate problem with religion is that people have a tendency to see only what they want to see. In their dedication and zeal to be perfect in their faith, they often deny other possibilities of meaning which may not fit into their scheme of things. This also is blindness. Those who are fortunate, who have an open heart and an open mind and who are honest with themselves, do not suffer this spiritual blindness. This then is what the teaching of the Bible is all about: open mindedness in preference to narrow minded bigotry which is so often the case.

When children are small, they are told about Santa Claus and because they trust their parents, they believe it. This is a delusion which is perpetrated by others as well. All the shopping centre's who have a vested interest in the propaganda of Santa Claus

supply fake Santa's especially to reinforce this false story in the hope that parents will spend more money in their stores. Television and radio stations alike also run shows that glorify the Santa delusion. The whole Christmas season is dominated by the telling and retelling of the story of Santa- a fat old man in a red suit who lives at the north pole and who makes toys for all the children in the world. He travels all over the earth in the space of one night delivering toys down chimneys. It is ridiculous; yet our children love it and believe it because they trust us. Surely we, their own parents would not lie to them ! Oh Calamity! Oh woe when that child finds out that the whole affair is a lie! Their immediate fear is that they will no longer receive any presents! This whole episode plants the first seeds of distrust into the young.

This is the same fear which will fall upon those who wait on the Lord's return like children who wait for Santa. When the 'covering'; the veil of the temple, is removed and the reality of the 'truth' hits them, they will be devastated. This devastation; this 'thick darkness' is described as an earthquake since Adam (of the ground) is mankind and mankind is god's 'field' or 'earth' in which god's seed is sown. This mankind then is also god's 'earth' which will 'quake and tremble' at this fearful revelation. They will reason that if there is no god then there is no resurrection and neither is there any eternal life!

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. Re:8:5.

SHADOW OF DEATH

It becomes obvious then that death is the natural end of life. Ecclesiastes indicates this when it reads..

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Ecc. 9:5

Did Jesus also hold this viewpoint? Let him answer in his own words.

*And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?
He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err. M'r:12:26*

Those people who are offended to think there may not be any 'reward' after death other than an eternity of rest and peace which is assured, may well be vain of spirit. These are they who profess to love God but whose motivation could be wrong. Such people mistake 'Love of God' for infatuation with worship. These should be careful that their love of God is not merely an insurance policy to get into 'Heaven'. Unfortunately the news is that 'heaven', like god, is an abstract concept! The word 'heaven means 'a cloud or covering of mystery'. Just as clouds block out the moon so too does a 'cloud of mystery (heaven) block out Truth.

Some people will immediately contemplate that if there is no God then there is no Heaven, and if there is no heaven then there is no Resurrection, and no resurrection implies no life after death: No Reward for Life !

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Ec:9:5

Such people will fail to see that also there is no spiritual confusion, no occult monsters, no evil spirits, no ghosts and corruptions of thought, no misconceptions of truth, no obsessions of vanity, no religious delusions, no such thing as witchcraft, no casting of spells, no Devil. No Satan, no sin and no guilt.

The Truth should have abolished all these plagues which pollute people's minds. Let us therefore put an end to religious dementia. Let there be no more 'Wacol' disasters or 'Jonestown' massacres and avoid another Holocaust! Let there be no more Holy Wars or disputes among earthlings. Allow people to have opposing viewpoints, as a human right!

A mentally healthy person should examine carefully those things which they are asked to believe in. A person should learn how to discern right from wrong, and truth from lie. For this reason we educate our children. We teach them to read and write and give them good knowledge so that they are better prepared for the world at large. We would not have them believe everything on hear-say or face-value but instead, to examine all things closely and to be wary of cults.

*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:
and with all thy getting get understanding. Proverb:4:7*

The scientific method is a tool of scrutiny and is trustworthy. A wise child, well endowed with knowledge will be imbued with strength and confidence. Such will not be afraid of the dark nor given to childish superstition. Knowledge dispels fear. Superstition is found to have no basis. To believe in superstition is to return to the dark ages when people were afraid of everything that went bump in the night. The earth is heading into the twenty-first century, a New Age of enlightenment. The individual has certain rights. Freedom of thought and speech are part of that enlightenment. No longer should people be burned at the stake or accused of witchcraft. Magicians are known to have no power other than dexterity in the art of illusion. It is the

same for all occult doctrines. It is known that there is no scientific basis to any of them. The only people who make claims contrary to this are those poor gullible souls who are caught up by their own vanity, imagination and lack of knowledge. These are they who are given to superstition not knowing truth. But to hold truth and to have knowledge **is to have real power over miracles** because miracles do not hold any power over those who know the truth.

Sometimes it is not easy to make a stand for truth. There are many mysteries in the world. Nature is the Mother of mysteries and there is much that science is yet to learn. Earthlings must never cease to seek answers and must always remain skeptical of mysterious happenings lest they fall into the pit of superstition. People who fall into this trap believe anything whether true or false. Such become afraid of their own shadows, paranoid and mentally unstable. They fall victim too easily to unscrupulous diviners of mysteries. This doctrine of truth is not for them.

There is a multi-billion dollar industry in the world which preys on the pockets of an innocent although gullible public. Such a public never come to the realization that there is **NO POWER** in any occult doctrine save propaganda! But propaganda can hold no power over knowledge. In fact the opposite is true. Science holds power over superstition. Knowledge is enlightening. Superstition binds people by their own vanity to imagined consequences. Knowledge frees people from their bonds. Yet with all the knowledge which is in the world, there still presides over the population, confusion. This state of confusion has been with us for centuries, especially evident is religious confusion. This has a spiritual name and its name is Babylon. The name Babylon means confusion. Remember it was at the Tower of Babel where language was confused. It was also in Babylon (Confusion) that the Jews were held captive for so long.

And upon her forehead was a name written,
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE
MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH. Re:17:5

Every culture on the earth has its own particular religion. Isolated communities invented their own or adapted an existing belief to suit their particular environment. There are several major religions who claim to have knowledge of god but whom war amongst themselves. Invasion of each other's territory is not new and murder and killing of their opponents through Holy War is not beneath their corrupt standards. There is no such thing as a *HOLY* war. Such cultures have no understanding.

Christianity probably has more to answer for than most. She arose out of Judaism only to become an enemy of her Mother doctrine whose final solution became the terrible Holocaust toward the Jews.

Of all things, Christianity should have been tolerant and forgiving. Unfortunately this is not her history. Her past is the shame of all Christians and disgusts all who are

visionaries, born of mankind. Out of her loins have arisen hundreds of varying doctrines each claiming more perfection than their brothers. Each pundit claims to have the only true and correct version of Scripture. They all differ and bicker amongst themselves over trivial concerns, religious principles and law but they all ignore any real commitment to the needs of the earth and the guardianship of the planet. They gather to themselves wealth and commit the same atrocities that their Lord Jesus warned the Pharisees against.

Their worst offence and beginning of their corruption is idolatry (to worship what is imagined). These, like the Pharisees before them have turned the hidden truth of the gospels into a lie and idolize Christ as if He were God, and forget that Jesus was a man. These same idolaters expect signs and miracles to fortify their faith. They lay hands on the sick and pretend to affect a cure in the name of God which is blatant showmanship and a lie! It is an offence against the Holy Spirit of Truthfulness! In doing such a thing as this they deny common-sense, judgment and ridicule sound knowledge which are all given from the god of truth. As victims of their own vanity they become bogged down by superstition. They corrupt their minds, even performing séances to Christ or exorcisms of spirits and ghosts which don't even exist! They wait on the Lord's return like children expecting Santa Claus, always trusting in their imagination and never ever suspecting that their own desire has deceived them into this idolatry. The same cannot accept that their Santa is a myth because they fear the truth and fear their own nakedness. Like Eve they sew fig leaves together in an attempt to cover this spiritual nakedness which their soul can sense is ever present.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Tm:3:1-7

The highlight of this verse is the statement '*and lead captive silly women laden with sins*' of course we remember that 'women' means (out of man) in other words religions laden with sins.

MIRACLES and VIRTUE

In working miracles, Jesus set up deceitfulness. He knew it and was not at all happy about it. If people were to believe in God they needed miracles as testimony that God was powerful.

Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we **would see a sign from thee.**

But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and **there shall no sign be given** to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. M't:12:38-40

Jesus knew that the signs the Pharisees were seeking were no less than miraculous. It is the same today. The most vocal of the churches all boast signs and miracles. We who know the truth know that such things don't happen. It is an insult to intelligence to profess to work miracles or to go by signs and wonders of a supernatural form. Jesus had a lot to say on this topic.

A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. M't:16:4

He knew that He could cleanse the thinking of His generation but that by the end of time the same mind set would have a hold on the population.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall **shew great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. M't:24:24

Everyday we hear of some seeming miracle attributed to Christians proclaiming Gods

power. I have never yet seen anything other than empty boasting. I have not yet seen them tell the truth that these so-called miracles are a sham. I firmly believe this about such behavior. Nevertheless I have seen things of science that are nothing short of miraculous. I have seen truth in science. I have seen doctors with scientific knowledge work wonders. I marvel at the frontiers of science. Surely this is where miracles are found.

And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side. M'r:8:11-13

Nevertheless there is always something false about miracles. Jesus knew this and so admitted that virtue or moral goodness went out of Him whenever a miracle was worked. Soon we will expose some of the works in order to see what Jesus really did when He performed a miracle.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? M'r:5:28-30

The dictionary describes VIRTUE as moral excellence, or purity so it is not surprising that it goes out of Jesus when a deception such as a miracle is worked. This was his way of confessing that he was unhappy to lead people on through miracles. He also knew however that miracles demonstrated the power of God. If people believed in them, they would follow him because, as John says,

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they

*saw the miracles which he did.
But Jesus did not commit himself unto them,
because he knew all men, Joh:2:23-24*

Luke also makes mention of this virtue which goes out of him when he performs miracles. Another story is recorded this way...

*And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years,
which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither
could be healed of any,
Came behind him, and touched the border of his
garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchd.
And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied,
Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the
multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou,
Who touched me?
And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for **I**
perceive that virtue is gone out of me. Lu:8:43-46*

There is another reference to virtue (Moral goodness') going out of Jesus following a miracle, again in Luke, chapter 6.

*And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for
there went virtue out of him, and healed them all
Lu:6:19*

Whenever Jesus worked a so-called miracle, *this moral goodness went out of him.* This means that he was aware that his miracles were deceiving those people who believed that he could actually perform them. Nevertheless Jesus loved the TRUTH so much that he confesses this fact. Of course the miracles were all worked in the spirit of the testimony that Jesus performed them. They were not worked in any real physical way. They were spiritual in nature and usually effected a change in knowledge or attitude. Sometimes such a change is even more pronounced than if a physical miracle had been performed.

Of course there is a metaphor for this 'double meaning' of the Word of God. That metaphor is a two edge Sword!

THE SWORD

The Bible is twofold in nature. On the surface there is the literal meaning, the stories and fables, but underlying this is a spiritual message. This twofold style is represented as the Bible being a SWORD with two edges. The SWORD of God is described as being the WORD of God. The coincidental spelling of WORD – SWORD belies the meaning that these two symbols relate. The WORD of God is scripture. As

we have seen, the word of God has dual meanings and this is reflected by the Sword of God being a two edged sword. The Word of God is the Holy Bible. So the Word of God is the sWord of God. Shall we look at some associations that demonstrate this.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph:6:17

Here we see that the **word of God** is the sword of the spirit. When we are highly spirited and use the word of God as our defense there is little that can defeat us. But this only works if we know the truth about the word of god. Just simply quoting scripture is hollow by comparison. Below is another statement that draws on metaphor to pronounce that the word of God is a **two edged sword**. Having two edges means it has two meanings and these two meanings are demonstrated by this writing. There is no other book that will confess that God cannot be proved.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb:4:12

In Revelations we learn that this two edged sword goes out of the mouth. Words are formed in the mouth and it is in word that the power of God really comes into its own. This is the power of truth.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Re:19:15

Of course this word of god which is the spirit of the sword (or word) has a metaphoric identity as well which follows;

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:
and his name is called **The Word of God.**

And the armies which were in heaven followed him
upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and
clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with
it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them
with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of
the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name
written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Re:19:11-16

We know therefore that the word of god is the sword of the spirit. We know that only the truth can reveal these things. We know that only one third of those who read this book will accept the truth of it. And we know that He who brings these things to the world has on his thigh **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

The sword is often said to come out of the mouth just as words do.

