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"Blessed be the LORD God of Israel; For He hath visited and redeemed His people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scadinavian people are ISRAEL!

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THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION Pt 3

This study in four parts, demonstrates that the particular doctrine of salvation taught today in most Judeo-Christian churches comes -from heathen sources and not from the Christ-

It may be discouraging, initially, to learn hat the teachings we received as children growing up in our denominational churches were not Christian in origin. It may even make some folks angry. But the truth is, the rituals that Judeo-Christians go through to "get saved" are more pagan than Christian in nature. Furthermore, after the people participate in the salvation rituals (works they must do to "be saved" - prescribed by their church or preacher) they are more confused and more lost than they were before.

Lord, deliver us from shepherds who devour the flock! Concerning dishonest leaders Jeremiah said:

"if they (the shepherds) had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them rom their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." Jeremiah 23:22

This is an important scripture with a very important principle: a truism. It declares that if the preachers speak God's word, then the people will turn from their evil way. It doesn't say that they might turn; but that they WILL turn! This simple principle is immutable.

However, today there are more preachers doing more preaching than ever before in the history of mankind - yet the people are not turning to God. If only a small percentage of these men were really speaking "God's words," then the people would turn from their evil according to the immutable principle of Jeremiah 23.

Logically then, since our people have NOT turned from their evil ways, it can only mean that the preachers are not causing the people to hear "God's words." Anyone can understand that simple logic.

Therefore, we have a great problem today. It is called "organized religion." These

are the churches and denominations which promote false doctrines of salvation. Organized (Churchianity) religion America's may be greatest adversary today.

First, the challenge is to find our own way out of it, and then we must help others escape. It's a great challenge because they (and we) are constantly bombarded with false doctrines and ideas - over and over and over again.

Preachers would have us believe that we must "save souls from hell" by getting people in church. However, the truth is that we are not called to "save souls from hell," nor get them into churches. We are called to battle error and hopelessness (sin) by the Word

In 1st Peter 3:15 we are told to equip ourselves with truth - not to "save people from an eternal burning hell" but to edify and help our brother:

"But sactify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.'

This leads us to ask: "If the words from today's preachers are not God's words, then whose words are they? If they are not God's words, how can they possibly convey God's true 'salvation'? If a particular 'salvation' is not from the God of Israel, then from where did it originate? What kind of salvation are Judeo-Christian preachers teaching? The Bible warns us of "another Jesus," "another spirit," and "another gospel." This means that there are other "christs" and other "salvations" being held out to us! Each religion has its own "christ" and its own "savior."

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the

serpent (false prophet) beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

For if he (any false prophet) that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another

spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well tolerate it." 2 Cor. 11:3-4.

Paul feared that we would tolerate false prophets teaching strange doctrines of salvation. We are surrounded by strange "christs." Paganism is being adopted as Christianity in America's churches! Manly P. Hall compiled a book on paganism titled THE SECRET TEACHINGS OF ALL AGES. In the chapter titled THE ANCIENT MYSTERIES AND SECRET SOCIETIES, he writes:

"Sun worship played an important part in nearly all the early pagan Mysteries. The Solar Deity was usually personified as a beautiful youth, with long golden hair to symbolize the rays of the sun (Notice the solar disc behind the head of christ in religious drawings. It is usually called a halo). This golden Sun God (christ/savior) was slain by wicked ruffians who personified the evil principle of the universe (much the "me as Jesus crucified by the Pharisees).

J means of certain rituals and ceremonies, symbolic of purification and regeneration, is wonderful God of Good was brought back to life and became the Savior of His people (much the same as the resurrection of Jesus).



"Deo Invicto Mitrae" (The Unconquered Mithras) carved on a second-century pillar now in an English museum. The light rays (halo) beaming from his head appear as spikes—similar to the Statue of Liberty.

The Mysteries were organized for the purpose of assisting the struggling human creature to reawaken the spiritual powers which, surrounded by the flaming ring of lust and degeneracy, lay asleep within his soul (doctrine of "immortal soul"). In other words, man was offered a way by which he could REGAIN HIS LOST ESTATE (return to Edenic perfection). (My comments in parentheses, Ben Williams).

Notice the strinking similarity between these pagan beliefs and the common Judeo-



Typical illustration of Judeo-Christian type christ with halo inherited from Mithras. The halo is only one of the many obvious proofs that the churches have given Mithriac attributes to their christs.

Christian doctrine of salvation. What you have here is a two-way action; some Christian doctrines rubbed off on the pagans, and some pagan doctrines rubbed off on the Christians. This created an oxymoronic monster called "Judeo-Christianity"! It is not Christianity even though half of its title claims it. It is a new thing-newly conceived paganism. But the evil is that it calls itself "Christian" (Judeo-Christian).

Here is another quote from the same chapter of Manly Hall's book on paganism, under the sub-title THE RITES OF MITHRAS: (Mithras was the Persian god of light who was symbolized by the sun or by fire).

"There are many points of resemblance between (Judeo)Christianity and the cult of Mithras. One of the reasons for this probably is that the Persian mystics invaded Italy during the first century after Christ and the early history of both cults was closely interwoven. The Encyclopedia makes the following statement concerning the Mithraic and Christian Mysteries: 'The fraternal and democratic spirit of the first communities, and their humble origin; the identification of the object of adoration with light and the sun; the legends of the shepherds with their gifts and adoration, the flood, and the ark; the representation in art of the fiery chariot; the drawing of water from the rock; the use of bell and candle, holy water and the communion; the sanctification of Sunday (their "venerable day of the Sun"); the 25th of December



(Christmas); the insistence on moral conduct, the emphasis placed on abstinence and self-control; the DOCTRINE OF HEAVEN AND HELL, of primitive revelation, of the meditation of "the Logos" emanating from the divine (god) (the Greek "Word," John 1:1-"the Logos was God", the atoning sacrifice, the constant warfare between good and evil (Dualism) and the final triumph of the former, the IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL, the last judgment, the resurrection of the flesh and the fiery destruction of the universe. These are some of the resemblances... (between Judeo-Christianity and the ancient pagan religion known as Mithraism).

