

# Definitions & History Background of Modern Gnosticism

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**TaNaKh (also Tenakh)**—the canon of the Hebrew Bible, also known as the Masoretic Text or the Migra. It has three traditions, subdivisions known as:

**Torah**—the five books of Moses, also known as “Teachings.”

**Nevim**—Prophets

**Ketuvim**—Writings

Hence, the word **TaNaKh**. The books of the Tanakh were relayed with an accompanying oral tradition passed on by each generation, called the Oral Torah.

Migra means “that which is read,” is an alternative Hebrew term for the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible).

According to the [Talmud](#),<sup>[1]</sup> much of the contents of the Tanakh were compiled by the “[Men of the Great Assembly](#)” by 450 BC, and have since remained unchanged. Modern scholars believe that the process of canonization of the Tanakh became finalized between 200 BC and 200 AD, see [Development of the Jewish canon](#) for details.

The Hebrew text was originally an [abjad](#): [consonants](#) written with some applied vowel letters (“*matres lectionis*”). During the early [Middle Ages](#) scholars known as the [Masoretes](#) created a single formalized system of [vocalization](#). This was chiefly done by [Aaron ben Moses ben Asher](#), in the [Tiberias](#) school, based on the oral tradition for reading the Tanakh, hence the name [Tiberian vocalization](#). It also included some of [Ben Naftali](#) and Babylonian innovations.<sup>[2]</sup>

Despite the comparatively late process of codification, some traditional sources and some Orthodox Jews believe the pronunciation and [cantillation](#) derive from [the revelation at Sinai](#), since it is impossible to read the original text without pronunciations and cantillation pauses.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> The combination of a text (מקרא *mikra*), pronunciation (ניקוד *niqqud*) and cantillation (טעמים *te`amim*) enable the reader to understand both the simple meaning, as well as the nuances in sentence flow of the text.

[[ The definitions and explanations of the Tanakh and the Talmud were taken from the Wikipedia ]]

**Talmud**— Rabbinic writings consisting of Mishnah (200 AD) and Gemara (500 AD) The whole Talmud is traditionally referred to as *Shas*, a Hebrew abbreviation of the *shisha sedarim*, the six orders of the Mishnah.

**Mishnah**—the written oral traditions (Oral Law), written about 220 AD by Judah haNasi, the first major work of Rabbinic Judaism, called the Oral Tradition, which

was redacted, according to the Talmud, when the persecution of the Jews and the passage of time raised the possibility that the details of oral traditions dating from 536 BC-70 AD would be forgotten.

The Mishnah teaches oral traditions by giving examples of actual cases being brought to judgment, usually along with the debate on the matter and the judgment that was given by a wise and notable rabbi based on the Mitzvot, the spirit of the teaching (Torah) that guided his judgment.

It was meant to cover all aspects of human living, serve as example for future judgments, to demonstrate pragmatic exercise of Biblical laws. This was much needed after the destruction of the second temple in 70 AD. The Mishnah does not claim to be the development of new laws, but rather the collection of existing traditions.

The Mishnah consists of 6 orders (*Shas*, abbreviation of *shisha sedarim*, the six orders, the major divisions of Jewish life), singular seders (orders, studies), divided into 7- 12 divisions (tractates) each, making 63 in total, further subdivided into chapters and verses. Unlike the Torah with references to any subject scattered throughout the Torah, the Mishnah gathered all information on a subject within one of the 63 tractates. The word Mishnah is also applied to any single paragraph or verse in the work itself.

**Gemara**—Rabbinic commentaries on the Mishnah over the next three centuries after the Mishnah was written, originating about 500 AD. They are the basis of religious authority (Halache, way of life) for traditional Judaism.

The Gemara is a discussion of the Mishnah and related writings that often ventures into other subjects and expounds broadly on the Tanakh.

The terms Talmud and Gemara are often used interchangeably

**Ethics**--a sole personal preference code as a standard of, rights, virtues, obligations, fairness, and truth. They have no connection to a religion.

**Morals**--a Christian standard, code, of two classifications of all things, with either good (God-good) or bad (devil-sinful evil self-serving) label, to all things; applies to all objective personal applications or all descriptive applications. All "the world relationships of natural man" is evil (self-serving), while all in God's Spiritual Kingdom is God-good (God-serving). All is either God-serving or self-serving.

However, natural man left the Garden with innate but darkened God-given understanding of God and also retained right-of-choice, yet separated, dead to God, by his disobedience called sin. And unless he repents and commits himself to this Creator's service, he remains lost, dead, separated from Life of God. But, man's body, and soul, and spirit is created good and acceptable functional, in themselves, but removed from

eternal Life of God. And being separated, he is lost to any acceptability of God. Man is said to be "dead" because he is separated from his Creator God, who is "Life" Eternally.

As we may discover in learning about Gnosticism, the devil is always in the details, and is accomplishing great evils today because man has no understanding of these details.

**Depravity, moral depravity, or totally depraved.** When we say man is totally depraved we mean he is unable of himself to regain or do anything by himself to please God or make himself acceptable to God. But this does not mean he has no retained right-of-choice or innate retained but darkened knowledge of God's Attributes of Love, Truth, Holiness, and Wisdom, seen in the understanding of any little child of "ought" and right from wrong and what is just or fair, or loving, or truthful, or good or bad.

Man left the Garden with all these understandings. But when he becomes vain in his imaginations and forgets his understandings of God, clearly knowing him from the beginning, he is without excuse. **Only as little children go to Heaven.**

And said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven"(Matt 18:3-4).

**Apostasy, What it is, and What it does**, is completely explained:

**"The Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, intended to fully and completely restore every human being to righteousness and fellowship with the Father during their lives here on earth, will not in any way possibly prevent salvation.** The Greek scriptures by Pure Monadic and Perfect Words of the Holy Spirit assure us of this Truth.

Inductive scriptural exegesis with the Holy Spirit, as prescribed by scripture, is the only means of determining the "meaning" of God's words.

**Any meaning given**, whether before or after new-birth, **that could possibly prevent a person's salvation is apostasy.** It is a departure from the pure and perfect gospel taught by Christ and His Apostles in the scriptures."

**Cessationism, What it is, and What it does**, is completely explained.

Cessationism is a doctrinal understanding of prophecy teaching that the Spiritual Gifts and administrations and operations of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12 and 14) have by some means or extent ceased or altered after the Apostles died.

Christ said it was expedient (necessary) after He left, that the Holy Spirit come into the world to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; enter and indwell all born-from-above people to lead them into all truth, to teach, assure, lead, reveal, empower to God-good works by which all mankind will be judged to

Heaven or hell. The Holy Spirit also provides all the scriptures. The Holy Spirit will, thereby, be necessary for ALL the works of God in the salvation of mankind, **after** Christ's Restoration provided on the cross for us.

In Cessationism, the Purpose and Work of the Holy Spirit being sent into the world after Christ left is TOTALLY ignored, except in deceitful rhetoric, and TOTALLY changed by redefinitions of ALL salvation doctrines (teachings).

**Cessationists teach that to be led by the Holy Spirit, you must ONLY read the scriptures and go by what you think they say for you to do. And, that in doing this, you are personally living by the Holy Spirit and faith, your faith, they say.**

This is a total corruption of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Apostles teachings, and all the scriptures. This is a **teaching of Pharisees to make Pharisees**, going by the dead letter. Speaking about Pharisees:

**Paul said,**

"Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life" (2 Cor 3:6).