*And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of
his mouth went a sharp two edged sword (word): and
his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
Re:1:16:*

This symbolism is easy to understand and it is repeated in Revelation 2:12

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write;
These things saith he which hath the sharp sword
(word) with two edges; Re:2:12:*

And again the sword comes out of the mouth just as words do;

*Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will
fight against them with the sword (word) of my
mouth. Re:2:16:*

Now in Revelation there is the following account also describing that the Word of God as the Sword of God and that it too comes out of the mouth;

*And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:
and his name is called **The Word of God.***

*And the armies which were in heaven followed him
upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and
clean.*

*And out of **his mouth goeth a sharp sword** (word with
double meaning), that with it he should smite the
nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and
he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath
of Almighty God. Re:19:13-15:*

In Ephesians we read that the “sword of the spirit is the word of God”.

**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the
Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph:6:17:**

And a likewise verse in Hebrews

**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and
sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the
dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and
intents of the heart. Heb:4:12:**

This book, this little book is what will smite the nations for it will surely create discord among the Christians and atheists alike. But this book is not designed for Christians, those who consider themselves to be saved. This book is only meant for those who are questioning the Bible for validity and want to know the deeper truth. Here is that deeper truth. Here too is the instruction of this little book that those who slay the nations with their words of the Lord must in like manner be slain.

**He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he
that killeth with the sword (word) must be killed
with the sword (word). Here is the patience and the
faith of the saints. Re:13:10**

These writings reveal the twin nature of Biblical texts The two meanings stem from the two viewpoints of belief in God. One viewpoint is that God exists the other and more

truthful is that “no man hath seen God at anytime” therefore we don’t know if such a person exists.

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

The search for truth is as old as the scripture declaring it. In the Gospel of John we find the foretelling of the Spirit of Truth.

*Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. Joh:16:13:*

The *SPIRIT* of Truth is the deep desire to find out the truth in all things. These days we have science and the scientific method which epitomizes the spirit of truth. The scientific method is a way of examining and testing hypothesis to evaluate how truthful they are. As discussed above it involves several steps, they are, forming an hypothesis, building a model to test the hypothesis, examining the result to see if the hypothesis remains true and finally it must be able to be repeated by other parties to get the same result. This method requires scientists to adopt the **spirit of science** when publishing their work. This spirit is not a ghostly entity that flies through walls and haunts buildings. Such things do not exist. The spirit of science is to be in one accord with the precepts and goals of discovery. It is the same for the **spirit of truth**. To see an example of what the term “Spirit” means just remember Christmas. Santa Clause does not exist yet at Christmas time millions of people adopt the Spirit of Christmas and send gifts to one another in the name of Santa Clause. The Spirit of Truth is the same motivation or enthusiasm to seek the truth as the scientific method and having the preparedness to discard falsity in order to improve an understanding of the world. Without this scientific spirit or the spirit of truthfulness, dogma prevails. Dogma is incontrovertible opinions which prevail having no root in truth.

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in **spirit and in truth**. Joh:4:23-24*

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

The other Spirit mentioned in the Bible is the **Spirit of Prophecy**. This represents an agreement to participate in the prophetic language or jargon of the holy book. This is done in order to hide the dark heretical truth that there may not be a God, from the eyes of those unable to comprehend it. This has been in place for thousands of years. Nevertheless the spirit of prophecy must be sacrificed or put aside in order to reveal the truthfulness of scripture. The Spirit of Prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Re:19:10:

The testimony of Jesus relies on the spirit or like-mindedness of a person to speak or write in prophetic style even though such dialect causes or enhances dogma. Centuries ago a person could lose their life for uttering phrases which could be deemed to be heretical. In fact, in parts of the world today such condemnation still persists. The spirit of prophecy was a way to protect the author against accusation.

The **Spirit of Prophecy** and the **Spirit of Truth** are the **two witnesses** spoken of in Revelations;

*And I will give power unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
And if any man will hurt them, **fire** (argument) **proceedeth out of their mouth**, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
These have **power to shut heaven** (disprove God), **that it rain not in the days of their prophecy**: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.
Re:11:3-6:*

Jesus represents the Spirit of Prophecy And **He is seated on the right hand of God** as it is stated in Mark;

*But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the **Son of man sitting on the right hand of power**, and coming in the clouds of heaven. M'r:14:61-62:*

And also in Matthew the same information is supplied;

*Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?
They say unto him, The Son of David.
He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,
The Lord said unto my Lord, **sit thou on my right hand**, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? M't 22:42-44*

Matthew reiterates this same concept two verses on;

*The LORD said unto my Lord, **Sit thou on my right hand**, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?
If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?
M't:22:44-45:*

And again in chapter 26 verse 64 of Matthew Jesus says the following;

*Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the **Son of man sitting on the right hand of power**, and coming in the clouds of heaven. M't:26:64:*

In Mark we find the repetition of this notion;

*For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, **Sit thou on my right hand**, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. M'r:12:36:*

The Spirit of Prophecy therefore is on the **right hand of God** and the Spirit of Truth is on the **left hand**.

*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: Joh:15:26:*

In John chapter 15 we are given knowledge of the Spirit of Truth;

*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
Joh:16:12-13:*

CIRCLE

There is a premise that God is an all-powerful omnipotent being in a place called heaven but this is not the truth. As we have learned from Adam and Eve who realized that we are as gods and also from Jesus who said “**God is within you**”, God is not at all what we have been taught to believe. Jesus also said “**God is a Spirit**” which we should adopt in likewise spirit and in truth in order to benefit ourselves and our society. The Old Testament view that God is a supreme being is soon washed away by the revelations of the underlying code to Bible study. Jesus reports that only the elect few are privy to this knowledge. This elect few are termed the “**CIRCLE**” and this refers to the disciples and any other person accepted into the circle of secrecy such as John the Baptist and a few other special persons. Even today we refer to our “circle of friends” when we allude to those closest us. Jesus confided in the Disciples and these were His circle of friends. He included them in the great secret that He held concerning the Holy Scriptures.

MYSTERY OF GOD

Jesus confided in His disciples a dark secret which He kept away from the general population. It was a secret that had the power to undo all the good work that He had achieved during His mission. In effect He said to them, I will tell you the mystery of god but the general public must not know. This was done in the following way;

And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why

*speakest thou unto them in parables?
He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** M't:13:10-11:*

This is recorded several times in the New Testament and should not be a surprise to anyone who has read the Bible.

*And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.
And he said unto them, **Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God:** but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:
That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. M'r:4:10-12:*

It is stated in Revelation that the Mystery of God will be revealed and be finished with. It is also recognized that once this is done it cannot be undone and it will remain finished forever. This revelation will be made known to the world through mass media and word of mouth and this will take place when the world is mature enough to acknowledge truthfulness in the Word of God.

*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Re:10:7:*

Luke also records the giving of this secret;

*And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? Lu:8:9:
And he said, **Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God:** but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Lu:8:10:*

So what is this dark secret truth of God? Obviously Jesus was hiding something. The **Mystery of God** was a secret way of interpreting scripture. It was a code often referred to as the **Key of David** because King David was said to be wise in these matters. The code

revealed the Truth which underlies scripture. This truth left a person spiritually naked and where once there was spiritual light there now appeared darkness and desolation.

Moses first revealed this **thick darkness** where God was this way;

And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near
unto **the thick darkness where God was**. Ex:20:21:

Moses knew the Truth was a hollow dark place but He wanted there to be God there for the people. He cleverly invented all manner of gimmickry to satiate the people with talk of miracles and long elaborate rituals to reinforce a means of worshipping God. He created the spirit of prophecy on the right hand of God.

To this effect Isaiah also writes of **a lie** in the right hand referring to the right hand of God;

He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him
aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, **Is there
not a lie in my right hand?** Isa:44:20:

The reference to the right hand in this verse is indicating the Spirit of Prophecy on the right hand of God. We have already seen that Adam (Judaism) was made in the image of God, he became “**as god**” when he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he has **no ruler over him** and **he is spiritually naked** (which is to be without God). Revelation sums this up;

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with
goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not **that
thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and
blind, and naked:** Re:3:17:

What then is God? Jesus said **god is a spirit** and we have seen that to be in the spirit of something is to be in agreement with it. God then is an ideal. There is no God but this Ideal.

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Luke 17:20

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for,
behold, the kingdom of God is within you. Luke
17:21

The 'observation' spoken of here is that expectation that God will return to the earth. But Jesus advises that such observations are not only a waste of time but also indicative of idolatry! The Pharisees would never have seen it as idolatry however, because they were blind to the truth. This blind, unquestioning faith of theirs, as it was also for their ancestors, led them into bigotry and hypocrisy. It had the effect on them of denying this truth and in fact of turning the real truth into a lie as we see in II Thessalonians;

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 2Th:2:11:

But a similar statement is found in Romans 1:21 as follows;

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Who changed the Truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. Rom 1:21-25

Is this verse telling us that **God is the creature and not the creator**? Could God have been created in our image and not the other way around?

We see in John the perfect transcription of the ideal of God into words.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Joh:1:1:

This word that was in the beginning may have been **“Truth”** or it may have been the

Bible itself. Try “In the beginning was the Bible and the Bible was with God and the Bible was God”, or it may have been “**Righteousness**” as expressed by Jeremiah;

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

*In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.***
Jer:23:5-6:

And also in Jeremiah;

*In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, **The LORD our righteousness.***
Jer:33:16:

Now we could say “In the beginning was **Righteousness** and **Righteousness** was with God and **Righteousness** was God” and this would not be a lie.

The non-believing in God, as an omnipotent being, **is spiritual nakedness**. In such a case the person would know that they were spiritually naked. Now think, which is the better condition; to know one is spiritually naked and **not believe** in God or to **not know** one is spiritually naked and believe in God? It is by personal choice that people either believe in God or not.

WATER

The new Christians of Jesus’ day depicted themselves with the symbol of a fish but not just any fish, they were fish that came from the salty (truthful) sea. As it has been shown, Salt represents the knowledge of the truth with the revelation that the darkness of there not being an external God. The salty sea represents people who know this **mystery of God**. Fresh water on the other hand has a quite different meaning. Fresh water is life

giving. Nothing on the planet can live without fresh water it therefore represents the **spirit of life** itself just as blood represents the mundane “life force” of an animal or creature. Fresh water is the life giving force of **the belief that God exists**. Fresh water and salt water therefore are opposite in meaning. Where fresh water represents the idolization of God salt water represents the truth that there may not be a God at all. It is the preaching of doctrine that reinforces the belief in God and it is the preaching of doctrine that is said to resemble rain falling on the ears of the people.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: De:32:1-2:

Baptism is of course the most obvious use of waters to be found in the New Testament.

I indeed baptise you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matt. 3:11

The word 'Baptism' means a washing or cleansing by way of immersion in water and the idea is a cleansing of sins or repentance. There is however another concept at work with baptism, that being one of immersion. In Revelations there is a verse which puts a meaning to 'waters'

Then he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Rev 17:15

From this verse we get the notion that 'water' represents the population, mankind or humanity – peoples and multitudes, and nations and tongues. To be baptised therefore is to be fully immersed or plunged into the service of humanity, which after all is the main objective of Christianity.

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister. And whosoever will be a chief among you, let him be your servant:

Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:26-28

In other parts of the Bible, water has more direct meanings. Amos, the prophet thinks of it as judgement and righteousness.

But let judgement run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5:24

Whereas Habakkuk sees it as knowledge;

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Hab. 2:14

But Zechariah foretells it's more spiritual significance He mentions living waters.

And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem. Zech. 14:8

It was this living waters which Jesus referred to when He spoke to the woman of Samaria.

Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that said to thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water (teachings of the truth). John 4:10

Jesus then went on to say;

*Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give*

him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. Joh:4:13-14:

Of course it is only the Truth that there is no such thing as God that can quench a spiritual thirst. Such a quenching is called a cleansing because it purifies idolatry.

By these comparisons we see that this cleansing ability of water is parallel to the cleansing ability of the teaching of morals and knowledge that God's Word has on Humanity.

Rain is also water; water which falls from Heaven. This is also consistent with the imagery of water being knowledge and truth.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. Deut. 32:1-2

This same concept that water is seen as “words of my mouth” appears in many places.

After my words they spake not again: and my speech dropped upon them

And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. Job 29:22-23

I make mention of rain here in order to point out the prevailing condition prior to the creation of Adam.

For the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Gen. 2:5-6

This therefore is suggesting that there was not the teachings of righteousness (from the Lord) that is to say no 'RAIN' from 'HEAVEN' and there was no person to sow the seeds

of righteousness '**Not a man to till the ground**' in mankind. Nevertheless the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground or from a remnant of mankind; Adam emerged.

