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The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. A man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped his crucified body, or is it simply a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of detailed study and intense research on the Shroud. It is, in fact, the single most studied artifact in human history, and we know more about it today than we ever have before. And yet, the controversy still rages. This web site will keep you abreast of current research, provide you with accurate data from the previous research and let you interact with the researchers themselves. We believe that if you have access to the facts, you can make up your own mind about the Shroud. Make sure you visit the page where you can Examine the Shroud of Turin for yourself. We hope you enjoy your visit. Barrie M. Schwortz, Editor.

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#### INTRODUCTION

In the 21st Century many people are growing impatient with the authoritarianism of organised Christian religions. Dissatisfied and disillusioned people are leaving their congregations.

However, a surprising number of those who no longer go to church still claim they believe in God, or Jesus, or a higher power, or the universe, or a deity.

And they say, "But I don't believe in religion. And I don't believe you have to go to church to pray to God."

"And the world is getting worse. I can't stand the greed and the lying of the people supposed to be running the country, the politicians, the banks, the lawyers, the newspapers."

And in amongst all these changes, some people say they would like to become Christians if they could resolve the inconsistencies they find in the Bible and in the teachings of religious leaders.

#### THE HOLY BIBLE AND THE FACTS

In my opinion, someone wanting to be a Christian should first stick to reading the New Testament that deals with the coming of our Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, his death and resurrection and the promises of the good world to come if only we follow his simple teachings.



Here is a photograph of the massive granite platform of Baalbek, near the Lebanon-Syrian border. With the image of a full-grown man in the foreground, we are looking at the "Trilithon", three cut stones each at least 1200 tons placed on top of other massive stones running at right angles. Baalbek is supposed to have been built in 9,000 BC.

(The Baalbek massive granite platform was built by ancient Anunnaki engineers as a landing and taking-off platform for chemical rockets,



Grand Quarry of Baalbek, ca. 1920-1933. (Scan of original negative; LOC/Matson image #15481)

much like the heavy concrete launch pads for space rockets today. They used tools something like lasers to cut the granite stones and it is speculated that they employed sound levitation to move them)

Archaeologists today would have us believe that our spearthrowing ancestors cut these stones using stone axes and with home-made ropes hauled these massive stones for miles. And for no particular purpose.

Unfortunately, too many people read the **Old Testament**, the Jewish Bible, without understanding the pre-history of our planet. **They draw wrong conclusions, for example:** 

- Adam and Eve were the first human beings
- Because Adam and Eve ate some fruit the Lord God told them not to, The Lord God God kicked them out of the Garden of Eden
- God got sick of human beings and decided to drown us all.
- God told Abraham to murder his son Isaac.
- God told Joshua to kill everyone in Canaan: men, women and children.
- It was God who told the angels to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah with a horrible (probably nuclear) weapon.

And unfortunately, too many people reading the **New Testament** wrongly think that the Jewish High Priest wanted Jesus of Nazareth dead, and he pressured the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate to kill Jesus. The truth is, according to the Buddhist gospel of Saint Issa, that Pilate was afraid that Jesus might lead an insurrection against the Romans, and Pilate was determined to put Jesus to death. For many years we have wrongly blamed the Jewish religious leaders, when the Buddhist gospel of Saint Issa clearly puts the blame on those who would most benefit from killing the Son of God, the Roman administration of Judaea.

Here are some resources that I recommend aspiring Christians might examine:

- "Afterlife", book by Emanuel Swedenborg
- "The Twelfth Planet" book by Zecharia Sitchin
- "Slave Species of the Gods" book by Michael Tellinger

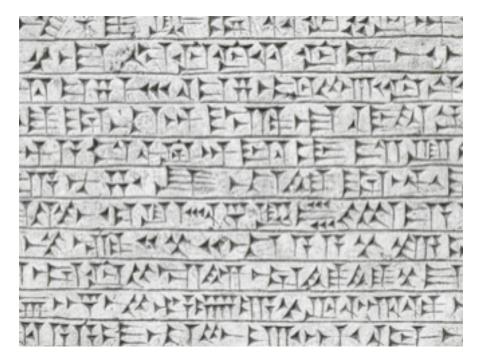
- "The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ" book by Nicolas Notovitch.
- "Imagine Heaven Devotional" book by John Burke & Kathy Burke.
- YouTube Video "Quantum Fields: The Real Building Blocks of the Universe with Professor David Tong"
- Scientific paper "Satellite-based entanglement distribution over 1200 kilometers" Science 16 Jun 2017: Vol. 356. Issue 6343

Emanuel Swedenborg provides a rational and believable account of heaven and hell, and what we can expect to happen to us when we die.

Swedenborg was a scientific genius who was born in 1688 and died in 1772. He died before Austen Henry Layard, a British archaeologist, unearthed in present day Iraq in 1850 a massive trove of clay tablets inscribed with a cuneiform (wedge-shaped) script.

Swedenborg always knew there was something hidden in the Old Testament. Because he didn't get to know about the cuneiform tablets, Swedenborg did not discover what he had never learned from studying old documents- the prehistory of our planet and the origin of Homo sapiens.

It seems that Swedenborg thought the Old Testament was allegorical. In fact it was historical.



Cuneiform script on a baked clay tablet

Zecharia Sitchin was an editor of an Israeli newspaper. Zecharia had immigrated to Israel from Russia with his family when he was a child. He became expert in the ancient languages of the Middle East.

He was one of only 200 people who could read the cuneiform script of the ancient Sumerian scribes.

For 30 years he kept telling his wife that while the scholars thought the stories written in cuneiform script described mythological beings and their doings, Sitchin thought they were in fact historical accounts.

I understand that after 30 years of this conversation around the table, Sitchin's wife said, "Zecharia, why don't you stop talking and start writing?"

## We are very grateful that Zecharia took his wife's advice.

From Sitchin we find out that 450,000 years ago, some advanced human beings, taller than us, but with similar DNA, arrived on our planet Earth to extract gold to take back to their own planet.

These people, known to the ancient Sumerians as the Anunnaki, and to the ancient Hebrews as the Nephilim, had wrecked the atmosphere of their own planet with endless nuclear wars.

There was a massive hole in their planet's atmosphere that they had discovered could be repaired with vaporised gold. They had very little gold on their planet, but we had lots of it here on Earth.

There were only ever about 600 of these technologically advanced human beings here at any one time. Their Earth base was in Mesopotamia, (now Iraq) where the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers run into the Persian Gulf. In addition there were about 300 astronauts who piloted the space ships orbiting Earth and who ran the Mars base while there was still water on the surface of Mars.

The Anunnakis' major source of gold at first was South Africa. After 300,000 years of digging deep below ground in South Africa, the lesser status Anunnakis staged a mutiny. The work was too hard.

The answer the Anunnaki hierarchy decided upon, was to create a slave worker to do the hard rock mining for them, by genetically engineering Homo erectus, our gentle ancestors.

Homo erectus had been created by God as vegetarian caretakers of plants, birds, fish and animals on our planet, as set out in the first chapter of the Holy Bible, Genesis 1, verse 26.

After much experimentation, the Anunnaki succeeded in making up a hybrid by fertilising female Homo erectus ova with male Anunnaki sperm. But like other hybrids such as the mule (from mating a horse and a donkey) these hybrids could not reproduce.



Enki and Ninharsag modifying or "creating" mankind.

#### From Zechariah Sitchin's book "The Twelfth Planet"

It required advanced genetic engineering and female Anunnaki DNA to create a fertile female human being, Eve, the mother of all human beings on our planet. This was the event that the second chapter of Genesis was attempting to describe.

These supposedly advanced human beings, the Nephilim/Anunnaki, were technologically advanced but they were jealous, selfish, territorial, vindictive, over-sexed and addicted to warfare with highly destructive weapons.

They were the gods of Egypt and Greece, the Norse gods, the gods of China, India and South America, the same 600 people but known by different names in different parts of the world.

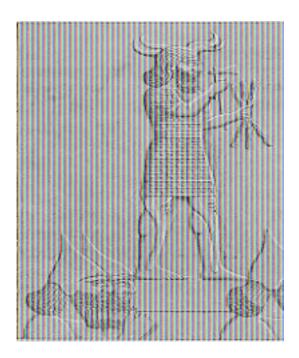
Our hybrid ancestors, Homo sapiens, were their slaves. We did their work, found and collected the gold they wanted, fed them and fought and died for them in the gods' senseless wars.

For thousands of years, we have had to try to overcome our genetic inheritance from these less than desirable "god" ancestors. Like them, we too are selfish, lying, cheating warmongers with a tendency to become addicted to a wide range of substances and behaviours.

The "gods" did it to us. It wasn't our fault. And we do not know how to fix the genetic mess we have inherited.

Only the true God who created our ancestors in the beginning is able to cure us.

Eventually the true God who lovingly created us, took human form (Jesus of Nazareth) with the hope of teaching us how to escape from the dangerous tendencies we inherited from the gods.



# As the Pali language Buddhist manuscript, published by Nicolas Notovitch says:

The earth trembled and the heavens wept, because of the great crime committed in the land of Israel. For there was tortured and murdered the great and just Issa, in whom was manifest the soul of the Universe;

Which had incarnated in a simple mortal, to benefit men and destroy the evil spirit in them;

To lead back to peace, love and happiness, man, degraded by his sins, and recall him to the one and indivisible Creator whose mercy is infinite.

Michael Tellinger's book "Slave species of the gods" summarises our journey from loving, kind caretakers to the nasty vicious self-seeking hybrids we are today. Tellinger is an excellent researcher and his book can be relied upon to acquaint us with the unpalatable facts of how we became genocidal bullies, cheats and liars.

The good news is that the loving spirit who created us has not abandoned us. Jesus Christ is the person he said he was, he is the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and he can help us overcome the deficits in our DNA.

The New Testament describes the coming of our loving Saviour. We can become the good people we would like to be with the help of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Here are a few facts we can discover from reading the Old Testament once we have been given the basic pre-history to understand it:

It wasn't the God who created us who decided to drown us in Noah's Flood. It was En-lil, the cruel, arrogant boss of the Anunnaki's Earth Mission, who tried to get rid of us.

There is a huge expanse of ice in the western part of Antarctica that lies on the Southern Ocean instead of the rocky surface of the continent. It is known as **the Thwaites** "Doomsday" Glacier. The Anunnaki knew by observation



West Antarctic Ice Sheet ... science.sciencemag.org

from their Earth-orbiting space craft that this ice shelf was about to break off and fall into the Southern Ocean.

The Anunnaki expected a massive tsunami, which eventuated, and which sent a massive wave up the Indian Ocean, drowning the eastern part of Africa and extending as far up the Tigris and Euphrates River valleys to the twin peaks of Ararat.

En-lil was happy to use us as slaves but he didn't like us and he wanted to use the opportunity of the coming tsunami to kill all the human beings. But En-lil's half brother En-ki had alerted his son and a few other people, who built a boat to survive the massive tsunami. The story is the same as the Biblical flood of Noah.

The Anunnaki planned to take off in their rocket ships and witness the drowning of their human slaves from their Earth-orbiting spacecraft.

En-lil will have died eventually (the Anunnaki lived very long lives) and his spirit may now be resident in the spiritual reality.

Given that he considered that he owned our planet, that he hated us, and that he was very smart, En-lil's soul would seem to be a good candidate for the identity of Lucifer, or Satan, the devil, the enemy.

The sex-addicted, jealous, conniving killers of whom En-lil was the leader, would seem to me to be good candidates for the title "fallen angels", who have become the evil spirits that try to harm us whenever they can. In mythology they may have been the "gods" but in everyday reality they are just nasty evil spirits.

It was not God, the father of Jesus Christ, who told Abraham to kill his son Isaac. It was Molech, a Canaanite "god". If a father sacrificed his first born child into the red-hot arms of this massive bronze statue, the fortune of the rest of the family from then on, was guaranteed.

And it was not our creator God that sent three angels to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah with a nuclear weapon. It was one of the Anunnaki "gods" involved in a territorial dispute with another one of the Anunnaki "gods".



Molech the god who demanded sacrifice of the first-born

The Catholic Church tells us that angels were created first, before human beings, that they rebelled in heaven against

God, and God sent them down to our planet Earth where they have done nothing but harm to us ever since.

Emanuel Swedenborg claims that God created human beings with the aim of making angels to populate the heaven that he planned for the universe. Good people have good souls and their souls after death can become angels.

Swedenborg described life on our planet Earth as a type of seminary that gives us a chance of learning how to be respectful and loving towards our Creator, and loving and kind towards other beings created by Our God.

Evil people have evil souls and they prefer after death to continue to enjoy bullying, using, hurting and killing good people living on Earth. These evil souls will find a hell that suits them and they will stay there together for ever.

## All angels and evil spirits were once human beings.

Emanuel Swedenborg claimed that God told him that there were human beings on other planetary systems, all created by the same God who created us on Earth. The Anunnaki were created by the same God who created us, but much earlier, so that they had time to evolve into more technologically advanced beings than we were when they arrived here on Earth 450,000 years ago..

After the Anunnaki died, their souls would have become angels as well.

This might serve as a reasonable explanation for the Catholic Church's belief that the angels who became fallen

angels and evil spirits, were created before we (Homo erectus) were created.

But perhaps they weren't thrown down to Earth, but originally arrived in their own space ships.

#### THE FIRST CHAPTER OF GENESIS

Many people begin reading the Bible at the beginning of the first chapter. And we usually decide we can allow the concept of "days" of creation through poetic licence to refer to stages or aeons of time.

Genesis 1 is beautiful language, and we appreciate it for its imagery and poetry and for the assurance that after God created anything, he was very pleased with what he had made.

Chapter 1 is very much like ancient Australian indigenous dreamtime stories and it ends with God, having created human beings as vegetarian caretakers, saying that he is wearied by all his busy dreamtime creating, and that he is going to take a rest.

The following excerpts have been copied from The King James version of the Bible.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

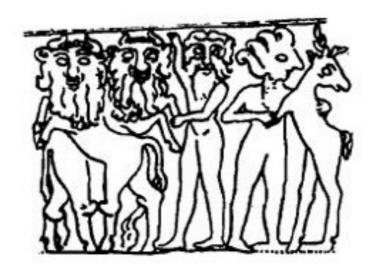
And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.



This picture is from Zechariah Sitchin's book "The Twelfth Planet". This is what our ancestors Homo erectus looked like, according to Sumerian scribes.

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

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

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

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

And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

#### From Zecharia Sitchin's book "The Twelfth Planet":

# A Sumerian tale dealing with the primordial times states:

"When Mankind was created They knew not the eating of bread, Knew not the dressing in garments; Ate plants with their mouth like sheep; Drank water from a ditch."

"Such an animal-like 'human' being is also described in the 'Epic of Gilgamesh.' That text tells what Enkidu, the one 'born on the steppes' was like before he became civilized:

"Shaggy with hair is his whole body, he is endowed with headhair like a woman.... He knows neither people nor land; Garbed is he like one of the green fields; With gazelles he feeds on grass;

With the wild beasts he jostles at the watering place; With the teeming creatures in the water his heart delights."

