

## SECTION 1 THE ONLY WAY

### a. God, the real One, and Heaven

At the end of the day in the midst of this entire book one must realize there are no limits to the goodness, power and knowledge of God and He has already provided a salvation plan. As everything with His being it is impossible for the human mind to fully comprehend; you cannot begin to envision its limits. He created everything from the tiniest matter here on this very small globe to the entire universe. Not only did He create it but also He remains in control of it even as you read this sentence. Think about what that means. First in terms of matter; what is matter made of? It consists of some of the minutest particles known to man, the molecule. They are in turn made up of a nucleus of neutrons and protons and an outer ring of electrons. Protons are positively charged, electrons are negative and neutrons are neutral meaning they have no charge. What controls the force that keeps protons confined to the neutral nuclear region with no opposite attraction? What maintains the force that keeps the electrons in a perfect orbit around each and every molecule that makes up all matter, solid, liquids and gas? And keeps them all working in order in something we call nature. Now try the opposite end of the spectrum. Scientists maintain that our galaxy alone spans 100,000 light years. Light travels at 186,000 feet per second. That translates to  $1.1 \times 10^{14}$  miles.  $10^{12}$  is one trillion and  $10^{14}$  is one hundred trillion. For perspective, the earth's circumference is 26,000 miles and it is 93 million miles from the sun. Remember this is just our galaxy. The universe is made up of countless galaxies. Is this starting to sink in? Now consider life itself. God is in charge of all of it from the tiniest microbe to every human. Not only our physical lives but our very eternal souls as He laments in the Book of Job:

The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly. But ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea and shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Doth not the ear try words? And the mouth taste his meat? With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. Behold he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man and there can be no opening. Behold he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out and they over overturn the earth. (Job 12:6-15).

On top of all this He does not exist within what we mortals know as time itself. Why? Because He invented it. It's impossible to stop and think about the invention of time itself. To sum up, God literally controls every molecule to the span of the endless universe to all life to time itself. This may help explain why He would write the Book of Revelation and the entire Bible before its predictions are even complete. He knew the choices and events that would unfold in the beginning. Keep the first verse in mind. God even controls THEY who want to bring us the New World Order, just as forecast in the Book of Revelation. The cynic may ask why all the evil is necessary in the first place and the response would be as before. That is some evil is present because we humans chose it

that way and the remainder is all part of *His* Great Plan. Human history is temporary; eternity is timeless. Fortunately, He loves each and every human with the same power and knowledge. This concept of unlimited power versus mankind's smallness is summarized in Matthew 19:26:

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Humans are inherently sinful-to varying degrees for sure-but all sinful nonetheless "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Therefore, we could never be in His presence, which in turn means dying and getting sent to Hell. To atone for our sinful or spiritually imperfect nature there has to be atonement. God has declared this to be blood sacrifice in very specific procedures. In the Old Testament this usually meant a lamb or similar farm type animal; hence one of Jesus' synonymous names, Lamb of God. To settle the score once and for all, God sent His only Son to be the final and perfect Sacrifice. He came to earth, lived a sinless life and allowed Himself to be killed in the most grotesque and bloody manner as a payment for *all* sins of a sinful mankind *forever*. One day all humans who have atoned for their sins by believing in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ thereby having their sins atoned for (i.e., becoming perfect in God's eyes) will enjoy perpetual and divine perfection in the indescribable beauty of God's heaven.

One must simply say something like "Lord I accept the free gift of salvation you provided by the sacrifice of your only begotten Son as forgiveness of my sins". Of course there has to be a corresponding effort to follow the Commandments and live accordingly. For lack of a better word when you realize what an unbelievably good deal the whole thing really is you'll simply want to. Additionally knowing all this *nothing* in this world will seem that bad or out of His grasp. It's really that simple.

So yes all those ornate stone cathedrals, preaching, pontificating and procedures of formal religions, confessions, etc. etc. are really unnecessary and worse. Jesus makes this concept quite clear in John 14:6:

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

In Matthew 6:5-7 Jesus alludes to the informality of the new Christianity versus established religion:

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. But when ye pray use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

God demanded all of the complex procedures and sacrifices of the Jews in the Old Testament when he made His original Covenant with Abraham. And He rewarded and punished them accordingly. Yet they still kept resorting to idolatry and other sins. Finally God said enough and became God in the flesh in the form of His only Son. This is the New Covenant or New Testament.\* Jesus summarizes this concept when He enters Jerusalem for the first time and comments on the Third Temple of Solomon or Herod's

Temple, the grandest of the three. He made the oddball comment on seeing the Temple that He would destroy it but “in three days raise it up”. The disciples were perplexed and asked what He was talking about and how could rebuild the Temple that took over twenty years and effort of thousands to build. What Jesus was referring to was the “Temple of His body”. And when He finally entered into Jerusalem the week prior to His Crucifixion one of His first acts was to enter that very Temple:

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazereth of Galilee, And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. (Matthew 21:10-13)

This is the only time Jesus exerted physical force as recorded in the Bible. As we’ll soon see it my contention His anger was a preview for today’s “moneychangers” and THEIR Federal Reserve Temple. (And the outright destruction of the Third Temple by the Romans in 70 AD serves as a preview of the Final Battle of Armageddon.) The concept of money, power, science and religion mixing in a “New” and UN-Godly fashion is the subject of Sections 2 and 3.

And just so there’s no doubt about Who Jesus identified Himself as and where He came from this exchange between He and the disciples leaves little to interpretation:

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Phillipi, he asked his disciples, saying Whom do men say that I the son of Man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others, Jermias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 16:13-17)

This is important to remember. Later in Section 3 we’ll see how the “New” Agers have minimized and mislabeled Jesus as a prophet equivalent to Buddha, Mohammed and many others. My friends outside of the less than garbage THEorY of LIVEvolution *not one* of the other Religions makes the claim of the Creator of the Universe in human form or coming back from the dead. Make no mistake about this. This is what sets Him apart from *all* of them.

Take it or leave it.

Also, we’ll see that many at the UN-dead among countless others in the “New” Age thanks to Alice Bailey and “DK” refer to something called “the Christ” and “the Father”. My friends THEY and the “New” Agers are looking for “the Christ” and “the Father” but have no doubt *it is not* the Christ Simon was alluding to here nor Jesus’ Father in heaven. And based on the premise that there’s only God and Satan this kind of narrows the field down just a bit, no? Some may be woefully ignorant of what they’re involved with but some definitely know what THEY are doing yet have traded THEIR very souls for earthly gain as we shall see. At one point in the Book of Romans Paul writes that “all are without excuse” so I’m not sure how much slack He will grant to the former group. As for the others THEY have THEIR reward.

Jesus grants a stern warning concerning Who really runs the show:

And fear not them, which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul:  
but rather fear him, which is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell  
(Matthew 10:28)

My friends there's only One that has this power. The concept of fear needs to be looked as the same as the way a child "fears" the disciplining parent. The parent knows what's best for the child and hopefully the child realizes this and acts accordingly. But there will come a time when some children just won't get the hint and be forced out of the Father's house...

So what can mankind do to save himself? Nothing, there is no sacrifice or building or religious system of mankind big enough that can match God's grace. In the Book of Ephesians the Apostle Paul alludes to this concept:

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he love us,  
Even when we were dead in sin, hath quickened us together with Christ,  
(by grace you are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit  
in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: Than in the ages to come he might  
show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through  
Christ Jesus (Verses 2:4-7)

Who is eligible for the free gift of pardon God provided us with the sacrifice of His only Son? Anybody, yes *anybody*.

The best place to start would be John 3:16 that many have probably seen in sports stadiums, bumper stickers, etc:

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten for whosoever  
should believe shall not perish but have everlasting life.

And He has this compassion for *everybody* as He states in the Book of Matthew:

And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples Why eatheth  
your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he  
said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are  
sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not  
sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.  
(Matthew 9:11-13)\*\*

Jesus alludes to the inner peace that only He can provide in a troubled world:

Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take  
my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and  
ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is  
light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Jesus further discusses the compassion of God the Father:

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them,  
because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no  
Shepard (Matthew 9:36)

There are copious examples of those who had behaved really poorly but God forgave them anyway. And some of these are among the most known Bible names. For example, Moses was so ill tempered he killed an Egyptian man in cold blood for mistreating an Israeli slave. Moses would later smash the 10 Commandments God had just given him in another fit of rage. King David in the lineage of Jesus Himself and "a

man after God's own heart" was an adulterer who had the husband of the woman he was philandering with killed in a set up.

But perhaps the greatest example of all is the Apostle Paul. Aside from Jesus Himself Paul is regarded as the most influential Christian. And before he became a convert right after the death of Jesus he was a Pharisee. Short of outright hate let's say Jesus really didn't appreciate these guys. Remember from before this was the crew of Jewish "religious" leaders who resided over the Temple when Jesus told the moneychangers to scram. Jesus lambasted them for several verses in Matthew 23 Jesus and would call them out in verse 33 with this unambiguous question, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" They didn't appreciate it when He booted their buddies from the Temple and they liked Him even less because of comments like this in front of people that until recently were paying homage to them. And it was they who were ultimately responsible for the Crucifixion itself. So there was no love lost here. The Apostle Paul was amongst the worst of this group. He was the head of their enforcement division. He pursued and arrested the Christian converts who were running around spreading the Word after Jesus' death. He even resided over the stoning of Stephen, generally regarded as the first Christian martyr. Yet God chose to literally knock him off his high horse on his way to Damascus to arrest more Christians. From this point on Paul became one of the top hunters to the most hunted. He suffered a life of squalor, torcher and imprisonment for his efforts of evangelizing and wrote more of the New Testament than any human author. If God can have mercy on this guy *nobody* is beyond His reach.

And as long as we are still in this age of Grace it is never too late. A good example would be the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15. In a nutshell a man (representative of God) had two sons to whom he gave an inheritance. One stayed and worked hard on the farm while the other split with his half of the money. The latter would eventually squander everything but when he returned with nothing but the father accepted him back wholeheartedly even above the protest of the other son that stayed. Another example would be the thief who was crucified next to Jesus. This criminal with almost his last breath begged Him for mercy to who Jesus responded from "this day you shall be with me in Paradise". The key is that God as part of *His* plan keeps the window of salvation open for all. But when *He* decides it's over - just as when the Flood began and all those who were laughing at Noah for over a hundred years now clawed to get in - it's over.

Now let's discuss the infinitely good news of God and the Bible, the Kingdom of Heaven. God chose to describe hell much more than Heaven but that doesn't mean that the latter is completely left out. Heaven in its original form was found in the Garden of Eden. However, Adam and Eve managed to get themselves evicted from the original Heaven by disobeying God thereby exposing themselves to all of the trials and tribulations of this life, as we know it. But God in His infinite love wants to re-establish Heaven for all of mankind. Heaven will be a place of perpetual beauty and bliss that is beyond description. God is not overly forthcoming with the details as Paul explains in I Corinthians:

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those that love him (Verse 2:9).

Again, God has made redemption so easy that even a child can understand it. To gain entry one must humble themselves:

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer these little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein (Verses 16-17)

This offer does not stand forever and the choice is yours. There is one thing that God does His best to influence but does not control, which is free human will. This is by design; He doesn't want gaggle of controlled beings that automatically do what He desires. As has been stated this is an all or nothing proposition and it's offered to all. In fact Jesus points this out in Luke 10 when He sends out the disciples to preach:

And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city you enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets out of the same and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth to us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. (Verses 8-12)

God makes it very clear that this *totally free* choice to choose His will and the real Heaven *will not available forever* as spelled out in the following two passages:

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; *slow to anger* and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Psalm 145:8-9, emphasis mine)

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 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 (II Peter 3:9-10)

In the book of Hebrews God categorically states that every human gets *one* chance at physical life and therefore entry into eternal glory:

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Verses 9:27-28).

There is no reincarnation there is no purgatory there is nothing except eternity in heaven or hell. Nor is there any reincarnation or evolving to shed bad karma like the Hindus or the "New" Age. This is the choice being presented to us this very day. It's either accept it completely or abandon Him completely by joining a "New" Age religion with every fake god from the Catholic's so called "Queen of Heaven" and "Saint" whoever to the eco wacko's Mother Earth to the Freemasons "Angel of Light" to the Hindu's Vishnu.

Take it or leave it. (Please refer also to Appendix B at the end).

Finally, "God will not be mocked". So don't believe for one minute that He doesn't mind being literally pissed on or that He's some kind of Divine Mutual Fund just like many televangelists or Catholic "priests" who claim your contributions to *them* will

earn you a monetary return for your “donation”. Whatever reward now or later God desires for you so be it. He certainly doesn’t need these fools to act as His ad agency - and the excuse of many of the followers that participate in these movements have “because this is what we were told to do” may not cut it. Remember, in the Book of Romans Paul laments, “*all* are without excuse”.

Speaking of fools let’s discuss the fate of the “New” Ager, their UN-dead friends and the THEorY of LIVEvolution nitwits

\*This is not to say that the Old Testament is to be discarded. It is still a wealth of information and prophecy but its tenets of Temple worship and blood sacrifice ended with the life of Jesus.

## b. Satan and Hell

UN-fortunately, Christianity isn't all believing in Christ and getting into Heaven. In fact Jesus spent more time discussing Hell than Heaven. God defines life as Heaven eternal with Him. He also describes the second death as eternal separation from Him or residence in Hell. And this is UN-fortunate for the UN-dead and its 'humanist' proponents, the THEorY of LIVEvolutionists, and earth worshipping morons that try every other explanation in the Book, no pun intended, for "the meaning of life" and seek "Paridise Earth". They will get the eternal life of separation from God, the real One, they are seeking; hence the origin of the term "UN-dead". They will *all* one day have to deal with the unlimited power of God on a less than friendly basis. The worst off may be the purveyors and facilitators of this whole "New" Age mess. THEY, just like THEIR predecessors in the Great Atlantean Society that THEY are trying to recreate today in 2008, have nothing but bad intent on THEIR minds. THEY look to eviscerate God with a plethora of tools not the least of which is the THEorY of LIVEvolution. Hence THEY become Godlike THEMselves. *Everyone* has the aforementioned free choice and salvation offer including *all* of the aforementioned fools, God's word. But this offer isn't available forever and God, the real One, does not parse words in the Book of Proverbs at this situation:

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words to you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would not none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. (Proverbs 1:24-33).

You may say this is cruel and harsh. But everybody who laughed at Noah had 120 years while he built the arc to take God's warning seriously. If God makes it *so* obvious as to His reality than everyone will behave and we're back to a gaggle of obedient beings. There is another time of warning, Daniel's aforementioned fifth worldwide kingdom. Going back to Matthew 24: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be;" He's referring to His second coming or at the onset of the Battle of Armageddon. Again there is a time coming relatively soon that this age of grace will end and there will be no getting back into God's favor.

It cannot be overstated, many people simply do not understand the powers both infinite good *and* evil they are screwing around with when they disrespect the God of Israel. This is the crux of the "New" Age movement. Those fools really believe in the THEorY of LIVEvolution, some of it physically; the more sinister *spiritually*. As ironic as it sounds the fact that they push such a piece of scientific junk that is so bad so hard actually ends up proving the case for God, the real One, as opposed to theorizing His



existence to nothing. But again there is a much more sinister side to it outside of the nitwits - and yes that includes your run of the mill PhD “evolutionary biologists” - that actually think it’s scientific.

And when you toss out the free gift of the Kingdom of God the field narrows a bit; there is no in between. And without exception all will ultimately end up in either one eternally. God is all too clear in the Book of Daniel:

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).