There is one verse in Revelations which implies that this "Rain" from heaven can be stopped.

And I will give power unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. Re:11:3:
These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. Re:11:4-6:

These **two witnesses** (namely the spirit of prophecy and the spirit of truth) also have power over waters to turn them to blood. This indicates that they can translate the spiritual form of holy writing into worldly interpretations. Blood signifies the mundane life force of the animal itself, that is to say worldliness. The two witnesses of course are the Spirit of Prophecy on the right hand of God and the Spirit of Truth on the left hand of God. The fire that proceeds out of their mouth is argument about the truth of the Bible. In Mark there is this following account that refers to both salt and fire.

And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire (*argument*) that never shall be quenched:
Where their worm dieth not, and the fire (*argument*) is not quenched.
And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire (*argument*):
Where their worm dieth not, and the fire (*argument*) is not quenched.

For every one shall be salted (find truth) with fire (*argument*), and every sacrifice shall be salted (find truth) with salt (truth)

Salt (truth) is good: but if the salt (truth) have lost his saltiness (truthfulness), wherewith will ye season it? Have salt (truth) in yourselves, and have peace one with another Mr:9:45-50:.

FISH

Christians saw themselves as fish. Fish live in water and water represents the Spirit of Life. They often painted the sign of a (salt water) fish over doorways denoting their secret meetings so that other likeminded Christians could attend. This imagery is consistent with the Apostles being “fishers of men” and catching men as fish.

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. M't:4:19:

Also in Mark;

And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. M'r:1:17:

The notion that the apostles were fishers of men meant that **men were fish** as depicted in Ecclesiastes.

For man also knoweth not his time: **as the fishes that are taken in an evil net**, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; **so are the sons of men snared in an evil time**, when it falleth suddenly upon them. Ec:9:12:

Jesus also said this describing the kingdom of heaven;

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. M't:13:47-48:

The imagery that fish are people as we saw above, is also consistent with Jesus seeking to pay his taxes and asking for a coin from the fishes mouth,

*Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up **the fish that first cometh up**; and when thou **hast opened his mouth**, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. M't:17:27:*

It is clear that Christ is referring to another person willing to pay taxes for them.

In Job we find this reference to fish which have the ability to speak;

*Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the **fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee**. Job:12:8:*

Ezekiel also uses fish as a metaphor of fishermen and nets;

*And it shall come to pass, that the **fishers** shall stand upon it from En-gedi (fountain of the seer) even unto En-eglaim (fountain of two calves); they shall be a place to spread forth **nets**; their **fish** shall be according to their kinds, **as the fish of the great sea**, exceeding many. Eze:47:10:*

And in Ezekiel we see that this imagery is not just confined to the New Testament.

*Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore **spread out my net** over thee with a company of many people; **and they shall bring thee up in my net**. Eze:32:3:*

Now Fishermen use nets of cord to catch fish but to catch men they use nets of vanity; as we read in Ecclesiastes

*And I find more bitter than death the woman (out of man- religion), **whose heart is snares and nets**, and*

her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. Ec:7:26:

Ecclesiastes tells us that these nets are evil, of course he is alluding to the worship of miracles and God as a Supreme Omnipotent Being and other idolatry.

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them. Ec:9:12:

In Psalms another allusion to nets;

Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape. Psalms:141:10

And in Matthew we see that the kingdom of Heaven is like a net;

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: M't:13:47

Habakkuk sees that the hierarchy catch people in their nets;

They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous. Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations? Hab:1:15-17:

Here is a perfect analogy of the 'Fishers of men' (disciples) who continually slay nations by catching men (people) in their nets (of doctrine). Habakkuk is saying that the church (represented by the fishers of men) cast their nets (doctrine) into the sea of people (Mankind) and then they 'sacrifice to their net and burn incense to their drag (catch congregation).

In these examples we see that men are taken or caught up in the nets which are cast by the fishers of men. Many ancient terms survive to this day that personify fish. A common saying is “There’s plenty more fish in the sea” meaning there are more persons one could catch. Another saying “he is like a fish out of water” meaning he is floundering in his attempts to do a particular task. There are many more but this is enough to show how the term fish is still applied to mean people.

The fishers of men may have had a noble purpose but their ways were sometimes questionable.

A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet. Proverb:29:5

These are the same **flatteries** that the fishers of men use to catch men in their nets. The new Christian church had to grow somehow and the bait was to offer them life eternal with an eternal God. Jesus was not above saying one thing and meaning another as we have already seen. Jesus knew this was happening and it grieved Him. Therefore Jesus always provided a way to explore the real meanings of the things He said. The image of the **salt sea fish** became the chosen symbol of those Christians who wanted to show that they were indoctrinated to the truth of God or were a burnt offering to God.

MOUNTAINS

Without the symbolism of mountains there would probably not have been a Bible at all. It was on a mountain that Noahs Ark came to rest, it was on a Mountain that Moses received his commandment to free Israel and also received the Ten Commandments and it was on a mountain that Abraham went to sacrifice his son Isaac. There are many events associated with mountains, too many to list but we will explore a different use of the metaphor of mountains. **Mountains represent Religions**. They are lofty, often shrouded in clouds of mystery and seem to last throughout the ages. God dwells in the heights of the Mountains just as God dwells in religions.

*They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount (religion) Zion (fortress), which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.
As the mountains (religions) are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. Psalms:125:1-2:*

*They sacrifice upon the tops of **the mountains** (religions), and **burn incense** upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, **because the shadow** thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. Ho:4:13:*

*The high places also of Aven (vanity), **the sin of Israel** (ruling with god), shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the **mountains** (religions), Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. Ho:10:8:*

The SIN of ISRAEL is idolatry. It is the one continual sin that the Jews never rid themselves of. The high places of Aven (vanity) represents their religion which commits the sin of Israel and for that they will say to the mountain cover us and to the hills fall on us.

Revelations speaks of mountains also in the same light; again the simile of mountains representing religion is maintained.

*And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, **hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks** (churches) of **the mountains** (religions);*

*And said to **the mountains** (religions) **and rocks** (churches), Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: :*

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? Re:6:15-17:

*And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads **are seven mountains** (religions), on which the woman (out of man -religion) sitteth.*

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is,

and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. Re:17:9-10:

Isaiah also writes about the Lords religion as a mountain;

*And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain (religion) of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains (religions), and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it
And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain (religion) of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob (supplanter); and he will teach us His ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2-3*

And Joel observes that God dwells in His Holy Mountain;

*So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God **dwelling in Zion** (Fortress), **my holy mountain** (religion): then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. Joe:3:17:*

Micah reports that all nations shall know God in His Holy Mountain;

*And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the **mountain** (religion) of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob (supplanter); and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion (Fortress), and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (Possession of Peace). Mic:4:2:*

These mountains are not physical mountains but are Religions. It is at the pinnacle of the religion where god dwells. If mountains therefore represent religion, this then throws a new light on interpreting Revelations;

And the heaven (*Veil of mystery*) departed as a scroll (*story*) when it is rolled together; and every **mountain** (*religion*) and island were moved out of their places.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every, free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks (churches) of the **mountains** (religions);

And said to the **mountains** (religions) and **rocks** (churches), fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb. the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? Rev 6:17-17

ROCKS

If Mountains are religions then it follows that Rocks are churches as seen in the above extract. In the following verse we see how Moses drew water from a rock. The story only makes sense if the rock represents the church or synagogue from which the spirit (water) flows freely.

*Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the **rock** (church) before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water (preaching), and thou shalt bring forth to them water (preaching) out of the **rock** (church): so thou shalt give the **congregation** and their beasts drink.*

And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

*And Moses and Aaron gathered the **congregation** together before the **rock** (church), and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water (preaching) out of this **rock** (church)?*

*And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the **rock** (church) twice: and the water (preaching of God) came out abundantly, and the*

*congregation drank, and their beasts also.
And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because
ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the
children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this
congregation into the land which I have given them.
This is the water of Meribah (preaching of strife or
contention); because the children of Israel strove with
the LORD, and he was sanctified in them. Nu:20:8-13:*

The imagery of the rock continues with King David describing it as;

*And he said, **The LORD is my rock** (church), and my
fortress, and my deliverer;
The God of **my rock** (church); in him will I trust: he is
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high
tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from
violence. 2Sa:22:2-3:*

In psalms there are also references to the church being a rock;

I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. Psalms:18:1:

***The LORD is my rock** (church), and my fortress, and
my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will
trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and
my high tower. Psalms:18:2:*

And in another Psalms;

*In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be
ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.
Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: **be
thou my strong rock** (church), for an house of defence
to save me.
For thou art my rock (church) and my fortress;
therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for
me: for thou art my strength.
Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed
me, O LORD God of truth. Psalms:31:1-5:*

The New Testament continues this imagery of the church as a rock; Here is a verse from Matthew.

*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon **this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. M't:16:18:*

Luke also writes about the rock and the church in this way the following parable portrays the solid foundation of that of the rock;

*Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is **like a man** which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a **rock** (church): and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it **was founded upon a rock** (church). Lu:6:47-48:*

In 1Corinthians they talk of the spiritual drink which comes from the rock or church.

*And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual **Rock** (church) that followed them: **and that Rock** (church) **was Christ**. 1Co:10:4:*

And finally in Revelations we see the imagery used to describe the end time

*And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain (religion) and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, **hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks** (churches) **of the mountains** (religions); And said to the **mountains** (religions) and **rocks** (churches), Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall*

be able to stand? Re:6:14-17:

STONES

Mountains are Religions, Rocks are Churches and Stones are people. To be more precise a stone represents a person's heart or spiritual house. There is a saying "Heart of Stone" meaning hard-hearted and in this the saying referring to the heart is true but not all people are thus afflicted. Many people have a soft and malleable heart which is more desirable. The custom of "stoning" a wrongdoer is probably a misrepresentation of the law. To stone somebody was to change their heart from evil to good. It can sometimes refer to a particular person or it might be more general in its application. Below we see how Jacob became known as the **stone** of Israel.

*But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; **from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:** Ge:49:24:*

In Matthew we have Jesus describing himself as that Stone;

*Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ) which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
And whosoever shall fall on this **stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ) shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. M't:21:42-44:*

The same concept is repeated in Mark

*And have ye not read this scripture; **The stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ) which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:*

M'r:12:10:

Luke writes likewise;

*And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The **stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ) which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?*

*Whosoever shall fall upon that **stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ) shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Lu:20:17-18:*

And in Acts it is repeated yet again;

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

*This is **the stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ) which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Ac:4:10-11:*

The other associations are more general and use stones to point to ordinary people.

In Matthew this view is clear;

*And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these **stones** (a person's spiritual house in this case people) to raise up children unto Abraham. M't:3:9:*

And Luke repeats the notion that people are stones.

*Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these **stones** (a person's spiritual house in this case*

people) to raise up children unto Abraham. Lu:3:8:

Also in Luke is found this allusion referring to people as stones.

*And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the **stones** (a person's spiritual house in this case people) would immediately cry out. Lu:19:39-40:*

In 1 Peter 2:4 the association that stones represent people is very clear where it states that **Ye as lively stones** are built up a spiritual house.

*To whom coming, as unto **a living stone** (a person's spiritual house in this case Christ), disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
Ye also, as lively stones (a person's spiritual house in this case people), **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1Pe:2:4-5:*

Daniel interprets the dream of king Nebuchadnezzar using the image of a stone to represent the prophet at the last day to smite the image of religious confusion in Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

*Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.
This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,
His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
Thou sawest till that **a stone** (a person's spiritual house) was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.
Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them:*

and the stone (a person's spiritual house) that smote the image became a great mountain (religion), and filled the whole earth. Da:2:31-35:

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone (a person's spiritual house) was cut out of the mountain (religion) without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. Da:2:45:

This account is a well documented prediction of the “end time”. The **stone** (a person's spiritual house) was cut out of the **mountain** (religion) without hands i.e. without help. It is a prediction of the end times and how it will be brought about by a single person whose spiritual house is based in truth.

In the prophecy of Revelation the stone also appears as a gift to “he who overcomes” from the church at Pergamos.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone (a new heart or spiritual house), and in the stone (a person's spiritual house) a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Re:2:17:

This white stone is to replace our hardened heart with a new heart. This thought is also expressed by Job talking about Leviathan.