**Jesus said to Jews of Pharisees,**

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal Life: and they are they which testify of Me.

And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have Life" (John 5:39-40).

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall **in no case** enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20).

For total details and explanations of Cessationism, see, **Cessationism**, in **Appendix C** of free eBook on Doffun homepage. Also, it would greatly help to read, **Covenants of God**, in **Chapter 11** of the free eBook.

**Definitions of words**—What is meant by definition of a word??

**Polysemy**--Several meanings to a single word. Synonyms allowed.

**Monosemy**—One meaning to a single word. Synonyms allowed.

**Monadic**—one of a kind meaning to each single word. Each word has a single one-of-a-kind meaning, applied to no other word. No synonyms. This would be a "pure" word, no mixture.

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever" (Ps 12:6-7).

## Philosophy

**Philosophy**—is one of the more difficult pursuits of man to define. It is the investigation of causes and laws underlying reality. It is **NOT** a pursuit of pleasure or evaluation of anything for one's own preferences. It is **not** a science whereby one may deal with objects to objectively conceive of laws by which physical objectives may be achieved. It is **not** simply a speculative analysis of anything. It is **not** simply a means by which one may conceptually think about achieving an understanding of reality (truth) about him as ultimate constituents of the world about him. It is **not** simply a rational activity centering on valid argumentation and critical evaluation of evidence.

**A full definition is dealing with concepts pertaining to *ultimate methods and means* with which man's mind may come to a conceptual true understanding of all objects and conceptions that are surrounding him and also about himself.**

**Taking a cursory sky from above view of all of the many Greek philosophers, from review of many authors and writings of the development of thought, we here give a brief view of the outstanding peaks of thought from the earliest times:**

**Parmenides (born about 515 BC)** founded the School of Elea. He is the most important of the pre-Socratic philosophers. He was born in Elea, a Greek city on the lower Southern coast of Italy. He coined reality as "what is", stating change was impossible, and existence is timeless, uniform, necessary, and unchanging. So early philosophy was founded on "**whatever is, is,**" that ultimate reality in the universe is one (monism), not many. His teaching strongly influenced Western philosophy and most notably Plato. Parmenides is said to have visited Athens at about 65 years old, when Socrates was a young man c. 450 BC.

**Zeno (475 BC),** a pupil of Parmenides, Zeno was born in Elea and was Parmenides pupil. He further proceeded to prove this singularity of reality that Parmenides established by showing that a reality of many led to contradictions. This gave rise to the **Law of non-contradiction**, that something cannot be and be at the same time and in the same sense. This Law has become one of the fundamental principles of logical (rational) thinking. No position that generates contradictions can be true. One can assume the premises of an opponent and prove them to be false simply by reducing them to a contradiction. However, in modern quantum science, when infinite possibilities, or no way to demonstrate contradictions, it is of little help.

**Heraclitus**—dating Heraclitus of Ephesus is impossible. We must presume he preceded Parmenides in times since he ignored Parmenides in his works. He possibly lived about the same time or immediately after. He proposed "**whatever is, is becoming,**" in a state of constant change. Therefore, we cannot agree on ultimate truth. The first teaching of Parmenides, "whatever is, is," collided with "whatever is, is becoming" to a

philosophical impasse throughout the ages in any pure philosophy itself since. This impasse immediately gave rise to Sophism, "whatever works."

**Sophism**—sophistry (superficial)—"whatever works" resulted from this philosophical impasse, for personal uses (like pebbles in mouth for learning clear oratory, Demosthenes, rhetoric). Truth is not practical. No interest in morality or virtue, as not relevant. Greek civilization was almost destroyed by this pragmatism of irrelevance.

**Socrates (469-399 BC)**—Sophism was ignorance, knowledge was supreme. Socrates saved Greek culture. Admission of ignorance was the greatest step to knowledge, he said. Socrates is attributed to have said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." His favorite way of eliciting truths was by the question-and-answering method, called the "**Socratic method**," employed with even the least educated. The postulate derived by this method is that truth is inborn, native to the human mind. It was Socrates thinking that these truths were innate to the human mind, that men knew them from a previous existence (preexistence). Hence, when the proper question is asked, a person's memory is recalled, what he already knew, and so answered regarding clear judgments in untaught matters, whether in children or adults.

Concerning immortality, Socrates declared that only certain things change, these are composite things that rust and constantly decompose. But there are certain sorts of things that are simple and un-composed and, most probably, are never changing. If the human soul of knowing is in this un-composed group, then this makes it simple and unchanging, he said.

**Plato (427-347 BC)** (Socrates student)—Plato failed to answer Parmenides and Zeno's "whatever is, is." By teaching that "**things differ by relative non-being.**" However, to his credit he taught, "when pursuit of truth ceases then civilization goes with it." However, Plato's errant teachings concerning the unseen of "relative non-being," and emphasis on "non-being" insane spookiness, lay a foundation for what later became Neo-Platonism, formalized by Plotinus (205-270 AD) into "anything spiritual is good and eternal."

[[[ It is of great interest that in The beginning of history of man's thinking about what reality and Truth is, that Parmenides, Zeno, Heraclitus, and Socrates were so correct.

**First, Parmenides** saying first, "What is, is," as reality is what exists.

**Second, Zeno**, said what exists cannot not exist, at the same time and same sense. **Third, Heraclitus**, said in effect, "What exists, can get better or worse," implying a moral application.

**Fourth, Socrates**, said little children and even uneducated have an innate understanding of reality and self-existence and even of moral issues, born within their natures. These four premises are the basis of any sane intellect, given to us from the very beginnings. And finally,

**Fifth**, we have **Plato**, the starter of all mysticisms later in the world of the satan, in effect contradicting, all before him, saying, "**Things differ by their relative non-being.**" This directly denies understanding any existence as real (Parmenides), and that what is thought to exist is not what actually exists in any sense or being or not being (Zeno), and that for anyone to innately know

anything of existence or morals (Socrates) in actuality is absurd, because you cannot know what the relative non-being is except that it is immortal. So leaders of the Emergent church today admit they cannot know what or who their god actually is. Any Existence becomes in actuality undefinable to them. ]]]

**It is of profound interest how this mentally incomprehensible and certifiably mentally insane "relative non-being" idea has influenced modern theology.**

**Augustine** (400 AD) who formulated all the doctrinal concepts of **Roman Catholicism** and **Calvinism**, defined "evil" in scripture as a state of "relative lack of Good," making evil as relative amounts of existing "non-good." So we have Catholics thinking all men are relatively good, and Calvinists (who accepted all of Augustine's teachings) thinking God directly created evil as a relative amount of non-good. Great mental giants have resulted, haven't they? In essence this teaches that evil doesn't actually exist as an entity. And some openly teach this unscriptural insanity, like Hank Hanegraaff, the so-called Bible Answer Man of Christian Research Institute.

Then we have over three centuries later, **Dispensationalism**, holding that God deals with mankind demanding a relative amount of Spirituality while on earth, ranging from Holiness of man to complete evil of man, each to be acceptable to Him for His Holy Eternal Heaven.