There is a very real and literal place known as hell. And there’s no getting out once you’re there. This probably explains why Jesus spent more time talking about hell than Heaven. In the Old Testament it is referred to as Sheol and the New Testament it is synonymous with Hades. Some theologians claim since Satan and his demons still roam the earth hell is technically not yet open for business. This “holding pen” is Hades and it’s not a desirable place to be. It is a place that the sinful (i.e., non-believers in Christ) go immediately upon death while they await final judgment at the throne of Christ before they are thrown into hell forever. There is a valley southwest of Jerusalem that is known as Gehenna, Greek for the Valley of Hinnom. In the BC era of Israel the Canaanites who preceded the Jews in the land and even some Jews themselves practiced modes of pagan worship including child sacrifice by burning. The Jewish king Josiah eventually stopped this practice. Eventually the area became a garbage dump that accepted all kinds of junk including animal carcasses and executed criminals. Fires burned constantly to get rid of the refuse. When Jesus needed to reference something to depict what hell was like He said, “Look at Gehenna”. In other places in the Bible Hell is described as a lake of fire, the abyss, a place where the fires are never quenched and the worms don’t die and so on. Jesus Himself said it would be place of wailing and gnashing of teeth. Some say that there is caste system there, that those who sinned most egregiously will be punished accordingly. Others say that it is one large place of eternal torment where everyone from the smallest sinner to the greatest is treated the same. Some reference the scribes, allies of the Pharisees neither of which were high on God’s list of favorites:

And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes which love to go in long clothing and love salutations in the marketplaces, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: Which devour widows’ houses and for a pretence make long prayers: **these shall receive greater damnation** (Mark 12:38-41, emphasis mine)

The word greater denotes varying degrees of punishment. This helps buttress the notion that God has everyone in mind including those out in the middle of the Australian Outback who haven’t gotten the Word, no pun intended. But again, they who *should* know receive greater damnation for knowing the law and desires of God but doing nothing to really help people to understand it by helping them in this life but much more importantly in the eternal life. Some are even worse, utilizing His Word for personal gain or against Him. This is not unlike the greedy televangelists, those in academia and science with all their theories and “tolerance”, the Catholic and other “Christian” Church hierarchies and most of all THEM. The Apostle John writes in Revelation some others who qualify for residence in Hell:

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth fire and brimstone: which is the second death (Verse 21:8)

Hopefully I have made my point. I do not want to spend a lot of time describing Hades and Hell because they are depressing. Just realize for lack of a better word that the place is going to really suck for those that end up there. Keep in mind God desires that “none should perish” and that hell was created for the devil and the demons, not humans. If you end up there nobody is to blame but yourself. And the horrendous torment, whatever it is, will never end, not in a million years, not a trillion, not a hundred trillion. Well you get the idea, just like in Heaven there is no such thing as time.

For now this dovetails with Satan and his fallen angels or demons. Lucifer is the so called “Angel of Light” that so many “New” Agers and Freemasons point to as their savior is really the name ascribed to Satan before his fall. He and one third of the angels of heaven rebelled against God and were cast out of Heaven as a result. Now many of them roam the earth as spirits of pure evil whose sole purpose is draw as many as they can into the eternal torment of hell simply because they know that is their own fate, the perfect personification of Godless evil if you will. The apostle Peter warns in his first general epistle:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8)

And rest assured this goes for all of his fallen angels. For Satan is very limited by God in what he is allowed to do. He is not omnipresent like God. He and his hordes are bound to earth and they can only be in one place at a time. And his powers are limited. But his army of demons although they may act on different human impulses (i.e., theft, lust for power, pride, adultery, murder, denying the existence of God, etc.) all has one goal in mind: bring you to hell with them. Just think about that for a moment. These are evil spirits who are eternally condemned and they know it. They were in Heaven but foolishly decided to join with then Lucifer in his rebellion against God Himself. So their sole purpose is to try to irritate God as best they can. And the way they do it is to coax people into not believing in Jesus in any number of ways. Once a schism is driven between the individual and Jesus, the only way to have sins forgiven is removed. This in turn sends that person straight to hell.

Satan has all kinds of deceptions to fit his agenda and he does not hesitate to utilize any of them. Jesus describes him as “a liar and the father of them”. Some of the main ones are described here.

1. God is not trustworthy. This is the oldest trick in the book so to speak. It is with this lie that Satan in form of a serpent convinced Eve and in turn Adam to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This was the one tree in all of Eden God told the first humans not to eat from. This was the first sin of mankind and all humans have inherited their sinful nature along with physical pain and a host of other evils ever since. This pursuit of Godliness and Paradise is the one the Ancient Egyptians operated under; it is the “Great” Society THEY want to recreate.

2. Satan is as powerful as God. When Satan was evicted from Heaven, he was given very limited spiritual powers from God and this has not

changed. Although Hollywood would have you believe this through many of the movies it produces, this is simply not the case as just described. In this regard he is operating on human fear.

3. On the opposite end of the spectrum, he would like everyone to believe that he doesn't exist at all. This is especially true today. In our fast paced lives of ipods, the internet and endless technology along with a general abandonment of Biblical Christianity the idea of an evil spirit leading an army of demons in the spiritual world has become blasé.

4. Satan loves to get man's attention off God and onto pagan gods. The worship of gods other than the one true God of Israel has been around since the creation of man himself. This has resulted in all kinds of idol worship throughout the ages most notably ancient Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome. Idol worship has manifested itself in many eastern religions also. The eastern religions form the basis of today's "New" Age movement. Much more on this later in the Christianity vs. the World chapter that discusses other worldly religions.

There needs to be balance when dealing with Satan. By virtue of the fact he exists in the spirit realm his power is to be given a healthy amount of respect but certainly not the fear one has for God. He is cunning and deceitful and thoroughly knowledgeable about those he hates which is just about everybody. And he wants to share eternal hell with all of us. Everything Satan does is an attempt to mimic God so this is not unlike God wanting share his eternal glory. Just as with God, Satan cannot control a person's will except in the rare cases of possession. And in these cases it usually happened because someone was literally praying to Satan or dealing with pentagrams and pagan rituals or some such nonsense.

At times God will utilize Satan to serve His purposes as odd as that sounds. The best example is the Old Testament account of Job. Job was God's poster child, "perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil". He was duly rewarded for his faith and good works with abundant wealth and a loving family. Satan challenged God to allow him to test Job's faith to the limit. The devil was granted this permission and made the most of it to try to get Job to curse and abandon God. He destroyed his entire family and caused complete loss of his physical possessions. Job lost everything and had hit rock bottom. But did he curse God? No, he did just the opposite and held steadfast in his faith. By the end of the Book of Job the Lord repaid Job, "also the Lord gave twice as much as he had before" (Verse 42:10). So God in effect caused undo suffering to one of his most loyal followers to make the point to have faith no matter what the circumstance. And he used Satan to help Him.

The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis is a masterful job of how Satan operates on the individual level. Some of these include complacency, pride, conformity with societal thinking and much more. I highly suggest reading it and I guarantee you will be amazed at the parallels that you will see in your own life - if you believe in that sort of thing.

Demonic possession (i.e., complete control of one's will) is another facet of Satan's operation that he would have you believe isn't reality. But the Bible says differently. Jesus dealt with demonically possessed people on several occasions. One is described here in Matthew's Gospel:

And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of swine feeding. So the devils besought him, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. (Verses 8:28-32).

This same event is recorded in the Book of Luke. In his recording the demons even identify themselves:

And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion, because many devils were entered into him. (Verse 8:30)

As an aside, notice the question they asked about being tormented “before the time”. They are referring to their ultimate demise into hell, the eternal lake of fire. Keep this in mind for later on. And they identified themselves as “Legion”. As pointed out in Section 3 the name “Legion” will show up again when discussing the UN-dead. Also notice that all Jesus had to do was simply point and say “go” and they listened thereby demonstrating Who is really in charge.

And there are a couple more instances where this concept that will serve as a foreshadowing for later on. First, at one point Satan tries to possess the apostle Simon Peter as he’s walking with Jesus and He tells him in so many words to get lost:

And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on the disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. (Mark 9:32-33)

Just a bit later Satan was allowed to enter into Judas and stay there. Judas would later end up betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver:

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son to betray him; (John 13:2)

And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. (John 13:27)

Notice that Jesus did nothing in this case. True Satan was just hanging around the entire time but ultimately Judas made the choice of insatiable greed that led him in.

A non-biblical account of demonic possession involves a group of Nuns in Loudon, France in 1633. Many of the nuns in the convent took on characteristics of demonic possession including mass hysteria and speaking in tongues. Eventually, a holy priest was able to break the spell and relieve the nuns. The extraordinary events are recorded in a French book called *Historie des Diables de Loudun* published in 1839. There are numerous other examples of exorcisms throughout the history of the Catholic Church as well. The cries of the possessed child and many events in the movie “The Exorcist” are based on an actual exorcism. In “An Encyclopedia of the Occult” author Lewis Spence describes multiple incidents of demonic possession throughout history.

Readers Digest Mysteries of the Unexplained records multiple accounts of inexplicable human behavior that mimic New Testament characteristics of possession.

Cases of Possession are still happening today. Many such cases are presented on the History and Discover Channels among others. Multiple witnesses are presented. All may not be true but it is hard to fathom that all the witnesses in all the different scenarios are lying or crazy or both. On March 13, 2008 WorldNetDaily presented a story of a modern day demonic possession:

An American woman who levitated, demonstrated psychic powers and spoke foreign languages unknown to her was clearly demon possessed, according to a board certified psychiatrist and associate professor of clinical psychiatry at New York Medical College. (1)

Of course the woman had "...a long history of involvement with Satanic groups...". The article referenced another article in the New Oxford Review of February 2008 ([newoxfordreview.com](http://newoxfordreview.com)):

Amid widespread confusion and skepticism about the subject, the chief goal of this article is to document a contemporary and clear-cut case of demonic possession. Even those who doubt such a phenomenon exists may find the following example rather persuasive. (2)

This woman experienced the characteristics common to many of these cases including the ability to move objects telepathically, enormous strength, the knowledge of foreign and ancient languages and the ability to know intimate details of those who are trying to help exorcise the evil spirits.

Demonic possession occurs for a number of reasons. The most prominent include necromancy (contacting the dead), divination (contacting the dead or other 'friendly spirits' to tell the future) and outright Satan worship. God hates these practices and states as much in Deuteronomy:

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 anyone that maketh his son or daughter to pass through fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer or consulter familiar with spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer, For all that do these things are an abomination to the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out before thee (Verses 18:9-13).

Keep this passage in mind; throughout history many have refused its dire warning from Babylon to today's "New" Age. Finally, Satan and his hordes target those that are in God's service or ministry for special attention. Dedicated and knowledgeable Christians threaten Satan's game plan by seeing through his many deceits and living to serve the one he hates most of all, God.

The Apostle Paul best describes how to deal with Satan and demonic forces:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand evil in the day and

having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Paul is basically describing the uniform and arms of a typical Roman soldier in his day, the first century AD. The symbolism is that the spiritual war is happening in the world right now and we must be on guard to fight it effectively. Many do not even realize its reality. It is a literal battle in the parallel world of God and Satan that has manifested in the physical world in terms of unexplained haunting and possessions. It will spill over into the physical world in dramatic fashion relatively soon.

At the end of the day, God is infinitely more powerful than Satan. While a person alone is no match for Satan a person armed with God is guaranteed victory over his evil. James writes in his general epistle: "Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Verse 4:7).

Satan, demons and demonic possession may seem like one of those medieval folklores that have no place in the modern world. Again, Christianity is an all or nothing proposition. These evil entities are definitely contained in the Bible so if you don't believe in their reality you are basically calling God a liar, an accusation that does not fit a perfect God. This 'spiritual war' is being fought constantly even as you read this. It is accelerating in these 'end times' as the "New" Age Goddess Earth nitwits and THEIR THEorY of LIVEvolution allies attempt to eviscerate God from society and bring in the so called "Golden Age". And since we are in fact spiritual beings *something* has to fill the vacuum and THEY have created in THEIR attempt to become God and achieve "Earth Paradise".

And as I fear we will all find out in the not too distant future, something has.

### c. Christian Apologetics

This Chapter will categorically confirm the validity of Christianity on three broad fronts: 1. Science, 2. History and 3. Logic. This is important to establish the skeptic or uninformed of the overriding evidence of Christianity's truthfulness and reliability. The science section discusses how science confirms the religion of Jesus much more than is generally disseminated. Archaeology is another club with which the Christian bashers have widely wielded to try to discredit the religion of Christ. Unfortunately for them this attempt has done nothing but boomerang right back as multiple archaeological digs have confirmed names and places that appeared nowhere else but the Bible. This message will be revisited in later chapters as there has been and now is a serious effort among many to eviscerate the Christian religion through any and all means including certain branches of science. The history section will discuss the impact of Christianity on the world throughout the ages with a particular emphasis on the life and time following Jesus Himself. His life withstands the most stringent of historical standards even though again many are all too willing to minimize His impact or even His credibility itself. This dovetails right into the logic section that further buttresses the truthfulness of Christianity by its very application. So with that let's start with a discussion of the most important laws of science, Thermodynamics. These pave the way for steamrolling the THEorY of LIVEvolution, perhaps the biggest scientific scam in history that has seemingly taken on a life of its own despite its despicable record of scientific falsehoods and blatant fallacies. And it's directly related to atheism and Communism (yes that Communism that was "defeated" with the "fall" of the Soviet Union).

In fact the THEorY of LIVEvolution is so bad I am of the opinion it does not even deserve the dignity of being placed in a discussion on science.

Did you hear me ACLU and everyone with a PhD in "evolutionary biology"? Have no fear there's a whole chapter in Section 2 reserved for it. And I'll give you a hint. It really has *nothing* to do with science *whatsoever*.

#### 1. Science

We've already answered a big part of this section in Skeptical Questions and Answers in terms of fossils and dinosaurs. Let's here begin with the two most established laws of science. The two laws of thermodynamics permeate all science since their concepts apply to all scientific fields and processes. Simply put the two laws are stated as follows:

1. The total amount of energy in the universe is constant, it is neither created or destroyed. It is also known as the law of conservation of energy. One example is friction. As kinetic energy moves an object along a surface the friction between the two creates and dissipates heat, another form of energy.
2. Energy throughout the universe is in constant decay. That is it is changing form to become less available for useful work. Another way of stating this law is the universe is becoming less orderly over time as it moves towards a state of total decay and non-useable energy or heat death. It is also known as the law of entropy. One way to think of this is that everyone knows that everything, ie, water or a ball going down a hill, seeks a place of total rest ie, least energy.

The laws of thermodynamics are so thorough that they apply to more than their traditionally relegated role in fields such as physics and chemistry. Originally they applied only to heat energy in that useful energy sources (i.e., our sun) were using

themselves up and would eventually be converted to freed or disorganized energy. Now all natural processes are divided up into three basic branches of science: physical sciences (chemistry, physics, geology, engineering, etc.) life sciences (biology, zoology, physiology, medicine, etc.) and behavioral sciences (sociology, anthropology, economics, etc.). Therefore, the universal laws of thermodynamics apply to all branches. The case for the first two branches is easy enough. But many sociologists are studying the application of the law of entropy. Interestingly, I will make the case later on that our economic system is heading towards a cataclysmic crash mainly because it is a system based on debt and not on the basis of real products sustained by real work. French intellectual Voltaire stated that “paper money always returns to its intrinsic value. Zero.” Our dollar is paper money backed not by inputting work (ie, manufacture) but debt. And just like a ball rolling down a hill it will return to its lowest state, 0.

Biblical references to these two laws abound. A couple of examples are presented here. In reference to the first law support is indicated in the second chapter of Genesis:

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. (Verses 1-3)

So energy had to be exerted to create the universe and all that is in it including your very existence. God is that initial energy source that supplied the energy for all matter and life. The concept of the second law is explained quite clearly in book of Psalms:

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shall endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end (Verses 102:25-27)

As with all subjects discussed in this book these laws can be further investigated in the references provided at the end. They are the most firmly established laws of science and they firmly contradict the yet to be proven THEorY of LIVEvolution.

Now let's turn our focus to another branch of science that people have attempted to utilize to disprove Christianity, archaeology. Throughout history those opposed to the Bible claimed it wasn't true because many of its people and places were not true. It's just a bunch of stories and fables, or so they said. This section will discuss *just some* of the better-known people and places that skeptics have pointed to as if to say “ah-hah”. But all have later been substantiated through archaeology. However, in the nineteenth century archaeology began to flourish as many people took to exploring the areas of the origin of human history, the Middle East.

Let's look at what some of the more famous archaeologists have stated about Biblical accuracy as confirmed through their science before we delve into specifics.

Nelson Glueck, prominent Jewish archaeologist, “It is worth emphasizing that in all this work no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference”. (3)



William F. Albright generally regarded as among the greatest archaeologists: “There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the historicity of Old Testament tradition.” (4)

Raymond A. Bowman, professor at the University of Chicago: “The confirmation of the biblical narrative at most points has led to a new respect for biblical tradition and a more conservative conception of biblical history.” (5)

Millar Burrows, professor at Yale University: “The Bible is supported by archaeological evidence again and again. On the whole, there can be no question that the results of excavation have increased the respect of scholars for the Bible as a collection of historical documents...we find the record verified repeatedly at specific points. Names of places and persons turn up at the right places and in the right periods.” (6)

As you can see, there is no dearth of eminent archaeologists that confirm that their field of science has repeatedly confirmed the text of the Bible. Additionally there is no shortage of archaeological finds that vindicate what the Bible has claimed from time immemorial. For instance, the ancient cities of Ebla and Nineveh that only existed in the history of the Bible and fueled many of the “mythical” Bible arguments were physically discovered within the last two hundred years.