His heart is as thin as a stone (a person's spiritual house); yea, **as hard as a piece nether millstone** Job 41:24

Millstones are used to grind the wheat into flour so that bread can be made. This bread (Scripture) is what Jesus called the bread of life. We see then that our stone (a person's spiritual house) is really our interpretations of that bread. Our own opinions or our ego is our stone (spiritual house). Jesus asks..

If a son shall ask bread (Scripture) of any of you that

*is a father, will he give him a **stone**? (a spiritual house) or if he ask a fish (disciple), will he for a fish give him a serpent (truth)? Lu:11:11:*

There is another reference to stones being people virtually repeating the above verses in I Peter 2:4

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
To whom coming, as unto **a living stone** (*a person's spiritual house in this case Christ*), disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
Ye also, as lively stones (*a person's spiritual house in this case people*), **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner **stone** (*a person's spiritual house in this case Christ*), elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the **stone** (*a person's spiritual house in this case Christ*) which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
And a **stone** (*a person's spiritual house*) of stumbling, and a rock (church) of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 1Pe:2:3-8

This makes it very clear that **we as lively stones** are built up a **Spiritual House**. Even today we have a remnant of this concept in our language. If then stones represent people as spiritual houses what then is really meant by a stoning? A stoning is the breakdown of one spiritual house and it being replaced by another more perfect attitude. It is not meant to be a physical murdering of a person. It is in fact a rehabilitation program designed to change a person's attitude. Jesus' views on stoning are as follows.

They say unto him, Master, this woman (out of man-religion) was taken in adultery, in the very act.
Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such

should be stoned (change her spiritual house): but what sayest thou?

This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, **and with his finger wrote on the ground**, as though he heard them not.

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone (spiritual house) at her. Joh:8:4-7:

In the highlighted section Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground (mankind). This indicates that there is more to the story than merely Jesus' indifference. Could it be that Jesus revealed to them the true metaphor of 'stoning' thus embarrassing them with their own hypocrisy? It is also pertinent to note his response "He that is without sin" would be pure in thought and therefore the only one qualified to understand what the true meaning of stone was.

The best person to begin to teach the 'woman' (religion) a new spiritual identity would be the one who is without sin. The Pharisees and Sadducees all worshipped God and consequently thought of themselves as sinners. Worship dictates this oppression.

A favorite image comes not from the Bible but from the legend of King Arthur who's right to be king was established through the SWORD (Word of god) in the STONE (a person's spiritual house). King Arthur was the only knight who held the secret of the Sword in the Stone. The legend of the knights of the round (circle) table, take on new and interesting meanings when one is aware of its hidden metaphor. Their quest for the Holy Grail the cup which Jesus drank from signifies the same Baptism by Fire which the enlightened must go through in order to become pure. It is a search for Truth and a beautiful story.

Returning to scripture however we learn that Peter is renamed as Cephas which means "a stone".

And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon (Hearing) the son of Jona (a dove): thou shalt be called Cephas stone (a person's spiritual house), which is by interpretation, A stone. Joh:1:42:

Other references to stones can be found easily by looking into any concordance. Revelations promises to give us a new name written on a white stone if we can overcome the seven trials.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and **will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Re:2:17:

FIRE

Fire is used as a tool to describe argument.

*And the **tongue is a fire** (argument), a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. Jas:3:6:*

In Hebrews is this statement about what God is.

*For our God is a consuming **fire** (argument). Heb:12:29:*

In 1 Peter we witness this allusion to fire.

*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold (pure words) that perisheth, though it be tried with **fire** (argument), might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 1Pe:1:7:*

And of course in Revelations

These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

*And if any man will hurt them, **fire** (argument) proceedeth **out of their mouth**, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. Re:11:4-5:*

*And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over **fire** (argument); and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.** Re:14:18:*

*And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with **fire** (argument).*

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. Re:16:8-9:

*And he saith unto me, The **waters** (spirit filled people) which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

*And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and **shall make her desolate and naked** (reveal the truth), and shall eat **her flesh** (doctrine), and burn her with **fire** (argument).*

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

And the woman (out of man-religion) which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Re:17:15-18:

The fire or argument in these verses relate to religious argument. It is brought about by this little book also mentioned in Revelations and how this little book raises issues of truth with the church.

Proverbs says..

An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is a burning fire (argument). Prop. 16:27

Argument is the fire of our mouths. Can a man of god withstand the 'Fire and Brimstone' arguments of those who are caught up in idolatry? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the book of Daniel were cast into the fire (argument) because they would not worship the golden images (idolatry). The fire (argument) had no effect on them! This demonstrates **the power of truth over falsity**. In truth is confidence and strength. These men could not worship any idols even Baal (The Lord) because they knew the Truth.

Jesus says,

*I am come to send **fire** (argument) on the earth and what will I if it be already kindled.
But I have a baptism to be baptised with; and how am I straightened till it be accomplished Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: Luke 12:49-51*

This fire which Christ says he will send onto the earth is perpetual argument over the word of god. When he spoke of the tares being cast into the fire or of the trees (places of worship) being cast into everlasting fire, this is what he meant.

*Every **tree** (place of worship) that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the **fire** (argument). Matt. 7:19*

This is perpetual argument over the word of god. There will always be a remnant of people who will follow the various idolatrous doctrines for their own reasons. Such groups will always argue against science and truth because their delusion inhibits reasoning. Therefore this fire, once kindled will go on forever.

This also is described as fire of the altar, in Revelations.

And the angel took the censer, and **filled it with fire** (argument) **of the altar**, and cast It into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightning's and an earthquake. Rev. 8:

This argument is the 'fire' that 'fires' the clay vessels into stone. This firing drives out the water content of the clay and produces a dry stone in place of the malleable clay. The vessel which has been through the fire therefore becomes hard as stone.

POTTERS VESSELS AND WATERPOTS

But what the Master Potter makes however, he can also break.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Psalms:2:9:

People therefore are seen as these vessels, moulded or broken.

I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. Psalm 32:12

Revelations also use this analogy.

And he that overcometh and doeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron: as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my father. Rev. 2:26-27

Here we see how and where Jesus also received his power. It was through this metaphoric language that confessed the truth. The 'breaking' is achieved by revealing the **mystery of god** through uncovering the truth this is the apocalypse of the Christians. By taking the '**mystery**' out of God, the spirit of the vessels is broken. This constitutes the '**harvesting of the Lord**' as mentioned earlier.

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Re:10:7:

This whole process has a name and it is called the Apocalypse, a Greek word which means the uncovering which refers to the unveiling of the mystery of god as above.

The idea that people are vessels made from clay - or dry earth mixed with water, is consistent with that of Adam being 'of the ground' and requiring a 'mist' to rise and 'water' the whole face of the ground to bring about his creation. Nevertheless if this 'clay' is dried out again, it returns to dust or dry earth.

Remember, I beseech thee, **that thou hast made me as the clay**; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?
Job:10:9:

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. Gen 2:7

For dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return Gen. 3:19

Waterpots made of clay, once fired, can now hold water themselves. They can hold their own Water or be filled with other substances. Many precious things can be stored in earthenware pots. The Scripture scrolls themselves were preserved in earthenware pots. It is interesting to note that the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in such earthenware containers, perfectly preserved after two thousand years.

This sets up the imagery that people, like these earthenware pots or water pots as they were called, could contain the knowledge of God. God's laws could be written on their hearts, the prophet tells us, and Jesus confirms this by saying that God is within you.

People therefore are seen not only as sheep or fish but also as 'vessels' for the word of god.

Jesus filled such vessels (water pots) with water but when it was 'drawn out' it became wine! This happened at Cana (to take a surname) in Galilee (the circle) at a wedding. Note the name meanings here - Cana means to take a surname which is exactly what the bride does at a wedding. She takes on the surname of the bridegroom. Christianity is the bride to Jesus Christ hence the surname in Christianity (belonging to Christ)

Water, as we have seen, represents the 'Spirit of Life' and salt water also 'Spirit of Truthfulness' and is imbued in us as the teachings of righteousness. It is a life giving drink which keeps one sober but also quenches the thirst. 'Wine on the other hand is intoxicating, it may be a comforter of souls but it does not quench the thirst and in fact increases thirst and confusion. Salt water (spirit of truthfulness) represents the thirst quenching truth but wine the ongoing doctrine of comfort as given by the church.

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. Ac:2:13:

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: Ac:2:14:

For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the **third** (truth) hour of the day. Ac:2:15:

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; Ac:2:16:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: Ac:2:17:

Water however, representing correct interpretation of Scripture and truth, is that which Jesus spoke of as 'Living Water' which is the only 'Water' (doctrine) that can actually quench the thirst for truth.

Whosoever drinketh of the water (truth) that I shall give shall never thirst. John 4:14

When wine is used as a metaphor, it represents the '**comforter**' that which gladdens our hearts and lifts our spirits. Water never fills this role. Truth is not something which has to be re-given or delivered each week to bolster the spirit. Truth is a once only application. Once you know it; that is the end of the matter. It quenches the thirst! We have said that there is no need to keep returning to doctrine once the truth is known and this is so, but

remember that the Baptism is a pledge to serve Humanity. Therefore it is necessary to 'set up' a way of ministering this service. The role of the church therefore is as an organiser of this labour. The congregation should meet regularly in order to 'help' each other and their environment and not necessarily to 'drink old wine' (repetitive sermons) only. That is, not just to receive the same old sermons as such things are dead works which achieve nothing.

Now we begin to understand the miracle of turning water into wine. The 'Water' (Truth) has healed the misconception about what God is, and has quenched our thirst with the spirit of atheism (a dry and sober spirit) so that wine (sermons) are then delivered to us in a new light (insight) to comfort us and reassure us that our reward is with us. This all serves to remind us to remain righteous and not self-righteous. A teaching on humility. Our reward is the direct result of the work of our hands, good works produce good reward but no works produce no reward. Hence God's presence is reflected through our demeanor.

The Apostles speak of different kinds *of* wine - new wine and old wine. Old wine therefore is the traditional sermons; the same old themes preached week after week, year after year, until they lose all their meaning and value -i.e. the leaves of the fig!

New wine only follows the revelation of truth! It has not had time to ferment into intoxicating liquor (delusion). It is a refreshing of spirit and its doctrine (sermons) differ from old wine in that they very seldom refer to old concepts of Scripture or fire and brimstone type preaching. New wine is given in the light of Truth - *God* is an Ideal - which has wiped away the misconception of godhead, idols, and supernatural powers.

The New Testament was the new wine of Jesus whereas the Old Testament was the old wine and comfort of the Jews, at the time of Christ. Nowadays Christianity has become the old wine because of the way it is taught.

So the wedding at Cana (to take a surname) in Galilee (the circle) represents the revealing of a new spiritual identity by turning the 'water' (truth) into 'wine' (comforter) and surnaming themselves as belonging to Christ. By this it is shown that Christianity is destined to be the Bride of Christ as prophesied in Revelations. Therefore just as Eve (Foundation of life) was the wife of Adam (of the ground) Judaism (praise) became the wife of Israel (Ruling with God) and Christianity (belonging to Christ) becomes the wife of Christ (saviour). All this is signified by this wedding miracle.

Why is all this necessary? It has already been pointed out that Judaism had turned the truth of god into a lie and had continually committed idolatry through worshipping Baal (the Lord) or God as an idol. Judaism was therefore considered to be an adulterous WOMAN (out of man-religion), a rebellious nation. This idea of rebellion falls neatly into prophetic language when one considers Mary, the Mother of Christ and consequently the Mother of Christianity. The name Mary means 'Rebellious' and the imagery is easy to see when reading the old prophetic books.

The whole nativity scene is fascinating. It is so full of metaphor and perfect. The baby Jesus is placed in a manger for a crib. We all know that a manger is the food stall for the animals. This symbolizes how Jesus is to be FOOD for mankind's spiritual hunger. He says, I am the bread of life and also at the last supper he broke bread and said Eat, this is my body. Of course that 'Bread' was his doctrine. The words were written down and became Scripture, the Gospels. It is this Scripture which is our Daily Bread. It is His Scripture which feeds mankind's spiritual hunger. It was His Sermon on the Mount which fed the five thousand. And now this doctrine of his, the New Testament, is His Flesh which continues to feed the masses.

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all
taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard,
and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he
which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on
me hath everlasting life.
I am that bread of life.
Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and
are dead.
This is the bread which cometh down from heaven,
that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
I am the living bread which came down from
heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live
for ever: and the **bread that I will give is my flesh,**
which I will give for the life of the world. Joh:6:45-
51:

Yet remember in another place he also said 'man does not live by bread alone' in which he indicated how the Truth sets us free.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not
live by bread (scripture) alone, but by every word that

proceedeth out of the mouth of God. M't:4:4:

Bread and Flesh therefore are the same metaphor. It is manna from heaven (Scripture) which feeds our hungry soul.