Additionally, we will later see in great detail how this "relative non-being" has given rise to the entire **Emerging church** in our latter days now on earth, of all men being relatively good, even as god, and all spirits as good.

These teachings of Plato easily formalized through the mystics through the centuries into now modern Emerging church teachings that **unseen spiritual forces are all good and of the universal good god in all men and women AND ALL THINGS.** This understanding, seeming to have started from the teachings of Plato, and later became an accumulation formalized later as **Neo-Platonism** by Plotinus (205-270 AD). This will be discussed later.

It is of interest that Wescott and Hort, authors of the Gnostic Revised Version of 1881, were great fans of Plato's writings.. Hort said, "Greek philosophy...seems full of precious truth" (Life of Hort, Vol 1, p 449). And Wescott even wrote an entire book (*Religious Thought in the West*), showcasing Plato, Aeschylus, Euripides, and Dionysius. Of course, it is through these two men that we now have the plethora of gnostic translations of the New Testament today.

Plato called God "One" and "the Good." Believed the planet "was endowed with life and reason." He viewed the universe or the individual..."as the instinctive power of which it is the expression...It strives necessarily toward unity—the unity of the single being or the unity of the sum of being." He believed "the universe is the thought of the universal mind or the One." Needless to say, Philo, Clement, Origen and now the present Emergent church have gone to a totally pagan position by this early philosophy of Plato.

Plato's dad was King of Athens. Given a grove of olive trees by Archimedes, a rich man, for Plato's school. Plato was concerned with "forms" of reconciliation between the

"is" and the "is becoming"; between being vs. becoming. This became a very extremely complicated consideration of "forms" of "**being**" vs "**becoming**," which became known as a "Dualism."

Concerning immortality, Plato (Socrates pupil) took Socrates excessively in his (Plato's) general theory of Forms or ideas. Plato taught that for every significant word, as man or square or goodness or justice, and so forth, there is a corresponding abstract Form or idea. He said these things are eternal, unchanging, in our minds. Further since the soul is the faculty of knowing, and since ideas or Forms are unchanging then immortality of soul is apparent. Life is incompatible with death and cannot be overcome by death, so our souls must exist somewhere in another existence. Our soul as the idea of life itself, is deathless and eternal, he concluded.

**Aristotle (384-322 BC)** Many, for some reason, said he is the most profound philosopher of all time. He answered Parmenides and Zeno's teaching about "what is, is," by simply saying, "**things differ in their being.**" He was Alexander the Great's tutor. [He actually utilized both inductive and deductive reasoning himself personally, as any person may do from childhood, as by innate mental gifts, we work between objects (deductively) and concepts (inductively), and how to relate to them in thinking.]

However, Aristotle originated a "form" or syllogism (a Form for general constructed propositions) of correct reasoning of general ideas to specific particular conclusions, which he called "*deductive*" reasoning. Deductive reasoning is proceeding from the general to the specific conclusion. This self-contrived, self constructed, "form" of argument, which anyone may invent for whatever consideration, as a "form" of argument for any circumstance, to demonstrate how to arrive at a valid conclusion, unfortunately became known as the study of logic. So people fallaciously say they are being logical when they construct a syllogism (the Form) to come to a conclusion with which they have themselves introduced (invented) from the first start of the construction toward their already preconceived conclusion.

We say unfortunately, this "form" in no way elicits *truth* of anything, but is only meant to demonstrate *valid* reasoning. *We think the world would be better off if Aristotle had never taught this at all.* Modern schools have unfortunately taught this deductive reasoning "form" from the general to the specific conclusion as a way to find truth, which is obviously and totally fallacious. This is in light of the scriptures and later philosophical "scientific method" of reasoning to find "*truth*," described much later by **Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626 AD)** only in *Cogitata et Visa* (1607) and finalized in *Novum Organum* (1620).

[[[ Bacon's, "*inductive*" method, led to the modern scientific revolution starting soon thereafter. Bacon's profound hatred of Aristotelian thinking led him to what became known as inductive reasoning, said to lead to the "truth" of a matter by a series of exclusions of possibilities utilizing valid provable existent "facts" and a series of exclusions of "facts" until one can arrive at a general "provable" conclusion, without any contradictions.

This "inductive" method is reasoning from the specific to the general conclusion, is exactly opposite from the Aristotelian method, from the general to the specific

conclusion. Truth can only be arrived or approximated by the inductive method which always allows improving and learning.

The deductive method only freezes the user into NO change or improvement or learning possible. Also, deduction can be demonstrated to consist of numerous contradictions, thereby, demonstrating its falsity of thinking. Unfortunately, if a person only has been taught to think deductively, they cannot possibly bring themselves to conceive that they are wrong. This is called **blindness**.

It is believed that it is this formalized "inductive" method that civilization was brought out of the Middle Ages, 400-1600 AD, into the Modern era of inventions and material progress by this "Scientific Method" of discerning Truth of reality of things and concepts. See an exhaustive *Hermeneutics in Doffun*, and a more concise explanation in Appendix E, *Let Us Reason*, in Doffun eBook. ]]]

Since Socrates, Plato, and finally even Aristotle's philosophies came to an impasse about life and dualism of "is vs. becoming," there came the darkening age of the Roman Empire.

**Roman Empire** insurgence, with revival of ancient pessimism and skepticism, resulted in two main Roman schools. These are the only two philosophies named in the NT scriptures.

**Epicureans**—refined Hedonism, with "highest good" is avoidance of pain and gaining of pleasure.

**Stoics**—a philosophical Ataraxia (Greek), a state of "imperturbability."

Despite some bright spots of Parmenides, Zeno, and Socrates simply considering a child's understandings, the two main philosophies of NT times, these two Roman philosophies were the results of the centuries of ancient pragmatism and skepticism of the heathens of all previous ancient philosophies.

During the Roman Empire, but only through the spot light of introduced Christianity, a subversive secret body of spiritual teaching was brought to light. This was Gnosticism.

## Gnosticism

**Gnosticism**—the origin of Gnosticism is problematic and not definite. Neoplatonists like Plotinus (205-270 AD) wrote about Gnostics existing, but little is ever recorded until Justin Martyr (100-162 AD) mentions them; Irenaeus in *Against Hereses (180-185 AD)* alluded to several schools in 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD; Hippolytus (died 235 AD) wrote seven volumes, *Refutation against all Heresies*, some relating to a total of 33 Gnostic groups; and Tertullian (155-230 AD) wrote *Against Valentinians*, as well as five books against Marcion; and Eusebius (300 AD), wrote an entire section of histories devoted to early Gnostics and their historical developments. These are mostly lost.

It is apparent that the New Testament epistles formulated means of detecting and combating this secretive and subtle teachings of Gnosticism present in that time. John's writings against Gnosticism are all through 1 John, particularly obvious in 1 John

4:2-4. And most all the modern translations from the Revised Version (1881) of Westcott and Hort are obviously Gnostic thereby.

All these writings now extant are only of derogatory details contrasting to Christian teachings. Because of no publishable clear writings available of a systematized teaching of Gnostics, and since they are only references to Gnostics, we have no real clear definition of what Gnosticism is clearly about as a uniform teaching. So not until 1945, when a cache of 4<sup>th</sup> century manuscripts near Nag Hammadi, Egypt, were found in an earthen jar, were any "Gnostic scripture" writings known. And it was not until 1977, that the full Nag Hammadi library finished translating the Coptic language into English, and these really are of little help also.