Carefully consider what you have just read. Mithraism, a heathen religion originating in pre-Zoroastrian Persia centuries before Christ, bears a striking resemblance to modern Judeo-Christian church teachings. This tells us clearly, that we had better go back and reevaluate the form of "religion" with which we ~ew up. Was it truly Christian, or just adap-Lations from Mithras and Zoroaster? Theaccepted doctrines of our parents and grandarents must be re-examined by Scripture. We can no longer afford the luxury of taking them for granted!

Lewis Browne's textbook on World Religions, THIS BELIEVING WORLD, published in 1930, assists us further in uncovering the counterfeit:

"It is true that the cults of Cybele, Isis, and Bacchus began to wane a little in their popularity; but that was only because a new cult had come to take their places. It was the cult of Mithras, imported from Persia, where it had arisen out of those primitive elements which the prophet Zoroaster had failed to stamp out. It had spread since from one land to another, from Persia 's Babylonia, from Babylonia to the Ionian -sles, and from the Ionian Isles finally to Rome. It entered there about the first century B.C., and so ready were the Romans to receive it that soon it was almost dominant in the empire.

The root of the mystery was an ancient Persian legend which told of a divine hero named Mithras whose miraculous birth had been witnessed only by a few shepherds come from afar with gifts to adore the wonderchild. Mithras grew up to be the most strenuous champion of the sun-god in his war against the god of darkness....

Long before the advent of Christianity we find a significant religion and an elaborate ritual crystalizing around that legend of Mithras. To this day there exist along the Danube and in Northern Africa certain subterranean caves in which are statues and carvings depicting scenes in the tale. Those caves were the secret churches of the Mithraists, and in them all manner of magic rites were once performed. Three times



Drawing of a second-century marble group showing Mithras sacrificing the cosmic bull whose blood (shown as resembling three spikes of wheat) revitalized the earth.

a day, with special elaborateness on the Sunday and the 25th of December, the Mithras priests offered services in the caves. Libations were poured, bells were rung, hymns were chanted, and many candles were burnt... When they died on this earth they expected to ascend to Heaven through seven gates, unlocked by seven keys which the Mithras priests possessed, and in Heaven they hoped to dwell with Mithras until the final judgment day. Only the redeemed were to be saved, and Mithras, come to earth a second and final time, would administer to each of them a last sacrament, and then cause them to inherit the world in peace and blessedness forevermore..."

This Believing World, pg. 109-111

The above quote gives new meaning to the warning of Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:5a, where he tells us:

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...

And in 1 Thessalonians 5:21,

"Prove (or test) ALL THINGS; hold fast that which is good."

Paul would not have given such a warning even in his day, if there were not good reason for it. He didn't want Christianity confused with Mithraism! In the light of this information we have no choice but to re-examine our roots. Are they from Jesus, or from Mithras and Zoroaster?

From Persia we find:

- 1. The birth of a god-man witnessed by shepherds.
- 2. The sacrifice of a savior.
- 3. The immortality of the soul.
- 4. A baptism.
- 5. A resurrection.
- A heaven and hell.
- 7. A "second coming."8. A "final judgment" and fiery destruction of the wicked.
- 9. Christmas.
- 10. A "god of darkness" ("Satan").



Did I miss any? All these doctrines were taught in this pre-Christian, heathen cult called Mithraism-the worship of a Persian sun god. That is more than mere coincidence!

With a little change here, and a little change there (changes hardly noticeable to most Christians with their heads in the clouds) Mithraism has been perpetuated through the churches.

IN FACT, most people who think they are hearing Christian doctrine from their preachers are actually being taught Mithraism instead. And most people who think they are hearing how Jesus the Christ saved them are hearing, instead, how Mithras the christ supposedly saved them from "hell" so they could go to "heaven." The churches have merely changed his name from Mithras to Jesus.

It isn't enough to use a certain NAME. We need factual history. That requires time, research, persistence and the spirit of God. If we are not diligent, we may end up following a WRONG god who has simply taken on the IGHT name!

So beware! There are many so-called Christians in this land who think they are allowing Jesus when in fact they are actually following some other god who simply took on the name Jesus. It is "another Jesus, and another gospel and another spirit" -not the Jesus, gospel and spirit of Yahweh, the God of Israel!

That is perhaps why Jesus, the true Christ of Israel, spoke these words in Matthew 24:4-5,

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, TAKE HEED that NO MAN deceive you. For many shall come in MY NAME (my authority), saying I AM CHRIST (I am The Anointed); and shall deceive many."

And in verse 11,

"And MANY false prophets (preachers and eachers) shall rise, and shall deceive many."

And, then in verses 23 and 24 He said:
"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise FALSE CHRISTS, and false prophets (preachers), and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Jesus' words ring true, especially today! This also explains how there can be so many different churches, each claiming to follow "Christ" but each with their own different set of beliefs about salvation. They all have different christs! One may have Christ Mithras, aother may have Christ Zoroaster, while another may have the Jewish "Messiah." Others may have various combinations of these and other christs with their own contrived doctrines of salvation.