Whoso **eateth my flesh**, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
For **my flesh is meat indeed**, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Joh:6:54-56:

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.** Joh:6:63:

THIEF

Having read about the bread of life, we suddenly become aware that another meaning is indicated by the verse concerning **Christ's return in the flesh.**

Just as the hypocrite Pharisees expected their Messiah to fly in on the clouds like an aircraft, so too do many Christians expect Jesus to fly in like some glorious space craft! This is ludicrous and the folly of it is seen when we accept the Truth of Jesus' own words - that **Scripture is His Flesh -which we have had with us all along.** The return therefore is when the people of earth become aware of this fact and finally put an end to the misconception of deluded idolatry!

*And now ye know what with-holdeth that he might
be revealed in his time.
For the mystery of iniquity doth already work. Only
he who*

*now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord
shall consume **with the spirit of his mouth**, and shall
destroy with the brightness of his coming:
Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan
(Deceiver) with
all power and signs and lying wonders.
And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in
them that perish; because they received **not the love
of the truth**, that they might be saved.
And for this cause **God shall send them strong
delusion, that they should believe a lie.** II
Thessalonians 2:6-11*

The clouds with which He will return become obvious as the **covering or veil** of the truth that He represented as being revealed by the apocalypse. It is by this revealing of what the covering or veil is that destroys the concept of God and Heaven. This destruction is likened to one being robbed of their delusion and fairytale notions about heaven.

*Behold, I come as a **thief**. Blessed is he that
watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk
naked, and they see his shame. Re:16:15:*

This THIEF analogy is repeated in many places;

*For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord
so cometh as a **thief** in the night.
For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden
destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a
woman with child; and they shall not escape. 1Th:5:2-
3:*

It comes as a thief because the idolaters will feel robbed. They placed their trust in an idol and now there is no retribution. Peter gives the same warning and reminds us that Heaven will come to an end one day.

But the day of the Lord will come as a **thief** in the night; in the which the **heavens shall pass away** with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2Pe:3:10:

But Peter goes on in just two more verses to say.

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2Pe:3:13:

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you**, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. M't:21:42-43:

Jesus spoke of himself as being the cornerstone of the religion. Yet in other places it is referred to as a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence.

Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

*And a **stone** (a persons spiritual house) of stumbling and a **rock** (church) of offence, even to them which **stumble at the word**, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 1 Peter 2:7-8*

Of course the stumbling is produced by believing in miracles which are not real, by being deluded or by committing idolatry through worshiping an imagined god. Yet there are other warnings about the **Thief** analogy.

In Revelations John writes,

*Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee **as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
Re:3:3:*

But the best and most precise statement of all is fortold again in Revelations.

*Behold, **I come as a thief** Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk **naked**, and they see his shame. Rev. 16:15*

From this verse we understand that the idea of the thief is one who robs us of our treasures and **raiment** and hence leaves us **naked**, is consistent with all that has gone before in this manuscript. There is a temptation to look at other 'prophecies' in the light of this metaphoric or spiritual language, but in order to do so, we must first examine other analogies. This is a very difficult task because in order to explain one metaphor, several need to be revealed. Ezekiel described this complexity as 'Wheels within wheels' (to be Of the Circle') and it is very appropriate under the circumstances.

DECEPTION

Jesus used the analogy of the serpent in the gospel of John as a means of asking the population or perhaps just his disciples, to make him a martyr and an ensign to the world. The reference to Moses has already be mentioned in earlier pages. Now we speak of it from Jesus' perspective.

*And as **Moses lifted up the serpent** (search for Truth) in the wilderness, even **so must the Son of man be lifted up**:
That whosoever believeth in him should not*

perish, but have eternal life. Joh:3:14-15:

Jesus knew of the deception of doctrine concerning the miracles and 'truth' but he realised also that this deception was necessary in order that believers would continue in their church attendance. Let's face it, knowing the 'truth' or realising that the ideal God is just that, **an ideal**, destroys this attendance upon the 'word'. What need has an atheist of church? For this reason (that if people were atheist) Christ advised them not to pray openly in the street but to lock themselves in their closets in order to pray. This is because it is not known who we pray to? There is also the possibility that if we are seen praying that others might think we are committing idolatry.

And when thou prayest, **thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are:** for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, **enter into thy closet**, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. M't:6:5-6:

Religions however require a regular attendance of people to ensure their survival. Without attendance there can be no teaching of morals, no social unity, no upbringing examples for children, no weddings, no baptisms, no social graces or cultural improvement. Neither can there be comfort in times of grief. Nevertheless only this particular truth can 'heal' people *of* idolatry, superstition and spiritual confusion. Only this particular 'truth' can forgive sins and free people from the shackles of guilt and sin. This 'truth' enlightens people to knowledge and fact rather than the darkness of superstition and vain beliefs of an occult nature, misconception and delusion. Here is knowledge, wisdom and understanding but to be 'under the fig' as it were, is bigotry, hypocrisy, prejudice and dogma.

Jesus said.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have

cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. M't:7:21-23:

The inference here is that those worshippers who do not bear good fruit or are not known to the Truth are workers of iniquity even though they 'follow the Lord'. Therefore the best Christians are those who **worship nothing** but respect everything. Those who do good works not seeking reward, not even heavenly reward. (e.g. everlasting life) Those who seek heavenly reward shall miss out because their motives are misplaced. There is no heaven and therefore no heavenly rewards.

This is a reflection of the oldest Scripture, for example Deuteronomy points out;

When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

For all **that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD**: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. De:18:9-13:

All these spiritual or occult habits are false philosophies. There is no truth in any of them. To practice any of these puts your mind under a misconception at best and a delusion at worst. How can a body be perfect and still practice these mental offences? Obviously, idolatry leads to all these spiritual abominations but the 'truth' or the 'fruit of the fig tree' (an awareness of our spiritual nakedness) - can cure these illnesses.

The church can never produce such fruit! Jesus was well aware that it is impossible for the church to produce such fruit. He indicated this when he cursed the Fig Tree previously mentioned. He forecasted this with another parable of a Fig Tree.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. M't:24:32-33:

This parable describes the fig tree as having, leaves but no fruit. Having leaves only is as we have said, indicative of putting forth traditional worship methods but not freeing its people by informing them of the 'truth'. Here the analogy is used as a sign of the end of the world and as such it can be interpreted that when worship itself is questioned (exactly what science challenges) or when the church is committing idolatry then the end is near.

THE VEIL

So once again the 'fig tree' which has not produced good fruit is metaphor to a church or doctrine. Leaves therefore represent the 'covering' of one's spiritual nakedness, as it did for Eve, and the 'fruit' of the tree represents the ultimate truth, that which allows us to have 'knowledge of good and evil', and to also be 'as gods' and to have our 'eyes opened' just like Adam.

Eve was not made from Adam's 'fruit' but was made from Adam's 'Tsela' i.e. leaves. Eve (Foundation of Life) was a Woman (Out of Man - religion) and was created from Adam (Of the Ground)- from his 'Tsela' (Leaves).

It is quite plain that by partaking of this fruit (heretical truth) one is made 'as gods' but we are already made in the image of god anyway, knowing good and evil. The fear that they would die is a reference to Spiritual Death i.e. becoming atheistic. This is the 'death' which Jesus alludes to so often and which the baptism signifies.

For if we have been planted together **in the likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For he that is **dead is freed from sin.**

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we

shall also live with him: Ro:6:5-8:

He that is dead is freed from sin. He that is told the 'Truth' suffers spiritual death i.e. the First Death. He that is spiritually dead (atheist) is freed from sin. This is because sin is an invention; a concept of mankind like everything else.

BLINDNESS AND SIN

even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it" Luke 17:33

The reference to Lot's wife is not out of place here because Jesus is making a reference to the Bitterness people will feel because of the revelation of this truth and the desolation of spirit they will feel when the truth about religion is revealed. There are a number of such references.

*And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
And the name of the star is called Wormwood (bitter): and the third part of the waters became wormwood (bitter); and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. Re:8:10-11:*

So just as the 'heretical Truth' frees us from sin it immediately burdens us with responsibility. That responsibility extends not only to our neighbours but to the entire environment of the planet. It is humanity's responsibility to clean up the act of surviving on this earth and allowing the Planet to survive. To belong to humanity one must first be humane and this means to take care of all flora and fauna. In doing this **without** God's help (i.e. the imagined God) we allow **the true Spirit of God to work through us**. Our bitterness is to accept that we are without god and alone. But our pleasure is in knowing

that we are **as gods** and have the **Spirit of God within us** so that we can face our responsibilities squarely on and in so doing elevate our own self esteem. This is faith, for although we believe there is no such thing as God we continually *hope* that we are wrong that there just may be a God that can reward us for doing the right thing. Either way we know that our reward is with us as we live. And here is the simple decision we must face; we must choose to do good things rather than evil things. We must choose to serve good rather than evil.

Multitude. multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.
Joel 3:14

If there is no such thing as God then there is no such thing as Satan and hence no Sin. Sin is an imagined state that induces guilt. In order to forgive it is necessary to convince the person that no sin has occurred and this can only be done by disproving sin. Jesus spoke about sin also.

And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

*Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, **Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?***

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. M'r:2:8-11:

He makes it seem easy but in actual fact he would have needed to show what sin was in order to free people from the mentality of sin that worshippers have. Jesus could forgive sin because He knew it did not exist. Being a sinner is a form of blindness and all Jesus had to do was open their eyes.

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. M't:9:28-29:

Now we have in 2 Peter 1:9 a verse that attempts to say what being blind means. It too mentions sin as a cause of blindness.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is **blind**, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten **that he was purged from his old sins**. 2Pe:1:5-9:

In the next example we see that Jesus uses water (spit) in order to heal a blind man. The healed man immediately looked up and said he could see men walking as trees. We have already discussed how people are seen as trees, figs in particular. This example is showing that the blind man was now indoctrinated to the underlying code of scripture and could now understand the truth.

And he cometh to Bethsaida (Place of Nets); and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

And he looked up, and said, **I see men as trees**, walking.

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

Mr:8:22-26:

The suggestion that 'their eyes shall be opened' does not necessarily mean their physical sight. It is an allusion to their 'mind's eye' or insight. Partaking of the 'fruit' or 'heretical truth' of Scripture opens one's eyes to misconceptions (leaves only) and deceits which are generally inherited from the habit of dogma. This is not a restoring of physical sight but a restoration of knowledge and insight. Such a restoration is called resurrection. The person who was dead to the truth while under the general misconception of God is resurrected to the knowledge of the truth that there is no such thing as God.

When the 'covering'; the veil of the temple, is removed and the realization of the 'heretical truth' hits people, they will be devastated. This devastation; this 'thick darkness' is described as an earthquake since Adam (of the ground) is mankind and mankind is god's 'field' or 'earth' in which god's seed is sown. This mankind then is also god's 'earth' which will 'quake and tremble' at this fearful revelation. They will reason that if there is no god then there is no resurrection and neither is there any eternal life!

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

*And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.***

*And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was **a great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

*And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. **Re:16:16-19:***

The revealing of the covering or veil to scripture as it has been shown salts us with the barren truth and we become a burnt offering to the Lord.

THE SPIRIT OF NUMBERS

Another clue for discovering the meanings behind biblical numerology can be found by examining the Hebrew counting words themselves. Without belittling their origins I will present a very simplified breakdown of their role. Each number is given an alphabetical letter as a name which has its own special meaning; **one** for example is *Aleph* which means ox. The ox is a beast of burden and is hitched to a yoke in order to plough the field. This represents a laborer in 'sowing the seed of God' e.g. perhaps a missionary.

Two is *Beth* which means *House*. This word appears in many places including place names such as Bethel (House of God) but with regard to numerology its inference is a place where people struggle together. Its emphasis is on the family and partnerships.