Until 1977, only early Christian church writers wrote against them as works of heresiologists to only refute Gnostic teachings to demonstrate their moral inferiority. There were perhaps twenty writings through history relating to Gnostic thinking, but no positive systematic writings by Gnostics themselves have ever been found even among the Nag Hammadi manuscripts. The Nag Hammadi library generally confirms that the heresiologists' summaries of Gnosticism give an accurate, albeit incomplete and polemical, portrayal of the movement, its beliefs and practices. The writings even of Nag Hammadi fail to give us a clear systematized teaching.

The Gnostics were a rather diverse group of early movements finding a basis within secret mysticisms (spiritual concepts), with the common thread being "gnosis" a divine spiritual knowledge, kept as a secret, and using extensive allegory and metaphors.

Perhaps the best way we have of understanding Gnosticism is through the more systematized teachings of Manicheanism and Zoroastrianism from ancient Persia, which teach that **all physical objects, including man, are inherently totally evil**. The only other systematized gnostic (mysticism) teaching is Neo-Platonism, which teaches that **all spirituals of whatever sort are only and totally good**.

Therefore, the two basic premises, we assume, of all of Gnosticism is that **ALL modern forms of Gnosticism have these these two principle threads by which any Gnostic presence can be discerned within any religious group. Here are two examples of these two threads of principle:**

- (1) **The physical material things in the world are all totally evil.** This understanding came from the Manichians and Zoroastrians from ancient Persia.

A prime example of Gnosticism in modern religion is Calvinism, taken directly from Augustine (400 AD) teachings. Augustine was a Manichean for 8-10 years before professing Christianity. **Manicheans believed natural man was totally evil in every action and physical being, or anything physical was evil.** Therefore, **anything physical was totally evil**, is not related to God by any means or understanding. Unfortunately, Luther and Calvin adopted **Augustine's teaching** (c. 400 AD) of the total spiritual inability of any aspect of natural man. Augustine was a devoted Manichean for eight

years before professing Christianity, and then conceptualized by all his writings all the concepts and doctrines of all Roman Catholicism since.

Hence, only a direct unconscious election, choosing of man by a lightening-like changing of all his soul, spirit and body, by his Creator God, without any choice or participation of man himself ever being possible in any manner. Hence, **John Calvin** (1534 AD, a former Roman Catholic) taking everything from Augustine [according to Calvin, he never wrote anything that Augustine had not already written, even quoting Augustine over 400 times] proposed what later became formalized as TULIP by the Council of Dort (1618-1619). TULIP is **Total inability (depravity) of man**, >>>**Unconditional** election, >>>**Limited** atonement, >>>**Irresistible** grace, and >>>**Perseverance** of saints, because of their supernatural total permanent change needed from the beginning. Hence, no understanding of faith, believing, or repentance known or needed. As Parmenides might say, "whatever is zapped, is." Of course, it is.

It is of interest when applying Zeno's Law of Non-contradiction to these **Calvinist teachings**, derived from ancient Manichean *pagan* understandings of a pagan god (having only sovereignty, immutability, omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience, and spiritual), with these god characteristics only. To our understanding of a *non-pagan* **Creator God governed by Attributes** of selfless Love, exclusive Truth, pure moral Holiness, with simultaneous perfect contingent combining Wisdom governing His Characteristics as a God, we find TULIP doctrines so totally contradictory to these Attributes that their falsity becomes quite apparent to a little child (Socrates).

Who but a totally TULIP high Calvinist would be so morally incompetent (pagan) to say that God shows his Truth and Holiness of His Justice by sending most, without being given any choice, to eternal hell, while showing His selfless Love by sending others, also without any choice, to Heaven. And This is what they teach. But it doesn't pass a little child's smell test. "That's not fair!!"

Amazingly, when old time Calvinists (and one or two left today) speak or write (when they are not high on TULIP) about God's Holiness and righteousness and our necessary walk in Holiness and righteousness, they are helpful. Indeed, the few left seem to be the only ones in popular writings concerning our necessary walk in Holiness and righteousness if we want to see God.

The overwhelming number of Dispensationalists today, who don't think you have to be good to go to Heaven because of there being such a thing as "carnal" Christians, in their doctrines, are worthless listening to concerning any doctrines whatsoever. And, of course, those in the Emerging church teachings are totally demon driven, and much more than the totally demon blinded Dispensationalists. One can easily see the progression of the Satan's continuing evil work at the tree of knowledge (seminaries and bible schools) today.

**(2) The unseen spiritual forces are all good and of the universal good god, they say in the Emerging church.** This understanding, seeming to have

started from the teachings of Plato, came from an accumulation formalized as **Neo-Platonism** by Plotinus (205-270 AD). His mystical (metaphysical) writings have inspired centuries of pagan, Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Gnostic mystics. He taught that there was a Demiruge or nous as a world-soul emanating and permeating everything. It is simultaneously, both thought and being, idea and world.

In early New Testament times Gnosticism from these two ancient sources of **Manicheanism** and **NeoPlatonism** teaches that Jesus is flesh physical man, but the Christ is a *spirit* Demiruge, who only appeared to be physical, but never could actually inhabit any human, an evil physical being. This is highlighted in 1 John 4:2-3.

**NOW, these**  
**Ancient Gnostic Modern-day Teachings in Christianity**  
**are causing massive changes throughout the world.**

**Notice What Gnosticism Secretly Did to Our Thinking**

**(1) First, Future Supporting Scriptural Perversions.** Thereby, we have all the modern antichrist translations today, since the Gnostic, Theosophical Society (1881) approved version by Madame Blavatsky, the 1881 RSV by Westcott and Hort, deletes "Christ came in the flesh," in 1 Jn 4:2-3; and changed the phrase "faith of Jesus Christ" to their faith (own mental notations) to their "faith in Jesus Christ."

All mankind after 1960 quickly accepts that these modern ideas in the new perversions are exactly theirs, and they can more easily understand them, therefore. Hence, they become now as gods within the universal god-force, so that their faith is their own thinking or trusting in a universal savior only. The modern Emerging church teaches exactly these things. They reject the need for repentance, the rejecting of themselves and self-ruling as sin, and committing themselves to the ruling Lordship of their one Creator God, Jesus Christ, in obedience to His written Word and His Holy Spirit.

By this teaching, Christ was NOT united in flesh nature of man as one *hypostasis* (*Christ being fully man and fully God in same body*), and did NOT die as God-flesh man, Christ Jesus, to take our flesh natures to the grave, to then, Justly, be able to give us (cleansed vessels) His own resurrection Holy Spirit Life indwelling us, if we would repent and commit ourselves to His Lordship for eternity.

It is by this antichrist RSV, 1881, invention by combining two extremely contradictory and rejected Gnostic Alexandrian Greek texts, the (Aleph) Sinaiticus and (Beta) Vaticanus, into one, from which most all the modern-day translations are taken.

**(2) Second, Supporting Perverse Atonement by Jesus Christ.** Additionally, it may be now understood that even the Augustinian (Roman Catholic), Manichean tainted teachings, by continued pagan affinities continuing in Roman Catholic practices and

worship, gave rise to explaining the Atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross.. These concepts caused Anselm (Roman Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury) in 1098 AD to propose in his book, *Cur Deus Homo* (Why God Became Man), the universal unscriptural false teaching, even today, of what happened at Calvary's cross, called Penal Substitutionary Atonement.