The college textbook, MAN'S RELIGIONS by John Noss, gives further insight into religion

from Persia. In the chapter covering the Persian prophet Zoroaster, we read this concerning Zoroastrian doctrines:

"The religion of Zoroaster grew ever more elaborate: the doctrine of the future life (salvation) was worked out (by the mind of man) in graphic detail, highly stimulating to the imagination."

Who was Zoroaster? Zoroaster lived in Persia sometime between 1,000 and 600 B.C. He is the hero of world religions. His doctrines are regarded highly-especially in the West. So, we are talking about a religion which originated centuries before Jesus was born to Joseph and Mary. Continuing in MAN'S RELIGIONS,

"Much attention was paid to the drama of INDIVIDUAL judgment. This was not supposed to take place until the fourth day after death. For three nights, it was thought, the soul of the dead man sits at the head of its former body and meditates on its past good or evil thoughts, words, and deeds."

That may sound a little strange at first, butit is a point of concern when you consider stories from people of our day insisting that they witnessed the "soul" of a dead relative waft off to "heaven." These experiences abound in modern Judeo-Christianity. When George Washington died, he told his wife to not allow his body to be buried until after the fourth day! Now, why would he request that? You can't find that idea in the Bible. In fact, Israelites were often buried before sundown the same day.

We do know that George Washington was a Freemason, and we also know that Freemasonry contains Mithraic and Talmudic beliefs. I am not trying to single out George Washington, but I think it shows a link between Judeo-Christianity and Zoroaster who said to wait four days before burying the corpse. Here is record of a well known "Christian" man doing just that.

These points, and scores of others, prove that doctrines of Zoroaster and ancient Persia have found their way into churches via Judeo-Christian religion.

According to Zoroaster, the body dies but not the "soul"; which means it is IMMORTAL. This doctrine of the "immortal soul" had migrated westward from India (Hinduism). The Hindu believes that immortality is expressed through TRANSMIGRATION (reincarnation). Reincarnationists believe that after a man dies his "SOUL" rises out of the corpse and migrates to another newly born body. it can be the body of a human, an animal or an insect. In its new body it continues to live as another person, animal, etc.

That's the way it was taught in India by the Hindu gurus long before the time of Zoro-aster. Later, however, and with some minor changes, we see this same doctrine spreading through Persia, promulgated by Zoroaster who taught that man's immortal soul sits at the



head of his dead body for three nights after his death, waiting for something.

Noss continues Zoroaster's teaching about the immortal soul at the time of one's death:

"During this time it (the soul) is comforted, if it has been a righteous soul, by good angels, - and tormented, if it has been wicked, by demons hovering about ready to drag it off to punishment. On the fourth day the soul makes its way to the CHINVAT BRIDGE to stand before its judges, Mithra and his associates Sraosha and Rashnu, the last of whom hold the dread scales for the FINAL WEIGHING OF MERITS AND DEMERITS. Judgment rendered and sentence passed, the soul then walks onto the Chinvat Bridge. In the middle part of the bridge, there is a sharp edge (blade) which stands like a sword,...and HELL is below the Bridge. Then the soul is caried to where stands the sharp edge (blade). Then, if it be righteous, the sharp edge presents its broad side (permiting passage to Paradise across the bridge) (but) ... if the soul be wicked, that sharp edge continues to stand edgewise, and does st give passage. The souls is cut down from the head of the bridge, and falls headlong down into HELL!"

As you can see, Mithraism, Zoroastrianism and modern Judeo-Christianity share much common ground. Most of the elements in their teachings concerning "salvation" are so compatible as to be easily adapted from one to another. We further find this apocalyptic description of "the end of the age":

"With the appearance of Soshyans, the last Messiah, the 'final days' would begin. All the dead would be raised; heaven and hell would be emptied of all their residents (all living, immortal souls whether in heaven or hell must all come back to earth for judgment) in order to make up the great assembly where that final judgment would be passed upon all SOULS. The righteous and the wicked would be separated, and a flood of molten metal would pour out upon the earth and roar through hell, purifying all regions with its scorching fires.

"In the final conflict, Ahura Mazda (the good god) and his angels would hurt Ahriman (the had god-also called Satan) and his devils into the flames and they would be utterly consumed. Then, all the survivors of the fiery trial would live together in the new heavens and new earth. Adults would remain forever at forty years of age, and the children at fifteen; friends and relatives would be reunited forever."

SOUND FAMILIAR? With little exception, this is the same line taught today by the so-called "Christian" TV evangelists, almost every "Christian" seminary, and virtually all churches. By viewing God's Word through the lenses of "Mithras" and "Zoroaster," the reader



This second-century stone sculpture shows Mithras being born on Winter Solstice (Christmas) from an egg (Easter) as the "Firstborn God of Light." The two halves of the egg symbolize the polarity of positive and negative forces (good and evil) necessary to animate all creation. He is portrayed both as Creator who breaks the egg, and Mediator (Savior) between the opposite poles, thus affecting reconciliation (balance). With a sacrificial knife in one hand and a torch in the other, he was called the "Light of the World" born on the darkest day of the year.

actually turns the Bible into nothing more than supportive text for the Avesta (the holy book of Zoroastrianism).

Zoroaster invented and patented the orthodox doctrine of Satan-"the fallen angel" myth embraced by most churches. This myth has become such an integral part of churches that without him (Satan) their singular purpose for existence would be lost. Thus, the churches desperately need their "Satan"!

Zoroaster's main theological achievement

Zoroaster's main theological achievement was his so-called discovery of the "origin of evil" and his doctrine of "ethical dualism." The theory of ethical dualism is that there are two co-equal powers: one good, one evil (two gods if you will). These two gods are in constant battle with each other for the control of your soul and the world. The battle is between Ahura Mazda (the good god) and Ahriman (or Satan-the bad god). In the modern church version, it is the battle between "God and Satan." They are identical in principle, but the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

In the next chapter of Noss' book, which coincidentally speaks about Judaism, we read:

The Jews came to know Zoroastrianism" from observations near at hand in Babylonia



and certain Persian beliefs about Satan, the angels, the afterlife..."

Now remember, these "Jews" at that time were living in Persia and Babylon, right there where Zoroaster's beliefs were the most powerfull and pervasive. The Jewish Talmud was written and compiled in Babylon and is called "The Babylonian Talmud." Judaism-the religion of the Pharisees-was born in Babylon and Persia, not too surprisingly, about the time of Zoroaster. The followers of Zoroaster, EVEN TO THIS DAY, are called PARSEES. You may notice that "Parsee" is very similar to the old name "Pharisee" used by religious leaders of the first century who had come from Babylon. While no-one seems to know where the name "Pharisee" really came from, the evidence seems to tie it to Zoroastrianism.

At any rate, continuing to read from MAN'S RELIGIONS:

"Before they met the Satan of Zoroastri ans, the JEWS had pondered the old stories Rout the serpent in the Garden of Eden and the fallen angels" who had taken wives from among the daughters of men before the days l Noah. These stories antedated the exile (i.e. before the Babylonian captivity), and in NONE of them is there the suggestion that the Spirit of Evil is a cosmic being, manifested from the beginning of time, and of a strength and creative power EQUAL to that of the Spirit of Good. But AFTER THE EXILE (after the influence of Zoroastrianism) the Adversay ("Satan" in Hebrew) became, for the Jews, an evil and infinitely malicious power, wholly in opposition to God-in fact, almost a rival sovereign, with attendant devils to match the angels who stood before God. In another direction, Sheol (meaning grave), the shadowy land of the dead, was REPLACED by a HEAVEN and HELL."

So, we find that Judaism found a Salvation, a Heaven, a Hell and a Satan all from Zoroaster-NOT from the Bible! These, then, are traditional, historic pagan beliefs. Thus, we are better able to understand Jesus' confrontation by the Pharisees in Matthew 16:

"1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the TRADITION OF THE ELDERS (the Babylonian Traditions)?..." And, what did Jesus say?

mandment of God by your tradition? 6...Ye made the commandment of God to none effect by your tradition. 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 In vain do they worship me, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES the commandments of en. 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

If we follow "traditional" doctrines and

beliefs of men, the Word of God will be lost to us. We won't understand it. We, too, will be lost because we follow blind leaders. Is this not happening today in our Judeo-Christian world?

This chapter in MAN'S RELIGION shows many more examples of how Zoroaster's systematic theology shaped the religion of Judaism which, in turn, has shaped the religion of Judeo-Christianity (but not true Christianity). That the evidence I have just given you from these books is correct is further proven by the writings of Josephus, the noted Jewish historian of the first century A.D. He wrote extensively on the History of the Jews and the Wars of the Jews. In the back of his book, JOSEPHUS' DISCOURSE TO THE GREEKS, is a chapter titled, HADES (Greek word for Hell). In this discourse, Josephus explains about the alleged subterraneous region of "Hades" where souls are kept temporarily until the final judgment. At the judgment the wicked souls are dragged by angels to a BURNING HELL where they must be TORMENTED forever; the good souls are excorted by angels to HEAVEN, where they spend ETERNITY in happiness and light. Is not this exactly what we hear from the churches today?

Can anyone show anywhere in the Old Testament where such a doctrine existed at the time of Josephus? If it was not in the Old Testament, isn't that sufficient evidence that Josephus (and the Jews of his day) acquired it from some other source? And if it came from Zoroaster via the Jews, why should Christians believe it?

We have now traced the basic elements in the ancient and accepted DOCTRINE OF SALVATION as it is commonly preached from practically every pulpit in Christendom today. We have traced it from Persia to Babylon where it was incorporated into the religion known to us as "Judaism." We can follow it into Palestine during the time of Jesus. We see its subsequent transmission through Judaism into the abominable religion known by the oxymoronic title of JEW-DAY-OH-Christianity! Not Christianity, but Judeo-Christianity (notice the "Jew" precedes "Christ"). It is a hybrid mixture of Judaism and Christianity.

The Futurists keep harping about a so-called "coming one-world religion." Well, open up your eyes! It is already here and has been here for some time! It is a false doctrine of salvation preached by nearly every preacher in the nation. Even most "Identity" preachers still teach these things, although they should know better. From this abominable religion our people still learn how to "get their immortal souls saved" and how to "go to heaven" while the "unsaved" "burn forever in hell."

At the beginning I asked this question: If these teachings are not the words of God, THEN whose words are they? I think I have given ample proof that these are the words of the Persians, who gave them to the Babylo-



nians, who in turn gave them to the Pharisees (Judeans), who then gave them to Judaized churches of their day which have carried it down to present day Judeo-Christian preachers. These preachers are today's false prophets (serpents) in the churches and seminaries. These words and beliefs come from Persia-not from your Bible.

There are endless examples which I could continue showing you; but as you can see from these few, the theologies and doctrines of the churches are built around UNREAL things: things that take your minds away from the REAL world and off into a world of MAKE-BELIEVE and fantasy. Instead of dealing with men's sins and the real problems in the world, they keep your minds busy with mythological wars between spirits, gods, angels and devils, or other crazy hoaxes intentionally designed to keep you from the simple common sense truths of God's Word. This they have done to us for generations.

If you visit a church (synagogue) today, u leave thinking about devils, angels, heaven and hell, and your so-called immortal soul. BUT you don't know why your neighbor steals om you, or how the banks rob our country, or why politicians are corrupt. You will not know the answers from God's Word because that is not preached. You are not going to know how following His Law could bring an end to misery. You will be planning to get raptured off the earth and that's all you need to care about. You can go back next Sunday to "feel good," "feel the presence," or "feel" this or that while the nation is being ravished by evil men in the real world-right in front of stupified "Christians" who have become cryptic Zoroastrians!!

I hope you are beginning to understand that Jesus brought salvation to MEN, in order to affect MEN, not devils, angels, spirits, imortal souls, or so-called gods. MAN was in need of salvation, and that was Jesus' mission! The Great and Glorious Salvation of Jesus the Christ, who is enthroned above all things in haven and earth, is a salvation that is meant for THIS time, HERE and NOW-on this EARTH and among US mortal, flesh and blood men.

Matthew 1:20-21 tells us that Jesus came to save us from OUR SINS, NOT from a burning hell, nor from some so-called evil god called "Satan." Jesus exposed evil and taught righteousness; He didn't come to teach us the magic Mysteries so we could work good magic and win our own salvation. He created a new heart in us, one which loves and follows Him. He didn't teach us about reincarnation or how to get out of this body into some other body. Nor did He come to teach us about "the god that is inside all men," and "christ consciousness."

Let's look at Matthew 1:20-21, "But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the holy spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall SAVE HIS PEOPLE from THEIR SINS."

And again, in Matthew 18:11 we have the words from our Lord Jesus: "For the Son of man is come to save that which is lost."

He continues to talk about His sheep in Luke 19:10, where he says: "For the Son of man come to seek and to save that which is LOST,"

What was lost? What had been lost in this world? In Acts 13:16, Paul is preaching a sermon of salvation to lost sheep: "Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, MEN OF ISRAEL, and ye that fear God, give audience"

Verse 26: "Men and brethren, children of the STOCK OF ABRAHAM, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of salvation sent."

Who had been lost in this world? Who were these "lost" who were going to be brought back and saved and redeemed? The theology of salvation is summed up in a very concise way in Hebrews 9:11. In order to save or redeem something, it first must have been lost or taken away. There is only ONE people on this earth who had belonged to God and then had become lost. That family of people was Israel. They were God's people but they had gotten lost. They are the only people who had ever had "the Old Covenant." So, reading from Hebrews 9:15,

"And for this cause He (Jesus) is the mediator of the NEW COVENANT, that by means of death, FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE TRANSGRESSIONS THAT WERE UNDER THE FIRST COVENANT they which are called might receive the promise of this age's inheritance (the New Covenant)."

What did His death redeem? The debt of sins that had been committed under the first covenant! What people were under the first covenant and committed sins under that covenant? ONLY ISRAEL.

God has much more planned for the people on this earth than is written in our Bible, but let's not pervert and change what is written there. The people who needed to be saved, who had sinned against their God and lost themselves off into the world were God's Israel people. Jesus and His salvation centers around His people Israel. The salvation Jesus brought to Israel is going to benefit the whole earth; but it was sent to Israel who needed it because they had sinned. had broken the covenant and committed sin which had to be reconciled, which was exactly what Jesus was doing. The doctrine of Salvation has nothing to do with trying to get us back into heaven, or back to living as a spirit instead of flesh, or saving our "immortal soul,"



or anything of that sort. It has to do with salvaging Israel out of the mud; out of the muck and mire that they found themselves in. It has to do with cleaning us up and setting us in a place where we could again be the SER- bond, evidences of debt... Black's, supra. VANTS of the LIVING GOD. That is the doctrine of salvation.

We will look at more New Testament teachings about this doctrine in Part Four.

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Since August 1984, sample lessons 1 & 2 ave been sent to 75 people who asked to .eceive them. One sent the lessons back; forty-eight never responded to the lessons; eighteen are continuing with the lessons; and eight have finished the lessons. If you have benefitted from these lessons, why not recommend them to your friends! Remember also that you are to "teach them diligently to children and grandchildren (Deut 4:9)!

WHEN WILL WE MAKE PAYMENT?

by Bruce Mccarthy

"And, you recall, the Federal Reserve System works only with credit." Keeping Our Money Healthy, Fed. Reserve Bank of N.Y. p.12

The American economy is using nothing s money. Goods and services are obtained with credit and that which erroneously answers to 'cash' was, at best, a mere note.

NOTE, n. An instrument containing an express and absolute promise of signer (i.e. maker) to pay to a specified person or order, or bearer, a definite sum of money at

a specified time. - Black's Law Dict. 5th ed. Federal Reserve Notes, since 1963, no longer identify who is paying what to whom, let alone when (i.e. on demand) such performance might be expected. They are, therefore, not even notes.

"There are no longer any specific backing requirements against Federal Reserve Notes." Coins & Currency, Federal Reserve Bank of N.Y. p.14 (Jan. '81)

"Currency (notes) cannot be 'redeemed,' or exchanged, for Treasury gold or any other asset used as backing. The question of just what assets 'back' Federal Reserve Notes has little but bookkeeping significance." I bet You Thought, F.R.B. of N.Y. p.29 2nd Ed. 80 Currency notes which promised to pay money were obviously not the money. Nor does removing the promise to pay money transform the promise into that which was promised.

Money, n. ... does not embrace notes,

No money translates into no payment. Debts are, with few exceptions, satisfied (deferred/discharged in Equity) - not paid (at law).

Payment, v. Payment is the delivery of money or its equivalent in either specific property or services by one person from whom it is due to another person to whom it is due.- Black's, supra.

Present day economic transactions are not consumated by delivering money (an asset) or its equivalent. Liabilities (checks, notes, etc.) are tendered in exchange for production (assets), resulting in an alternative system of 'compensation' for the mass of humanity which is systematically plundered by the few.

Some have expressed the opinion, for example, that groceries are purchased on the weekend by paying a week's labor to obtain the paycheck with which the get the vittles. Not so.

Imagine a check from Andy, instructing a bank to pay Bill a \$50 weight of silver. Bill's receipt of the order form (check) does not constitute payment. Only the delivery of that which is to be paid can satisfy the definition of payment. Nevertheless, Bill can probably obtain some groceries by passing the check to Clyde's Supermarket. Clyde has not paid, yet, but Bill has been compensated for the labout he gave up to get Andy's check.

Clyde takes the check to Doug's Hardware, exchanging it for a circular power saw. Doug has not been paid, yet, but Clyde has now been compensated for the groceries he gave to Bill in exchange for Andy's bad check. Oh. Did I forget to tell you about Andy's rubber checks? How thoughtless of me.

In this illustration, no one was paid. Doug took a 100% loss when he surrendered an aseet in exchange for a liability; Bill and Clyde received compensation from someone other than the person from whom payment was due - and Andy robbed Bill of his labor, thereby taking a 100% 'gain' for which he would likely be subject to income tax.

No payment resulted, obviously, because no silver passed from Andy (or Andy's account) to Bill, Bill to Clyde, and Clyde to Doug. Payment requires three elements:

e.g. '50' 1). Quantity symbol

e.g. 'dollar' 2). Unit of Measure

e.g. 'silver' 3). Substance/entity to be paid

A bald offer to pay '50 gallons' is rendered impossible by a failure to identify the tangible substance measured in gallons. So too, a written offer of 50 'dollars' cannot deliver fifty units of nothing measured in dollars.

Payment is the reduction and delivery of assets from A(ndy) to B(ill), B to C, and C to Compensation transfers assets from B



to A, C to B, and D to C while (bogus) liabilities move in the opposite direction, from A to B, to C, and then to D.

The first party gets the bogus notes for nothing; the last party gets nothing for them. Everyone in between suffers a loss (called "inflation") in proportion to the time he holds the notes.

An economic system based upon circulating wealth places a burden of performance upon the first party equal to that of the last. All must labor by the sweat of their brow (Genesis 3:19) to eat bread. In a credit system however, the first party (banker) is granted the ower to issue IOU's, default, and thereby steal the wealth or production of the non-bank public.

The purpose of credit cards, checks, notes, and other negotiable (IOU related) instruments is to obtain wealth without payment. Bona fide IOUs get wealth and pay later. Bogus IOUs (today's 'cash') obtain wealth and pay never.

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine and to do it. Say not unto thy naighbor, Go, nd come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee." Proverbs 3:27,28

What, then, perpetuates such an obvious scheme of fraud? Mainly, it is the long-suffering by millions of people who make no distiction between theft, compensation, and payment; their silence, in the wake of oft-repeated warnings, bearing witness against themselves.

"Longa patienta trahitur ad consensum. Long sufferance is construed as consent." Bouvier's Law Dictionary, vol.2 3rd rev.

"Ab assuetis non fit inuria. No injury is done by things long acquiesced in." Bouvier's, supra.

In other words, if we err and then come to a knowledge of the truth, but fail to amend our ways, "Tough biscuits!"

our ways, "Tough biscuits!"

The Scriptures declare the law and commandments of God to be the truth (Psalm 119:142, 151), and that if we continue to sin (transgress the law, per 1 John 3:4) after learning the truth, then we have no more sacrifice (Hebrews 10:26) for sin. In essence, we make Christ's death on the cross of none effect.

The commandments instruct us to maintain a 'perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure' (Deut 25:13-15), a difficult task indeed when nothing is currently being used as money which can be weighed or measured.

As individuals, we can begin acquiring something (silver and gold) to use as money. With these, we can then offer to pay our debts among ourselves with the only two substances ever declared by statute, to be 'as money' in the United States.

Not everyone will be eager to receive money, however, strange as that may seem.

Americans love credit! But those who are motivated to wean themselves from credit and return to substantive money will be drawn closer to one another, creating, as it were, an alternative economy made up of believers in the One whose commandments may again result in a free enterprise system.

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RENDER UNTO CAESAR

No doubt you have come across this phrase in recent times. Many people quote it in support of paying taxes to the state; or for obeying the government.

People are told that this is "counsel from Christ" which we are then bound to obey. But is this really the case? What, if anything, should the followers of Jesus "render unto Caesar"?

This passage is given in three of the gospel accounts, so three witnesses are available to establish this matter. So, let us see if this really is a case of Jesus telling us to pay taxes. Let's turn to Matthew 22:15,

"Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they (the Pharisees) sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, (the government officials with the agents), saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man(no favouritism, or respector of persons): for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute-money. And they brought unto him a penny. And He saith unto them, Whose is this image, and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar, the things which are Caesar's; and unto God, the things that are God's."

You will notice that the Pharisees took counsel how they might entangle Jesus "in his talk." They, the Pharisees the "Judeo" religious leaders of His day went with the Herodians (local cops or tax agents) to see if they could trap Him in what is called in legal terms "a forked question". An example of a forked question would be "Have you quit beating your wife on Wednesdays?" You are left in a trapped situation. If you answer, Yes, that indicates that you have been beating your wife. If you answer, No, it indicates you are still beating her. This is the type of question these enemies of Christ brought to Him.

The Pharisees were the 'patriots' of the time and felt that Caesar should be evicted from the land, and the Herodians were those who stood behind the Roman Government even to the abject support of Herod Antipas. So, if Jesus had answered, Yes it is lawful to pay



tribute unto Caesar; He would have infuriated all who wanted the Roman occupiers to leave. If He had answered, No, then the Herodians would have brought Him up on charges in front of the Roman Council. But, Jesus perceived their wickedness, so it becomes plain that this is obviously NOT addressed to His disciples, or followers. He said to them, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? If you are one of those who tempt Jesus Christ, or if you are a hypocrite, then these instructions are for YOU! If you are a Pharisee, or an enemy of Christ, then YOU must "render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's.

However, for those who are followers of Christ, and who recognize Him as their King, these words about 'rendering' were not addressed to you. For you know that we are told (e.g. Psalm 24) that "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." This is a jurisdiction statement which is all encompassing. If $\underline{\textbf{ALL}}$ $\underline{\textbf{BELONGS}}$ TO GOD, what is left to render to aesar? Jesus gave an answer that satisfied tnem both at that time, and they could not take action against Him, as they had wanted , do. They marvelled at His words,

Beware of those who quote this verse to followers of Jesus Christ, and say this applies to them; their instruction is contrary to Jesus' words. For further information on Caesar and Authority (e.g. Romans 13) I recommend tape MAGISTRATES by Pastor John Weaver #X3-41, X3-42 (\$8 posted) also, Pastor Pete Peters booklets AUTHORITY: RESISTANCE OR OBE-DIENCE? (\$1.50 posted) and NONE EVER CALL IT CONSPIRACY (\$1.00 posted).

Credit to Bob Hallstrom for some of the comments used.



DEMOCRACY: 'OF, FOR and BY the PEOPLE'

Two statements made recently by senior oficials of the NSW Department of Education and the ACT Schools Authority (SMH 12.2.87, Ct 21.2.88) are clear signals that the totalitarian State has arrived in Australia. Neither statement has been widely commented upon in

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the media.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" of 19 Feb '87, and an advertisement placed in the same newspaper on 5 March '88 quote the Minister for Eduation, Mr. Cavalier as saying: "the State must exercise its sovereignty over the education of children." An official of the ACT Schools Authority is quoted in "The Canberra Times" as telling a mother who wants to educate her children in her home, "Oh no, they are not your children, they belong to the State," and that that State had the right to decide what schooling her children should have.

Both statements are blatant, monstrous contradictions of the classic priciple (re-emphasised by the High Court of Australia as recently as 1981 in its judgment on the D.O.G.S.' case), that parents are, by natural right, the primary educators of their sons and daughters. And the NSW Education and Public Intruction Act 1987, which gives draconian powers to education authorities to enter a home, private school or "church facility" to search and seize is reminiscent of the worst years of Stalinism in the Soviet Union.

phenomenon of "Home The spreading Schoolng" is the occasion that provoked these angry and dictatorial statements. The selfappointed manipulators of the education system are seemingly afraid of losing their hold in the face of a little home schooling and the desertion by parents of government schools for independent schools. The statements are clear evidence that recent dire predictions of disaster in the field of education are wellfounded.

ACT Schools Authority a letter to the Editor of "The Canberra Times" by Mr. Phil Sadler, its deputy Chief Education Officer, arrogantly assumes alone to know what is good for the education of children. Yet, for years, it, and the NSW Department of Education, have been the object of a barrage of verified complaints about the glaring deficiencies of education in the ACT and NSW. On these grounds they are hardly in a position to complain or raise threatening questions #about the quality of the schooling given to the children by parents who elect to teach them gat home, rather than send them to a government school.

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WHEN GOOD MEN DO NOTHING

Have you ever wondered. what has happened to this land? Does the Flag stand for the things, for which it used to stand? Why have our ideals changed, as though the tide has turned? Why have we forgotten, what our Forefathers learned? As breezes turn to high winds, and squalls to raging gales, When good men do nothing, then Tyranny Prevails. Why do you sit idle, content with ignorance? Why do you fund murder, of unborn innocents? Why do you pay homage, to the causes of inflation? Why do you keep silent, of the wrongs which plague this Nation? The ship of state is sinking, while you sit on the pails, When good men do nothing, then Tyranny Prevails. Why does greed surround your life, like a barrel 'round a pigeon? Why do you keep hiding, in the safety of religion? Why does your security mean more than being Free? Why do you succumb to, the wicked powers that be? And wait 'till some sockdolager knocks the wind out of their sails, When good men do nothing, then Tyranny Prevails. You can't put your foot down, 'till you open up your eyes! You can't fight for Truth, if you still believe the lies! Allowing them to keep you weak, prevents your being strong! You can't make a difference, 'till you learn Right from wrong! Your children's future slavery, to you is heads or tails, When good men do nothing, then Tyranny Prevails.

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WHICH IS MORE
VALUABLE:
(tick the appropriate square)

\(\text{AN UNBORN PARROT} \)

\(\text{AN UNBORN CHILD} \)

If you chose the unborn child, sorry, you're wrong...at least, according to the laws in Australia! You see, the penalty for taking or destroying an orange-bellied parrot's egg is \$2,000 or six months in jail, but the penalty for taking an unborn child's life is nothing. In fact, people get paid a lot of money for doing it.

GOD commands obedience

A Christian Philosophy

By God's Grace, pray, be honest, loyal, dependable, faithful and live by honest work

Do We Obey God or Government?

It is interesting that Paul wrote Romans 13 in prison. He was there for disobeying the law of man! Scriptures plainly set forth the truth that true Christians must obey God rather than man.

1. The midwives refused to obey the law of Pharaoh to kill all male Hebrew children. As a result, Moses was protected and became the deliverer of the Hebrew Nation (Ex.1:15-22,2:1-10). Would it have been "better" or Godly for the midwives to obey Pharaoh?

2.Rahab refused to obey the king's order to reveal the spies that came to spy out the land of Jericho. As a result, she and her family were saved (Joshua 2; Hebrews 11:12). Would it have been "better" or Godly for Rahab to obey the king?

3. Daniel refused to obey the king's order to eat his meat and drink his wine and God blessed him greatly (Daniel 1). Would it have been "better" or Godly for Daniel to obey the king?

4. The three Hebrew children refused to obey the king's command to worship the golden image and were thrown into the fiery furnace (Daniel 3). Would it have been "better" or Godly for them to obey the command of the king?

5. Daniel refused to obey the king's command that no one should pray for 30 days and was thrown in the lion's den (Daniel 6). Would it have been "better" or Godly for him to obey the command of the king?

6. The apostles refused to obey the "law" that forbade them from preaching the Gospel and were persecuted, beaten, imprisoned and killed (Acts 4-6). Would it have been "better" or Godly for them to have obeyed the "law"?

The answer for each of us is not Revolution, but Regeneration - through the Lord Jesus Christ. **Obedience is better than sacrifice.**

by Frank Gaydosh

Courtesy CHALCEDON REPORT, box 158, Vallecito CA 95251 To which I would like to add:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime (like the above), were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." and: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (Romans 15:4 and 1 Corinthians 10:11).

SPECIAL OFFER!

For this month, 12 copies WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ANTICHRIST for only \$3 posted.



WHO PULLS THE STRINGS in the African nation of Zaire, formerly known as the Belgian Congo? A SPOTLIGHT investigation has identified David Rockefeller and his family's financial flagship, the Chase Manhattan consortium, as key behind the scenes players int the bloody and corrupt regime that has ruled the mineral-rich African nation since 1965.

Two white brothers who scored too low on tests to be accepted as Boston firefighters decided they were black on their next application and were both accepted. That was 10 years ago. They were fired in September after an investigation. Boston mayor Ray Flynn has ordered a review of hiring practices in the fire and school departments. He said that at least five other firefighters will be asked to prove they are black.

Bankers want your taxes to go up. Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Banking complex is now calling for a national Value-Added-Tax (VAT) in Idition to the income tax.

MEDIA BLACKOUT. Bank lobbyists moved in hill an embarrassing expose linking more than 40 top national and regional financial institutions to the drug mob minutes after a short early morning report appeared on Nov 17 in a Florida newspaper. Search and Seizure warrants were being served against more than 40 banks.

Better than palm reading. A British electronics engineer has come up with a system that uses the veins in the back of the hand or the wrist to certify that a person presenting a credit card is actually authorized to use it. An electronic camera scans the subcutaneous veins and converts their pattern into digital information that can be stored in the magnetic stripe n the back of a credit card. The vein pattern could also be programmed into a 'smart card' which is a credit card-like device that would have a variety of information stored in a microchip on the card. To use the card, a person would place his or her hand under an infra-red scanner, and a vein match would be made. The vein reading is similar to a system reading the pattern of blood vessels person's retina called "eyedentification." the above Courtesy THE SPOTLIGHT, 300 Independence Ave,

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A Guide to Deceptive Words and Terms used to Neutralize Christians

CULT

CONTROLLED MEANING: A group of people bound together by radical religious or political beliefs-usually under <u>one</u> leader who instructs them contrary to established religion and government.

ACTUAL MEANING: Any group (sect) that fol-

lows a particular set of beliefs or teaching. From the Latin word "colere" meaning "to cultivate (politics) or worship (religion)." It is not an inherently negative term, but it has become a negative buzz word used to discredit any group choosing independence from the established and accepted norms of the masses and the established powers.

NOTE: The general consensus of "the masses" is usually faulty-therefore, any group that offers a worthwhile public contribution to knowledge will almost certainly be what is usually called "a cult."

ANARCHY

CONTROLLED MEANING: Rejection of man's government. Rejection of police law enforcement. Rebellion toward authority.

CORRECT MEANING: Rejection of ALL government, including self and God. ANARCHY (AN=no-ARCH=ruler,) i.e. "NO RULER." To reject human rulers does not make one an anarchist. One must reject ALL rule, including God's rule, to be an anarchist.

Because Christians refuse to accept men (or groups of men) as rulers and law makers, they may be considered "anarchists" by the established rulers and those brainwashed into accepting the concepts of "the state" and "central government." However, by definition, no one who accepts God's rule, and self-rule, could be an "anarchist."

LAW

CONTROLLED MEANING: Rules legislated by Congress (Parliament)

CORRECT MEANING: From the Anglo-Saxon "lagu" (that which is laid or fixed). Law is "laid and fixed" permanently by God. Man is constantly changing, therefore man cannot make law; he can only discover it. "There is ONE Lawgiver...." (James 4:12).

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Having trouble remembering where to find certain passages? What you need is a small compact reference book with the verse listed under specific headings: the IDENTITY SCRIPTURAL DIRECTORY, #040 @ \$5.50 posted!

Some people have been very slow returning loan tapes! Some are outstanding from last year. This is not fair to others who are waiting to hear them. If you are one of these "slow returners" please send them back immediately! To everyone else, thank you for the prompt turnaround on tapes and videos, we pray that they are a blessing to you. If you are one of the ones who started the Bible Law Course, but never sent your answer sheet back, consider doing so and see how much yo can benefit from these excellent lessons! May our God, the EL of IsraEL give His blessing and protection on His servants. With Christian greetings,

Hendrik (Hank) Roelofs IV