Three is *Gimel* which means *Camel*. This is probably one of the most important numbers of all signifying the absolute truth i.e. the atheistic and heretical knowledge that God is an ideal. The reason it means Camel is because Camels being the 'Ship of the Desert' are able to go without water. We have seen that water represents the Spirit of Life. To be without this spirit then is to be as the ground and hence atheistic. **THREE is also the absolute Truth** explained by darkness and the colour Black. In exodus;

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be **darkness** over the land of Egypt, **even darkness which may be felt**.
And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was **a thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt **three (truth) days**: Ex:10:21-22:*

In Acts we see an association which combine three with darkness;

*And he was **three days without sight**, (i.e. in darkness) and neither did eat nor drink. Ac:9:9:*

In Jonah the same insinuation applies;

*Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three (darkness) days and three (darkness) nights**. (Out of sight from God, i.e. without God) Jon:1:17:*

In Matthew there is a reference to the above;

*For as Jonas was **three** (darkness) days and **three** (darkness) nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be **three** (darkness) days and **three** (darkness) nights in the heart of the earth (in darkness). M't:12:40:*

In Revelations

*And when he had opened the **third** seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a **black** horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. Re:6:5:*

And again in Revelations

*The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the **third part** of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

*And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain (religion) burning with fire (argument) was cast into the sea: and the **third part** of the sea became blood;*

*And the **third part** of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the **third part** of the ships were destroyed.*

*And the **third** angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the **third part** of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

*And the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the **third part** of the waters became **wormwood**; and many men died of the waters, because they were **made bitter**.*

*And the fourth angel sounded, and the **third part of the sun** was smitten, and the **third part** of the moon, and the **third part** of the stars; so as the **third part** of them was **darkened**, and the day shone not for a **third part** of it, and the night likewise. Re:8:7-12:*

Four is *Dalet* which means *Door*, This number represents Teaching or Preaching the word of God. More precisely Door signifies '*seed for the field*'. Just as a door is an opening for opportunity so too is teaching or sewing a field.

Five is *He* which means Window and in some places it means Armed. The significant thing about this number is a bit obscure. One would think that a window would signify view or light which it does but the tricky ancients also saw the window as a place for a curtain. Therefore the meaning of five stands for the curtain or veil or covering. It represents therefore, qualities such as mercy or grace.

Six is *Vau* whose meaning is *Nail*. This is a very interesting number. It represents man under sin or more accurately '*labourers under the veil*'. It signifies IDOLATRY and delusion and therefore the biggest threat to the Truth that there is. The concept of *Nail* as a meaning shows how a delusion can 'hold fast' to a persons belief system.

The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. Ec:12:11:

Seven is called *Lain* which means a *Sword*. This is the Sword of God or what we have come to know as the WORD of GOD. The *sword* of God is a two edged sword as we have seen, having one edge in truth and the other in deception. It is therefore very powerful for it can change sides at a whim depending on who wields it.

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the **sword of my mouth**.
Re:2:16:

Eight is *Cheth* which is a *Fence*. This number is one for protection and its meaning is for RIGHTEOUSNESS. It is interesting to note that the ritual of circumcision was carried out on the **eighth** day of life. The concept of '*cutting off*' the foreskin, i.e. that which **covers** the reproductive organ where the *seed* is produced signifies how the '*seed of truth*' (*atheistic* knowledge) has no covering and hence '*cuts us off*' from committing idolatry. If our seed is righteous then our fruit also will be righteous. To be circumcised therefore indicates an associate to the Truth of God.

Nine is *Teth* which means *Serpent*. No marks for guessing this one which signifies the

search for truth. The reference you will find in the Bible will more than likely point to the hour of prayer which is the Ninth hour, the truth hour.

*Now Peter and John went up together into the temple
at the hour of prayer, being the **ninth** hour. Ac:3:1:*

There are a few other numbers that have special significance such as the following;

10=the hand

11 = to obey the veil

12 = government, ruling with God's Law i.e. pertaining to the Bible

13 = to rebel

14 = Passover to go without the veil Passover is a feast whereby the first born lamb is sacrificed to God. This celebration is in remembrance from Moses' day when the Spirit of Death took the first born of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. The same Spirit of Death **passed over** the Jews who had doused their doorways with the blood of a firstborn lamb. They were spared the death that befell the Egyptians. Fourteen signifies the fast from God (to go without God).

SPIRIT

We all have the Spirit of God in us whether atheist, agnostic or Gnostic, we all have it. This is plain talk and there is no mystery in it, unless one does not understand the meaning of the word Spirit. There are very few people who are honest enough with themselves to accept this word in its pure meaning. Many folk have the notion that a spirit is some form of ghost which can haunt houses and pass through walls. Even the dictionary says so! This is misleading and most unfortunate. No such things have ever been proven to exist, nor will they!

In the pure sense of the word, holding the 'spirit' of something is to be in agreement or acceptance of that view. It is an attitude. The spirit of charity for example is not a ghost but a willingness to be charitable. Likewise the spirit of forgiveness is to be willing to forgive and the spirit of Truth, a desire to seek truth. The idea that spirits are living or a non-living entities of an etheric nature that haunt houses and pass through walls is based on superstition and is the beginning of misconception. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Holiness, a state of mind of reverent respect which we adopt or accept when discussing Truth which is the most holy of all earths' treasures.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right
spirit within me. Psalms 51:10*

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that

are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. Ti:1:15:

As far as anyone knows or can prove there are no such things as ghosts! The word spirit means 'breath' or 'wind' and the word 'ghost' means a 'nothingness'. These words all derive from the same root Nephesh Soul, which attempts to describe some inner quality of all life. It is this 'inner quality' this willingness to accept love and forgiveness and to seek truth so that we can be honest with ourselves and with others, that sets Christians apart.

There is a growing multitude of people in this age, who desire to make more out of these words than necessary. Clairvoyants, astrologers, Spiritualists, fortune tellers, witches and all those who make a business of an occult nature, even the church sometimes; perpetrate this common misconception and deception. It is big business but it is all false. These people have corrupted their own minds; polluted themselves by deception and twisted the true testimony of Christ to suit their own ends. Their beliefs are vain for there is no salvation in them. Neither can any good come out of such corrupt imagination.

People who have a pure and innocent heart will not be misled by such deception. Neither will they be hurt by the sword of truth when it falls upon them. Their fingers will not be burned by the revelation of honesty, because the truth of God is sincere. Know this as fact; there is no such thing as magic or supernatural powers. Therefore there can be no supernatural-come physical miracles!

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. De:18:10-13:

This extract from Deuteronomy is a good sample in concise terms of this

abomination, but the reader can glean more specific teachings from Leviticus Chapter Nineteen.

Sensible people will not be deceived by the misinformation that such practices deal in. Their séances are a waste of time. Their predictions are a hoax which mock reality. There is no honesty in their blood and no wisdom in their thoughts. The product of all their work has only added to the spiritual confusion which is in the world. It forms the very seat of Babylon (confusion)!

SUN MOON AND STARS

Sun The light or inspiration afforded by the idolatrous truth or belief in god is likened to that of the sun.. This light is demonstrated by the miracles and constitutes a brightness which attracts people to worship like moths to a flame. The Sun never shows itself during the night (obviously) and hence is never seen in the company of stars (Prophets) or the thick darkness (Truth) of heaven. It has its own source of light (its own enlightenment) and is represented by symbols of fire (argument).

The prediction concerning the Sun on the Lord's return is that it will become black as sackcloth.

*And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became **black as sackcloth** of hair, and the moon became as blood; Re:6:12:*

MOON is Absolute Truth

The moon is found in the darkness (truth) of the night and is always in the company of stars (prophets).

*Then the **moon** (heretical truth) shall be confounded, and the **sun** (idolatry) ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously. Isa:24:23:*

In Matthew we find this prediction;

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **sun** (idolatry) **be darkened**, and the **moon***

(heretical truth) shall not give her light, and the stars (prophets) shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: M't:24:29:

And in Acts yet another reference to the Sun being turned into darkness;

*The sun (idolatry) shall be turned into darkness, and the moon (heretical truth) into blood (spirit of worldliness), before that great and notable day of the Lord come: Ac:2:20:
And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Ac:2:21:*

The Moon is the lesser light which rules the night and hence gives light in the midst of darkness. It actually represents the heretical TRUTH or worldliness that is that there is no such thing as God. This night is the "Thick Darkness" spoken of by Moses and is probably one reason why the Bible is traditionally given a Black Cover. The Moon has the ability to manifest itself during daylight hours which signifies correction. An eclipse of the sun by the moon signifies the power of truth to defeat delusion and misconception. The Moon is always in the company of stars (Prophets) who are the guiding or navigating signposts of humanity.

Many people make the common mistake of thinking these two symbols in the reverse order. i.e. that the sun = heretical truth and the moon idolatrous truth and indeed this is so for some other ancient mythologies such as the ancient Greek (Apollo) and Egyptian (Ra) traditions. The earliest Egyptian god "Amen" whose name means "Hidden One" referred to the mysterious and unknown power that causes 'conception in women' so that one of his symbols was the belly of a pregnant woman. He was said to have had two eyes; one the Sun which represented the imagination and the other the Moon (Truth) who was the 'confessor of souls' in the afterlife. Note also that we still say Amen following prayers to this very day.

It is true that the Moon, being feminine is often seen representing a religion but somewhere along the path of the ages however the Jews turned this around, no doubt in an attempt to confound us. Nevertheless the ancient prophets also gave us stories to teach us that this is the case and indeed the sun represents the greater light that which draws the most moths.

So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but let them that love him be as the sun (idolatry and miracles) when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had

*rest **forty** (probation) years. Judges 5:31*

*Then spoke Joshua (Jah Saves) to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites (Mountaineers) before the children of Israel (Ruling with God), and he said in the sight of Israel, **Sun** (Idolatry and Miracles), stand thou still upon Giheon (Heights); and thou, **Moon** (heretical truth), in the valley of Ajalon (Valley of Ruin)*

And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies, Is not this written in the book of Jasher? (The Upright). So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day. Joshua 10:12

Of course the truth is that the Sun cannot stand still in the sky. The world would probably explode if it did and so we look for true meaning in this text. The Moon which represents the heretical truth is seen as “*our ruin*” as portrayed by the ‘Valley of Ajalon’ which means Valley of Ruin.

Matthew writes that the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light;

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **sun** (idolatry) **be darkened**, and the **moon** (heretical truth) shall not give her light, and the **stars** (prophets) shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. Matt 24:29*

Zephaniah also had this view hundreds of years before;

*That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of **wasteness and desolation**, a day of **darkness and gloominess**, a day of clouds and **thick darkness**. Zeph 1:15*

STARS are the Prophets. These are the guiding lights in the blackness of the night sky. The blackness stands for the truth so the stars are prophets who know this truth.

*And **they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness **as the stars for ever and ever.** Da:12:3:*

*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen **his star** (declaring him to be a prophet) in the east, and are come to worship him. M't:2:1-2:*

These are the heavenly lights by which mankind steers its way through the ages. They are signposts of direction which navigate the population on a course of righteousness. The prediction of the end times that relate to the stars is also found in Revelation

*And the **stars** (prophets) of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. Rev 6:13*

SHADOW

Put your trust in my shadow he says, just as in Psalm 36

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings." Psalm 36:7

Remember now that it was said that the word for Adams RIB was Tsela which actually meant leaf; well, this word has other meanings, one of which means 'to cause shade'. It is not surprising then to discover that the word for shadow is 'Tsel' and the word for 'A shadow' is Tselel. So then the leaf of Adam (Tsela) is in fact that which casts a shadow Taselell. There are many references to shadows of trees. The concept is that a doctrine or a belief casts a 'shadow' (a darkness) over those who sit under it. Precisely the effect of a delusion.

Nevertheless the most frequent use of the concept of shadow in the Bible is in relation to the heretical truth. The real truth is that we don't know if there is such a thing as God. This cannot be argued with because it is the truth. This truth casts a shadow over all who know it so that they are unable to worship God as an idol ever again. Miracles hold no interest to us and all that we thirst after is knowledge. This shadow is so tangible that it can be felt and experienced.

Micah adds this verse to his signs of the end of days.

*But they shall sit every man **under** his vine and **under** his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it.*

Mic. 4:4

For all people will walk every on in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever." Mic. 4:5

This indicates that each person sits in the shadow of their own doctrine.

Shadow is also used to denote the life experiences of people. A persons life casts a shadow of its adventure. Look at some associations with this word found in the Old Testament.

(For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:) Job:8:9:

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. Psalms:102:11:

Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away. Psalms:144:4:

TO BE CUT DOWN

Jesus spoke often of trees in a particular way. He spoke of how a tree must be cultivated in order to produce fruit, and he cursed trees which only put forth leaves. The parable of the fig springs to mind in order to demonstrate this point.

He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three (truth) years I come seeking fruit on this fig (worshippers) tree (local church), and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. Lu:13:6-9:

The above story reminds us of Nebuchadnezzar's vision, which was **to be cut down** but the stump left, till **seven** (word of god) **times** pass over it.