This Penal Substitutionary Atonement is nowhere found in the **Greek** New Testament, but is universally considered orthodox teaching in modern times. This is now basic orthodoxy by both the Calvinists and Dispensationalists today. By this understanding that man is totally evil, even in his physical body, Anselm said that His innocent sinless Son, Jesus Christ, suffered torture on the cross by the Wrath of His Loving Just Father, for the sins of all in the world, past, present, and future.

Therefore, any who believe (trust in His death only as their Savior, not as their Lord) are guaranteed Heaven. Further, this could only be achieved by a legal act of God, since man has no possibility of being righteous or Holy acceptable to God by any other means imaginable on this earth, they say. So his salvation can only be achieved by a legal act of God, that it is established. This they call God's free and unmerited grace to man. This is the influence of Gnostic Manichaeism even in modern false doctrines rabidly espoused today.

Only a very few have ever heard of anything else (like Arminianism, Wesleyanism of Hugo Grotius, and what the early church itself taught in the scriptures), concerning Christ's true clear and plain scripturally taught means of reconciling us to His Father in Holy and righteous living while here on earth. It is absolutely amazing that very few people have ever understood the very plain reason, purpose, and means of our Lords reconciliation of us to Him, in Holiness and righteousness of us while still in this life, because it is so plainly and clearly described by the Apostles in all their writings. Paul's Book of Roman's is the magnum describing it, and what Christ's indwelling faith is. People today must not read the Bible as a little child does.

For complete explanation of God's clear and plain scripturally described "Holy Government Atonement," see Doffun's menu on homepage, *3. Fundamental Integration, Justification/Sanctification*, then **Justification – Teachings Today** and then also see **Sanctification – Scriptures**. Also, after these see the **whole section on Atonement**.

It is by this true and only plain and clear scriptural means of our Restoration (At-one-ment) to our Heavenly Father while Living here on earth through the indwelling of His Righteous Son (faith) in us that we are being saved today, to live obedient Holy and righteous Lives on earth in our Lord Jesus Christ, even before getting to Heaven.

Indeed, upon examination, the Penal Substitution Atonement taught by all corrupted churches today by their so-called scholars, provides no means whatsoever (**found in scripture**) of receiving saving faith (Holy Spirit) indwelling, nor of actual experiencing being among the chosen through Holiness of Spirit and faith of Truth (2 Thess 2:13 and 1 Peter 1:2), nor of making us cleansed vessels for His Spiritual possession, nor any means of making our works in any way meritorious or pleasing to Him, nor of any

means of having an assembly of his saints, Holy ones, to be led or ruled by their only and one Eternal Lord, and so forth and so forth.

Penal Substitution is all a teaching of men, originating in 1098 AD by a Roman Catholic. It is not supported or found in Greek scriptures in any manner, and only one extremely poorly translated verse, 2 Cor 5:21, by inserting critical English words not found in the Greek text to change the whole meaning in the KJV and all subsequent modern versions.

But today, only a few are left in the world that understand the plain Greek scriptures or even the errant Calvinist English KJV scriptures in any manner, despite all the guerrilla dust of so-called scholars blinded by centuries of errant dead English Calvinism and then TOTALLY evil Dispensationalism for past century. Not to mention ITS NOW EVOLVED totally satanic final apostasy (2000 AD) called the Emergent church with all its ancient world-wide pagan mysticisms now being openly said to be the "best way to experience god" by Calvinists and Dispensationalists alike.

**(3) Third, Supporting Hierarchy of Ruling Men.** Ancient Gnosticism even in the Apostles days widely taught that the very special "gnosis" or knowledge of the secret spiritual mysteries were only understood by only certain special spiritual men, called the "spirituals," while all the lower ones in understanding were called "initiates." This division of two classes concerning spiritual understanding became subtly continued in the so-called Christians churches after Emperor Constantine (313 AD) made Christianity legal for the first time and combined the Christian worship and the pagan worships as being co-equals in the same "Christian church," officiated over by himself as "Vicar of Christ" (substitute Christ) and Pontifex Maximus for the pagans. For the first time, also, Christians were allowed to meet in buildings called churches legally throughout the Roman empire, and about 75 years later the Roman Emperor make Christianity the only State religion throughout the Empire but instituted so-called "Bishops" (overseers in Greek) in the churches to be sure the government was in control.

**(a) Nicolaitanism** Of little wonder now in all the centuries later, we have an instituted hierarchy of rulers in ALL churches called pastors, Bishops, priests, Pontifex Maximus' called popes, and not least, special higher scholars to instruct in the higher understandings that the common "initiates" cannot understand. So the churches all have a hierarchy of ruling class which our sacred scriptures call, Nicolaitans, which the Apostles exemplified and taught against and Christ himself exemplified and taught against and said, He also hated. See article, Nicolaitanism, under New Testament Greek for complete scriptures on it, and what to do about it.

**(b) Dispensationalism** Then in 1918, Protestant Gnosticism became fully in-your-face by cofounder of Dallas Theological Seminary (the center for Dispensationalism throughout the world), Lewis Sperry Chafer, who in 1918 wrote a book, "He That Is Spiritual." In this book, for the first time in history, he stated that Christianity is composed of two classes of Christians, both, however, are destined to Heaven for Eternity. They are the "Spiritual Christians," who have dedicated their living to God, having obtained higher learning in spiritual things, and, of course, they are our church leaders to lead the churches. The others are called "carnal Christians" who are much less knowledgeable about spiritual things and may even live and sin like any other worldly person, but will be destined to Heaven, regardless also.

**Notice the red numbering, illustrating the satan's mocking Biblical Numerics.**

**After, the 1881 Gnostic satanist approved Revised Perversion of the scriptures,** SUPPORTING Gnosticism over the past 100 years in the USA we had Dispensationalism teaching that there are two kind of Christians (starting in 1918, by cofounder of Dallas Theological Seminary), never before know in all of Christendom. **(1)** Restoring Ancient Gnosticism with both the "carnal" Christians, acting like all the other people in the world, and the "spiritual" ones. Number one in Biblical numerics represents **"Unity."** **(2)** Nicolaitan leaders. Two, represents **"Union or Division."** Also, Dispensationalism teaches the **(3)** Gnostic Penal Substitution Atonement. Three representing by Biblical numerics, **"Divine Completeness and Perfection."** Then **(4)** repentance is not necessary. Four means, **"Relating to man and the world."** And **(5)** you don't have to be "good" to go to Heaven. All possessing universal god-spirit, all the carnal Christians go to Heaven, ( achieved by only a one time simple trust in Jesus (the human), as your savior only, may disregard His Lordship (the exalted Christ, the Spiritual). Lord is just His title, they say.

The Counterfeiting by the satan is shown by five representing in Biblical numerics **"God's grace or God's good method of saving us."** Here it is shown to be a total perversion, through Dispensational "grace regardless" teachings of salvation.