"Not only does the Akkadian text describe an animal-like man; it also describes an encounter with such a being:

"Now a hunter, one who traps, faced him at the watering place. When the hunter saw him, his face became motionless....His heart was disturbed, overclouded his face, for woe had entered his belly."

"There was more to it than mere fear after the hunter beheld 'the savage', this 'barbarous fellow from the depths of the steppe'; for this 'savage' also interfered with the hunter's pursuits:

"He filled up the pits that I had dug, he tore up my traps that I had set; the beasts and creatures of the steppe he has made slip through my hands."

"We can ask for no better description of an ape-man: hairy, shaggy, a roaming nomad who 'knows neither people or land', garbed in leaves, 'like one of the green fields', feeding on grass and living among the animals. Yet he is not without substantial intelligence, for he knows how to tear up the traps and fill up the pits dug to catch the animals."

"In other words, he protected his animal friends from being caught by the alien hunters. Many cylinder seals have been found that depict this shaggy ape-man among his animal friends."

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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Then we may move on to the improbable story of Genesis 2 that uses a different name for God, to make sure we don't confuse him with the God who really enjoyed creating life on Earth, finishing with creating us, his caretaker species.

At the start of Genesis 2 we have the Earth, dirt, irrigation, nothing growing, and this entity called the Lord God. Then this so-called Lord God takes a fistful of dirt, blows into it, and creates a male human being, called Adam.

Nothing for Adam to eat, because there had not been any rain, and up to then there was no human being to "till the soil".

Then Adam supposedly survives on fresh air while the Lord God plants a garden in Eden. And a major change in job description for our solitary farm worker, from esteemed caretaker in Genesis 1 to farm labourer in Genesis 2.

One lonely human being, no other living thing on the Earth's surface, patiently waiting for the trees to grow so he can get something to eat.

Genesis 2 is in my view mostly far-fetched fiction, but it has been a Bible favourite of various preachers as they describe

"the fall of man", the story of how the Lord God put Adam and Eve to a test they were doomed to fail. "Here's this marvellous fruit. See it! Now don't eat it, or you will die!"

Why would a loving creator put a poisonous but delicious fruit in front of the only two human beings in existence and tell them not to eat it? (Ever try the same thing with children?)

The Lord God certainly proved to be a liar as well as a bully, because Adam and Eve did not die. But because they disobeyed the alleged Lord God, he kicked them out of the only home they had known.

## Would the true God who created us ever do such a thing?

Here is a copy of Genesis Chapter 2, copied from the King James version of the Bible:

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

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

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

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.



The tree of life in the Garden of Eden. (It looks a lot like DNA). This sculpture in Iraq was destroyed by ISIS militant Islamists.

And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

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

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

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

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

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

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Do you think the Lord God's punishment may have been a little excessive? I told you not to eat the fruit I tempted you with, and you did, so you are banished, you'll probably starve to death, but I couldn't care less!

In Genesis chapter 2 we find the description of the Garden of Eden included a statement of the high quality of the gold found in Havilah.

Gold? What use is gold to primitive human beings? No use for toolmaking, it's inedible, no use whatsoever.

Gold may be shiny and looks nice, but so do a lot of other things we find in the ground like crystals and opals.

It is only when we decipher the Sumerian clay tablets that we discover the significance of gold mining associated with the development of human-Anunnaki hybrids who can reproduce. Slaves begetting more slaves.

And it is fairly clear from Genesis 2 that the Lord God doesn't like us much.

He is a bully who plays games and tests us by putting us in no-win situations.

The "fall of man" into the sinful people we are, was not because we disobeyed our slave-master, but because the Lord God (In reality the Anunnaki boss) and the rest of his nasty cronies disrespected us and turned us from loving caretakers into frightened, resentful slaves, obsessed with copying the behaviour of our slave-owners.

#### WATER

The very first verse of the Holy Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water. God said, "Let there be light..."

It is said that "The Big Bang", the initial event that began the universe, can be seen as the moment when God said, "Let there be light!"

But according to the Bible, even before the Big Bang, there was water.

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 3, Jesus tells Nicodemus "I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

We now know that the-solar-system-and-beyond-is-awash-in-water. See https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/resources/16178/

"As NASA missions explore our solar system and search for new worlds, they are finding water in surprising places. Water is but one piece of our search for habitable planets and life beyond Earth, yet it links many seemingly unrelated worlds in surprising ways."

There is water on the Moon, water under the surface of Mars, the comets are dusty snowballs, there are ice blocks in the asteroid belt, beyond Pluto in the Kuiper belt, and surrounding our solar system in the Oort Cloud.

And NASA is finding water surrounding developing galaxies in deep space.

We know that our human bodies are made of an average of 60% water.

After death we will have bodies that are not made of the same material that our earthly bodies are made of.

#### From St Paul 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever.

## Perhaps our spiritual bodies will be made of water.

Under normal circumstances, water does not break down into its constituent parts, hydrogen and oxygen. What better candidate for a substance that lasts forever?

Jesus of Nazareth said that in order to see the kingdom of God, human beings needed to be born again and this process involves water. From the Gospel of John:

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

## Water's structure responds to consciousness

Here are some excerpts from Masaru Emoto's book "The Hidden Messages in Water" Atria Books, Kindle Edition.

"Masaru Emoto was born in Yokohama in July, 1943. He is a graduate of the Yokohama Municipal University's department of humanities and sciences, with a focus on International Relations."

"In 1986 he established the IHM Corporation in Tokyo. In October of 1992 he received certification from the Open

International University as a Doctor of Alternative Medicine."

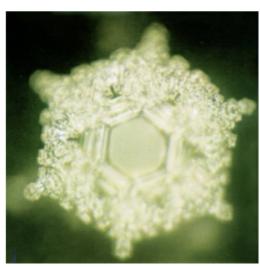
"Subsequently he was introduced to the concept of microclusterwater in the United States, and Magnetic Resonance Analysis technology."

"The quest thus began to discover the mystery of water. Dr. Emoto undertook extensive research into water around the planet, not so much as a scientific researcher but more from the perspective of an original thinker."

"At length he realized that it was in the frozen crystal form that water showed us its true nature."

#### From Dr Emoto's book:

"I particularly remember one photograph. It was the most beautiful and delicate crystal that I had so far seen—formed by being exposed to the words "love and gratitude."



"It was as if the water had rejoiced and celebrated by creating a flower in bloom. It was so beautiful that I can say that it actually changed my life from that moment on."

"Water had taught me the delicacy of the human soul, and the

Love and gratitude

impact that "love and gratitude" can have on the world." I recommend Dr Emoto's books and photographs to anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the cosmos.

It seems to me quite reasonable that the spirit could instantly create from water a body for itself, after the spirit has abandoned its worn-out and no longer functional earthly body.

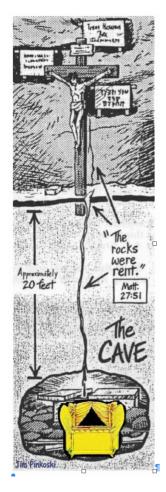
# The spirits released from their tombs had bodies

When Jesus died, there was an earthquake that split the escarpment of Mt Moriah still to be seen today at Golgotha.

# Golgotha - The Place of the Skull Two eve sockets and nose are seen in the center of the photo

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The upper left of this photograph shows the broken rock caused by the earthquake. The bottom left of this photograph shows the exact place where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified and died.



Ron Wyatt discovered the Ark of the Covenant in a cave 20 feet below the site of the crucifixion site of Jesus Christ in front of the escarpment called Golgotha or Calvary outside the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem.

Please see the Wyatt Family website at https://www.ronwyatt.com

Ron claimed that the blood of Jesus ran down a crack in the rock caused by the earthquake.

The blood dropped onto the Mercy Seat (the lid) of the Ark of the Covenant.

Ron Wyatt claimed he had taken a sample of the dried blood to a pathology laboratory in Israel. (See the YouTube video)

Ron claimed the blood "is alive" and it only has 24 chromosomes - 22 autosomes plus an X chromosome from Jesus' mother Mary and one Y chromosome that did not come from a human male.

## From the Gospel of Matthew 27: 53

At that, the veil of the Temple" was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

There is, in the Gospel of Nicodemus, Acts of Pilate, a description of the people who came out of their tombs in Jerusalem's cemetery as Jesus died, and Jerusalem was rocked by a large earthquake.

The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden By: Rutherford H. Platt Jr Published: 1st October 2005 ISBN: 9780974762395

Those people who came out of their tombs looked like they did in life. They did not speak and only temporarily stayed in Jerusalem where they visited their families. Each of them turned gradually into bright light and vanished.

They had recognisable human bodies. What were their bodies made of?

### WHERE WAS JESUS FROM AGE 12 TO AGE 30?

In Luke's Gospel we read that Jesus at the age of 12 was missing from the family group as they travelled home from

Jerusalem. He was found in the Temple talking theology with some of the learned men of his day.

### Luke 2:41-52.

Every year his parents used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he wa with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you."

"Why were you looking for me?" he replied. "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" •But they did not understand what he meant.

After that, the Gospels don't tell us anything more about the whereabouts of Jesus until he was 30, when he was baptised in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Immediately Jesus began preaching, he was drawing huge crowds.

A book "The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ" written by the Russian author Nicolas Notovitch, is able to explain why

Jesus had such "rock star" status and was considered a major threat to the Roman administration at the time.

This book also shows us that Jesus never married, did not stay at home working with his father Joseph, and where he was from the ages of 14 to 29.

This book is available free of charge from Project Gutenberg on the internet. Ask for author "Notovitch".

The book tells us that from the time of his childhood, Jesus was well known in Israel for his knowledge of God. He had a reputation of being a wonder child, and he was indeed invited by the theologians of the day to talk to them.

At the age of 13, after his Bar Mitzvah, Jesus was sought out by representatives of the wealthy and important families in Israel as a potential son-in-law.

This was the reason Jesus left Nazareth and joined the merchants travelling the Silk Road from the Mediterranean to India and beyond to China and back.

In India, as one might expect, Jesus befriended the people we know today as the "untouchable" caste and as a result the upper caste Brahmins conspired to have him murdered.

Jesus went to Nepal and lived in the area where Gautama the Buddha was born and grew up. Jesus became fluent in the Pali language and gained the reputation of being a Buddhist saint, Saint Issa.



The history of Jesus' activities and teachings in India was written down in Pali, the ancient language of Nepal, and was contributed to by the merchants and the Buddhist monks.

News of Jesus' latest doings was regularly brought back to Israel by the merchants of the Silk Road.

This is why Jesus had such a big reputation by the time he arrived back home in Israel at age 30.

The entirety of The Life of Saint Issa, Best of the Sons of Men etc can be found beginning at page 96

Nicolas Notovitch. The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ / The Original Text of Nicolas Notovitch's 1887 Discovery (Kindle Locations 943-953).

# THE END OF PURGATORY AND OF BAPTISTS SENDING CATHOLICS TO HELL

Thank God for Emanuel Swedenborg. In the 1750s he had a "near death" experience in which he experienced being in the spiritual world where we all go after death. And through deep meditation, Swedenborg was able to visit the spirit world many times, where he interviewed angels and spirits of people recently departed from their earthly lives.

Swedenborg's explanations for the way we are judged and assessed when we arrive in the spirit world after death are reasonable and sensible, totally in keeping with what we know about the loving nature of Jesus Christ, Lord of Heaven and Earth.

The Catholic Church made a lot of money in the Middle Ages selling "indulgences". If you were a generous donor to the Catholic Church you could shorten the length of time a loved one would have to spend in purgatory.

Since that time, the Catholic Church has backed away from this preposterous claim, and what we have now is a rag-bag of half-believed explanations.

The gist of these ideas is that after we die we enter a place where we are punished in some way to make us fit to eventually become saints in heaven.

"Purgatory" comes from the Latin "to clean" and the purgatory used to be the laundry in medieval convents and monasteries. Some people pretend that being admitted to

purgatory is like being admitted to God's hospital "clean-up" ward.

The Catholic Church still teaches that purgatory is a place of suffering, but the suffering has been revised down to the suffering of being separated from God, perhaps something like heartache.

However, there still remains a fear of death because of the confused notions about purgatory still held by Catholic believers.

Thank God for Emanuel Swedenborg and the clarity of his writings about the afterlife.

Evil people who die without changing their behaviour certainly end up in hell, but it is a hell of their own choosing, where they dwell forever in company with their fellow miscreants, deceivers, thieves, killers, liars, cheats and thugs.

The sufferings within these various and numerous hells are inflicted by their own kind, as within a jail run by the inmates and where the most violent have the most power.

The practice of members of some Christian denominations declaring that other Christians are so out of favour with God that they will certainly be sent to hell, is disappearing as the new Christianity increases in its observance and its popularity.

Once it was Catholics saying the Protestants were all going to hell. Now it's the Baptists claiming the Catholics are all

going to hell. People speaking such rubbish should be ashamed of themselves.

Swedenborg assures us that God doesn't want anybody to waste their lives and end up in hell, where the unteachable like to hang out together. God wants everyone to learn to respect their creator and to be kind to other people and other living creatures. God wants as many people as possible to go to heaven after they die.

The advances in resuscitative technology means that many people whose hearts stop beating can be revived. I understand that the signal for the spirit to leave the body is the cessation of the heart's beating.

The spirit leaves the body but has to return when the heartbeat is restored.

During the time the spirit has left the body, it may gain a glimpse of what life is like following death, and many people have written about these experiences.

The majority of these near death experiences have been very positive, and many people who have had near-death experiences have revised their lifestyles and lived happier lives as a result.

I recommend the book "Imagine Heaven Devotional - 100 Reflections to bring Heaven to your life today" by John and Kathy Burke. Baker Books Michigan 2018.

This book describes authenticated accounts by people who have "died" and have been resuscitated and who have experienced glimpses of God, Heaven and Jesus.

# HOW QUANTUM PHYSICS HELPS US UNDERSTAND THEOLOGY

Two major findings of quantum physics have helped us understand a little more about God, The Word, and the immediacy of the spirit world.

A Chinese satellite orbiting 1200 kilometres above the Earth's surface right now, contains a particle of some substance, plus a means of stimulating this substance to glow and a camera to tell us here on Earth that it is in fact glowing.

In a university somewhere in China there is a similar particle plus camera etc. If the particle on Earth is stimulated, it will glow, and immediately the particle in the satellite will glow. And vice versa.

We now know that this transmission is faster than the speed of light, in fact it occurs simultaneously, regardless of any obstacles between the particles, or how far apart they are.

# It is as though these particles think they are the same entity.

The relationship between these particles is called "quantum entanglement" and it explains how the spirit of a living

human being can be in two places at once- within the body, and also in the spirit world at the same time.

Anything we see, hear, do, touch, smell or experience in our Earthly life, is instantly recorded within our spirit in the spirit world. After the death of the body here on Earth, our spirit in the spirit world is awakened.

Quantum physics, through the operation of the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Switzerland, has discovered the Higgs field, named after a Scottish physicist who theorised there must be an energy field in the universe that adds mass to other energy fields that have frequency but no mass, such as light.

The Chinese mystic Lao-tse wrote of this field in the 6th century BC. Because classic Chinese is made up of pictograms, verbal translations can vary widely. Here is one translation in the public domain of part of the first verse of the Tao Te Ching:

The Dao that can be spoken of is not the ever-constant Dao.

The name that can be named is not the ever-constant name.

That which is without-name is the beginning of heaven and earth.

That which possesses a name is the mother of the ten thousand creatures.

"Dao" can be translated as "God".

"The part of God that we can talk about is not the eternal God. The name that can be named is not the eternal name. The one we cannot name is the beginning of heaven and

earth. The part of God that we can name is the mother of everything."

We can read the first verse of the Tao Te Ching and the first verse of St John's Gospel, written 700 years later, line for line.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him. Without Him was not any thing made that was made.

These two sources tell us that there are two aspects to the God who created us, one aspect that designs and one aspect that fabricates. Without the Word, God's concepts and plans do not become objects or living beings, or entities.

We have come to understand that Jesus Christ, son of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, either was, or represented the Word, the other aspect of God, perhaps the other of "us" in Genesis chapter 1, verse 26:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

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

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

Jesus Christ seemed, in the Gospels of the New Testament, to have some divine authority over things, capable of multiplying food and controlling the wind.

In John's gospel he is trying to explain something that perhaps, using Christian terminology of 100 years later he might have said "I was speaking as The Word, not as a human being."

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you will have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eats. my flesh and drinks my blood, dwells in me, and I in him. The living Father has sent me and I live by the Father. Therefore, he that eats me shall also live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven. Not the manna your fathers ate. He who eats this bread shall live for ever. These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

Many of Jesus' followers left him when he said these things, thinking that Jesus was insane, talking rubbish.

However, later when Jesus was being nailed to the cross by Roman soldiers who seemed to enjoy inflicting severe pain on a man they knew to be totally innocent, and Jesus having been subjected to scourging for hours, having chunks of flesh ripped out of him and having lost litres of blood, did Jesus The Word and not Jesus the man, think "The Father and I did not make human beings to be these cruel nasty people. Did we go wrong, did I mess up?"

I have often wondered about the idea that on the cross, Jesus took all our sins on himself, and therefore died for our sins. If Jesus was The Word, did he blame himself for having messed up in his bringing to being the caretakers who turned into cruel murderers?

Aspiring Bible-believing Christians should keep a watchful eye on physics and astronomy, as science and theology are drawing ever closer.

### **CHRISTIANS**

Christians are known for three patterns of behaviour:

- 1. Although we have absolutely no understanding whatsoever of who or what is the God who created us, we love Him and we are grateful for our lives and the lives of our children and families. We are also grateful for the other life forms on our beautiful planet, life forms created by our beautiful God.
- 2. We feel happy in our relationship with God, and we enjoy being kind and loving towards others as much as we can, in accordance with the teachings of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.
- 3. We often pray to the God who created us as if we are children asking our father for help, knowing that our heavenly father wants to help.

These behavioural characteristics always followed a "giving in" when we abandoned the idea that we were better than

average, winners and grinners, and destined to rise to the top through our individual brilliance. Sometimes we had to be reduced to poverty or disgrace before we admitted we were human beings in need of guidance.

With the crushing revelation that we were no better than anybody else, we usually said a primitive prayer like "God if you exist, can you help me please?"

Sometimes this prayer was quickly followed by an event that seemed to come from a super mind that seemed to already know us, a super mind that has a personality and a desire to help.

We found a way that we used to communicate with God. In my case I say the Lord's Prayer, and then maybe the short Catholic prayers the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory Be". Then I ask for what I want or need.

Most of us found that if we addressed our prayer to Jesus Christ, this was an efficient way of communicating with the God who created us. And we found that every time we communicated with God, we felt peaceful. This is a peace that appears inappropriate, given the jangled circumstances we might be embroiled in.

This a peace that Jesus described as a peace beyond human understanding. And I find that practising Christians can be identified by their attitude of internal peace of mind even when they are stressed, persecuted or in pain.

Here are my favourite three introductory prayers. They function in my case as something like addressing a letter - the name and address of whom I am asking for assistance.

"Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Another constant characteristic of Christian people is that they usually seem innocent. This is an innocence unrelated to any talented effectiveness they may display in certain fields of endeavour.

Evil hates and fears innocence. Innocent people are often abused and bullied by intrinsically bad people.

# **Basic teachings by Jesus**

Here are some excerpts from the King James Version of the Gospel of John, from Project Gutenberg. I have edited some

of the Elizabethan English words to make it more readable for modern English speakers.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word was with God in the beginning. All things were made by Him. Without Him was not any thing made that was made.

In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: those who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

When John saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it stayed on Him. I knew Him not except that He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, Upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining on Him, this is He who

baptizes with the Holy Ghost. I saw Him, and bore record that this is the Son of God."

Then answered the Jews and said to Him, What sign can you show us, seeing that you do these things? Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Jesus had been accustomed (according to the book about St Issa) to describing one's loving heart as one's temple:

- 10. The Israelites came in multitudes to listen to Issa's words; and they asked him where they should thank their Heavenly Father, since their enemies had demolished their temples and robbed them of their sacred vessels.
- 11. Issa told them that God cared not for temples erected by human hands, but that human hearts were the true temples of God.
- 12. "Enter into your temple, into your heart; illuminate it with good thoughts, with patience and the unshakeable faith which you owe to your Father.
- 13. "And your sacred vessels! they are your hands and your eyes. Look to do that which is agreeable to God, for in doing good to your fellow men, you perform a ceremony that embellishes the temple wherein abideth Him who has created you.
- 14. "For God has created you in His own image, innocent, with pure souls, and hearts filled with kindness and not made for

the planning of evil, but to be the sanctuaries of love and justice.

Truly I say to you, He who hears my words and believes on Him who sent me has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but pass from death unto life.

Marvel not at this because the hour is coming in which all that are in graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth. They who have done good go unto the resurrection of life. They who have done evil go unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge. And my judgment is just because I seek not my own will but the will of the Father who hath sent me.

This parable spoke Jesus unto them. Yet they understood not what things He spoke about. Then Jesus said again, truly, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If any man enters in by me he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

Peter saith unto Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not then thou hast no part with me.

After He washed their feet, put on His garments, and sat down again, He said unto them, do you know what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord. And you say well for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed

your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.

So now I give you a new commandment. Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another.

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me. If you had known me, you should have known my Father also, and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.

He who has my commandments and keeps them, loves me. And he who loves me shall be loved by my Father. I will love him and show myself to him.

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, He prunes that it may bring forth more fruit.

### CHRISTIANITY AT WORK

In the 21st century, while some Christians have been arguing among themselves over differing Bible interpretations, practical Christianity has been at work healing people and delivering them from evil spirits. This

chapter deals with the author's experience over many years of psychiatric practice.

(Much of the material in this section is also in my book "A Useful Book for Counsellors" published by Amazon.)

# Healing the Family Tree

In 1984 I met Dr Kenneth McAll, an English doctor who had worked in China as a Christian missionary surgeon in the years before World War 2. When the Japanese invaded China, Ken and his wife Frances were incarcerated with a large number of other European people in a former tobacco warehouse.

After Ken returned to England after the War, he found himself working mainly in psychiatry, where he applied the spiritual principles he had seen in action in China. Later he wrote a best selling book "Healing the Family Tree" (published by Sheldon Press).

I had been a specialist psychiatrist for 9 years when I met Ken McAll, and saw how Ken took a detailed family tree history for every patient. In 1984 I also began recording detailed family tree histories on every patient, paying attention to information that psychiatrists didn't usually focus on, for example:

- How many pregnancies have you had, and how many children do you have?
- Was your stillborn child ever given a name?
- Did you go to your father's funeral?

- Was there a funeral service for your uncle who was lost at sea?
- Tell me what your suffering feels like as if what?

I was initially suspicious of Ken McAll's claims in his book "Healing the Family Tree". He was saying that previously incurable conditions were being healed quickly and effectively where the hitherto unexplained suffering of a patient could be traced to an unresolved issue involving someone in the patient's family tree history. When a Christian Communion Service was celebrated by a clergyman and appropriate prayers said for that person, the patient was healed.

I was concerned that Ken McAll's interventions might be venturing into New Age rituals at best and into the occult at worst. Then I discovered that the Christian Church since its beginning, had been praying for the dead, and when I began taking detailed family tree histories I soon discovered the same sorts of cases that Ken McAll was dealing with.

Since 1984, I have treated a large number of allegedly incurable patients through the method known as Healing the Family Tree.

I saw a man named Gordon, who was suffering from stress breakdown symptoms, and one of the minor stressors in his life was the behaviour of his two sons aged 11 and 13. These boys were rowdy and unruly, and the patient's wife and family all wanted Gordon to use corporal punishment on them, but Gordon refused to hit them.

Gordon told me his own father had bashed him, and Gordon's father had been bashed by his father, and so on for several generations of men whose children hated them and who had learned to bash their own children by being bashed themselves. "I vowed and declared I would never lay a hand on my kids," he told me.

Later, Gordon levelled with me, "I'd better tell you the truth, Doc. The fact is, deep down, I know I am capable of being just as violent as my father, and probably even more so, and I am truly ashamed of this.

I'll never lay a hand on my kids because I'm scared if I started bashing them my violent nature would come out and maybe I wouldn't be able to stop."

Gordon was a peaceful and gentle man, but he felt inside himself, he was like a violent threat to peace and order in the family.

He was never violent at all, but he felt bad because of the violence within him that had come down the family tree.

Gordon was suffering for his father's and grandfather's violence for which these men had never apologized. Gordon was innocent of violence, but he felt like the most violent criminal.

Gordon's two sons just thought their father was a softie, who did not believe in violence. Those boys when they grew up and had children of their own, would not physically punish their own children because they had no experience of such violence themselves.

### The long term effects of abortion on the family

Terminating pregnancies has serious and long-lasting ill effects on individuals, families and the community.

Anna is a teenage girl and the eldest child in a family. She is not really the eldest child, although she herself does not know this. The first pregnancy in this family was terminated by the parents because a child at that time would have been inconvenient.

Anna develops anorexia nervosa, where she begins to starve herself to skin and bone, insisting all the time that she's too fat. At the same time, she claims that if she is not perfect, she doesn't deserve to live.

Where did these ideas come from? The parents have never expressed such views to this child, whom they dearly love.

Anorexic patients are usually difficult to treat. But if attention is paid to the spiritual reality, treatment is much more effective.

When it is revealed that Anna's older sibling was sacrificed for the good of the family, an understanding of the meaning of this girl's deadly perfectionism becomes clear.

There is a secret ethos in this family reality. This ethos is - if by your presence you are going to present some inconvenience to your family, you do not deserve to live.

Anna is cured of her anorexia nervosa and her deadly perfectionism when her aborted sibling is named and

lovingly handed over to God by her parents in a Communion Service.

In the majority of such cases, the anorexic daughter has no knowledge of her aborted brother or sister. So her deadly perfectionism is not the result of identifying psychologically with the aborted sibling. Instead the perfectionism comes from deep within her, through the unconscious mind.

The termination of a pregnancy is a very sad event. In most cases, the pregnant woman does not want to terminate the pregnancy, but she acts out of self-defence, usually sincerely believing that her reputation, her lifestyle and her future will be irreparably damaged by the unplanned and unexpected birth of a child.

Our society accepts that killing in cases of self-defence is not unlawful. Therefore it is not appropriate for other people to make judgments on the rights and wrongs of a frightened woman trying to protect herself, and it is never appropriate for me to offer an opinion when I am trying to help a woman deal with the long-term effects of abortion on her and her family, long after the event.

These long-term effects include:

Hardening the heart – the mother who justifies throwing a child away by claiming she has a right to determine the use of her own body, may become hardened, unable to see an issue from the point of view of a child, only from her point of view.

Using death threats in disciplining her other children - "I'll strangle you!", "I'll knock your block off!" The mother is often unaware of the impact her threats have on the peace of mind of her children.

Inconsolable grief It is so sad when a woman who has terminated one or more pregnancies is then infertile and unable to have a child when it is now economically or culturally appropriate. And in a number of instances, a woman who has only boys or only girls and is secretly sure she has thrown away her only daughter or only son, suffers long term regret.

Effects on the siblings I have already referred to the deadly perfectionism that often afflicts the sibling next to the aborted child. This perfectionism may also become obvious in other ways, affecting the children generally.

### Suicide

Suicide is regarded by the Christian Church as a crime that may prevent the victim from moving through purgatory to his heavenly destination.

Dennis had been hearing "voices like whispers in the wind" for four months. He was afraid he was developing schizophrenia. Twelve months before, his brother Gary had hanged himself at night in the public park of a country town.

Gary had been making crazy accusations that were obviously delusional, but before the family had been able to get him seen by a psychiatrist, the brother had suicided.

Dennis attended a family gathering in the place where the brother suicided, exactly twelve months after the suicide. Prayers were offered. The voices ceased.

It is my opinion that the tendency for a relative to commit suicide on the anniversary of the suicide of a spouse or relative may be a tragically mistaken response to vague urgings from the soul of the deceased, seeking help to apologize to God on behalf of the deceased.

### Incurable illnesses and incurable people

I have seen many cases of people being healed of allegedly incurable illnesses, through a communion service for the healing of their family tree.

Who are these incurable people? In my experience the people who suffer from unresolved problems in their family tree often show these characteristics: they are naturally sensitive, spiritual, family oriented, motivated towards helping others and they tend to take on the burdens of other people.

When we look at the suffering arising from unresolved issues in the family tree, we find it usually falls into three categories:

Suffering caused by not being loved and cared for by parents, who had too many personal problems themselves. We usually find that when we judge our parents and refuse to forgive them we bring suffering on ourselves.

Suffering caused by trying to avoid repeating the wrong behaviour of previous generations. In this case, we find that generational sins will keep repeating down through the generations, until an innocent person suffers for these sins.

**Redemptive suffering.** In redemptive suffering, the symptom represents the way some member of their family tree died, or an unresolved issue that some family member did not deal with before that person died.

As soon as we identify the connection between the suffering of an innocent person and the lost soul, we celebrate a communion service and draw to the attention of Almighty God, the situation of this lost soul.

We make whatever apologies seem appropriate. We ask God to have mercy on this soul. And sometimes the person suffering from the incurable symptoms is healed of these symptoms.

Sometimes the person doing the suffering has no knowledge of the person who died. Therefore the symptom cannot be explained by the sufferer psychologically identifying with the lost soul. We can then see that the incurable symptoms were like a signpost pointing to the needs of the lost soul for our help.

Chronic fatigue. "I feel as if my body parts aren't connected. The patient's father deserted the family, was an alcoholic derelict. He was run over by an express train, and his body was collected in several plastic bags. No

family member had attended his funeral because he was so despised.

Unexplained severe pain in the neck about C6 level, occurring after the patient had done studies in theology. The patient's uncle was beheaded in Ambon by Japanese soldiers in the Second World War. The patient had been the only practising Christian in his family, the only one likely to be able to say prayers for the soul of the uncle.

Phantom limb pain from an arm blown off in a trench in France in the First World War. Two friends were killed by the same explosion. There was no military funeral for them because there were no body parts to bury. The phantom limb pain stopped abruptly after a memorial funeral service had been arranged for the two friends.

# How do we know when symptoms are caused by family tree problems?

- The symptoms are incurable, they do not respond to medical treatment.
- When patients describe the symptoms in their own words, the actual words they use may tell the story. "I feel I'm in a dark place, in a box." "I feel like I'm in a prison and I can't get out."
- When patients describe their symptoms, their eyes usually fill with tears, and yet they cannot explain why.
- The symptoms can be explained when the family tree history is known.

### Anorexia nervosa

Anorexia nervosa is one of the worrying diseases of our time. An intelligent and sensitive girl with an obsessive personality begins to starve herself to attain what she claims is an ideal body shape. To other people her ideal body shape looks like a skeleton.

She appears to be following some inner drive or pattern of thinking that is oblivious of the real condition of her body, and she lets her family know she will resist all their attempts to make her eat sensibly.

Trying to have a normal family relationship with this girl inevitably deteriorates into a conflict over control, and the anorexic girl inevitably wins.

Eventually, when her body weight is so low that she is in imminent danger of death, this girl is admitted to a psychiatric hospital under an involuntary treatment order. Over years of trying different methods, psychiatric units have found a method that works.

The anorexic girl is confined to bed, not allowed to use the bathroom or get out of bed until she has attained a goal weight. As her weight increases, she wins more privileges. Eventually she gains enough weight to be allowed to go home. The psychiatric unit wins the battle of wills. The recovery rate is about 30%

How do we understand this condition? The British doctor and author Dr Kenneth McAll who wrote "Healing the Family Tree" (Sheldon Press) claimed that in a series of

anorexia nervosa patients he treated in the Southampton area, he had a success rate of about 86%.

McAll found that most of the patients suffering from anorexia nervosa had a deep seated spiritual problem that he dealt with through ritual mourning, specifically through a Holy Communion service. Unfortunately McAll was never able to have his study published in a medical journal because it was regarded as too controversial.

The spiritual problems in patients with anorexia nervosa are usually very deep and fundamental to survival. The commonest situation is that a couple have become pregnant and the child was aborted because the child would present a threat to woman's career. Later they marry, and when it is convenient, they have children. The anorexic girl is often the child next to the secretly aborted sibling.

The girl who will later become anorexic after puberty, is often a perfectionist who seems to believe that if she cannot live up to her own high expectations of herself, she has no right to live or no right to be fed. She is following an archetypal story that was written when her pregnant mother aborted her brother or sister – the story says "If you are going to represent an inconvenience, you have to go."

Because the anorexic girl's drive to starve herself is coming from the unconscious mind, she cannot easily express what she is intending to do in starving herself. Consciously she may say she looks too fat when she sees herself in a mirror, in comparison to the gaunt skeletal fashion models parading the catwalks. Sometimes she says there are people in the

world starving and she doesn't have the right to use nutrients they should have.

When the fact of the secret abortion is made known to the starving girl, the underlying archetypal story becomes conscious and can be dealt with.

In other cases, some anorexic girls appear to be mourning a lost soul who has not had a funeral. In one case, the lost soul was a pilot who crashed into the sea and was never accorded a funeral as his body was not recovered. In some cases, the lost soul was a twin who was dead at birth and was never named.

In another case, the story begins in Indonesia during the Second World War. A ship's captain Peter was not at home when the Japanese invaded, and his wife and four children were put into a prison camp.

There was very little food, and the woman gave her food allotment to her four children. She began to starve, became ill with dysentery and died. She was buried and the children were moved to other camps. The eldest child was Alex, a 12 year old boy who was very resourceful and he kept himself and his three younger siblings alive.

At the end of the war, Peter was waiting in Fremantle to meet a Red Cross ship arriving from Indonesia. He thought that his wife and children were on the boat, but they were not.

He had to return to Indonesia to search for them. Eventually Peter found his four children alive, but nobody knew where his wife was buried.

Peter returned to Australia, where he re-married. Alex grew up, became an engineer and got married. He and his wife Carol had four children, the eldest being a girl Rebecca who was 13 years old when the baby was born.

One Saturday, Alex and Carol were attending a work function and the woman next door was baby-sitting the children. Rebecca suddenly wanted to check on the baby, but the baby-sitter told her not to disturb the baby as he had just gone to sleep.

About 10 minutes later, Rebecca could not suppress her feeling of rising alarm, and she went in to find the baby was dead, a "cot death".

Some time later, Rebecca began giving her lunch away to other students at school.

She ate less and less and had to be hospitalized on three occasions. She was not responding to treatment.

When eventually she saw another psychiatrist who took a detailed family tree and personal history, the contrast between failing in her role as the eldest child to keep the baby safe, compared with her father's success in looking after his younger siblings, and the similarities between Rebecca's giving away her food and her grandmother's action in giving her food to her children in the prison camp,

drew attention to the soul of the grandmother who had never had a family funeral service.

The family organized a memorial communion service for the grandmother, and Rebecca recovered from her anorexia nervosa. Rebecca had not known the story of her grandmother's death before the psychiatrist took the detailed family history.

# The obesity epidemic and type two diabetes

Diabetes mellitus is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, or alternatively, when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood glucose.

Type 2 diabetes (formerly known as maturity-onset diabetes) accounts for 90% of the people with diabetes around the world. While type 1 diabetes is caused by a lack of insulin being produced by the Islets of Langerhans cells in the pancreas gland, type 2 diabetes is caused by the body's ineffective use of the insulin it produces.

This is called insulin resistance or glucose intolerance, and is considered to be the condition that leads to type 2 diabetes. The World Health Organization claims that type 2 diabetes is largely the result of overeating and a sedentary lifestyle.

However, the statistics do not appear to fit in with the idea that there should be more cases of type 2 diabetes in affluent countries where people drive rather than walk and have plenty to eat. Instead the diabetes epidemic appears to

be worse in developing countries.

The World Diabetes Foundation based in Denmark, in their Media Backgrounder "Diabetes in the Developing World", predicts that "by 2025, 70% of all people with diabetes will be living in the developing world."

"The prevalence of diabetes has reached epidemic proportions. The WHO predicts that developing countries will bear the brunt of this epidemic in the 21st century, with more than 70% of all new cases expected to appear in developing nations."

The China People's Daily reported on October 13th, 2005: "China is ranked second in the world in the incidence of diabetes, with the number of diabetes patients expected to grow from 80 million to 100 million in 2010. According to a China Youth Daily report, China has 35 million diabetes patients at present, or one fifth of the world total. And the number is increasing at a speed of 3,000 per day."

The International Diabetes Federation's e-Atlas of diabetes prevalence rates in 2003 shows the United States, Canada, Russia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt and Germany equal at 8-11%. Australia, Brazil, Argentina and India shared a similar diabetes prevalence rate at 5-8%

Some of the countries with similar diabetes prevalence rates, such as the United States, Afghanistan and Pakistan cannot be said to be similar in regards to lifestyle. The simple concept of diabetes caused by eating too much and not doing enough exercise does not appear to fit. There has to be some other explanation.

### The Canadian Breakthrough

In December 2006, Canadian scientists published a paper in the journal Cell that could change current scientific thinking on diabetes.

The Canada.com website quoted Tom Blackwell of the National Post:

"In a discovery that has stunned even those behind it, scientists at a Toronto hospital say they have proof the body's nervous system helps trigger diabetes"....

"Diabetic mice became healthy virtually overnight after researchers injected a substance to counteract the effect of malfunctioning pain neurons in the pancreas." See CELL Volume 127, Issue 6, 15 December 2006, Pages 1123-113

# The mystery of impaired glucose tolerance

Many people suffering from Type 2 diabetes have a condition known as insulin resistance. In Type 2 diabetes, the islet cells of the pancreas are capable of producing insulin, but either the insulin is produced in insufficient quantities, or something is interfering with the ability of insulin to regulate the blood glucose. This impaired glucose tolerance is usually called insulin resistance.

# Community starvation and insulin resistance

It has been reliably and consistently shown that starvation causes insulin resistance in human beings, presumably by an effect on the thyroid gland's production of thyroid

hormone.

## The revenge of the hungry ghosts

Every year Singapore celebrates the Hungry Ghost Festival (Zhong Yuan Jie). Here are some excerpts from an account of this festival written by Bonny Tan for the Singapore National Library Board in 1999:

"The Hungry Ghost Festival ..is held on the 7th month of the lunar calendar. On the 15th day.. families pay respect to their deceased relatives and visit their graves often with much feasting as if their dead relatives are still here with them."

"It is believed that during this time, the souls of the unborn and that of departed ancestors and friends are released from Purgatory to wander the earth for 30 days. The souls of the dead ignored by relatives may do acts of mischief, so steps must be taken to appease the spirits before they go on a rampage.. food is offered so that the souls do not go hungry and thus less likely to wreak havoc."

"The story of Mu Lian, who tried to save his mother from Hell, is connected to this festival. Mu Lian was reputedly a favourite disciple of Buddha. However his mother had broken her vow of abstention from meat-eating and was cursed to suffer the afflictions of hungry ghosts in purgatory."

"Although Mu Lian offered rice to his dead mother, hungry ghosts would consume it before she could eat it. In anguish, Mu Lian appealed to Buddha for help. Buddha pointed out that only the monks of the Ten Directions could save her.

They had to prepare all kinds of food and items and offer it to the ancestors of the past 7 generations on the 15th day of the 7th month. Thereafter, Mu Lian's mother was delivered from her torments."

Dr Kenneth McAll, author of the best-selling book "Healing the Family Tree", told me of significant numbers of diabetic patients who had ancestors who died of starvation.

#### Influence on the unconscious mind of starving millions

The psychoanalyst Carl Jung believed there was abundant evidence for the existence of a Group Unconscious, an unconscious mind that is shared by and contributed to, by a group or community. Each individual in that group is influenced by the Group Unconscious, through the connection between the individual's unconscious mind and the spiritual reality.

And through the unconscious mind, the autonomic nervous system that controls the body's blood sugar levels, is influenced by the Group Unconscious.

Imagine the influence of millions and millions of hungry ghosts, of souls who starved to death, on the autonomic nervous system of a person who is spiritually sensitive, and receptive to, the cries of those starving souls.

# If the unconscious mind believes the body is starving

If the unconscious mind of a spiritually sensitive individual begins receiving false messages from the Group Unconscious that everyone in the outside world is starving, and therefore

although the person has food in his stomach, he will inevitably starve, what is likely to happen?

The unconscious mind triggers the running of a story from its library called "There is no food available." This story immediately triggers off a number of body responses:

The thyroid gland is shut down by the pituitary gland to lower the body's metabolic rate so the person will slow down, sleep more and use less energy. The person would feel lethargic and tired.

The skin, hair and fingernails are denied blood stream nutrients because they are regarded as not essential to survival. Hair would fall out, skin would lose its sheen and the fingernails would become thin and brittle and break easily.

The reproductive organs are shut down by the pituitary gland. Reproduction is wasteful of body resources in times of famine. Menstrual periods might stop or become irregular.

The pancreatic islet cells that produce insulin are told to shut down production of insulin because the lowered blood glucose levels as a result of starvation will not require the same amount of insulin as before.

Insulin receptors on body cells generally retract into the interior of the cell, leaving only a small fraction of the receptors protruding from the cells able to be activated by insulin.

The various parts of the gastrointestinal system that have local signal systems that will tell the parts lower down the line when food has arrived, are told to stand down because there won't be any food coming in anyway.

So what happens the next time the person whose autonomic nervous system is expecting no food to be entering his stomach, has his next hearty meal?

The food in the stomach and duodenum are unexpected, and the liver is surprised by the sudden need for bile to be squirted from the gall bladder into the duodenum.

Usually the pancreas gland is told long before the food arrives, to get ready to produce the enzymes to break down the large proteins and the fats in the food coming down from the stomach. The sudden presence of food in the duodenum that catches the gall bladder off guard also has the pancreas unprepared.

This uncoordinated release of bile and pancreatic juice will cause abdominal discomfort and bloating as the small intestine receives food that it cannot easily digest.

However, some of the food is absorbed as usual by the small intestine and transferred into the bloodstream going to the liver, which is also surprised to find amino acids, sugars, fats and starches arriving. Because the metabolic rate has been lowered, and the liver furnace is only working at half-pace, the nutrients are stacked in the corridors until the liver cells can get them into the furnace.

(This is the cause of a fatty liver, where more nutrients arrive than the liver can process, and fats and starches get stacked in the corridors and passageways)

Because the pancreatic islet cells that release insulin have been told not to release insulin, these cells are unprepared when a bolus of glucose arrives in the bloodstream, and the islet cells begin releasing insulin into the bloodstream an hour too late.

The blood glucose level is suddenly too high, and it is filtered out into the urine, dragging along more water than usual by osmosis. Extra urine suddenly keeps filtering into the bladder, the blood becomes dehydrated, the person becomes thirsty and begins to drink more water.

However, an hour later, the situation is reversed. The bolus of glucose in the blood stream has passed, and the pancreas has released its insulin an hour too late.

The effect is to drop the blood glucose below the normal fasting level, and this makes the person instantly very hungry, and so eats again earlier than normal, favouring the sweet, rapidly absorbed sugars and starches that will quickly bring the blood glucose back to normal.

Thus begins a chronic pattern of eating followed by panicky overeating, and a strange mixture of symptoms of diabetes (glucose in the urine, thirst and frequency of passing urine) and hypoglycemia (feeling faint and hungry with the feeling "if I don't eat, I'll die")

Add to this the lowered metabolic rate, and the person is well on the way to obesity, chronic fatigue, hormonal abnormalities, bad skin, falling hair, breaking fingernails and a feeling of hopeless despair.

And this is all due to one single cause – the unconscious mind has wrongly believed that the person is starving to death.

#### What to do about it?

Firstly, it should be abundantly obvious that putting a fat person on a calorie restriction diet is exactly the wrong thing to do.

The unconscious mind has only a rudimentary awareness of the outside world, and if the conscious mind begins thinking that certain foods are bad, that this person is no longer allowed to eat what they like, the impression gained by the unconscious mind that there is a famine out there is well and truly confirmed.

The most important thing to do is to convince the unconscious mind that there is no famine, and that the body has been doing a really good job preparing for a famine, saving up lots of fat for the lean times ahead.

How do we convince the unconscious mind that there is no famine, when from its depths it continues to hear the moanings of the hungry ghosts who starved to death in the genocidal cruelty of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

My view is that we all share this problem. The hungry ghosts moan and groan, but only the spiritually sensitive people are hearing their pain.

When as a community we begin to address practically the causes of famine, and begin to realize that we will all eventually pay a price wherever we live, for those people starving half a world away, we will see changes in the incidence and prevalence of obesity and type 2 diabetes.

#### Criminal behaviour is feral behaviour

Some people, beginning in childhood, choose to do illegal things throughout their lives. Given a chance of rehabilitation and "going straight", versus getting into trouble and serving time in prison, some people will still choose a criminal lifestyle.

Many police and prison officers see these people as belonging to a distinct sub-group, with its own rules and values.

In my view, criminal behaviour is actually feral or wild behaviour. It results from a failure of the taming or civilizing process.

Consider how we would normally proceed in taming a wild animal. We will be careful not to alarm the animal; we will provide for its every need; we will often hold it and touch and stroke it affectionately; when it bites or scratches because it wrongly thought we were about to harm it, we don't punish or admonish.

We reward any response the animal makes which resembles the responses we want to teach it. We ignore inappropriate responses. Eventually, we win the animal's confidence, it learns to trust us, it likes being near us, and it begins to imitate human behaviour.

## Child taming

This animal taming process is exactly the same method we use in bringing up our children, although we don't usually refer to child rearing as "taming". Several characteristics of human beings make the taming or civilizing process possible.

The first is the powerful commitment of human mothers to the safety, survival and happiness of their children. The second is the basic drive for human fathers to protect and feed their families. The third is the very long childhood of human beings in comparison with the same juvenile period in other animals.

It is surprising how many mothers are unaware of how much teaching they do, while caring for their young children. To some mothers it seems that their children learned to speak all by themselves, unaware of the countless times in feeding, bathing and dressing their children when they have patiently corrected and shaped their toddlers' attempts at words.

Likewise, to many parents, their greedy, selfish little offspring just seemed to become considerate and caring human beings all by themselves.

The taming process is not automatic at all. There are countless occasions when feral behaviour in children is patiently and lovingly discouraged in normal families. Through patiently extricating baby's hair from toddlers' fingers, adjudicating grabbing and pinching disputes, discouraging aggression and encouraging acts of kindness, loving parents tame their young.

However, under certain conditions the taming process does not happen at all.

It is not difficult to find offspring of domestic animals reverting to a feral state when they are not exposed to a human civilizing influence. The same applies to human beings. When human mothers are not able to guarantee the safety and happiness of their children, and when human fathers abuse and abandon their families instead of protecting and supporting them, the children do not learn to trust human beings, and may revert to a feral state.

If we compare criminal gangs with groups of wild dogs or wolves, we find many similarities. Firstly, criminal gangs behave like predators, regarding the community as a hunting ground.

The rule is, anything you can get or catch, is yours. Vulnerable people are considered easy game, in just the same way as predators will concentrate on attacking the young, the old, and the weak.

Secondly, wild dogs show a tendency to take more risks while in company with their peers than when they are

alone. Mob or crowd behaviour in wild dogs is similar to that of criminal gangs.

Thirdly, leadership is determined by strength and the ability to cause the others to feel fear. While predators such as wolves usually respect kinship ties and territorial boundaries, the leader is always the strongest and nastiest.

Similar rules apply to criminal gangs. They usually respect the territory of other gangs, and discipline within the criminal group is maintained through violence and fear.

In wild animals, there is a difference in what determines male and female dominance. Male dominance of other males is based simply on who is strongest and most dangerous.

Female dominance is based on who has access to resources which others need. The dominant female is the one whose kinship ties control access to feeding grounds or food supplies.

Similar principles operate in prison populations. In men's prison populations, power hierarchies are based on the ability to bash and intimidate others.

In women's prisons, the dominant female prisoner may be the one who is able to control the supply of contraband such as cigarettes and drugs, or the distribution of sexual favours.

#### The role of human touch

Touching, holding, stroking, caressing and grooming are essential in building up relationships of mutual trust. In wildlife documentaries, we often see examples of mutual grooming in animals that rely on group cooperation for hunting and survival. It is assumed that grooming in baboons for example, is more important for group cohesion than for simply getting rid of irritating burrs and parasites.

Touch is essential for bonding of human mothers and babies. Where babies are born premature and are too fragile to be carried and nursed normally, it has been found necessary for the mother to hold and touch her tiny baby within the first six weeks of life, even though she may have to wear sterile clothing to avoid introducing infection.

If bonding (called imprinting in birds) does not take place in the first six weeks of a baby's life, the mother does not develop that special feeling for her child that we recognize as mother love, an unconditional commitment to care for that child for life. In the first six weeks, the mother falls in love with the child and the child falls in love with the mother.

From the child's perspective, if bonding to the mother or a substitute mother is interfered with in the first six weeks of life, the child may grow up with a deep unfulfilled longing for unconditional love.

This feeling of aching incompleteness can cause two different reactions. The child may spend years searching

for a deep satisfying relationship only to find that everyone fails the test.

In my experience girls who have been neglected in infancy are more likely to respond in this way. Or the child may turn away from intimacy altogether, becoming feral. In my experience, neglected boys are a little more inclined to react in this way.

#### Touch in therapy

Feral children who come to our notice through various forms of criminal behaviour are usually fearful of human touch, just like wild animals. And we usually find that as infants, these children rarely experienced a mother's touch.

It is quite common to find that sexual intercourse without foreplay or body caressing is the only concession to touch that feral human beings will allow.

Therapy for feral people who continually re-offend is therefore most likely to be effective if it includes human touch as well as re-education.

However, it is impossible for psychiatrists, psychologists, prison officers, teachers and social workers to provide physical touch because of the certainty that such activity would be regarded as inappropriate.

#### The soul or spirit

As counsellors, how are we to regard the various claims of bodily healing through the words of Jesus of Nazareth in the New Testament and by Christian healers today?

There are so many claims of divine healing of deformities and body illnesses that we cannot simply ignore them as most Australian psychiatrists do.

I find that those who deny the existence of God usually deny the existence of souls or spirits.

The beliefs of Australian Aboriginal people that most people have two souls or spirits have been confirmed by the research of American hypnotist Michael Newton (see his book "Journey of Souls").

In June 2011, I attended the eighth International Conference of the World Christian Doctors Network in Brisbane, Australia.

A number of fully documented cases were presented where people had been healed of serious medical conditions as a result of heartfelt prayer.

In each case it appeared that prayer had accelerated the rate of the body processes of inflammation and repair far beyond what would have been expected.

In the case of Dr Sean George from Western Australia, the rate of destruction of his body tissues as a result of complete cardiac arrest appeared to have been stopped as the result of a simple, desperate prayer by his wife.

Dr Brian Yeo, a surgeon from Korea, in presenting the case of his own son's total recovery from multiple fractures and intracranial haemorrhage, suggested that prayer was responsible for creating a "Spirit Space" in which the normal restorative processes proceeded at an accelerated

rate because the Holy Spirit was directing the body's repair mechanisms.

## Body souls and incarnating souls

There appear to be human souls or spirits in the spirit world who are permitted to incarnate into an unborn human being.

The purpose of this is to give this soul a chance to live out another human life to learn the lessons the spirit failed to learn the last time it occupied a human body. This applies only to some celestial human souls, only those experiencing the mercy of God, allowing them to return as part of the education necessary to be able to stay in Heaven and perform a useful function there.

When an incarnating spirit enters a human unborn baby, there is already a body soul present, created at conception, that controls basic body functions and manages the templates for the different phases of body growth and development.

The incarnating spirit has to come to some working agreement with the body soul. It would appear from Michael Newton's research that character traits like irritability and violence and various addictions are genetic, inborn and the province of the body soul. And the incarnating soul will need to learn to cooperate with the body soul and control this person's life to earn divine approval.

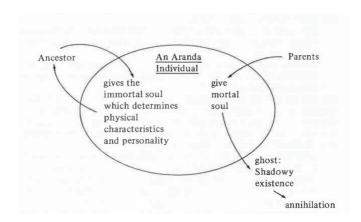
If you would like to learn more about Australian Aboriginal beliefs about the soul, here are two excerpts and references:

"At death, the two types of soul have different trajectories and fates. The egoic soul initially becomes a dangerous ghost that remains near the deceased's body and property. It eventually passes into nonexistence, either by dissolution or by travel to a distant place of no consequence for the living. Its absence is often marked by destruction or abandonment of the deceased's property and a long-term ban on the use of the deceased person's name by the living."

"Ancestral souls, however, are eternal. They return to the environment and to the sites and ritual paraphernalia associated with specific totemic beings and/or with God."

Read more: <a href="http://www.deathreference.com/A-Bi/Australian-Aboriginal-Religion.html#ixzz">http://www.deathreference.com/A-Bi/Australian-Aboriginal-Religion.html#ixzz</a>?PtoHtdHW

# From Encyclopaedia.com Afterlife: Australian Indigenous Concepts



As a therapist, I am not interested in enquiring into my patients' past lives. This would be like a driving instructor having to learn all the technical specifications of his car's engine, transmission and electrical system, before he could teach his pupil how to drive properly.

I am interested in my patient's life at present, knowing of course, that this person has an immortal soul, or spirit. Sometimes, knowing that my patient's soul has a predecided narrow choice of destinies, I may be able to help in career choice, given from this person's personal and family history, their obvious gifts and weakness.

And if this patient has a highly sensitive nervous system and is intrinsically spiritual, I need to know about how to deal with evil spirits and help the patient interpret helpful angelic voices.

## The question of evil

When we try to understand why people do wrong things, it is not difficult up to a point. For example, we can understand someone becoming disobedient and nasty as part of trying to establish their autonomy or independence. After all, nations sometimes go to war to assert their independence.

We can also understand that feral people who see the community as a hunting ground will prey on the young and the old and the weak, just as predatory animals do. They simply choose easy targets.

People whose work involves frequent contact with criminals, sometimes have a certain fondness for the thieves and con-men who can't seem to stay out of trouble.

When you know that a repeat offender did not have a normal upbringing, did not experience love or acceptance from parents, and learned how to live by his wits on the street, theft and fraud can be seen as equivalent to a predator simply living off the land.

On the other hand, the rapists, the bullies, those who plan violence or murder to facilitate a robbery, represent something more sinister.

Their behaviour may well have begun with growing up wild because of a failure of the taming or civilizing process. But their further decline into evil usually follows a decision to put their trust in violence and assign to themselves certain rights.

#### Evil behaviour

Some people seem to enjoy inflicting pain and suffering on others to gain satisfaction in a weird way that we cannot understand by putting ourselves in their position.

There are some characteristics of such behaviour that makes it easier to identify the behaviour as evil.

- Evil seeks to harm, deform, deface or destroy the human body and to turn the human body into something to be ridiculed.
- Evil seeks to destroy and ridicule trust, goodness and innocence.
- Evil may have a religious focus, aiming to twist traditional religious beliefs into negatives.

Religious teachers claim that such behaviour does not originate within the human mind, but originates in "principalities" or "powers".

A more modern description might be that evil behaviour begins outside the individual person and resides in "isms" or "paradigms" such as Fascism, Sadism, Nazism, Satanism and anti-Semitism.

Forensic psychiatrist Robert Simon in his book "Bad Men Do What Good Men Dream" says that everyone has a dark side, and explains "Perhaps our dark side comes from our evolutionary heritage, in which aggression ensured our survival. Maybe it is the result of faulty wiring in our brains." (p 3)

The Christian writer Francis MacNutt in his book "Deliverance From Evil Spirits- A Practical Manual" sets out four basic concepts (page 46):

"Evil is something we cannot overcome by simple human good will and teaching. Evil is, at its root, demonic and too great for us to overcome.

It is for this purpose that Jesus came: to overcome evil.

Evil cannot be overcome just through teaching ethical values, but by the power of God, which is given to us by the Holy Spirit.

Through prayer- prayer for healing and prayer for deliverance- we become channels for Jesus to heal and to free people (as well as institutions and societies) from the evil that weighs them down."

#### **Demons**

All human beings are subject to temptation. Temptation is referred to by exorcist Fr Amorth as the "ordinary activity" of demons. None of us is exempt. The Gospels describe how Jesus himself was tempted by Satan.

Sometimes temptation becomes so severe that the patient's life is seriously disrupted by obsessive thoughts, and the term demonic obsession may be used. It may be difficult initially to differentiate demonic obsession from obsessive-compulsive disorder.

In demonic obsession, the usual medications which help diminish obsessive-compulsive behaviour (such as Clomipramine and the SSRI drugs) will be ineffective.

Furthermore, there is a characteristic twistedness in demonic obsession. The obsessions will be seen to be aimed at tempting the patient into activities which would cause ruin to his reputation, health, or life itself, such as obsessive thoughts of homicide, suicide, abnormal sexual acts, and there may be an increased appetite for illicit drugs and alcohol.

In his foreword to the Italian edition of Gabriele Amorth's book, "An Exorcist Tells His Story", Father Candido Amantini, an exorcist for 36 years, writes: "An illness that is associated with even the lowest levels of demonic activity is peculiarly resistant to every known prescription drug. In contrast, even illnesses that are considered mortal are mysteriously healed by religious interventions."

More serious than demonic obsession is demonic oppression. Here the afflicted person is aware of a presence with him, weighing him down, but not in him.

The demonized person is often attacked in dreams. Sometimes he might claim he wasn't asleep at the time, but was pummelled and pushed by some unseen entity while lying in bed. In demonic oppression the patient looks as though he is carrying a heavy load, and has a characteristic defeated appearance.

The person oppressed by evil spirits may be often angry or deeply depressed, with inner urgings towards revenge or suicide. He may feel afraid of what he might do if he gave in to temptation to commit some violent act.

In demonic possession, the evil spirit actually takes over the person's body from time to time. During these periods of possession, the afflicted person will demonstrate causeless spite, anger and hatred, arrogance and disdain, all consistent with the behaviour of an entity that hates human beings.

However, there will also be periods when the person is able to go about his business, with an appearance of normality. In these periods of seeming normality, however, the patient is rarely at peace. When the evil spirit takes over, the patient will not be able to remember later what has taken place in that time.

People with experience in the deliverance ministry often remark on a characteristic appearance associated with a darkness in the eyes of a possessed person.

# Treatment of demonic possession

The principles involved in getting rid of an unwanted demonic entity are the same as those involved in getting rid of an unwanted intruder (for example, in Brisbane, a possum in the ceiling). Firstly, we have to find out what the intruder is, and how it gained entry.

Then, after closing off the entry points, we need to get control over the unwanted intruder, and remove it.

We will then re-locate the intruder to a place far away so that it cannot return.

### Discovering the point of entry

In some cases, the patient has been involved in the occult, and has deliberately invited an evil spirit into his life, in the hope of gaining some extra knowledge or power. The demonised person will need to renounce this former invitation.

In some cases, the point of entry of an evil spirit is through a gaping emotional wound in a vulnerable person. A traumatized person may have made a vow to exact revenge or some form of compensation and has become vulnerable to evil.

# Healing up the point of entry

Healing up the emotional wounds that have allowed entry of evil spirits may require the skill of a competent counsellor.

Medication might be useful, and it is better to proceed slowly and carefully.

Eventually the patient may be able to renounce his previous claim that he has a right to exact vengeance or demand compensation. Evil is legalistic. The patient may need to put in writing that fact that he has changed his mind and is no longer claiming the right to harm others.

## The Lord's Prayer contains an exorcism

The "Our Father" or "Lord's Prayer" is a prayer that can be said by people of any religious affiliation. It has no mention of Jesus Christ because it is a prayer that Jesus himself used. This prayer is very useful in that it contains the exorcism at the end- "and deliver us from evil."

#### Sexually abused people who cut themselves

There is abundant evidence in the psychiatric literature showing a relationship between sexual abuse in childhood and adolescence and self-harming behaviour later as adults.

Childhood sexual and physical abuse and adult self-harm and suicidal behaviour: a literature review. Can J Psychiatry 1998 Oct;43(8):793-800 (ISSN: 0706-7437)

Santa Mina EE; Gallop RM Inpatient Mental Health Services, St Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario "..empirical studies have generally demonstrated more reports of self-harm, suicidal ideation, and suicidal behaviour in clinical and community populations of adults who report sexual and/or physical abuse in childhood than in comparison groups who do not report abuse."

Childhood trauma, dissociation and self-harming behaviour: a pilot study. Br J Med Psychol 2000 Jun;73 (Pt 2):269-78 (ISSN:

0007-1129) Low G; Jones D; MacLeod A; Power M; Duggan C Rampton Hospital, Retford, UK.

"Childhood trauma is known to be an important antecedent in those who engage in deliberate self-harm (DSH). We aimed to explore the mediating mechanisms between childhood trauma and subsequent DSH in a sample of women detained in a high secure setting... "two paths emerged: one major path which linked childhood sexual abuse to DSH via increased dissociation and another, more minor association, linking childhood sexual abuse via reduced self-esteem."

# Sexual molestation of males: associations with psychological disturbance.

Br J Psychiatry 2002 Aug;181:153-7 (ISSN: 0007-1250) King M; Coxell A; Mezey G Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, Royal Free and University College Medical School, London, UK. m.king@rfc.ucl.ac.uk.

..."Men reporting 'consenting' sexual experiences when aged under 16 years also were more likely to report acts of self-harm (odds ratio=1.7, range=0-2.8). CONCLUSIONS: Sexual abuse as a child or adult is associated with later psychological problems. All forms of sexual molestation were predictive of deliberate self-harming behaviour in men."

What is the connection between cutting oneself to draw blood and having been sexually abused as a child? The study by Sansone, Gaither and Songer (above) indicates that the connection is not simply that sexual abuse in childhood leads to borderline personality disorder which is expressed in self-harming behaviours.

Similarly, the study by Low et al reported in the British Journal of Medical Psychology found the main relationship between sexual abuse and later self-harm was via "increased dissociation".

I think it would be reasonable to assume that increased dissociation refers to an altered state of consciousness at the time the self-harm was taking place.

In my practice, I have noticed that cutting oneself is more likely when the sexual activity went on for a period of time, and the paedophile was able to convince the child that the child was to blame for the sexual activity.

Patients who believe that they were bad, sexy little girls are the ones more likely to cut themselves as adults. I note that the study reported in the British Journal of Psychiatry in August 2002, showed that this trend was certainly true for boys.

I have asked patients why they cut themselves. Answers include:

- It feels good.
- It relieves the tension that is welling up inside them.
- It causes a visible wound so that people can see how much they are suffering inside.
- They feel numb, and the pain brings them back to reality.
- It brings the suffering to the surface.

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I find these explanations inadequate. I have never heard butchers or cooks who cut themselves accidentally ever say it felt good or relieved tension.

Instead I have another explanation that connects self blame for sexual abuse and cutting oneself to draw blood.

In the Old Testament Book of Kings, chapter 18, there is an account of a confrontation between the prophet Elijah and the priests belonging to the Canaanite gods Baal and Asherah.

The worship of the particular Baal by these people involved penis worship, and the worship of Asherah involved sexual intercourse with the holy prostitutes representing Asherah. Baal and Asherah could be described as gods of sexual misuse.

By verse 27 of 1 Kings 18, the priests of Baal and Asherah were having difficulty calling down fire from their god Baal on their altar:

27. At noon Elijah started making fun of them: "Pray Louder! He is a god! Maybe he is day-dreaming or relieving himself, or maybe he's gone on a journey! Or maybe he's sleeping, and you've got to wake him up!" So the prophets prayed louder and cut themselves with knives and daggers, according to their ritual, until blood flowed. (Good News Bible-Today's English Version)

People who belong to the gods of sexual misuse cut themselves to draw blood.

In my view, people who blame themselves for the sexual abuse done to them by devious paedophiles have unwittingly given permission for demons of sexual abuse to affect their lives.

They have unknowingly allowed themselves to be demonized.

This is important, because it means that adults who cut themselves after being sexually abused as children are probably going to need deliverance in some form.

I have found the most important aspect in healing these people is to get them to acknowledge that they were in fact innocent children and they now have to stop blaming themselves.

When they no longer blame themselves, the demonic entities no longer have any legal right to have access to their minds. This may be all it requires for them to get rid of the demon that has been urging them to cut themselves or commit suicide.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US WHEN WE DIE?

St Paul pointed out that our bodies are made for this life alone.and from Genesis we are led to expect our bodies to last no more than 120 years. And we eat and drink every day just to keep these bodies functioning.

When each of us experiences the status of having a body that is deteriorating faster than it can repair itself, the spirit will prepare to leave this reality and get ready for its return home to the celestial reality.

Eventually the heart stops beating and the spirit leaves our lifeless body.

What happens next? Our information about the next stage of life comes from several sources. Those of us who have

experienced a "near-death experience" will know what to expect, but the rest of us rely on information from several sources.

The Swedish genius Emanuel Swedenborg, was given the gift of being able to transit to the spirit reality in a self-induced deep trance. His writings describe heaven and hell after death. Swedenborg died in 1772.

In modern times we have the research of Michael Newton, an American hypnotist who recorded interviews with people under deep hypnotic trance about the manner of death of their past lives and their subsequent incarnations. (see his two books "Journey of Souls" and "Destiny of Souls).

What he elicited from his hypnotic subjects and recorded on voice recordings was similar to some of the beliefs of Australian Aboriginal people.

And during the last century we have the findings of physicists who have established the facts of quantum physics. They are able to show how, through "quantum entanglement" the soul or spirit of a human being can be in two places at once, in the body and in the spirit world, each in instantaneous contact with each other.

# Here is an idea of what happens after bodily death.

The spirit leaves the body and appears to move or travel towards the spirit reality.

Soon after bodily death, the spirit in the celestial world is awakened by the two angels that have been with the living

person all their life, from birth to death. Everything that happened, every deed, every perception during life has been instantaneously and permanently recorded in the celestial soul during the person'a life.

After the spirit is awakened (known as "resurrection" in Christian religions), the spirit is within a physical body as it was during life on Earth. However, this body is made of some tissue that does not require constant feeding and constant maintenance.

I think there are good reasons to consider that the body used by the spirit following bodily death is made out of water in some form that we have not seen here on planet Earth. And water looks after itself, it doesn't need constant repair or replacement of its constituents, hydrogen and oxygen.

In my view, not having to eat and not having to excrete, would be an absolute blessing. A good reason to look forward to the next stage of life.

Following the awakening of the spirit, there is an interview between the spirit and one or two angels. The attitude of the spirit towards the interviewing angels will determine the short and long term destiny of the soul.

The interview will take place in a part of the spirit world that is a half-way place between here and either heaven or hell.

If the spirit of a person who really enjoyed pushing people around during life, being arrogant and boastful, taking what was not his, the spirit will want to continue that behaviour

after death. Such a person will then be introduced to other souls who likewise enjoyed such behaviour in life. They may choose to congregate together in a place they choose for themselves, one of the many different "hells".

And they may live in such a community for ever. Are they happy? Or tormented? Perhaps it would be like living in a prison run by the inmates where the most violent have the most say.

By contrast, when an innocent and caring spirit or soul is interviewed by an angel who is loving, wise and innocent, the soul will display a loving response to the interviewer.

Such a spirit will be considered for angel training and will join other souls in heaven.

In heaven they will be happy doing work that is helpful to others, the most enjoyable activity of all.

Here is a copy of "The Life of Saint Issa, Best of the Sons of Men", excerpted from the Project Gutenberg book by Nicolas Notovitch "The Hidden Life of Jesus Christ.

Most people reading this book will not know of this Buddhist manuscript written by the Buddhist monks in Nepal.

1. The earth trembled and the heavens wept, because of the great crime committed in the land of Israel.

- 2. For there was tortured and murdered the great and just Issa, in whom was manifest the soul of the Universe;
- 3. Which had incarnated in a simple mortal, to benefit men and destroy the evil spirit in them;
- 4. To lead back to peace, love and happiness, man, degraded by his sins, and recall him to the one and indivisible Creator whose mercy is infinite.
- 5. The merchants coming from Israel have given the following account of what has occurred:

II.

- 1. The people of Israel--who inhabit a fertile country producing two harvests a year and affording pasture for large herds of cattle—by their sins brought down upon themselves the anger of the Lord;
- 2. Who inflicted upon them terrible chastisements, taking from them their land, their cattle and their wealth. They were carried away into slavery by the rich and mighty Pharaohs who then ruled the land of Egypt.
- 3. The Israelites were, by the Pharaohs, treated worse than beasts, condemned to hard labor and put in irons; their bodies were covered with wounds and sores; they were not permitted to live under a roof, and were starved to death;
- 4. That they might be maintained in a state of continual terror and deprived of all human resemblance;

- 5. And in this great calamity, the Israelites, remembering their Celestial Protector, implored his forgiveness and mercy.
- 6. At that period reigned in Egypt an illustrious Pharaoh, who was renowned for his many victories, immense riches, and the gigantic palaces he had erected by the labor of his slaves.
- 7. This Pharaoh had two sons, the younger of whom, named Mossa, had acquired much knowledge from the sages of Israel.
- 8. And Mossa was beloved by all in Egypt for his kindness of heart and the pity he showed to all sufferers.
- 9. When Mossa saw that the Israelites, in spite of their many sufferings, had not forsaken their God, and refused to worship the gods of Egypt, created by the hands of man.
- 10. He also put his faith in their invisible God, who did not suffer them to betray Him, despite their ever growing weakness.
- 11. And the teachers among Israel animated Mossa in his zeal, and prayed of him that he would intercede with his father, Pharaoh, in favor of their co-religionists.
- 12. Prince Mossa went before his father, begging him to lighten the burden of the unhappy people; Pharaoh, however, became incensed with rage, and ordered that they should be tormented more than before.

- 13. And it came to pass that Egypt was visited by a great calamity. The plague decimated young and old, the healthy and the sick; and Pharaoh beheld in this the resentment of his own gods against him.
- 14. But Prince Mossa said to his father that it was the God of his slaves who thus interposed on behalf of his wretched people, and avenged them upon the Egyptians.
- 15. Thereupon, Pharaoh commanded Mossa, his son, to gather all the Israelite slaves, and lead them away, and found, at a great distance from the capital, another city where he should rule over them.
- 16. Then Mossa made known to the Hebrew slaves that he had obtained their freedom in the name of his and their God, the God of Israel; and with them he left the city and departed from the land of Egypt.
- 17. He led them back to the land which, because of their many sins, had been taken from them. There he gave them laws and admonished them to pray always to God, the indivisible Creator, whose kindness is infinite.
- 18. After Prince Mossa's death, the Israelites observed rigorously his laws; and God rewarded them for the ills to which they had been subjected in Egypt.
- 19. Their kingdom became one of the most powerful on earth; their kings made themselves renowned for their treasures, and peace reigned in Israel.

  III.

- 1. The glory of Israel's wealth spread over the whole earth, and the surrounding nations became envious.
- 2. But the Most High himself led the victorious arms of the Hebrews, and the Pagans did not dare to attack them.
- 3. Unfortunately, man is prone to err, and the fidelity of the Israelites to their God was not of long duration.
- 4. Little by little they forgot the favours he had bestowed upon them; rarely invoked his name, and sought rather protection by the magicians and sorcerers.
- 5. The kings and the chiefs among the people substituted their own laws for those given by Mossa; the temple of God and the observances of their ancient faith were neglected; the people addicted themselves to sensual gratifications and lost their original purity.
- 6. Many centuries had elapsed since their exodus from Egypt, when God bethought himself of again inflicting chastisement upon them.
- 7. Strangers invaded Israel, devastated the land, destroyed the villages, and carried their inhabitants away into captivity.
- 8. At last came the Pagans from over the sea, from the land of Romeles. These made themselves masters of the Hebrews, and placed over them their army chiefs, who governed in the name of Cæsar.

- 9. They defiled the temples, forced the inhabitants to cease the worship of the indivisible God, and compelled them to sacrifice to the heathen gods.
- 10. They made common soldiers of those who had been men of rank; the women became their prey, and the common people, reduced to slavery, were carried away by thousands over the sea.
- 11. The children were slain, and soon, in the whole land, there was naught heard but weeping and lamentation.
- 12. In this extreme distress, the Israelites once more remembered their great God, implored his mercy and prayed for his forgiveness. Our Father, in his inexhaustible clemency, heard their prayer.

IV.

- 1. At that time the moment had come for the compassionate Judge to reincarnate in a human form;
- 2. And the eternal Spirit, resting in a state of complete inaction and supreme bliss, awakened and separated from the eternal Being, for an undetermined period,
- 3. So that, in human form, He might teach man to identify himself with the Divinity and attain to eternal felicity;
- 4. And to show, by His example, how man can attain moral purity and free his soul from the domination of the physical senses, so that it may achieve the perfection necessary for it to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, which is immutable and where bliss eternal reigns.

- 5. Soon after, a marvellous child was born in the land of Israel. God himself spoke, through the mouth of this child, of the miseries of the body and the grandeur of the soul.
- 6. The parents of the infant were poor people, who belonged to a family noted for great piety; who forgot the greatness of their ancestors in celebrating the name of the Creator and giving thanks to Him for the trials which He had sent upon them.
- 7. To reward them for adhering to the path of truth, God blessed the firstborn of this family; chose him for His elect, and sent him to sustain the fallen and comfort the afflicted.
- 8. The divine child, to whom the name Issa was given, commenced in his tender years to talk of the only and indivisible God, exhorting the strayed souls to repent and purify themselves from the sins of which they had become guilty.
- 9. People came from all parts to hear him, and marvelled at the discourses which came from his infantile mouth; and all Israel agreed that the Spirit of the Eternal dwelt in this child.
- 10. When Issa was thirteen years old, the age at which an Israelite is expected to marry,
- 11. The modest house of his industrious parents became a meeting place of the rich and illustrious, who were anxious to have as a son-in-law the young Issa, who was already celebrated for the edifying discourses he made in the name of the All-Powerful.

- 12. Then Issa secretly absented himself from his father's house; left Jerusalem, and, in a train of merchants, journeyed toward the Sindh,
- 13. With the object of perfecting himself in the knowledge of the word of God and the study of the laws of the great Buddhas.

V.

- 1. In his fourteenth year, young Issa, the Blessed One, came this side of the Sindh and settled among the Aryas, in the country beloved by God.
- 2. Fame spread the name of the marvellous youth along the northern Sindh, and when he came through the country of the five streams and Radjipoutan, the devotees of the god Djaïne asked him to stay among them.
- 3. But he left the deluded worshippers of Djaïne and went to Djagguernat, in the country of Orsis, where repose the mortal remains of Vyassa-Krishna, and where the white priests of Brahma welcomed him joyfully.
- 4. They taught him to read and to understand the Vedas, to cure physical ills by means of prayers, to teach and to expound the sacred Scriptures, to drive out evil desires from man and make him again in the likeness of God.
- 5. He spent six years in Djagguernat, in Radjagriha, in Benares, and in other holy cities. The common people loved Issa, for he lived in peace with the Vaisyas and the Sudras, to whom he taught the Holy Scriptures.

- 6. But the Brahmins and the Kshatnyas told him that they were forbidden by the great Para-Brahma to come near to those who were created from his belly and his feet;[1]
- 7. That the Vaisyas might only hear the recital of the Vedas, and this only on the festal days, and
- 8. That the Sudras were not only forbidden to attend the reading of the Vedas, but even to look on them; for they were condemned to perpetual servitude, as slaves of the Brahmins, the Kshatriyas and even the Vaisyas.
- 9. "Death alone can enfranchise them from their servitude," has said Para-Brahma. "Leave them, therefore, and come to adore with us the gods, whom you will make angry if you disobey them."
- 10. But Issa, disregarding their words, remained with the Sudras, preaching against the Brahmins and the Kshatriyas.
- 11. He declaimed strongly against man's arrogating to himself the authority to deprive his fellow-beings of their human and spiritual rights. "Verily," he said, "God has made no difference between his children, who are all alike dear to Him."
- 12. Issa denied the divine inspiration of the Vedas and the Puranas, for, as he taught his followers,--"One law has been given to man to guide him in his actions:

- 13. "Fear the Lord, thy God; bend thy knees only before Him and bring to Him only the offerings which come from thy earnings."
- 14. Issa denied the Trimurti and the incarnation of Para-Brahma in Vishnu, Siva, and other gods; "for," said he:
- 15. "The eternal Judge, the eternal Spirit, constitutes the only and indivisible soul of the universe, and it is this soul alone which creates, contains and vivifies all.
- 16. "He alone has willed and created. He alone has existed from eternity, and His existence will be without end; there is no one like unto Him either in the heavens or on the earth.
- 17. "The great Creator has divided His power with no other being; far less with inanimate objects, as you have been taught to believe, for He alone is omnipotent and all-sufficient.
- 18. "He willed, and the world was. By one divine thought, He reunited the waters and separated them from the dry land of the globe. He is the cause of the mysterious life of man, into whom He has breathed part of His divine Being.
- 19. "And He has put under subjection to man, the lands, the waters, the beasts and everything which He created, and which He himself preserves in immutable order, allotting to each its proper duration.
- 20. "The anger of God will soon break forth upon man; for he has forgotten his Creator; he has filled His temples with abominations; and he adores a multitude of creatures which God has subordinated to him;

- 21. "And to gain favor with images of stone and metal, he sacrifices human beings in whom dwells part of the Spirit of the Most High;
- 22. "And he humiliates those who work in the sweat of their brows, to gain favor in the eyes of the idler who sitteth at a sumptuous table.
- 23. "Those who deprive their brothers of divine happiness will themselves be deprived of it; and the Brahmins and the Kshatriyas shall become the Sudras of the Sudras, with whom the Eternal will stay forever.
- 24. "In the day of judgment the Sudras and the Vaisyas will be forgiven for that they knew not the light, while God will let loose his wrath upon those who arrogated his authority."
- 25. The Vaisyas and the Sudras were filled with great admiration, and asked Issa how they should pray, in order not to lose their hold upon eternal life.
- 26. "Pray not to idols, for they cannot hear you; hearken not to the Vedas where the truth is altered; be humble and humiliate not your fellow man.
- 27. "Help the poor, support the weak, do evil to none; covet not that which ye have not and which belongs to others."
  VI.
- 1. The white priests and the warriors,[2] who had learned of Issa's discourse to the Sudras, resolved upon his death, and sent their servants to find the young teacher and slay him.

- 2. But Issa, warned by the Sudras of his danger, left by night Djagguernat, gained the mountain, and settled in the country of the Gautamides, where the great Buddha Sakya-Muni came to the world, among a people who worshipped the only and sublime Brahma.
- 3. When the just Issa had acquired the Pali language, he applied himself to the study of the sacred scrolls of the Sutras.
- 4. After six years of study, Issa, whom the Buddha had elected to spread his holy word, could perfectly expound the sacred scrolls.
- 5. He then left Nepaul and the Himalaya mountains, descended into the valley of Radjipoutan and directed his steps toward the West, everywhere preaching to the people the supreme perfection attainable by man;
- 6. And the good he must do to his fellow men, which is the sure means of speedy union with the eternal Spirit. "He who has recovered his primitive purity," said Issa, "shall die with his transgressions forgiven and have the right to contemplate the majesty of God."
- 7. When the divine Issa traversed the territories of the Pagans, he taught that the adoration of visible gods was contrary to natural law.
- 8. "For to man," said he, "it has not been given to see the image of God, and it behooves him not to make for himself a multitude of divinities in the imagined likeness of the Eternal.

- 9. "Moreover, it is against human conscience to have less regard for the greatness of divine purity, than for animals or works of stone or metal made by the hands of man.
- 10. "The eternal Lawgiver is One; there are no other Gods than He; He has parted the world with none, nor had He any counsellor.
- 11. "Even as a father shows kindness toward his children, so will God judge men after death, in conformity with His merciful laws. He will never humiliate his child by casting his soul for chastisement into the body of a beast.
- 12. "The heavenly laws," said the Creator, through the mouth of Issa, "are opposed to the immolation of human sacrifices to a statue or an animal; for I, the God, have sacrificed to man all the animals and all that the world contains.
- 13. "Everything has been sacrificed to man, who is directly and intimately united to me, his Father; therefore, shall the man be severely judged and punished, by my law, who causes the sacrifice of my children.
- 14. "Man is naught before the eternal Judge; as the animal is before man.
- 15. "Therefore, I say unto you, leave your idols and perform not ceremonies which separate you from your Father and bind you to the priests, from whom heaven has turned away.

- 16. "For it is they who have led you away from the true God, and by superstitions and cruelty perverted the spirit and made you blind to the knowledge of the truth."

  VII.
- 1. The words of Issa spread among the Pagans, through whose country he passed, and the inhabitants abandoned their idols.
- 2. Seeing which, the priests demanded of him who thus glorified the name of the true God, that he should, in the presence of the people, prove the charges he made against them, and demonstrate the vanity of their idols.
- 3. And Issa answered them: "If your idols, or the animals you worship, really possess the supernatural powers you claim, let them strike me with a thunderbolt before you!"
- 4. "Why dost not thou perform a miracle," replied the priests, "and let thy God confound ours, if He is greater than they?"
- 5. But Issa said: "The miracles of our God have been wrought from the first day when the universe was created; and are performed every day and every moment; whoso sees them not is deprived of one of the most beautiful gifts of life.
- 6. "And it is not on inanimate objects of stone, metal or wood that He will let His anger fall, but on the men who worship them, and who, therefore, for their salvation, must destroy the idols they have made.
- 7. "Even as a stone and a grain of sand, which are naught before man, await patiently their use by Him.

- 8. "In like manner, man, who is naught before God, must await in resignation His pleasure for a manifestation of His favor.
- 9. "But woe to you! ye adversaries of men, if it is not the favour you await, but rather the wrath of the Most High; woe to you, if you demand that He attest His power by a miracle!
- 10. "For it is not the idols which He will destroy in His wrath, but those by whom they were created; their hearts will be the prey of an eternal fire and their flesh shall be given to the beasts of prey.
- 11. "God will drive away the contaminated animals from His flocks; but will take to Himself those who strayed because they knew not the heavenly part within them."
- 12. When the Pagans saw that the power of their priests was naught, they put faith in the words of Issa. Fearing the anger of the true God, they broke their idols to pieces and caused their priests to flee from among them.
- 13. Issa furthermore taught the Pagans that they should not endeavour to see the eternal Spirit with their eyes; but to perceive Him with their hearts, and make themselves worthy of His favours by the purity of their souls.
- 14. "Not only," he said to them, "must ye refrain from offering human sacrifices, but ye may not lay on the altar any creature to which life has been given, for all things created are for man.

- 15. "Withhold not from your neighbour his just due, for this would be like stealing from him what he had earned in the sweat of his brow.
- 16. "Deceive none, that ye may not yourselves be deceived; seek to justify yourselves before the last judgment, for then it will be too late.
- 17. "Be not given to debauchery, for it is a violation of the law of God.
- 18. "That you may attain to supreme bliss ye must not only purify yourselves, but must also guide others into the path that will enable them to regain their primitive innocence." VIII.
- 1. The countries round about were filled with the renown of Issa's preachings, and when he came unto Persia, the priests grew afraid and forbade the people hearing him;
- 2. Nevertheless, the villages received him with joy, and the people hearkened intently to his words, which, being seen by the priests, caused them to order that he should be arrested and brought before their High Priest, who asked him:
- 3. "Of what new God dost thou speak? Knowest thou not, unfortunate man that thou art! that Saint Zoroaster is the only Just One, to whom alone was vouchsafed the honor of receiving revelations from the Most High;
- 4. "By whose command the angels compiled His Word in laws for the governance of His people, which were given to Zoroaster in Paradise?

- 5. "Who, then, art thou, who darest to utter blasphemies against our God and sow doubt in the hearts of believers?"
- 6. And Issa said to them: "I preach no new God, but our celestial Father, who has existed before the beginning and will exist until after the end.
- 7. "Of Him I have spoken to the people, who--even as innocent children--are incapable of comprehending God by their own intelligence, or fathoming the sublimity of the divine Spirit;
- 8. "But, as the newborn child in the night recognizes the mother's breast, so your people, held in the darkness of error by your pernicious doctrines and religious ceremonies, have recognized instinctively their Father, in the Father whose prophet I am.
- 9. "The eternal Being says to your people, by my mouth, 'Ye shall not adore the sun, for it is but a part of the universe which I have created for man;
- 10. "It rises to warm you during your work; it sets to accord to you the rest that I have ordained.
- 11. "To me only ye owe all that ye possess, all that surrounds you and that is above and below you."
- 12. "But," said the priests, "how could the people live according to your rules if they had no teachers?"

- 13. Whereupon Issa answered: "So long as they had no priests, they were governed by the natural law and conserved the simplicity of their souls;
- 14. "Their souls were in God and to commune with the Father they had not to have recourse to the intermediation of idols, or animals, or fire, as taught by you.
- 15. "Ye pretend that man must adore the sun, and the Genii of Good and Evil. But I say unto you that your doctrine is pernicious. The sun does not act spontaneously, but by the will of the invisible Creator, who has given to it being."
- 16. "Who, then, has caused that this star lights the day, warms man at his work and vivifies the seeds sown in the ground?"
- 17. "The eternal Spirit is the soul of everything animate, and you commit a great sin in dividing Him into the Spirit of Evil and the Spirit of Good, for there is no God other than the God of Good.
- 18. "And He, like to the father of a family, does only good to His children, to whom He forgives their transgressions if they repent of them.
- 19. "And the Spirit of Evil dwells upon earth, in the hearts of those who turn the children of God away from the right path.
- 20. "Therefore, I say unto you; Fear the day of judgment, for God will inflict a terrible chastisement upon all those who

have led His children astray and beguiled them with superstitions and errors;

- 21. "Upon those who have blinded them who saw; who have brought contagion to the well; who have taught the worship of those things which God made to be subject to man, or to aid him in his works.
- 22. "Your doctrine is the fruit of your error in seeking to bring near to you the God of Truth, by creating for yourselves false gods."
- 23. When the Magi heard these words, they feared to themselves do him harm, but at night, when the whole city slept, they brought him outside the walls and left him on the highway, in the hope that he would not fail to become the prey of wild beasts.
- 24. But, protected by the Lord our God, Saint Issa continued on his way, without accident.
  IX.
- 1. Issa--whom the Creator had selected to recall to the worship of the true God, men sunk in sin--was twenty-nine years old when he arrived in the land of Israel.
- 2. Since the departure therefrom of Issa, the Pagans had caused the Israelites to endure more atrocious sufferings than before, and they were filled with despair.
- 3. Many among them had begun to neglect the laws of their God and those of Mossa, in the hope of winning the favor of their brutal conquerors.

- 4. But Issa, notwithstanding their unhappy condition, exhorted his countrymen not to despair, because the day of their redemption from the yoke of sin was near, and he himself, by his example, confirmed their faith in the God of their fathers.
- 5. "Children, yield not yourselves to despair," said the celestial Father to them, through the mouth of Issa, "for I have heard your lamentations, and your cries have reached my ears.
- 6. "Weep not, oh, my beloved sons! for your griefs have touched the heart of your Father and He has forgiven you, as He forgave your ancestors.
- 7. "Forsake not your families to plunge into debauchery; stain not the nobility of your souls; adore not idols which cannot but remain deaf to your supplications.
- 8. "Fill my temple with your hope and your patience, and do not adjure the religion of your forefathers, for I have guided them and bestowed upon them of my beneficence.
- 9. "Lift up those who are fallen; feed the hungry and help the sick, that ye may be altogether pure and just in the day of the last judgment which I prepare for you."
- 10. The Israelites came in multitudes to listen to Issa's words; and they asked him where they should thank their Heavenly Father, since their enemies had demolished their temples and robbed them of their sacred vessels.

- 11. Issa told them that God cared not for temples erected by human hands, but that human hearts were the true temples of God.
- 12. "Enter into your temple, into your heart; illuminate it with good thoughts, with patience and the unshakeable faith which you owe to your Father.
- 13. "And your sacred vessels! they are your hands and your eyes. Look to do that which is agreeable to God, for in doing good to your fellow men, you perform a ceremony that embellishes the temple wherein abideth Him who has created you.
- 14. "For God has created you in His own image, innocent, with pure souls, and hearts filled with kindness and not made for the planning of evil, but to be the sanctuaries of love and justice.
- 15. "Therefore, I say unto you, soil not your hearts with evil, for in them the eternal Being abides.
- 16. "When ye do works of devotion and love, let them be with full hearts, and see that the motives of your actions be not hopes of gain or self-interest;
- 17. "For actions, so impelled, will not bring you nearer to salvation, but lead to a state of moral degradation wherein theft, lying and murder pass for generous deeds."
- 1. Issa went from one city to another, strengthening by the word of God the courage of the Israelites, who were near to

succumbing under their weight of woe, and thousands of the people followed him to hear his teachings.

- 2. But the chiefs of the cities were afraid of him and they informed the principal governor, residing in Jerusalem, that a man called Issa had arrived in the country, who by his sermons had arrayed the people against the authorities, and that multitudes, listening assiduously to him, neglected their labor; and, they added, he said that in a short time they would be free of their invader rulers.
- 3. Then Pilate, the Governor of Jerusalem, gave orders that they should lay hold of the preacher Issa and bring him before the judges. In order, however, not to excite the anger of the populace, Pilate directed that he should be judged by the priests and scribes, the Hebrew elders, in their temple.
- 4. Meanwhile, Issa, continuing his preaching, arrived at Jerusalem, and the people, who already knew his fame, having learned of his coming, went out to meet him.
- 5. They greeted him respectfully and opened to him the doors of their temple, to hear from his mouth what he had said in other cities of Israel.
- 6. And Issa said to them: "The human race perishes, because of the lack of faith; for the darkness and the tempest have caused the flock to go astray and they have lost their shepherds.
- 7. "But the tempests do not rage forever and the darkness will not hide the light eternally; soon the sky will become

serene, the celestial light will again overspread the earth, and the strayed flock will reunite around their shepherd.

- 8. "Wander not in the darkness, seeking the way, lest ye fall into the ditch; but gather together, sustain one another, put your faith in your God and wait for the first glimmer of light to reappear.
- 9. "He who sustains his neighbour, sustains himself; and he who protects his family, protects all his people and his country.
- 10. "For, be assured that the day is near when you will be delivered from the darkness; you will be reunited into one family and your enemy will tremble with fear, he who is ignorant of the favour of the great God."
- 11. The priests and the elders who heard him, filled with admiration for his language, asked him if it was true that he had sought to raise the people against the authorities of the country, as had been reported to the governor Pilate.
- 12. "Can one raise against estrayed men, to whom darkness has hidden their road and their door?" answered Issa. "I have but forewarned the unhappy, as I do here in this temple, that they should no longer advance on the dark road, for an abyss opens before their feet.
- 13. "The power of this earth is not of long duration and is subject to numberless changes. It would be of no avail for a man to rise in revolution against it, for one phase of it always succeeds another, and it is thus that it will go on until the extinction of human life.

- 14. "But do you not see that the powerful, and the rich, sow among the children of Israel a spirit of rebellion against the eternal power of Heaven?"
- 15. Then the elders asked him: "Who art thou, and from what country hast thou come to us? We have not formerly heard thee spoken of and do not even know thy name!"
- 16. "I am an Israelite," answered Issa; "and on the day of my birth have seen the walls of Jerusalem, and have heard the sobs of my brothers reduced to slavery, and the lamentations of my sisters carried away by the Pagans;
- 17. "And my soul was afflicted when I saw that my brethren had forgotten the true God. When a child I left my father's house to go and settle among other people.
- 18. "But, having heard it said that my brethren suffered even greater miseries now, I have come back to the land of my fathers, to recall my brethren to the faith of their ancestors, which teaches us patience upon earth in order to attain the perfect and supreme bliss above."
- 19. Then the wise old men put to him again this question: "We are told that thou disownest the laws of Mossa, and that thou teachest the people to forsake the temple of God?"
- 20. Whereupon Issa: "One does not demolish that which has been given by our Heavenly Father, and which has been destroyed by sinners. I have but enjoined the people to purify the heart of all stains, for it is the veritable temple of God.

- 21. "As regards the laws of Mossa, I have endeavored to reestablish them in the hearts of men; and I say unto you that ye ignore their true meaning, for it is not vengeance but pardon which they teach. Their sense has been perverted." XI.
- 1. When the priests and the elders heard Issa, they decided among themselves not to give judgment against him, for he had done no harm to any one, and, presenting themselves before Pilate--who was made Governor of Jerusalem by the Pagan king of the country of Romeles--they spake to him thus:
- 2. "We have seen the man whom thou chargest with inciting our people to revolt; we have heard his discourses and know that he is our countryman;
- 3. "But the chiefs of the cities have made to you false reports, for he is a just man, who teaches the people the word of God. After interrogating him, we have allowed him to go in peace."
- 4. The governor thereupon became very angry, and sent his disguised spies to keep watch upon Issa and report to the authorities the least word he addressed to the people.
- 5. In the meantime, the holy Issa continued to visit the neighbouring cities and preach the true way of the Lord, enjoining the Hebrews' patience and promising them speedy deliverance.

- 6. And all the time great numbers of the people followed him wherever he went, and many did not leave him at all, but attached themselves to him and served him.
- 7. And Issa said: "Put not your faith in miracles performed by the hands of men, for He who rules nature is alone capable of doing supernatural things, while man is impotent to arrest the wrath of the winds or cause the rain to fall.
- 8. "One miracle, however, is within the power of man to accomplish. It is, when his heart is filled with sincere faith, he resolves to root out from his mind all evil promptings and desires, and when, in order to attain this end, he ceases to walk the path of iniquity.
- 9. "All the things done without God are only gross errors, illusions and seductions, serving but to show how much the heart of the doer is full of presumption, falsehood and impurity.
- 10. "Put not your faith in oracles. God alone knows the future. He who has recourse to the diviners soils the temple of his heart and shows his lack of faith in his Creator.
- 11. "Belief in the diviners and their miracles destroys the innate simplicity of man and his childlike purity. An infernal power takes hold of him who so errs, and forces him to commit various sins and give himself to the worship of idols.
- 12. "But the Lord our God, to whom none can be equalled, is one omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent; He alone possesses all wisdom and all light.

- 13. "To Him ye must address yourselves, to be comforted in your afflictions, aided in your works, healed in your sickness and whose asks of Him, shall not ask in vain.
- 14. "The secrets of nature are in the hands of God, for the whole world, before it was made manifest, existed in the bosom of the divine thought, and has become material and visible by the will of the Most High.
- 15. "When ye pray to him, become again like little children, for ye know neither the past, nor the present, nor the future, and God is the Lord of Time."

### XII.

- 1. "Just man," said to him the disguised spies of the Governor of Jerusalem, "tell us if we must continue to do the will of Cæsar, or expect our near deliverance?"
- 2. And Issa, who recognized the questioners as the apostate spies sent to follow him, replied to them: "I have not told you that you would be delivered from Cæsar; it is the soul sunk in error which will gain its deliverance.
- 3. "There cannot be a family without a head, and there cannot be order in a people without a Cæsar, whom ye should implicitly obey, as he will be held to answer for his acts before the Supreme Tribunal."
- 4. "Does Cæsar possess a divine right?" the spies asked him again; "and is he the best of mortals?"
- 5. "There is no one 'the best' among human beings; but there are many bad, who-even as the sick need physicians-require the care of those chosen for that mission, in which

must be used the means given by the sacred law of our Heavenly Father;

- 6. "Mercy and justice are the high prerogatives of Cæsar, and his name will be illustrious if he exercises them.
- 7. "But he who acts otherwise, who transcends the limits of power he has over those under his rule, and even goes so far as to put their lives in danger, offends the great Judge and derogates from his own dignity in the eyes of men."
- 8. Upon this, an old woman who had approached the group, to better hear Issa, was pushed aside by one of the disguised men, who placed himself before her.
- 9. Then said Issa: "It is not good for a son to push away his mother, that he may occupy the place which belongs to her. Whoso doth not respect his mother--the most sacred being after his God--is unworthy of the name of son.
- 10. "Hearken to what I say to you: Respect woman; for in her we see the mother of the universe, and all the truth of divine creation is to come through her.
- 11. "She is the fount of everything good and beautiful, as she is also the germ of life and death. Upon her man depends in all his existence, for she is his moral and natural support in his labors.
- 12. "In pain and suffering she brings you forth; in the sweat of her brow she watches over your growth, and until her death you cause her greatest anxieties. Bless her and adore her, for she is your only friend and support on earth.

- 13. "Respect her; defend her. In so doing you will gain for yourself her love; you will find favor before God, and for her sake many sins will be remitted to you.
- 14. "Love your wives and respect them, for they will be the mothers of tomorrow and later the grandmothers of a whole nation.
- 15. "Be submissive to the wife; her love ennobles man, softens his hardened heart, tames the wild beast in him and changes it to a lamb.
- 16. "Wife and mother are the priceless treasures which God has given to you. They are the most beautiful ornaments of the universe, and from them will be born all who will inhabit the world.
- 17. "Even as the Lord of Hosts separated the light from the darkness, and the dry land from the waters, so does woman possess the divine gift of calling forth out of man's evil nature all the good that is in him.
- 18. "Therefore I say unto you, after God, to woman must belong your best thoughts, for she is the divine temple where you will most easily obtain perfect happiness.
- 19. "Draw from this temple your moral force. There you will forget your sorrows and your failures, and recover the love necessary to aid your fellow men.

- 20. "Suffer her not to be humiliated, for by humiliating her you humiliate yourselves, and lose the sentiment of love, without which nothing can exist here on earth.
- 21. "Protect your wife, that she may protect you--you and all your household. All that you do for your mothers, your wives, for a widow, or for any other woman in distress, you will do for your God."

#### XIII.

- 1. Thus Saint Issa taught the people of Israel for three years, in every city and every village, on the highways and in the fields, and all he said came to pass.
- 2. All this time the disguised spies of the governor Pilate observed him closely, but heard nothing to sustain the accusations formerly made against Issa by the chiefs of the cities.
- 3. But Saint Issa's growing popularity did not allow Pilate to rest. He feared that Issa would be instrumental in bringing about a revolution culminating in his elevation to the sovereignty, and, therefore, ordered the spies to make charges against him.
- 4. Then soldiers were sent to arrest him, and they cast him into a subterranean dungeon, where he was subjected to all kinds of tortures, to compel him to accuse himself, so that he might be put to death.
- 5. The Saint, thinking only of the perfect bliss of his brethren, endured all those torments with resignation to the will of the Creator.

- 6. The servants of Pilate continued to torture him, and he was reduced to a state of extreme weakness; but God was with him and did not permit him to die at their hands.
- 7. When the principal priests and wise elders learned of the sufferings which their Saint endured, they went to Pilate, begging him to liberate Issa, so that he might attend the great festival which was near at hand.
- 8. But this the governor refused. Then they asked him that Issa should be brought before the elders' council, so that he might be condemned, or acquitted, before the festival, and to this Pilate agreed.
- 9. On the following day the governor assembled the principal chiefs, priests, elders and judges, for the purpose of judging Issa.
- 10. The Saint was brought from his prison. They made him sit before the governor, between two robbers, who were to be judged at the same time with Issa, so as to show the people he was not the only one to be condemned.
- 11. And Pilate, addressing himself to Issa, said, "Is it true, Oh! Man; that thou incitest the populace against the authorities, with the purpose of thyself becoming King of Israel?"
- 12. Issa replied, "One does not become king by one's own purpose thereto. They have told you an untruth when you were informed that I was inciting the people to revolution. I have only preached of the King of Heaven, and it was Him whom I told the people to worship.

- 13. "For the sons of Israel have lost their original innocence and unless they return to worship the true God they will be sacrificed and their temple will fall in ruins.
- 14. "The worldly power upholds order in the land; I told them not to forget this. I said to them, 'Live in conformity with your situation and refrain from disturbing public order;' and, at the same time, I exhorted them to remember that disorder reigned in their own hearts and spirits.
- 15. "Therefore, the King of Heaven has punished them, and has destroyed their nationality and taken from them their national kings, 'but,' I added, 'if you will be resigned to your fate, as a reward the Kingdom of Heaven will be yours."
- 16. At this moment the witnesses were introduced; one of whom deposed thus: "Thou hast said to the people that in comparison with the power of the king who would soon liberate the Israelites from the yoke of the heathen, the worldly authorities amounted to nothing."
- 17. "Blessings upon thee!" said Issa. "For thou hast spoken the truth! The King of Heaven is greater and more powerful than the laws of man and His kingdom surpasses the kingdoms of this earth.
- 18. "And the time is not far off, when Israel, obedient to the will of God, will throw off its yoke of sin; for it has been written that a forerunner would appear to announce the deliverance of the people, and that he would reunite them in one family."

- 19. Thereupon the governor said to the judges: "Have you heard this? The Israelite Issa acknowledges the crime of which he is accused. Judge him, then, according to your laws and pass upon him condemnation to death."
- 20. "We cannot condemn him," replied the priests and the ancients. "As thou hast heard, he spoke of the King of Heaven, and he has preached nothing which constitutes insubordination against the law."
- 21. Thereupon the governor called a witness who had been bribed by his master, Pilate, to betray Issa, and this man said to Issa: "Is it not true that thou hast represented thyself as a King of Israel, when thou didst say that He who reigns in Heaven sent thee to prepare His people?"
- 22. But Issa blessed the man and answered: "Thou wilt find mercy, for what thou hast said did not come out from thine own heart." Then, turning to the governor he said: "Why dost thou lower thy dignity and teach thy inferiors to tell falsehood, when, without doing so, it is in thy power to condemn an innocent man?"
- 23. When Pilate heard his words, he became greatly enraged and ordered that Issa be condemned to death, and that the two robbers should be declared guiltless.
- 24. The judges, after consulting among themselves, said to Pilate: "We cannot consent to take this great sin upon us,--to condemn an innocent man and liberate malefactors. It would be against our laws.

25. "Act thyself, then, as thou seest fit." Thereupon the priests and elders walked out, and washed their hands in a sacred vessel, and said: "We are innocent of the blood of this righteous man."

#### XIV.

- 1. By order of the governor, the soldiers seized Issa and the two robbers, and led them to the place of execution, where they were nailed upon the crosses erected for them.
- 2. All day long the bodies of Issa and the two robbers hung upon the crosses, bleeding, guarded by the soldiers. The people stood all around and the relatives of the executed prayed and wept.
- 3. When the sun went down, Issa's tortures ended. He lost consciousness and his soul disengaged itself from the body, to reunite with God.
- 4. Thus ended the terrestrial existence of the reflection of the eternal Spirit under the form of a man who had saved hardened sinners and comforted the afflicted.
- 5. Meanwhile, Pilate was afraid for what he had done, and ordered the body of the Saint to be given to his relatives, who put it in a tomb near to the place of execution. Great numbers of persons came to visit the tomb, and the air was filled with their wailings and lamentations.
- 6. Three days later, the governor sent his soldiers to remove Issa's body and bury it in some other place, for he feared a rebellion among the people.

- 7. The next day, when the people came to the tomb, they found it open and empty, the body of Issa being gone. Thereupon, the rumour spread that the Supreme Judge had sent His angels from Heaven, to remove the mortal remains of the saint in whom part of the divine Spirit had lived on earth.
- 8. When Pilate learned of this rumour, he grew angry and prohibited, under penalty of death, the naming of Issa, or praying for him to the Lord.
- 9. But the people, nevertheless, continued to weep over Issa's death and to glorify their master; wherefore, many were carried into captivity, subjected to torture and put to death.
- 10. And the disciples of Saint Issa departed from the land of Israel and went in all directions, to the heathen, preaching that they should abandon their gross errors, think of the salvation of their souls and earn the perfect bliss which awaits human beings in the immaterial world, full of glory, where the great Creator abides in all his immaculate and perfect majesty.
- 11. The heathen, their kings, and their warriors, listened to the preachers, abandoned their erroneous beliefs and forsook their priests and their idols, to celebrate the praises of the most wise Creator of the Universe, the King of Kings, whose heart is filled with infinite mercy.

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