I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

*He cried aloud, and said thus, **Hew down the tree**, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:*

***Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots** in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:*

*Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and **let seven** (word of God) **times pass over him.***

This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that

the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. Da:4:13-17:

To cut down the tree but leave its roots signifies that the false beliefs of the doctrine or the religion must be exposed and the religion completely destroyed so that the people then become worldly (a beasts heart is given to it). Even so the roots must remain. This means that a hint of the belief remains so that given time (until seven – word of god, times pass over it) a new belief system can develop.

Matthew also records the words of John the Baptist,

*And now also the **axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** Matt. 3:10*

Who did he say this to The Pharisees and Sadducees; the religion of those days. He was about **to cut down their doctrine using the knowledge of the Truth.**

A TREE PLANTED BY WATERS

On the other hand, cultivation is the '**watering**' of the doctrine and the doctrine is the strength of the people. Therefore people and doctrine are one. If doctrine then represents trees, so too must people because the doctrine is part of them.

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he (a person) shall be **like a tree planted by the rivers of water**, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalms:1:1-3:*

Jeremiah produced this idea;

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

For he (a person) shall be **as a tree planted by the waters**, and that spreadeth out her **roots** by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jer:17:7-8:

We learn that just as trees soak up water for life, men soak up the 'teachings of God' - the 'rain from heaven' or the 'waters of Baptism' for that same source of life. Jesus went throughout the land teaching these very things to his followers, and when he came upon an outsider who listened, learned and understood: a real miracle was worked.

And he cometh to Bethsaida (place of nets); and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had **spit** on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, **I see men as trees**, walking. M'r:8:22-24:

Water directly from the mouth of Jesus; Spit. (teachings) was used in this miracle to dissolve the man's blindness. His new vision is brought about by understanding the Scriptures in a Spiritual sense and not in any literal translation. Clearly **men are not trees** but in a metaphorical sense, this person was verifying that he understood this deeper layer *of* meaning.

Waters Rain and Understanding

Men as trees therefore must be **watered with the waters of God**. We have already seen that this 'water' or 'rain from heaven' is understanding but it can be many things.

*Some to yourself in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and **rain righteousness** upon you. Hos.*

10:12

This rain is often spoken of as 'Fire and Brimstone' or the preachings of the vehement ones. Luke, repeating the words of Jesus on the times of the end writes;

*But the same day that Lot (the concealed) went out of Sodom **it rained fire and brimstone** from heaven, and destroyed them all.
Even thus shall it be in the day when the **Son of man is revealed**. Lu:17:29-30:*

This narrative about the end days insinuates that there will be an excess of preaching going on in the world, the 'Fire and Brimstone' type of condemnation attempting to stir up the fear of the Lord. This is a reflection on the desperation of people and their need for a saviour. But the end comes as it is written in Revelations, by the hand of the **Two Witnesses**.

*I will give power unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. Re:11:3:
These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
And if any man will hurt them, **fire** (argument) **proceedeth out of their mouth**, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. Re:11:4-6:*

Instead of Raining Fire and Brimstone these two witnesses cause the heavens to **shut up** so that it does **NOT RAIN**. Such an event can only come about by the revealing of the hidden meaning of the prophecy i.e. the apocalypse. Uncovering the TRUTH about god, heaven and the whole realm of the imagined, serves to purify the mind of man. This will undoubtedly hurt some people. Truth hurts. Nevertheless, once the folly of worship is revealed, the 'rain' from 'heaven' and their 'Fire and Brimstone' is ceased.

And Babylon (confusion) will be stripped of her delusion.

The metaphor of 'water' being the 'Spirit of Life' which itself is many things, is probably difficult to grasp but it is important to think about,

*But let judgment run down as waters, and
righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5:24*

*For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
Hab. 2:14*

*And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall
go out from Jerusalem....Zech. 14:8*

Living Waters? Does this also refer to living people?

In Revelation the waters are named as *are peoples and multitudes and nations and
tongues;*

*The waters which thou sawest, where the whore
sitteth, are peoples and multitudes and nations
and tongues. Rev 17:15*

This verse from Revelations answers it for us. This 'Peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues' - this **Sea of people** is made up of all those who are **Born of Water, Baptised!** This is that **Living Water** which Zechariah predicted. It is this same Living Water which Jesus referred to when he spoke to the Woman (out of man-religion) of Samaria (Those who Watch).

*When therefore the Lord knew how the
Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and
baptized more disciples than John,
(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his
disciples,)
He left Judaea (praise), and departed again into
Galilee (circle).
And he must needs go through Samaria (watch).*

Then cometh he to a city of Samaria (watch), which is called Sychar (drunken), near to the parcel of ground that Jacob (following after) gave to his son Joseph (increaser).

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

Then saith the woman (out of man-religion) of Samaria (watch) unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman (out of man-religion) of Samaria (watch)? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans (watchers).

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and **he would have given thee living water.**

The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life Joh:4:1-14.

Here Jesus tells us that this 'Living Water' is special; those who drink of it will never thirst! Only the heretical TRUTH can quench this thirst. This immediately brings to mind the 'fruit' of the 'tree of knowledge' which causes those who eat of it to 'surely die'. To have knowledge of 'good and evil' and to be 'as gods' who have no ruler over them can

only point to one thing; the truth that No person has ever seen God. Hence no one knows if there ever was a God. We have already discussed this ultimate truth, that God is a Spirit; an attitude, an ideal. We have seen that *God is not a god of the dead but of the living*, (Mark 20:38) And also that we should not look for signs of the coming of the Lord because *'behold, the kingdom of god is within you.'* (Luke 17:21). we can also remember that *'No man hath seen god at anytime'*(John 1:18). So then why should we hesitate to understand that if we drink of this 'water' this 'doctrine', we would never thirst! Does an atheist thirst after God? But are we made into atheists if we partake of this living water'? No for we believe that **God is a Spirit within us** and not a product of our imagination such as an omnipotent being. Jesus clarifies this point a few verses farther on.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman (out of man-religion), believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain (Religion), nor yet at Jerusalem (Possession of Peace), worship the Father. John 4:21

Remember he is not talking to one woman here but to a congregation and when he makes reference to 'this mountain' he is referring to their religion. Mountains are seen as the place where God dwells as for example Mt Zion. This is a particularly ancient concept even the Greeks believed the gods dwelt upon Mt. Olympus. Here Jesus is saying that the hour will come when ye will not worship the Father (God). He quickly adds however;

*Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Joh:4:22-24:*

Obviously this word TRUTH clings to the entire core of both testaments. The only words Jesus would utter in his defence at His trial were that he sought Truth. It was this 'seeking the truth' that went against the Pharisees and Sadducees idolatry, for which they put him to death. Jesus was too honest! He paid the price of death because he dared to question the Holy Book of those hypocrites.

Pilate asks, 'What is Truth? Does it really matter what we believe? Those who believe in

God go to their death believing in god and those who don't likewise. It can be argued that the fear of god will make us better persons. Yet on the other hand there is an equal argument against the atrocities caused by overzealous extremists and religious delusion. The interpretation of truth therefore determines what type of worshipper is produced. The reader of the Bible is confronted with this dilemma and must decide for themselves which way to go. Is God a real being or is god just an ideal. Here is found the freedom of will to have the choice to be an atheist or to worship idols.

Jesus went to a great deal of trouble to prevent the trap of idolatry. *If the blind leadeth the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.* Matt. 15:14. His truth is this that **No man hath seen god at anytime!** (*john 1:18*). This means simply put that no person knows if there even is a god. Equally one cannot say that there is no god. So this truth equates to 'We don't know', and this is sufficient as a truth, because faith can carry us the rest of the way. We can always HOPE that we are wrong and that on our physical death we discover that there really is a God. We have Faith that if we lead a good life and there really is a God at the end, then we will be judged accordingly.

SIN

We may not be able to say what God is but we certainly can say what God is not. God is not an external power. God is an internal strength which we ought to embrace in the same spirit. Adopting this viewpoint is much healthier albeit more difficult than the former corruptible view that god is a real person who controls our lives. Such a viewpoint is idolatry which leads to bonds of spiritual oppression, sin and superstition. Jesus' truth frees people from such bonds of sin and guilt, ritual and bigotry.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill?. Matt. 5:17

There is nothing after death but eternal sleep. This opinion is constant from Genesis to Revelations. Because of this, all sin is forgiven on pain of death. There is no retribution because that life and its corresponding sin is finished.

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Ecc. 9:5

If then, sin dies with the body why strive to be good? The answer is obvious. A lawless society is self destructive. In order to have a pleasant society, we must all abide by certain rules. The first rule is the Great Commandment as Jesus taught it. In order to pledge a vow to this rule, a public demonstration of promise is necessary. This is the Baptism! Baptism represents Death and hence the end *of* sin.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

God forbid. How shall **we, that are dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ **were baptized into his death?**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Ro:6:1-5:

Sin therefore is abolished because death is complete. Therefore having made the pledge to the Great Commandment we can live a more full life without the fear of retribution on erring. This also frees us from hypocrisy knowing good and evil. Satan does not exist when we walk in the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We therefore become orphans of god who have no visible father. If God is our Father in Heaven we then are Fatherless.

*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the **Fatherless** (no heavenly Father) and widows (no husband) in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27*

What then will comfort us? Our reassurance is in the good works 'fruit' that we do while we are alive. For knowing that we strive to do good works and remain honest yet

expecting no reward reveals the sincerity of our hearts. How then will we be judged if there really is a god? If our works are good without want for reward, we shall be judged as the pure in heart are judged.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. M't:6:1:

Our reward then is with us as we live. This is a possession of peace of mind and satisfaction of life which cannot be obtained by any other way. On judgment no-one will be judged by what doctrine they belong to, nor even by which religion, neither by what political affiliations they hold, not even by the colour of their skin. All people will be judged only by the spirit they hold within. Only those who have a gentle and pure spirit and who adopt the ideals of goodness will be approved.

FIRST DEATH: REAPING THE HARVEST OF GOD

Jesus explains the teaching of truth, this giving of living waters slays people in their idolatrous spirit. This idolatrous worship is what Jesus refers to as the First Death as such a person afflicted is dead to the truth. Revealing this to them is called '**reaping the harvest of god**'.

*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are **white** already to harvest.*

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

*And herein is that saying true, **One soweth, and another reapeth.***

I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. Joh:4:35-38:

Also Revelations come instructions to reap the harvest of God. This book will reap the harvest of God as it slays in the spirit so too it reaps the harvest.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and **reap**: for the time is come for thee to reap; for **the harvest of the earth is ripe**. Re:14:15:

In Job we see the use of reaping as taking away their clothing and thus leaving them naked. This book takes away their clothing by revealing the covering or veil that the scriptures are veiled with. This therefore causes the reader to be naked having no clothing or covering for their nakedness.

They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.
They cause the **naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering** in the cold. Job:24:6-7:

In the following verse we learn that what we sow that shall we also reap.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Ga:6:7-8:

So we learn that the sowing of the 'seed' of God and the 'reaping' of the 'field' of God are virtually the same motion. Both are instigated by the 'Living Water' which is the TRUTH of Christ. It is obvious that Jesus meant something other than 'literal' water. This well which is within us that springs into everlasting life, is that same 'Spirit of Life' attitude which is found in humankind. But it is here that a seeker of truth begins to notice a subtle difference.

MANKIND VERSUS HUMANITY

The word 'mankind' no longer fits into every situation as snugly as we would expect. There are occasions when we need to be able to distinguish between differing types of people even within the broad description of 'mankind'. It has been said that 'mankind' is God's 'ground' or 'field' in which the 'word' was sown (and harvested). The 'Word of God' is the seed of righteousness planted in all earthlings by the Son of Man (Son of Mankind). This planting or sowing (teaching) is achieved through the preachings of the 'fishers of men' (apostles) who cast their nets on the sea of people to catch men (as fish) for the Lord. In order to achieve all this, they introduce Baptism by water.

Baptism is the 'watering of the ground'. Once the seed is planted, it must be 'watered' and this all begins with the Baptism. This simply means to be cleansed (of deception) by immersion in water into a new conception or re-birth. There is another analogy apart from a 'cleansing' or washing of sins. We recall Revelations description of water.

The waters which thou sanest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. Rev 17:15

This indicates that if water represents peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues, then to be Baptised - fully immersed in water, is to be fully immersed in these multitudes it is in fact **a pledge to serve humanity**. To be born of waters is to be born of peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues, which is to be born of Humanity. This is how one becomes a 'Son of Mankind'. A Son of Man is born of Mankind in other words a **Visionary**.

The Baptism also signifies DEATH. It is the death of our old misconceptions and hence the death of our sin. When we rise out of the water it represents rebirth or in other words resurrection into new understanding and new life in truthfulness.

Fish is used to represent this because fish live in the sea (i.e. salt or bitter waters). Remember that SALT signifies the TRUTH that we cannot see God (i.e. atheism). But fish also have scales (a covering) for their skin (nakedness). So it is two things, on the one hand they hold the truth, on the other they have the Comforter (a belief in God).

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Joh:1:12:

Whereas the word 'mankind' refers to all people, it does not necessarily refer to those that have been Baptised. Here now we sense the difference. This group is now separate from 'mankind' by reason of their Baptism. Mankind therefore refers to the 'DRY GROUND' or 'Dry Earth' unwatered ground. Humanity therefore refers to those who now have this 'Spirit of Life' which through their promise to goodness, have lifted themselves above their previous station and have become **humane**.

Now we have a distinction between the 'dry ground' and the 'spirit filled'. The 'dry ground' is base, pagan or heathen (i.e. those who do not know *our* God and not

necessarily atheists). This is the naked man (a beast *of* burden usually depicted as an ox) who relies on his animal instincts to survive. Once such a being is Baptised and imbued with the teachings of righteousness and truth and then pledges themselves to serve their fellow man and the environment, they are raised above that baseness and become Spirit Filled (a **fish**). Of such is Humanity. Baptism is a pledge to follow goodness for the sake of Humanity (and ecology) not desiring any reward for the self but for the good of society (and ecology). After all, to serve humanity is to serve God because the Kingdom of God is within you and hence within all humanity.

CLAY AND POTTER

To belong to (The Brotherhood of Mankind) or Humanity, one must first become Humane. In order to become Humane the person must be malleable, open to learning; prepared to accept the teaching of righteousness. This process, that of becoming malleable and *willing to change*, is likened to mixing 'water' into 'dry ground' to make clay. Clay is malleable, and God, like the Master Potter, changes us into what He wants us to be.

*But now, O LORD, thou art our father; **we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.** Isa:64:8:*

Jeremiah observes that God creates us as a master potter create vessels;

*Oh house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, **as the clay is in the potters hand, so are ye in my hand** Oh house of Israel. Jer. 18:6*

And this view is consistent with Job;

*Remember, I beseech thee, that thou **hast made me as the clay: and will thou bring me into dust again?** Job 10:9*

Therefore the mixing of 'water' with 'dust' or 'the ground' produces 'clay' which

signifies our readiness to change or be changed into what God (Righteousness) wants us to be. In the healing of the blind man, Jesus uses clay to effect this change.

*When he had thus spoken, **he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, Joh:9:6:***

Again 'water from the mouth of Jesus -which we recognise as rain from heaven or Words of spirit is used to make clay. We also note that it is definitely 'clay' which is made and not 'slop' or 'mud' or 'slime' but CLAY. This was done to demonstrate how we are clay to the Master Potter. It was by this method of teaching that Jesus was able to restore sight (insight) to a fellow who had been blind since birth or 'born blind'. We can only wonder about which birth they are referring to, that is, natural birth or his re-birth (baptism). There is no record to clarify this point for us but it doesn't matter. What matters is the rest of the account in John which becomes a narrative on disbelief of the Pharisees to this miracle. Interesting reading!

The person therefore is the malleable clay which the Master Potter (God i.e. the Spirit) fashions into His vessels. Here then are some analogies to vessels.

*Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the **potter power over the clay**, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? Ro:9:20-21:*

In Revelation is the famous line;

*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the **vessels of a potter** shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. Re:2:26-28:*

This letter to the church of Thyatira in Revelations promises to give power to he who overcomes. The prediction is for the last days and this is only one of seven such promises that the new savior (or husband as denoted by the morning star - prophet) will receive as reward for bringing about the uncovering of scripture. The revealing of the code is called the Apocalypse and it will happen by way of a small book.

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:**

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the **mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, **Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.**

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, **and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.**

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. Re:10:1-11:

The last prophet or husband to humanity will bring these promises to the attention of the world

LIGHTNING INSPIRATION

Timothy writes;

*All scripture is given **by inspiration** of God, and is profitable **for doctrine**, for reproof for correction, for instruction in righteousness: II Timothy 3:16*

But how does this indicate that Lightning is meant to be inspiration? Again we see it in associations for example we know that "rain from heaven is teachings of righteousness" so when we see verses such as this in Psalm 135

*He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh **lightning's** (inspiration) **for the rain** (preaching); he bringeth the wind out of the treasuries. Psalm 135:7*

Or in verses from Luke

*And he said unto them, I beheld Satan (Deception-misconception) as **lightning** (inspiration) fall from heaven. Luke 10:18*

Or by Ezekiel attempting to describe the chariot of God;

*As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of **fire** (argument), and like the appearance of lamps it*

*went up and down among the living creatures;
and the **fire** (argument) was bright and out of
the **fire** (argument) went forth **lightning**
(Inspiration). And the living creatures ran and
returned as the appearance of a **flash of lightning**
(inspiration). Ezekiel 1: 13*

Or by Job in all his questioning and coming to terms with the Truth says;

*Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds (covering)
that abundance of waters may cover thee?
Canst thou send **lightning's** (inspiration), that they
may go and say unto thee, Here we are? Job 38:31*

Or Daniel's description of a "certain man"

*His body also was like a beryl, and his face as
the appearance of **lightning** (inspiration), and
his eyes as lamps of **fire**, (argument) and his arms
and his feet like in colour to burnished brass, and
the voice of his words like **the voice of a**
multitude. Daniel 10:6*

Matthew describes the coming of the Son of Man as this lightning,

*For as **the lightning** (inspiration) cometh out of the
east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the
coming of the Son of man be. M't:24:27:
For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles
be gathered together. M't:24:28:*

In which he describes the sudden illumination or inspiration that Christ will appear in the veils of His "Flesh" (*Scripture or daily bread*) as it was promised but not in the widely accepted opinion of a physical body dropping out of the clouds like an aircraft.

Luke also writes that the Son of Man does not actually return but is instead **REVEALED**.

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in

the days of the Son of man.

They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Lu:17:26-30:

COLOURS

Black - darkness. Honest Truth. Being kept in a shadow or under the cloud or covered by a veil, or kept in the dark more or less speaks for itself. It is away from the light. Black is representative of scientific truth.

Isaiah writes;

Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in **darkness**, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. Isa:50:10:

Micah uses similar metaphore;

Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

Therefore **night shall be unto you**, that ye shall not have a vision; and **it shall be dark unto you**, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, **and the day shall be dark over them.**

Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all **cover their lips; for**

there is no answer of God. Mic:3:5-7:

There is no answer of God because gods do not exist. It is clear by this verse that the thick darkness (blackness) is a state of not being able to see God.

In 1Kings we also read about thick darkness;

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,
So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.
Then spake Solomon, **The LORD said that he would dwell in thick darkness. 1Ki:8:10-12:**

All the above statements allude to darkness or blackness which is away from the light. We know that Light represents the idolatry view of God being a supernatural being which is not the real truth of the matter. Being in the dark is considered to be belonging to truthfulness.

WHITE

White denotes people who have purified themselves or washed their garments clean as it were, in the blood of the Lamb. They are those who are ready to be harvested and are ready to be purified by the truth.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be **whiter than snow. Psalms:51:6-7:**

Daniel speaks of a prediction of the end time in the following verses;

And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are

closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Da:12:9-10:

Revelations gives us more specific imagery from which we can see that white represents not only purity but also those who have gone through a trial in order to be pure.

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; Re:1:13-14:

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and **they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.**

He that overcometh, the same **shall be clothed in white raiment;** and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Re:3:4-5:

RED

The colour of Blood. This represents the spirit of life in worldliness. The ancients believed that the blood of the creature held its own life-force.

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. Ge:9:4:

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come;

and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.
Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto
the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and
his clothes in the blood of grapes: Ge:49:10-11:

We see by the above verse that the colour of wine and blood are linked together. So blood came to represent the same thing as wine. This pertains to the infatuation or intoxication of its own vanities and ego.

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and **the wine is red**; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.
Psalms:75:8:

In Proverbs we learn;

Look not thou upon the wine when it is **red**, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.
At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Proverb:23:31-32:

Isaiah writes;

Who is this that cometh from Edom (Edom means **red**), with dyed garments from Bozrah (sheepfold)? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
Wherefore art thou **red in thine apparel**, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?
Isa:63:1-2:

To tread the winefat is to preach to ones own congregation. Extolling ones own imagination of what god and heaven is like. We see other verses that touch the same conjectures.

And they **served their idols**: which were a snare unto them.

Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

And **shed innocent blood, even the blood** of their sons and of their daughters, whom they **sacrificed unto the idols** of Canaan (low-flat): and the land was polluted with blood.

Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. Psalms:106:36-39:

We see that red is the colour of idolatry and those who commit idolatry are dressed in red or crimson.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

And there went out another **horse that was red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. (The sword is the word of God) Re:6:3-4:

GREEN — Trees, grass, leaves; any living plant which gives its own shade and hence represents doctrine (more usually self righteousness). Trees are often used as places to worship God as the shade is good. The ancients were nomadic and did not have churches as we have them today. They used all manner of natural forms to worship the Lord. They came together in any shady spot whether it be a cave or a tree hence there is a lot of references to trees.

Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, **Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree**, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? Isa:57:4-5:

But I am **like a green olive tree** in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints. Psalms:52:8-9:

I have seen the **wicked** in great power, and spreading himself **like a green bay tree**. Psalms:37:35:

And Judah (Praise) did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under **every green tree**. 1Ki:14:22-23:

The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under **every green tree**, and there **hath played the harlot**. Jer:3:6:

Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more **with idols**? I have heard him, and observed him: **I am like a green fir tree**. From me is thy fruit found. Ho:14:8:

We see that green represents worshippers who have fallen into the trap of idolatry and are soon to be reaped in the Lords harvest.

CREATURES

Of course there are many creatures mentioned in the Bible and it would be preposterous to name them all. It is seen that they come into certain categories. Moses separated

them by their hoofs. For instance those with cloven hoofs were considered clean but those with solid hoofs were unclean and therefore could not be "eaten". Some creatures were used as beasts of burden e.g. an Ox to plow the field whereas others for transport e.g. Camel, others because of their swiftness as beast of war e.g. Horse others because they destroy e.g. Lion, some for far vision e.g. Eagle but some can only be described in Jesus' own words

For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. M't:24:28:

In this verse Jesus is giving signs of the end of time when He should return. His reference to eagles represents the clergy who gather at the "carcass" or body of the church (Bible). Some scholars are baffled why Jesus should use the term 'eagles' instead of 'vultures' which we know gather at carcasses, but Jesus wanted there to be no mistake about what 'carcass' it was or who gathered at it. Eagles fly in the face of heaven they represent the hierarchy of the church who gather at the scriptures for their piece of meat or daily bread.

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.
If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off?) would they not have stolen till they had enough? If the grape gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes? *How are the things of Esau (Hairy) searched out! How are His hidden things sought up! Obadiah .4-6*

Other creatures are mentioned in the bible that don't exist, cherubims, angels, devils, behemoth and in Revelations, dragons and lion-headed horses and a whole population of fanciful creatures. These don't exist and are only there to serve the purpose of utilising the spirit of prophecy to demonstrate some point. Dragons for instance are mythical but come to represent institutions that seem to be eternal. Institutions last for centuries and dragons are the same. They are seen as swallowing people up which is taking them onboard or indoctrinating them to their precepts. They can breathe fire which we have seen represents argument or in the case of a religion fire and brimstone. In light of this metaphor dragons come to have a spiritual existence.

THE END

This book, this little book has shown you the reader all the hidden and prohibited words that have hitherto been forbidden from the congregation of man since the beginning of time. This is the book prophesied by Revelation that it should be eaten and once it is eaten through being read and fully digested it will indeed appear to be in the mouth sweet as honey but as soon as it is digested it will be in the belly as bitter as wormwood.

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, Re:10:1-2

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:**

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished,** as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and
ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and
as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.
Re:10:1-10

Herein it was prophesied that there should be time no longer and that the mystery of God should be finished. Those who mock will continue to mock and those who seek truth will continue to seek truth and those who are indifferent will continue to be indifferent but the truth is; now there is time no longer. There is no room in the world for bigotry or prejudice. There is no room in the world for racism or intolerance. This is the Word of God the Father of Truthfulness. This is the Testimony of Jesus Christ. This is the revealing of the Son of Mankind. This is the little book.