**(c) Emergent church** Now we have the pagan instituted position of rulers within the churches (Nicolaitans) and the two classes of so-called Christians, called the "carnal" and the "Spiritual," with the spiritual ones being also the higher scholars to explain God to the dumb carnal ones. This is the full two-class Ancient Gnosticism, in-your-face. This caused considerable objection by many writers until about 1950's. But now who notices, and who cares. Total Dispensational corruption now rules, bringing us to now accept even the ancient pagan mysticism of the Emerging church today.

Deceived spiritually blind pastors throughout the country have for the past 10-20 years been trained by evil men to **(6)** reject from their churches those that are insisting on holding to doctrines and traditional worship styles in their churches. Six represents **"Man's Weakness and Satan's Evil."** Also, they are to change the entire church **(7)** to make it world friendly (again, after all, the universal god-spirit is in all people and the world) both in practices (dress, music, food services, games, etc.) and fellowship methods by cancelling even, if necessary, Sunday morning worship services to do away with all traditional religious forms that hinder evangelism of bringing the world into the church. Seven represents **"Completeness and Spiritual Perfection."**

Incredibly, millions of people and thousands of pastors have been swept into their world wide Eastern mysticism practices and extremely liberal and worldly church practices.

After 20 years (since 1990, when Post-Modern Era started with Clinton Administration), we now have a multitude of evil workers. **(8)** We now have all pagan mysticisms, most especially Hindu and Buddhist and Catholic meditation practices held as "the best way to experience God" (says Chuck Swindoll, former president of Dallas Theological Seminary, a Dispensationalist). Eight in Biblical numerics represents, **"New Beginning."**

And this movement teaches that **(9)** "God is all, God in all, and inclusiveness for all." Nine, represents "**Divine Completeness.**"

**(10)** Makes no difference what religion you are of or no religion at all, we are all one as part of the universal spirit of god in us all and we can bring in universal world peace, as we all become united in our spiritual brotherhood, they say. Ten represents "**Law and Responsibility.**" **(11)** But this will only be realized after all Fundamentalist Christians are eliminated (killed), they teach (Barbara Max Hubbard, a Democratic Caucus meeting leader, 2008 ). Eleven is the Biblical numeric meaning of "**Judgment and Disorder.**" And this world wide movement is now called the Emergent church.

**(12)** And now ANY spiritual practices or spirits are accepted as spirit help or guides or as god himself speaking to them in their Eastern pagan meditations. Twelve is the Biblical numeric meaning of "**Governmental Perfection.**" And so now these false christians are going even farther in their perversions. It is called the Emergent church. **Ancient Gnosticism is going to rule in these later days, (13)** Preparing for the satanist's expected "coming one." The full completed "**Depravity and Rebellion,**" represented by thirteen in Biblical numerics.

One can perceive the counterfeiting of the satan in this admittedly contrived order of, nevertheless, **very True occurrences of events already present in these last days**, represented in Biblical numerics. For Biblical Numerics, we have referred among others to, *Biblical Mathematics, Keys to Scripture Numerics*, by Ed. F. Vallowe, and to *Numbers in Scripture*, by E. W. Bullinger.

**(4) Finally, Anything Spiritual is Acceptable and Good.** Ancient Gnosticism by its false understandings **that any spiritual experience is "good," since all spirits are only of a universal spiritual god pervading all**, is seen to lend itself to all mysticisms (any spiritual concepts). Therefore, **any religion relating to spiritual forces** of whatever sort can become corrupted by this Gnostic concept **of any spiritual influence can only be good.**

By this, all doctrines of any religion are out the window. Their only teaching is that **ALL spirits are good and true and are ALL are helpful, so "help yourself" by whatever means to "experience" them.**

Hopefully, we can see that this Gnosticism today is the satan's antichrist preparation in these last days. It effectively denies our Lord's Restoration of us as needed, by His death and resurrection, and removes us from all His guidance by the Holy Spirit to guide us into all TRUTH and Holiness given in His Word of Perfect and Pure scripture *doctrines (teachings)*.

**Mysticism** We must understand that the term "*mysticism*" is any experience of communion with God or His Spirit, ultimate reality, and insight into spiritual truths.

Therefore, any religious group (necessarily mystical) can be infected and totally corrupted by Gnosticism because of this one teaching. This is why we have so-called Christian Gnosticism (an oxymoron), Jewish Gnosticism, Hindu Gnosticism, etc. Mysticism (any religion) allows a universal entrance to Gnosticism by this second thread of "anything spiritual is only good."

Gnosticism, however, teaches that EVERYTHING is based upon any KIND OF SPIRITUAL experience to be had by any humans wishing to experience it. Gnosticism teaches this "experience" may not relate to "supposed" necessary doctrines (teachings), but only to "experience" a universal god filling all creation. This is pure ancient Gnosticism today in so-called modern "c"hristianity.

**Religion** Just being a religion (the organization of one's life according to a form of ultimacy and transcendence to provide norms for the rest of one's life) can allow people to remove themselves from doctrines of any kind to experience "god" only, regardless of whatever religion they may be—except for true exclusive Christianity. Everyone, without realizing it or not, has a religion.

In fact, this ancient Gnosticism of so-called Emergent christianity today, is simply the perfection of humanism, worship of humanity. Self is experiencing god. Self is god, and self is a god of forces, permeating all of the cosmos. "In the day you eat thereof, ye shall become gods," the second of the rebel's lies and final plan clearly stated in The Garden.

This dealing with spiritual forces finds itself in most all religions of any god. Humanism, a religion, does not have a god, other than beholding self as god.

"Arnold Toynbee, after studying civilizations across the whole span of history, concluded that self-worship was the paramount religion of mankind, although it appeared in various guises" (Seduction of Christianity, by Dave hunt and T.A. McMahon).

**Gnosticism permeates all religions** Therefore, under this guise of all spirits are good, we have Sufism of Islam, Kabbalah of Judaism, Vedanta and Kashmir Shaivism of Hinduism, Yoga of Indian Hinduism and Buddhism, Shintoism, Contemplative meditation of Roman Catholics and of the pagan Emerging church, and passively allowing a spiritual power possessing person to lay hands upon you as in Pentecostalism, and Pentecostal uncontrollable behavior of laughing, barking, and being slain in the spirit unconscious, and anytime one of any spiritual persuasion privately makes his mind passive to experience spiritual guides communicating, or someone laying hands on you to prophesy over you, or even to Jesus Christ appearing to him, or to experience soul migration out of body experiences to distant places or times by self hypnotic methods. These are all in the unspoken acceptance that "all spiritual forces are only good."

We can now see that **(1) ancient Gnosticism is now the main spiritual principle used to prepare all people for the one world government and the antichrist appearing.** And the two lies in the garden of Eden have prepared them by, **(2)** "Ye will not surely die," if you disobey God, and **(3)** "Ye will become gods yourselves."

Most all so-called "c"hristianity today is now, "At last, I can just experience god my way, by yoga, meditative practices, icon, candles, labyrinths, christian rock music, praise singing, etc. I am so blessed by it all. This so much better than all the legalism of any doctrines," they say.

After all, the past 110 years of Dispensationalism in the USA has taught them, "Isn't grace wonderful, I don't have to try to be good to go to Heaven. So what is so wrong with trying to experience god by whatever method works for me in whatever religion?"