Finally, Isaac Newton was one of many numerous well-known inventors and scientists who were devout Christians. A partial list of some of the more popular ones (with their accomplishments) includes Louis Pasteur (Bacteriology, Biogenesis Law, Pasteurization, Vaccinations/Immunizations), Michael Faraday (Electromagnetics, Generator), Blaise Pascal (Hydrodynamics, Barometer, Mathematics, First Calculator) Robert Boyle (Chemistry, Boyle’s Law) and Lord Kelvin (Thermodynamics, Absolute Temperature Scale).

There are dozens more but most people will be familiar with these names from their high school and college math and science classes.

## **2. History**

This section is not intended to be an all-encompassing history of Christianity but rather another proof of its validity, i.e., apologetics. Therefore, for our purposes here I will focus on the most important aspect of Christianity and of all mankind for that matter, the life and death of Jesus Christ.

First, we need to establish that a person named Jesus Christ existed and lived in the Roman province of Judea in the land known as Palestine. Even the most acrid critics of Christianity cannot deny that he physically existed. Here is a list of some non-Christian and Christian historians testifying of the life of Christ and His dedicated followers:

### **Cornelius Tacitus**

He lived around the second half of the first century and his life spanned over six emperors. He is generally known as the greatest of the Roman historians. In one of his annals he writes “Christus (Jesus) the founder of the name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of Tiberius: but the pernicious superstition, repressed for a time, broke out again, not only through Judea, where the mischief originated, but through the city of Rome also.” (9) As an aside he unwittingly admits to the existence of Pontius Pilate who many regarded as a myth but also to the crucifixion of Jesus.

### **Pliny the Younger**

He was Roman governor of an area of called Bithynia in Asia Minor around 112 AD. He wrote to the current emperor at the time on how he should treat Christians. It seems that he was killing so many of them including women and children that he was wondering if he should only kill certain ones. Yet they still persisted in their zeal. He wrote "I have asked them if they are Christians and if they admit it, I repeat the question a second and third time, with a warning of the punishment awaiting them...They also declared that the sum total of their guilt or error amounted to no more than this: that they had me regularly before dawn on a fixed day to chant verses alternately in honor of Christ as if to a god...I found nothing but a degenerate sort of cult carried to extravagant lengths." (10) As with the others, he is affirming both the existence of a group called Christians as well as their dedication their crucified founder.

### **Flavius Josephus**

He was a non-Christian Jewish historian that lived during the second half of the first century. Some of his works concerning the life of Christ himself may have been doctored but there's an abundance of his writings that references many of the players during the time of Jesus including Christ himself, His brother James, Herod the Great and the post crucifixion followers who martyred themselves in their zeal. One sample of his writing that may have escaped any manipulations includes one discovered in a tenth century Arabic manuscript "At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good and he was known to be virtuous. Many people from among the Jews and other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive;..."(11)

There are numerous Christian sources that attest to Jesus' life as well. True they would be prejudiced in this regard but on the other hand they had nothing to gain except imprisonment and/or death as a result of their ardent dedication.

### **James the brother of Jesus**

The aforementioned Jewish scholar Josephus makes reference to Jesus as the brother of James (not vice versa as a true apologist would). Josephus tells of the law breaking and eventual martyrdom of James. His law breaking consisted of preaching the Gospel. For this he was brought before a high-ranking priest at the time, Ananias, and a council of Jewish judges known as the Sanhedrin. James and a few others were stoned to death.

### **John the Baptist**

His claim to fame was spending his known life at the Jordan River and announcing the coming of God in the flesh, Jesus Christ. He was eventually imprisoned and martyred for his beliefs. Josephus confirms all the details of John's life and death from a non-Biblical perspective.

### **Justin Martyr**

Born around the year 100 he is regarded as one of the greatest apologists. Before his conversion to Christianity around 132 he was a highly educated individual in his day. He was well learned in the philosophies of Aristotle, Pythagoras and Plato. After his conversion he spent time traveling, evangelizing, and writing throughout the Roman Empire. His writings attest to many facets of Jesus' life as stated in the Gospels. First is

Jesus birth in Bethlehem which can be determined from tax registers made under Cyrenius, the first procurator in Judea. Next, he wrote about Jesus' crucifixion including driving nails through His hands and feet and how His executioners gambled for His garments. Also, he described how all the disciples deserted Him at the crucifixion but after he arose from the dead they became fervent believers that spread the Gospel throughout civilization. Justin was beheaded for his belief around 167.

### **The Apostle Luke**

Luke amongst all the other New Testament authors is regarded as an historian of the highest standard. Of course his most important historical work includes the birth and life of Jesus in the Book of Luke. He was the only non-Jewish author of the New Testament. Christian author Merrill Unger has this to say about him: "The Acts of the Apostles is now generally agreed in scholarly circles to be the work of Luke, to belong to the first century and to involve the labors of a careful historian who was substantially accurate in his use of sources." (12) Sir William Ramsay, regarded as one of the greatest archaeologists ever and admitted secularist was forced to admit after 30 years of extensive research that "Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy...this author should be placed along with the very greatest of historians" and "Luke's history is unsurpassed in respect of its trustworthiness". (13) Colin Hemer, a respected Roman historian had much to say about Luke and his New Testament writings. These include specialized details including exact titles of officials, identification of army units, information about major routes gathered on his extensive travels, nuances now confirmed by archaeology, correlations of known kings and governors and various other factors that are characteristic of a first century contemporary. Luke writes about a census taken in all of Rome and a Syrian Governor named Quirinius, both of which have been confirmed by archaeology. Also, in the Book of Acts he describes the conversion of the Jewish Pharisee Saul of Tarsus to the Apostle Paul. As explained in Chapter 1, Paul is considered the greatest Christian second only to Jesus Himself.

There is no shortage of additional Christian historians that attest to the validity to the religion, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in particular. We've discussed what various historians both Christian and non-Christian have said about Christ and Christianity but let's discuss a test of historicity of Jesus' life and the New Testament.

The historical reliability of any document of history is known as historiography and contains three tenets: A. the bibliographical test, B. internal evidence test and C. external evidence test.

#### **A. Bibliographical Test**

This test focuses on the reliability of existing copies of an ancient work via two criteria, the number of manuscripts and time interval between the original and existing copies. In terms of the first criteria, no ancient document comes close to the New Testament. It is the most copied and widely distributed of the ancient books. There are 5,685 Greek manuscripts that were copied between the second and fifteenth centuries. Additionally there are over 19,000 manuscripts in other languages including Latin, Slavic, Armenian and Arabic. No ancient literary document comes close to the New Testament in terms of sheer number of copies. For example, the second most copied ancient literary work; Homer's Iliad has 643 surviving manuscripts. On the other criteria, the New Testament fares just as well. The time gap between original New Testament

writings, 50 to 100 AD, including known fragments (114 AD), individual books (200 AD) and complete New Testaments (325 AD) ranges from around 50 years to 225 years. In comparison, the aforementioned Roman historian Tacitus' Annals were written around 100 AD and have a 1000 year time gap to the first known copy. And there are only 20 known copies. The New Testament surpasses the bibliographic test relative to all ancient literary and historical by a wide margin. Incidentally, many critics of the New Testament claim that much of the life of Jesus was legend. However, most historians agree that it takes several generations to establish a legend from fact. There simply was not enough time for the New Testament writers to develop legends as many of them were contemporaries of Jesus (i.e., Luke, Paul and John) and they completed their work by 95 AD by the testimony of many experts including the former director and principal librarian of the British Museum, Frederic G. Kenyon. (The British Museum is the residence of numerous Biblical archaeological and written artifacts.)

#### B. Internal Evidence Test

There are several criteria that make up this test. First, benefit of the doubt is to be granted to the document and its claims if its authors have not disqualified themselves by known contradictions or factual inaccuracies. None of the New Testament authors are guilty here and as stated before the apostle Luke who is responsible for around one fourth of the New Testament is regarded as one of the most trustworthy historians.

Next, is the document free of known contradictions? Contrary to the opinions of critics, the Bible does not contradict itself. One example is that the Bible allows polygamy based on the records of Solomon's many wives in 1 Kings. But they do not understand that the Bible does not necessarily approve all that it records. Another example is that Moses could not have written the Book of Genesis since writing did not exist in his day. As mentioned before archaeology debunked this criticism based on the discovery of the Elba tablets. Perhaps Dr. Gleason Archer Harvard graduate, well versed in multiple ancient languages and teacher at the graduate level in the field of biblical criticism for 30 years sums it up best when he says "I have dealt with one apparent discrepancy after another and have studied the alleged contradictions between the biblical record and the evidence of linguistics, archaeology or science, my confidence in the trustworthiness of Scripture has been repeatedly verified and strengthened." (14)

Continuing, did the authors use primary sources? Primary sources are eyewitness accounts or firsthand information. Again, two of the major authors of the New Testament Paul and Luke were contemporaries and eyewitnesses to the life of Jesus and the new religion known as Christianity. Additionally, Peter in 2 Peter 1:16 states "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty." According to William Foxwell Albright, one of the world's foremost biblical archaeologists, "...there is no longer any solid basis for dating any book of the New Testament after about AD 80...". He goes on to state that "Thanks to the Qumran discoveries, the New Testament proves to be in fact what it was formerly believed to be: the teaching of Christ and his immediate followers between cir. 25 and cir. 80 AD." (15) Even non-believing scholars such as Dr. John A.T. Robinson have come to the conclusion that the New Testament was completed by the end of the first century.

Next, do the authors and those that are supportive of the text have an incentive to lie? If anything the authors did just exactly the opposite of lying. By telling the truth as

they saw it about the life and resurrection of Jesus they were repeatedly harassed, arrested, beaten and killed. For example, Paul was repeatedly arrested, stoned and ultimately beheaded for his beliefs. And remember he gave up a life of stature as a high-ranking Pharisee and financial riches as a successful tent maker. The apostle Peter was crucified for his beliefs and John was extradited to the prison Island of Patmos.

Finally, do the accounts contain seemingly irrelevant details? Examples of irrelevant details include the accounts of the day Jesus arose from the dead. John describes the events in chapter 20 of his book:

The First day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchere, and seeth the stone taken from the sepulchere. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchere, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down and looking in saw the linen clothes lying; yet he went not in. (Verses 1 to 5).

This passage is loaded with irrelevant details. First, Mary a woman is the first to discover the empty tomb. In the apostles day women were generally regarded as second-class citizens so John is going out on a limb by crediting her with the discovery. Next, he states Simon Peter and another disciple raced to the tomb and Simon lost. Who cares? Then he says Simon observed the now deserted tomb and left behind linen clothes. Again who cares? But the details are there nonetheless.

### C. External Evidence Test

This test seeks evidence of others outside the historical event in question and their incentive to disprove it. As previously mentioned there are multiple ancient Roman and Jewish non-Christian authors who attest to the life and crucifixion of Christ as well as His new group of fervent followers. And they had every reason to not discuss Christianity since it was so contradictory to their laws and belief systems. But the life of Christ was so well known and His followers so dedicated that they could not avoid writing about them. Also, the more recent field of archaeology as previously stated has no interest in verifying Christianity but many of its discoveries do in fact corroborate it.

### Jesus' Life As Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy

Due to an abundance of archaeological and written records the Old Testament stands up as valid historical document just like the New Testament. (Further reference to this can be found in the bibliography at the end). It was written over around a 1500-year time frame. But for our purposes here, let's go with the fact that the Septuagint, a Greek language version of the entire Old Testament was by all accounts in existence by around 247 BC. This would include all the 200 to 300 prophecies attributed to Jesus. In other words, we have established the veracity of the life of Jesus beyond the shadow of a doubt and in addition to this, many of the details of His life were predicted hundreds of years beforehand (and more than this if you use the traditional dating of the Old Testament). Statistics precludes that this happened by chance. Just fulfilling 8 of the prophecies yields a probability of 1 in  $10^{18}$ . If we go to fulfilling 48 prophecies, the number becomes  $10^{157}$ . I don't think there's even a name for such a number. Let's look at a couple of the most interesting ones. Jesus birthplace in Bethlehem was predicted in

Micah 5:2. The historian Justin Martyr confirmed it in Matthew 1:1 and. Next, Psalm 22 describes Jesus death via crucifixion. Multiple Biblical accounts and non-Christian historians confirm this fact. What's most interesting about this is that this form of punishment did not exist during the time it was predicted in Psalms. Also related to this was that Isaiah predicted He would be crucified with sinners (verse 53:12) and this was fulfilled in Matthew 27:38. Jesus was buried amongst the rich. This was predicted in Isaiah 53:9 and confirmed in Matthew 27:57. He was buried in a tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea, a well to do Jewish Pharisee. His ministry in Galilee where some of His most famous works were done was predicted in Isaiah 9:1-2 and fulfilled in Matthew 4:12-16 among other places. There are literally dozens of other prophecies concerning Jesus including His lineage, the circumstances of His death on the cross, and His resurrection and ascension. All point to one man and their sum total makes it a mathematical impossibility that they came about by chance.

### **3. Logic**

We will concentrate in three basic areas, 1. God's Existence, 2. miracles and 3. The life and resurrection of Jesus.

#### **I. God's Existence**

Let's start with the existence of God and that comedy act of non-science and accumulated frauds to account for the existence of man and the universe without God or the THEorY of LIVEvolution for short. Let's go with the big bang theory, the latest craze of evolutionists. It implies that the earth and universe started with a big bang. The operative word is started. Well then if it started then something must have started it. Hmmm. Problem here, 'something' has to be an omnipotent and all-powerful creator. So THEorY of LIVEvolutionists state maybe the universe always existed, it never had a beginning. This presents another problem. For this to be so the energy level and the physical size of the universe would have to remain in steady states. Unfortunately, it has been demonstrated that the universe is definitely expanding and that the useable energy available is decaying (i.e., it had a state of maximum energy or beginning), those two pesky Laws of Thermodynamics again. So the universe had a beginning. German mathematician and philosopher Gottfried Leibniz formulated this line of logic:

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause for its coming into being.
2. The universe began to exist.
3. Therefore, the universe has a cause for its coming into being. (16)

This simple logic points directly to a Creator that transcends the physical universe and is uncaused and therefore eternal. Any cause that doesn't have these traits would itself need a cause sending us right back to the beginning. What say the atheists? Some say the universe created itself. Absolute intellectual garbage, the universe would have to have existed before it....existed. No matter how far back you go the stuff that makes the universe had to exist in some form, right? Don't think too much about this one, it will give you a headache.

Another attempt is to say the universe just showed up from nothing and by caused by nobody. This is almost as bad because an effect cannot be greater than its cause. This is a direct contradiction of the scientific and philosophical law of causality, essentially from nothing nothing comes. In other words, what comes out of any event can't be greater than what went in. There's another pesky scientific law to contradict the supposedly scientific, non-divine explanation of life and the universe. Another option is

to consider the explanations of other religions, especially those of the East. However, no other creation account has any scientific proof to back it up as exists with the Biblical account. In addition to the overwhelming scientific evidence, simple logic points directly to the need for a divine all-powerful creator.

## 2. Miracles

Miracles are one method God utilizes to reveal Himself. Jesus illustrates this in the Book of John when He goes to raise His friend Lazarus from the dead:

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hadst heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him and let him go. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. (Verses 11:40-45)

There are many arguments that try to thwart their reality. These include their infrequency, a lack of witnesses and they are non-scientific. These are all relatively simple to refute. First, infrequency does not disprove anything. Take the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. It only happened once but it did happen. Besides if inexplicable events occurred more often they would lose their effect. Referring back to Lincoln there were very few witnesses to the actual event. This does not disprove its actual reality. Finally, miracles by their very nature lie outside the realm of science. If scientific law could explain them they wouldn't be miracles. Let's revisit the THEorY of LIVEvolution/Creator debate. The scientific and logical evidence is in overwhelming support for a Creator. And the act of an omnipotent God creating time and the universe out of nothing is in itself a great miracle.

Additionally, one has to ask, if an all-powerful creator made mankind and the universe wouldn't He occasionally want to reveal himself via miracles? Due to His supreme power previously discussed the possibility that He can go without saying.

## 3. Jesus Christ

There are many logical arguments to support the divinity of Jesus. As previously discussed, many of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life were borne of eyewitnesses. And those that hated those that preached the new Gospel were numerous and virulent in their hatred of it. Logic here indicates that if the enemies of Christianity could have completely eviscerated any mention of it from the historical record they would have. Also, the believers themselves had everything to lose. The apostles themselves were average working men who deserted Jesus on the night of the crucifixion but later on literally gave up their lives in the most gruesome ways including stoning, burning and crucifixion. The most prominent example of this is Simon Peter who Jesus said would deny Him three times the night of His trial. Peter of course did but regained his stature as one of the greatest disciples and when he was later Crucified himself. Some historical accounts claim that he demanded to be hung upside down so as not to mimic Jesus Himself. Of course the most dramatic turn around is the aforementioned Saul of Tarsus

to the Apostle Paul. He had it all, money, prestige and an up and coming high-ranking position in the powerful group of Jewish Pharisees. He gave it all up to witness for Christ therefore subjecting himself to a life of poverty, imprisonment, torture and ultimately his own beheading in Rome. Nothing short of the miracle of resurrection would have given all these people the incentive to change from deniers to the most devout believers.

Next, let's look at Jesus himself. Jesus claimed to be God Himself, a characteristic unique to Him. No other religious leader including Moses, Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, etc. have made this claim. And remember, He never wrote a book, held political office, had a family or traveled more than 200 miles from His birthplace. One writer sums up His life this way:

“All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as that one solitary life.” (17)

His claim of divinity leaves us with three choices: He was Lord as He claimed, a liar or a lunatic. If He was a liar by claiming to be God then He was a complete fool because He died the most gruesome death for His fib. And being a liar would be 180 degrees at odds with His perfect moral character. Church historian Philip Schaff sums it best with a couple of hypothetical questions:

“How in the name of logic, common sense and experience, could an imposter – that is a deceitful, selfish, depraved man – have invented, and consistently maintained from the beginning to end, the purest and noblest character known in history with most perfect air of truth and morality? How could he have conceived and successfully carried a plan of unparalleled beneficence, moral magnitude, and sublimity and sacrificed his own life for it, in the face of the strongest prejudices of his people and ages? (18)

Some claim He was just a really good man and not the deity He claimed to be. But this makes no sense since He would have made himself a serious liar by claiming to be God but in reality being just a man. A really good man could not have been a liar of such proportions.

So this leaves us with the next choice, He was a lunatic. He claimed to be God incarnate in the rabidly monotheistic ancient Jewish nation of Palestine. This makes this belief most serious. One philosopher sums it up this way:

If I think I am the greatest philosopher in America, I am only an arrogant fool; if I think I am Napoleon I am probably over the edge; if I think I am a butterfly, I am full embarked from the sunny shores of sanity. But if I think I am God, I am even more insane because the gap between anything finite and the infinite God is even greater than the gap between any two finite things, even a man and a butterfly. (19)

He is the founder of one of the world's greatest religions and that basically started with thousands of people willingly dying the most gruesome deaths just for their belief in Him.

Napoleon Bonaparte had this to say about Him:

I know men; and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance doesn't exist...I search in



vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the gospel. Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which I am able to compare it or to explain it. Here everything is extraordinary. (20)

A well-known nineteenth century Unitarian (a belief that God and salvation are universal similar to humanism) and non-Christian didn't believe in the lunatic theory either. He asks several poignant questions:

The charge of extravagant, self-deluding enthusiasm is the last to be fastened on Jesus. Where can we find traces of it in his history? Do we detect them in the calm authority of his precepts? In the mild, practical and beneficent spirit of His religion; in the unlabored simplicity of the language with which He unfolds His high powers and the sublime truths of religion; or in the good sense, the knowledge of human nature, which He always discovers in His estimate and treatment of the different classes of men with whom He acted?...His benevolence, too though singularly earnest and deep, was composed and serene. (21)

J.T. Fisher, a psychiatrist sums it up this way:

If you were to take the sum of all the authoritative articles ever written by the most qualified psychologist and psychiatrists on the subject of mental hygiene - if you were to combine them and refine them and cleave out the excess verbiage - if you were to take the whole of the meat and none of the parsley, and if you were to have these unadulterated bits of pure scientific knowledge concisely expressed by the most capable of living poets, you would have an awkward and incomplete summation of the Sermon on the Mount. And it would suffer immeasurably through comparison. For nearly two thousand years the Christian world has been holding in its hands the complete answers to its (humankind's) restless and fruitless yearnings. Here rests the blueprint for successful human life with optimism, mental health and contentment. (22)

What these men are saying as a whole is that there is no way that a one could have been so graceful and precise in His thoughts, so influential in His teachings coincident with the utmost lunacy of one claiming to be God incarnate and not being just that. So we're running out of choices here.

Ah but we can't believe in Jesus because of all those miracles. The argument would go something like this: First, the divinity of Christ (a miracle) is rejected because the Gospel text is rejected. Remember we have already established the Gospels as valid historical texts. Second, the Gospels are rejected because they are based on myths. Third, they are mythical because they are based on the miracle of the divine Christ. Remember before we discussed the validity of miracles. So what this is saying that Jesus can't be true not based on historical fact but based on a preconception about the non-validity of miracles, a form of close mindedness. So this is essentially a vicious circle of unbelief based on an absolute disbelief in the miraculous. Often this train of thought is brought to us by Godless scientists who came up with the less than pathetic THEorY of LIVEvolution.

The intent of this chapter was to prove the existence of God and the validity of the Christian religion beyond a shadow of a doubt. It has only scratched the surface of the

information that's out there but still makes an overwhelming case. It really isn't that difficult when you're defending the Creator of the universe and all life. As I have said in this chapter throughout history there are those who insist in pushing God's buttons by disbelieving in Him in spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary to their own detriment. This is especially true today. Paul warns in no uncertain terms in the Book of Romans 1:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shown it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by all things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 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 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 forever, Amen. For this cause God gave them up to vile affections (Verses 18-26).

But if you still need more convincing or corroboration, I invite you to refer to one or more of the informative books in the bibliography. Well you might say okay Christianity is true but so are all those other religions... right? They can all lead us to God or god...can't they? We'll look at that next.

## d. Christianity vs. the World

### Introduction

This chapter will explore all of the major religions and worldviews that are present in today's world and how they compare with the only true system, Christianity. The cases for the rigidity of Christianity and its scientific reality have already been stated. This chapter will categorically refute *every one* the other world religious systems to establish Christianity once and for all as the only true belief system. One more note, Christianity is a belief system and relationship with the God of Israel and His only Son and not a formal religion. This is very important to keep in mind because questions will be raised concerning many of the supposedly Christian religion systems, including Roman Catholicism, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses. What is most interesting about all the world's religions is that they can all be traced to the religion of the world's first great empire, ancient Babylon. Some including Hinduism and Buddhism (precursors to the "New" Age movement) are direct descendants of ancient Babylonian religion. Others including Islam and Roman Catholicism are deceitful concoctions of Babylonian religion and Biblical Christianity. It then becomes prudent to define true Christianity. Remember, Christianity is not a formal religion. It is simply a relationship with the God of Israel, the Creator of the Universe. Ancient Babylon is generally regarded as the first organized post Flood society. And Satan, who loves deception, has infiltrated every religion from Babylon to the "Christian" Catholic Church and other "Godly" religions. With that let's explore why every other religion of the world is wrong and perhaps the worst are those that profess to be Christian yet are merely cunning deceptions to feed mankind's rebellion against His Creator.

### Ancient Babylon

The original city of Babylon is physically located in modern day southern Iraq. Its first leader was a worshipped human deity known as Nimrod and the inhabitants were descendants of Noah. The city itself was a political union of the earth's inhabitants at the time, in effect the first world empire. The centerpiece of this early civilization was a tower that was being built into heaven symbolizing mankind's effort to become as a god. This effort is observed in the Book of Genesis:

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. (Verse 11:4)

The tower was an obsession of all that served to unite everybody into a human brotherhood. What it really meant was unite and enslave under the enlightened or "Illuminated" leadership. Pagan religion was the chain that shackled man to the Babylonian state. Just like numerous societies throughout human history. Ancient Rome and Egypt and Nazi Germany are prime examples of this mentality.

This is the first and ultimate unity of church and state; based on mankind's arrogant goal to become god-like by self-effort. How did it end up? Again let's visit the Book of Genesis.

And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand

one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. (Verses 11:5-11).

Things didn't go too well. As we shall see subsequently history is repeating itself. Religions based supposedly on God including Roman Catholicism and 'moderate' Islam are merging with the "New" Age movement based largely on the eastern religions of Hinduism and Buddhism and middle-eastern religions of Greece and Egypt into a man is god secular world super religion all in the spirit of ancient Babylon. Only Christians (and truly religious Orthodox Jews) stand in its way. Impossible a skeptic may say but just wait until we expose the THEorY of LIVEvolution and its relationship to the "Great" Seal and the "New" Age movement.

The entire original Babylonian society was based on the lie original lie of Satan to Eve that man can become like God. Make no mistake; this is the foundation and re-packaged theme of the coming world religion. Don't forget that true Biblical Christianity, not Hinduism, not Islam, not Judaism, not even Roman Catholicism, is the only religion that emphatically states that salvation is totally by faith and not works or following the law.

The original Babylon reformed several thousand years later under the auspices of King Nebuchadnezzar. The centerpiece of the new capitol was the ruins of the original Tower of Babel. In between the two Babylons, mankind retried to build towers to heaven in a futile effort to reach Heaven by his own accord. These towers, known as ziggurats, dot the area around the original city of Babylon. These towers eventually became altars of religious worship and spawned the astrology movement. Other mystical powers and contact with spirits and gods that guided the destiny of mankind soon became the norm. The occult movement was born. Therefore, the first Babylon's effort to achieve heaven and divinity by human effort was institutionalized in the new Babylonian Empire along with a litany of occult practices. This is basically paganism. These altars to the gods along with their associated worship can be found in varying forms throughout human history including the Egyptian and Mayan pyramids, and many Catholic churches. Perhaps the most prominent modern example of this attempt at the Tower of Babel, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is located in Mystery Babylon, USA itself. Paganism is Satan's oldest lie and even deceived on several occasions God's chosen people, the Jews. And it is growing ever stronger today.

One more point. The Tower of Babel along with other symbols of mankind's attempt to become god (most notably the Egyptian pyramids) served as the centers of the most advanced science and technology of their respective societies. Today science still represents mankind's attempts at godhood, 'conquering' disease, space, the atom and hopefully death. And don't forget atheistic scientists and other fools "confirming" the THEorY of LIVEvolution.

With this foundation in mind let's discuss the world's major religions today.

## **1. Islam**

### **A. General Background**

Islam means submission to the god of Mohammed, the human founder of the religion. The god of Mohammed is known as 'Allah'. It originated in Saudi Arabia and

spread along trade routes in Africa and Asia. It is the newest of the world's major religions having originated around the sixth century AD. Followers of Islam are known as Muslims which means one who lives according to God's will.

As the founder and inspiration of Islam, Mohammed deserves some attention. He was born in 570 and both of his parents died before he was six. He ultimately ended up living with his uncle, and traveled with him in the caravan trade to other countries including Syria and Persia.

It is during his travels that he was exposed to religious groups including the Monophysites and Nestorians, neither of which believed in the divinity of Jesus. He also may have had exposure to non-Christian Jews who exposed him to the Talmud, a collection of non-scriptural books produced around 250-500 by rabbis that included information on the sciences, philosophy, history and the law. It was from these theologically flawed beginnings that Mohammed developed the Islamic bible, the Koran. He married a wealthy 40 year old widow, Khadija, at age 25. He had several children with her but spent much of the next 15 years living a relatively solitary life. At age 40 he had his supposed first revelation from God. He was visited by the archangel Gabriel in a dream to "Read in the name of thy Lord...". From this command he began to write the Koran which means the reciting or the reading. Starting from this point, Mohammed was convinced he was a prophet of God, although he himself never admitted to being divine. He then started to preach in the marketplaces and streets of Mecca, a city in western Saudi Arabia. He was averse to the greed and idolatry of the Arab population there and made his opposition known. He soon became very unpopular and when his influential uncle died in 620, his main proponent was gone and he was forced to flee the city which he did on July 16, 622 when he fled to a city called Yathrib, to the north of Mecca. This date of Mohammed's flight known as the hegira is the first day of the Muslim calendar. Years are counted in AH, after the hegira. Mohammed eventually became the religious and political leader of the city which today is known as Medina. The Meccans became threatened by Mohammed and fighting soon ensued. By 630 Mohammed's Islamic forces were triumphant and he eventually destroyed most of the idols in the main temple of Mecca known as the Kaaba. During the next two years, Mohammed increased his position as the leading prophet and leader of greater Arabia. He united the Arabic tribes into a vast army that began a world conquest. He died in 632 but his fervent followers pushed on. They carried their conquests and faith throughout Asia, Africa and Europe. They were defeated by the French King Charlemagne in a great battle in present day France around the year 800. From this defeat they eventually retreated back to the Middle East. Nevertheless, from this point Islam has grown throughout Africa and Asia to around 1 billion followers today. It is important to note that the goal of today's radical Islamic movement is to capture all territories ever held by Muslims and beyond. This would include most of Europe and eventually the entire world. And according to the Muslims, it is perfectly okay to make false peace treaties if it means building up an army for the defeat of non-Muslims. And they were as blood thirsty then as many so called "radical" Muslims are today. Beheadings were commonplace and acceptable for all infidels, those that didn't conform to the strict laws of the Koran. This practice was employed by Mohammed who was responsible personally for almost a thousand decapitations, most of them Jews.

The Koran is the sacred scripture of Islam, its equivalent to the Bible. It is approximately four-fifths the length of the New Testament and includes 114 chapters (surahs). The writings are a combination of Mohamed's work as well as writings of disciples who wrote down what he told them after his death. Muslims believe that the original Koran is written in all Arabic and located in Heaven. In addition to the Koran, there are two other underlings of Islam, the Sunnah and Shariah. The Sunnah is a summary of Mohammed's conduct as a prophet, guide and ruler of Muslim followers. It is collected into a single book of writings known as the Hadith. The Shariah is a collection of legal interpretations of the Hadith and Koran. It means law and lays down strict laws for all Muslims to follow including prohibitions against eating pork, consuming alcohol and punishments for stealing, adultery, denying Islam (their form of apostasy) and saying anything critical of Islam or Mohammed (their equivalent of blasphemy).

There are six basic doctrines that every Muslim is commanded to believe:

1. There is only one true and all powerful and his name is Allah.
2. Gabriel is the chief of the angels and he appeared to Mohammed. Shaitan (derived from Satan) is chief of the fallen angels (jinns).
3. There are four books inspired by Allah: the Koran, the Torah of Moses (Pentateuch), Zabur (the Psalms) and Injil (gospel) of Jesus. Interestingly, the Muslims believe the Koran to be the final word of god, trumping all these other books.
4. Mohammed is the last and greatest prophet. (Others include Abraham, Adam, Noah, David, Moses and Jesus).
5. The dead will rise on the last day and be judged by Mohammed and sent of heaven or hell.
6. Predestination or the idea that god has chosen his will and nobody can change what he has decreed.

In addition, there are five pillars of belief for all Muslims to follow.

1. Publicly repeat the Shahadah, "There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet"
2. Pray facing the holy city of Mecca five times a day.
3. Give up 2.5% of daily profit to certain charities.
4. Fast during the ninth month of the lunar year known as Ramadan.
5. A pilgrimage must be made to Mecca at least once in his lifetime.

#### B. Contrast with Christianity

The origins of the current Arab-Israeli conflict trace all the way back to these two sons of Abraham was the first great patriarch of ancient Israel and lived in the land of Canaan. Canaan covers what is today considered modern Israel (not Palestine as discussed later). God promised Abraham a son that would begin the lineage of a great nation. He and his wife were advanced in age so they decided that he should father a son via a younger woman. As a result, Ishmael was the first son of Abraham and was mothered by an Egyptian maid named Hagar. This was not what God had in mind and Sarah herself bore a child, Isaac that would produce the lineage of what is today modern Israel. Of course out of the lineage of Isaac came the lineage of King David and eventually Jesus, Himself a Jew. Ishmael was the father of the modern Arabs.

The Koran is based on the Bible and arose some 700 years after its completion. Essentially it claims to be an improvement of the Bible's supposed falsehoods.

To start, the Christian concept of the Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is deemed false as Allah never had a son. Islam claims that Jesus existed but only as a great prophet. There is no divinity of Christ. Interestingly, this is the claim of many of the other world's religions and is a claim that has already been debunked. As an aside notice there is no claim that Jesus never existed which would serve their cause even better. On the prophet rating scale, Jesus is ranked far below Mohammed. But Muslims never claim Mohammed to be divine whereas Christians emphatically claim that Jesus is the divine manifestation of God in the flesh. Muslims claim Jesus never died on the cross. Some of their theories include He was taken down before He died and lived and died later on or that someone else such as Judas was actually executed in His place. Muslims insist that a great prophet could never have died such a humiliating defeat, a play on pride. Obviously Jesus' death on the cross is the central tenet of Christianity as it symbolizes mankind's reconciliation with God. And this leads into the next key difference, salvation versus works.

Christians believe that Christ's death on the cross a person's belief in its free gift of grace is the only way mankind can be reconciled with God. Mankind can never do enough 'good works' in his finite space and time to make up for his sins in the presence of an infinite and perfect God. Good works come as a matter of course after knowing God but in no way are a requirement to enter into Heaven. This is in direct opposition to Islam which clearly stresses all kinds of works are required to satisfy Allah and enter into heaven. Surah 4:111 decrees that each person must take care of his or her own sins. This is a huge burden to place on someone, to believe that their eternal salvation is not assured since the good works need to outweigh the bad ones (sins). And nobody is sure until after they die and meet Allah face to face. There is one exception. Martyrdom in the name of Islam (killing non-believers) is a guarantee of entry into Allah's kingdom not just for the martyr but 70 members of his family. And of course there's around five or six dozen beautiful virgins awaiting the suicide bomber. Of course female suicide bombers are becoming vogue so would this mean they get lesbian virgins or men? Is it any wonder why so many are willing to die as suicide bombers in the name of Islam? An interesting trait for a religion that we are constantly told from our President to the press is really a "religion of peace". This brings us to our next key difference.

Islam is a religion of peace as long as you are member of it or else Muslims have the right to chop your head off. Or enslave you. Or make sure you live the life of a pauper. Christianity is a true religion of peace. To start, look at the other names of Jesus and those of Allah. Jesus is known as the "Prince of Peace" or the "Lamb of God", an animal that is basically harmless and was used a sacrifice for sins prior to His own crucifixion. Contrast this with some of the 99 names of Allah. These include "the greatest deceiver", "schemer", "conniver", "the creator of death", "the slayer", "the life taker", "the distresser", "the afflicter", "the punisher", "the most proud", you get the point. The goal of Islam is to convert the infidels (non-believers) to their religion or face certain death or destruction. And they will do it by any means possible, violence complemented with non-violence. Ex Muslim terrorist and converted Christian Walid Shoebat sums it best in his book "Why I Left Jihad";

What the West does not understand about Islamism is that jihad has stages. If Muslims have the upper hand then jihad is waged by force. If Muslims do not have the upper hand then jihad is waged through financial and political means. Since Muslims do not have the upper hand in America or Europe, they talk about peace in front of you while supporting Hamas and Hezbollah in the back room. The whole idea of Islam being a peaceful religion emanates from that silent stage of jihad...Quaran 8:61 "And if they incline to peace, then incline to it and trust in Allah". However from Quaran 47:35, he replied, "And be not slack so as to cry for peace and you have the upper hand"...It is a fallacy that jihad represents an inner struggle; jihad means the kind of slaughter that Osama bin Laden calls for...Public claims of pacifism are typical of the Islamic leadership, and the West eagerly devours them, refusing to believe that a major religion poses such a danger to humanity. Of course, there are Muslims who reject many of the classical sources and truly focus on the peaceful verses of the Quran, seeking to re-interpret the verses because they truly do not want to engage in violence. These "liberal" Muslims seem to "re-write" Islam rather than correctly interpret it. They are peaceful *despite* Islam, not because of it. (23)

In one passage of the Hadith is this exchange between the prophet Mohammed and one of those who supposedly inspired him: Allah's apostle was asked, 'What is the best deed?' He replied, 'To believe in Allah and his apostle' The questioner then asked, 'What is next?' He replied, 'To participate in Jihad in Allah's cause.'

Other interesting instructions for Muslims include these niceties from Mohammed's Surah:

Surah 47.4 – When you meet the unbelievers in jihad, chop off their heads. And when you have brought them low, bind your prisoners rigorously. Then set them free or take ransom from them until the war is ended.

Surah 5.33-34 – Those that make war against Allah and His apostle and spread disorder in the land shall be slain or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the land. They shall be held up to shame in this world and sternly punished in the hereafter.

Surah 9.73 Prophet, make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites, and deal harshly with them. Hell shall be their home: an evil fate.

There is much more but you get the point. During World War II there was direct connection between Muslims and Nazis who shared a common hatred of the Jews. Haj Amin Al Husseni, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem formed a Muslim division of the SS in Bosnia. He oversaw the extermination of Jews in Bosnia and Kosovo. Al Husseni was a close confidant of Hitler and even discussed the final solution of the Jewish problem with Heinrich Himmler, one of Hitler's closest henchmen, in November 1941. Syria and Egypt allowed many escaping Nazi criminals asylum in their countries. Today Hitler's Mein Kempf is a popular seller in the Palestinian territories.

One would have to say "religion of peace" is more than a slight misnomer. But a skeptic may counter that the Bible is filled with violence and acts of God's vengeance. True but there are key differences. The wars take place in the Old Testament and are centered on Israel and God fulfilling His promise to allow His chosen people, the Jews to



live there. The Jews always had the backing of a powerful and righteous God. And they never invaded the rest of the world in a physical killing sense the way Islam has. True, in the New Testament the Gospel was preached throughout the world. The key here is preached in peace not believe or we'll chop your head off. Jesus Himself said to disciples to preach in peaceful terms in the Book of Luke:

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house you enter, first say Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways into the streets of the same and say, Even the dust the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city (Verses 10:1-12)

At the end notice what Jesus says. True it implies destruction of those who reject His offer of free salvation, ultimately symbolic of the end of the age described in the Book of Revelation. But the major difference is that Jesus implored that the humans were to preach in peace. (Please keep in mind the Crusades that on the surface appear to be Christian in nature really aren't; the Catholic Church initiated them. As explained later on, Catholicism may very well be Satan's very best ploy at incriminating true Christianity). The vengeance and destruction would be His responsibility. This is in direct contradiction to Islam as previously explained. You can disagree that a loving God should never resort to violence but He repeatedly warns and coaxes mankind to repent in every instance. Sometimes they listen as in the City of Nineveh and sometimes not as in the Egyptian slaveholders and the City of Sodom. Judging by today's wholesale attack and rejection of Christianity in this nation and the world as a whole, one would have to conclude that God is very unhappy. And God will not be unhappy forever.

Another difference between Muslims and Christians is how they look upon the Jews. As God's chosen people Christians hold Jewish people and the country of Israel in the highest regard. True Christians and Jews differ on belief in Jesus and the New Testament but this is a non-violent disagreement and God emphatically states in the Old Testament that He will never break His covenant with His chosen people in the face of their unbelief. This is in direct contradiction to Islam. There were many prominent Muslims who cooperated with the Nazis during World War II. But there are countless atrocities that Muslims have perpetrated against Jews throughout Islamic history. For example in Fez, Morocco between 1146 and 1160 120,000 Jews were slaughtered. In

Yemen in 1922 Jewish orphans under the age of 12 were forcibly converted to Islam as per ancient Islamic law. In Tripoli, Libya in 1945 after liberation from the Germans several hundred Jews were massacred and multiple temples destroyed by Arab looters. After the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 rioting broke out in Egypt that saw dozens of Jews killed and thousands arrested. Speaking of the establishment of the state of Israel this is when things really started to heat up between Muslims and Jews. The nation of Israel was officially formed on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948 as per UN dictate. Literally within 24 hours no less than six Arab nations were bent on its total annihilation. The infant country had a population and military literally a small fraction of its Arab adversaries. And it was just getting organized. Nonetheless, the Israelis won a resounding victory which can be nothing short of miraculous. This pattern was repeated in 1956, 1967 and 1973, overwhelming Arab armies tried to eliminate the nation of Israel but yet God's chosen people prevailed. The latest fad in the Arab countries and much of the world in general is the "Palestinian" cause. Today tiny Jerusalem is once again the center of the world stage just as predicted in the Book of Revelation. Oh you didn't know this because FOX sNEWS finds Britney Spears a bit more alluring. Sorry.

On the other hand, many Christians have supported the nation of Israel, particularly in this country where there are numerous organizations that support the nation of Israel. (Again, don't be misled by the Crusades out of Europe. These were initiated by the Catholic Church, a far cry from Christianity.) The US government itself has been the staunchest ally of the young nation from its inception. US support during the Nixon administration at the time of the 1973 Yom Kippur War saved Israel from total destruction. (Unfortunately, popular support for Israel in this country seems to be waning in the face of increasing hostility towards Biblical Christianity and support for the "Palestinian" people. More on this later.)

And the UN-dead has a long history of chastising the nation of Israel. Not a smart move. Just look at what happened to the Ancient Egyptians who also happened to have the same system of government THEY want to recreate.

This is perhaps the most blatantly obvious difference Christianity and Islam. The symbol of Christianity is the Cross. It represents the death and resurrection of Jesus, the very foundation of Christianity. And since it represents Jesus, God in the flesh it is then a representation of God Himself. This is in direct contrast to Islam. The symbol of Islam is the crescent moon and star. The source of the meaning of the crescent moon can be traced to the book of Isaiah. In Chapter 14 verse 12 the prophet states:

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

In the Hebrew text the word for Lucifer is "Hilal ben Sahar". Hilal also means brightness. In Arabic Hilal means "Crescent Moon". In Ethiopian Hilal means "Moon Crescent". As for the other half, Sahar is Hebrew for dawn or morning star.

In his book "Why I Left Jihad" converted Muslim Walid Shoebat explains the source of the Islamic holiday of Ramadan:

"The Quran mentioned the "rising of the dawn" in a night called "The Night of Vision":

"We have sent it to thee in the Night of Vision, what do you know of this Night of Vision. The Night of Vision is better than a thousand months. The angelic hosts descend (to earth) in it with the Spirit by command of

their Lord. Peace shall it be until the rising of the Dawn (morning star).”  
The morning dawn and crescent moon are important symbols to Muslims everywhere. When terrorists from over 40 organizations assembled in Tehran, they gave the name of the summit, “Ten Days of Dawn”....

These verses refer to Ramadan when Muslims fast when the crescent moon appears with Venus (morning star), which is the symbol of Satan, as written by Isaiah. Muslims wait until the late hours of the night, gazing at the sky, waiting to see the sky open and the angelic host descend.” (24)

Worship of the moon was prominent in ancient Babylon and the Moon-god was the most worshipped deity in the paganistic Roman empire. Mr. Shoebat continues:

Islam is simply a revival of Babylonian religion. The Moon-god with the crescent moon and star symbol originated in Babylon (Iraq) and was one of the 360 idols in the Kaaba (Mecca) before Mohammed destroyed them. In Babylon, the Moon god was called “Sin”. (25)

So at its core Islam is actually worship of Lucifer, the so called “Angel of Light, just like the “New” Age. This is no surprise since by its own admission lying and deceit are justified as a means to an end. What better source of this logic than Lucifer or now Satan whom Jesus refers to as “a liar and the father of them”.

Another prominent symbol in Islam is the so called black stone. The Muslims believe that the Kaaba, their holy temple, was originally built in heaven 2,000 years before the creation of the world. Adam (the same one from Genesis) built the Kaaba physically on earth but it was physically destroyed during the Great Flood. Abraham rebuilt it with his son Ishmael (as opposed to Isaac). Ishmael was given a white stone by the archangel Gabriel to mark the first corner location of the temple. At the time it was pure white but has become black with the sins of mankind. In contrast, the Christian version of the One who absorbed all the sins of mankind is Jesus Himself and only Him. Therefore, this is blatant form of blasphemy; another reason Islam and Christianity can never be reconciled from a theological standpoint.

Mustafa Efe is a converted Muslim who came to Christianity as a result of his undercover investigation of a Christian Church in Turkey that was being falsely accused of aiding an Armenian terrorist group. In his pamphlet “Why I Became a Christian” he explains that over the course of his month’s long investigation of the church and Christianity in general he became aware of many of the glaring and irreconcilable contradictions of Islam and the Koran. He notes several verses in the Koran that actually affirm the truthfulness of the Old and New Testaments:

He has revealed to you the Book with the truth, confirming the scriptures which preceded it; for He has already revealed the Torah and the Gospel for the guidance of men, and the distinction between right and wrong. The Imrans (Al-Imran) 3

After those prophets We sent forth Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the Torah already revealed, and gave him the Gospel, in which there is guidance and light, corroborating that which was revealed before it in the Truth, a guide and admonition to the righteous. The Table (Al-Ma’ide) (26)

These verses are confirming the truthfulness of the first five books of the Old Testament (the law or in Hebrew ‘torah’) and first four books of the New Testaments, the Gospels.

And God in no uncertain terms says His word does not change. For example in Matthew (part of the Gospel) He states “Heaven and earth shall pass away, buy my words shall not pass away.” (Verse 24:35). True the aforementioned Koranic verses mention only nine books of the Bible and one could argue that the other 57 books of the Bible are invalid by strict Koranic interpretation. But in the verse quoted from Matthew (within the Gospel) God is clearly referring to “my words” and His words include all 66 books of the Bible.

So if the Koran is actually affirming the entire Old and New Testament albeit indirectly. And God does not take it lightly when mortal humans corrupt His word as He warns anyone in the Book of Revelation:

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Verses 22:18-19)

Therefore the Koran by its own admission is subjecting itself to God’s wrath. You may ask it cannot be that simple that Koran is blatantly wrong by its own admission. How could millions be so easily deceived and nobody says anything? Well people have and are presently. I have just given two prominent examples of men who were propagandized from birth about Islam and were able to see the light of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately this is how Satan works. The lie no matter what it is and how idiotic, easily refuted and ridiculous is repeated over and over again that eventually it becomes ‘truth’ to the majority of humanity. We will see this with the less than woeful THEorY of LIVEvolution and other junk science and will see it with our very own Federal Reserve Bank here in the United States among various other ‘truths’. Audacity, audacity, always audacity.

Is Satan’s modus operandi starting to become apparent here?

And by the way, the applicability of this verse is not limited to Islam, other supposedly “Christian” religions are in direct violation of this not so thinly veiled warning as well.

One more glaring contradiction that Mr. Efe points out in his booklet is the reliability of Allah’s word itself as per the Koran. In one verse it states “If we abrogate any verse or cause it to be forgotten, We will replace it by a better one or one similar” The Cow (Al-Baqara) 106. On the other hand Allah states that his word is final, “My word cannot be changed, nor am I unjust to my servants.” (Qaf 29). So Allah’s word is and is not final. Sounds like some of our politicians who endlessly morph to the wishes of present company.

And finally here’s an excerpt from the Muslim historical book entitled Sirat Rasul Allah (The Life of the Prophet Allah) written in the eighth century in regards to the “religion of peace”:

Muhammad sent Addullah to use diplomacy to gain an opportunity to assassinate Sofyan. Abdullah went forth, pretending to be on his Sofyan’s side, and when the moment was right, cut off his head. He carried it to Muhammad, who was in the Mosque in Medina. Muhammad was so gratified, he gave the assassin his staff, saying: “This shall be a token

betwixt you and me on the day of resurrection. Verily, few on that day shall have anything to lean upon. (27)

I believe this speaks for itself.

## **2. Hinduism**

### **A. General Background**

The overall tenet of Hinduism is that we are all divine. Hinduism sees all reality, contradictory and non-contradictory as one overriding reality. This is a major tenet of “New” Age religion as discussed later on. The word Hindu derives from the Indus River which flows through present day Pakistan. Around 3000 BC a group known as Dravidians occupied the area and from what archaeological evidence can be gathered appeared to be polytheistic worshippers of nature and human sexuality. Around 2000 BC lighter skinned Aryans conquered the area and intermingled with the Dravidians. They too were polytheists and Dravidian gods were retained for the most part but with new names. In fact, the popular witchcraft and sorcery of India greatly resembles that of old Europe. The Aryans recorded their hymns, prayers and mystic stories into a work called the Vedic literature. Hinduism regards it as divinely inspired and their counterpart to the Bible. Eventually Hinduism transformed from polytheism (many gods) to pantheism (god is the world and everything in it). The most prominent result of this transformation is invention of something called Brahma, the impersonal absolute. It is the goal of all to merge with this Brahma. Those responsible for facilitating the merge were a group of priests known as Brahmins who eventually became a powerful ruling class. Approximately in 500 BC a belief known as Varna was introduced into the Hindu religion. It established a caste system among the people in decreasing order of prominence. Highest was the Brahmins followed by Kshatriyas (warriors and nobles), Vaisyas (merchants and artisans), Shudras (slaves) and Untouchables. Hundreds of sub-caste systems based on these emerged as well. The first three major groups were allowed the full benefits of Hinduism. Shudras were disallowed access to the Vedas and the salvation supposedly offered by Hinduism. Untouchables were even worse off. Besides being shunned by the religion they were relegated to the dirtiest neighborhoods under deplorable living conditions. Many Christian missions to India have worked to help these people throughout India’s history.

The ultimate goal of Hinduism, not unlike any other religion, is to reach ‘heaven’ or its rendition thereof. For Hindus this ‘place’ is known as Brahma or ultimate reality. The process of getting to Brahma is separation from samsara that is the constant death/life cycle of reincarnation that serves as a purification process. This separation process is known as Moksha. The most popular form of Moksha is bhakti, the worship of the multiplicity of gods available to the Hindu. The most popular of these gods is Vishnu. Vishnu is seen as the god who reincarnates himself to save mankind from various evils including demons (asuras). Some of these many forms (ie, incarnations) include a giant turtle, Buddha, and Rama and Krishna, two heroes of Ramayana and Mahabharata, poems that describe the ways of bhakti. Interestingly, the ultimate form of Vishnu is Kalkin who will appear at the end of the present age as sort of a messianic figure. This is equivalent to the Muslim Mahdi and of course the second coming of Jesus Himself. Vishnu is a polygamist just like many ancient Indian monarchs. His two most prominent wives include Lakshmi, the goddess of good fortune and Bhudevi, the earth goddess. As an aside this will become very interesting as it will pointed out that the

radical environmental movement in particular, evolutionists, some differing ‘scientists’ and other ‘atheists’ (humanists, psychologists, etc.) are becoming more and more intertwined with the “New” Age movement and many are in fact part of it. The obvious contradiction becomes that many of these supposed atheists are actually sourced in a very superstitious religion. Hinduism is a major feeding spring of the “New” Age movement. And, in the west in particular, who stands in the way of the “New” Age movement? Christian fundamentalists or more affectionately religious zealots fit the bill. Do you see Satan’s fingerprints all over this? Here is a religion that allows worship of anything and everything, in and of itself blatantly ridiculous, allied with related movements that all seem to have laser focus when it comes to attacking Christianity. This will be further developed in the “New” Age movement section. Finally, Hinduism is steeped in demonology; the gods are constantly battling with demons. So the foundational religion of ‘atheistic’ New Agers believes in demons just as the Bible.

Hinduism began its ever increasing influence of western thought in the mid nineteenth century with the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, most famous of the so-called Transcendentalists. He was steeped in Hindu concepts and his concept of an “oversoul” is basically a belief in the pantheistic philosophy. Henry David Thoreau, another well known mid nineteenth century writer was adherent to Hindu concepts including the Upanishads, a series of texts that say that all the physical world is an illusion and the only actual reality is the Brahma, the supposed state of perfection after countless reincarnations. This inspired many of his books including Walden. Hinduism really broke into the mainstream of American thought at the 1893 World Parliament of Religions in Chicago. Hinduism is closely related to Buddhism and elements of both serve as the foundation of the current “New” Age movement. And both, among other various religions, were well represented at the meeting in 1893. Swami Vivekananda was the main Hindu representative at the conference and he made quite an impression on the westerners there. Some forty years later the Vedanta Society of Southern California was established by Swami Prabhavananda, a monk sent directly from India. The modern Vedanta movement believes that the most recent reincarnation of the Vishnu is Sri Ramakrishna who lived in Bengal in the late nineteenth century. This guy supposedly was deeply immersed in the religions including Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. He concluded that all are valid and all lead to the ultimate “god”. This is blatantly in contrast with multiple verses in the Christian Bible, for example John 14:6 where Jesus says “I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”. Not Vishnu, not one of literally many millions of other Hindu gods, not the family dog, not the chair you’re sitting on not anything but Jesus.

It’s just that simple.

#### B. Contrast with Christianity

Hinduism cannot trace its origins to one specific source and it has no creeds or agreed upon authority. This is in blatant contrast Christianity which cites the God of Israel as its divine authority and His Son, Jesus as His human manifestation. The Bible serves as its source of creeds.

In Christianity God is the creator Who sits above His creation, our world and all its physical reality. In Hinduism every human and creature is god. There is little to say here but this is blatantly ridiculous. If everyone is god what’s the point of having a god at all? If everyone has a million dollars then what does it mean to be a millionaire? Well

it cannot be that simple; how can so many be so easily deceived? Well when it's pervasive and repeated it eventually becomes reality no matter how foolish. Does this sound familiar? And this tripe is the source of the 'enlightened' New Age movement as we've just discussed.

Reincarnation and karma are the two core beliefs of Hinduism. Reincarnation is the belief that a person's soul (atman) which is uncreated and eternal must be constantly recycled in an effort to clean it and eventually reach moksha, liberation from suffering and connection with the infinite. Reincarnation doesn't necessarily have to be as another person, it may be any inanimate object. This is in direct contradiction to the Biblical belief as specifically stated in Hebrews: "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Verse 9:27).

Karma is directly related to action. It attaches to one's soul and manifests itself according to the person's good or bad works. Karma from a past life can effect a person in this life and present karma will transpose to the next life. As explained with Islam, there is no amount of works one can do to make him or herself righteous in God's eyes. In Christianity the reconciliation must first come with the affirmation of the sacrifice of Jesus for the sins of humanity before any works are considered worthy.

To Hindus Eternity is the achievement of re-connecting with Brahma (ultimate reality) through moksha, liberation from samsara (constant reincarnation). This is achieved via three basic alternatives. Dharma consists of works including a set of specific social and religious obligations such as marrying within one's caste, eating the correct foods and having a son to perform sacrificial and ritual acts to ancestors. After thousands of these lives one may hope to achieve moksha. (I don't want to sound condescending here but I'm wondering how a cat achieves moksha). Inana is the path of knowledge. It includes self-renunciation and meditation on the religious reality of Hinduism. This option is based on a series of ancient texts called Upanishads that basically state that all reality is maya (an illusion) and Brahma is the only physical and meaningful existence. As a sidenote, this path of knowledge includes the practice of yoga, the attempt to control one's consciousness through posture, breathing and mediation. The goal is to teach yourself that your underlying soul is one with Brahma, according to Hindus "Aham asmi Brahma" (I am Brahma). The last and most popular form of the alternatives is bhakti, the passionate devotion to a given god. This eliminates the many difficult exercises of yoga or being part of a special caste. According to this belief, a believer may choose from over 300 million gods, goddesses or demigods. In reality most following this option choose two of the more famous, the aforementioned Vishnu or Shiva. Interestingly, Shiva worship has many parallels to the ancient Canaanites whom God authorized the ancient Israelites to destroy.

Christians are perceived as too rigid and therefore uptight and unhappy because their rules limit their 'fun'. But one realizes that its rules are made by a Creator literally infinitely more intelligent than ourselves we begin to see their point. And even if we don't we must realize that they come from an infinitely intelligent source that loves us unconditionally, not dissimilar to a small ignorant child being reared by a more knowledgeable and caring parent. Also we know God is in ultimate control of all events for ultimate, not necessarily immediate, good as explained in Romans 8:28:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose.

When one includes the guarantee of eternal heavenly bliss Christianity does indeed become a religion of true contentment and happiness. Even in the face of physical death.

Contrast this with a part of an old Indian folksong that is referring to the process of reincarnation that is guided by who or what or something:

How many births are passed I cannot tell. How many yet to come no man can say: But this alone I know and know full well: that pain and grief embitter all the way. (28)

Sounds like fun.

### **3. Buddhism**

#### **A. General Background**

Much of Buddhism can be directly traced to Hinduism. However, in contrast to the other major Far Eastern religion, it can trace its roots to a definitive person and time. The original founder was Siddhartha Gautama, originally a Hindu. He founded the religion around 560 BC around present day Nepal. A seer prophesied that Gautama would one day become the greatest ruler in human history. However, the seer also predicted that if Guatama saw four things, sickness, old age, death and a monk who renounced the world he would lose his earthly throne and discover the ultimate salvation for mankind. In order to protect his son from losing his earthly throne, his father isolated him in a palace where he was not to see the elderly, a sick person, a funeral or a monk. But the “gods” apparently had other plans. In one day he saw a man covered with terrible sores, an old man, a corpse being carried to its grave and a monk appearing to be peaceful and happy. That night he left the safe confines of his palace including his wife and child. At age 29 he was out to solve the riddle of life. He shaved his head, began wearing a yellow robe and wondered about trying to solve the riddle. He unsuccessfully tried fasting and visiting with Hindu teachers studying the Upanishads. Finally in a story directly parallel to Christ’s time in the desert, he spent 40 days under a tree in his quest to find that ultimate enlightenment. He was resisted by an evil entity known as Mara in his quest. At the end of his 40 days he achieved ultimate god-consciousness or nirvana, the end of desire and suffering. This was his salvation and from this point on he was known as the enlightened one, a Christ like figure. Another interesting similarity is the tree. Remember it was the tree of good and evil from which Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit as per the coaxing of Satan. One can stop here and say, see all of these religions have similar stories and they’re all fictitious. But don’t forget, Jesus was predicted thousands of years before His birth. Therefore, He predates the story of Buddha. Besides, no other religion can make this claim of proven prediction. Their stories came about after the fact and have evolved over time. The Bible was written once and God ended it with the apostle John on the Island of Patmos in AD 95. Getting back to Buddhism, Guatama began teaching the meaning of life and nirvana for the rest of his life. He founded the shangra, the original order of Buddhist monks. By the time he died, Guatama had established a religion with thousands of followers. The religion had many similarities to Hinduism. These included the concept of reincarnation as another human or animal. He even expanded it to include the forms of ghosts, demons and Hindu gods. Karma where the state of one’s existence was in direct relation to his actions was another similar concept. Other Hindu rituals such as yoga and meditation were also incorporated into Buddhism. He rejected the Hindu caste system most notable the Brahmin



priesthood at the top. He believed in accessibility including the downtrodden and women. Also, he rejected the Hindu concept that all life is illusory; all suffering is real and can only be relieved by following his so called Middle Way as described subsequently. Most importantly, he rejected all of the impersonal Hindu gods, believing them unimportant for ultimate salvation.

From his days as a Hindu, Buddha developed his salvation plan, the so called Middle Way. It was basically a compromise of Hinduism's stark contrasts of extreme self denial and sensualities. Even he recognized that Hinduism is all over the map. The four noble truths his so called Middle Way.

1. Suffering is universal. All must suffer and even death is no solution due to the concept of reincarnation. Nirvana occurs when this cycle of life/death cycle is broken, somewhat similar to the Hindus realization of Brahmin through Moksha.
2. Selfish desire is the cause of all suffering. People remain in the endless life/death cycle because of greed for earthly things such as health and wealth.
3. The cure for suffering is to realize its cause, selfish desire.
4. This cure is to be accomplished by following his eight fold path. The eight tenets are, right viewpoint, right aspiration, right speech, right behavior, right mindfulness, right occupation, right effort and right meditation.

Subscribing to these principles and following the path would eventually lead one to nirvana.

Buddhism was popular in India before being absorbed into Hinduism. In the book "Way of Buddhism" author John Snelling claims "Buddhism is a jewel from the treasure-house of Indian spirituality". However, by his account Buddhism originated as a more independent branch of Hinduism:

Buddhism, on the other hand, emerged from an alternative and rather different religious stream, the origins which predate the Aryan invasions. This is an ancient yogic tradition, originally without professional priesthood or formal organization, which places primary emphasis on direct personal penetration of the ultimate mysteries of life. (29)

So although there are some key differences to these two large eastern religions thematically they are essentially the same. (By the way, John Snelling who passed on in 1991 was considered a world renowned Buddhist scholar and general secretary of the Buddhist Society and editor of its journal, The Middle Way. According to the description on the back of his book it is believed to be the most widely circulated Buddhist periodical in the world.) Interestingly, the very Hindu priests who Buddhists criticized (mostly those at the top of the caste system, the Brahmins) claimed that Buddha was a reincarnated form of their god Vishnu. Sounds good. If someone comes along who disagrees with your religion and is popular among the people simply claim he really is a part of your religion. If you can beat them join them (or join them to you in this case). Although Buddhism is somewhat of an improvement on Hinduism (ie, it is open to all people not just those higher in the caste system) it is still all over the spiritual map. As author Snelling laments

Any being that is born into this cyclic Universe is the result of something that has gone before; or in Buddhist parlance, he, she or it is the fruit (vipaka) of a preceding cause or willed action (karma)...All of us, then, are not living separate, individual lives, but are links in an endless circular or spiraling chain that reaches back into the beginningless past and forward into the endless future...We can say that it is not the same being that moves along the chain, but not a different being either; or we can say it is both the same and a different being. (30)

No pun intended but what the hell is this guy talking about? Look my friends can you begin to see another reason beyond basic morality why God made His way very rigid? When man leaves the Word behind he is in a spiritual void (and path to hell) and tries to fill it in any number of ways as this garbage points out so lucidly. The Bible with its parallel symbolism of the physical and spiritual life refers to this kind of thing in the Book of Job:

He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way (verse 12:24)

This wilderness symbolically refers to a spiritual no man's land that presents itself when one strays off the divinely mapped out path of God's word. Again, this stuff could never fly in Christianity where Jesus is the "rock of salvation" and the one and only way to God. The current enlightenment of the emergent "New" Age is based on this very kind of tripe. Stay tuned.

Simultaneous with Christianity's spread over the west during the first several centuries AD, Buddhism was spreading throughout the Orient. There are three main branches of Buddhism: Hinayana, Mahayana and Tantrism. Hinayanas apparently borrowing a page from the Hindu Brahmins, believe that only a select few dedicated monks can find the way to nirvana. In order to rescue its image, it changed its name to Theravada Buddhism or way of the elders. The only hope a layperson has is to be reincarnated as a chosen monk in some future life. It has acquired much wealth through various gifts and is popular in Lanka, Thailand, Laos and Kampuchea. On the other hand, Mahayana Buddhism teaches that Buddhism is available to all people. Buddha originally taught that yourself is responsible for your own salvation (as opposed to the Christian deity of Jesus) but this sect developed the concept of Bodhisattvas or savior gods. To them, Buddha was the first of such gods that existed since he chose to forgo nirvana for 45 years and teach others the way to 'salvation'. Because of its wider potential audience this form of Buddhism is the most popular. It is popular in Nepal, China, Japan, Vietnam and Korea. The most popular form of Mahayana Buddhism in the West is something known as Zen. It emphasizes the practice of meditation as the path to enlightenment. Meditation is prevalent in the thinly veiled satanic New Age movement as explained subsequently. Zen Buddhism has been touted by many in the West including influential artists, psychologists and philosophers. Notable converts include film stars Joan Baez, Richard Gere, Larry Hagman and Harrison Ford and singer Tina Turner. The third form of Buddhism prevalent in today's world is Tantrism. This form blends Mahayanism with the ancient occult practices of Tibet. Animism which attributes conscious life to inanimate objects and objects in nature pervades it. Today nearly a half of billion people claim to be Buddhists and it is becoming increasingly popular in the

west, including the US. According to author Snelling the recent meteoric rise of Buddhism and other related spiritually related eastern religions in the west is a popular upheaval against western science and materialistic values and the failure of “Western religion to provide real spiritual nourishment”. This reality is reflected in his introduction:

But the main call has always been for the individual to follow the Buddha’s example and wake up to knowledge of the Truth for himself (or herself – this is understood throughout), in his unique way. This is what makes Buddhism so relevant to our times and why it is attracting such a large following in the West today. We Westerners have had enough of organized religion and its products and effects. Right now we need more spirit, more direct knowledge: to drink of the living waters. Indeed we deeply thirst for it. (31)

Mr. Snelling uses a broad brush with “we Westerners” but I will say this. He has a point about organized religion and he no doubt puts what he perceives as “Christianity” at the head of this list. On that point I would agree, but realize I don’t consider organized “Christian” religions (ie, Catholicism, Mormonism, Jehova’s Witness, etc.) Christianity at all but manmade conglomerates of various pagan beliefs with the Bible sprinkled in for effect. But I digress. Mr. Snelling goes on to say that Buddhism initially showed up in the US during the nineteenth century. It attracted well known intellectuals including H.D. Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Interestingly, Mr. Snelling points out that Buddhism, Zen in particular, made serious inroads at the World Parliament of Religions in 1893. We heard about this event in Hinduism and will hear about it again in the “New” Age Movement. A Buddhist follower named Adam Watts emigrated to the US in 1938 and he is cited as the major driving force of the Buddhist influence of the counterculture psychedelics of the 1960s. Now according to Mr. Snell

For during the last twenty years (approximately the 80s and 90s) there has been a kind of explosion of Buddhist developments here in the West. Temples, monasteries, and centers have sprung up like mushrooms, with the result that one can now probably find better and more accessible teaching in the West than in the East...(32)

Buddhists have traditionally been apolitical but this has not been the case of Western Buddhism where influenced in part by expatriated Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh they have engaged in issues including economic exploitation, repression, racism, environmentalism and genocide.

A further review of Thorson’s Way of Buddhism brings out a couple of interesting points. First he segways into the current Godless vehemently anti-Christian “New” Age explosion that is occurring throughout the West:

At the same time, the failure of Western religion (read “Christianity”) to provide real spiritual nourishment, and the growing disillusionment with science and materialistic values, caused many to begin to explore the Eastern religions. Brave new movements emerged, among them Theosophy, an ambitious syncretism devised by a formidable Russian lady named Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. The canons of Theosophy proclaim that the great religions of the world are eroded remnants of a great

“wisdom religion” that once existed and to which Buddhism most closely approximates. (33)

Ms. Blavatsky started something called the Theosophical Society in New York in 1875. Its basic purpose was to study various world religions, promote universal brotherhood and investigate the unexplained laws of nature and powers ‘latent’ in man. Right up the “New” Age alley. Now follow this passage from the book:

...for life is an ever changing labyrinth and we have to find our own routes to its center. *So we are on the leading edge of evolution.* Stripped of their superficial personal trappings, our problems are the problems of the Universe – which is not a fixed or pre-ordained universe but an experimental one – as it struggles to find its way out of the impasse of the present. No others have traveled into the future ahead of us. We are the frontiersmen and women. (34)

What? Sounds like this guy smoked too much 60s counterculture. How does he know this is an experimental universe? And Christians are singled out as arrogant and worse for being know it alls. There’s that evolution term again. Remember I said that evolution is such bad science that its current pervasiveness and forced truth cannot logically be an accident? Well here it is, it’s really not about science but religion as this quote begins to demonstrate. And don’t forget its close relative in the family of scientific scams, the radical environmental movement. Between Buddhism and Hinduism one can also begin to see worship of mother earth and earth goddess worship. Just like evolution it is really rooted in these Godless religions and really isn’t about science at all. This point will be edified later on.

#### B. Contrast with Christianity

Since many facets of Buddhism are intertwined with Hinduism, many of those contrasts apply. However, there are some contrasts worth noting.

Siddhartha Guatama Buddha is generally regarded as the authority of Buddhism. Although theoretically there can be infinite enlightened ones or Buddhas he is the generally regarded founder. The obvious contrast is Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God and the only way to Heaven as previously explained.

Buddhism’s closest attempt at eternity is nirvana, the aforementioned state of achieved enlightenment. By their own admission, Buddhists have no clue what the status of being is beyond nirvana. The Christian Heaven while not copiously described in the Bible is definitely defined as eternal happiness and fulfillment in the presence of the Creator God.

Buddha claimed that suffering comes about as a result of man’s desires and cravings. This is not totally disagreeable to the Bible since many of man’s sins including greed and lust which lead to suffering come about from these things. But the origin of suffering was Adam’s original rebellion against God in the Garden of Eden. So the sin itself is the cause of suffering.

Buddhism stresses that it must be the self that rescues self. Its eightfold path to salvation must be practiced constantly throughout reincarnated lives to hopefully one day achieve nirvana. God in on uncertain terms states that mankind can never save himself or do anything to meet His perfect standard. We can try by living our lives as close to the law of God as possible (ie, the Sermon on the Mount and 10 Commandments) and the

Bible demands it but ultimately imperfect humans require a perfect sacrifice in the face of God. Therefore, Jesus was sent as the intercessor and it is Him and His physical death that rescues us from a sinful life and eternal damnation, not ourselves.

According to the aforementioned John Snelling, Buddhism believes the universe was not created out of nothing but has always existed and will continue to always exist. It goes through a constant cycle of creation/destruction. Of course this smacks directly in the face of the Genesis account of creation of the universe out of nothing by God Himself. As an aside remember that well established law of science known as the Second Law of Thermodynamics that among other things categorically refutes the infinite pre-existence of the universe? And THEY say Christianity is unscientific?

I will keep repeating, evolution is not really about science at all but is founded in atheistic Godless religion.

#### **4. Confucianism/Taoism/Shintoism**

These three religions are prevalent throughout the east including China and Japan. They are either very similar (Confucianism) or directly rooted (Taoism/Shintoism) in Hinduism and Buddhism that I will merely mention them here. Elements of all these religions show up in the current “New” Age movement mess.

#### **5. ‘New’ Age Movement**

##### **A. General Background**

Let’s establish something right off the bat. The ‘New’ Age movement is not new at all but is based on the eastern religions of Buddhism and Hinduism and as we shall see in much greater detail in Section 3., the old religion of ancient Babylon. As such at its core it is merely the recycled, repackaged lie of Satan himself. Satan told Adam and Eve that they can be like God if they ate the forbidden fruit. Except for the fruit part, this is exactly the overriding message of the ‘New’ Age movement, that we are all gods and we need to enlighten ourselves to this fact. Its tentacles have spread throughout western society including religion, science and politics. Its influence has even reached supposed “Christian” evangelicals as we shall see later on. It appears to be somewhat disorganized and hard to define and Satan’s fingerprints are all over it. The Penguin Dictionary of Religions defines it this way:

...an umbrella term applied to a vast network of more or less overlapping individuals and groups with a wide range of beliefs and orientations. (35)

Here is a list of the various religions and movements have contributed to the umbrella that is ‘New’ Age movement and what those contributions are:

Babylonian Mystery Rituals: Humans are elevated to god like status, nature worship, occult practice and reincarnation. Interestingly, the three main gods of Babylonian lore included Ea (god of the deep) Anu (god of the sky) and Enlil (god of the earth).

Hinduism: Reincarnation, monism (all is one), pantheism (all is god).

Buddhism: Mind control, meditation, spiritual enlightenment, reincarnation.

Taoism: Yin and Yang, all is constantly changing and nothing is certain including morals and ethics.

Gnosticism: Knowledge (Gnosis) is the real route to the divine within and salvation.

It is no surprise that it is hard to define the 'New' Age since its root religions, as has been explained, are all over the map themselves. Nonetheless its influence has reached deep into American society. One in four adults believes in reincarnation, 10 million claim to be involved in some form of Eastern mysticism, 42 percent believe they have been in contact with a dead person (a form of spiritism) and 14 percent believe in spirit mediums and/or channelers. Many recent best selling books are "New" Age messages including James Redfield's "The Celestine Prophecy" and "God and the Evolving Universe". I have read most of the latter and talk about a treasure trove of contradicting garbage and other assorted gems of intellectual refuse. In fact Mr. Redfield believes in the THEorY of LIVEvolution so much he actually says the *entire* universe was at one time a *single atom*. My friends I personally find it logically impossible that someone can be that dumb without being deceived by the "Agnel of Light". Therefore, he *must* exist. The scariest part is apparently his book is a best seller of the "New" Age. The reason he leans so heavily on the THEorY of LIVEvolution is that he crosses the bridge from science to religion and states that we are also evolving spiritually as a species in addition to our physical evolution from the magical atom. *That's the key to the "New" Age.*

So I ask, am I the "kook" here?

One of the pillars of the "New" Age movement is the fact- in their eyes at least- that we are all gods. Therefore there is no need for a great Creator God to atone to. Since we are all gods this suddenly dovetails into another major theme of this confused movement of disorganized religions. That is all truth is relative and there is no specific truth since we're god and truth is how we see it individually. Can you see where this idiocy is beginning to lead? It's okay to murder by this logic. Well that's ridiculous you say. According to this thinking no it's not, the murderer is god. Maybe it doesn't agree with your morality but he's god. The same garbage is being packaged in the public schools today. For example, there's talk of eliminating testing standards in public schools so that some don't feel dumb. Like so many far left ivy league ivy tower radical movements it *sounds* good on the surface. Until you scratch the surface just a little. Until you have to fly on a plane designed with "New" Age mathematics. Again this whole movement of relativism rooted in "New" Age thinking is so asinine and so many 'intellectuals' in the education establishment are involved in its institutionalization that it logically cannot be an accident. Utilizing this emergent standard the equation  $2+2 = 5$  is "true". Read about what's going on in the public school system and this isn't so ridiculous as say 50 years ago. Where else do you read this? Remember that discussion about Orwell's "1984" in the introduction? Is the picture beginning to develop?

Let's revisit our murderer. He is joined by someone who steals millions, let's say from a large company's pension fund from thousands of unsuspecting middle class workers for the betterment of a few. Like Enron. Most people were rightfully repulsed by this case but why? Those rich men did what was right, in their eyes. They're god. (By the way, if you were mad at those poor Enron people wait until you find about "your" 'Federal' 'Reserve' Bank. It makes Enron look like a charity case for the homeless). What about the serial rapist? What about the looter? As an extreme example what about Hitler? Do you see where this is leading? Most reasonable people will demand that the 'government' do something about these wrongs. Well we don't have any higher standards where people behave themselves because Christianity and the 10 Commandments are evil and espouse 'religion'. So the government is left with no other

alternative. It must step in to avoid the resultant anarchy with punitive enforcement of endless laws to correct all this madness. So we all lose freedom in a communistic, non-God government, for our own good. This “New” Age ‘end around’ is happening and it is not an accident. The founding fathers sound a little bit more reasonable now in demanding that Christianity permeate our society. Godlessness leads to amorality, amorality to anarchy and anarchy to totalitarianism. On the other end of the “New” Age spectrum we have those that say we must evolve into higher beings of a better morality to ‘free ourselves’ and be at peace with all of humanity. What morality? Didn’t I just get done saying that taken to a logical conclusion “New” Age beliefs are amoral and lead to anarchy and then to overbearing governmental response in a communistic and Godless fashion. As I discuss later, Orwell’s 1984 is rooted in New Age philosophy and vice versa. Those that stand for nothing will fall for anything. As I will discuss, this is the more peaceful approach to our emergent total control society. Either way the elites win. This is nothing short of pure insanity but it’s rooted somewhere. Guess. Do you see why Satan is in love with the seemingly innocuous “New” Age movement and always has been? Later on we’ll hear about the UN-dead’s very own Robert Muller and his “source” that has led to this re-education mess. He disguises himself as an angel of light but his ultimate purpose is the development of pure evil and human misery. This is right where we’re heading with our great sounding brotherhood of man (to quote John Lennon) or some similar sounding trash. And he’ll be laughing all the way to hell.

“New” Age belief was really cast into the mainstream in the 1960s. The counterculture of the ‘hippies’ were its biggest proponents. Many young people were tired of the restrictions of the anti-freedom Christianity and demoralized by the assassination of JFK and the seemingly endless un-winnable Vietnam War (you guessed it both will be discussed later). John Lennon and the Beatles visited India in the 60s. It was an endless free for all of drugs, sex and rock and roll and the Age of Aquarius. The biggest twentieth century proponent that fostered New Age influence was a woman named Alice Bailey. She wrote around two dozen books on the occult between 1919 and her death in 1949. She claims that the inspiration for her writings were inspired from a Tibetan teacher named Djwhal Khul. Sounds okay. Except when one realizes that Mr. Khul is not a human being but something called an ‘ascended master’. Interestingly enough this same name pops up from something called the Planetary Ascension movement headed by a Los Angeles psychologist named Joshua Stone. Ascended masters are supposedly a type of ‘spirit guide’ that lived on earth long ago and ascended to immortality. Mr. Stone wrote a book called Soul Psychology where along with Djwhal he heard from some of the spirit’s cohorts including Kuthumi and Lord Maitreya. Well you can say these people are nuts. Fair enough. Or, as I believe, there is something much more sinister going on here. Hopefully you can begin to see why I started out a discussion with the absolute truth of the entire Bible. Within the Bible are demons that, just like God, watch and see our every move and know our thoughts. Therefore it’s not unreasonable to conclude that these people have indeed contacted something supernatural in their quest to become ‘spiritual’ but it’s not the God of Israel or His angels.

This is not surprising. According to many in the “New” Age movement, spirit entities speak through chosen enlightened people known as mediums or channelers. Helen Schucman, a deceased psychology professor at Columbia University, is another who claims to have been influenced by a mysterious inner voice although by her own

admission she was a skeptic. Nonetheless she ended up authoring a three volume book set known as a “Course in Miracles”. Although it is sprinkled with Christian terms it not surprisingly it is in direct conflict with the Bible on many key issues. Most notably that Jesus was not the only Son of God and all sin is merely an illusion. Various groups including many “churches” have taught her course to a tune of an estimated half million copies sold.

#### B. Contrast with Christianity

My friends true Biblical Christianity is very rigid. There is absolutely nothing in the “New” Age that it is to be reconciled with. Yet many so called “Christian” Churches are becoming more “tolerant” and “open minded” in their approaches. Some are incorporating “New” Age practices such as meditation and Yoga. Today we have a whole slew of so called “Christian Psychologists”. It seems to fit the overall pattern of today that many so called “Christian” Churches are falling prey to this thinly veiled spiritual deception as Paul laments in the First Epistle to Timothy:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (I Timothy 4:1)

There is one more point worth mentioning. Another key concept of the “New” Age movement is something called syncretism. It is the belief that all religions lead to the same place. All lead to God and Heaven, or whatever you believe those to be. Under this guise comes something called synchronicity, the belief that everything in the universe is intertwined. And through this connectedness the belief that we can all together solve all the world’s problems including war, hunger, crime, etc. with peace, light, humaneness all brought about via human potential. Again sounds good on the surface. But dig a little and what this all leading up to is a one world religion, supposedly light and fluffy and happy in its intent but unmistakably evil and demonic in its reality.

We can go on discussing the “New” Age movement itself but I believe I have made my point. You may ask with all this anti-God stuff where God and his representatives on Earth, Christians is. This is a good point to end and discuss Satan’s direct attack on his archenemy, God Himself through an outright assault on Biblical Christianity. This will all be tied together into the reality of an emergent “One World Religion” in Section 3.

In conclusion, my friends please listen to what I have been trying to say and will continue to do so. There is a real spiritual war going on in the world that has been going on since Adam and Eve and is currently unfolding almost daily all around us.

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

The God of Israel is being mocked today as never before by this “New” Age movement and its many offshoots and He will make His unhappiness known most unpleasantly after this ‘age of grace’ ends as Paul writes in the Book of Romans:

But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasureth up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life; But unto them that are contentious and do not



obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath. Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile (Romans 2:5-10)

As is always the case, God is not leaving any grey area. Make your choice to follow Him or this Satanic lair of secular and demonic “New” Age confusion.

## **6. Roman Catholicism**

I know I am probably not making a lot of friends so far and I suspect I’ll not do much better here. But, Biblically speaking, Roman Catholicism is one of the worst if not the worst abominations in history. Sure it appears to be “Christian” and is endlessly and mistakenly labeled as such but overall it is nothing but a concoction of true Biblical Christianity and various tenets of Roman, Greek, Middle Eastern and Babylonian paganism. If you are a Roman Catholic, I was brought up one myself, at least read on. Please be aware I am not condemning all Roman Catholics at all. Most are well intentioned people that do a tremendous amount of charity work. But at the end of the day by a strict reading of the Bible and the Bible only it is rife with mistruths, deception, greed and human error. Am I saying that all deceased Roman Catholics are not worthy of God’s Kingdom? As a human I would like to think that they would be worthy but I simply do not know. Nobody does, as I said before nobody knows the mind of God and we are not to be judges of anyone. That’s His job. Well who am I to disparage the Pope and all those bishops and whoever? The same person that’s telling you that the THEorY of LIVEvolution espoused by so many ‘intellectuals’ is really intellectual refuse. And just like in that case, there are many that are experts who know a lot more about the Bible (or science in the case of evolution) than me that do agree with my position. My intent is to simply convey Biblical truth wherever that may lead.

### **A. Background**

The people of Rome were historically very superstitious. Magic, spirit worship, sorcery, necromancy (contacting the dead) and other associated occult practices were commonplace. They worshipped a multitude of gods for the myriad of situations that come up in life. The sources of their various gods and worship doctrines included local indigenous tribes as well as Greek, Egyptian and Persian deities brought back from conquering Roman armies. There were numerous rules relating to eating and proper attire. Animal sacrifices and even human sacrifice were practiced. Blood was used in various ceremonies as to placate the gods. Nature and earth worship were employed for various reasons including plentiful harvests. Trees were regarded as temples to the gods and spirits. Most people believed in spirits of the dead and evil spirits. Divination, telling the future by contacting spirits, and astrology were practiced. Chaldeans who originated in the former Babylonian empire were recruited for astrological purposes. The spirits of the physical dead were believed to stalk the living with evil intent unless they were appeased with sacrificial offerings. From this occult environment emerged the Roman Catholic Church.

Over in the political realm, the Roman empire, just like ancient Babylon (sound familiar?) and all the empires that had preceded it, practiced the unification of church and state. Political leaders were closely aligned with the priesthood. Roman emperors, the Ceasers, were the heads of the pagan priesthood and worshipped as gods. From the time of Christ’s death to the early fourth century Christians were castigated, imprisoned, fed to lions in front of roaring crowds and other such niceties. Catholicism was more or less

“created” in AD 313 under the auspices of its current emperor, Constantine. He recognized Christians as a valid religious movement and it achieved equal time with the state religion, paganism. But since he was in charge in Rome he was the de facto leader of the Christian Church, so called. Some 12 years later he invoked the first ecumenical council, the first attempt at the unity of then Christian religions. The unity he was really aiming for was that of the empire and not necessarily the Church. (Interestingly the ecumenical movement has reared its ugly head to reunify the disparate factions of “Christianity”. All factions including Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Pentacostal are represented with the exception of so called fundamentalists). Nonetheless, Constantine was the head of both pagan religion and the new “Christianity”. He had multiple titles, Pontifex Maximus as head of the pagan church, Bishop of Bishops from the members of the new “Christian” church and he himself proclaimed himself as Vicarius Christi, literally vicar of Christ. During the middle ages the bishops in Rome insisted that they were the sole representatives of Christ on earth and these titles would be retained by their chosen leader, the so called pope. The popes eventually laid claim to kingdoms, people and property opening the “church” to widespread avarice and corruption. In his book “A Woman Rides the Beast” author Dave Hunt painstakingly traces the utmost corruption of evil and corruption of the “holy” Catholic church through the ages. Some of the more horrible instances include the bloody crusades into the Middle East, the Inquisition which saw thousands tortured and their lands confiscated and support for the evil Nazi regime. Nineteenth century historian G.T. Betany sums the church up this way, “The territory under the immediate dominion of the Pope was enlarged whenever war or treaty could increase it; and the inhabitants had to pay the utmost taxes they could bear.”

#### B. Contrast with Christianity

The contradictions or outright lies of the Catholic Church versus Biblical truth are numerous and *some* of the major ones are highlighted here.

1. Sola Scriptura. This is perhaps the most blatant act of disavowal of the Catholic Church versus the Bible. This was the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation and stated that the scripture alone is necessary and even authorized for proper Christian worship. Catholics contend that scripture along with Catholic tradition and the pope are all co equals. Nothing could contradict the teachings of Jesus more.

Here are a few quotes of Jesus from the New Testament:

Then Jesus said unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve (Matthew 4:10)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me (John 14:6)

Notice Jesus does not say “...and him and the Pope and the Catholic Church only shall thou serve or “I and the Pope and the traditions of the Catholic Church are the way, the truth and the life...”

This is as straightforward as it gets.

2. Mary as the “Queen of Heaven” or “Mother of God”. Absolutely nowhere does the Bible state that there is a queen of heaven or that God (Jesus) has a mother. Don’t be mistaken. She was considered of the utmost character among all humans by God and is highly regarded when she is mentioned in the New Testament. However, if she was

human then she sinned in her life, plain and simple. Nowhere does it mention that she is sinless in the Bible. Why is this important? The Bible specifically states that God Himself demands a perfect sacrifice for the remission of sins. The only one who could fulfill this requirement is God Himself in the flesh in the form of Jesus Christ. It contradicts the very nature of God to claim that He has a supposed mother equal or above Him that has any sin however minor. Praying to her is nothing short of idolatry and those highly educated in theology such as the Roman Catholic hierarchy should know better. Interestingly, Isis who represents the female half of deity for the Ancient Egyptian religion (and hence today's "New" Ager) is also identified as the so called "Queen of Heaven".

3. Various other "Saints". The Catholic Church has taken upon itself to endow certain chosen men and elevate them to sainthood. This is an even worse form of idolatry. Now instead of distracting a follower with just the "mother" of God there are numerous human characters that are worshipped and prayed to. This further dilutes the worship and respect for the God of the Bible. There are absolutely no saints as Catholics see them crowned in the Bible. The Biblical definition of a saint is anyone who believes in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus as the only way for redemption of sins and is clean in God's - not man's - eyes.

4. The Act of Confession/Purgatory/The "Holy" Eucharist and "blood" of God. The Catholic Church is essentially minimizing the *one* and perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ Himself. By requiring that people constantly go to see another human for the forgiveness of sins it is tantamount to calling God a liar. As if this weren't enough they have developed the concept of purgatory. This is where dead people go to 'work off' the sins of this life. This is more similar to Babylonian based paganism and Middle Eastern concepts like the River Styx. And they have even accepted monetary donations from the living to lessen dead relatives' stay in this holding pen. Every Sunday the priest says some words and some wafers and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. This is essentially equating men with the Almighty who Himself said at the last supper,

For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this and divide it amongst yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God shall come (Luke 22:17-19).

Jesus never commanded that the **Last** Supper be repeated. Never. So then, I guess Heaven comes at every Sunday mass? And of course money is collected during the mass. Not so bad in this life, these blasphemies have had their monetary rewards throughout Catholic history. But these blatantly false concepts coupled with monetary profits are not a real great crime to be guilty of before the judgment seat of God. There are two messages of the Old Testament that apply here. One is that blood must be sacrificed to reconcile our sins to a Holy God. The other is that imperfect man sacrificing imperfect animals can never achieve a perfect sacrifice acceptable to a perfect God. God ordered the Jews to constantly sacrifice animals to drive this point home (Old Testament). However, He gave us His only Son as the perfect and sinless sacrifice ie, the Lamb of God (New Testament). This was the final and infinite sacrifice for the forgiveness of **all** sins of mankind. No exceptions. There is nothing more to add as per God Himself. These concepts are summarized in Book of Hebrews:

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood there is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with the blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Verses 9:22-28).

The Bible specifically says once. It doesn't state that people need to constantly go to confession in front of another human. Not once a day. Not every Sunday. Not ever. Christ died once as the Lamb of God for the forgiveness of all who will recognize Him as such. End of story.

5. .Salvation by works and not the grace of God. Contrary to popular belief "good works" do not provide entry into Heaven. This concept was covered in the question and answer section in the beginning. I remind the reader of Paul's words in Ephesians:

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast (Verses 2:8-9)

Well along comes the Catholic Church and works galore are thrown into the mix to achieve salvation. Confession, going to some overbuilt ornate unnecessary church building for repetitious service every Sunday, not eating meat on Fridays, saying the repetitious rosary to an idolatress "Queen of Heaven", paying homage to dead human "saints", contributing to the Church and paying to get people out of "purgatory" and so on. None of this is Biblical and only serves to get one's attention off true Biblical salvation. And line the coffers of the Catholic Church.

6. Public and Repetitious Worship. Here are some examples of Catholic worship. Praying and constantly repeating "Hail Mary" with the "Holy" Rosary. The same basic mass every Sunday or more often in some cases led by a priest known as "father". The pope, the "Holy" father, preaches Christmas mass in front of tens of thousands and televised to millions. Jesus specifically denounces this showmanship and vein repetition:

But when thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what the right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. 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 the 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. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. (Matthew 6:3-7)

7. The Apostle Peter as the founder of Catholicism. The Catholic Church likes to claim that Peter was actually the first pope and the stone upon which Catholicism is built. That's funny being that for around 300 years after Jesus until Constantine Christians like Peter were burned at the stake, fed to lions, imprisoned and relegated to the literal underground. Nowhere whatsoever does the Bible state the formation of a man-made church led by a self proclaimed hierarchy of priests, bishops and popes with one of the apostles as the rock of its foundation. Nonetheless the Catechism of the Catholic Church (a man made supplement to God's infinite Word) states in no uncertain terms,

“This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope...as the Vicar of Christ and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered” (36)

What's really funny is that Peter refers to Jesus being the chief stone of the real church of God (ie, the body of believers who have accepted the free gift of Jesus salvation and remission of sin) and not the Catholic “church”:

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, 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 which the builders the same is made the head of the corner (I Peter 2:3-7).

The apostle Paul, whose last known whereabouts before is death was imprisonment in Rome confirms Peter's reference to Jesus:

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus (I Corinthians 3:11).

The Catholic Church is an abomination. This may come as a surprise to many but what I have just laid out are the *Biblical* facts. Now one can begin to understand why the Catholic Church was adamant about not allowing the Bible into the hands of the commoners. And why it now has given itself the sole authority to “interpret” scripture. In fact when Englishman Robert Wycliffe managed to get Bibles into the hands of common people he was executed by the Catholic Church. And they hated him so much the exhumed his body and actually tried to execute him again!

It has a long history of murder, robbery, corruption, torcher, graft and deceit. The problem is that many use it interchangeably as “Christianity”. Nothing makes Satan happier. Here you have a generally corrupt and totally misguided institution that claims to be Christian but to which outsiders can point and relegate Christianity as equivalent to all other religions including Islam, Buddhism, etc. True it has lost much of its stature over the past several hundred years but it is trying to make a comeback. Now the pope is running around the world engaging in multi-faith love fests and giving credence to all religions. In fact the Catholic Church has now signed on with the eco wackos in the quest to save "Mother Earth". Of course you can believe whatever you want, for now. But God demands unquestioned faith in Him and Him alone as spelled out in the Bible.

No exceptions. And the “holy” father ought to know better. Well known Christian apologist and author Dave Hunt charts the rancid history of the Catholic Church in detail in his book “A Woman Rides the Beast”. This passage is a great synopsis of the “holy” Catholic Church:

She (the Roman Church) has been the seducer of souls, leading multitudes into the abominations of idolatry, sexual immorality, the denial of the sufficiency of Christ’s redemptive work upon the cross, and the sale of counterfeit salvation in its place-and has done it while posing as the one true Church acting in the name of Christ. (37)

Enough said.

## **7. Other “Christian” Religions**

The previous section lambasted the Roman Catholic Church but make no mistake most other “Christian” religions are just as bad. And many of these feel good televangelists of today are just as bad. The Catholic Church just happens to be the oldest, richest and most well known of these. Keep in mind there are two basic decrees of God that all of these “churches” are in violation of:

1. They all have access to and study the Bible to found and perpetrate their religions. Therefore they should know better. God explains in Luke in no uncertain terms:

But and if that servant sayeth My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink and be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will portion him with the unbelievers. And that servant which knew his lord’s will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not and did commit things worthy of stripes shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given of him shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask that much the more. (Verses 12:45-48)

2. Nobody is to add or take away from the Bible. Many “Christian” religions and evangelists have added to the Bible or sanitized it to fit their needs. But God is quite clear in Revelations:

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Verses 22:18-19)

Prophecy is not necessarily limited to predicting the future; it may also mean the divine will of God which He makes known through people, events, etc.

Here is a general overview of the many other “Christian” religions:

A.Orthodoxy. There are many orthodox offshoots and orthodox itself is an offshoot of the Catholic Church. While there are key differences among the Orthodox sects with each other and the Catholic Church these are all man made. Many of the erroneous concepts of the Catholic Church have transferred however. These include worship of

Mary, other Saints, the addition of human traditions and customs to the Bible, and works as an additional requirement to firm belief in Jesus for salvation.

B. Mormonism (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). This is a really pathetic attempt at who knows what. This religion was started by someone named Joseph Smith who supposedly received special messages from an angel known as Moroni. Smith wrote some alleged ancient Egyptian verbiage on a series of golden plates. The writings were supposedly “confirmed” by well know college professor at the time, who, when he found out was credited with these “translations”, vehemently denied any association with Smith whatsoever. Nonetheless Mormonism grew and flourished. It has many non-Christian doctrines to say the least, its fancy name notwithstanding. Most blatantly, to claim that something showed up and revealed itself as some kind of god disseminating scripture and that this is an ongoing process is blatantly in violation of Revelation as stated previously. Some of the more egregious beliefs of this “Christian” religion include polygamy and the claim that God had literal sex with Mary to birth Jesus. As opposed to the case of the Bible, none of the many cities or other archaeological areas cited by the Book of Mormon have ever been discovered. Interestingly enough, Joseph was convicted of glass looking (using a seer stone, an occult related practice) which was outlawed because those who practiced it were most often con men.

C. Jehovah’s Witness. This “religion” was started by a man named Charles Taze Russell in 1826. He was originally brought up in a Christian Church but couldn’t rationalize hell or the fact that God is made up three entities, ie, the Trinity. Besides these two blatant claims against the Bible there are many other non-Christian elements to it. The salvation by works mistake is prevalent. Also its command center, the Watchtower demands they obey unquestionably and the Bible is not be interpreted by the common believer. There are many other technical falsities of this “religion”. Suffice it to say that the Witnesses, like all these other religions, have taken Biblical Scripture, thoroughly corrupted it and now vehemently solicit the world with their misguided beliefs.

D. Christian Science. Despite its misleading name, this group of misguided believers is neither. It blatantly claims to override the Bible by stating it cannot be interpreted without “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures”, a book by its founder, Mary Baker Eddy. It is actually very similar to “New” Age beliefs that God is not real, infinite and powerful but rather a “principle”. Other New Age humanistic traits including the belief that man is not really physical but spiritual. Literal hell and heaven and the sacrifice of Jesus for the redemption of sin are considered untrue by these “Christians”. Evil, death and sin are illusions of mankind’s mortal mind. In direct contrast to its name, they disbelieve in the science of medicine since according to them there is no sickness. Enough said.

E. Evangelical Movements Many of us have seen them on TV preaching God and performing miracles. Contribute to my ministry and God will bless you tenfold as if God were some kind of divine mutual fund. Being a millionaire is okay because God has “blessed” them. Just like the Catholic Church they preach out in the open proclaiming all kinds of goodies. God wants to empower you, you can be a better you, get your self esteem from God; a very clever deception to say the least. Of course God wants you to be happy but He demands that a believer preach to the world and spread the word. And as blatantly illustrated by the life of the Apostle Paul, it is not necessarily a life of

monetary reward and popularity. These guys (and some women) have the pulpit and peoples' attention. But they're like "A&P" Christians, shopping and discussing what they like so everything is okay with the parishioners. Make no mistake, preaching true Biblical Christianity includes minor inconveniences like the prospect of sin, sacrificing material wealth and popularity to serve the Lord, eternal damnation and Satan running around "like roaring lion" looking to devour souls. These may not be happy things and probably wouldn't fill mega churches with money donating, book buying "believers" but they're in the Bible in numerous occasions and must be taught. And many of their self potential you can be whatever you want to be is little more than the "New" Age self is god tripe with some requisite Biblical Christianity thrown in. You know the names, just watch many "Christian" networks and it becomes obvious. They have become comfortable in their lavish lifestyles and public lives. Like everyone else, they should know better especially in these end times when God is laying the groundwork and warning of what awaits.

There are many other religions out there claiming to be "Christian". Make no mistake, if they add to the Bible with their own beliefs, interpretations and customs they are wrong, plain and simple. All are an affront to God and that makes them a favorite of Satan. They provide endless arguments and ammunition in the form of petty disagreements, corruption and other misrepresentations and "see I told you so" at every sex scandal, "religious" war to divert attention away from true, Biblical Christianity. Christianity becomes lumped in with every false religion and provides many with an excuse to avoid bowing before the eternal God all together. And don't forget, Christianity isn't even a religion as many define "religion". Satan wins, God loses; for now.

Finally, how will God deal with all those involved in perpetrating and profiting from these false "Christian" religions? In Matthew Jesus states it in no uncertain terms:

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 I will profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Verses 7:21-23)

My friends when Jesus says depart from me there is only one place left to go.