**This is the level of understanding** that most **ALL** people **NOW** have **TODAY**. They were being prepared by the satan (rebellor) for just this understanding for centuries. Also, today their god is a rock-n-roll dude who likes to have a good time. We only have a few years now until he appears with great power (dunamis) and lying wonders (miracles), and all the world will worship him.

## Heathen or Pagan

**Heathen**—one who is uncivilized, not acquainted with civilizations or religions of the civilized modern world.

**Pagan**—a former definition (by dictionary statement), also ours, is: being a non-Christian. But we go farther specifically, saying pagan is not a follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Apostles as recorded in Textus Receptus Scriptures in Greek.

Today, since 1881, pagan is defined today by 1 John 4:3, deleting entirely "Christ is come in the flesh," and stating "our faith in Jesus Christ," instead of "the faith of Jesus Christ." **The spirit of antichrist in our churches today is pagan.** Thus we have all the ancient pagan religions accepted as equally profitable within the **Emergent church**.

Today, pagan comes with as many definitions as people you ask, since most have an antichrist Bible today, and know little even then about anything Biblical. They are all deductive blinded thinkers of the satan, easily deceived by the Emergent church which hates teachings (doctrines) of Biblical scripture and any Biblical prophecies of the future. They openly despise and ridicule them.

Because of this the Emergent church promotes only the most corrupted translations for their reading and quotations and promotes and teaches all pagan mysticisms of Buddhism, Hinduism, Sufisms, Roman Catholic mysticisms and worships, and any spooks and goblins thinkable. It is a world-wide collection of all religious mysticism to unite all peoples of the world under a universal "god-force" arising from within the so-called Christian church, soon to worship the predicted "coming one" by satanist, Alice Bailey. They teach any spirit is a good spirit.

**Pantheism**—the material universe is god. God is swallowed up in the unity of it all. *God is the whole.* IT all is god, as basic reality and the way god appears. God or a group of gods is identical with the whole natural world. Everything in natural world is a god.

**Panentheism**—"I am god," then "I am a co-creator with god," then "I am god expressing." **The whole is in god. The cosmos exists within god. This universal animating force is god, who is also transcendent beyond all things,** with many attributes, including intelligence. **This is what the satan declares, that he is god himself.** And then the world of mankind will say, "And we are now all gods ourselves as united within the pure universal transcendent **god-force,**" Everything is god-force.

This concept of panentheism, "experiences" by Contemplative spirituality, is now the entire driving basis of **the Emerging church's worldwide unity by ancient pagan Contemplative spirituality.**

**"In the end the contemplative suffers the anguish of realizing that HE NO LONGER KNOWS WHAT GOD IS.** He may or may not mercifully realize that, after all, this is a great gain, because 'God is not a what,' not a 'thing.' This is precisely one of the essential characteristics of contemplative experience. **It sees that there is no 'what' that can be called God"** (p. 13). (Thomas Merton, *The New Seeds of Contemplation*, p. 13)

Bob DeWaay (an opposing Calvinist) writes the following in *The Emergent Church: Undefined Christianity*. **(Quote)**

McLaren [of the Emergent church] writes, "In this way of seeing, God stands ahead of us in time, at the end of the journey, sending to us in waves, as it were, the gift of the present, an inrush of the future that pushes the past behind us and washes over us with a ceaseless flow of new possibilities, new options, new chances to rethink and receive new direction, new empowerment."<sup>8</sup> Here is Pagitt's version of it:

God is constantly creating anew. And God also, invites us to be re-created and join the work of God as co-(re)creators. . . . Imagine the Kingdom of God as the creative process of God reengaging in all that we know and experience. . . . When we employ creativity to make this world better, we participate with God in the recreation of the world.<sup>9</sup>

These writers often refer to "God's dream." Apparently they mean that God imagines an ideal future for the world that we can join and help actualize. When this dream becomes reality in the future, it will be the Kingdom of God.

This series of providential events in my life worked together to help me accurately understand **a movement that works very hard to stay undefined**. Definitions draw boundaries. Definitions are static. But definitions are necessary in order for us to understand anything. With no defined categories we would be hopeless human beings because, for example, we need our rational minds and valid categories to distinguish between food and poison. **Definitions are valid, and no amount of philosophical legerdemain can change that reality.**

Definitions, to their way of thinking, impede the process of the “tractor beam” of redemption they are experiencing. They consider definitions too “foundationalist,” as we will discuss in a later chapter. I believe that I can now define the Emergent Church movement more accurately because I understand what they believe.

The Emergent Church movement is an association of individuals linked by one very important, key idea: that God is bringing history toward a glorious kingdom of God on earth **without future judgment.** (Unquote)

**This quote explains much about the Emergent church’s gnostic mysticism.**

They avoid any definitions describing them, and they hate any Biblical prophecies that clearly predict their specific and sure end to their world and denies their universal salvation for all. They are **violently angry** at any who would think about Biblical prophecies. From where does the anger come? **Rick Warren says that those who focus on Bible Prophecy are “Not fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.”** (LighthouseTrailsResearch.com)

They little realize (blinded) that the Kingdom of Heaven is not of this world of their satan, which includes these demonic driven Emergent followers of the antichrist, which our Lord intends to remove during His “Wrath of God,” before there can be His Kingdom on earth.

Therefore, the Purpose Driven kingdom of their god **cannot allow Bible prophecy**, and condemns those who study and teach it. Their god doesn’t want people to be warned of the judgment coming upon them. The apostle Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, had a different view than these Emergent antichrists in these latter days. He writes:

**“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts” (II Peter 1:19).**

See <http://www.lighthouse Trails research.com/blog/?p=3801>

## Christianity

A strict, fundamental, Christian commentary of all these Contemplative experiences, would confess them as the work of demons or entering demon domains in such people, opening themselves to such “mysticism” while denying Christian doctrines which would show the falsity in their practice. Also, Christianity teaches that our Creator is a being totally separated from all His created objects and spirit possessing creations as man and Angels. He is not just a universal transcendent “god-force” in all beings and things, as in panentheism of the ancient Gnostic Emerging church.

Christians are all mystics, of Spiritual understandings and practices, in relating to Father God, His Holy Spirit, and His Son Jesus Christ, by His faith indwelling, and our understanding of His Holy Angels, by our prayers, our Spirit led walk, and so forth. **But by His doctrines (teachings)** we are protected from the opposing kingdom of the satan's evil spirits and their powers in endeavoring to counterfeit God's Spiritual Kingdom with the ancient Gnostic Panentheistic teachings of the Emergent church in these latter days.

It is by these Biblical scriptural doctrines (teachings) and the Holy Spirit that we are protected from the satan's Gnostic (mystical) teachings of "any spirit is good," in these latter days especially. Remember, Paul said,

"Take heed **unto thyself**, and **unto the doctrine**; continue in them: **for in doing this** thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim 4:16).

**Christianity—the coming of Jesus Christ as Creator God Himself**, as teacher of His Kingdom vs. the kingdom of this world of the satan. His Life offered to man and His teachings saved civilization from immediate heathenism and the future empty religions of pagan polytheisms of all imaginable types today. He taught that He and all His Apostles taught only absolute Truth applying to all people, things, and relationships; relating not only for man's life now but for Eternity.

**Jesus Christ answered all the ancient philosophical questions** of obvious dualism, is vs. is becoming, and it's solution, and what absolute final Truth (true reality of all things) actually is, and how it can be obtained in an individual's realization and living.

It is said that Christianity, as offered by Christ and His Apostles in the scriptures, is the answer to the philosophical seeking of mankind, since **it is dealing with concepts pertaining to ultimate methods and means with which man's mind may come to a conceptual true understanding of all objects and conceptions that are surrounding him and also about himself.** To express it for a little child, "Our Lord answers all the causes and laws of reality (the way things really are, as only He knows them and explains them in His written Word)." Philosophy ended with Jesus Christ's teachings, answering all questions.

One could argue that any religion could offer the same thing. But this is not true, since by even ancient philosophy, all religions except true Christianity are self-contradictory (Zeno) and require a person to reject his own child possessing reasoning and innate mental understanding of what is evident since his birth (perceived by Socrates at the beginning), like distinct self-identity, non-contradiction as Truth (Parmenides and Zeno). like innate understanding of good or bad, and looking at creation by a distinct intelligent Being outside himself, as every little child perceives. A person must reject all obviously false religions on the basis of God-given understandings as a natural child, and also the same evident doctrines so acceptable to a child reading the Bible. Modern scholars are not children.

I may take all the powers of Heaven for a worldly educated, deductive thinking adult to understand what is written to a little child (naturally inductive thinking) in the scriptures.

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Col 2:8). Not that philosophy considerations are bad in themselves, as we have demonstrated, but we also demonstrate how “evil philosophy” (Plato, Plotinus, Origen, Eusebius, etc., for instance) is spoiling all mankind in these latter days.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ (Col 2:8).

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called (1 Tim 6:17). And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and Eternal Life (1 John 5:20).

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 shewed it unto them.**

**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

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** (Rom 1:18-22).

**In Christianity**—God is external and always eternally separate in being from all his created universe of things and creatures, whether physical or spiritual. Even when the Spirit of God enters and unites with man’s separated-from-God-spirit at birth-from-above. Our regenerated spirit is everywhere in NT called, the Mind of Christ, or indwelling God or Holy Spirit within man, Himself always separate from natural man’s soul (mind, emotions, and will) and body and flesh nature.

**Theism**—a god that is actively contingently acting and interacting in all affairs of man as he sees appropriately to accomplish the most good in the entire world among all interactions of man simultaneously.

**Deism**—a god who created the world, but left the scene and doesn’t interact with it in any way; meaning no answered prayers, no miracles, no revelations, no teachings or leadings, no indwelling, no spiritual interaction of any kind or manner.

## **Examples of modern Gnostic antichrist English translations—revealing themselves in verse 3 of 1 John 4:2-3.**

**Alexandrian Egypt Greek texts of ancient Gnostic mysticism denies that Christ came in flesh.**

1 John 4:2-3

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 And every spirit that **confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is not of God:

**KJV** Also preserves "faith of Jesus Christ," Rom 3:22, Gal 3:22, etc.

1 John 4:2-3

2 Hereby ye know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses Jesus Christ come in flesh is of God;

3 and every spirit which does not confess Jesus **Christ come in flesh** is not of God: and this is that [power] of the antichrist, [of] which ye have heard that it comes, and now it is already in the world.

**Darby** Also preserves "faith of Jesus Christ," Rom 3:22, Gal 3:22, etc.

1 John 4:2-3

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus **Christ has come in the flesh** is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

**NKJV** The NKJV, however, like ALL the modern Gnostic translations, regardless of which one, says only "Faith in Jesus Christ," and has many more Gnostic changes.

1 John 4:2-3

2 This is how you can recognize God's Spirit: Every person who declares that Jesus Christ has come as a human has the Spirit that is from God.

3 But every person who **doesn't declare that Jesus Christ has come as a human** has a spirit that isn't from God.

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1 John 4:2-3

2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

**NIV**

1 John 4:2-3

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God

**NASU**

1 John 4:2-3

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 and every spirit that confesseth not Jesus is not of God:

**ASV**

1 John 4:2-3

2 and you can know which ones come from God. His Spirit says that Jesus Christ had a truly human body.

3 But when someone doesn't say this about Jesus, you know that person has a spirit that doesn't come from God and is the enemy of Christ

CEV

1 John 4:2-3

every spirit which acknowledges that Yeshua the Messiah came as a human being is from God,

3 and every spirit which does not acknowledge Yeshua is not from God

CJB **Contemporary Jewish Bible**

1 John 4:2-3

2 By this is the spirit of God known. Every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God:

3 And every spirit that dissolveth Jesus, is not of God

**Douay-Rheims**

1 John 4:2-3

By this you may have knowledge of the Spirit of God: every spirit which says that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God:

And every spirit which does not say this is not from God: this is the spirit of Antichrist, of which you have had word; and it is in the world even now.

BBE **Bible in Basic English**

1 John 4:2-3

2 every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God;

**NASBU New American Standard Bible Updated**

1 John 4:2-3

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God

**NASB**

1 John 4:2-3

2 This is how you can recognize God's Spirit. One spirit says, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ who came to earth and became a man." That Spirit is from God.

3 Another spirit refuses to say this about Jesus. That spirit is not from God. This is the spirit of the enemy of Christ

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1 John 4:2-3

2 The test by which you may recognize the Spirit of God is that every spirit which acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come as man is from God,  
3 and that no spirit is from God which does not acknowledge this about Jesus. Such is the spirit of the anti-Christ; of w

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1 John 4:2-3

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1 John 4:2-3

every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,  
3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God

**ESV** English Standard Version

1 John 4:2-3

2 This is how you will be able to know whether it is God's Spirit: anyone who acknowledges that Jesus Christ came as a human being has the Spirit who comes from God.

3 But anyone who denies this about Jesus does not have the Spirit from God.

**GNT** Good News Translation

1 John 4:2-3

2 This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

3 But every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God

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1 John 4:1-3

2 and the way to find out if their message is from the Holy Spirit is to ask: Does it really agree that Jesus Christ, God's Son, actually became man with a human body? If so, then the message is from God.

3 If not, the message is not from God

**TLB** The Living Bible

1 John 4:2-3 Everyone who confesses openly his faith in Jesus Christ — the Son of God, who came as an actual flesh-and-blood person — comes from God and belongs to God.

3 And everyone who refuses to confess faith in Jesus has nothing in common with God

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1 John 4:2-3

every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

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**NASB New American Standard Bible**

1 John 4:2-3

Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ came to earth as a human is from God.  
3 And every spirit who refuses to say this about Jesus is not from God.

**NCV** New Century Version

1 John 4:2-3

Every spirit that confesses Jesus as the Christ who has come in the flesh is from God,  
3 but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God  
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**Translation**

1 John 4:2-3

If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God.

3 But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God.

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REV 22:7, 12-14

BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: **BLESSED IS HE THAT IS KEEPING THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS,,BOOK,**.....

AND, BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY; **AND MY REWARD IS WITH ME, TO GIVE EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HIS WORK SHALL BE.** (obedience to faith of Christ in you or by self-directed dead works)

(NEVER is a plural for reward found in Greek New Testament !!)  
Could it be that the reward is Heaven itself ?

**Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.**

**\*\*See Parable, Matt 20:1-16, The Workers in the Vineyard.**

I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE FIRST AND THE LAST.

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT **DO** HIS COMMANDMENTS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY.