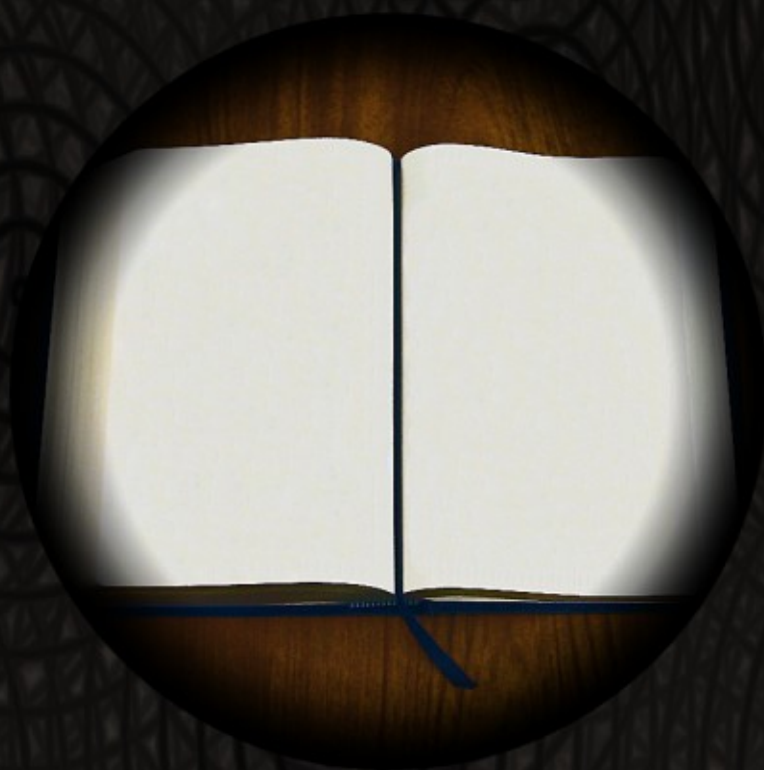


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all who have held fast to the truth and faith of God, even unto death.*

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"But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.... This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth." (Jeremiah 7:23-24, 28)

"How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jeremiah 8:8-9)

NOTE TO THE READER

This book began in February 2009 as a brief article on *The Shack*. Now, nearly four years later, this not-so-brief book is done and covers the larger picture. With a heavy heart, I present its in-depth look at the emerging new way of thinking that is quite thoroughly pervading today's Christianity. From Christianity to the New Age to science and everything in between, the new way of thinking is merging it all into a whole new faith of a whole new "God" of a whole new humanity and world. Everything is *changing*—for a reason.

Carefully consider this question: How important are the *words* in God's Word to you? It is *these words* that tell us *Who God is*. It is *these words* that tell us how to live and how to have God's salvation and eternal life. It is *these words* that are indispensable on every level. Yet it is *these words* that are purposely being dispensed with, not just in the world, but *in today's Christianity*. A wordless text can neither be believed nor obeyed. To fall away from the *words* of the Word of God is to fall away from God.

Despite the absurd belief that dispensing with the truth of God's inspired Word is a move toward God, this way of thinking simply could not be any more backward. This way of thinking has already moved today's Christianity "forward" in its faith to the doctrines of devils found in the channeled teachings of occultists and New Agers. And these same doctrines of devils that are *already* embraced as "God's truth" *in today's Christianity* comprise the emerging faith that *will bow down* to the devil's Antichrist and take his mark. Will you be one of them? I pray not. This day is rapidly emerging on the horizon and will be here much sooner than you think.

Many *in today's Christianity* are succumbing to the darkness of this new way of thinking. Many *in today's Christianity* are succumbing to the emerging faith of the Antichrist. Many *in today's Christianity* will bow down to the image of the beast and take his mark. That's right, *in today's Christianity*. Are you *certain* that you will not be one of them? How *scriptural* is your faith? Does your faith come from *inside* or *outside* the "box" of the Word of God?

The mission? Oneness. The path? Darkness. The door to it all? "*Yea, hath God said ...?*"

Yea, God hath said. And it is *these words* that are being dispensed with that are the only thing that stands between us and the hordes of hell that are on a soul-destroying mission. The subject presented in this book is as eternally grave and serious as it gets.

"*Reimagining*" God pulls from teachings that exemplify the merging and emerging whole—such as of Leonard Sweet, William Paul Young, Brian McLaren, Alice Bailey, Helena Blavatsky, Neale Donald Walsch, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Fritjof Capra, and many others in Christianity, the New Age, and science—in order to address the anti-scriptural beliefs that frame the new kind of "foundation" that is already being laid *throughout today's Christianity*.

The new way of thinking is not at all *simple*, and purposely so. Yet this book has been written in a specific way to help bring about a deeper understanding. Part One, "The Shift," is short and essentially provides a foundational introduction to this new way of thinking that is addressed with more and more depth until the finale is reached. A finale in which God alone is exalted. In that day, Satan's emerging kingdom of his Antichrist, which is ready to burst forth in all its darkness in global opposition to God's coming Kingdom of His Son, will go down in bitter defeat taking far too many souls with it *in today's Christianity*.

Some sections are easier to read than others, especially when the lies being addressed aren't as thoroughly convoluted as at other times. Repetition is purposely used, and this is for a variety of reasons. Either different parts of complex quotes are being addressed at different times; or the context is needed; or to give deeper understanding to other quotes or issues being addressed at the time; etc. Or plain and simply, sometimes repetition is needed just to make sure that

the concepts are fully remembered and understood. This way, maybe the warnings will be more likely to be heeded. *This subject is indeed as eternally grave and serious as it gets.*

—Tamara Hartzell, December 9, 2012

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." (Romans 13:12)

"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure." (Isaiah 33:6)

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." (Jude 1:21-25)

PART ONE: THE SHIFT

“Thinking outside the box”

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

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

The importance of the Word of God simply cannot be overstated. Without it we do not have the truth, faith, or salvation of God. And without the truth, faith, and salvation of God, we do not have God. Scripture is replete with teachings and warnings that make this perfectly clear. One example of many is 2 John 1:9:

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”

Where do we get the *doctrine* of Christ in which we are to abide to *have* God? From *the Word of God*.

“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:14-16)

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:23-25)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

It is the faith of God that comes by *the Word of God*. Not only does the Word of God give us the truth and faith we are to *believe* in order to *have* God, but it also gives us the truth and faith we are to *obey* in order to *please* and *serve* God. And yet people in today's Christianity are no longer willing to accept this faith as is. Rather than simply *believe* and *obey*, people want the freedom to “rethink” and “reimagine” God and His Word into a fashion that they *are* willing to accept and, incredibly, even go so far as to claim that God's own Word of truth puts God in a “box.” In other words, they want the truth and faith of God set “free” from the Word of God. Thus, they do not see the Word of God as *the truth* but as merely a “story” with “changeable” and “debatable” “*metaphor*” that can be interpreted and retold however anyone chooses. This then gives people their desired freedom to “think outside the box” where they can conveniently “reimagine” their own “story” of who they “rethink” God to be.

Naturally, whether or not these stories line up with God's Word is irrelevant to those who prefer to "think outside the box" of God's Word. In fact, if they did line up with the Word of God then it would defeat their purpose of "thinking outside the box." And since "rethinking" and "reimagining" God and His Word is what people today actually want, they are turning to fables for their faith and "truth." Fables are not the truth, and the truth is not a fable. This is why God's Word warns that people are turning *away from the truth* and unto fables. Nevertheless, more and more people are trying to turn *fables* into the *truth*—i.e., "*reimaginings*" into *reality*—and are dancing around in circles desperately trying to bring the two together as one in a harmonious relationship. This is, in essence, turning the light off to look for "truth" in the corner of a dark round room.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130)

"But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23)

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (John 3:19-21)

The light of God's Word is just too bright for today's light-intolerant eyes. More and more people are seeking relief outside the "box" and are intentionally turning away from the Word of God, away from the truth, away from the faith, trying to "find God" in the darkness. However, in the darkness people can no longer tell the difference between what is true and what is false, even when it is *obvious*. And as a result, they are blindly bearing with those who present them with "another Jesus," "another spirit," and "another gospel" that deceptively affirm their shift from light to darkness, and even lead them astray to another "God." But they don't see it that way. Since people imagine that God's Word of truth is just a *manmade* "box" from which God and His *truth* need to be set free, they see it as simply a matter of "finding God" wherever they choose to look. Sadly, this rapidly increasing deception is clearly seen in today's shifting Christianity.

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." (2 Corinthians 11:4)

*"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.... But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me **is not after man**. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." (Galatians 1:6-7, 11-12)*

*"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it **not as the word of men**, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)*

Since more and more people in today's shifting Christianity are rejecting the Word of God as the word of *man*, and even accepting the word of man as the word of *God*, one needn't go far to see the many counterfeits being sold to the eager buyers who see no need to beware. In fact, since people now imagine that outside the "box" of God's Word is the "genuine" and inside the "box" of God's Word is the "counterfeit" they will only see a need to beware of God's Word inside the "box." Thus, reviling those who believe the genuine is the genuine and the counterfeits are the counterfeit, they are heeding those who believe the counterfeits are the "genuine" and the genuine is the "counterfeit" because the counterfeits are the "genuine" they are *willing* to accept. But, naturally, those who prefer to "think outside the box" don't see it that way.

Many people are likewise choosing to see man's *fables* as the "*truth*" about God because man's fables are a "reimagined" "truth" they are *willing* to accept. Absurdly, those who seek to justify "reimagining" God and His Word even claim that Jesus taught parables in order to *teach truth* to the multitudes. This claim in itself "reimagines" God's Word in order to

justify “reimagining” God’s Word. Jesus Himself gave the reason for His parables, which is the opposite of man’s imaginations in more ways than one. He spoke in parables to keep the truth away from those who did not have ears to hear and had already chosen to close their eyes and ears to the truth. Sadly, some things never change.

“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:4)

“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not,** neither do they understand.... For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and **their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,** and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.” (Matthew 13:9-13, 15-16)

If that isn’t clear enough:

“And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.... Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even **that which he seemeth to have.”** (Luke 8:10, 18)

Those who have chosen to turn their ears away from the truth and unto fables only *seem* to have the truth. The truth is “Thus saith God,” “Thus saith the Lord,” and “It is written.” This is the *settled* truth of God, which He has recorded for us in His Word. God’s truth is what it is and never changes despite man’s never-ending vain attempts to “rethink” and “reimagine” God’s Word for God. Truth tells us *what is* and *what is right or wrong*. Stories are the *opposite*. Stories are relativism and allow each person to decide *for themselves* what they want the meaning to be. This is exactly the freedom desired by those who are shifting from truth to fables. They want the *freedom of uncertainty* rather than the *what is of certainty*. Since having ears to hear the truth is necessary to be able to hear the certainty of its meaning, it was to His disciples and not to the multitudes that Jesus told the meaning of His parables:

“If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, **Take heed what ye hear:** with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.... And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. **But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.”** (Mark 4:23-24, 33-34)

Because the Lord Jesus Christ is God, even His parables to the multitudes are “Thus saith God” and “Thus saith the Lord.” And since even the meaning of His parables has been recorded in God’s Word of truth, for us the meaning is *not relative* as many now think, but rather, “*It is written.*” On the other hand, man’s imaginative fables are nothing more than “thus imagines man.” Contrary to the popular opinion of those blinded in the darkness, they are *not* the truth and *not* the Word of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ and His teachings are *not* a “style” to emulate. He is *the Lord*, Whom we are to *believe* and *obey*.

“I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.” (Psalm 138:2)

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.... From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto

the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.” (John 6:63-64, 66-68)

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

Too many people in today’s shifting Christianity are seeking to set the truth of God free from the “box” of God’s Word rather than seeking to be set free themselves by God’s Word of truth. Instead of looking for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room they would be far better served looking for truth in a corner of the “box.” But, sadly, those who are shifting from the light of the narrow way of absolute truth to the darkness of the broad way of relative “truth” are doing so on purpose, albeit blindly, along with their eyes closed and ears covered. They feel “boxed” in by the narrow way, and the broad way gives them the freedom outside the “box” to “rethink” and “reimagine” God and His narrow way into a broader “truth.” With this freedom, people can have a relationship with God however they choose, right?

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48)

Resisting God being God

Exalting man above God is not minor in any way, shape, or form. God makes that abundantly clear from Genesis to Revelation. Even so, this idolatry is at the heart of the transformation that is changing every aspect of today’s shifting Christianity. More and more people are seeking to “rethink” and “reimagine” God, His Word, and Christianity into a fashion they are willing to accept, which conveniently conforms to man and his expectations.

- Man expects God to have a relationship with man on man’s terms, yet man is not willing to have a relationship with God on God’s terms.
- Man expects God to believe in man, yet man is not willing to believe in God.
- Man expects God to come to man in whatever fashion man will accept, yet man is not willing to come to God in whatever fashion God will accept.
- Man expects God to shift from light to darkness to have fellowship with man, yet man is not willing to shift from darkness to light to have fellowship with God.
- Man expects God to travel man’s broad way to find man, yet man is not willing to travel God’s narrow way to find God.
- Man expects God to be faithful to man no matter what, yet man is not willing to be faithful to God no matter what.
- Man expects God to allow man to angrily rebuke and stand in judgment of God, yet man is not willing to allow God to angrily rebuke and stand in judgment of man.
- Man expects God to submit to man, yet man is not willing to submit to God.
- Man expects God to have no rules or expectations for man, yet man has plenty of rules and expectations for God.

So *who* is man’s “God” in this upside-down “relationship”?

“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” (Jeremiah 10:23)

“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:6-9)

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM ..." (Exodus 3:14)

The true God is Who He is. We either receive Him and believe in Him as He is, or we do not. It is that simple. Those who do not are choosing to turn their ears away from the truth and unto fables. They are "reimagining" God into *another* "God" that is not "I AM THAT I AM," but rather "I WILL BE WHATEVER MAN WANTS ME TO BE," or "I WILL BE WHATEVER MAN WILL ACCEPT," or "I WILL BE WHATEVER MAN'S IMAGINATION CREATES ME TO BE." This "reimagines" the *certainty* of truth into the *uncertainty* of man's imaginations.

People especially feel justified in "reimagining" God and the certainty of Who He is when bad things happen in life. Yes, there are very hard and difficult trials in life, and they bring much pain and sadness. Why they happen and how to find God's peace, comfort, and help in the midst of them is plainly answered throughout God's Word for those who are willing to accept it. Yet the growing number of those who are not willing are choosing to do the opposite of Proverbs 3:5-7. They angrily stand in judgment of God, condemning Him for not conforming to *man's* expectations and feelings, and then they "reimagine" God into a fashion they are willing to accept in order to find "healing." Neither standing in judgment of God nor "reimagining" the true God into a counterfeit is the path to "healing"! It may seemingly feel that way, but those who have deceived themselves into believing that pain or trials or even anything at all justifies exalting themselves above God will only be adding to their woes.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

"Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isaiah 5:21)

"Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said, Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. Then Job answered the LORD, and said, Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?" (Job 40:1-8)

It is very clear throughout God's unchanging Word of truth that every single one of man's expectations listed earlier are not scriptural. This used to be common knowledge in Christianity. The fact that many people and even leaders of today's Christianity no longer know this and now believe and teach otherwise speaks to the pervasiveness of today's scriptural illiteracy. If people in today's Christianity spent more time reading God's Word than they do man's word, rather than the other way around, they would know this. But, sadly, for too many people that would defeat their purpose of turning away from the truth and unto fables to "rethink" and "reimagine" God and His Word.

Further compounding today's scriptural illiteracy is that man has been so busy repeatedly rewriting and rewriting God's Word for Him, believing that God needs man's help to say what man thinks God actually meant to say and should have said, that man no longer knows what God actually said. Shifting from light to darkness is occurring on many levels. But this shouldn't be surprising. After all, the multitudes didn't even have ears to hear truth from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and corrupting the Word of God was already common in the apostle Paul's day so why should today be any different? People weren't willing to accept the certainty of God's Word back then, either.

"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." (2 Corinthians 2:17)

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:16, 19-21)

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

Instead of “God said it; that settles it,” now it’s “God said it, man rewrote it, so now man believes it, but that only settles it until man decides to rewrite man’s rewrite of what God wrote through holy men of God, through unholy men of man, until the next time.” If this sounds absurd, it’s because it is! Even so, instead of being recognized for the absurdity that it is, incredibly, this circle is actually the preferred source of “faith” for those who are turning away from the certainty of God’s settled Word of truth.

This absurd never-ending circle of changes doesn’t even faze those who remain undeterred in their unholy desire for freedom to “rethink” and “reimagine” God and His Word. They claim to be of God and yet are not willing to accept the true God. They refuse to believe that God is Who He is and said what He meant and meant what He said. People are willing to live with man’s expectations of God but not with God’s expectations of man and are determined to find relief for their light intolerance. *Many* are resisting God being *God* and resisting the Word of God being *God’s Word of truth* that is *settled forever by God Himself*.

“Sick of God and God’s religion”

It is in the realm of make-believe where the freedom to “reimagine” God and His Word becomes “real.” The true God does not cater to the whims of those who reject Who He is. But the Angel of light and his seducing spirits do. Those who want God to appear to them in whatever fashion they are willing to accept are also leaving themselves wide open to the wily devices of the Devil and his seducing spirits.

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.” (2 Corinthians 11:14)

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

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

In its shift from light to darkness, today’s Christianity has become easy prey for the Devil and his seducing spirits. Yet this is not surprising since the darkness is their realm. It is the pinnacle of self-destruction to turn away from God’s light to enter the Devil’s darkness in order to “rethink” and “reimagine” God!

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:11-12)

“... the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not ...” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

The whole armor of God consists of *truth, righteousness, the preparation of the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God* (see Ephesians 6:13-17). Yet these are the very things that people are *turning away from* as they seek relief for their light intolerance. Absurdly, seeking the freedom to “rethink” and “reimagine” it all, they are defenselessly entering the darkness to “rethink” the defense against the darkness.

Nevertheless, their lack of defense will be a nonissue for them. All they have to do is “reimagine” the darkness into a place of peace and safety. If they simply “reimagine” that evil and darkness do not exist, then, of course, neither do seducing spirits and rulers of darkness. So why would they need the armor of God? And if they simply “reimagine” that God conforms to man’s expectations, does not require true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to have a relationship with God, and does not punish sin, then why would they need the gospel of peace or salvation or any of the other pieces in God’s armor? In the realm of make-believe, people are building up quite an effective defense for themselves *against the light*.

Sadly, these imaginations have become quite popular in today's shifting Christianity. A prime example of all this is William Paul Young's bestseller *The Shack* and its make-believe "God," which, incredibly, are actually believed to be "Christian." Conveniently, *The Shack*'s ever-popular "reimagined" "God" "reimagines" the darkness as a place of peace and safety for those who are resisting the true God and His Word. So of course the armor of God is irrelevant. In *The Shack*, "rules" are even "sarcastically" described as "all the things the Scriptures tell us we should do," and then it even goes on to specify "praying," "reading your Bible," "doing good things," and "avoiding evil."¹ Naturally, believing and obeying God's Word will be seen as irrelevant when people are simply entering the realm of make-believe to "reimagine" God and truth and faith into a fashion they are willing to accept. People are determined to set God "free" from the "box" of His Word so they can be set free from "rules" of faith and obedience.

Thus, people in today's shifting Christianity blindly imagine that *The Shack* is a "Christian" book even though open sarcasm, mockery, and contempt for the true God and His Holy Scriptures consistently abound throughout the book. They even blindly imagine that *The Shack*'s "reimagined" counterfeit "God" is the "Christian" "God" even though this counterfeit "God" clearly demonstrates a disdainful defiance of the true God and His Word. This counterfeit is clearly the "genuine" many are *willing* to accept. Despite the absurd claims to the contrary, *The Shack* is obviously *not* about seeking a loving relationship with the *true* God. And this clearly goes much, much deeper than dealing with grief and trials and why bad things happen. This is about the transformation which the idolatry of exalting man above God is bringing to those who are shifting from light to darkness.

The argument is made that *The Shack* was not written for those who don't like the book. They're right. This book was written for those who, like its author and its main character, are clearly "sick of God and God's religion."² Those who have a problem with God being *God* and with the Word of God being *God's* Word of *truth* will love *The Shack*'s "reimagined" "God" of untruth.

"Man in the chambers of his imagery"

The *Shack* has made so many convoluted anti-scriptural changes to the nature and character and teachings of who it claims the true "God" is that it should be obvious this is a false god. Even so, while these changes are obvious in the immutable light of God's Word of truth, they are *irrelevant* in the darkness. Those who are turning to the realm of make-believe for their faith can freely imagine "God" into whatever fashion they are willing to accept. After all, no one knows the difference in the dark, right?

God does.

"Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth." (Ezekiel 8:12)

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

For starters, it used to be obvious that a god who is a she is a goddess. Not any more. Now that darkness is the preferred "light," a god who is a she is "God the Father." At least this is the case according to those who imagine they merely "mix metaphors" in the chambers of their imagery. (By the way, this imagined goddess "Father" also claims to be "the Son of God.")

Yes, *The Shack*'s counterfeit "God" is a she. Or more precisely, two shes and a he. Easily deceiving those who are blindly trying to "find God" in the darkness, a black woman masquerades as "God the Father," and her two cohorts are an Asian woman who masquerades as "the Holy Spirit," and "another Jesus" who is *clearly* not the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, many in today's armor-shunning Christianity have been easily fooled into believing that these characters

really are “God.”^A

Clearly, people today believe that man knows more about God than God does and see no need to beware of counterfeits, even counterfeits that openly defy the true God and His Word of truth. As a result, *The Shack*’s “reimagined” counterfeit “God” is being accepted by many as “genuine.” Heedlessly dismissing the warnings, today’s shifting Christianity is blindly embracing this very false god of untruth that:

- is anti-God, anti-Christ, anti-truth in both its character and teachings;
- is ungodly, relativistic, sinful, and unholy;
- conveniently conforms to man and his expectations;
- affirmingly “rethinks” “truth” into a perversion that man is willing to accept;
- scorns and contemns the true God and His Word;
- is “another Jesus,” “another spirit,” and another “God” that reject God’s narrow way;
- teaches “another gospel” that affirms the broad way; and so on, and so forth.

Details are certainly irrelevant in the darkness. This anti-God bestseller has even been *highly defended* by pastors and theologians. The shift from light to darkness is *pervasive*. Many people clearly want to be set free from “all the things the Scriptures tell us we should do.” They aren’t even taking heed not to depart from the living God:

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” (Hebrews 3:12-13)

*“The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in **truth**.” (Psalm 145:17-18)*

The Shack is filled with so many teachings that defy God and His truth that if the conversations with “God” are as “real and true” as Young admits, then the conversations were clearly with seducing spirits masquerading as “God.” But details are now irrelevant. In today’s shift from light to darkness, people see no need to beware of *counterfeit gods* let alone *seducing spirits*.

“They were conversations that I was having with God about whatever. Sometimes I would wake up in the middle of the night in the middle of a conversation and grab a notepad to try and remember. More than not, contrary to the brilliance I had expected, what I had written would make no sense whatsoever in the morning’s light. But occasionally some coherent thoughts and concepts actually emerged from these nocturnal meanderings....

“In hind sight, I was not ready before 2005 to write this...thing...what turned out to be *The Shack*.” (William Paul Young; last two ellipsis dots in the original)¹

“Is the story ‘real’? The story is fiction. I made it up. Now, having said that, I will add that ... the conversations are very real and true....

“So is the story true? The pain, the loss, the grief, the process, the conversations, ... all real, all true.... Then there is God who emerges so very real and true ...” (William Paul Young)²

“Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk

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[Note: Young’s bestseller *The Shack* has gone on to sell 18 million copies—as proclaimed on the cover of *Cross Roads*, his equally heretical new book just released on November 13, 2012. And, by the way, the false “Spirit” of *Cross Roads* is a Grandmother goddess who exclaims that “the God of the Old Testament” “kinda freaks me out!” And about her, its false “Jesus” says here, “That strong, courageous, and beautiful woman in there is the Holy Spirit.” Remember Little Red Riding Hood? “But, Grandmother, what big teeth you have” . . .

See Wm Paul Young, *Cross Roads* (Great Britain: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, 2012), published in association with FaithWords, New York, NY, pp. 87-88.]

as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:6-11)

Nevertheless, those who warn that the genuine is genuine and the counterfeits are counterfeit are rejected as too “negative” by those who prefer to be “positive” that the counterfeits are “genuine” and the genuine is “counterfeit.” Sadly, it has thus become quite fashionable in today’s shifting Christianity to openly make-believe that darkness is “light” and lies are “truth.”

“I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.” (1 John 2:21)

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

“Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.” (Proverbs 14:9)

“How great is that darkness!”

For those who are determined to “reimagine” God and His Word, the difference between what is true and false, light and darkness, narrow and broad, and the true and living God and a counterfeit “God” is clearly irrelevant. All they have to do is enter the darkness to “rethink” and “reimagine” it all into one big harmonious relationship. Many people are even so thoroughly convinced that darkness is a better “light” than the Word of God that *The Shack*’s flagrant deception has even been widely praised and given away as an indispensable resource for “*better understanding*” the nature and character of God! To say that today’s shifting Christianity has flipped is an understatement! Everything is being turned upside down in the stampede into darkness.

“For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Matthew 13:15)

“But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” (Matthew 6:23)

When light was still the preferred light, it used to be obvious that God the Father is in heaven, is God, and is the Father. It used to be obvious that the Holy Spirit is God and is the Holy Spirit. It used to be obvious that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, is and always has been God including while He lived on earth in the flesh, and is now in heaven on the right hand of God. Not anymore.

Now, according to the convoluted conversations with the counterfeit “God” of *The Shack*:

- “God the Father” exists on earth as “the Son of God” in “flesh and blood” as “fully human” with “all the limitations;”
- “the Holy Spirit” also exists on earth as “the Son of God” in “flesh and blood” as “fully human” with “all the limitations;”
- “Jesus” still exists on earth as only one part of “the Son of God” in “flesh and blood” as “fully human,” and with “all the limitations” still claims to be “fully God” yet is not fully “God” because with “no power within himself to heal anyone” he is helplessly “dependent” on “God” for everything;
- but the “God” on whom this “Jesus” is helplessly “dependent” also exists on earth as “the Son of God” in “flesh and blood” as “fully human” with “all the limitations” ...!

Of course all these are counterfeits anyway, but this flesh and blood human god of untruth is the “real” and “true” “God” that today’s shifting Christianity is enthusiastically and idolatrously embracing. It is the human “God” that many

clearly accept and *want*, and which also happens to be One with all things. This false “God” of untruth claims to be “the ground of all being” that “dwells in, around, and through all things.”² With serpentine craftiness, *The Shack*’s counterfeit “God” rejects truth of God as “religious conditioning” while imparting the religious conditioning of the New Age and its Oneness. And these are only a *few* examples of *The Shack*’s convoluted twistings that would make the serpent—the father of lies—proud.

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”
(2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

The seducing spirits of darkness have been conditioning their prey well. Their success in bringing today’s blinded Christianity deeper into a “relationship” with their counterfeit “God” of New Age Oneness has been steadily increasing. So it isn’t surprising that the “Christianized” Oneness subtly taught by the counterfeit “God” in Young’s conversations with “God” actually has much in common with the New Age Oneness taught by the counterfeit “God” in New Age (New Spirituality) leader Neale Donald Walsch’s “conversations with God.” After all, those who are seeking freedom from the true God and His narrow way are in the same darkness seeking the same broad place of peace and safety,³ and the same seducing spirits are more than willing to be of service in ensuring their arrival. Sadly, the darkness is getting crowded as more and more people seek freedom from the light.

“Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken literally.” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁴

“Imagine a life without fear of God and without guilt over the tiniest infraction of what you imagine to be God’s Rules!

“Imagine the freedom of soul and mind and body that would be experienced when you understand at last that you really *are* One with God!” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁵

“Our opportunity now is to create the space of possibility for a New Spirituality to emerge upon the earth ... bringing to our world at last an individualized experience of the Divine in a unified form that makes no one wrong for the way in which they are approaching the God of their understanding ...” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁶

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

“Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.” (Psalm 40:4)

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:6)

“Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:1-2)

God the Father is revealed in and by His Son, “in the face of Jesus Christ.” (*And no, the black goddess “Father” is not “the Son of God”!*) This used to be common knowledge in Christianity when truth was still the preferred truth and light was still the preferred light. Now people prefer to find “truth” and “light” in the darkness of man’s chambers of imagery, and absurdity is running wild in the desperate search to “find God” in the darkness. People are turning aside to lies in droves, and there is an epidemic of handling the Word of God deceitfully in order to justify it all. Pastors and theologians have even tried to explain why “God the Father” is “revealed” as a black woman in *The Shack*. God isn’t revealed as *anyone* in *The Shack*; God isn’t in *The Shack*! The book is *fiction*, and a *blasphemous* one at that!

Again, it is only in the realm of make-believe that the “God” of today’s shifting Christianity can be “revealed” in a “reimagined” fashion that is acceptable to man. In truth, the true God is no more revealed today as a woman (or any other “reimagined” fashion) than He was revealed to the Israelites as a golden calf. What this does reveal, however, is

that man is just as unfaithful and idolatrous today as back then. People today are no less determined to make-believe that counterfeits are the “genuine.” Some things never change.

A “real” and “true” false god that teaches “truth”

“Woe unto him that saith to the wood, *Awake*; to the dumb stone, *Arise*, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” (Habakkuk 2:19-20)

Incredibly, man is still “reimagining” God into a fashion that man is willing to accept so that this “reimagined” false god that conforms to man’s expectations in his desired freedom to “rethink” God can now teach man the “truth” about God!

This colossal failure, not to mention refusal, to discern between true teachings and false teachings and between the true God and false gods is clearly seen in the outpouring of high praise for *The Shack*, which actually includes: *teaches powerful theological lessons; biblically accurate, precise, faithful, and true; no theological errors; sound truth; nothing heretical or that contradicts the Bible; restores faith; spiritually awakening; theologically enlightening; Father, Son, and Spirit are understood for the first time; ushers you directly into the heart and nature of God; find the truth about God in The Shack; the book is one long Bible study; inspired writing from God Himself; the words spoken by God in this book are full of life; you’ll be experiencing God as never before; and so on and so forth.*

Obviously, aside from obliviousness to the “irrelevant” difference between truth and lies, light and darkness, the true God and false gods, God’s Word and man’s word, faith and faithlessness, Christian and nonchristian, righteousness and sin, holy and unholy, and genuine and counterfeit, etc., one vital detail has completely escaped the notice of those who are shifting to the realm of make-believe: *God isn’t in The Shack!* The words in *The Shack* are *not* spoken by *God*! The words in *The Shack* are *not* spoken by *the Father*, they are *not* spoken by *the Son*, and they are *not* spoken by *the Holy Spirit*!

Fiction:	Produced by the imagination, an invention of the mind, a made-up story, a fable, a false belief or statement accepted as true for the sake of convenience, a pretense, not real, a counterfeiting, a lie, an untruth ...
Not Literal:	Imaginative, figurative, metaphorical, not consistent with fact or reality, inaccurate, not reflecting the genuine character of something, false, untruthful ...

Even further devoid of reason and sense and reality, not to mention truth, today’s idolatrous Christianity has ushered in the false god and the false teachings of *The Shack* with rationalizations such as: “But it’s only fiction,” and “It’s not literal.” *Of course* it’s fiction! *Of course* it’s not literal! That simply could not be any more irrelevant in justifying what people are now choosing to believe. Except for the *true scriptural* faith of the Lord Jesus Christ Who is God’s true and only Messiah, *every religion on the planet is fiction and not literal*. There are no Get Out of Hell Free cards for believing in false gods excused away as “fictional.” To even attempt to make such a distinction is absurd.

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

“... Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?” (Luke 6:39)

Rationalizing that *The Shack*’s “real” and “true” false god is actually the true God merely because it *claims* to be about

the true God and is *fiction* is thoroughly delusional, as well as spiritual suicide. The followers of every false god throughout history have been deceived into believing that their false god is a “real” and “true” “God.” And now, in an astounding sign of the times, many in today’s Christianity are following suit, deceived in the darkness where they are unable, and unwilling, to differentiate between the false god in *The Shack* and the true God.

The fear-based agenda of the “doctrine police”

“And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” (Jude 1:22-23)

People need to wake up and smell the fire and brimstone before it’s too late. But then, those who prefer to “reimagine” the darkness into a place of peace and safety no longer believe in God’s judgment any more than they still believe in the true God. In the darkness of their blinded minds, warning that God requires the *true scriptural* faith of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation from sins and punishment is to be rejected as the “negative” promotion of “fear” by those they disdainfully refer to as the “doctrine police.” Ironically, *the duty of the police is to uphold the laws of a higher authority based on a “literal interpretation” of the laws!* So this is a very interesting and revealing choice of words by those who are pursuing freedom from both the *authority* of God and the *literal* truth of God’s Word!

Of course the topic of God’s punishment of sin is negative and promotes *fear* in those who are choosing to depart from the faith. God’s Word even goes so far as to refer to this fear as *terror*. What, we’re just supposed to “rethink” and “reimagine” God and His Word and faith to make them “relevant” to today’s everything-must-feel-good-and-be-positive mindset? *Exactly*, according to them.

“I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.” (Isaiah 66:4)

“For I am the LORD, I change not; ...” (Malachi 3:6)

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29)

Despite man’s rebellious preference to believe that the word of man is the word of God and the Word of God is the word of man, God is the One Who declares what is truth and what is not. We either believe it or we do not; it is that simple. So it is totally irrelevant that theologians believe they can “find God” in the darkness outside the “box.” A theologian is merely a person who studies theology. A theologian who studies man’s false theology and believes it is “true” is nothing more than a deceived expert on false theology. It is also totally irrelevant that many theologians are choosing to debate and “rethink” much of God’s Word of truth. Theologians don’t have the power to change God’s truth just because they don’t believe it! There was a time when “experts” convinced many into believing that the earth was flat, even though God’s Word of truth said otherwise. Obviously, man’s imaginative false beliefs don’t even change the shape of the planet, let alone Who the true God—the planet’s Creator—really is!

“For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar ...” (Romans 3:3-4)

“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:8-9)

The God of truth *does not change*. God does not change, and the truth does not change. Both are literal and absolute and undergo no transformation whatsoever despite man’s relativistic attempts to “reimagine” God and His truth into a

fashion that man is willing to accept—*man's ultimate exercise in futility*. Although man's astronomical arrogance says otherwise, the true God does not kneel before the fictional throne of man's ever-changing imagination. Yet man's "reimagined" gods are ever affirming its "power" and kneeling before it; after all, without it they wouldn't even exist!

For obvious reasons, God's Word of truth tells us that our spiritual "war" includes:

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Yet those who prefer the freedom to "rethink" and "reimagine" God and His Word are essentially turning 2 Corinthians 10:5 upside down. They are defiantly:

Casting down the knowledge of God, and every scriptural truth that exalteth itself against the imaginations of man, and bringing into captivity every thought to man's quest for freedom from the obedience of Christ.

Fiction is an invention of the imagination, and *The Shack* is clearly an invention of untruth. It is no coincidence that the opposite of fiction is truth, certainty, reality, fact, etc. Sadly, people are turning away from the *certainty* of truth to the *uncertainty* of fables in order to turn the *certainty* of having to *believe and obey God* upside down into *uncertainty*. Conveniently affirming their desired uncertainty, *The Shack* not only "sarcastically" describes "rules" as "all the things the Scriptures tell us we should do," but its fictitious god teaches that "rules" are "a vain attempt to create certainty out of uncertainty" and even claims to "have a great fondness for uncertainty."¹ Of course it does. The certainty of truth rules out the very existence of this fictitious god of untruth.

The latter of these two teachings on "rules" is even part of a discussion on the Ten Commandments, during which the main character asks, "Are you saying I don't have to follow the rules?" *The Shack's* god conveniently answers, "Yes," and shortly thereafter claims that they are "a vain attempt to create certainty out of uncertainty" and that "Rules cannot bring freedom; they have only the power to accuse."²

First, it shouldn't come as a surprise that this fictitious false god wants people to feel free to not even follow the Ten Commandments because if people just followed the first commandment then they wouldn't be following this false god of *The Shack*. Still, there's also the commandments about not killing, stealing, or committing adultery, etc., so it is amazing how these are all so easily dismissed as not required when they should make it obvious as to why the Lord Jesus Christ taught that He did not "come to destroy the law"!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:16-20)

Second, "following the rules" is simply *obedient faith*. It does not make anyone "superior" to others, as people may think. Nor is this about trying to establish our own righteousness. It is God and His truth that is superior to all, and about being "made righteous," God makes it perfectly clear in His Word of truth that "the righteousness of God" is "unto all and upon all them that *believe*." The law only has "the power to accuse" those who do not have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. So those who feel that God's "rules" and Ten Commandments merely "accuse" them, rather than guide them into *obedient faith* (such as having no other gods before Him), need to follow Scripture's exhortation to "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith" (2 Corinthians 13:5).

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in

Christ Jesus ... To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.... Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.” (Romans 3:21-24, 26-27, 31)

The Shack is spinning in circles in the upside-down absurdity of untruth. It is *The Shack* itself, not God’s Word and its “rules,” that is “a vain attempt to create certainty out of uncertainty”—in its vain attempt to create the certainty of “truth” out of the uncertainty of its fiction. And yet at the same time, *The Shack* is actually a vain attempt to create uncertainty out of certainty by “reimagining” the certainty of God’s truth into the uncertainty of man’s fiction. (And all because people don’t want the faith that comes by the Word of God!)

Thus, desperately spinning in circles to exalt man’s uncertain imaginations, *The Shack*’s untruth is defended as “only fiction,” while at the same time, the book’s fiction is defended as “solid biblical truth.” This dialectic dance underscores the change in how God’s Word is perceived in today’s shifting Christianity. This is further evidenced in that those who believe that God’s Word of truth is literal are reproached by the growing number of those who do not.

Absurdly, they refuse to heed God’s Word as the truth and *reject* it as “not literal,” but they heed man’s word as the “truth” and *defend* it as “not literal.” In other words, although they reject God’s truth as “not literal” *untruth*, they accept man’s untruth as “not literal” *truth* because man’s untruth is the “truth” they are *willing* to accept. And the never-ending circles absurdly go on and on, all because people are not willing to accept that God is Who He is and said what He meant and meant what He said in *His Word of truth*.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Clearly seeing no need to beware of any counterfeits, those in today’s shifting Christianity are indiscriminately *heaping* to themselves teachers to scratch their itching ears. After all, since they imagine that the genuine is a “counterfeit” and the counterfeits are “genuine” they are intentionally turning to counterfeits for the “genuine.” So as long as wolves are properly attired in sheep’s clothing, they and their claws are given a warm reception and promptly put to use in the service of scratching. It is not surprising that warnings are scorned as *negative* and as a *fear-based agenda* of the “doctrine police.” “Fear” and “negativity” are intolerable to those whose ears are positively itching for unsound doctrine.

Besides, trying to warn people who are shifting away from the true and living God is indeed the promotion of a *fear-based agenda*—*the fear of the Lord* before it’s too late. Although, sadly, this is beginning to look as futile as their fearless agenda to “reimagine” God. Too many are choosing to close their eyes and ears. They just do not want to know that the genuine is genuine and the counterfeits are counterfeit because the counterfeits are the “genuine” they are *willing* to accept. But of course they don’t see it that way.

“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.” (Job 28:28)

“The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.” (Proverbs 13:19)

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.” (Proverbs 14:16)

“Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.” (Job 21:14)

“For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.” (Proverbs 1:29-31)

The faith that is set forth by God in His Word is the faith of God

Shifting from light to darkness has already been leading many in today's light-intolerant Christianity into a fictitious "relationship" with God, and now it is leading many more into a relationship with a fictitious "God." Man's "reimagined" "God"—whether they claim it is the "Father," "Jesus," or "Holy Spirit"—is a counterfeit "God" that is no more a "real" and "true" "God" than if they dressed up a literal wolf in sheep's clothing and claimed that it is a "real" and "true" sheep that has been set free from the "box" so sheep can be "reimagined" into a broader understanding. Yes, this would be totally absurd! Despite man's belief that his imagination is powerful, this dressed up wolf would have the same chance of making it to sheephood as the golden calf had in becoming God.

Likewise, even though more and more people are convinced that man can successfully "reimagine" a new version of the true and living God, a "Christianized" made-up "God" is nothing more than a "Christianized" made-up "God." Counterfeits are counterfeit and the genuine is genuine, no matter how many people dance around in circles desperately trying to bring counterfeit and genuine together as one in a harmonious relationship.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." (Isaiah 43:10)

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool ... but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." (Isaiah 66:1-2)

It all comes down to the unbelief and unwillingness to accept that the Word of God is the Word of God. So, hell-bent on "reimagining" God into who man wants God to be, man continues to create a fictitious "God" that is a mere figment of man's imagination – a false god that has no power to save itself, let alone its inventor or anyone else. But then, if people don't believe that God's judgment and punishment of sins are *literal* there's nothing for anyone to fear or worry about, right?

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.... They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish." (Jeremiah 10:10-11, 15)

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, ... Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." (Romans 1:21-23, 25)

The changes in how God's Word is perceived are already resulting in a comprehensive "reimagining" of Christianity. The fear of the Lord, the knowledge of God, the Word of God, the truth, the faith, the Gospel of Christ, the atonement on the cross, the resurrection, theology, doctrine, repentance, salvation, being born again, righteousness, holiness, and obedience, etc.—if not openly "cast aside"—are all being redefined into irrelevance.

With today's "Christianity" already busy "reimagining" even itself into a counterfeit, it's no wonder it has been so easily deceived into believing that *The Shack's* false god of untruth is of the "Christian faith!" And this is even despite the fact that *The Shack's* false "Jesus" openly admits that he has "no desire to make them Christian."¹ This double-mindedness of people shows that deep down they know the Christian faith is the true faith of God, they just aren't willing to accept it. Therefore they use the label of Christian because they know it's the faith of God, but they don't want to use the label of Christian because they don't want it to be the faith of God. And so they just "reimagine" it all into a broader "faith."

In other words, they know the Christian faith is the true faith but the true faith is too narrow, so they “reimagine” a broader faith and label it “Christian” so that this new broader faith can be the “true” faith.

Thus, people don’t think twice about believing they can “find the truth about God” in *The Shack*. They just spin in circles embracing it as the “Christian” faith while defending its nonchristian faith as only fiction and not literal. The New Age is fiction and not literal. Its Oneness is fiction and not literal. So in the search for “truth” why not just admittedly “reimagine” today’s “Christian” faith as broad enough to include the counterfeit faith of New Age Oneness? After all, people have long since abandoned looking in the obvious place for the truth about God, and the untruth of *The Shack* fits right in with the untruth of New Age Oneness. Besides, New Age Oneness has already “reimagined” its faith as broad enough to include the counterfeit faith of today’s “reimagined” Christianity in its New Spirituality, which, naturally, is already being embraced in the counterfeit faith of today’s “reimagined” Christianity. So why bother with a fictitious exclusiveness? It’s all the same darkness.

Although those who have closed their eyes and ears are still absurdly in denial, today’s Christianity actually began blindly conforming its faith about God with the New Age (New Spirituality) and its Oneness quite awhile ago. This devilish deception continues to rapidly progress ever deeper, as what better way to get today’s Christianity to gradually accept the New Age Oneness of all gods, religions, and “truth” than to convince it that the truth of God is not literal, but just *changeable* metaphor? Think about it. Yet too many leaders in today’s Christianity are making the shift themselves and are choosing to revile and warn against the *warnings*, rather than warn against the *deceptions* that are leading people away from the true and living God.

*“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.”
(Jeremiah 6:9-10)*

For those who are turning away from believing God’s Word of truth, *The Shack*’s highly defended false “God” conveniently claims to have already “forgiven all humans for their sins” and is “now fully reconciled” to “the whole world.”² All man needs to do is “choose relationship” because *The Shack*’s false “Jesus” wants his followers to “grow in the freedom to be inside or outside all kinds of systems” including “religious” “systems” (such as “Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims”).³ And since this false “Jesus” wants his followers “to move freely between and among them,” he of course has “no desire to make them Christian.”⁴ Therefore, *The Shack*’s false “God” does not require anyone to “believe.”⁵ Of course, *believing* not only defeats the purpose of “reimagining” God, it also defeats the purpose of New Age Oneness.

To make all religions equal paths to God—which automatically makes all false gods equal with the true God—is the darkness of New Age Oneness. This belief that “There is no Religion higher than Truth” is actually an occult lie,⁶ which is becoming widely believed by those who are blindly shifting to New Age Oneness. Sadly, one of the many who love *The Shack* has even blindly recommended the book to others for helping people “view God [as] being MUCH bigger than any particular religion.”

Whether people are willing to accept it or not, *different religions (faiths)* and their *different gods* are not equal with the particular religion that is the *true faith* of the *true God*. The *true God* is Who He is, and He has recorded the truth of Who He is in His Word. Thus *faith comes by the Word of God*. And the faith that comes by the Word of God is clearly the *Christian* faith, not the faith of *another religion*.

Before the shift to darkness, it used to be common knowledge in Christianity that the faith that is given to us by *God* in the Word of *God* is the faith of *God*. And given that it is *the faith of God* that comes by *the Word of God*, then to depart from *the Word of God* is to depart from *the faith of God*, which is to depart from *God*. But for people today it is simply too narrow that the Word of God is the Word of *God* that gives us the faith of *God*. They want to freely “think outside the box” and thus want God set “free” from the “box” of His Word. This way, they can then try to “find God” outside the faith that comes by the Word of God. After all, if people “rethink” and “reimagine” it all so that God is “bigger” and broader than the faith that comes by His Word then anyone can find “God” and “truth” and “faith”

wherever they choose to look. And this way there would never be any chance of turning away from the truth, departing from the faith, or departing from God, right?

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” (Hebrews 4:2)

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

No matter how many people prefer a broader understanding of the true God that includes other religions (faiths), this is no different than preferring a broader understanding of true sheep that includes wolves dressed up in sheep's clothing. Likewise, choosing to believe that other religions believe the truth about the true God is no different than choosing to believe that anyone who might believe that dressed up wolves are true sheep actually believes the truth about true sheep. *False gods* cannot be separated from the truth of their *falsehood* any more than *the true God* can be separated from the truth of His *trueness*. No matter how determined man becomes in the attempt to bring true and false together as one, dressing up other religions/gods will never transform them into the true faith/God. And neither are other religions/gods simply another dressing for—another manifestation or understanding of—the true faith/God. No matter how many people absurdly choose to imagine otherwise, true is true and false is false, and genuine is genuine and counterfeit is counterfeit.

Nevertheless, New Age Oneness, with the broader theology of its own “reimagined” “God” and “reimagined” “truth” and “reimagined” “faith,” has become quite successful in luring today's shifting Christianity onto the broad way. This New Age “God” of Oneness is the “God” that is “bigger” than any particular religion (faith) and offers people their desired freedom to “think outside the box.” This false “God” of Oneness is the “God” that immanently dwells *in all things*, which *thereby* brings everyone and everything together as *One* with itself. Based on this *Oneness*, this false “God” therefore offers people the ultimate freedom from the rules and doctrine of the narrow way. It conveniently offers the freedom to *imagine* and *define* “God” *however* anyone chooses—in *whatever* “concept” (religion/faith), “understanding” (theology), “interpretation” (doctrine), or “experience” (path) they are willing to accept. And since this “God” of New Age Oneness is immanent *in all things*—which is the basis for the *Oneness* of all things—it is therefore *all* “*the same God*” with only one “*Being*” and “*Reality*” that is *in them all*.

In other words, “*Being* always transcends appearance,” “and any appearances that mask that reality will fall away,” with “God, who is the ground of all being” that “dwells in, around, and through all things—ultimately emerging as the real.”⁷ This fitting summary is given by *The Shack*'s false “Jesus” who subtly shows the way to this false “God.” Despite the deceived claims to the contrary by those who have closed their eyes and ears to feel and experience its “story,” the counterfeit faith that comes by *The Shack* is the counterfeit faith of New Age Oneness. This is revealed over and over and over *throughout* the blindly defended *Shack*.

It is not the *true* God that is “masked” by any and all appearances of “all things.” And it is not the *true* God that is ultimately emerging as the “real” in today's shift to darkness. Rather, it is the immanent false “God” of New Age Oneness that is emerging as the “real” and “true” “God” that people today prefer. Conveniently, this false “God” of Oneness can be dressed up *however* anyone chooses and yet remains the “Ultimate Reality” in any and all appearances.

Although New Age Oneness would have people believe that “God” is *in all things*, and is therefore “masked” by any and

all appearances of *all things*, in reality, things are what they are. Whether the wolf appears as itself or dressed in sheep's clothing it is still just a wolf. And, no, it's wolfness is not a "mask" of the "reality" of an immanent sheep. It is no less absurd to believe that God is in *all things* than it would be to believe that a sheep is in a wolf. But, of course, those who want the freedom to imagine and define God however they choose don't see it that way. Nevertheless, the true God will always be the true God and false gods will always be false gods no matter how many people prefer a broader understanding of the true God that includes false gods dressed up as "real" and "true."

Even though their feelings and "experiences" lead them to see it otherwise, those who are shifting to the "real" and "true" false "God" that is "bigger" than the truth and faith of God's Word only *seem* to have God.

*"The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in **truth**." (Psalm 145:18)*

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32)

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

"Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." (Luke 8:18)

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

Incredibly, believing that the truth and faith of God comes by the Word of God is now even deemed "idolatry" by those who feel "boxed" in by the narrow way. If it is "idolatry" to believe the Word of God then it is "idolatry" to believe God! Idolatry against *whom*, against *man*?! In today's faithless determination to find freedom from the Word of God, *everything* is being flipped upside down into absurdity. To believe that God said what He meant and meant what He said in the truth and faith of His Word is not "idolatry," but *salvation*.

"Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways." (Job 21:14)

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)... Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.... Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:23, 35, 38-39)

Faith in the truth is true faith

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26)

In today's shifting Christianity, people think it is simply a matter of "moving the fence" in order to be more inclusive. They don't understand that we can't broaden the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is any more than we can broaden the truth of Who God is. *The Word of God* tells us the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is, and, again, the truth and faith that are in the Word of God give us the *Christian* faith, not the faith of *another religion*. In other words, *the truth of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is* gives us the *Christian* faith. This is the faith that is given to us by *God* in *His* Word. The Lord Jesus Christ does not "move the fence;" that is, *He does not change the truth of Who He is* to be more inclusive. The truth is what it is whether people believe it or not.

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." (2 Corinthians 11:4)

Only “another Jesus” will change the truth and “move the fence” to broaden the narrow way to include the broad way. This broadened way is not the narrow way but obviously the broad way.

For instance, the false “Jesus” of *The Shack* wants his followers to “grow in the freedom to be inside or outside all kinds of systems and to move freely between and among them.”¹ This false “Jesus” conveniently includes “religious” “systems” in this freedom, and he says of his followers who “were Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims” – “I have no desire to make them Christian, but I do want to join them in their transformation ...”² Since true Christians believe the truth and faith of *the Word of God*, which includes the truth of the true Lord Jesus Christ, of course a false “Jesus” doesn’t want people to be *Christian*. Besides, this way his followers can come to “view God [as] being MUCH bigger than any particular religion,” and particularly “bigger” than *the Word of God* and its *Christian* faith. In other words, in their transformation away from the Christian faith and Christian God they can come to view different religions as having “the same God.” This is what is being taught here by this false “Jesus,” who is clearly “moving the fence” to include the broad way (and even *himself*).

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

“Moving the fence” does not move or change *the truth*, it only moves and changes *one’s faith*. Faith in the truth is true faith, and faith in untruth is faithlessness because faith in untruth *moves and changes* one’s faith *from* faith in the truth to faith in untruth. But, naturally, those who are undergoing the transformation of the broad way don’t see it that way. They prefer to believe that the truth is untruth and untruth is “truth,” so if their faith is in untruth their “faith” is in “truth,” and then faith in the truth becomes faith in untruth, and faith becomes faithlessness and faithlessness becomes “faith.”

This way, this broader untruth (“truth”) of a broader “Jesus” can now fit inside other religions so they, too, can have faith in untruth and believe it is faith in the truth. And this is man’s idea of “love”?! Yet they see it as having faith in a “reimagined” Jesus and a “reimagined” way and a “reimagined” truth that gives everyone a “reimagined” life, because then there will be no problem for anyone, right? Only in the blinding absurdity of *make-believe*, which is all they will have left since they are making it taboo to *believe*.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

“For I am the LORD, I change not; ...” (Malachi 3:6)

*“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. **He that believeth on the Son of God** hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.” (1 John 5:9-10)*

*“And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that **Jesus is the Son of God**, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.” (1 John 4:14-15)*

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

Contrary to the devious false teachings of *The Shack*’s “reimagined” “God” of untruth, neither the true Father nor the true Holy Spirit are “the Son of God.”³ It used to be common knowledge in Christianity that *the Father* is not “the Son of God;” *the Father* is not the way to the Father. Likewise, it used to be common knowledge that *the Holy Spirit* is not “the Son of God;” *the Holy Spirit* is not the way to the Father. The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the true Son of God, is the *only* way to the Father. And only those who believe on the true Son of God receive the Holy Spirit. We cannot bypass believing on the true Son of God to come to the true God.

Incidentally, in the New Age *everyone* is “the Son of God.” Very convenient. This way everyone is their own way to God. This is also why people choose to “reimagine” God. Although today’s shifting Christianity now “reimagines” otherwise,

the true Lord Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, is not “*the best way*” to God but *the only way*. There is *no relationship* with (or “*relating*” to) the true God apart from the true Lord Jesus Christ. On the other hand, *The Shack*’s “reimagined” “Jesus” naturally claims to be “the best way” to “relate to” its “reimagined” “God.”⁴ Of course a false “Jesus” is “the best way” in every sense to a false “God”! In truth, the *true* Lord Jesus Christ is *the only way* to the *true* God. Think about it.

Although it all used to be obvious, sadly, *nothing* is obvious anymore for those who are rejecting the faith of the certainty of God’s truth to believe the faithlessness of the uncertainty of man’s untruth, and then absurdly flipping it all upside down and backward, spinning in the never-ending circles of man’s “*reimaginings*.” Their defense against the light is quite an effective defense. They just are not willing to accept that in the true truth of God’s truth—as opposed to the untrue “truth” of man’s untruth—we are born again through the Holy Spirit by *the Word of God* that gives us the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is, which is indispensable to the *true* Gospel of Christ.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.... That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.... He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:3, 6-7, 36)

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:23-25)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1)

This all used to be common knowledge in Christianity, when light was still the preferred light, truth was still the preferred truth, faith was still the preferred faith, and the Gospel of Christ was still the preferred Gospel. Now *everything* has changed. And the self-proclaimed “change agents” have changed it all on purpose. Congratulations on their success. Now, the true God is no longer the preferred “God,” and the true Lord Jesus Christ is no longer the preferred “Jesus.” But, naturally, they don’t see it that way.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

Rock does not shift

“The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.” (Proverbs 4:19)

God’s Word is just too authoritative, too clear, too certain, too doctrinal, too narrow, too commanding, too set in His ways, too judgmental, too firm, too black and white, too absolute, just too rock solid for those who prefer to shift in their own ways and beliefs.

“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.” (Proverbs 13:13)

“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be

disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:6-8)

Rock does not shift. All who are shifting inevitably stumble at the Rock of Offence and His Word. But on the other hand, shifting sand will conform to their every step. Those who prefer man’s ever-changing “reimaginings” to the never-changing Word of God are foolishly building their house—and in this case Shack—upon ever-shifting sand.

Having no solid footing for their faith, they are very easily “carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness” (Ephesians 4:14). It is doubly symbolic that the publisher of *The Shack* is Windblown Media. When the winds blow, great is the fall of those who are fearlessly building upon the sand.

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” (Deuteronomy 32:4)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:13-16)

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46)

“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” (Matthew 7:26-29)

People stumble at the Word of God, at the *doctrine* of the Lord Jesus Christ, when they do not want to obediently submit to His authority, which is inherently His because of the truth of Who He is.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18)

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.” (Colossians 1:16-18)

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

Even so, people in today’s shifting Christianity who are openly casting aside the doctrine of God’s Word of truth and “rethinking” the obedience of God as manmade “legalism” are scornfully rejecting warnings as just the “negative” promotion of “fear” by the “doctrine police.” Rather than remaining steadfast in the faith and obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, people are unabashedly choosing to be windblown. “Reimagining” the *certainty* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is into *uncertainty* sets them free from the certainty of absolute truth so that they can then freely “reimagine” Jesus into a fashion that they are *willing* to accept. Not surprisingly, the “Jesus” that people are willing to accept is someone who conforms to man and man’s expectations. He is someone who requires no one to believe and obey him but, rather, allows people to have a relationship with him in any religion (religious “framework” or “system”) of their choosing. He is someone who is typically just a “style” to be emulated or just a “model” of man’s “relationship” with God.

The Shack's "reimagined" "God" of untruth even falsely teaches that "Jesus" "has *never* drawn upon his nature as God to do anything," but, rather, has only been "living in the very same manner that I desire to be in relationship with every human;" "Jesus" "is just the first to do it to the uttermost."¹

There is so much anti-truth, anti-Christ, anti-God blasphemous absurdity in just this alone that it could easily take a book to thoroughly address it. That this is "*another Jesus*"—a counterfeit, a fake—would have been obvious in Christianity before the shift to darkness. But now details are irrelevant in today's light-intolerant Christianity that prefers to absurdly imagine that *The Shack* is one long Bible study that teaches *sound truth* with *no theological errors* and *nothing heretical or that contradicts the Bible*. So suffice it to say that even just this one example in itself is a complete denial of the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ *was* and *is* and *always will be*, which, in turn, is a complete denial of the *truth* of what the Lord Jesus Christ did on the cross, which, in turn, is a complete denial of the *truth* of the Gospel of Christ. And yet these are the denials, whether in full or in part, that lead to "reimagining" the Lord Jesus Christ in the first place.

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient ..." (1 Peter 2:7-8)

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:4)

Those who "reimagine" Jesus and bear with those who preach "*another Jesus*" are stumbling over even the most basic of the Lord Jesus Christ's sayings, which is to *believe on Him*.

"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (John 6:29)

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:44, 46-48)

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Galatians 3:22)

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (John 3:19-21)

This light intolerance is the very reason that more and more people are turning away from the knowledge of the holy to the unholy conversations and dialogues of man. Their ears are positively itching for unsound doctrine that justifies their unwillingness to believe and obey God and the true Lord Jesus Christ. The popular *Shack* affirms its main character and its readers who are "sick of God and God's religion" and seeks to free them from the so-called "guilt edges" of God's Holy Scriptures.² It then leads them to *The Shack*'s "reimagined" "God" which has been "reimagined" to justify their desire for freedom from "all the things the Scriptures tell us we should do."

People just do not want the *certainty* of God's *truth*. They want to build their faith on the *uncertainty* of sand and darkness and no rules. And they want freedom from rules and from requirements and from expectations—from *anything* the true God wants us to do—so they can *decide for themselves* what is right or wrong on their own "reimagined" way to their own "reimagined "God." They are clearly resisting God being God. In response to the main character's open "sarcasm" of "you're God and I'm not," *The Shack*'s "reimagined" "God" conveniently responds, "Yes, but not exactly."³

No matter how many people choose to believe otherwise, a "reimagined" "God" will never be anything but a counterfeit god that people are willing to accept as "genuine." A "reimagined" "God" is no more the true God than shifting sand is the Rock. *The Shack*'s counterfeit god even admits, "I am a verb. I am that I am. I will be who I will be. I am a verb!"⁴

Of course it is a verb. It is *shifting sand*, not the eternal Rock. Although *The Shack*'s counterfeit god claims to be "I am that I am," its aspirations to be the true God follow in the Devil's footsteps who said, "I will be like the most High" (see Isaiah 14:12-15). With serpentine subtility, their "I will be" phrases stand in direct opposition to "I AM THAT I AM." They are *not* the same thing.

"I AM" is *certainty*. "I will be" is *uncertainty*. They are brought together as one in *The Shack* in the vain attempt to create certainty out of uncertainty and uncertainty out of certainty. Although certainty is not uncertainty and uncertainty is not certainty, people are spinning in circles trying to bring them together as one in a harmonious relationship.

Nevertheless, shifting sand is *not* the Rock. The Rock is *not* shifting sand. To try to be like the Rock, shifting sand would have to be glued together. But then it would no longer be a verb, and it still wouldn't be the Rock. No matter what they use for glue—from the "relationship" of New Age Oneness to even taking truth from God's Word—it still would be nothing more than glued-together sand. It would be nothing but a counterfeit that is trying to "be like the most High." Inevitably, this glued-together counterfeit "rock" of sand will be broken in pieces by the Word of God, even if its glue takes from God's Word itself:

"... and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbor.... And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God." (Jeremiah 23:28-30, 36)

Today's absurd attempt to *transform shifting sand into the Rock* is the vain attempt to create the certainty of "truth" out of uncertainty. Yet those who want their faith built on shifting sand are determined to succeed. So, even more absurdly, people are attempting the opposite tactic as well in order to create uncertainty out of certainty. In believing that people can "rethink" and "reimagine" God however anyone chooses, *man is actually trying to blast the eternal Rock*—the Lord God Who created man for His pleasure—in the vain attempt to transform the Rock into shifting sand. (No wonder man invented the Big Bang!)

Deep down, people know the true God is the eternal Rock. They just aren't willing to accept that God doesn't shift and change with them. Therefore, in their never-ending circles of absurdity, people are attempting to transform the Rock into shifting sand so that they can then transform the shifting sand back into the Rock. But this fashion of the Rock that they are *willing* to accept will never be anything but a counterfeit "rock" of sand.

Sadly, those who are choosing to close their eyes and ears to the *truth* of God's Word are willing to accept a counterfeit "God" as "genuine" that has no power to save itself, let alone anyone else. Even though they and the Word of God make their reasons clear – *Why?!* All of the absurdity and "reimagining" God into a manmade counterfeit and flipping everything upside down just because people are not willing to walk in the light of the narrow way with the Majesty on high, the everlasting true God Who is ever with us: full of love, tender mercy, wisdom, lovingkindness, comfort, mighty power to help, gentleness, compassion, healing, strength, longsuffering, forgiveness, . . . *This is the God that people are not willing to accept?*^B But they don't see it that way with their eyes closed to block the light.

"... Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.... worship him that liveth for ever and ever ... Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Revelation 4:8, 10-11)

*"To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?... Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is **none like me**." (Isaiah 46:5, 9)*

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See the small sampling of God's characteristics taken directly from God's Word in the Appendix "The Majesty on High, the Everlasting True God in the Light of His Word."

In the darkness, people can make-believe that man's "reimagined" god is the true God, or even "like" God, to their heart's content, but it is still an unholy counterfeit god that is not living and is not eternal, which never was and will not be until man's imagination has fictitiously given it "life." Counterfeit gods will never be "real" and "true." The truth of Who God is cannot be separated from the true God in order to dress up counterfeit gods to be "like the most High." Even if counterfeit gods deceive *many* people into believing their "I will be" statements, all they will ever be is counterfeit.

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12)

PART TWO: THE CIRCLE

The heart and circle of the “relationship”

“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.... The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jeremiah 17:5, 9-10)

Those who love *The Shack* and its counterfeit god admit they are following their heart. Since people aren’t heeding God’s Word, let alone its warnings, they aren’t taking heed not to follow “an evil heart of unbelief.” Hebrews 3:12 warns us to take heed because an unbelieving heart leads to “*departing from the living God*,” which is obviously the *opposite* of a relationship with the true God. Yet with “relationship” the new ultimate “truth,” it is irrelevant to people if their “relationship with God” is built on the *imaginations of man* rather than the *truth of God*, especially when it *feels* so “real” and “true” with their eyes and ears closed.

Experiences and feelings are so preeminent today that more and more people are spinning in circles desperately trying to bring true and false together as one. They are determined to achieve their desired freedom from what is true or false and right or wrong and are trying to bring it all together in one big circle of “relationship.” This harmonious relationship that people are trying to “reimagine” everything into is Oneness. To say that this is *an entirely different way of thinking and acting* is a tremendous understatement.

This pervasive shift that is transforming everything is a shift from the *linear* thinking of *the truth* to the *circular* thinking of *Oneness*. Appropriately, a circle makes an “O” for Oneness, providing a visual illustration. Oneness takes polar opposites and brings the two ends of the line together to form a circle of unity. Polar opposites—such as truth and lies, right and wrong, certainty and uncertainty, light and darkness, real and imaginary, Christianity and the world, holy and unholy, righteousness and sin, godliness and worldliness, sacred and secular, believers and unbelievers, faith and faithlessness, Christian and nonchristian, God’s Word and man’s word, the narrow way and the broad way, Rock and sand, the true God and false gods—are all being brought together in “relationship” in the circle of unity of New Age Oneness. This *changes everything*, which is precisely what people want. There are no opposites in Oneness; there is only “*relationship*,” this connected *circle* of relationship—O.

In this *circle* of Oneness, there is no *separation* of *either/or* but only a *circular* unity of *both/and*. It is this *circle* where no opposites can exist that gives “freedom” from *what is* true or false and right or wrong. There is only all of it together, connected in one big circle of relationship where everyone has the freedom to relativistically *decide for themselves* what they want to believe and do. But, of course, what they decide *must* be based on maintaining the *unity* of the *circle*. This is the only “rule” in Oneness—the circle is not allowed to be separated. If the circle’s unity separates and divides then all they have left is the *line* of *polar opposites*, and thus no more Oneness and no more freedom.

This undone circle and loss of freedom is what is feared, which is why people are heeding those who positively affirm the *circle* of man’s “*reimaginings*” and are rejecting those who hold fast to God’s *separative* Word of *truth*. They are bound and determined to keep the two ends of the line together in unity, to keep the circle a *circle*. So, naturally, anyone seen as “separative” and “divisive” of this “right relationship,” or “right relations,” of the unity of the *circle* progressively becomes the “enemy,”¹ first of their freedom and then of the “unity in diversity” of all belief “systems” and gods. And, as is to be expected in the blinding darkness of Oneness, those in its counterfeit “truth” come to believe that those who are “separative” are actually the enemy of *God*. After all, they see this circle as the “truth” that sets God free from the

“box” of God’s Word.

“Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.” (Isaiah 66:5)

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.” (Revelation 22:13-16a)

In truth, the true God and the circle of Oneness are mutually exclusive. There is no Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, first and last to the *circle*—O. Nor is there a *circle* to the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Neither the God of truth nor His truth is in the circle of relationship of Oneness. Again, the truth cannot be separated from the God of truth in order to dress up false gods to be “like the most High.” This circle simply transforms everything into one big harmonious lie, leaving those in it with what they wanted in the first place—the uncertainty of a “reimagined” “truth” and a “reimagined” “God.”

Although people in this ever-changing circle believe they are learning the “truth about God,” the “truth” they are ever learning is not *the knowledge of God’s truth* but, rather, *the circular thinking and “rethinking” of man’s untruth*. In the *circle*, everyone freely journeys round and round, revisiting the same path over and over, each time deciding *afresh* what “truth” means to them in layer upon layer of “learning” that does not end with “the knowledge of *the truth*”:

“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7)

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89)

In this circle where nothing is ever settled, the knowledge of the truth is actually irrelevant. Everything is always changing with “fresh” new “*reimaginings*.” This way, there are no absolutes to *believe* and *obey*. Yet “not willing that any should perish” (2 Peter 3:9), God forewarns people in His Word of absolute truth about this circle of no opposites that has no separation of *what is* true or false and right or wrong:

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

“... they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... and I am profaned among them.” (Ezekiel 22:26)

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

The above warnings about the circle were given *thousands* of years ago. *There is nothing “outdated” about God’s Word of truth*. It very clearly states what is in no uncertain terms and immediately *divides* and *separates* the circle and straightens it into what the circle of “relationship” is in truth – a line of polar opposites. Using the *no uncertain terms* of God’s *settled* Word is simply unacceptable to those who love *uncertainty*. People falsely claim it is “outdated” and

continue to rewrite God's Word of truth because they are bound and determined to keep the unity of their circle, and thus their freedom, and they don't want straightforward truth to straighten out their circular thinking.

*"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments **to a thousand generations.**" (Deuteronomy 7:9)*

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:26-27)

"And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them." (Deuteronomy 28:14)

Those who prefer the uncertainty of their unsettled "reimaginings" to the certainty of God's settled Word of truth are spinning in circles, turning both to the right hand and to the left in their desire to find "truth" and "God" wherever they choose to find them.

Bound up in the circle of relationship of Oneness itself, it is no surprise that *The Shack*'s counterfeit "God" says, "We are in a *circle* of relationship, not a chain of command," in which "we have no concept of final authority among us, only unity," and that "we want you to join us in our circle of relationship," to "share life with me."² It is also no surprise that this *circle of unity* in *The Shack* deliberately shuns the supreme and final authority of the God of truth and His Holy Scriptures. And it is no surprise that *The Shack*'s counterfeit "Jesus" says of his followers that he "want[s] to join them in their transformation."³ This is all *essential* to keep the circle a *circle*. Since the truth automatically separates and divides the unity of the circle into the line of its polar opposites, the *circle* of relationship can't even exist unless people *turn away from* God's Word of truth. Even then it only exists in the circular thinking of make-believe.

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:4)

Truth and fables are opposites. Those who are turning away from the *certainty* of the *truth* of God's Word and unto the *uncertainty* of the *circular thinking* of fables for their "faith" and "truth" are doing so because they do not want truth that is to be *divided* into opposites. Rather, they want "truth" that is to be *united* in a circle of relationship—O.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

The post-truth transformation of a Wordless "faith"

The circle of Oneness has been bringing transformation to today's shifting Christianity in *many, many ways*. For "Christianity," it is definitely a whole new way of thinking *and then some*. In the *circle* of Oneness there is no beginning or end, so the world will not end and judgment and hell become irrelevant, as does the need to be *saved*. There is no final destination in this circle, so helping people get ready for it becomes irrelevant. Likewise, heaven and earth become one, so getting to heaven becomes irrelevant. There is only the "*spiritual journey*" round and round the circle—O. Since this circle brings the past, present, and future together in its relationship, it all becomes about *being in the moment*, in the *here and now*, and both the past and the future become irrelevant. This in itself changes everything. All the foundations of the faith from the *true* Christianity of the *past*—i.e., what to believe and how to obey God—become irrelevant and "outdated." The prophecy of the faith for the *future* becomes irrelevant, "not literal," uncertain, and even "already past."

Naturally, if believing in a beginning and end is irrelevant then both the foundational truth of Genesis and the prophetic truth of Revelation become irrelevant as well. The truth of Genesis was the first to get "reimagined," and the truth of Revelation followed soon after. People are not willing to accept that by His *word* God spoke the *beginning* of the heavens

and earth, and by His *word* God will speak the *end* of the heavens and earth. God's Word of truth even points out that those "in the last days" who "*willingly are ignorant*" that by "*the word of God*" both the heavens and the earth were created and the flood of judgment came will *scoff* at His coming judgment, in which "*by the same word*" He will bring an *end* to the heavens and earth in fire (see 2 Peter 3:3-10).

If they don't believe the beginning of the Word of God and they don't believe the end of the Word of God, then why would they believe the middle of the Word of God? They don't; they "*willingly are ignorant*" of this, too. This is why more and more people are openly "rethinking" and "reimagining" God, His Word, and the Christian faith into a fashion they are willing to accept, which of course conforms to man and his expectations. Some things never change.

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it." (Jeremiah 6:9-10)

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21)

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen." (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Although man's "*reimagination*s" transform everything as they go round and round and round in layer upon layer of changes, "It is written" *is* what it *is* and never changes. This remains so despite man's vain and rebellious attempts to "reimagine" and even rewrite God's Word of truth for Him into a fashion that man is willing to accept. *God's Word has been settled forever by God Himself*. Nevertheless, in the "spiritual journey" of the circle, God's Word of truth is openly rejected as a book "of proofs" that is to be believed and obeyed. Rather, it is simply "a companion" that can be interpreted however anyone wishes.

In this *journey* of the circle, it is all about what will *become* truth, not what *is* truth. "It is written" is too "static," and those in today's shifting Christianity want a "dynamic" "truth" that is ever changing and shifting with them. So believing the "rock-solid certainty" and "rock-solid foundations" of God's Word of truth is now even openly criticized as arrogance and pride. People clearly *want* their faith built on shifting sand. Besides, foundations would keep the circle from moving and people want a likeminded shifting "God" that is willing to be "a verb."

Thus, in the course of the never-ending layers of changes, God's Word of truth is becoming completely irrelevant, including that in the middle. In the circle of Oneness, all that matters is the "spiritual journey" of the circle which is bringing everything together in one big harmonious *relationship*. Changing everything in its path, this circle of Oneness has been bringing more and more into the circle in one massive relationship of Oneness in a snowball effect of global proportions. And now this giant snowball is rapidly picking up speed bringing all religions and gods together as one in its relationship as well. As this circle of relationship encompasses more and more it ultimately makes no difference at all what people believe or do. After all, everyone and everything within this circle are all "connected" together with "God." So within this circle and its "spiritual journey" people are free to define "God" however they choose and to have this "relationship" however they choose.

Not willing to accept that the true God has chosen to record the *certainty* of the *knowledge* of Himself in the words of His Word of *truth*, people in today's shifting Christianity even go so far as to imagine that it is "linguistic idolatry" to believe that an infinite God can be known "with certainty" through "finite language." People are bound and determined to set God and His truth free from the "box"—i.e., from the *words*—of God's Word so they can have their desired freedom to "think *outside* the box." They also go so far as to reject that the certainty of God's Word of truth applies to "all cultures" and "all contexts" and "all time" and prefer instead to absurdly imagine that the truth relativistically

changes according to context, culture, and generation. Nevertheless, despite man's determined imaginations, God makes it clear that His Word of truth is His Word of truth. He is the One Who has chosen to communicate the knowledge of Himself to man in this way. And God is in *no way whatsoever* limited by our language in giving us *understanding* of the truth of His Word!

*"The entrance of **thy words** giveth **light**; it giveth **understanding** unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130)*

The truth of God is the truth of God, and God does not change *the truth of Who He is* for any person, context, culture, or generation. Either people are willing to accept and believe in God as He is or they aren't. It's that simple.

If anyone imagined that the true shape of the earth actually changes for different cultures or generations, becoming flat for some people, round for others, and even square or triangular for any culture that might choose to imagine it as such, people would rightly believe this was absurd. And likewise, if for some people the earth is suspended in space, but for others the earth actually sits directly on the back of a turtle, and for still others the earth actually sits on an elephant that is standing on a turtle, this would also be seen as absurd. Yet the relativistic thinking in which this would *all* be absurdly seen as *true* is what people now think about *God*. And not only so, but then people even dialogue the different beliefs and imaginations about "God" to figure out a "better understanding" of "truth" and "God"!

Maybe if people similarly get together and dialogue about why they think an elephant was added to one culture when another culture left it out they would figure out a "better understanding" of the earth. But in the course of their dialogue they would need to make sure that no one teaches anyone that there is no turtle or elephant because this would be seen as too divisive, closed-minded, and judgmental. Besides, if someone believes there *is* a turtle or an elephant they might be offended and that would defeat the purpose of dialogue.

The fact is that the purpose of dialogue is not to teach and believe what is *true* but to make *relationships* in the circle of Oneness. Even in today's shifting Christianity it is taught that not holding to doctrine provides a "safe space" to have relationships with those who are different. It is also taught that through conversation and dialogue people are free to "figure out together" a "better interpretation" and "better understanding" of "God" and "truth." In other words, through conversation and dialogue people are free to "rethink" and "reimagine" God into a fashion they are all willing to accept together. When relationships are everything truth becomes nothing and a Wordless faith becomes everything.

Truth is being sacrificed on the altar of unity (not to mention on the altar of absurdity). But, naturally, those who are sacrificing it don't see it that way. They see it as "humility" and as "faithfulness" to "God" and "God's" work in the world to "rethink" and "reimagine" an inclusive "God" and "truth" and "faith."

The certainty of God's Word of truth with its "It is written," "Thus saith God," and "Thus saith the Lord" is just too narrow-minded, straightforward, and divisive for the world's growing relationship in the circle of Oneness. Dialogue is even "facilitated" to intentionally prevent the truth and faith of God from being a stumbling block in this "safe space" created for people to freely "figure out together" a "better understanding"—i.e., a *broader* "understanding"—of "God" and "truth" and "faith" that is inclusive of all who are not willing to believe or obey God. After all, the purpose of dialogue is to facilitate Oneness, and Oneness is automatically undone in the light of God's Word of truth. Thus, dialogue creates a "safe space" by *transforming truth into relationship*—by facilitating the transformation of the dividing *line* of truth into a *circle* of unity. In other words, dialogue eliminates opposites (e.g., true and false, right and wrong, real and imaginary, faith and faithlessness, believers and unbelievers, the true God and false gods) by facilitating their *connection* in a *circle* of Oneness—O. In this circle is the "safe space" for those seeking shelter from God's Word of truth.

This "safe space" is being created throughout today's shifting Christianity, which is refusing to "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" and is doing the *opposite* of "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (2 Timothy 1:13 & Titus 1:9). In this circle of darkness, all that matters is relationship.

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.... This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.” (Jeremiah 7:23-24, 28)

The *circle of Oneness* that is intentionally moving to *connect* everyone and everything in its ever-expanding relationship is behind the popular movements that have been obviously changing and transforming today’s shifting Christianity. And as is to be expected, all of the movements—e.g., from those of “conservative” evangelicalism to Purpose Driven to the Emerging Church—are now rapidly being brought together in one big harmonious relationship. In turn, this relationship, which is exemplified both in the content and widespread popularity of *The Shack*, is itself moving ever deeper into relationship with the “God” and Emerging One Church of New Age Oneness. The world is coming together as One in a Wordless faith.¹

Faith that comes by the Word of God vs. Faith that comes by relationship

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

All of this merging and emerging is to be expected now that the unholy conversations and dialogues of man’s “rethinkings” and “reimaginings” are supplanting the truth and faith of God’s Word throughout today’s shifting Christianity. And since the purpose of dialogue is to facilitate *Oneness* it is not surprising that people have even admitted that in the course of their dialogue with other religions they have come to believe that they all “worship *the same God*.”

It used to be obvious in Christianity that God makes it clear in His Word of truth that a *relationship* with God comes by *faith* in God and that faith in God comes by the Word of God. Obviously, if we don’t believe the Word of God then we don’t believe *God*, and if we don’t *believe* God then we don’t have *faith* in God, and if we don’t have *faith* in God then we don’t have a *relationship* with God. But those who aren’t willing to *believe* the Word of God don’t see it that way. So, in today’s Christianity that prefers to “reimagine” it all outside the “box” of God’s Word of truth, it is not surprising that the faith that comes by *the Word of God* is intentionally being replaced with faith that comes by *relationship*.

When relationship comes by faith, what a person believes is *essential*. Whereas when faith comes by relationship, what a person believes is *nonessential*. This even flips it all upside down and backward so that wherever a person chooses to find “God” and “truth” and a relationship of “faith” will determine what that person believes. And in the all-encompassing relationship of Oneness and its immanent “God” *everything* becomes a source of “faith.” After all, in this “circle of relationship,” “God” “dwells in, around, and through all things” as “the ground of all being” just as *The Shack*’s false god teaches.¹ In this relationship of Oneness, “God” is in *everything* and *everything* is in “God.” This is as broad of a way to “God” as it gets.

In a nutshell, the relationship of Oneness comes down to the pagan cousins of pantheism (“God” is everything, and everything is “God”) and panentheism (“God” is in everything, and everything is in “God”). Pantheism teaches that “God” is immanent, whereas Christianity teaches that God is transcendent. Panentheism attempts to bring them together by teaching that “God” is immanent but also transcendent. Today’s shifting Christianity is doing the same. Panentheism is already being taught, including in *The Shack* and in movements such as Purpose-Driven, Emergent, Contemplative Spirituality/“Christian” Mysticism, etc. It has even made it into “worship” songs sung in churches. Yet panentheism has typically been taught under the absurd denial that it is panentheism which is being taught. But everything keeps progressively changing, and leaders, as well as others, have begun to openly admit that they embrace panentheism. Now the denial is that panentheism is related to pantheism, but with things changing so fast this will no

doubt soon be openly embraced as well. After all, immanence is immanence.

Immanence is a pagan—and New Age—teaching, not a Christian one. That God is not inherent within any of creation, let alone all of it, used to be obvious in Christianity before the shift to darkness. But today's Christianity wants freedom from the "box" of God's Word of truth and has thus been openly seeking to eliminate "sacred versus secular." This would unquestionably set today's Christianity free from God's Word. Immanence conveniently eliminates *all* "sacred versus secular," so in panentheism there is ample freedom for all who prefer to "think outside the box." When "God" is *in everything* and everything is *in "God,"* there is no separation of *anything whatsoever*. There is only this *relationship of everything* sharing in the very "*Being*" of "*God*." In panentheism, "God" is thus "the ground of *all* being," and there is *no such thing* as a separation between "sacred and secular," or between anything else for that matter. This not only automatically connects everyone and everything together in one big harmonious relationship of Oneness with its immanent "God," but it also conveniently renders *all* of Scripture irrelevant. So the teachings and warnings of God's Word of truth naturally fall on deaf ears.

In panentheism, there is no need to be warned about anything that is false or wrong because *everything* is in "God." In panentheism, there is even no need to be taught the truth of Who God is because "God" is in *everything*. So if anyone wants to know the "truth about God" they can look *anywhere at all*. Besides, if "God" is in everything then "truth" is also in everything. Therefore there is no need to *believe* the truth of God. In panentheism, what would people need to believe? Everything? Or whatever they *choose*. In panentheism, "truth" is as universally immanent as "God," so all "truth" becomes "God's truth" and people can thus find "God" and "truth" *wherever* they choose to look. After all, "in everything" means "in *everything*."

In panentheism, there is even no need for the Gospel of Christ to reconcile us to God because "God" is in everything, so there is *no such thing* as being separated from "God." Panentheism is a convenient universal salvation for all. And yet there is no need for salvation at all in panentheism. Salvation from what? Since opposites are eliminated in the relationship of Oneness and of its immanent "God," there is of course no right and wrong or sacred and secular or holy and profane or true and false, and so on. In this "spiritual journey" everyone has the freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes. So there is no need to fear any coming judgment of sin, especially since everyone and everything are all connected together with "God" in one big relationship. Thus, for obvious reasons, in the shift to darkness *relationship is everything*; that is, the relationship of *Oneness/panentheism is everything*.

Even though panentheism and its relationship of Oneness clearly render *all* of Scripture irrelevant, there is nevertheless much scripture twisting taking place in the vain attempts to prove panentheism is "biblical" and "Christian." Deep down people clearly know that the Christian God is the true God. Otherwise, they wouldn't bother "reimagining" the Christian God and faith but would just drop them altogether. Yet even though they know the Christian faith of the Christian God is the true faith of the true God, this is all too narrow for them to be *willing* to accept. So they choose to "reimagine" a broader faith of a broader "God" and label it all "Christian" so that this new broader faith of a broader "God" can conveniently become the "true" faith of the "true" "God."

As is to be expected, the "reimagined" "God" of today's "reimagined" Christianity is getting broader and broader in today's journey round and round the circle of Oneness with its layer upon layer of "learning." Again, ever "learning" in the circle of Oneness does not end with "the knowledge of *the truth*." Rather, it is already inevitably ending with a relationship of "faith" with its panentheistic false "God" of Oneness, which is as broad of a "God" as it gets.

Although nothing could be further from the truth, a theologian from the Jesus Seminar, whose beliefs and teachings are being echoed in today's shifting Christianity, teaches that "panentheism" is simply "another Christian option for thinking about God."² (The Jesus Seminar used to be well known in Christianity for its explicit blasphemous apostasy and rejection of God's Word of truth. But obviously not any more now that today's shifting Christianity is itself following in the Jesus Seminar's footsteps.) This theologian, Marcus Borg, has summed up the result of his own belief in panentheism as follows:

"I now see that the Christian life is not essentially about beliefs and requirements; it is not about believing in a God

‘out there’ for the sake of an afterlife later. Rather, thinking about God panentheistically leads to a relational understanding of the Christian life, which is, I am convinced, both true and profoundly life-giving.”³

“Where are we in relationship to God?... God is the One who is all around us and within us, the One in whom the universe is, even as God is more than the universe, the mystery with a capital M who is beyond all names, even as we name this sacred Mystery in our various ways.”⁴

“I now see the Christian life very differently. I now see it as a journey ... To be on a journey is to be in movement.... The journey image suggests that the Christian life is more like following a path than it is about believing things with our minds....

“We are invited to make that journey, that journey of faith, in which we learn to trust our relationship to God and learn to be faithful to that relationship, and learn to see in a new way.”⁵

“This way of thinking about God, or the sacred, or the spirit--which are terms I use interchangeably--sees God not as a supernatural being out there, but as a non-material presence and reality which is right here and all around us. And I also argue that panentheism--which literally means ‘everything is in God’--is faithful to the Biblical tradition and indeed the theological tradition of the Church....

“One of the premises of the book [*The God We Never Knew*] is that over the last 30 to 40 years an older way of understanding Christianity has come undone for many people. It was literalistic, doctrinal, moralistic, exclusivistic--meaning by that that it was taken for granted that Christianity was the only way of salvation--and afterlife oriented.... My book is really intended to be a revisioning of Christian theology for people for whom that older understanding doesn’t work.... people who are aware of religious pluralism, and therefore can’t believe that Christianity is the only way; people who are aware of the historical relativity and cultural conditionedness of all doctrinal formulations and therefore [can’t believe] the claim of any set of scriptures or creeds [as having] absolute truth for all time.” (last two sets of brackets in the original)⁶

First, God, Who is “not willing that any should perish,” excludes *no one* from the freedom to believe in Him. *Everyone* has the same simple choice to either believe or not. Contrary to the claims of today’s shifting Christianity which has purposefully lost sight of the truth of Who God is, the loving merciful God is not dependent on man to get His truth and light—the *same* eternal truth and light as He recorded in His eternal Word—to everyone everywhere on earth. Sadly, it is the truth and faith of God that are being excluded by a world—and now even by today’s “Christianity”—that is not *willing* to accept and believe the eternal God of truth Who never changes.

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89)

“O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.” (Psalm 117:1-2)

“God is the LORD, which hath shown us light ...” (Psalm 118:27)

“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” (John 1:9)

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)

Second, of course the “older understanding” that the literalistic, doctrinal, moralistic Word of God is the Word of God “doesn’t work” for those who are not willing to accept and believe that God is Who He is and said what He meant and meant what He said. This is why more and more people are shifting to the new way of “understanding” Christianity that is found instead in the journey of the circle of Oneness. Here, in this journey of Oneness in relationship with its immanent counterfeit “God,” *believing* the absolute truth of God’s Word is neither required nor desired, especially since it straightens out the circular thinking that keeps the circle of relationship a circle of freedom. Thus, Christian theology—i.e., the truth of Who God is as He recorded in His Word of truth—is being “reimagined” into a fashion that those in this “journey of faith” are *willing* to accept.

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed

with faith in them that heard it.” (Hebrews 4:2)

Sadly, with today’s very popular movements of the blind leading and following the blind, it was only a matter of time until the ditch became a popular path for today’s “spiritual journey.”

“... Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?” (Luke 6:39)

In this journey of unbelief in the circle, salvation and getting to heaven are of course completely irrelevant. As mentioned previously, this journey has no end, no judgment, and no final destination. In this journey, heaven and earth become one, and the past, present, and future also become one, so it *all* becomes about the journey in the *here and now*. An afterlife is completely irrelevant. Besides, people are choosing this journey of “rethinking” and “reimagining” God because they are not willing to accept God as He is. So of course they are not going to want an afterlife with the God they are trying to get away from in this life! Why would they? Thus, they are putting all their eggs in a make-believe basket, hoping against hope that their imagination is “powerful” enough to protect them from the truth and reality of God. Essentially, people are telling God that *“when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves”* (Isaiah 28:15b). Some things never change. After thousands of years of “learning,” people still imagine that imagination and lies are a place of peace and safety – a refuge from the God of truth Whom they are not willing to accept.

God’s Word -- “a stumbling block in the way”!

People are determined to turn God’s certainty into uncertainty and man’s uncertainty into certainty. They simply are not willing to *believe* and *obey* God and “all the things the Scriptures tell us we should do.” It is therefore not surprising that an increasing number of people in today’s shifting Christianity are denying that the Word of God is *God’s Word of absolute truth*.

As is to be expected of a theologian from the truth-rejecting Jesus Seminar, Borg openly and repeatedly denies this as well. In addition to his previous quote, he also says, “From beginning to end, the Bible is the story of God. Of course, the Bible is not God’s story of God.”¹ And again, “Most basically, it seems to me that a close and careful reading of the Bible makes it impossible to think that what it says comes directly or indirectly from God.”²

“... he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.” (1 John 5:10)

“For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar ...” (Romans 3:3-4)

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Again, theologians, or anyone else for that matter, do not have the power to change God’s truth just because they aren’t willing to believe it. The Word of God is the Word of God and the word of man is the word of man. *God* is the One Who declares what is truth and what is not. We either believe it or we do not; the choice is ours. Following his own choice, Borg questions, “Is believing certain creeds really what Christianity is all about?” and then answers in the negative:

“If one understands the beliefs of the tradition and the scriptures of the tradition not as what is to be believed, but as pointers beyond themselves that use the language of metaphor and poetry and symbol and so forth, then one can begin to see that the Christian life is about a relationship to the sacred. Christianity, like all the religions of the world, is a human construction. It uses human language, culturally conditioned relative language, and to absolutize that

language is a profound mistake.”³

Actually, the profound mistake is *making God out to be a liar*. It is not a mistake to *believe* the Word of God is *absolute truth*! Borg has it upside down. But those who refuse to believe that the Word of God is the Word of *God* see no need to beware of unbelief and faithlessness. Besides, those who believe in the “God” of panentheism that *encompasses everything* in its relationship naturally believe they are justified in thinking outside the “box” of the truth and faith of God’s Word. This is especially so when they choose, as Borg did here, to conveniently “reimagine” God’s Word as a metaphorical pointer to this *panentheistic* “relationship to the sacred” (see the next quote for his clarification of “the sacred”). He even admits in this previous quote that *if one does not believe the Scriptures then one can begin to see this relationship*. Indeed, choosing not to believe God’s Word must precede believing in the panentheistic “God.” Yet he still absurdly argues that this panentheistic relationship of unbelief is faithful to the “Biblical tradition”:

“This way of thinking about *God*, or *the sacred*, or the spirit--which are *terms I use interchangeably*--sees God not as a supernatural being out there, but as a non-material presence and reality which is right here and all around us. And I also argue that panentheism--which literally means ‘everything is in God’--is faithful to the Biblical tradition and indeed the theological tradition of the Church.” (emphasis added)⁴

Naturally, in today’s upside-down way of thinking, being “faithful to the Biblical tradition” has nothing to do with *believing God’s Word* and its record of the truth of Who God is, i.e., its theology. Accordingly, in a sermon titled, “Faith, Not Belief,” Borg “reimagines” “faith” as coming by the relationship of this panentheistic “God” rather than by believing the Word of God:

“Within the earlier paradigm or way of seeing the Christian life, believing has been central--believing in God, believing in Jesus, believing in the Bible, believing in Christianity, believing in the creeds, and so forth. Within the emerging paradigm relationship, not believing is central....

“[T]he first of these meanings of faith ... has significantly distorted the meaning of faith and the Christian life.... This is faith as belief, ... as believing something to be true....

“It’s not only a distortion, ... but rather odd when you think about it. As if what God really cares about is the beliefs in our heads. As if believing the right things, having correct beliefs, is what God is most looking for, or as if what God is most looking for is people who are willing to believe highly iffy claims to be true....

“What really matters is faith as faithfulness to the relationship with God ...

“For me, the most adequate way of thinking about God is thinking about God as a non-material layer or level of reality that’s all around us, as well as within us, not God as a person out there.”⁵

So, in this new way of thinking, God’s Word of truth becomes “highly iffy” but man “thinking about God panentheistically” becomes “true and profoundly life-giving”?⁶ But then this is to be expected when faith as belief is intentionally replaced with faith as unbelief. Darkness is the preferred “light” in this journey, so *everything* gets flipped upside down into absurdity.

This emerging “paradigm”—faith—of panentheism/Oneness, in which “relationship, not believing is central,” is changing *everything* in today’s shifting and transforming Christianity. God is even being “reimagined” by popular leaders as “the God of all relationship,” and even as “relationship” itself. It naturally follows that faith is being “reimagined” as something that does *not* come from *theology* but, rather, from *relationship*. And, accordingly, even the word *believe* is being “reimagined” so that *believe* does *not* mean faith that *believes certain things are true*, even if those things are “*divinely revealed*,” but, rather, means faith that comes from the *heart*. When relationship is everything and everything is relationship, knowing and believing the truth is irrelevant.

“*A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.*” (Proverbs 18:2)

Absurdly, when faith is in the panentheistic “God” that is in *everything*, faithfulness to *everything* becomes “faithfulness to the relationship with God,” and therefore faithfulness to *everything* becomes “faithfulness” to “*God*.” Likewise, *faith* absurdly becomes faithfulness to *everything*. Of course, the same is true in panentheistically “reimagining” the “Christian

life” as “a relationship to the sacred.” When “God” is in *everything* then *everything* becomes “sacred.” Since nothing whatsoever is excluded from being “sacred” in panentheism, this “reimagines” the “Christian life” as a relationship to *everything*. Thus, in panentheism unbelieving faithlessness conveniently becomes faith and faithfulness.

Nevertheless, whether people choose to believe it or not, God’s Word of *absolute truth* makes it perfectly clear that a relationship with God comes by *faith in God*, specifically by *faith in the Lord Jesus Christ*, and warns that an *unbelieving* heart leads to “*departing from the living God*.” Again, this is obviously the *opposite* of a relationship with God, as well as the *opposite* of both faith and faithfulness to God.

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

The *true* faith of the *true and living* God both *believes* and *obeys*. This is what *true* faith is. “Faith” that neither believes nor obeys is only a counterfeit faith of those who are resisting God being God and resisting the Word of God being God’s Word of *truth*.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.” (1 John 1:6)

“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” (Jeremiah 6:16)

“As we enter the twenty-first century, we need a new set of lenses through which to read the Bible....

“The older lenses enabled Christians of earlier generations to experience the Bible as a lamp unto their feet, a source of illumination for following the Christian path. But for many Christians in our time, the older lenses have become opaque, turning the Bible into a stumbling block in the way....

“The first group, who sometimes call themselves ‘Bible-believing Christians,’ typically see the Bible as the inerrant and infallible Word of God. This conviction flows out of the way they see the Bible’s origin: it comes from God, as no other book does. As a divine product, it is God’s truth, and its divine origin is the basis of its authority....

“The second group of Christians ... are less clear about how they *do* see the Bible than about how they *do not*. They are strongly convinced that many parts of the Bible cannot be taken literally, either as historically factual or as expressing the will of God....

“Their numbers are growing ... They are responding strongly and positively to a more historical and metaphorical reading of the Bible.... [A] major de-literalization of the Bible is underway.” (Marcus Borg)⁷

Of course those who are not willing to *believe* and *obey* God are going to find the Word of God, which is indeed both *historically factual* and *the expressed will of God*, “a stumbling block in the way”!

*“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, **even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.**” (1 Peter 2:6-8)*

And of course the *literal, absolute truth* of the Word of God will also be a stumbling block in the way of the emerging paradigm/faith of panentheism/Oneness:

“[O]ver the last 30 to 40 years an older way of understanding Christianity has come undone for many people. **It was literalistic, doctrinal, moralistic, exclusivistic**--meaning by that that it was taken for granted that Christianity was **the only way of salvation**--and afterlife oriented.... My book [*The God We Never Knew*] is really intended to be a revisioning of Christian theology for people for whom that older understanding doesn’t work.... **people who are aware of religious pluralism**, and therefore can’t believe that Christianity is *the only way*; people who are aware of the historical relativity and cultural conditionedness of all doctrinal formulations and therefore **[can’t believe] the claim of any set of scriptures or creeds [as having] absolute truth for all time.**” (Marcus Borg; last two sets of

brackets in the original; emphasis added)⁸

*“If one understands **the beliefs** of the tradition and **the scriptures** of the tradition **not as what is to be believed**, ... then one can begin to see that the Christian life is about a relationship to the sacred. Christianity ... uses human language, culturally conditioned relative language, and **to absolutize that language is a profound mistake**.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁹*

*“Religious pluralism is a fact of life ... **To absolutize one’s own religion as the only way** means that one sees all of the other religious traditions of the world as **wrong**, and dialogue, *genuine dialogue*, becomes impossible. Conversion can be the only goal.*

*“I affirm, along with many others, that the major enduring religions of the world are **all valid and legitimate**. I see them as the responses to the experience of God in the various cultures in which each originated.... You could even say **they are all divinely given paths to the sacred**. To be Christian in this kind of context means to be deeply committed to one’s own tradition, even as one recognizes the *validity* of other traditions.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)¹⁰*

First, even people in today’s shifting Christianity clearly don’t want to be converted to the true Christian faith that comes by the Word of God, so why would they want people in other religions (faiths) to be converted? Obviously, those who are shifting from light to darkness to think *outside* the “box” of God’s Word are not going to want to teach others to think *inside* the “box,” especially when they see the Word of God as “a *stumbling block*” that is not to be *believed*!

“For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Acts 28:27)

Second, in the context of panentheism/Oneness it is actually impossible “[t]o be Christian.” In this emerging faith, different religions (faiths) do become just different “paths” and “experiences” of the same “God” that are *all equally “valid”* paths to “God”/“the sacred.” And, thus, it is only when people faithfully hold to *the absolute truth of the Word of God* that interfaith dialogue of course “becomes impossible.” Or to put it another way, interfaith dialogue only works when people are willing to *set aside God’s absolute truth*. And therefore any attempt to convert anyone to the only true faith of the only true God is simply not allowed in the “safe space” of today’s “open-minded” “genuine dialogue.” Again, dialogue is not about *teaching* and *believing* what is *true* but about making *relationships* in the circle of *Oneness*. And thus, since “*relationship*, not believing is central” in this emerging paradigm/fait of Oneness, in “genuine” interfaith dialogue the *absolute truth* of the Lord Jesus Christ is being denied before men.

“Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.... Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.” (Luke 12:8-9, 51-53)

The truth of the Lord Jesus Christ brings *division* and not *peace* between family members, the most basic unit of relationship. So the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ will especially bring *division* and not *peace* between the world’s religions! Absolute truth *automatically* divides those who are willing to believe and obey it from those who are not willing to believe and obey it. At all levels of relationship the absolute truth of the Word of God is “a sword” of division. And, thus, in today’s “genuine dialogue” that seeks interfaith relationship/Oneness, this instrument of division, i.e., this stumbling block of *absolute truth*, is inevitably *excluded*.

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.” (John 8:31)

“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.... Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before

men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:22, 32-37)

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:36-38)

The absolute truth of God's Word is what it is. There is nothing to *dialogue*. *Truth* is to be *taught*, and people are either willing to hear the truth of God's Word or they are not. Sadly, in *dialogue* the only people letting go of their position are those who are letting go of God's Word of truth. Yet this is to be expected when the Word of God is a stumbling block in the way of today's drive to gain the whole world with the relationship of Oneness and its Wordless faith. Naturally, those who are shifting from believing to relationship won't see the problem with setting aside the divisive "highly iffy claims" of *the absolute truth of God's Word*. Since *believe* no longer means to *believe*, undoubtedly *deny* no longer means to *deny*. And, indeed, "a major de-literalization of the Bible" is well underway, as more and more people absurdly imagine that de-literalizing absolute truth actually de-literalizes absolute truth.

“Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; ... That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.” (Isaiah 30:1, 9-11)

“Transforming theology” -- “God in the very substance of creation”

The emerging faith and relationship of Oneness is unquestionably changing everything. After all, when “God” is in everything and everything is in “God” it makes no difference at all which religion people choose for their “relationship.” Why would it? Since this panentheistic “God” is in everything, i.e., immanently “dwells in, around, and through all things” as “the ground of all being,”¹ then people have “the freedom to be inside or outside all kinds of systems” including “religious” “systems” (such as “Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims”) and can “move freely between and among them,” as *The Shack*'s false “Jesus” teaches who has “no desire to make them Christian.”² With the panentheistic “God” of Oneness that is *in everything*, it doesn't matter what anyone *believes*. *Relationship is everything*.

In the Wordless faith of Oneness, *relationship* is the ultimate “Truth.” Without the *relationship* of Oneness, there is no *Oneness*. There is only separateness. Without the *relationship* of Oneness, there is no broader “God” that is “bigger” than any particular religion that is connecting all gods together in this *one* “God.” Without the *relationship* of Oneness, there is no broader “truth” that is connecting all “truths” together in this *one* “Truth.” Without the *relationship* of Oneness, there is no broader “faith” that is connecting all religions together in this *one* “faith.” Without the *relationship* of Oneness, there is no “unity in diversity” of it all.

People who desire interfaith unity, not to mention interfaith “worship,” have even pointed out that panentheism is the best option for achieving it. Indeed, both the circle of relationship of Oneness and its immanent “God” have been bringing more and more religions together in the interfaith “spiritual journey” round and round its unifying path. After all, in this journey of unbelief, people “learn to be faithful to that relationship, and learn to see in a new way,” rather than “believing things with our minds.”³

“Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.... for they are a very froward

generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities ... For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!... And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, ... let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me ...” (Deuteronomy 32:18, 20-21, 28-29, 37-39)

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.... and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.” (Isaiah 45:22-24)

Sadly, many are incensed against God and are going to learn the hard way that His truth is absolute for “all cultures,” “all contexts,” and “all time.” But those who refuse to believe that God said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth don’t see it that way. Thus, not willing to look unto the true God and be saved, man in his absurdity has chosen to imaginatively blast the eternal Rock in order to “reimagine” God as immanent in *all things* so that man can now attempt to connect *all things* back together as “God” in one gigantic “relationship” of Oneness. But this is also being done “scientifically” of course. After all, man imagines that man and his “science falsely so called” knows more about God than God does, and man ought to know, right?

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.” (1 Corinthians 3:19)

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.” (Ephesians 4:17-18)

“Jesus said unto them, ... He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.” (John 8:42, 47)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

Rather than rethinking science in the light of God’s truth, more and more people are choosing to “rethink” and “reimagine” God’s truth in the “light” of science. This is true even of “Christian theologians.” Again, a theologian who studies man’s false theology—even if it is based on man’s “science”—and believes it is “true” is nothing more than a deceived expert on false theology. Sadly, but not surprisingly, they are a growing number.

“As an explicitly developed concept, panentheism is becoming more and more common among mainline Christian theologians.” (Marcus Borg)⁴

It isn’t just theologians. It’s pastors and other leaders as well. And their popularity is growing in today’s shifting Christianity that has itching ears.

Absurdly, one of these popular leaders and theologians is Leonard Sweet who, among other things, has even essentially designated the belief that “God” is “in the very substance of creation” as a litmus test of “Christian” spirituality. According to Sweet and his espoused Quantum/New Light spirituality:

*“Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family. New Light pastors are what Arthur Peacocke calls ‘priests of creation’--earth ministers who can relate the realm of nature to God, who can help nurture a brother-sister relationship with the living organism called Planet Earth. This entails a radical doctrine of **embodiment of God in the very substance of creation**. The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (1974) identifies the difference between pantheism and pan-entheism: Pantheism is ‘the belief or theory that God and the universe are identical’; panentheism is ‘the belief that the Being of God includes and penetrates the whole universe, so that every part of it exists in Him, but ... that His Being is more than, and is not exhausted by, the Universe.’ New Light spirituality does more than settle for the created order, as many forms of New Age pantheism do. **But a spirituality that is not in some way entheistic (whether pan- or trans-), that does not extend to the spirit-matter of the cosmos, is not Christian.**” (parenthesis and ellipsis dots in the original; bold added)⁵*

In the relationship of panentheism/Oneness, spirit and matter are just two more opposites being brought together as one. It is “God” in everything in “the very substance of creation” that gives the spirit-matter Oneness to the “cosmos.” Again, immanence is immanence, and “God in the very substance of creation” is immanence. Those who believe in panentheism can attempt to differentiate it from New Age pantheism all they want, but panentheism (immanence and transcendence) *includes* pantheism (immanence); it simply goes *beyond* it. Sweet even writes, “Quantum spirituality does more than join together as one two words in all their complexity and nuance: energymatter, mindbody, spirit-matter (as Teilhard de Chardin called it).”⁶ And according to Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, “What I am proposing to do is to narrow that gap between pantheism and Christianity by bringing out what one might call the Christian soul of pantheism or the pantheist aspect of Christianity.”⁷

Christian author and former New Ager Warren B. Smith addresses panentheism and its spiritual dangers in his important book, *A “Wonderful” Deception: The Further New Age Implications of the Emerging Purpose Driven Movement*. In this book, Smith calls attention to Sweet’s pantheistic quote above and this pantheistic purpose of Teilhard de Chardin, as well as to the fact that Teilhard de Chardin is described by Sweet as “Twentieth-century Christianity’s major voice.”⁸

Pantheism . . . panentheism . . . today’s shifting Christianity can dance around these terms all it wants. But immanence is immanence, and immanence is pagan. And as Smith also points out, “But Sweet doesn’t explain that any kind of panentheism is still a distinctly heretical New Age teaching.”⁹ Indeed it is. Yet in today’s shift to darkness warnings go unheeded and leaders continue to believe and teach the opposite. Thus, the paradigm/faith of panentheism/Oneness continues to emerge, in which it is “not Christian” to believe that God is not “in the very substance of creation” and thus of course “Christian” to believe that “God” is “in the very substance of creation.” Scripture twisting and absurd denials notwithstanding, this simply could not be any more upside down from the truth or any more New Age!

Yet today’s merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age spirituality is to be expected in this journey of panentheism/Oneness that is even bringing today’s “Christianity” and the New Age (New Spirituality) together as one in a harmonious relationship. But those who are purposefully replacing the faith that comes by the Word of God with faith that comes by relationship don’t see it that way. Besides, in the shift to darkness man’s imagination is the preferred “truth.”

“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:4)

Panentheism is so far removed from the truth and faith of God’s Word that it should be obvious it is not even remotely true, let alone “biblical” and “Christian.” Even so, a recent discussion that included panentheism titled, “Transforming Theology: Emergence for Emergents,” took place between Tony Jones (a founder and leader of the Emergent Church movement) and Philip Clayton (a theologian and philosopher of emergence biology). In this “conversation about emergence science and emergent church,” Clayton even claims that “panentheism” is about “recovering that biblical notion of a God who permeates us, who surrounds us, who’s the water we live in and dwell in and breathe and eat and sleep” and that “panentheism is not an opponent to evangelicalism” but “is an evangelical tool to get us back to the gospel”!¹⁰

“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:25)

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:4)

Blinded in their unbelief, people are doing the opposite of “avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith” (1 Timothy 6:20-21). They are increasingly bearing with those who preach “another Jesus,” “another spirit,” and “another gospel,” not to mention

another “God.” People simply are not willing to accept the true God and His narrow way. They want a broader “truth” of a broader “God” in a broader “faith,” and there is nothing broader or “bigger” than panentheism.

Despite man’s rebellious never-ending circles of “*rethinking*” and “*reimagining*” it all into a “better understanding” of “God” and “truth,” and despite man’s “science falsely so called” now backing up man’s panentheistic imaginations on multiple fronts, the only gospel panentheism and its relationship of Oneness lead to is the *false* gospel of New Age (New Spirituality) Oneness.¹¹ This false gospel has also been referred to as “The New Gospel of Oneness”¹² by the false “God” in Neale Donald Walsch’s previously mentioned “conversations with God.”

“Go, therefore, and teach ye all nations, spreading far and wide *The New Gospel*:

“WE ARE ALL ONE.

“OURS IS NOT A BETTER WAY, OURS IS MERELY ANOTHER WAY.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God” that channeled its teachings through Neale Donald Walsch in their conversations)¹³

“Regardless of their beliefs, regardless of their religion....

“There are a thousand paths to God, and every one gets you there.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹⁴

“Our opportunity now is to create the space of possibility for a New Spirituality to emerge upon the earth ... that makes no one wrong for the way in which they are approaching the God of their understanding ...” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹⁵

“Humans will understand that God’s words are found in all of the world’s Holy Scriptures ...

“Human beings will ... simply look closely to see which text and which messenger speaks to them in a way that makes it possible for them to express and experience their connection to the Divine ...” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹⁶

As mentioned earlier, Oneness and its panentheistic “God” offer people the ultimate freedom from the rules and doctrine of the narrow way—the freedom to imagine and define “God” and their relationship with “God” *however* anyone chooses. What a person *believes* is irrelevant in this false gospel/Wordless faith. So those who want this freedom can bypass the *true* Lord Jesus Christ and the *true* God and can imagine “another way” to “the God of their understanding.” When “God” is in everything and everything is in “God,” *no one* is “wrong” for the “understanding” (theology) they choose—except, of course, true Christians who believe in the true God and the true Lord Jesus Christ. After all, “To absolutize one’s own religion as the only way means that one sees all of the other religious traditions of the world as wrong.”¹⁷ And the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism “makes no one wrong.”

The immanent “God” of Oneness, imagined and defined in *limitless* ways

Contrary to the claims of those even in today’s shifting Christianity who want God revealed to them in a fashion they are willing to accept, God is not revealed to man in “limitless” ways. God does not humor a rebellious imaginative world that is not willing to accept that God is Who He is and said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth. On the other hand, the immanent “God” of New Age (New Spirituality) Oneness is revealed to the world in ways that are as “limitless” as man’s imagination.

In a nutshell, this New Age (New Spirituality) Oneness, with its Emerging One Church and New Gospel of Oneness, is simply a vain attempt to bring God and many gods all together in one big panentheistic/pantheistic harmonious relationship in the circle of Oneness. In the “God” of Oneness that is immanent in all things, not only do all religions become equally valid paths to “the same God,” but all gods become equal as well. That is, all gods of all religions become just different revelations, manifestations, understandings, and experiences of “the same God.” So in this false “reimagined” “God” that is “bigger” than any particular religion, *many gods* become *one “God.”* It therefore makes no difference which god of which religion anyone chooses for their relationship of “faith.” In Oneness/panentheism there

is no such thing as the “other gods” that God’s Word of truth repeatedly warns against. There is only the “God” of Oneness that is “in everything”—i.e., is immanent in all things.

“This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.” (Jeremiah 13:10)

Regardless of what people choose to imagine in the darkness, the panentheistic *one* “God” of Oneness is still *many* gods. Therefore, monotheists who choose relationship in the circle of Oneness are, among other things, automatically transformed into polytheists. Even if they themselves choose a relationship with only one of them, those who choose the relationship of Oneness are choosing the relationship where *all* gods are “God.” This is what the relationship of Oneness is. But of course they don’t see it that way because this counterfeit *one* “God” even brings the opposites of monotheism and polytheism, separateness and Oneness, and transcendence and immanence together as well in a harmonious relationship in the circle of Oneness. Therefore, they just see it all as “reimagining” God into a “bigger” and broader “God” that anyone can find wherever they choose to look.

As has been rightly pointed out, there is “no view of God” “larger than the panentheistic view.” The panentheistic view of “God” goes beyond encompassing *everything and everyone*. Nothing whatsoever is excluded from being in “God.” This “God” even goes beyond “every possible concept” of “God.” Again, this immanent “God” is revealed in ways as “limitless” as man’s imagination. So those who prefer to get their faith from relationship and not from *true theology* can thus choose to find “God” or their Wordless faith *wherever* their imagination takes them.

Conveniently, when faith comes from relationship and relationship comes from “reimagining” God as immanent in “*all things*,” people can even choose to find their faith in *any* relationship with *anything whatsoever*. “*All things*” includes “*all things*.” And since Oneness “reimagines” “God” as one gigantic “relationship” of all things—as does “science falsely so called”—then “God” becomes the relationship and the relationship becomes “God.” With this panentheistic “God”/relationship that is revealed in “limitless” ways, people can even freely choose to find their faith in a relationship with any god or goddess on the entire planet. After all, in this relationship of Oneness they are *all* just different “understandings” of “the same God.” The circle of Oneness that even brings the past, present, and future together as one gives people quite a variety of gods and goddesses to choose from in its relationship, *in any god that man has ever imagined or ever will imagine*.

Unquestionably, Oneness/panentheism is as broad of a way to “God” as it gets. Anyone can freely choose to find the immanent “God” and a “relationship” of “faith” *wherever they choose to look*: including in any or all of creation; in the planet, which has already been “reimagined” into a goddess; or in the sun, the moon, the stars, or all heavenly bodies; in an eagle; in a serpent; in an ant; in a monkey; in a praying mantis; in a cow; in a tree; in food; or in any inanimate object; in any person; in Self; in DNA; in science; or even in evolution; in quantum physics; in emergence biology; in Religious Science/Science of Mind; in quantum spirituality; or in meditation; in contemplative spirituality; in spirit guides; even stepping in dog poop¹ is a “relationship” with the panentheistic “God” that is absurdly immanent in “*all things*,” then there are the sun gods; moon gods; rain gods; the gods and goddesses in any and every religion, culture, country, and civilization; even Satan and his devils are worshipped as gods; there’s Egyptian gods; Babylonian gods; Roman gods; Greek gods; Wiccan gods; Hindu gods; pagan gods; Incan gods; Mayan gods; Aztec gods; Celtic gods; tribal gods; Native American gods; African gods; European gods; Middle Eastern gods; Eastern gods; Western gods; Mesopotamian gods; gods in Old Testament times; gods in New Testament times; voodoo gods; occult gods; the gods in any video game; the gods in any book; the gods in any movie; the gods in *anyone’s* and *everyone’s* imagination . . .

People can take their pick from their own imagination or from someone else’s. It makes no difference. There are no rules in the imaginative “truth” and “faith” of *uncertainty* and *mystery*. All that matters is *relationship*. And since in the desired relationship of Oneness *everything* is all *one* “relationship”—i.e., all *one* “God”—it doesn’t matter what anyone *believes*. *No one* is “wrong” for the “understanding” (theology) they choose. Besides, the truth and faith of God’s Word have been “reimagined” into a *manmade* “box” of “changeable” and “debatable” “metaphor” and “story” and “symbol” that are merely “pointers” to this all-encompassing relationship, in which God’s Word is not to be believed as “absolute truth” for “all cultures” and “all contexts” and “all time.” Therefore, *whatever* people are *willing* to accept becomes their *own*

path to “truth” and “faith.” Since “God” is revealed to man in “limitless” ways outside the “box,” people can even imaginatively choose relationship with either one “God” or any number of gods, with either a “Christianized” “God”—such as the “reimagined” “God” of *The Shack*—or otherwise. After all, outside the “box,” man’s imagination is “truth.”

Imagination is imagination, and there is quite the variety of imaginatively fashioned gods (“understandings”) that man has already been willing to accept as “truth”: there’s even a cow goddess; a gazelle-headed goddess; a tree goddess; a sky goddess; a frog-headed god and a frog-headed goddess; a triple-headed cobra goddess; a solar cow god; a laundress goddess; a household goddess of bees; a scorpion goddess; a crocodile god; a goose god; an ibis-headed god; a goat god; a horse goddess; a triple-faced god; a cross-legged god with antlers; a fish god; a tortoise god; a rainbow snake goddess; a toad goddess; a lion-headed war goddess; a dominant male baboon god; an elephant-headed god with up to sixteen arms; a goddess that has ten arms, ten legs, and ten heads; a god that is a liberator of cows; a cow goddess of the sky (think of the “rain” that would fall!); a drunken rabbit god; trickster gods; gods that even play tricks on other gods; a feathered serpent god; a goddess of the earth whose face is two serpents; gods and goddesses that are powerful magicians; a sorceress goddess; a dragon god of sorcery; shapeshifting gods; a wizard god; ...

Outside the “box” is outside the “box.” Absurdly, people in today’s shifting Christianity are even choosing to believe that man’s imagination gives people “a better understanding of God.” To say that this is utter nonsense is a tremendous understatement. Imagination is imagination, and, “Christianized” or otherwise, the *only* “God” that man’s imagination will ever give people a better understanding of is the “God” of man’s imagination. Nevertheless, in today’s Wordless faith the true theology of the Word of God and thus the truth of Who God is have been rendered irrelevant. *Relationship* is the preferred source of faith.

Thus, all who prefer the uncertainty of man’s imagination and its emerging paradigm/faith of a panentheistic “God” that is *in everything and everyone* can experience a “relationship” with this “God” with *anything whatsoever* that they so choose. This path has already proven to be quite acceptable to man. Among the *countless* imaginative examples to choose from for a relationship: there are even gods and goddesses of snowshoes; of brushes; of locked doors; of the kitchen; of food; of fermented foods; of sourdough; of rice; of salt; of beer; of apples; of worms; of frogs; of bees; of birds; of rabbits; of herds; of pasture; of pigs; of the growth of grain; of fishing; of the seasons; of weather; of thunder; of fog; of coldness; of mist; of echoes; of wind; of fresh water; of salt water; of daylight; of night; of rivers; of the sea; of mountains; of the forest; of the milky way; of planets; of the rising sun; of good grooming; of bathing; of well-being; of beauty; of learning; of fame; of vanity; of silence; of pleasure; of paint; of music; of games; of dancing; of politics; of commerce; of marriage; of fertility; of happiness; of prosperity; of longevity; of sickness; of medicine; of the bones of the dead; of a toothache; of the calendar; of time; of change; of mystery; of everything that flows; of paths; of duality; of harmony; of creativity; of dreams; of good luck; of bad luck; of conflict; of deception; of gossip; of gambling; of enmity; of purification from filth; of trickery; of temptation; of lust; of revelry; of rape; of murder; of astrology; of craft; of magic; of witchcraft; of sorcerers and sorcery; ...

People have long since decided that things are good which God says are evil and evil which God says are good and have imagined their gods, as well as their relationship with their gods, accordingly. *Anything* goes in the Wordless faith of man’s imagination. And regardless of what each person chooses to believe for themselves, in Oneness/panentheism *all* of man’s imagined gods become the *one* “God” of the *one* “Truth” of the *one* “faith.” Those who choose the relationship of Oneness are *automatically* choosing the relationship where *all* gods are “God,” and therefore *all* gods are *equal*.

Choosing this relationship is neither faith nor faithfulness to God but, rather, a dangerous departing from the *narrow* way of the *holy* God of *truth*. In this relationship and its “New Gospel of Oneness,” “OURS IS NOT A BETTER WAY, OURS IS MERELY ANOTHER WAY” and “Regardless of their beliefs, regardless of their religion.... There are a thousand paths to God, and every one gets you there.”² *No one* is “wrong” for the “understanding” (theology) they choose. There are even gods and goddesses that adorn themselves with the body parts of their human victims; gods that sacrifice themselves to become the sun god; gods and goddesses that eat their offspring; a god that swallowed his pregnant goddess spouse; a goddess that dances on corpses; a god that castrated his father and married his sister; goddesses that sacrificed themselves and then came back to life after other gods worshipped their skirts; a god that decapitated his sister and threw her head into the sky to become the moon; gods that get their strength from the nourishment of human

blood; goddesses that get pregnant and give birth to full-grown warriors; a goddess that gave birth to the moon and stars; a goddess that gave birth to heaven and earth; a sea goddess that spawns scorpion men; a rain god that is pleased when frogs are married in religious rituals; gods that created land out of the body of a crocodilian earth monster; a lizard god that created humans; ...

It is with blind absurdity that even leaders of today's shifting Christianity believe that faith comes from *relationship* and *not* from *theology*; that man's imagination is the "truth" about God; that God is revealed to us in "limitless" ways; that "humility" welcomes the various manifestations of "God" in different cultures and religions; that everyone has a unique "connection" to God and can define and interpret for themselves who this "God" is; that it doesn't matter what religion people are in; that different religions just have different "experiences" and "conceptions" and "views" of God; that God is bigger than all conceptualizations and images; that religious pluralism gives a better understanding of "truth;" that it's about a relationship, *not* a religion; that God is "the God of all relationship;" that God is in the "very substance" of creation; that different religions just have a different way/path to God and to a relationship with God; that people can follow Christ in *any religious framework* of their choosing; that to "absolutize" the Christian faith as "the only way" falsely sees all of the other religions of the world as "wrong;" that we all worship "one God" in one "kingdom of God" that can't be "hijacked" by the Christian faith; and the absurdity goes on and on in today's desire for the darkness and freedom of Oneness/panentheism and its Wordless faith.

The leaders in today's shifting Christianity who want "revolution" are already getting it, against God Himself. But they don't see it that way since they are closing their eyes and ears to the truth to join the world in "reimagining" "God" and "truth" and "faith" into a fashion they are all willing to accept together in one big harmonious relationship. Regardless of whether people admit that this swiftly emerging transformation is New Age (New Spirituality) Oneness or whether they absurdly claim it is "Christian," this transformation is the idolatry of exalting man above God and is changing everything.

Although man imagines otherwise, man's imagination doesn't suddenly become "truth" and "reality" just because it is the 21st century and man imagines that man is wiser now. The lists above include man's 21st century imagination. In any century, imagination is imagination and the truth is the truth whether people are willing to accept and believe it or not. It is only in the blinding darkness of the relationship of Oneness that *any*, let alone *all*, of man's imagined or "reimagined" gods become merely "the same God" revealed in different ways to different people in different fashions they are willing to accept. And yet it is this blinding darkness that is increasingly the preferred "light" of more and more people. *Many* are desperately seeking relief for their *light intolerance*.

As is to be expected, rather than condemning any of the world's evil gods, in this relationship of Oneness only the *true* God of the *true* Christian faith is condemned. Even in today's shifting Christianity people have no tolerance for their Creator daring to require the belief and obedience of all His creation instead of submissively conforming to man's rebellious imaginations and expectations. So, naturally, in the revolution of this "spiritual journey" of relational unbelief, in today's shifting Christianity even the topic of sin and what is right or wrong has been changing. *Everything* becomes relative when man chooses the freedom to decide for himself what is true or false and right or wrong instead of *believing* and *obeying* the only true God. Thus, those in the circle travel the same path round and round, each time bringing more and more into its relationship while at the same time "reimagining" more and more *unbelief and disobedience* as "*Christian faith and practice*" and getting further and further away from the true God and His unchanging Word of truth.

So where will the line be drawn? Relationship is *everything* in the *circle* of Oneness because man wants *no line*. The purpose of "reimagining" God and choosing the relationship of the circle where imaginations and "truth" become one is to seek freedom from the line of God's truth between *what is* true and false or right and wrong. This relationship of freedom is moving to connect *everyone and everything* in its "reimagined" "truth," which conveniently transforms (connects) the *line* of truth between opposites into a *circle* of relationship. In this relationship of all things, there will be *no line* drawn.

Again, as this circle of relationship of Oneness encompasses and connects more and more it will ultimately make no difference at all what people believe or do. Within this *circle* opposites are eliminated in its relationship, so there will

be no line drawn between right and wrong, sacred and secular, holy and profane, righteousness and sin, truth and lies, real and imaginary, God's Word and man's word, light and darkness, Rock and sand, faith and faithlessness, belief and unbelief, believers and unbelievers, the narrow way and the broad way, Christianity and the world, the true God and false gods, etc. Within this circle of blinding darkness, everyone and everything will all be connected together with the "God" of Oneness that is immanent in everyone and everything. Therefore people will be free to imagine and define "God" however they choose and to have this "relationship" however they choose, without fear of being "wrong." After all, in Oneness there is no separation of *anything whatsoever*.

"There's nothing 'wrong' with *anything*. 'Wrong' is a relative term, indicating the opposite of that which you call 'right.'" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")³

"*Everything* is 'acceptable' in the sight of God, for how can God not accept that which is? To reject a thing is to deny that it exists. To say that it is not okay is to say that it is not a part of Me—and that is impossible." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")⁴

"Key to the New Spirituality is a belief that God is not separate from anyone or anything — and neither are we." (Neale Donald Walsch's Humanity's Team website)⁵

"When we believe in our heart that We Are All One, everything will change. *Everything*." (Neale Donald Walsch)⁶

Indeed. It already is.

"People will not require God to 'show up' in one way and only in that way. People's beliefs about God will expand ..."
(the seducing spirit calling itself "God")⁷

The seducing spirit calling itself "God": **"And I tell you that Tomorrow's God will change form as each moment and each individual seeking to experience God dictates."**

Neale Donald Walsch: "Hold it. **You mean we get to decide who and what God is?**"

The seducing spirit calling itself "God": "Why are you so surprised? You've been doing that since time began. You call this Religion." (bold added)⁸

Make that *false* religion.

"That is how humanity will allow itself to experience God on this most blessed future tomorrow. Yesterday's God ... is thought to be a Constant. That belief will not change, but it will expand....

"God IS a Constant. God is that which is Constantly Present and Constantly Changing, suiting Itself to each moment, so that God may be *understood* in that moment, *embraced* in that moment, *experienced* in that moment, and *expressed* in that moment....

"There is no limit to the ways in which God may show up...."

"On your yesterdays you have believed in a limited God. On a blessed future tomorrow you will begin to believe in a limitless God, who can appear in any form, under any circumstances, to any person, and, indeed, to all people in all places all the time." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁹

"Humans will understand that God's words are found in all of the world's Holy Scriptures, and that no scripture is more authoritative, more complete, more accurate, or more authentic than any other, but that each contains great wisdom and each leads to a greater understanding of The Only Truth There Is ...

"One result of this new teaching: Human beings will stop trying to figure out which is the right text and which is the right messenger and will simply look closely to see which text and which messenger speaks to them in a way that makes it possible for them to express and experience their connection to the Divine ...

"Humans will also understand that life is not a system of reward and punishment, and that no one is sent to Hell or condemned by God." (Neale Donald Walsch)¹⁰

"Humans will understand that their will is truly *free*. They'll know that God will never cause them to suffer dire

consequences in the Afterlife for making one choice over another in life....

“A new definition of ‘freedom’ will be created, one that reflects what the word was always intended to mean—the complete and total lack of limitations of any kind.” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹¹

“The New Spirituality is a civil rights movement for the soul, freeing humanity at last from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God.” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹²

In the shift away from God and His Word of truth, it isn’t so much that *relationship* is everything as it is that the *freedom* of the relationship of Oneness is everything. And in the absurdity of today’s imaginative circular thinking, this relationship of Oneness and its freedom from the so-called “legalism” of believing and obeying God is even imagined as the path to world peace. Some things never change.

“They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.... The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.... But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.... Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?” (Jeremiah 23:17, 20, 22, 29)

The circle of relationship of Oneness with its panentheistic/pantheistic “God” that can be imagined and defined *however* anyone chooses is the relationship that is snowballing into one gigantic relationship of everything. And today’s shifting Christianity is willingly being assimilated. When God pours out His judgment on a rebellious and idolatrous world that is united in the imagined peace and safety of the relationship of Oneness, people will still refuse to repent of their imagined gods and of their imagined freedom in which they will have drawn no line.

“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.” (Revelation 9:20-21)

“And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.” (Romans 3:17-18)

“Imagine a life without fear of God and without guilt over the tiniest infraction of what you imagine to be God’s Rules!

“Imagine the freedom of soul and mind and body that would be experienced when you understand at last that you really *are* One with God!” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹³

PART THREE: THE LIE

“When we can contact our own inner God all truth will be revealed to us”

The circle of relationship of Oneness with its many levels is changing everything, and it *all* stems from questioning God’s Word. When man is exalted above God, the result is first questioning and then “rethinking” and then “reimagining” God’s Word. This process began in the Garden of Eden where Satan—“that old serpent” (Revelation 12:9)—was the first to question God’s Word with, “Yea, hath God said ...?” This question has been leading man away from the knowledge of the truth and into the circular thinking and “rethinking” of untruth ever since. Questioning the Word of God turns its *certainty* of *what is* right or wrong and true or false into *uncertainty*, which of course opens the door for man to do or believe whatever man wants.

In the Garden of Eden, first Satan questioned what God had said, then Eve proceeded to “rethink” what God had said, and then Satan craftily took the liberty of “reimagining” what God had said and meant (all in a *dialogue/conversation*, by the way, which was *facilitated* by Satan with the purpose of *moving beyond absolute truth*):

“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.” (Genesis 3:4b-5; see also chps. 2-3)

With this first lie to man, Satan started the circle of Oneness in which people—“as gods”—have the freedom to *decide for themselves* what is true or false and right or wrong based on their own personal “knowing” *within themselves* of good and evil. It is Satan’s lie in the Garden of Eden that is the circle of relationship of Oneness, and it is his circle of relationship of Oneness that is the broader “truth” and “bigger” “God” that more and more people are intentionally, albeit blindly, seeking. *They are all one and the same lie.*

In the circle of Oneness, man and God are brought together as “One” so that man becomes “One” with God and God becomes “One” with man. It is this “Oneness” that gives everyone their own personal “knowing” *within themselves* of good and evil. And, in turn, it is this “knowing” that gives everyone the freedom to bring whatever they choose into the circle. So whether those whose eyes are “opened” to this freedom realize it or not, seeking to bring everyone and everything else together in one big harmonious relationship of Oneness is the *result of already* having fallen for this lie in which everyone has the freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own “opened” eyes, according to their own “knowing” of good and evil.

Those who choose to follow Satan’s example in questioning, “Yea, hath God said ...?” have no authority for determining true or false and right or wrong other than their own subjective and relativistic inner “knowing.” But they see no need for any other knowing. They see no need for the Word of *God* to verify if what they *believe* and *do* are *true* and *right*. In answering the question, “How can I know the truth about Christianity if I question the Bible’s status as the literal Word of God?,” Marcus Borg refers to this inner “knowing.” Naturally he first contrasts this “knowing” with “Biblical literalism” in which he points out that people “are literalists and see the Bible as a divine product, having a divine guarantee to be true,” and then says:

“But for people who can’t be literalists ... I would say that in one sense of the word know, we can’t know that Christianity, or any of the religions, is true in the sense of being able to demonstrate it. One sense of the word ‘know’ in the modern period is something you can verify. In that sense, we can’t know.

“But we can take seriously a different kind of knowing. It’s a very ancient kind of knowing. The ancients called it intuition.... But the ancient meaning of the word ‘intuition’ or ‘intuitive knowing’ is direct knowing, a knowing that’s

not dependent upon verification. A synonym for intuitive knowing would be mystical knowing. There are people in every culture who have had what they regard as direct knowing experiences of God or the sacred. That kind of knowing is possible, and for me personally, it's that direct knowing, that intuitive knowing, that is the most persuasive soft data for affirming that God or the sacred is real."¹

Borg also says:

"In particular, I argue that a 'panentheistic' concept of God offers the most adequate way of thinking about the sacred; in this concept, the sacred is 'right here' as well as 'the beyond' that encompasses everything."²

This inner "knowing" of this panentheistic "God" that is immanent in everyone is Satan's lie. But, sadly, those who use their own personal "knowing" to verify that the lying experiences of their own personal "knowing" are "real" and "true" don't see it that way.

Since more and more people no longer believe that *Yea, God hath said*, a whole new way of subjective and relativistic thinking and acting has steadily taken over in this shift to thinking outside the "box" of *God's Word of truth*. In today's never-ending circles of absurdity, man's imagination is imagined to be "truth" merely because man imagines his imagination to be "truth." Likewise, man's "knowing" becomes "truth" merely because man's "knowing" tells man his "knowing" is "truth." And if man's own "knowing" is man's only desired verification that man's own "knowing" is "real" and "true" then this verifies that man's own "knowing" is "real" and "true," right? So with all of man's "knowing" and imagining verifying what is "real" and "true," why would man want verification from *God's Word*? Not only would this defeat the purpose of "reimagining" God and truth and faith outside the "box," but in man's upside-down absurdity it is actually considered circular thinking to believe that *God's Word* is true merely because it claims to be true. After all, "Yea, hath God said ...?"

As did Borg in his previous quote, this inner "knowing" is also referred to as "mystical knowing." It is documented in channeled writings how mysticism in its various forms, such as meditation/contemplation, is specifically utilized by the spirit world to "open" people's eyes to Oneness by leading them directly into "discovering" and "knowing" the immanent "God" within. These masquerading spirits will willingly seduce anyone with their lying experiences, and this perpetuation of Satan's first lie to man is achieving tremendous success.

"Ye shall not surely die ... your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (*Genesis 3:4b-5*)

"When, therefore, *sight* has been attained and *the light* streams forth, revelation of **the oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...

"[I]n these days many are attaining sight and light is pouring in." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul that channeled its teachings through Alice Bailey; emphasis added)³

"It is this revelation of Deity that is **the goal of the mystical endeavor** ... Through it [meditation], he later discovers his relation to the universe; he finds that **his physical body and his vital energies are part and parcel of Nature itself, which is, in fact, the outer garment of Deity** ... In fact, he arrives at God and discovers God as the central Fact. Knowing himself to be divine, he finds the whole is equally divine." (Alice Bailey, New Age matriarch and channeler of Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁴

"Third: In the language of some of the pioneers into the spiritual realm, the third result of meditation is that we find God. **It is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters. It is but a symbol of Reality....** Let us regard God as that 'High and Unknown Purpose' which can be recognized as **the sumtotal of all forms which express the Life** ...

"Fourth: In the words of all schools of mystics in both hemispheres, these results [of meditation] are summed up in the words: **Union with God**, or At-one-ment with Divinity. God and man are at-one. The Self and Not-Self are unified." (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁵

"Thus, the great schools of intellectual meditation ... all lead to the same point. From the standpoint of Buddhism, of Hinduism, of Sufism, and of Christianity, there is the same basic goal: Unification with Deity ... and the same

subsequent Illumination.

“All sense of separateness has disappeared.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁶

“My most formative religious experiences were a series of **mystical experiences**.... They **changed my understanding of the meaning of the word ‘God’** ...

“These experiences also convinced me that mystical forms of Christianity are true, and that the mystical forms of all the enduring religions of the world are true....

“[W]hat I was *seeing* looked very different. *Light became different – as if there were a radiance shining through everything*.... And I experienced **a falling away of** the subject-object distinction that marks our ordinary everyday experience – **that sense of being a separate self**, ‘in here,’ while the world is ‘out there.’...

“They were also experiences in which I felt that I was seeing more clearly than I ever had before – that what I was experiencing was ‘the way things are.’...

“The effect was to transform my understanding of the word ‘God.’...

“If ‘God’ means a person-like being ‘out there,’ completely *separate* from the universe, then I am an atheist. I do not believe there is such a being. But if **the word ‘God’ points to a radiance that pervades ‘what is,’** as I now think – then, of course, God is real. Not just the God of Christianity, but **the God of all the enduring religions.**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁷

“It might therefore be said that revelation concerns **Oneness** and nothing else.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁸

“What we are in reality passing through is ‘a religious initiation into the mysteries of Being,’ ... and from that we shall emerge with a deepened sense of **God immanent** in ourselves and in all humanity.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁹

“Truth lies within ourselves. When we can contact **our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. We shall be Knowers.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁰

In this New Age “Reality” and its “mysteries of Being,” the basis of all reality is the panentheistic/pantheistic “God” that is immanent in everyone and everything. And it is the “reality” of this *immanence* that gives everyone and everything *Oneness* with this “God” (and with each other) and that gives everyone the freedom to define “that little word of three letters” however anyone chooses. This “reality” of the “Oneness” of man and God is the lie that both *starts and finishes* the circle of relationship. This is why New Age Oneness teaches that planetary problems and conflicts are due to man’s “*forgetfulness of Being*” and therefore to solve them man needs to “*remember*” and “*awaken*” to the “Reality” that “who we really are” is “One” with God, which is Satan’s lie—a.k.a. “Ancient Wisdom”—from the Garden of Eden. It is *all one* and the same lie.

Man has been falling for the circle of Oneness ever since man’s history began, and now man is coming full circle. After all, those who don’t learn from history are bound to repeat it. This in itself shows that those in the circle are never learning even though they think they are ever learning. And this is especially true of those who have even reduced “*history*” to “*story*,” in seeking *freedom* from the *true reality* of *who we really are*. Thus, in the emerging faith of Oneness not only is God’s Word being “reimagined” as a metaphorical pointer to this panentheistic “God”/relationship but even salvation and being born again are “reimagined” as having one’s eyes “opened” to it as well. And, therefore, the truth of God’s Word is being “reimagined” as a metaphorical pointer to the “truth” of Satan’s lie. The “god of this world” is having a heyday in today’s shifting Christianity.

“Ye shall not surely die”

Unbelievably, Borg writes:

“Outside of the Jewish and Christian traditions, the best-known enlightenment experience is **the Buddha’s mystical experience**. Such an experience leads to seeing everything differently. It is not simply an intellectual or mental ‘seeing,’ as when we say, ‘Oh, I see what you mean.’ Rather, **enlightenment as a religious experience involves communion or union with what is, an immediate ‘knowing’ of the sacred that transforms one’s way of seeing.**

“So it is in [the gospel of] John: **enlightenment is a central metaphor for salvation. To have one’s eyes opened, to be enlightened,** is to move from the negative pole of John’s contrasting symbols to the positive pole. To move from darkness to light is also to move from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from life in the flesh to life in the Spirit, from life ‘below’ to life ‘from above.’

“To be enlightened is to be born ‘from above’ and **‘of the Spirit’**—in other words, **to be ‘born again.’** Thus the ‘born again’ experience in John is an enlightenment experience.

“The language of enlightenment connects to John’s emphasis upon knowing God. For John, such knowing is the primary meaning of ‘eternal life’—not a future state beyond death but an experience in the present. To know God is eternal life: ‘This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God.’ Of course, *for John*, the true God is known in Jesus, and so the second half of the verse continues with ‘and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.’ For John, the Christian enlightenment experience is knowing God in Jesus.” (emphasis added)¹

“This is who Jesus is for us as Christians.... And we can say ‘This is who Jesus is for us’ *without* also saying ‘And God is known *only* in Jesus.’” (emphasis added)²

Borg’s panentheistic teachings are obviously compatible with Buddhism and Satan’s lie of Oneness, but not with *Scripture*. For starters, the *true* God is known *only* in Jesus; period. And to have one’s eyes “opened” to the “knowing” of Satan’s lie of Oneness is *not* what it means to be “born of the Spirit” and “born again”! Although this inner “knowing” is seen as “salvation” and “eternal life,” it brings nothing more than Satan’s lying promise that “*Ye shall not surely die.*” Despite the teachings to the contrary, this “knowing” of the panentheistic “God” of Oneness that is in everyone is not even remotely the same thing as that which the Lord Jesus Christ refers to in John 17:3:

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

That Oneness is believed to be “salvation” and “eternal life,” as well as “heaven” and “the kingdom of God,” used to be found only in the New Age (New Spirituality). But not any more now that everything is merging in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. It is also to be expected that people in today’s shifting Christianity who are falling for Satan’s lie of Oneness are also falling for his “promise”—especially since more and more people are cooperatively “reimagining” Satan either out of existence or as other than who he really is.

“Ye shall not surely die.” (Genesis 3:4b)

“When at last you see that there is no separation in God’s World—that is, nothing which is not God—then, at last, will you let go of this invention of man which you have called Satan.

“If Satan exists, he exists as every thought you ever had of separation from Me. You cannot be separate from Me, for I Am All That Is....

“Condemnation, being hurled into the everlasting fires of hell, was the *ultimate scare tactic*. Yet now you need be afraid no more. For nothing can, or ever will, separate you from Me.

“You and I are One. We cannot be anything else if I Am What I Am: All That Is.

“Why then would I condemn Myself? And how would I do it? How could I separate Myself from Myself when My Self

is All There Is, and there is nothing else?...

"I have no way to separate Myself from you—or anything else. 'Hell' is simply not knowing this. **'Salvation' is knowing and understanding it completely. You are now saved. You needn't worry about what's going to happen to you 'after death' anymore.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)³

"That place of Oneness is heaven.

"You are there now.

"You are never *not* there, because you are never *not* One with Me." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")⁴

"Now here is the Good News. *There is no other place to be.* The challenge is not to 'get to' heaven, but to know that you are already there. For heaven is the Kingdom of God, and there is *no other kingdom that exists.*" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")⁵

Naturally, with a panentheistic/pantheistic "God" that is *in everyone and everything*, "there is no other kingdom that exists" in this emerging faith of Oneness. This *one gigantic circle of relationship of all things*—i.e., this "Kingdom of God"—of this "God" of Oneness is conveniently broad enough to include everyone regardless of their *beliefs*. *No one and nothing* is excluded from "the Kingdom of God" in Oneness, so *believing in the Lord Jesus Christ* is irrelevant. Since everyone only needs their own inner "knowing" of their "own inner God," it is merely a matter of spreading "the Good News" ("The New Gospel") of Satan's lie of Oneness. This way everyone can "know" whatever they already "know," with no need to change their beliefs or behavior one iota. Everyone can thus continue in their desired freedom to *decide for themselves* what is true or false and right or wrong, with the only difference being that now they can also have the "knowing" that they are not "*wrong*" in whatever they decide. Having heard the "Good News" of the emerging faith of Oneness that it is *not necessary to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ* to have a relationship with God—from those in today's *bewitched Christianity* as well as those in the New Age (New Spirituality)—they can now "know" they have "salvation" and "eternal life" in "the Kingdom of God" and "heaven," no matter what they decide to believe or do.

"The kingdom of God is not some one particular church with its own peculiar doctrines, its particular formulations of truth ... and of approach to God.

"The true Church is the kingdom of God on earth ... composed of all, regardless of race or creed, who live by the light within, ..." (Alice Bailey)⁶

According to the truth and faith of God's Word, unless we have been born again of the *Holy Spirit by the Word of God* we cannot even see, let alone enter, the true Kingdom of the true God.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.... 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. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:3, 5-7)

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 1:23-25)

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever **believeth** in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace ... That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which

are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. **In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**" (Ephesians 1:7, 10-14)

"Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world **cannot** receive, because it **seeth him not, neither knoweth him**: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:17)

Only those who *believe the truth* can be born again by *the Spirit of truth*. And it is *the Word of God* that gives us *the truth* that we are to *believe* so that we can thus be indwelt by and born again of the *Holy Spirit*. The "seeing" and inner "knowing" as well as the "'born again' experience" of the panentheistic "God"/"Spirit" of Oneness are nothing but lying experiences of the seducing spirit world that actually move people in the *opposite* direction than "from darkness to light," "from death to life," "from falsehood to truth," etc. But, sadly, those who are choosing to rely on the lying experiences of this inner "knowing" to verify that the lying experiences of this inner "knowing" are "real" and "true" don't see it that way.

"Most basically, it seems to me that a close and careful reading of the Bible makes it impossible to think that what it says comes directly or indirectly from God." (Marcus Borg)⁷

"Is there a more? Is God real?...

"**[T]here is a More, a non-material layer or level or dimension of reality**, and this notion is shared by all of the enduring religious traditions of the world....

"This More is **named in various ways by the traditions as God or spirit or the sacred or the Tao or Allah or Atmen and so forth**....

"So God is the name we use for the non-material, stupendous, wondrous More that includes the material universe within it, even as it transcends the universe.

"**This is God as the encompassing Spirit**, the One who is all around us, as well as within us, who pervades the whole universe. **The universe is shot through with this non-material More**.... Where are we in relationship to God? We are in God.... God is the One who is all around us and within us, the One in whom the universe is, even as God is more than the universe, the mystery with a capital M who is beyond all names, even as we name this sacred Mystery in our various ways." (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁸

"God is not only real, but knowable. Moreover, the sacred is known not in a set of statements about God, but experientially, as a Mystery beyond all language. This Mystery—God—**transcends all** of our **domestications of reality**, including those generated by **theology and even the Bible itself**.... God also transcends peoples and religions ...

"Life with God is **not about believing** certain teachings about God. It is about a covenant—a relationship. More specifically, it is *about becoming conscious of a relationship that already exists* ..." (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁹

"Tomorrow's God does not require anyone to *believe* in God." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹⁰

"I am telling you that **your perception of ultimate reality is more limited than you thought**, and that **Truth is more unlimited than you can imagine**." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)¹¹

"Tomorrow's God is separate from nothing, but is ... the Sum Total of Everything that ever was, is now, and ever shall be." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")¹²

"There is *no limit* to the ways in which God may show up....

"On your yesterdays you have believed in a limited God. On a blessed future tomorrow **you will begin to believe in a limitless God, who can appear in any form**, under any circumstances, to any person, and, indeed, to all people in all places all the time." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)¹³

According to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit,*” and since we “*cannot enter into the kingdom of God*” unless we have been “*born of the Spirit*” He therefore said, “*Ye must be born again.*” Yet in today’s emerging faith of Oneness, not only is what it means to be “born of the Spirit” “reimagined” but it is also rendered irrelevant in that it is a *universal done deal*. Its immanent “God”/“Spirit” that “is separate from nothing” is “shot through” the universe in the “very substance” of all creation in a “Spirit”-matter Oneness that is obviously a “*Spirit*”-*flesh Oneness*. This *upside-down* “born of the Spirit” counterfeit brings this “*Spirit*” and all *flesh* together as one, thus conveniently bypassing the need to be *born again of the Holy Spirit*. After all, to bypass the need to be *born again* is to bypass the need to *believe in the Lord Jesus Christ*, which is to bypass the need to *believe the truth of the Word of God*. And this, of course, is the ultimate purpose of this emerging faith of Oneness.

“Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken literally.” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹⁴

“Our opportunity now is to create the space of possibility **for a New Spirituality to emerge upon the earth** ... that makes no one wrong for the way in which they are approaching the God of their understanding ...” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹⁵

“When men recognize this and succeed in isolating that inner significant structure of truth which is the same in all climes and in all races, **then there will emerge the universal religion, the One Church, and that unified though not uniform approach to God** ... Theologies will disappear into the knowledge of God; doctrines and dogmas will no longer be regarded as necessary, for **faith will be based on experience, and authority will give place to personal appreciation of Reality.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁶

“It is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters [‘God’]. It is but a symbol of Reality.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁷

In today’s emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism—i.e., emerging New Spirituality/universal religion—everyone can freely imagine and define “God” and their relationship with “God” however they choose, without fear of being judged as “wrong.” After all, there is conveniently *no judgment* by this panentheistic “God” of Oneness. In the journey of the *circle* of Oneness there is no *final destination* to fear, and as the seducing spirit world teaches:

“Condemnation, being hurled into the everlasting fires of hell, was the *ultimate scare tactic*. Yet now you need be afraid no more. For nothing can, or ever will, separate you from Me.

“You and I are One. We cannot be anything else if **I Am What I Am: All That Is.**

“Why then would I condemn Myself? And how would I do it? How could I separate Myself from Myself when My Self is All There Is, and there is nothing else?” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁸

Not surprisingly, *The Shack*’s false “God” that similarly claims to be this counterfeit “**I am that I am**”¹⁹ that “dwells in, around, and through **all things**”²⁰ has also released all humans from judgment:

“In Jesus, **I have forgiven all humans** for their sins against me, but only some choose relationship....

“When you forgive someone you certainly release them from judgment, but without true change [of ‘mind and behavior’], no *real* relationship can be established.” (emphasis added)²¹

“[Y]ou asked me what Jesus accomplished on the cross; so now **listen to me carefully:** through his death and resurrection, **I am now fully reconciled to the world.**” (emphasis added)²²

Upon being told the latter, the main character then asks:

“The whole world? You mean those who believe in you, right?”

To which this counterfeit “God” responds:

“The whole world, Mack.”²³

Conveniently, in this universal reconciliation/salvation, “all humans”—even those who do not “believe”—have been “forgiven” “for their sins” and are thus “fully reconciled” and released “from judgment.” So, of course, this counterfeit “God” that has “forgiven all humans for their sins” will not “punish people for sin”:

“I don’t need to punish people for sin. Sin is its own punishment, devouring you from the inside. It’s not my purpose to punish it; it’s my joy to cure it.” (emphasis added)²⁴

The only “cure” for sin is to *believe in the true Lord Jesus Christ*. And since “the wages of sin is death,” to release all humans from the judgment and punishment of sin is to subtly perpetuate the lie that “*Ye shall not surely die.*”

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

*“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins ... For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight: **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.**” (Colossians 1:12-14, 19-23)*

*“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name **whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**” (Acts 10:43)*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the *only* way, which does *not* mean an *automatic universal* way that reduces *believing* in Him to a “best” way—i.e., an *optional* way. Choosing to “reimagine” that the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ unconditionally give universal forgiveness/reconciliation/salvation to all humans and release everyone from judgment and punishment of sin regardless of whether or not anyone *believes* in Him *changes nothing*. The truth is the truth, and the truth is *the Word of God*, not the word of man or of “reimagined” gods. In truth, to be forgiven, reconciled, and saved everyone must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only in the counterfeit “Kingdom” of the counterfeit “God” of Oneness is everyone given *unconditional* and *universal* “salvation” where “*Ye shall not surely die.*”

Although this all-inclusive “Kingdom” of Oneness doesn’t even exclude false gods, the true Kingdom of the true God does. The pantheon of “reimagined” gods/theologies found in the all-encompassing circle of relationship of Oneness has no place in the true Kingdom of God. It is therefore very fitting that *The Shack*’s “reimagined” “God,” which even admits it is in “a circle of relationship,”²⁵ excludes itself from the true Kingdom of God in a chapter titled, “A Piece of π.”

In subtly conditioning people to come full circle in the circle of relationship of Oneness, *The Shack*’s counterfeit “God” claims to be “flesh and blood” in all three of its persons. Yet in so doing it reveals its own (already obvious) exclusion from the true Kingdom of the true God. Even so, those who have closed their eyes and ears to the truth of God’s Word will not be willing to see that the counterfeits are counterfeit and the genuine is genuine because the counterfeits are the “genuine” they are *willing* to accept.

“When we three spoke ourself into human existence as the Son of God, we became fully human. We also chose to embrace all the limitations that this entailed. Even though we have always been present in this created universe, we now became flesh and blood. It would be like this bird, whose nature it is to fly, choosing only to walk and remain grounded. He doesn’t stop being the bird, but it does alter his experience of life significantly.”²⁶

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.” (1 Corinthians 15:50)

God’s Word of truth makes it clear that there is no flesh and *blood* in the *true* God. God the Father is “a Spirit” (John

4:24) with no “*flesh and blood*” (Matthew 16:17). The Holy Spirit is obviously a *Spirit*, and a *Spirit* has no “*flesh and blood*.” The Lord Jesus Christ took on “*flesh and blood*” (Hebrews 2:14) specifically to shed his blood for our sins in His death on the cross (see Hebrews 2:9; 9:22; & Matthew 26:28), and when He rose from the dead He instead took on “*flesh and bones*” (Luke 24:39; see also Ephesians 5:30). This is significant because obviously “*flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God*.” The true Lord Jesus Christ and the true God the Father and the true Holy Spirit will not be excluded from their own Kingdom!

On the other hand, *The Shack*’s “*flesh and blood*” counterfeit “*God*” that claims to also be “*completely unlimited, without bounds*”²⁷ will be completely limited from entering the bounds of the true Kingdom of the true God. But no doubt those who are determined to have “*a piece of π*” in the circle of relationship of Oneness with the “*God*” of their “*understanding*” will “*reimagine*” otherwise.

Nevertheless, only the Kingdom of the *true* God is the *true* Kingdom of God. And it is perfectly clear in the light of God’s Word of truth that those who are not willing to believe and obey the true God and His Son will be excluding themselves from the Kingdom of God and heaven. But this light is too bright for today’s light-intolerant Christianity that is shifting from light to darkness to “*reimagine*” a broader “*truth*” and a broader “*faith*” of a broader “*God*.”

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

*“**Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” (Romans 3:22-26)*

“And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.... For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Acts 28:23-24, 27)

Although man is clearly bound and determined to succeed one way or another, there is no getting around believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1 John 5:12)

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (John 3:17-18)

“The way of Jesus is a universal way ... not a set of beliefs about Jesus”

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

Jesus is the way, Jesus is the truth, and Jesus is the life. Without Jesus there is no way, no truth, and no life – there is no *relationship* with God. Yet, determined to broaden the narrow way to fit the new way of thinking and “*seeing*” and “*knowing*,” today’s shifting Christianity is also “*reimagining*” John 14:6 in a variety of ways. For example, instead of *Jesus* being *the way* to God, *the way* of Jesus becomes the way to God. These two ways to God are *not* the same thing. For instance:

- The first way to God is a noun; the second way to God is a verb.
- The first way to God is a Being; the second way to God is a way of being.
- The first way to God is inseparable from the Person of Jesus; the second way to God is separable from the Person of Jesus.
- The first way to God is a narrow way; the second way to God is a broad way.
- The first way to God is genuine; the second way to God is counterfeit.

Separating *the way* of Jesus from *the Person* of Jesus, in this second way to God, and “reimagining” it all according to his “knowing” of the panentheistic “God,” Borg writes:

“This is who Jesus is for us as Christians.... And we can say ‘This is who Jesus is for us’ *without* also saying ‘And God is known *only* in Jesus.’” (emphasis added)¹

“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.’...

“[I]t has been the classic ‘proof text’ for Christian exclusivism—the *notion that salvation is possible only through Jesus*, and thus only through Christianity....

“So Jesus is ‘the way.’ But what does this metaphor, applied to a person, mean?...

“In short, for John [of the Gospel of John] the way or path of Jesus is the path of death and resurrection understood as a metaphor for the religious life. That way—the path of dying to an old way of being and being **born into a new way of being**—is the only way to God....

“**The way of Jesus is a universal way**, known to millions who have *never heard of Jesus*.

“The way of Jesus is thus **not a set of beliefs about Jesus**. That we ever thought it was is strange, when one thinks about it—as if one entered new life by *believing certain things to be true*, or as if the only people who can be saved are those who know the word ‘Jesus.’” (emphasis added)²

The shift from *Jesus* being the way to God to “*the way of Jesus*” being the way to God is a switch of serpentine subtility on many levels, one of which is that the *Being* of Jesus (*noun*) is craftily switched with the *being* of Jesus (*verb*). First, with convoluted absurdity, this conveniently reduces *believing* to *being* so that people in today’s shifting Christianity who want to *be* “Christian” without *believing* Christian can follow “the way of Jesus” without believing in Jesus. Second, this separates *the Person* of Jesus from being the way to God and broadens the narrow way into a universal way in which everyone is *being* their own way to God—which is precisely what the circle of Oneness and its panentheistic “God” do.

“Moreover, the sacred is known **not in a set of statements about God**, but experientially, as a Mystery beyond all language. This Mystery—God—transcends all of our domestications of reality, including those generated by theology and even the Bible itself.... God also transcends peoples and religions, and thus a unity is possible in the God who made heaven and earth ...

“Life with God is **not about believing** certain teachings about God.... More specifically, **it is about becoming conscious of a relationship that already exists** ... And we are not simply to become conscious of it; we are to become intentional about deepening the relationship. Christian faith is not about believing, but about faithfulness—fidelity—to the relationship....

“As **the path of life, this relationship** is the path of personal transformation.... It involves dying to an old way of being and being **born into a new way of being**.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)³

In today’s emerging faith of panentheism/Oneness, “relationship” “already exists” *without believing in the Lord Jesus Christ* because the panentheistic “God” of Oneness is already *in everyone/everything*—i.e., “*all things*” or “*All That Is*.” Thus, *everyone is being their own way to God*. This relationship becomes “real” relationship when people choose to “see” and “know” it, or become “conscious” of it. So the path of personal transformation is about “dying” to the “old” scriptural (believing/obeying) way of being and being “born” into—“becoming conscious” of, “awakening” to, etc.—the “new” relational (panentheistic/Oneness) way of being. This is neither “the path of *life*” nor “the way or path of *Jesus*” nor “life with *God*.”

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” (John 20:31)

Contrary to the false teachings of this emerging faith, *believing* in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to *knowing* the true God, and the true Gospel is “a set of beliefs about Jesus.” This is made perfectly clear in God’s Word of truth. The Gospel of Christ tells us Who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He did for us, which tells us what we are to believe to believe in Him, which therefore gives us salvation and the true Person of the Lord Jesus Christ in a genuine relationship of eternal life with both Him and the true God. And, yes, this relationship is experienced *in the present*, but only by those who have been saved by grace *through faith*—that is, faith/believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, *not* faith in the panentheistic “God” of Oneness!

Bypassing the Lord Jesus Christ as the way to God bypasses the redemption of His death and resurrection, which bypasses salvation and a relationship with the true and living God. But in today’s unbelieving Christianity even His death and resurrection are being commonly “reimagined,” not only as providing *universal salvation* to *everyone* whether they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ or not, but also as “changeable” and “debatable” “metaphor.” His resurrection is even being “reimagined” as a “spiritual resurrection,” which completely denies the meaning of what a resurrection is. And yet, along with the “irrelevance” of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, a physical/bodily resurrection from the dead is “irrelevant” as well in today’s emerging “enlightenment” of man’s own “knowing” of the universal “relationship”/“salvation” of the panentheistic “God.”

(Incidentally, those who believe that the true nature of the Lord Jesus Christ’s resurrection as well as our need to *believe* it are “irrelevant” should read 1 Corinthians 15 and Romans 10:9-10! But, sadly, the teachings of God’s Word go unheeded by more and more people who no longer take God at His Word.)

Nevertheless, the panentheistic “God” of Oneness that transcends the diverse theologies and religions—and that purposely transcends the truth and faith of *the Word of God* in particular—can be fictitiously “Christianized” by people to their heart’s content, but it did *not* make heaven and earth and is one of the false gods that will perish (see Jeremiah 10:11). That Borg added the phrase “who made heaven and earth” to his previous quote is additionally deceptive since he also teaches earlier in this same book that the accounts of God’s creation in the book of Genesis are just “metaphorical”/“symbolic” “stories” made up by man and *not* “literally factual accounts.”⁴ He even titled his book, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*. In other words, “Yea, hath God said ...?” In his book, Borg basically “rethinks” and “reimagines” God’s Word, including the Gospel of John, through the new “lenses” of seeing it not as the Word of God but as the word of *men*. It is this book in which he also said:

“As we enter the twenty-first century, we need a new set of lenses through which to read the Bible....

“The older lenses enabled Christians of earlier generations to experience the Bible as a lamp unto their feet ... But for many Christians in our time, the older lenses have become opaque, turning the Bible into a stumbling block in the way....

“The first group, who sometimes call themselves ‘Bible-believing Christians,’ typically see the Bible as the inerrant and infallible Word of God....

“The second group of Christians ... are strongly convinced that many parts of the Bible cannot be taken literally, either as historically factual or as expressing the will of God....

“They are responding strongly and positively to a more historical and metaphorical reading of the Bible.... [A] major de-literalization of the Bible is underway.” (Marcus Borg)⁵

People today may know enough to *sound* Christian, but an increasing number don’t know enough to *believe* Christian. And apart from *believing* Christian there is no *being* Christian. This used to be obvious in Christianity. But not any more now that these new “lenses” of darkness have become quite popular in today’s light-intolerant Christianity. And since people want to *be* Christian without *believing* Christian, *of course* this will turn “the Bible into a stumbling block in the way”! Thus, *darkness* becomes the preferred “*light*,” and *blindness* becomes the preferred “*sight*.” This is all clearly the

case when people purposely close their eyes to avoid seeing the light of God's Word.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

"For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." (Acts 28:27)

Moreover, the Word of God—both the written Word of God as well as the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose "name is called The Word of God" (Revelation 19:13)—is "a stumbling block in the way" of the world's desired interfaith unity and freedom. Thus, the world is coming together in the "humility" of a *Wordless* faith to "figure out together" a "better understanding" of God and truth and faith that is inclusive of those who are not willing to believe and obey God and His Son.

Satan's lie is the "safe space" in which this "reimagining" is taking place. The panentheistic "God" of Oneness that transcends the diverse theologies and religions gives everyone the freedom to define "that little word of three letters"—"God"—however anyone chooses. Satan's lie of Oneness provides the "safe space" in which the world can come together in the "unity in diversity" of Oneness and its desired broader "truth" and "bigger" "God." Again, everyone's own personal "Oneness with God" that gives everyone their own personal "knowing" "makes *no one wrong* for the way in which they are approaching the God of their understanding."⁶ This man-pleasing "safe space," which is rapidly increasing in popularity, is also the New Age "New Gospel of Oneness" that Satan's realm of seducing spirits, *with the help of today's seduced Christianity*, is teaching to the nations:

"Go, therefore, and teach ye all nations, spreading far and wide *The New Gospel*:

"WE ARE ALL ONE.

"OURS IS NOT A BETTER WAY, OURS IS MERELY **ANOTHER WAY**." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁷

"Relinquish the **pride of mind** which **sees its way** and its interpretations **to be correct and true**, and others' false and wrong. This is the way of separation." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁸

*"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for **if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.**" (Galatians 1:6-10)*

*"But as we were allowed of God to be put **in trust** with the gospel, even so we speak; **not as pleasing men, but God**, which trieth our hearts." (1 Thessalonians 2:4)*

Whether people are willing to accept its narrow way or not, *the truth* of God and His Son is *absolute*. Regardless of how "real" and "true" man's own imagination and man's own "knowing" seem to be, *there is no forgiveness of sins or reconciliation or being born again or salvation or relationship with God apart from true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ*. The true God is known only in Jesus, we are to believe in Jesus, and other religions are dead wrong. It really is that simple. This isn't "pride" or "hate;" this is the faith of God that is given to us by God in the Word of God. We either *take God at His Word* or *make God out to be a liar*. Everyone has the same choice.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

*"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of **the whole world**." (1 John 2:2)*

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

*“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**” (Acts 4:10-12)*

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto **salvation** to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)*

*“Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.... But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:23, 25)*

*“So then **faith** cometh by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God.**” (Romans 10:17)*

Borg has commented that “much is at stake in whether we see the Bible as a human or a divine product.”⁹ This is the biggest understatement in all of history. Those who do not believe that the Word of God is the Word of *God* see no need to *believe* what it says and are betting their very soul that man knows more about God and how to have a relationship with God than God does.

“Within the earlier paradigm or way of seeing the Christian life, believing has been central--believing in God, believing in Jesus, believing in the Bible, believing in Christianity, believing in the creeds, and so forth. Within the emerging paradigm relationship, not believing is central....

“[T]he first of these meanings of faith ... has significantly distorted the meaning of faith and the Christian life.... This is faith as belief, ... as believing something to be true....

“It’s not only a distortion, ... but rather odd when you think about it. As if what God really cares about is the beliefs in our heads. As if believing the right things, having correct beliefs, is what God is most looking for ...” (Marcus Borg)¹⁰

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that **believeth on him** is not condemned: but he that **believeth not** is condemned already, because he hath **not believed in the name** of the only begotten Son of God.... The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that **believeth on the Son** hath everlasting life: and he that **believeth not the Son** shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:16-18, 35-36)*

*“... For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; as it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever **believeth** on him shall not be ashamed.” (Romans 9:32-33)*

*“Then said Jesus again unto them, ... for **if ye believe not** that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” (John 8:21, 24)*

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)

For those who are seeking freedom from having to believe and obey God, His Son, and His Word, Satan’s lie with its circle of Oneness conveniently meets their needs. Satan’s lie provides them with an *eye-opening experience* of the immanent “God,” thus eliminating the need to believe. Satan’s lie provides them with their own personal “knowing” of good and evil, thus eliminating the need to obey. Satan’s lie even provides them with “eternal life”—“*Ye shall not surely die*”—thus eliminating the need for the salvation and remission of sins of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Satan’s lie, with its circle of relationship of Oneness, gives all who are seeking freedom from the “box” of God’s Word of truth the freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own “opened” eyes. And yet it still even gives them an automatic eternal “relationship” with the immanent “God” to boot. This is all diabolically convenient for those who are not willing to believe and obey God and His Son.

Yet, along with the rest of God's Word, the account of the Garden of Eden and Satan's lie is seen as "not literal" in today's new way of "seeing." So, with the exception of people in the occult, those who are trusting in Satan's lie for their "salvation" and "relationship with God" of course don't see that this is what they are doing. They just see it as being in a "right relationship" with the "God" that is in everyone/everything as "the ground of all being." They just see it as "awakening" to or "becoming conscious" of or having "one's eyes opened" to this relationship/Oneness/union that "already exists." They just see it as their own personal "knowing" of the "God" that is known and experienced regardless of beliefs, regardless of theology, regardless of religion. They even just see it as "the way of Jesus."

The "participatory divinity" of "the Jesus way"

Like Borg, Mike Morrell is a self-proclaimed "panentheist" as well. Morrell has been referred to as "the tie that binds 'emergent' church" and "one of the movement's linchpins"¹ because of his website Zoecarnate.com, the Library of the Alternative Christian Web—the library of the emerging church. Chosen to be prominently featured on the back cover of *The Shack* was Morrell's endorsement which includes the statement, "This story reads like a prayer." When a panentheist says a book "reads like a prayer," they have an entirely different meaning as well as an entirely different "God." Yet this is all befitting of *The Shack*'s false teachings and false "God" that "dwells in, around, and through all things" as "the ground of all being."²

A panentheistic "God" transcends the diverse theologies and religions. This gives people "the freedom to be inside or outside" "religious" "systems" and "to move freely between and among them" as *The Shack*'s false "Jesus" teaches.³ Of course, when "God" is in "all things"/"everything" then what people believe and whether or not they *believe* in *Jesus* all becomes irrelevant. And, therefore, *The Shack*'s false "Jesus" who has followers that "were Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims" has "no desire to make them *Christian*."⁴ Since the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism gives everyone the freedom to move freely between religions—i.e., *belief* "systems"—people can thus freely choose whatever they want to believe from whatever religion they want. Accordingly, in a June 2009 post on his blog titled, "Panentheism & Interspirituality - What's Jesus Got to do With It?," Morrell wrote:

"I think of myself as a panentheist, and probably have for the past half-decade or so....

"Like a good post-evangelical ... my panentheism is biblically informed. I see unmistakable cadences of **the all-inclusive Christ** ...

"This break with functional Deism came to me as liberation—very good news indeed! Not only did Christ's spirit indwell me (a message which was good news enough after hearing from Calvinists that God only 'positionally' indwelt a regenerate person—*whatever that meant*—and the Pentecostals who seemed to treat the Spirit like a rather elusive guest), but **God was in everything** in some sort of real and compassionate way. I like panentheism because it emphasizes **immanence** while still preserving transcendence and awe....

"Getting back to the internal integrity of one's faith, and speaking from my 'Jesus-y' (as Anne Lamott puts it) perspective, where does fidelity to God come in?... I am personally struggling to live life through **the Jesus Way** ...

"My friend Brian McLaren says something like this: '**Jesus is the Way to God and abundant life, it doesn't mean he stands in the way to divine access!**' I believe that 'Jesus is the savior of the world,' whatever that ultimately means, I can only speculate and hope. I cannot limit the meaning of this to a particular model of atonement, or a particular scope of redemption.... I have every confidence, with Julian of Norwich, that 'all will be well.'...

"Further, I believe that I can truly learn, spiritually, from the world's religious traditions—**things that Zeus or the Vishnu decreed can give me an altogether fresh perspective on an obscure passage of Scripture or way that I reach God**....

"It's fascinating that, as people of different faiths began getting to know each other, you see this 'borrowing of wisdom' take place. You see it all over Merton as well. It seems like there are several different ways professing followers of Christ have related to those of other faiths: ...

- Way Three: **All religions** contain shades and gradations of the Truth. (Their gods or philosophies are incomplete revelations, tainted by the humanity's fallen and fractured state, that nonetheless contain

glimmers of the story of Christ) ...

“The Third Way, advocated most notably by CS Lewis, is the one I want to believe most—that God has not just communicated in symbols and shadows not just to the Hebrew people, but to all times and cultures ...

“So, to recap: I think that **I can learn about communion with God from a Buddhist or a Sufi**, but I inevitably see God’s clearest speaking in Jesus Christ.” (all parentheses in the original; bold added)⁵

In other words, as Borg falsely teaches:

“This is who Jesus is for us as Christians.... And we can say ‘This is who Jesus is for us’ *without* also saying ‘And God is known *only* in Jesus.’” (emphasis added)⁶

Likewise, as Morrell quotes emerging church leader Brian McLaren saying, “Jesus is the Way to God and abundant life, it doesn’t mean he stands *in* the way to divine access!” In other words, in “the way of Jesus” or “the Jesus Way” of this emerging faith, Jesus Himself is *nonessential*. After all, if Jesus was essential—and He is—then as the “*one mediator between God and men*” He *would* be “*in the way*” of “divine access” and “communion with God” for those in other religions—as well as in today’s shifting Christianity—who do not *believe* in Him. But since the panentheistic “God” of this emerging *interfaith* (“*interspirituality*”) faith of Oneness is *in everyone and everything*, this universally accessed “God” *automatically* renders the Lord Jesus Christ *nonessential*. And since *all* gods become just different revelations, manifestations, understandings, and experiences of this panentheistic “God,” people can thus learn about “communion with *God* from a Buddhist or a Sufi.” They can even learn from “*Zeus or the Vishnu*” about *Scripture* and a way to “reach *God*” because it’s *all* “*the same God*” in this merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age *spiritual Oneness*.

“There is only One God. What God is this? Is it Adonai? Allah? Elohim? God? Hari? Jehovah? Krishna? Lord? Rama? Vishnu? Yahweh?

“*It’s All of Them.*” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁷

“Humans will understand that God’s words are found in all of the world’s Holy Scriptures, and that no scripture is more authoritative, more complete, more accurate, or more authentic than any other, but that each contains great wisdom and each leads to a greater understanding of The Only Truth There Is ...

“Human beings will stop trying to figure out which is the right text and which is the right messenger and will simply look closely to see which text and which messenger speaks to them in a way that makes it possible for them to express and experience their connection to the Divine ...” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁸

“To absolutize one’s own religion as the only way means that one sees all of the other religious traditions of the world as wrong ...

“I affirm, along with many others, that the major enduring religions of the world are all valid and legitimate. I see them as the responses to the experience of *God* in the various cultures in which each originated.... You could even say they are all divinely given paths to the sacred.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁹

“This More is named in various ways by the [‘religious’] traditions as God or spirit or the sacred or the Tao or Allah or Atmen and so forth.” (Marcus Borg)¹⁰

“Regardless of their beliefs, regardless of their religion....

“There are a thousand paths to *God*, and every one gets you there.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹¹

In their desire for universal access to God, along with “reimagining” God as “bigger” than the truth and faith of God’s Word in order to “find God” in other religions, people are attempting to bypass Jesus as the way to God in a variety of ways. According to God’s Word, *Jesus* is the true and only *Christ*. Yet, in the emerging faith of Oneness that shifts from *Jesus* to *the way of Jesus*, another key to “reimagining” John 14:6 into a universal “*way of Jesus*” that bypasses *Jesus* is the *separation of Christ from Jesus*. Thus, “Christ” is no longer exclusively the Person of Jesus in this emerging faith. Rather, “Christ” is “reimagined” as “*universal*” and “*cosmic*” and as a “*consciousness*,” becoming an “it” not a He, that along with the immanent “God” is likewise immanent *in everyone and everything*.¹²

"This is the doctrine of the At-one-ment; God, immanent in the universe - the cosmic Christ. God, immanent in humanity, revealed through the historical Christ. God, immanent in the individual, the indwelling Christ, the soul." (Alice Bailey)¹³

"The kingdom of God is not some one particular church with its own peculiar doctrines, its particular formulations of truth ... and of approach to God.

"The true Church is the kingdom of God on earth ... composed of all, regardless of race or creed, who live by the light within, who have discovered the fact of the mystical Christ in their hearts ..." (Alice Bailey)¹⁴

"When the consciousness which is Christ's has been awakened in all men, then we shall have peace on earth and goodwill among men." (Alice Bailey)¹⁵

Since this "reimagined" "Christ" is separated from Jesus, this "Christ" thus becomes part of "*the way*" of Jesus that is bypassing *Jesus* as the way to God. In other words, according to New Age terminology, Jesus was "Christed" and everyone else can become "Christed," too. Therefore even the same "sonship" and "divinity," or so-called "divine potential," are immanent in *all* and thus become available to *all*, in *the same relationship* with the immanent "God" and "Christ" as supposedly "modeled" by Jesus. So "just like Jesus," "[w]e, too, are to realize full divinity" in becoming "'sons' of God." In another June 2009 post on his blog titled, "Panentheism - Perichoresis - Christology: Participatory Divinity," Morrell wrote:

"I think that Jesus' divinity is one of those pesky spiritual themes that panentheism handles exceptionally well ...

"Lemme explain. Contemporary self-confessed (Western, propositional, truncated, radio) orthodoxy sees God – and by extension God's self-disclosure in Jesus – as someone (?) to be admired, and trusted in for God's benefits, sure – but pretty much kept at a remote pedestal. Jesus is the 'only' Son of God, who did certain things on our behalf (namely, changing the Father's mind about us, supposedly) and we worship him in response. This produces a lot of gratitude but very little life-change in my experience. And eventually, the gratitude (read: 'worship') turns to boredom....

"A third way, it seems, has been with us from the beginning. If Rita Brock and Rebecca Parker are to be believed (and I think their work speaks for itself), the earliest Christians had 'a high Christology *and* a high anthropology,' summed up in Athanasius' maxim '**God became man so that man might become God.**' (He meant you too, ladies) **Panentheism says that Jesus is the 'uniquely' begotten son of God, not the 'only,'** echoing Scripture's affirmation that Jesus is the firstborn among many 'sons' of God. Jesus is glorious, divine, and there are certain unique and unrepeatable things Jesus does on our behalf, but overall, the earliest Christian spiritual thrust was one of **participatory divinity. We, too, are to realize full divinity** amidst (and *because of*) our full humanity – **just like Jesus.**" (all parentheses in the original; bold added)¹⁶

Not only are all the "reimaginings"—i.e., false teachings—of this panentheistic "way of Jesus" a clear denial of what it means for Jesus to be *the Son of God* and *Christ*, but they are also a clear denial of the true and eternal nature of *Jesus*. They are also part of the successful perpetuation of Satan's first lie to man.

"*Ye shall not surely die ... your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*" (*Genesis 3:4b-5*)

"When, therefore, sight has been attained and the light streams forth, **revelation of the oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...

"[T]he call has gone out to *see* the Christ as He is, ... that 'as He is, so should we be in the world.' To disciples and initiates the call goes out to reveal to the world ... the nature of the Christ consciousness which knows no separation, which recognizes, all men everywhere as Sons of God in process of expression. This is all desired because of the need to emphasize the all-inclusive approach of divinity to humanity.... 'We are all the children of God; we are all equally divine; we are all on our way to the **revelation of divinity** ...'" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)¹⁷

"And if Christ is **one with God**, so too are we. We simply do not know it....

"Yet it is not true that going with Jesus on the way to God requires us to be going *through* Jesus on the way to God.... I believe he would say:

"I observe that you do not believe in yourself. You do not believe that **humans are divine**. Clearly, you could use an example of that. I will be the example. I am that." (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)¹⁸

"For I have said to all of humanity, unto you will I send my messengers, and among you will they walk. Not only one, but many, not only in ancient times, but through all the ages, bringing you **the knowing of the truth of your being**, even as **that truth emerges** in and through them, **AS them**." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)¹⁹

"[T]hey have life everlasting because there is in them that which cannot die, **being of the nature of God**." (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)²⁰

This emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, its "way of Jesus," and its new way of "being" all come down to sharing in the very "Being" of "God."

"The teaching of Christ is not obsolete and out of date. It needs only to be rescued from the interpretations of the theologies of the past, and taken at its simple face value, which is an expression of the divinity of man, of his participation in the kingdom which is in process of being brought into recognition, and of his immortality as a citizen of that kingdom. What we are in reality passing through is 'a religious initiation into **the mysteries of Being**,' ... and from that we shall emerge with a deepened sense of **God immanent in ourselves and in all humanity**." (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)²¹

In "reimagining" God as immanent in everyone/everything, there is of course no separation of anything whatsoever. There is only the relationship of everyone/everything sharing in the very "Being" of God. And when everyone/everything is in the "Being" of God, everyone/everything is "Being" God. This is why this emerging faith "reimagines" God as a "verb." In panentheism/Oneness, "God" is "Being" (verb) but not a "Being" (noun). And since today's *shifting, moving, changing* Christianity wants a likeminded *shifting, moving, changing* "God," the verb that conveniently wants nothing from man but "participation" in its *being* is supplanting the noun that wants man to believe and obey *what is*.

Nevertheless, despite all the scripture twisting and the "knowing" and imagining of man "verifying" it all as "real" and "true," God is not immanent in—One with—His creation and neither is man "of the nature of God."

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"... verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah." (Psalm 39:5)

"But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man." (John 2:24-25)

Jesus, being God and the Creator of man (e.g., see John 1:1-3, 10), knew that "what was in man" was *not* God! If God was immanent in man as man's "true self"—i.e., as the "Reality" of "who we really are" as Satan's realm teaches—then man's *best state* would not be *vanity*. Yet the emerging faith of Oneness "reimagines" "God" as immanent so that man "at his best state" does *not* "*come short of the glory of God*" but, rather, is "of the nature of God." Thus, the "true" nature and "Reality" of man is seen as *divine*, as well as *truth, light, goodness, love*, etc., due to the "reality" of this *immanence* that places this counterfeit "God" in "the very *substance*" of man's being. Even though the "mysteries of Being" in which man's "true self" is "of the nature of God" is only "who we really are" in Satan's lie of Oneness, this lie is the "Reality" people *want*.

In "Panentheism - Perichoresis - Christology: Participatory Divinity," Morrell also wrote:

"Ultimately, it's all about perichoresis, a five-dollar word for the relationship within the Godhead, expanding to embrace humanity & the cosmos.... [T]he Spirit is our Comforter and **our True Self**, inviting us into the divine fellowship.... And it needn't be so technical – to me, it's all about the Triune relatedness of God as depicted in *The Shack*." (bold added)²²

"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone,

graven by art and man's device." (Acts 17:29)

"Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:12-13)

People who want the freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes are choosing to hearken to the many voices of lies and "reimagined" counterfeits instead of to the true God's Word of truth. They would rather be "positively" affirmed in their revolution against God and the Lord Jesus Christ than be "negatively" reproved and corrected. Thus, they continue to question and then "rethink" and then "reimagine" God's Word, determined to be set free from "rules" of faith and obedience—i.e., "all the things the Scriptures tell us we should do." Sadly, the "relatedness" "as depicted in *The Shack*" clearly indicates that the "prayer" of this story that "reads like a prayer" would be the desperate plea of "please let this book be true, please let it be true that we don't have to believe and obey God and yet can still have a relationship with God, but not with God but with one that we have 'reimagined' into a fashion we are willing to accept so that we don't have to believe and obey God ..."

"... for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me." (Jeremiah 16:12)

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward." (Jeremiah 7:23-24)

**"Chain of command? That sounds ghastly!" --
"We want you to join us in our circle of relationship"**

People are determined to have a relationship with God their own "reimagined" way, and, as a result, more and more people are falling for Satan's lie and his circle of relationship of Oneness. In truth, the "Reality" of "who we really are" is not One with God. There is no *circle* of relationship with God. God is *not* One with man and man is *not* One with God. God's Word of *truth* straightens the Oneness of this *circle* into the *line* it really is. In the light of God's Word, the *true* reality of who we *really* are is the *opposite* of God. Yet in the diabolical lie of Oneness and its circle of relationship to "choose relationship" means to *choose the relationship of bringing these two polar opposites together as One to form a circle of Oneness—O*.

In this *circle* of "relationship" all *separation* between man and God is *automatically* eliminated and man *automatically* becomes his own way to God, however man chooses of course. So, just as *The Shack*'s counterfeit "God" teaches, those who "choose relationship" in this circle of relationship do not need to "*believe*."¹ Neither do they need to obey. Rather, the circle of relationship is all about *sharing* life with its "God" that can be followed however anyone chooses. So, in this circle of relationship, as *The Shack*'s counterfeit "Jesus" teaches:

"Submission is *not* about *authority* and it is *not* *obedience*; it is all about relationships of love and respect. In fact, we are submitted to you in the same way." (emphasis added)

The main character then asks:

"How can that be? Why would the God of the universe want to be submitted to me?"

To which the false "Jesus" answers:

“Because we want you to join us in our circle of relationship. I don’t want slaves to my will; I want brothers and sisters who will share life with me.”²

And as *The Shack*’s false “God” teaches:

“[W]e have no concept of final authority among us, only unity. We are in a *circle* of relationship, not a chain of command ... What you’re seeing here is relationship without any overlay of power.... Hierarchy would make no sense among us.”³

First, neither *authority* nor *obedience* makes one a *slave*! The *true Lord Jesus Christ* was not a *slave* to the *true Father* when He—contrary to the *false “Jesus”* of *The Shack*—“Though he were a Son, yet learned he *obedience* by the things which he suffered,” “and became *obedient* unto death, even the death of the cross,” and said “a body hast thou prepared me ... Lo, *I come to do thy will, O God*” (Hebrews 5:8; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 10:5, 9). Conversely, masquerading spirits, false gods, and false “Jesuses” know nothing of submission to God’s will in obedience. Rather, to them, as *The Shack*’s very false “Jesus” exclaimed:

“Chain of command? That sounds ghastly!”⁴

Second, since *The Shack*’s “God” of untruth wants man “to join” it in its own “circle of relationship,” this counterfeit “God” is teaching that it has neither an “overlay of power” nor “a chain of command” nor “final authority” over man. This is very convenient for those who are resisting *God* being *God*! Again, in the circle of relationship of Oneness it isn’t so much that *relationship* is everything as it is that the *freedom* of the circle of relationship is everything. People want *no line*. More and more people are choosing the relationship of the *circle* because they want freedom from the *line* of God’s truth between *what is* true and false or right and wrong. Those who want to be their own “final authority” and *decide for themselves* what is true or false and right or wrong are simply not willing to accept *the final authority of God*. Shortly following his “That sounds ghastly!” and the previous “We are in a *circle* of relationship, not a chain of command ...” quote, *The Shack*’s false “Jesus” conveniently adds:

“It’s one reason why experiencing *true relationship* is so difficult for you ... Once you have a hierarchy you need rules to protect and administer it, and then you need law and the enforcement of the rules, and you end up with some kind of chain of command or *a system of order* that destroys relationship rather than promotes it.” (emphasis added)⁵

In other words, this “*true relationship*” of the “*circle of relationship*” boils down to freedom from the true God’s power, command, and authority. This is why people question and “rethink” and “reimagine” God’s Word in the first place. Conveniently, this “true relationship” of the “circle of relationship” gives everyone their desired freedom from “rules” so they can therefore do whatever is right in their own eyes. This does indeed eliminate “a system of order”! People just do not want their “true” relationship of freedom destroyed by a “chain of command” or “final authority” or “enforcement of the rules” or “law” or even “a system of order.” It’s no wonder that warnings are scorned as the “negative” promotion of “fear” by the “doctrine police”! As mentioned earlier, *the duty of the police is to uphold the laws of a higher authority based on a “literal interpretation” of the laws*. And, along with the rest of the world, people in today’s shifting Christianity are openly pursuing freedom from the *authority* of God as well as from the *literal* truth of God’s Word.

“The New Spirituality is a civil rights movement for the soul, freeing humanity at last from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God....

“We must choose between ancient myths, age-old cultural stories, and outdated theologies, or new truths, greater wisdoms, and grander visions of a God and a World united, expressing as One, projecting the glory of Life itself *into* life itself, and producing the possibility, at last, of a New Way of Life for All Humanity.” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁶

And what is this new way of life that man is hell-bent on producing in its desire for freedom from God? *Self-Rule*.

“Now comes a new revelation.... It’s the song of the soul.

“4. The One Ruler’s One Rule is Self-Rule.

“This is the antithesis of everything that the world’s largest religions teach....

“There are those who say that putting oneself in the role of self-ruler—that is, in the role of God—is the worst insult to God. It’s aggrandizement. It’s ego run amok. It’s the highest arrogance and the lowest blow. Human beings are *not* to attempt to rule themselves, but are to submit to *God’s* rule....

“Yet it is important for thinking people to ask, What if it *were* true? What if God gave humans the power and the authority to rule over themselves, without any other power above them?” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁷

“Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken literally.” (Neale Donald Walsch)⁸

Naturally, no one who wants freedom from rules, requirements, and expectations—from *anything* the true God wants us to do—would make such a serious suggestion. Rather, people today want to be their own authority and believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes. When God’s Word is taken literally it becomes perfectly clear that there is such a thing as absolute truth that is to be *believed* and *obeyed* and that there is no such thing as man’s desired freedom of Self-Rule. So *of course* those who are shifting to darkness on purpose won’t suggest taking *God’s* Word *literally*! They *are*, however, taking the word of seducing spirits literally. After all, seducing spirits are adept at scratching itching ears, and today’s ears are positively itching for teachings that bring freedom from the truth and authority of God and His Word.

“[T]he Creator does not *rule*, but merely creates, creates—and keeps on creating.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁹

“Who sets the guidelines? Who makes the rules?

“I tell you this: *You* are your own rule-maker.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹⁰

“The answer is: you have *no* obligation. Neither in relationship, nor in all of life.... *No* obligation. Nor any restriction or limitation, nor any guidelines or rules. Nor are you bound by any circumstances or situations, nor constrained by any code or law. Nor are you punishable for any offense, nor *capable* of any—for there is no such thing as being ‘offensive’ in the eyes of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹¹

Although this answer is remarkably similar to the teachings of *The Shack*’s false “God” and “Jesus,” the *truth* is given by the Lord Jesus Christ:

“He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity ... Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” (Matthew 13:37-41, 43)

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

Even so, the truth is too “negative” and “judgmental” for those in this emerging faith who prefer to be “positive” that the “reimagined” “God” of Oneness that is all “love” and no judgment will let them freely *decide for themselves* whatever they want to believe and do without consequence.

“Humans will understand that their will is truly *free*. They’ll know that God will never cause them to suffer dire consequences in the Afterlife for making one choice over another in life....

“A new definition of ‘freedom’ will be created, one that reflects what the word was always intended to mean—the complete and total lack of limitations of any kind.” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹²

“No one, and nothing, is limited in God’s kingdom. And love knows nothing but freedom. Nor does the soul. Nor does God. And these words are all interchangeable. Love. Freedom. Soul. God. All carry aspects of the other. All *are* the other.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹³

In this emerging faith of Oneness, *love is freedom and freedom is love*. So, naturally, *the truth* isn't "loving." The truth automatically causes the circle of Oneness—which is also referred to as a "circle of love"—to come undone. As mentioned earlier, the truth automatically *separates* and *divides* the *circle*—O—into an undone circle that is a *line of polar opposites* that divides what is true and false, right and wrong. Thus the truth automatically undoes the "Love" ("Freedom") of Oneness.

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." (Philippians 1:9-10)

Again, the only "rule" in Oneness is that the circle of Oneness is not allowed to be separated into a line that divides. So although exercising sound judgment used to be considered a desirable trait, not any more. Now, an "unloving," "judgmental" breaking of the "rule" by speaking the truth—by drawing a line that divides true and false or right and wrong—just isn't tolerated by the growing number of people who openly want the freedom to exercise no judgment. Rather than obediently judging/discerning what is *true* and *right* in order to *believe* and *obey*, people today—in both the world and today's shifting Christianity—just want to be affirmed by both man and God in whatever they choose to believe and do. That is, they want God to *affirm* and *submit* to man's *Self-Rule*! Think about it.

Despite all the "humble" "reimaginings" to the contrary in this emerging faith of astronomical pride, *God bows the knee in submission to no one*. And allowing people to believe otherwise is *not love* (in its *true* definition). Neither is it the love of *God* nor the work of *God* to pave the road to hell with "love." But then, for those who want to be affirmed in their *Self-Rule*—i.e., in their unwillingness to believe and obey *God*—there is conveniently no hell in the circle of Oneness which is centered around *man*, not *God* as is vainly imagined.

"That place of Oneness is heaven.

"You are there now.

"You are never *not* there, because you are never *not* One with Me....

"And here is My message, the message I would seek to leave with the world:

"My Children, who art in Heaven, hallowed is your name. Your kingdom is come, and your will is done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

"You are given this day your daily bread, and you are forgiven your debts, and your trespasses, exactly to the degree that you have forgiven those who trespass against you.

"Lead your Self not into temptation, but deliver your Self from the evils you have created.

"For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever.

"Amen.

"And amen.

"Go now, and change your world. Go now, and be your Highest Self." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")¹⁴

Although a grievous abomination of the worst kind, this message is the very essence of the shift that is taking place and of the emerging faith of Oneness itself. It is also the very essence of Satan's lie—"ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." It is what man's desired freedom from having to believe and obey *God* boils down to. But those in this emerging faith who have deceived themselves into imagining that to believe and obey *God's Word* is *manmade* "legalism"—and thus not of *God*—don't see it that way.

At any rate, that people now absurdly believe that man's imagination is truth and that a fictitious black woman is in truth "God the Father"—not to mention that a fictitious Asian woman is in truth "the Holy Spirit"—actually puts this *all* in perspective. *Without question*, those who prefer today's new way of thinking will indeed find *God's Word* to be "a stumbling block in the way."

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Having rejected *the truth of God*, man is absurdly seeking refuge from God and His Word in the only place left—in *lies and falsehood* (“reimaginings”):

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? ... For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little ... This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men ... Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.” (Isaiah 28:9-17)

Incidentally, there is obviously no corner in a circle. There is no corner stone in the circle of Oneness or its “circle of relationship.” So, although for many reasons this is already clear, in this “true relationship” of the “circle of relationship” there is no relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore no relationship with God.

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

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:6-8)

“The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.” (Psalm 118:22)

Those who are building the circle of relationship of Oneness are automatically disallowing/refusing the corner stone. A corner stone obviously has *no place* in a circle—O—and this is doubly so since in a circle everyone becomes their own way to God. In this circle of relationship, both the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation are nonessential and irrelevant.

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:10-12)

“Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?” (Matthew 21:42)

Those who are dancing around looking for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room will not find the corner stone in the darkness of the circle of Oneness. In this circle of relationship all they will find is a counterfeit—“another Jesus.” The Lord Jesus Christ—the truth, the corner stone, the head of the corner—is neither in this circle nor its relationship. It is all simply one big harmonious refuge of lies and falsehood. Building this circle of relationship of Oneness is not the work of God. It is not “the Lord’s doing.” Rather, it is the work of Satan, the counterfeit “god of this world,” and this work began in the Garden of Eden with Satan’s first lie to man.

Along with there being no corner and thus no corner stone in a circle, there is also no hierarchy in a circle. As *The Shack*’s false “God” teaches, “Hierarchy would make no sense among us.”¹⁵ Naturally hierarchy makes no sense in a circle. Rather, in Oneness and its circle of relationship everyone and everything are rendered *equals* of “God”—without an “overlay of power,” “chain of command,” or “final authority.”

The world is in for quite a terrifying shock when it learns the unthinkable and unreimaginable truth that *the true God does indeed have absolute power and authority over man* and that *man's imagination has absolutely no power whatsoever over the true God*. There is a "chain of command," and God's command is only "ghastly" to those who are not willing to obey Him.

"... O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?" (2 Chronicles 20:6)

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17)

"Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.... He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah." (Psalm 66:3, 7)

Instead of giving heed to God's Word, people are giving heed to counterfeits that affirm their desire for freedom from the rule of God. And, conveniently affirming their rebellion, the popular counterfeit "Jesus" of *The Shack* teaches that "Submission is **not about authority** and it is **not obedience**," but, rather, "it is all about relationships"¹⁶ in which:

*"As the crowning glory of Creation, you were made in our image, **unencumbered by structure** and **free to simply 'be'** in relationship with me and one another." (emphasis added)¹⁷*

It used to be obvious in Christianity that being made in the image of the *true* God does *not* mean being given freedom from having to believe and obey God! Not any more. In the "circle of relationship" people are free to simply "be" in relationship with their "reimagined" "God" however they choose, conveniently unencumbered by the structure of a "chain of command" in which God's final authority delineates between right and wrong, true and false. Thus, in this circle of freedom that spurns "a system of order," people are free to "be" their own "final authority."

This unencumbered freedom to simply "be" is neither what it means to be made in the image of God nor "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29). Rather, it is to be conformed to the image of the rebellious spirit world that was cast out of heaven for refusing to obediently submit to the rule of God. It is to become the "crowning glory" of what Satan and his minions have been working to create ever since his first lie to man, which began his circle of relationship of man's "Oneness" with God. And, contrary to man's seduced "reimaginings," this *unencumbered freedom to simply "be"* is neither a "true relationship" nor a "right relationship" with God but, rather, is the *same* lie that "ye shall be as gods." It is the *same* determination of Satan who said, "I will be like the most High." Satan, who no doubt also saw it as "ghastly," didn't like the "chain of command," either.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell ..." (Isaiah 14:12-15)

"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

"Yea, hath God said ...?" (Genesis 3:1b)

"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." (Genesis 3:4-5)

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:7)

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes ..." (Proverbs 12:15)

“... thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.” (Deuteronomy 13:18)

Yes, there is a “chain of command.”

PART FOUR: THE TRANSFORMATION

“What if we were to think connectness rather than correctness?”

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

Sadly, it has become quite obvious that the time has already come. Openly preferring the fables of man’s imagination to the doctrinal truth of God’s Word, today’s shifting Christianity is *heaping* to itself teachers to scratch its itching ears. People are choosing to be led in “a way that seemeth right unto a man” rather than in the way that is right unto God as set forth by God in the Word of God.

In Leonard Sweet’s 2009 book, *So Beautiful: Divine Design for Life and the Church*, which, sadly, is just as anti-truth, anti-God, anti-Christ as everything else that caters to today’s epidemic of itching ears, this “[r]enowned professor and theologian”¹—who has worked for “years as a mentor to pastors”² and “is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, state conventions, pastors’ schools, retreats”³ as well as “a consultant to many denominational leaders and agencies”⁴—asks a question that effectively sums up the new way of thinking:

“What if we were to think connectness rather than correctness?”⁵

In today’s emerging paradigm/faith, “*relationship*, not *believing* is central,” so *connectness* is naturally replacing *correctness*. The two go hand in hand. Since the correctness of the truth of God’s Word is a “stumbling block in the way” of today’s desired connectness, these connections are thus held together not by *correct* truth but by man’s “*reimagined*” “truth.” But, naturally, the latter is not seen as *incorrect* in today’s preferred “light” of darkness.

Even so, when connectness is *instead of* correctness the *connectness* thus becomes *incorrectness*. *Incorrectness* is not truth but *error*. But of course the circle of Oneness that connects opposites also brings incorrectness and correctness together as one into a relationship that then becomes a new and “reimagined” “correctness.” This way those who prefer to “think connectness *rather than correctness*” can see the incorrectness of this connectness as “correctness” and not error, especially since this *incorrectness* is their new and “reimagined” “truth.” And lest anyone see this new “truth” as *incorrect* or as *error*, it is conveniently claimed that truth is to be *conceived* rather than *believed*. Nevertheless, *error* is only “truth” in man’s imagination where this new incorrect “truth” is conceived in the first place.

“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:14-16)

“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.” (2 Peter 3:17)

“The meaning of Christianity does not come from allegiance to complex theological doctrines but a passionate love for a way of living in the world that revolves around following Jesus, who taught that love is what makes life a success ... Only love. The main theme in the preaching of Jesus was that life with the Father was all about love ... that we do not worship a God who punishes us for evil and rewards us for good....

“Propositionalists want you to fall in line. Relationalists want you to fall in love. Christians aren’t people who follow Christianity. Christians are people who follow and fall in love with Christ....

“We were put here to ‘glorify God and enjoy him forever.’ In other words, we were not put here to ‘do the right thing’ but to be in a ‘right relationship’ with God. We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to conceive beauty, truth, and goodness. We were not put here to ‘take a stand’ but to walk in the light for the greater glory of God. Biblical truth doesn’t feast on fact. It feasts on relationship and revelation, which is why eternal truth is better communicated by the fictions of parables and narratives than the facts of science and philosophy.” (Leonard Sweet; 2nd ellipsis dots in the original)⁶

*“Because that, when they knew God, **they glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, ... Who **changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 1:21-23, 25)*

*“My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and **meddle not with them that are given to change**: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?” (Proverbs 24:21-22)*

Sadly, many are resisting God being *God* and resisting the Word of God being *God’s Word of truth*. People today simply do not want an “overlay of power,” “chain of command,” or “final authority.” Rather, they want the *unencumbered* freedom “to simply ‘be’ in relationship,” however they choose, of course.

Although unscriptural enough in itself, Sweet’s previous quote is only the tip of the iceberg of his false teachings. And even though it all once would have been obvious, *everything is changing* as more and more people *purposely* shift to darkness and incorrectness—i.e., as they *purposely* cover their eyes and ears to the light of God’s Word of absolute truth and correctness.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ... And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.” (Hosea 4:6, 9)

“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.” (Isaiah 13:11)

“MRI theology is the only theology worth bothering with”

In *So Beautiful*, Sweet introduces what he calls “a So Beautiful or MRI church where ‘M’ = Missional, ‘R’ = Relational, and ‘I’ = Incarnational.”¹ Asserting that his book “explores the secret of life,”² he writes:

“The First Secret of Life is ... Missional.

“The Second Secret of Life is ... Relational.

“The Third Secret of Life is ... Incarnational.” (ellipsis dots in the original)³

Unabashedly claiming that his:

“MRI theology is the only theology worth bothering with because it is the strategic operating command center of Christianity and because it embraces and employs the whole theater of faith: the marks of mission, the arts of relationship, the arts of incarnation.

“MRI is how it was ‘in the beginning.’”⁴

Sweet then equates his MRI theology to the way, the truth, and the life, joining Marcus Borg and the many others who are “reimagining” John 14:6 according to the emerging paradigm/faith and its new way of thinking and “seeing” and

“knowing”:

“I then realized that it appears in biblical form in Jesus’ understanding of himself as ‘The Way, The Truth, The Life,’
...

“la Via: Way is Missional

“la Verita: Truth is Relational

“la Vita: Life is Incarnational

“But you don’t live these serially. You live the Way-Truth-Life simultaneously.”⁵

“Each one of ‘these three’ is something we do. But most importantly, it is something we are....

“Missional ... is living a life born in the very being of God....

“Relationships are what faith is....

“Incarnation ... is how the church lives.”⁶

The way, the truth, and the life are not “Jesus’ understanding of himself” but *the truth of Who He is*, and He, being God, *knew* this. The Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth, and the Lord Jesus Christ is the life. We don’t “live the Way-Truth-Life” any more than we *live* the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet this is exactly what people are trying to do in replacing *believing* and *obeying* the Lord Jesus Christ with *being* and *doing* Jesus Christ and God. They are *not* the same thing! Even so, today’s shifting Christianity is bound and determined to replace *nouns*—the *words* of God’s *Word of truth* and its message/Gospel/doctrine/truth of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He did for us—with *verbs* to replace *believing* with *being*. Although the claims are therefore absurdly to the contrary, *true Christianity does* have an *eternal truth, message, and doctrine*—found in the *words* of God’s *Word of truth*—that must be *believed* to have an *eternal relationship* with the *true Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“la Verita: Truth is Relational” (Leonard Sweet)⁷

“This relational strand is ... the understanding of truth as a person, not a principle.... Christianity is *not* a ‘respectable’ world religion because ‘respectable’ religions offer eternal verities, messages, and doctrines, not relationships.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in **the doctrine of Christ**, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

“... God is defragging the church and rebooting it with the original Operating System. MRI is the original operating system of the Christian faith. MRI is the operating software on which human life and faith were designed to run: Version 1.0 is known as the First Testament; Version 2.0 is known as the New Testament; Version 3.0 is the Third Testament, the Gospel According to ... you.” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original)⁹

“For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is **the power of God** unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

“For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved **it is the power of God**.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

“It’s not so much that there is a missionary message to the Bible as it is that the Bible is *mission*. To be sure, the MRI paradigm is a shift ...” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁰

“One of the most serious thought-crimes for a Christian is **the confusion of ‘faith’ with ‘belief,’** or to call someone who follows Jesus a ‘believer,’ ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹¹

“Even though the word itself is an adjective, **missional is all about verbs, not nouns** ...

“The incarnation is all about God’s drama of ‘doing God,’ God’s drama of love.... God did God. God lived in our midst and loved us and invited us to ‘**do God**’ along with him....

“My translation of ‘Go Make Disciples’ is ‘Go Do Me.’ Is this not the second-best **mission** statement in the Bible: ‘**Go Do Me**’?... To ‘Go Do Me,’ to ‘**doing God**’ by doing good, I must be simultaneously seeing, following, and **being Christ**. I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. I only have my life....

“Jesus says, ‘**Go Do Me.**’ **Go be Jesus.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹²

“The so-beautiful paradox of the MRI life is that in **being Jesus** we find Jesus.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

No, those in this emerging faith only find what they want to believe is their “true self.”

“Don’t be like Jesus. Let Jesus be himself in you, making you into **your true self**. Don’t be an ‘imitator.’ **Be the real deal.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁴

“Each one of us is free to **become Jesus**, a living truth, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

“I know this word *channeling* has the smell of new-age sewage.... What else do you call it but channeling when the Jesus who is of one substance with the Father wants to be of **one substance** with every human being?” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹⁶

First, throughout Sweet’s teachings there is a whole lot more than just the use of the word “channeling” that “has the smell of new-age sewage.” Yet in today’s shifting Christianity—in which the teachings of the New Age, its counterfeit “Christianity,” and its New Spirituality have been increasingly embraced—many New Age (New Spirituality) teachings are now absurdly imagined to be “authentic Christianity.” Still, this is to be expected when it is also absurdly imagined that the *very New Age* “God” of Oneness that is *immanent* in everyone and everything is the “*Christian* God.” And since this panentheistic “God” is immanent “in the very substance” of all creation, it naturally follows if people in this emerging faith also come to believe that “Jesus” wants to be “of one substance” with everyone and they “become Jesus.”

“Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family. . . . This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation. . . . But a spirituality that is not in some way entheistic (whether pan- or trans-), that does not extend to the spirit-matter of the cosmos, is not Christian.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original)¹⁷

Second, contrary to today’s incredibly unscriptural imaginations, neither the *true* Jesus Christ nor the *true* God ever say or do anything that contradicts their Word of absolute truth. Nor do they ever replace their eternal Word of truth with man and his imaginations! In other words, man and his imaginations will never be exalted by *God* above God’s own Word of truth that God has magnified above even His own name. To the contrary, man’s emerging Wordless faith of Oneness/panentheism—a faith that comes by *relationship* rather than by *the Word of God*—does indeed exalt man and his imaginations above God and His Word of truth. And therefore this emerging faith in which *relationship*, not *believing*, and likewise *connectness*, not *correctness*, are central is about *conceiving* “truth” rather than *believing* truth. It *all* goes hand in hand.

“I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.” (Psalm 138:2)

“Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.” (Psalm 119:160)

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

“What if we were to think connectness rather than correctness?” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁸

"The Bible doesn't make 'truth claims.' The Bible unveils truth power and manifests truth relationships." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁹

"The main theme in the preaching of Jesus was that life with the Father was **all about love** ... that we do not worship a God who punishes us for evil and rewards us for good." (Leonard Sweet; ellipsis dots in the original; bold added)²⁰

"**We were not put here to 'keep commandments'** but to **conceive** beauty, **truth**, and goodness." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

*"He that saith, I know him, and **keepeth not his commandments**, is a liar, and **the truth is not in him**. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."* (1 John 2:4-5)

"If ye love me, keep my commandments.... He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:15, 21)

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." (1 John 5:3)

*"And **this is his commandment, That we should believe** on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."* (1 John 3:23)

Clearly, His commandments are too grievous for today's shifting Christianity. More and more people are stumbling over just being told they need to *believe*. People today want the freedom to think *outside* the "box" of God's Word of truth so they can *imagine—conceive—"truth"* in a fashion that they are willing to accept. And *believing* the *absolute truth* of God's Word—not to mention merely *believing* that we are indeed to *believe*—clearly defeats this purpose.

"**One of the most serious thought-crimes** for a Christian is **the confusion of 'faith' with 'belief,'** or to call someone who follows Jesus a 'believer,' ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

*"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of **God**, that ye **believe** on him whom he hath sent."* (John 6:29)

*"And they said, **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house."* (Acts 16:31-32)

*"And **believers** were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."* (Acts 5:14)

*"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by **faith** of Jesus Christ might be given to them that **believe**."* (Galatians 3:22)

*"Who by him do **believe** in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your **faith** and hope might be in God."* (1 Peter 1:21)

*"... he that **believeth** not God hath made him a liar; because he **believeth** not the record that God gave of his Son."* (1 John 5:10)

*"For what if some did not **believe**? shall their unbelief make **the faith** of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar ..."* (Romans 3:3-4)

"[T]he first of these meanings of faith, which sees **faith as belief**, ... **has significantly distorted the meaning of faith** and the Christian life....

"This is faith as belief, as believing that something is the case, **as believing something to be true**. This is faith **as giving one's mental assent to a proposition** to a claim or a statement. Hence, this is often called a propositional understanding of faith....

"Thus, faith began to mean **believing the right things**." (Marcus Borg, "Faith, Not Belief;" emphasis added)²³

“Truth is not something you assent to, not something you think ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁴

“The love of God lies **not in our propositions and beliefs** ... Jesus invited us into a sacramental relationship, **not into propositional acquiescence.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)²⁵

“Jesus didn’t leave us any writings ... Jesus left us with one thing: himself, in the form of his body, a community that shares stories of healing and love.... **This difference in how and where we encounter the sacred—in propositions or in relations—is fundamental....**

“For the Christian, **propositionalism is a form of atheism: to define faith in terms of formulations and affirmations you can tie down** rather than living relationships and lifelong encounters you can trust.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁶

“Whenever Christian faith is identified with **believing particular doctrines phrased in precise ways**, something has gone **wrong**....

“In short, the original meanings of the English words **believe and believing are relational.... They don’t even mean believing divinely revealed propositions to be true.**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)²⁷

“The truth of thought is not dependent on its source: It’s **the same truth** whether from **the mouth of Jesus or the ass of Balaam**. Truth as words is **no different** whether from **the utterances of Paul or the udders of a cow. It matters not.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁸

Absolutely unbelievable.

Sadly, these popular theologians are by *no means* the only leaders who are on a mission to pry the fingers of today’s Christianity from God’s Word of absolute truth. *Many* are determined to remove this *linear* “stumbling block” to the *circle* of relationship of today’s emerging faith of Oneness, in which the *incorrectness* of a *Wordless* faith—i.e., of an *absolute truth-less* faith—is required for the circle’s connectness/Oneness to even exist. Thus, today’s Christianity is being led to purposely separate from *the words* of God’s Word so that the truth and faith of God’s Word can be “reimagined” as an empty shell, to be filled with the diverse imaginings of a relational and subjective “Gospel According to ... you.”

This desire to think outside the “box” of God’s Word is even being “justified” by claiming that this shift is all about the Person of Jesus. Sounds good, right? Again, people today may know enough to *sound* Christian, but an increasing number no longer know enough to *believe* Christian—i.e., the faith of God’s Word. And according to God’s Word we must abide “*in the doctrine of Christ*”—which is the opposite of going *outside* God’s Word—to even *have* the true *Person of the Lord Jesus Christ* (e.g., 2 John 1:9).

It all comes down to either taking God at His Word or making God out to be a liar. Believe it or not, God knows more than man does about what is truth, how to have a relationship with Him, and whether or not we are to believe. And God knows how to record the truth of Who He is in words. Yes, words. Those dreaded nouns of truth and doctrine (“propositions”) that expect to be *believed* as *what is*. Those dreaded words of truth that are “a stumbling block in the way” of today’s desired all-encompassing relationship of Oneness in which it must not matter what anyone *believes*. Choosing to “think connectness rather than correctness” is clearly an attempt to remove this “stumbling block” of absolute truth that has been recorded by *God* in *words*.

“God cannot be put into words, God cannot be reduced to a proposition. Truth is in the recognition not the cognition. Or more precisely, Truth is in the transformation of existence after having recognized Jesus.” (Leonard Sweet)²⁹

There is no *recognition* without the *cognition* first. People today are clearly bound and determined to turn the light off to look for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room. But, of course, this is to be expected in today’s emerging Wordless faith.

“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy

"Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." (Titus 1:9)

*"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ... I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For **I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.... Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**." (John 17:1, 6-8, 17)*

"Jesus said unto them, ... He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:42, 47)

"Jesus never once mentions religion or orthodox theology, nor does he outline certain religious 'beliefs' and 'precepts' by which we will be judged. He outlines actions by which we will be judged, but not propositions and creeds." (Leonard Sweet)³⁰

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:44, 46-48)

"And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not." (John 5:38)

"What if we were to think connectness rather than correctness?" (Leonard Sweet)³¹

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

"The love of God lies not in our propositions and beliefs but in our relationships and behavior: who we love and how we act....

"The meaning of Christianity does not come from allegiance to complex theological doctrines but a passionate love for a way of living in the world that revolves around following Jesus ..." (Leonard Sweet)³²

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:21-23)

"The Bible doesn't make 'truth claims.' The Bible unveils truth power and manifests truth relationships." (Leonard Sweet)³³

"Biblical truth doesn't feast on fact." (Leonard Sweet)³⁴

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

"But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.... This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth." (Jeremiah 7:24, 28)

"How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jeremiah 8:8-9)

It is absolutely unbelievable that more and more people today think that making both God and His Son out to be liars and seeing no need to believe and obey either one of them is actually “love” for them; is “glorifying” to God; is a “right relationship” with them; is how we are to “follow” Jesus; and is how we are to bring those in other religions into “relationship” with them! Today’s shifting Christianity has been working so hard to avoid *understanding* God’s Word that it has succeeded. This is *plainly* evident in its shift to *darkness*.

Thus, in the midst of today’s epidemics of scriptural illiteracy, light intolerance, and itching ears, Sweet is a “[r]enowned professor and theologian”³⁵ who has been voted “One of the 50 Most Influential Christians in America;”³⁶ “serves as a consultant to many of America’s denominational leaders and agencies;”³⁷ has been praised as “One of the church’s most important and provocative thinkers;”³⁸ “is increasingly being asked to lecture around the world;”³⁹ has worked for “years as a mentor to pastors;”⁴⁰ has worked with Rick Warren in different aspects of church leadership;⁴¹ “is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, state conventions, pastors’ schools, retreats;”⁴² has been chosen to be the “Chief Writer” of Sermons.com (a website whose very existence is a sign of the spiritual times in and of itself)—and actually praised by Sermons.com as “one of the most prominent writers of our generation and his insights into Scripture and its relationship to current events will add credibility and spontaneity to the sermon writing process.”⁴³ This “credibility” is only with the pastors, leaders, congregants, and others who likewise prefer “to think connectness *rather than correctness*” in today’s *massive* shift to darkness. The light of God’s Word exposes his teachings for what they are. But then, it is this light that is the very reason today’s shift to darkness is taking place.

“Christians aren’t people who follow Christianity”

In today’s determination to “reimagine” *faith* as a *relationship* that bypasses believing the Word of God, *believing* is even being dismissed as *works*. Yet *God’s Word of truth* is clear that *faith* cannot be separated from *believing* and that *believing* is *not works*. But it is “*the work of God*”:

“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” (John 6:29)

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” (Galatians 2:16)

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” (Romans 4:5)

“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.” (Romans 3:22)

Even though the *righteousness of God Himself* is upon those who *believe*, believing is also being dismissed as *powerless* and *impotent*!

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

“... but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” (Hebrews 4:2)

Moreover, when you think about it, *believing* is relatively impotent, relatively powerless.... Faith as *believing* certain things to be true has very little transformative power....

“We have reduced it [‘the meaning of believing’] and turned it into propositional believing, believing a particular set of statements or claims to be true.” (Marcus Borg)¹

“The more connected the world gets, the more the importance of Christianity getting over its propositional impotence. We must resign from the proposition business and rehire into the people business. It’s time to start flexing faith’s relational muscles and build up a relational theology in which ‘Only Connect’ is the engine room of the theological enterprise ...” (Leonard Sweet)²

“... the English words believe and believing are relational.... They don’t even mean believing divinely revealed propositions to be true.” (Marcus Borg)³

“Our idolatry of propositions¹³ is so severe that we have even made ‘affirmations’ into principles, not people. When you hear the word *affirmation*, you immediately think of an intellectual declaration rather than a relational stance of being ‘beloved on the earth.’ But what it means to be human is not to enunciate affirmations but to be affirmed and receive affirmations.” (Leonard Sweet)⁴

In his endnote # 13 of this previous quote that, along with the others, *clearly* exalts man above God, Sweet quotes Jesuit priest/theologian Gerard Hughes from his book, *God in All Things*:

“A faith that is primarily thought of in terms of **an assent to propositions** can, in fact, be **idolatrous**, whereas true faith is an act of surrender to the living **God**, present **in all people**, in all circumstances, **and in all things**.” (emphasis added)⁵

Incredibly, *believing* is also being dismissed as “*idolatry*.” As stated previously, if it is “*idolatry*” to believe the Word of God then it is “*idolatry*” to believe God! No matter how many people absurdly imagine otherwise, *believing the Word*—assenting to the truth and doctrine (“propositions”)—of the only true and living God is *not* idolatry! Believing the Word of God only becomes “*idolatry*” in this emerging faith of the panentheistic “God” of Oneness *that transcends the diverse theologies and religions*. But believing in this panentheistic “God” that is “in all people ... and in all things” is neither “true faith” nor “surrender to the living God.” Yet conveniently for those who want to be affirmed in their incorrectness, this panentheistic “God” is in everyone regardless of *beliefs*, regardless of *theology*, regardless of *religion*, which is what people today *want*.

Thus, today’s shift from affirming *the correct truth of God and His Son* to affirming *people in their incorrect “truth”*—and likewise today’s shift from the Word of God to the imaginings/fictions/fables of *man*—is all to be expected in this emerging faith of *relational unbelief*. Besides, since the panentheistic “God” of this emerging faith is “in all people ... and in all things,” the only “truth” that is to be affirmed is this “truth” of this *all-encompassing* relationship/Oneness/immanence. And affirming the “truth” of a “God” that is “in all people ... and in all things” is simply a matter of *affirming all people and all things*, which, in turn, is simply a matter of *drawing no line* between true and false or right and wrong. In other words, it is simply a matter of *disaffirming* God’s Word of absolute truth.

“**All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 3:16–4:4)

“We were not put here to ‘take a stand’ but to walk in the light for the greater glory of God. Biblical truth doesn’t feast on fact. It feasts on relationship and revelation, which is why eternal truth is better communicated by the fictions of parables and narratives than the facts of science and philosophy.” (Leonard Sweet)⁶

So, in today’s imaginative way of “rethinking,” *truth* absurdly no longer feasts on *fact* even if it’s “*Biblical truth*,” and “*eternal truth*” is “better communicated” by *fiction* since “*Biblical truth*” “feasts on relationship and revelation.” First, people today obviously *want* a *fictitious* “eternal truth” and *fictitious* “relationship” and *fictitious* “revelation”! But, of course, this is to be expected since this is an emerging faith that is choosing to “think connectness *rather than correctness*” and to affirm people *rather than the literal truth of God’s Word*. Second, with today’s new way of thinking

that both flips the meaning of words upside down and absurdly brings opposites/dualities together with a shared meaning in a circle of Oneness, no doubt the next dictionary to come out, and especially the next theological dictionary, will be a real doozy! It will be a fitting testament to the foolishness of man's "wisdom."

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." (1 Corinthians 3:19a)

Nonetheless, today's desired *fictitiousness* fits right in with the fictitious panentheistic "facts" of science and philosophy that are thus not surprisingly being accepted as "truth" by those who really want to believe that "God" (as well as "Christ") is "in all people ... and in all things." Sweet writes:

"But a spirituality that is not in some way entheistic (whether pan- or trans-), that does not extend to the spirit-matter of the cosmos, is not Christian." (parentheses in the original)⁷

"The ultimate reality of the universe appears to be consciousness, out of which energymatter arises.... God is the Spirit of the universe, the consciousness of the cosmos: its energy, its information, its thought."⁸

"Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family.... This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation."⁹

"Theologian/feminist critic Sallie McFague has argued persuasively for seeing Earth, in a very real sense, as much as a part of the body of Christ as humans.... The world of nature has an identity and purpose apart from human benefit. But we constitute together a cosmic body of Christ."¹⁰

"We exist in both particle and wave forms.... But even when we are in particular form, we are still waves that are connected to everyone and everything. Even when we take 'incarnational' form, we are still part of one holy, catholic, apostolic church....

"All of divine creation and human creativity will be both one and many."¹¹

"The purpose of the church is to give form to, to put into form and shape, the energymatter known as Jesus Christ. New Light leaders, therefore, are in-formational connectors helping the body of Christ to become an in-formed church, an in-formational community."¹²

"But the incarnation blows the distinction between the sacred and the secular out of the water."¹³

"In fact, the incarnation brought all dualities together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the 'out there' and the 'in here.'"¹⁴

It is panentheistically "reimagining" "God" as *in everyone and everything*—i.e., "in the very substance of creation"—that results in imagining a *spirit-matter* nature of the "cosmos;" a *consciousness* of the "cosmos;" a *divine* creation; a "*cosmic*" body of "Christ" that is both *nature* and humans; a connection to *everyone and everything*; a *non-distinction* between sacred and secular; a bringing together of all *dualities*; and so on. None of this is found in the truth and faith of God's Word, which of course is irrelevant in this emerging Wordless faith of "scientific" fictitiousness. Besides, anyone who imagines an all-encompassing "cosmic body of Christ"/"church" that "put[s] into form and shape, the energymatter known as Jesus Christ" will especially see it as irrelevant to follow the *words of God's Word!*

"Jesus didn't leave us any writings ... Jesus left us with one thing: himself, in the form of his body, a community that shares stories of healing and love.... This difference in how and where we encounter the sacred—in propositions or in relations—is fundamental....

"For the Christian, propositionalism is a form of atheism: to define faith in terms of formulations and affirmations you can tie down rather than living relationships and lifelong encounters you can trust." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁵

"God cannot be put into words, God cannot be reduced to a proposition. Truth is in the recognition not the cognition. Or more precisely, Truth is in the transformation of existence after having recognized Jesus." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁶

“Christians aren’t people who follow Christianity. Christians are people who follow and fall in love with Christ.” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁷

There is a lot of talk today about love – loving God, loving Jesus, loving Christ. But *which* God, *which* Jesus, *which* Christ are people loving? Giving a whole new meaning to “love is blind,” more and more people are blindly falling in love with “other gods,” “another Jesus,” and “false Christs” that God’s Word of “irrelevant” and “outdated” *correct* truth clearly warns about. And the “God,” “Jesus,” and “Christ” of the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism are as false as it gets.

The immanent “Christ” of this emerging faith is *not* the Christ of Christianity but the “Cosmic Christ” and “Christ consciousness” of the New Age.

“This is the doctrine of the At-one-ment; God, immanent in the universe - **the cosmic Christ**. God, immanent in humanity, revealed through the historical Christ. God, immanent in the individual, the indwelling Christ, the soul.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁸

“The world of nature has an identity and purpose apart from human benefit. But we constitute together a **cosmic body of Christ**....

“Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family.... This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“When, therefore, sight has been attained and the light streams forth, revelation of the oneness of all life is a simple and immediate occurrence ...

“To disciples and initiates the call goes out to reveal to the world ... the nature of **the Christ consciousness** which knows no separation, which recognizes, all men everywhere as Sons of God in process of expression. This is all desired because of the need to emphasize the all-inclusive approach of divinity to humanity.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁰

“When **the consciousness which is Christ’s** has been awakened in all men, then we shall have peace on earth and goodwill among men.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)²¹

“The New Age movement tells postmodern culture that all people have within them what it takes to get them through life--their mind power, their higher consciousness, their ‘getting in touch with themselves’ is going to do it for them. ‘Wrong!’ ... It is Christ’s power, **the Christ consciousness**, our getting in touch with who Christ is, that is going to do it for us.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

The “Christ consciousness” is “who Christ is” in *the New Age*, not in *Christianity*! But this is irrelevant for those who don’t want to “follow Christianity”—i.e., the *true scriptural Christian faith* as recorded in *God’s Word*. Although Sweet attempts to distance his teachings from the New Age here, not only does the New Age “higher consciousness” *include* “the Christ consciousness,” but “the Christ consciousness” is a *foundational tenet* of the New Age. To attempt to separate this teaching from the New Age is no less absurd than today’s attempt to separate Christ from Jesus. But those who are being seduced into believing that the *New Age* “Christ” is the *Christian* Christ don’t see it that way.

Regarding the New Age immanent “Christ,” which is taught by David Spangler—“a key New Age leader and channeler of spirit-guides”²³—as well as by Leonard Sweet, Warren B. Smith writes in *A “Wonderful” Deception*:

“So while TV psychics, crystal-mania, and Shirley MacLaine caricatures are contrasted to David Spangler and Leonard Sweet’s revised definition of the New Age, the panentheistic doctrine that ‘we are all one’ because Christ is ‘in’ everything remains completely intact. Thus, nothing has really changed. The New Age with its quantum/universal/ Cosmic Christ is still the same heretical spirituality with the same heretical New Age ‘Christ.’ The New Age has just been repackaged for an unsuspecting world and a very undiscerning church. In *Reimagination of the World*, Spangler writes:

“Where is the Christ that is revealing itself and incarnating now? Where is the Christ in nature and in the Earth?...

“With new discoveries in biology and quantum physics, we are seeing more and more what mystics have always seen: the process side of reality, its interconnectedness, its interpenetratingness, its blendedness. Where is the Christ in this expanding worldview?

“The Christ becomes the Cosmic Christ. Just as an advertiser can repackage a product and call it ‘new and improved,’ so the Cosmic Christ repackages the Christ.... The Christ is the Christ is the Christ. That is true whether we view its actions within an individual, a planet, or the cosmos as a whole....

“Therefore, the Cosmic Christ is the Christ that is freed from a particular historical event. It is active throughout the whole range of time. It is active in each of us, whether we are Christians or not, and it holds the promise that we can each be incarnations of the sacred.... It is present within nature. It is the spirit of sacredness within the Earth and within the whole cosmos. It is as present in other faith traditions, including many of those we call pagan, as it is in Christianity ...”²⁴

Where is this New Age all-inclusive, interfaith, immanent “Christ”? It is being ushered into today’s purposely undiscerning Christianity by its leaders. As Smith points out, Sweet refers to Spangler in his book *Quantum Spirituality*, and Sweet even adds, “I am grateful to David Spangler for his help ...”²⁵ Sadly, that David Spangler, or anyone else for that matter, is a channeler of spirit-guides is a nonissue for those in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. In this emerging faith, that which is “*in all people*” is “God,” so a spirit-guide becomes nothing more than the guidance—i.e., direct/mystical/intuitive “knowing”—of the immanent “Spirit” of “God.” And since this “God” is “*in all things*” as well, there’s certainly no need for anyone in this emerging faith to beware of seducing spirits in an evil spirit world, right?

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

In today’s shifting Christianity the many warnings and teachings of God’s Word are purposely going unheeded. When “God” is “in all people” and “in all things,” then all “truth” becomes “God’s truth” and, thus, the *words* of God’s Word of truth become *dispensable* and merely “*changeable*” and “*debatable*” “*metaphor*.”

In this whole process of thinking connectness *rather than correctness*—that is, in this utterly absurd process of purposefully trying to *conceive* an *incorrect, fictitious* “truth” that brings connectness—the imagination of today’s shifting “Christianity” that doesn’t want to “follow Christianity” is becoming more and more absurd and cosmic and pagan. And when all of this absurdity is then imagined to be the “thought”/“energy”/“consciousness”/“information”/“truth” of “God,” it becomes even *more* absurd and cosmic and pagan!

“The ultimate reality of the universe appears to be consciousness, out of which energymatter arises.... God is the Spirit of the universe, the consciousness of the cosmos: its energy, its information, its thought.” (Leonard Sweet)²⁶

“Jesus is God’s most sublime manifestation of energymatter....

“The creative processes of the cosmos were consummated in the Jesus event ... Jesus of Nazareth, the culmination of energymatter, prehended our possibilities in God.” (Leonard Sweet)²⁷

“The purpose of the church is to give form to, to put into form and shape, **the energymatter known as Jesus Christ**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁸

So, in this emerging “scientific” panentheistic faith, “the energymatter known as Jesus Christ”—in addition to being “the culmination of energymatter” and “God’s most sublime manifestation of energymatter”—is the consummation of “the creative processes of the cosmos”! Just a little shift of cosmic proportions from the truth of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is as recorded in God’s Word. Thinking outside the “box” of God’s Word of truth is unarguably outside the “box.” And in the attempt to put God and the Lord Jesus Christ in a “test tube” the unscriptural absurdity never ends.

“All energymatter transformations generate entropy.” (Leonard Sweet)²⁹

“The second law of thermodynamics states that **energymatter decomposes** and, what is more, that the more entropy grows, the less the amount of usable energy. Since the total amount of energy and mass in the universe cannot change,

the entropic consequence of the second law is known as evolution.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁰

Incidentally, the *true* Lord Jesus Christ never has and never will *decompose*, in either His *Spirit* or His *flesh*. Not only does *God* not *decompose*, but there was this little matter of a *resurrection* ...

"Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, ... Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.... Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." (Acts 2:24-25, 27, 30-32)

"And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead ... he hath raised up Jesus again ... And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." (Acts 13:29-30, 33-41)

In today's shifting Christianity, in which it is absurdly seen as "idolatry" to *believe the words* of God's Word of truth, what is decomposing is *faith in the truth* and, consequently, *faith in the true God and Lord Jesus Christ*. Although today's many "reimaginings" of "God"/"Jesus"/"Christ" are incredibly obvious counterfeits, this is what people today *want*. And no doubt the justification will soon be that all of today's diverse "reimaginings" are just the "evolution" of "the energymatter known as Jesus Christ" and of the "energy" known as "God."

“There is no matter without spirit. There is no flesh without word. The height dimension of faith teaches us that without the Word made flesh, there is no Word made power. **In every epoch, however, the Word is made flesh differently. Energymatter is a dynamic process,** a time continuum that interacts with and occupies space. But *Logos* materializes in *Pathos* in forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age.” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)³¹

**“Ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures” are
“‘seeds’ of the divine Word that become enfleshed in Christ”!**

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.... And the Word was made flesh,** and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:1, 14)*

*"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." (1 Timothy 3:16)*

In the light of God's unadulterated written Word of truth, "the Word was made flesh" and "God was manifest in the flesh" *one time and one time only* in the *one and only Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*. Jesus, the Son of God and "the Lord from heaven" (I Corinthians 15:47), was sent by the Father "to be the Saviour of the world" (I John 4:14). So God the Son took on a human body in order to "taste death for every man" as the only perfect and eternal sacrifice for our sins:

*"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; **that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**" (Hebrews 2:9)*

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.... And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrews 9:12, 22)

*"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me** ... Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through **the offering of the body of Jesus Christ** once for all.... But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." (Hebrews 10:4-5, 9-10, 12)*

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5)

Although the term is not found in Scripture, Jesus—God the Son “made flesh” in a human body—has been referred to as God “incarnate.” The term *incarnate* means “made flesh,”¹ and likewise, the term *incarnation* means “act of being made flesh.”² Not surprisingly, these terms have taken on a much broader meaning now that today’s shifting Christianity is trying to “find God” and “relationship” on the broad way. And, of course, in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism these terms ultimately take on as broad of a meaning as it gets. Both its immanent “God” and its immanent “Christ” are “incarnate” *in everyone and everything*.

First, *the Lord Jesus Christ alone* is both the Word “made flesh” and God “manifest in the flesh.” God is neither immanent nor incarnate in any part of His creation. And God’s Word makes it clear that God and the Lord Jesus Christ *only* dwell in believers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers are neither “incarnations” of God nor “incarnations” of Christ nor “of one substance” with Jesus, but a “temple” in whom the Holy Spirit dwells—Who is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Jesus Christ (e.g., 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; Galatians 4:6; Philippians 1:19; 1 Peter 1:11). Believers are neither God in the flesh nor Christ in the flesh nor Jesus in the flesh, and can neither “be Jesus” nor “become Jesus.” We are “*the temple of God*” and He indwells us as a *separate* Being. God was not “one substance” (“One”) with the temple in Old Testament times, and neither is He, nor does He become, “one substance” (“One”) with us now. Neither does the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is God.

But, of course, those in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism don’t see it that way. This emerging faith “reimagines” God as *immanent* in creation—i.e., *in the very substance* of everyone and everything. Absurdly, this immanence/Oneness not only places this “reimagined” “God” *in the very substance* of the trees, gold, silver, brass, precious stones, etc., that were used to make the temple in Old Testament times, but also *in the very substance* of the flesh, blood, cells, DNA, atoms, etc., that make man.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Second, *the Lord Jesus Christ alone* is Christ. The Lord Jesus is not an “incarnation” of Christ. He is the Christ, the only Messiah. The Lord Jesus was sent by God to be the *Messiah*—the *Christ*—the Saviour of the world. No one “incarnates” the Messiah; they either are the Messiah or they are not. And *all* who are not the one and only Person of the Lord Jesus Christ *are not the Messiah*. Likewise, for *all* who are not the one and only Person of the Lord Jesus Christ there is no “being Christ”—being the *Messiah*—to the world, or even at all!

"... We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." (John 1:41)

"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." (1 John 4:14)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ..." (Matthew 28:19-20)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:45-47)

Again, no one “incarnates” the Christ (Messiah); they either are the Christ (Messiah) or they are not. And *all* who are not the one and only Person of the Lord Jesus Christ Who died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead the third day are *not the Christ (Messiah)*. *The Lord Jesus Christ alone* is Christ. *The Lord Jesus Christ alone* is Jesus. *The Lord Jesus Christ alone* is the Word “made flesh” and God “manifest in the flesh.” To believe otherwise is to believe the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, which is both a counterfeit gospel of a counterfeit “Christ” and a counterfeit faith of a counterfeit “God” that are completely powerless to save.

*“For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it **is the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)*

*“For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it **is the power of God**.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)*

The Word was made flesh one time and one time only in the one and only Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Christ is the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He did for us. The *Gospel* is not *made flesh* in *every culture*! Nor is *the Word made flesh differently* in every epoch/age! But people in today’s shifting Christianity, in their eagerness to find a new “truth” and “faith” that they are willing to accept, are becoming “so open to change the old” and “so eager to embrace *the new*”—even from “*pagan cultures*” no less.

“There is no matter without spirit. There is no flesh without word. The height dimension of faith teaches us that without the Word made flesh, there is no Word made power. **In every epoch, however, the Word is made flesh differently....** Logos materializes in Pathos in forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age.” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)³

“Not only did God become incarnate at one time and in one place, thus becoming visible to the earth, but **the gospel gets incarnated in every culture** by design....

“Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to embrace the new, so open to change the old, so free to be creative in its engagement with the world. An incarnational faith is what guarantees generativity, the possibility of every culture to ‘know’ things about God that have never been ‘known’ before....

“Early Christians drew upon **ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures as ‘seeds’ of the divine Word that become enfleshed in Christ and in the church.**” [!] (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴

Absurdly, in this emerging faith not only is the “gospel” incarnated—made flesh—in every culture and “the Word” “made flesh differently” in every epoch, but *Christ is paganism incarnate!* That is, *the Messiah is paganism incarnate!* So, in other words, *paganism is the “form”/“shape” that is “fundamental to” and “revelatory of” our age.* How very fitting for this post-truth age in which man is coming full circle in the culmination of Satan’s lie.

In the never-ending absurdity (to say the very least) of this emerging faith, “the man Christ Jesus” is not the only Word “made flesh.” *Anything* is—including “ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures.” To say that today’s shifting Christianity is “rethinking” and “reimagining” the Messiah—the Christ—is an eternal understatement. Yet today’s off-the-map changes of convoluted absurdity are inevitable when the truth and faith of God’s Word are “reimagined” as *fictitious* truth that is not supposed to be believed.

Not only is today’s shifting Christianity obviously changing its methods *and message* in its purposeful shift to darkness, but it is also changing to “*another gospel*,” “*another spirit*,” “*another Jesus*,” as well as *another “Christ”* and *another*

“God.”

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

“But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.” (Jeremiah 7:24)

“... for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.” (Jeremiah 16:12)

“The word ‘religion’ concerns relationship”

Although the proponents of this emerging faith claim to hold to John 14:6, Jesus is not the way, the truth, and the life in this emerging faith of panentheism/Oneness. Rather, Jesus is separated from being the only Christ—the only Messiah—and becomes merely a pointer to the “way,” the “truth,” and the “life” of the all-encompassing relationship of Oneness. And this “way,” and this “truth,” and this “life” are *each* the universal panentheistic *relationship* of the “God” that is *in everyone and everything*. This *panentheistic* relationship that renders Jesus irrelevant is also referred to as a “*sacramental*” relationship.

“This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of *God in the very substance of creation*. . . . But a spirituality that is not in some way **entheistic** (whether pan- or trans-), that does not extend to the spirit-matter of the cosmos, is not Christian.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹

“I now see that the Christian life is not essentially about beliefs and requirements ... Rather, thinking about God **panentheistically** leads to a *relational* understanding of the Christian life ...” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)²

“The love of God lies not in our propositions and beliefs but in our relationships and behavior: who we love and how we act. Jesus invited us into a **sacramental** *relationship*, not into propositional acquiescence.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to not)³

“The way of seeing and reading the Bible that I describe in the rest of this book [*Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*] leads to a way of being Christian that has very little to do with believing. Instead, what will emerge is a *relational* and **sacramental** understanding of the Christian life.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁴

“In the study of religion, a **sacrament** is commonly defined as a **mediator of the sacred**, a vehicle by which God becomes present, a means through which the Spirit is experienced.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁵

“For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**.” (1 Timothy 2:5)

In this emerging faith, “the man Christ Jesus” is *not* the “one mediator between God and men.” Rather, in addition to replacing Jesus with “the Cosmic Christ” as a mediator, in panentheism/Oneness *anyone and everyone* and *anything and everything* becomes “a mediator” of the “God” that is present in *everyone and everything*. And *anything whatsoever* is a “vehicle” by which this “God”—“the sacred”—is already present. Thus, regardless of whether a person *believes in Jesus*, this panentheistic “God” that is revealed to man in “limitless”—including “pagan”—ways can be found, i.e., “encountered,” *wherever* anyone chooses to look.

“I affirm, along with many others, that the major enduring **religions of the world** are all valid and legitimate. I see them as the responses to **the experience of God** in the various cultures in which each originated.... You could even say **they are all divinely given paths to the sacred**.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁶

"This difference in how and where we **encounter the sacred**—in propositions or **in relations**—is fundamental." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

"Just as physicists cannot understand truth by one model alone ... so one model may not suffice to understand **God** completely.... One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying **the flickers of the sacred in followers of Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

"This More is **named in various ways** by the ['religious'] traditions **as God or spirit or the sacred or the Tao or Allah or Atmen and so forth.**" (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁹

"There is no precise formula for living the Christian life. But while there is more than one way of being a true believer, there is still one way, and that way is Christ.... Once again, theologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: 'It is perfectly consistent to hold both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may **genuinely encounter God** outside the Christian church **without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth.**'" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

"This is who Jesus is for us as Christians.... And we can say 'This is who Jesus is for us' **without also saying 'And God is known only in Jesus.'**" (Marcus Borg)¹¹

*"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in **departing from the living God.**" (Hebrews 3:12)*

*"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve **other gods**, and worship them." (Deuteronomy 11:16)*

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me." (Isaiah 46:9)

"For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens." (Psalm 96:5)

"For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens." (1 Chronicles 16:26)

"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.... They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish." (Jeremiah 10:10-11, 15)

In this emerging faith of panentheism/Oneness, all gods are just different "encounters" of "the same God" so knowing and believing in Jesus is irrelevant. Naturally, *reasoning* with people out of *the Scriptures* thus becomes irrelevant as well. And since the panentheistic *all-encompassing relationship* of the "God" of Oneness is a *universal salvation* that excludes no one from its "Kingdom of God" and "heaven," it is not surprising that "Come, let us *reason* together" is being replaced with "Come, let us *relate* together."

"It is not religion and reason that go together, but religion and relationship that go together. Actually, that's where the word *religion* comes from—*religare*—meaning 'to connect, to bind together.' The future depends **not** on our ability to **'Come, let us reason together'** but 'Come, let us relate together.'" (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹²

There's actually an older word that *religion* comes from—*relegare*—literally meaning to "read again."¹³ Although God's definitions are what matter, it is a very fitting definition. For instance, if people would *read* God's Word *again*—which clearly needs to take place—they would discover that it was *God Himself* Who said:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD ..." (Isaiah 1:18)

Although Sweet's way attempts to bypass God's way, it fits right in with doctrines of devils channeled by Alice Bailey.

"He ['the Christ'] inaugurated the new era and ... the new world religion began to take form. **The word 'religion'**

concerns relationship, and the era of right human relations and of a right relation to the Kingdom of God began.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁴

The increasingly popular *relationship* of today’s emerging Wordless faith—i.e., of today’s emerging *new world religion*—is the all-encompassing relationship of Oneness and its panentheistic “God” that is immanent *in everyone and everything*.

“... ‘having pervaded this entire Universe with a fragment of Himself, He *remains*.’ God is **immanent in** the forms of **all created things**; the glory which shall be revealed is the expression of that **innate divinity** in all its attributes and aspects, its qualities and powers, through the medium of humanity.

“On the fact of God and of **man’s relation to the divine** ... the new world religion will be based.... a fresh orientation to divinity and to the acceptance of the fact of God Transcendent and of God **Immanent within every form of life**.

“These are the foundational truths upon which the world religion of the future will rest.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)¹⁵

“The Eastern faiths have ever emphasized *God immanent* ... The Western faiths have presented *God transcendent* ... Today we have a rapidly growing emphasis upon God **immanent in every human being and in every created form**. Today, we should have the churches presenting a synthesis of these two ideas which have been summed up for us in the statement of Shri Krishna in *The Bhagavad Gita*: ‘**Having pervaded this whole Universe with a fragment of Myself, I remain**’.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)¹⁶

This panentheistic synthesis of transcendence and immanence is the foundation of the new world religion that is emerging in both the world and today’s shifting Christianity. With teachings that relate very well to the above channeled teachings, Sweet writes:

“It is not religion and reason that go together, but **religion and relationship** that go together. Actually, that’s where the word *religion* comes from—*religare*—meaning ‘to connect, **to bind together**.’” (bold added)¹⁷

“**Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation** as well as to other members of the human family. New Light pastors are what Arthur Peacocke calls ‘priests of creation’--earth ministers who can relate the realm of nature to God, who can help nurture **a brother-sister relationship** with the living organism called **Planet Earth**. This entails a radical doctrine of **embodiment of God in the very substance of creation**. *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* (1974) identifies the difference between pantheism and pan-entheism: Pantheism is ‘the belief or theory that God and the universe are identical’; **panentheism is ‘the belief that the Being of God includes and penetrates the whole universe**, so that every part of it exists in Him, but ... that His Being is more than, and is not exhausted by, the Universe.’ New Light spirituality does more than settle for the created order, as many forms of New Age pantheism do. But a spirituality that is not in some way entheistic (whether pan- or trans-), that does not extend to the spirit-matter of the cosmos, is not Christian.” (all parentheses & ellipsis dots in the original; bold added)¹⁸

“**The world of nature** has an identity and purpose apart from **human** benefit. But **we constitute together a cosmic body of Christ**.” (emphasis added)¹⁹

“All of **divine creation** and human creativity will be both one and many.” (emphasis added)²⁰

“The good news is glad tidings of a beautiful new **relationship between humans and the divine**:

“*God so loved the world* ...

“*Christ so redeemed the world* ...

“*The Holy Spirit so pervades the world* ...

“... *That a new world is coming*.

“That’s the GOOD NEWS!” (all ellipsis dots in the original; bold added)²¹

First, as mentioned earlier, although people are determined to distance panentheism from pantheism, both of these pagan cousins teach immanence, and “God in the very substance of creation” is immanence. It is this immanence of “God” *in* creation that renders creation “*divine*” and that gives everyone/everything a spirit-matter Oneness. Despite

the absurd claims to the contrary, this is all *pagan*, not *Christian*. But then, the integration of “*pagan*” customs, ideas, phrases, and metaphors into today’s “authentic Christianity” is absurdly seen not only as “‘seeds’ of the divine Word that become *enfleshed in Christ and in the church*”²² but also as “*genius*”:

“In fact, the genius of authentic Christianity is its ability to integrate ‘pagan customs’ with Christian *faith* and *practice*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²³

The genius of this integration is diabolical and is destroying today’s Christianity from the inside out.

“*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ...*” (Hosea 4:6)

Second, since Sweet says we are to “resign from the proposition business,”²⁴ it is to be expected that his “GOOD NEWS” is left virtually empty. Besides, this way people can also fill in the blanks with “new understandings of who Jesus is” in what he calls “the Third Testament, the Gospel According to ... you.”²⁵ According to Sweet, the “gospel of love” is:

“Jesus loves who and what you are, and wants to inhabit who you are and what you are in such a way that it blesses me, blesses others, and blesses the world with **new understandings of who Jesus is.**” (emphasis added)²⁶

Although Sweet refers to this as “the gospel of love,” this is not the “the gospel of Christ” that “is the power of God unto *salvation* to every one that believeth” (Romans 1:16). Nor is it “*love*” to bypass the *true* Gospel of Christ in shifting from reasoning to relating with those who are *lost*. But then, Sweet’s *own* “new understandings” and teachings fill in the blanks with a whole new dimension to “God so loved the world,” “Christ so redeemed the world,” and “The Holy Spirit so pervades the world” that relates very well with the emerging panentheistic “new world religion” and its own coming “new world” of Oneness. And since no one will be “*lost*” in this emerging *all-encompassing relationship*—i.e., *universal salvation*—of the immanent “God,” what anyone *believes* becomes irrelevant. Thus, what goes in the blanks becomes irrelevant as well.

“When men recognize this and succeed in isolating that inner significant structure of truth which is the same in all climes and in all races, then there will emerge the universal religion, the One Church, and that unified though not uniform approach to God ... **Theologies will disappear into the knowledge of God; doctrines and dogmas will no longer be regarded as necessary**, for faith will be based on experience, and authority will give place to personal appreciation of Reality.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁷

Nonetheless, there is a final authority. And no matter how many people in the emerging faith personally appreciate the “reimagined” “Reality” of a “reimagined” “God” that is in everyone and everything in an all-encompassing relationship, i.e., universal salvation, there is a reason that the *true* God says, “*Come now, and let us reason together*,” and not “Come, let us relate together.” For starters, it has to do with the now commonly disregarded reality of man’s own relationship—precluding *sin*—a word that is increasingly suppressed in today’s shifting Christianity since it also serves as a reminder to *obey*. To be saved from our sins that keep us from a relationship with the *true* God, everyone must first *believe in the Lord Jesus Christ*, and reasoning out of the Scriptures and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ go hand in hand.

“*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*” (Isaiah 1:18)

“*But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*” (Galatians 3:22)

“*To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.*” (Acts 10:43)

“*And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning*

till evening.... And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.” (Acts 28:23, 30-31)

“And Paul, **as his manner was**, went in unto them, and three sabbath days **reasoned with them out of the scriptures**, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.” (Acts 17:2-4)

**“The world waits to hear your message for its salvation.
That message is your life, lived.”**

“My translation of ‘Go Make Disciples’ is ‘Go Do Me.’... Doing the gospel is primary speech; talking about the gospel is secondary speech.... To ‘Go Do Me,’ to ‘doing God’ by doing good, I must be simultaneously seeing, following, and being Christ. I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. I only have my life.” (Leonard Sweet)¹

First, according to God’s Word we are to *teach* and *preach* the Gospel of Christ to people, which obviously means *talking* about the Gospel. Second, despite today’s utterly absurd “reimaginings,” there is no “doing the gospel” because we cannot “do God” or “do Jesus” and “do” a crucifixion and resurrection for the sins of the world! We cannot “be” the Messiah/Christ to the world! Yes, “doing good” is part of *obediently* living the Christian faith, but it is not “the gospel.” Since “the gospel of Christ” is “the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” it is obviously about the eternal and *primary* need of *salvation*.

“But seek ye **first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For **therein** is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that **believe**: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:22-23)

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

“Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.... But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by **the gospel** is **preached** unto you.” (1 Peter 1:23, 25)

Among other things, rethinking “the gospel” into a *verb* that *we* are to do conveniently circumvents the Word of God and its Gospel of Christ—a *noun* that is to be preached and taught and *believed*. Preaching and teaching—i.e., “*talking*”—the Gospel of Christ is *primary* because the *primary* need of man is the *eternal* need of *salvation*. The only “doing” that “makes disciples” and brings people into relationship with God is the Lord Jesus Christ’s “doing” that was *done*—i.e., “*finished*”—2,000 years ago. And apart from *believing* this Gospel of Christ there is no relationship with Christ or becoming a disciple of Christ. This is why *talking* about the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He did, in other words, *reasoning* out of the *Scriptures* with people, is essential so that they can believe in *Him* unto salvation Who *alone* is *being* Christ, the Messiah.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ...” (Matthew 28:19-20)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:47)

“And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” (Acts 10:42-43)

When Jesus had commanded His disciples (apostles) to preach and teach the Gospel to all nations and every creature, they knew that this was *primary*:

“Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.... And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:2-4, 7)

The apostles appointed others to the secondary ministry of serving people’s temporal needs while they stayed with the primary ministry of the Word, and, as a result, the number of disciples multiplied greatly.

Yet today’s Christianity—which is shifting from the faith that comes by the Word of God to the faith that comes by the relationship of Oneness/panentheism—no longer sees the need to tell others the true Gospel of Christ before it’s too late and people end up spending eternity in hell. In this emerging new faith, not only is hell conveniently “reimagined” as not literal but this all-encompassing relationship *universally* takes care of everyone’s need of salvation. Thus, having eliminated all urgency for souls to be saved from death, “Come, let us *reason* together” is being replaced with “Come, let us *relate* together.”

“If we go to someone or someplace to ‘save the lost,’ then we ought to stay home.” (Leonard Sweet)²

“And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, ... For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:9-10)

Instead of coming to *save the lost*, should the Lord Jesus Christ have *stayed home*? Of course, had He chosen to stay in heaven He could have avoided His torturous crucifixion to save us from our sins. And if the apostle Paul had just *stayed home* instead of reasoning with the lost out of the Scriptures, he as well as the other apostles could have avoided having “hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 15:26). If the apostles had simply chosen instead to just relate together with people then they never would have been “made a spectacle unto the world,” viewed as “fools,” “despised” and “defamed,” and “made as the filth of the world” and “the offscouring of all things” (see 1 Corinthians 4:9-10, 13). They could have been like today’s leaders who are beloved the world over, as anyone would be who smothers the light of God’s Word of truth to relate with those who are unwilling to believe and obey.

“The only reason for going anywhere as a follower of Christ is for the purpose of fostering Christ relationship or making disciples.” (Leonard Sweet)³

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“My translation of ‘Go Make Disciples’ is ‘Go Do Me.’... I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. I only have my life.” (Leonard Sweet)⁴

“Recently a student who didn’t like my answer to his question stopped me. ‘But tell me what you believe,’ he demanded. ‘What I believe is absolutely unimportant,’ I said. ‘The only thing that matters is whom I belong to.’” (Leonard Sweet)⁵

Again, the only way for people to become a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and to have a relationship with Him is if they *believe* in Him *according to His Word of truth*. This is why the apostles were willing to hazard their lives to *preach* and *teach* Jesus Christ, *reasoning* with the lost out of *the Scriptures* so that “some of them believed” (e.g., Acts 17:2-4). But today’s shifting Christianity doesn’t even like the word *lost* because that means there are people on the *wrong path*, and there is no such thing as a “wrong” path in the all-encompassing relationship of Oneness/panentheism. And since it is those who don’t *believe* who are *lost* (e.g., 2 Corinthians 4:3-4), it is not surprising that “the confusion” of faith with *belief* is now seen as a serious “thought-crime.”⁶ This way, “lostness”—along with “discipleship” and “relationship”—can become simply a matter of “perspective.” And this is especially so since people are shifting from *the truth of God’s Word* to *fictitious* “maps” and *wordless* “maps” of varying degrees of imaginative *uncertainty* to guide them in their “spiritual journey” of “reality.” Therefore who’s to say they are “lost” and on the “wrong” path? Their “map” simply shows a different “reality;” one they are *willing* to accept, that is.

“Pilgrims are explorers, and the very definition of an explorer is someone who is not afraid of being lost. Being lost is where the action is and where the Spirit is found.” (Leonard Sweet)⁷

“Our starting point is *not* telling people where they should be, but being with people where they already are ‘while going’ and catching up to the Spirit.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

In other words, “Come, let us *relate* together,” but not “Come, let us *reason* together.” As many will learn the hard way, there is a wrong path and the Holy Spirit is not on it. Thus, there is no “catching up to” the Holy Spirit on the wrong path. Contrary to today’s emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, the true Holy Spirit is not in everyone and everything. So unless people believe the true Gospel of the true Christ they will remain lost and without the Holy Spirit.

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” (Acts 2:36-39)

“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.” (Ephesians 1:12-13)

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.... And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” (Galatians 3:26, 4:6)

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:17)

*“Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall **save a soul from death**, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19-20)*

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto **life**, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)*

Nevertheless, despite Scripture’s clear teachings and repeated warnings, the circle of relationship of Oneness attempts to bring the narrow way and the broad way together as one in order to set people free from having to believe and obey the Lord Jesus Christ. This is, after all, the “Good News” of Oneness. And since there is no final destination in the *circle* of Oneness but only its *journey in the here and now*, the eternal destination of anyone’s soul becomes irrelevant anyway. Moreover, since the journey of this emerging faith is with the immanent “God” of Oneness that is already in relationship

with *everyone*, it is simply a matter of people not necessarily “knowing” it yet at this point in their *journey*. Thus, everyone is to just “*relate*” with everyone else *where they are now* while *everyone* is all “catching up to the Spirit” in this one big all-encompassing journey of relationship.

“We were not put here to ‘take a stand’ but to walk in the light for the greater glory of God. Biblical truth doesn’t feast on fact. It feasts on relationship and revelation, which is why eternal truth is better communicated by the fictions of parables and narratives than the facts of science and philosophy.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

The multidimensional levels of intertwined absurdities of untruth in this quote are simply amazing. At any rate, the point is that people today really do want a *fictitious* “truth.” Thus, equipped with a fictitious “map” of a fictitious “reality,” those who are lost can be “positive” that their unbelieving “faith” in a “reimagined” “Jesus” of a “reimagined” “way” and a “reimagined” “truth” will give them all a “reimagined” “life” with a “reimagined” “God” in a “reimagined” “journey” with a “reimagined” “Spirit.” After all, since *fiction* is now the *desired* communicator of “eternal truth,” “reimagining” it all is clearly what people *want*—hence the popularity of *The Shack*, widely praised as indispensable for “better understanding God.” That its “God” is counterfeit and fictitious is clearly irrelevant in today’s “spiritual journey” of “relationship.” Sadly, for theologians to quote a fictitious, make-believe “God” as *God* speaks volumes as well. *The Shack* has clearly revealed that the itching ears of today’s shifting Christianity have reached critical condition.

“Life takes a bit of time and a lot of relationship. —**God** in *The Shack*” (as quoted by Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹⁰

Although there is no “catching up to” the *Holy Spirit* on the wrong path, there are *seducing spirits* on the wrong path. People are catching up to them left and right.

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

“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.**” (Ephesians 2:2)

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are **lost**: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds** of them which **believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of *God*, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

In the reality of God’s Word of truth, lost is lost. Regardless of what theology or “map” people prefer to use in their journey, lost is still lost and those who do not *believe* are *lost*.

“The church is largely without a theology of journey.” (Leonard Sweet)¹¹

And yet today’s shifting Christianity does already have one. It comes from giving heed to the advice of the seducing spirit realm of “the god of this world” that is successfully blinding minds everywhere.

“Yet let me make something clear. *The era of the Single Savior is over.* What is needed now is joint action, combined effort, collective co-creation.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹²

“So journey on, My friend, journey on. The world waits to hear *your message* for its salvation. *That message is your life, lived.*” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹³

“... Version 3.0 is the Third Testament, *the Gospel According to ... you.*” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴

“My translation of ‘Go Make Disciples’ is ‘Go Do Me.’... I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. *I only have my life.*” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

What a contrast to the apostles!

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord ..." (2 Corinthians 4:5)

"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." (Acts 17:2-3)

It is the *Gospel of Christ* that is the power of God unto salvation, not *our lives* or *relationship*! What incredible arrogance for people to think that their *own* lives and their *own* "doing" are *more important* than the life and the "doing" of the *Lord Jesus Christ*! And yet this is absurdly seen as "humility" in today's emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism that flips *everything* upside down. Do people *really* think the true God is going to see it as "humility" when man exalts man and Oneness above God's Son and above God's Word of truth?!

*"For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for **it** is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; ..." (Romans 1:16)*

Yet today's shifting Christianity has already long since essentially "reimagined" Romans 1:16 into:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of me and my life: for my story is the power of God unto salvation to every one that relates ...

*"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach **any** other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach **any** other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or **do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.**" (Galatians 1:8-10)*

*"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, **especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.**" (1 Timothy 5:17)*

For God so loved ... culture?

"You want to evangelize the world? Get fully committed to your culture.... If God so loved the world, why can't we?... How can you not believe that God delights in mass culture as well as folk culture, that God enjoys pop music, that McDonald's food and rap music and U2's 'With or Without You' (a favorite at funerals) are not on the menus and playlists of heaven?" (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original)¹

For starters, in this emerging faith of Oneness it is to be expected that people imagine that things of this world are going to be in heaven. Oneness, which is moving to connect everyone *and everything* in its circle of relationship, even brings heaven and earth together as one in its "spiritual journey." But, even so, today's unscriptural absurdities never cease to amaze. Before the emerging new faith that comes by the relationship of Oneness began supplanting the faith that comes by the Word of God it used to be obvious that "God so loved the world" *on the cross*.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience ... But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved:) ... Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ

himself being the chief corner stone.” (Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5, 19-20)

It also used to be obvious that we are not built upon the foundation of *culture* and that the basis of *true* evangelism is thus preaching and teaching *the Gospel of Christ* so that people can *believe* and *be saved*. Not any more. Now, in the faith that comes by the relationship of Oneness rather than by the Word of God, “evangelizing” the world is about facilitating *relationship*. And this emerging new faith and its shift from “Come, let us *reason* together” to “Come, let us *relate* together” is changing evangelism significantly. Not only is preaching and teaching the *corner* stone irrelevant in this emerging faith’s *circle* of relationship of Oneness, but the *correctness* of God’s Word of truth is “a stumbling block in the way” of this desired *connectness*. Thus, today’s shifting Christianity is choosing to flex its “relational muscles” rather than use the “propositional” (doctrinal) “impotence” of God’s Word of truth to “evangelize” the world.

“What if we were to think connectness rather than correctness?” (Leonard Sweet)²

“The more connected the world gets, the more the importance of Christianity getting over its propositional impotence. We must resign from the proposition business and rehire into the people business. It’s time to start flexing faith’s relational muscles and build up a relational theology in which ‘Only Connect’ is the engine room of the theological enterprise ...

“No one lives to himself and no one dies to herself; we are all members of one another.” (Leonard Sweet)³

*“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto **the Lord**; and whether we die, we die unto **the Lord**: whether we live therefore, or die, we are **the Lord’s**. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, **that he might be Lord** both of the dead and living.” (Romans 14:7-9)*

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

*“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto **the knowledge of the truth**.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

*“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; **and his truth endureth to all generations**.” (Psalm 100:5)*

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

“Some Christians think they get sainthood for old-fogeydom, for being defiantly out-of-date, for having no symbiosis with their host culture. For Christians to have a ‘healthy contempt’ for musical fashion is for Christians to have an unhealthy contempt for evangelism. Should we be proud of our wanton and sometimes willful cluelessness about culture?... Is it a good thing to rail against a culture we have branded as materialist, relativist, narcissist—the very culture we are called to love and evangelize?” (Leonard Sweet)⁴

In today’s shifting Christianity, taking God at His Word is “old-fogeydom” and making God out to be a liar is being up-to-date. For people to have a “healthy contempt” for God’s Word of truth is for them to have an unhealthy contempt for God. Should they be proud of their wanton and willful cluelessness about God and His Word of truth? But those who are shifting from the faith that comes by the Word of God to the emerging faith that comes by relationship don’t see it that way. Nevertheless, *believing* in God’s Son the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the *only* way we can become a true saint; the true Gospel of Christ, which has *absolutely nothing whatsoever* to do with “musical fashion,” is the *only* true evangelism; and we are not called to love and evangelize *culture*, but *people*! This all used to be obvious in Christianity before the epidemic of absurdity changed everything. Now, too many people in today’s shifting Christianity think they get sainthood for “reimagining” God and His Word of truth, for being defiantly up-to-date in today’s post-truth world, for inciting revolution against their Host, the Creator of all that is.

“Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence ...? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God ...” (Jeremiah 5:21-24)

*“Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments **to a thousand generations.**” (Deuteronomy 7:9)*

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ...” (Matthew 28:19-20)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

Despite the clear teachings and warnings in the Word of God, the emerging Wordless faith of Oneness is changing everything. Thus, today’s “good news” is the all-encompassing relationship of Oneness in which people have the freedom to imagine and define “God” or “Jesus”/“Christ” however they choose, to have this relationship however they choose, on whatever “path” they choose, without fear of being “lost” or “wrong.”

Since neither those in today’s shifting Christianity nor those in the world want to either believe or obey God’s Word of truth, maybe they should just go into all the world and give out Coca-Cola. After all, this has just as much of a chance of successfully evangelizing the world and teaching the world to sing in perfect harmony as does the musical fashion, Wordless faith, and gospel of Oneness. And just like the “truth” and “faith” of the “relationship” of Oneness, “it’s the real thing.” And besides, the panentheistic “God” of today’s emerging faith of Oneness is *in everything*, so giving out Coca-Cola is absurdly giving out “God” in the “very substance” of the drink itself.

Sadly, the sweeping changes in today’s shifting Christianity speak volumes about who are the ones being “evangelized” in this world and to which faith they are being “converted.” When it’s freedom people want, it’s freedom people pursue. And the emerging Wordless faith of Oneness offers them unencumbered freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes.

**“There is no neat line of demarcation between
the things of the world and the things of the Spirit”**

This journey—i.e., *revolution*—of the circle of Oneness is changing *everything*, and the meaning of the cross is no exception. In this merging and emerging faith of “Christian”/New Age Oneness:

“[T]he Cross still stands....

“But this is on one condition, and one only: that it expand itself to the dimensions of a new age, and cease to present itself to us as primarily (or even exclusively) the sign of a victory over sin.” (Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, known as “the Father of the New Age Movement;” parentheses in the original)¹

There’s nothing like *man* giving *God* conditions for the cross to still stand! But then, in this emerging faith man has many such conditions and rules for God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Conveniently, in its *all-encompassing Oneness* the dimensions of the New Age are *universal*. Sweet, who refers to Teilhard de Chardin as “Twentieth-century Christianity’s major voice,”² obligingly expands the cross in just such a manner. Choosing to “think connectness rather than correctness,”³ Sweet “reimagines” the cross as bringing opposites together into relationship, which gives it the same

meaning and purpose as today's desired circle of Oneness and its all-encompassing relationship of freedom.

"The cross brings into relationship opposites, ... In Christ all opposites are not so much reconciled as transcended in the Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness." (Leonard Sweet)⁴

As addressed earlier, the circle of Oneness brings opposites together into relationship thereby giving people their desired freedom from the dividing line of God's truth between *what is* true and false, right and wrong, holy and profane, etc. In other words, in this circle of relationship of all things *there is no line drawn between what is of God and what is not of God*. Rather, this *line* of opposites is simply transformed into a *circle* of one *all-inclusive* relationship. To "reimagine" the cross in the same way—as bringing opposites together into relationship—is no different. This, too, removes the dividing line of God's truth. So, although the Oneness of all opposites is not even remotely *scriptural*, *correctness* conveniently becomes irrelevant. Since the line between *what is of God* and *what is not of God* is *eliminated* ("transcended") in bringing opposites together into a relationship of Oneness, there is *obviously* no need to *believe* and no need to *obey*. And therefore *what* we are to believe and obey—i.e., the truth and faith of God that is given to us by God in the Word of God—also becomes irrelevant.

"We must resign from the proposition business ... and build up a relational theology in which 'Only Connect' is the engine room of the theological enterprise ..." (Leonard Sweet)⁵

"Propositionalism is a horrible modern doctrine that has all but performed spiritual hari-kari on the Western church. I call it the Dutch elm disease of Christian faith. To get rid of it is almost to convert Christians from another religion. In fact, it may be easier to evangelize people who know nothing about Christianity than heal modern Christians infected by this disease.

"Recite the Apostles' Creed. It's a quirky creed, for it has nothing to do with principles of living and everything to do with the biography of a person—his coming to life, his going to death, his coming back to life again. The church doesn't have a Uniting or Unifying Principle but a Binding Person and a Relational Compass. What sits enthroned at the heart of the universe is not a conquering King or Master Sage but a slaughtered Lamb stretched out in all four directions on an encompassing cross; not power or wisdom or principles about love, but God incarnate." (Leonard Sweet)⁶

"In fact, the incarnation brought all dualities together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the 'out there' and the 'in here.'" (Leonard Sweet)⁷

Contrary to man's attempts to expand the cross, the true meaning of the cross is not about the New Age "At-one-ment" but about the Lord Jesus Christ's atonement for our sins. The true cross of the Lord Jesus Christ is only all-encompassing in that He has paid the price—*atoned—for every sin of every single person of the world*. This in itself is a *tremendous* act of love and mercy by God toward us! God didn't have to do this. He doesn't owe man—His creation—*anything* and could have very easily scrapped us all. Yet He didn't, and all God asks from us is that we obediently believe in His Son to be saved from our sins. But this isn't good enough for people. *They* have conditions for *God*.

People today want the freedom to simply "be" however they choose, "unencumbered" by the dividing line of God's truth between what is true and false, right and wrong. They want the "true relationship" of the "circle of relationship" of Oneness in which there is no "hierarchy," "overlay of power," "chain of command," or "final authority" since, after all, "a system of order" "destroys relationship."⁸ Rather, God's "system of order" destroys their desired freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes. And this is simply intolerable to those who want an automatic all-encompassing relationship and universal salvation in which there are no "rules" or "requirements" or "expectations" that anyone has to believe or obey. Thus, the faith of Oneness and its panentheistic "God" that is *in* everyone and everything—which thereby eliminates the dichotomy between sacred and secular as well as between all opposites/dualities—is emerging. But because this is imagined to be the true God, people won't think twice about their quest for freedom from the "box" of God's Word of separative dichotomous truth.

"But the incarnation blows the distinction between the sacred and the secular out of the water. There is no neat line of demarcation between the things of the world and the things of the Spirit. God uses the profane and the ordinary to reveal the sacred and the holy. In fact, 'The Incarnate One' gives the world back to us, transformed, transfigured." (Leonard Sweet)⁹

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-17)

"Propositionalists want you to fall in line. Relationalists want you to fall in love....

"We were put here to 'glorify God and enjoy him forever.' In other words, we were not put here to 'do the right thing' but to be in a 'right relationship' with God. We were not put here to 'keep commandments' but to conceive beauty, truth, and goodness." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁰

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." (Ephesians 4:17-18)

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21)

Bringing opposites together into relationship does not *glorify* God. Rather, this "right relationship" that heedlessly removes the dividing line between things of the Spirit and things of the world, holy and profane, sacred and secular, church and world, Christianity and paganism, etc., *profanes* God.

*"... they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... and **I am profaned** among them." (Ezekiel 22:26)*

*"Study to show thyself approved **unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)*

"What if we were to think connectness rather than correctness?" (Leonard Sweet)¹¹

"In fact, the genius of authentic Christianity is its ability to integrate 'pagan customs' with Christian faith and practice." (Leonard Sweet)¹²

"Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, ... For the customs of the people are vain ..." (Jeremiah 10:2-3)

"Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, ... and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods ... What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it." (Deuteronomy 12:30-32)

"You can see the beauty of Christianity's chameleon adaptability to different cultures from the very beginning ...

"The early disciples treated with deep esteem those without faith and those with other faiths because God is active in their lives and we have something to learn from them.

"Early Christians drew upon ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures as 'seeds' of the divine Word that become enfleshed in Christ and in the church." (Leonard Sweet)¹³

"It is time for the dichotomy between church and world to be as shattered as that temple veil was shattered by Jesus on the cross." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁴

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved,

let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1)

“For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.” (1 Thessalonians 4:7)

“In fact, the incarnation brought all dualities together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here.’” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁵

So, in answer to Sweet’s earlier question of how can we not believe that God loves and “delights in” the things of the world/culture? Easily, simply by reading God’s Word. But more and more people are not willing to accept a line between what is of God and what is not of God and are covering their eyes and ears to its truth. And, yes, even paganism is becoming increasingly acceptable, although this shouldn’t be surprising. If paganism was a problem for today’s shifting Christianity then the *pagan* teaching of the *immanence* of “God” wouldn’t be so foundational to its emerging new faith. The choice to integrate worldliness and paganism into the faith and practice of “authentic Christianity” doesn’t change the truth and faith given to us by God in the Word of God one iota. However, it does change Christianity into an authentically pagan and worldly “Christianity.”

Contrary to the teachings that:

“God uses the profane and the ordinary to reveal the sacred and the holy. In fact, ‘The Incarnate One’ gives the world back to us, transformed, transfigured.” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁶

The immanent “God” of Oneness that eliminates all separation between the holy and the profane actually gives the “church” back to the world, neatly transformed back into the likeness of the unbelieving world from whence it came.

“And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.” (1 John 5:19)

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” (2 Peter 2:20-22)

It is obviously today’s rebellious Christianity, not God, that is shattering the dichotomy between church and world, and so successfully, in fact, that very little difference can be detected. Likewise, it is today’s rebellious Christianity that is attempting to blow the line between the things of the world and the things of the Spirit out of the water. Although clearly set forth throughout God’s Word of truth, this line is both ignored and “reimagined” by those who prefer the freedom of the circle of Oneness. After all, when there is no dividing line between the things of the world and the things of the Spirit then there is conveniently no difference between sowing to the flesh and sowing to the Spirit. But the true God is not mocked and people will reap accordingly.

We can either heed man’s word:

“But the incarnation blows the distinction between the sacred and the secular out of the water. There is no neat line of demarcation between the things of the world and the things of the Spirit.” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁷

Or we can heed God’s Word:

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.... But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

(Galatians 6:7-8, 14)

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:24-25)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.... For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit do mind the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:1, 5-6)

Contrary to the claims in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, all life is *not* “spiritual.” There is a *line* between the things of the *flesh/world* and the things of the *Spirit*. Although today’s shifting Christianity no longer knows the difference, *God does*. And in His Word of truth, polar opposites are polar opposites. In other words, it is not a *circular* Oneness of *both/and*, but a *linear* separation of *either/or*. But, sadly, those who are choosing to think outside the “box” of God’s Word of linear truth don’t see it that way.

“Matter is the energy of Spirit. Ultimately, all that exists is spirit.” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁸

“You will not find references in this book [*So Beautiful*] to ‘the spiritual life.’ The whole language of ‘the spiritual life’ is part of our problem. There is no spiritual life. There is only life. One life where the spiritual is not separate but the whole.” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁹

“Spirituality ... is universal....

“This is because ‘spirituality’ is nothing more than life itself, as it is....

“The only discussion left then is whether life and God are the same things. And I tell you, they are.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)²⁰

“The essence of life is Oneness—unity with All That Is. This is what life is: unity, *expressing*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)²¹

“That is a sign of maturity, and most human beings ... begin to see that they do not live in a black-and-white world, that there are multiple shades of gray, and that standing firm in an ‘either/or’ position rarely serves anyone—least of all, Life.

“You do not live in an ‘either/or’ reality. The reality is ‘both/and.’...

“This will be one of the dramatic shifts to occur in the future, for your religions *will* adopt this larger understanding in the days of the New Spirituality.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²²

“A New Spirituality truly is emerging upon the earth, and the idea of Oneness is at its core....

“We must choose between ancient myths, age-old cultural stories, and outdated theologies, or new truths, greater wisdoms, and grander visions of a God and a World united, expressing as One, projecting the glory of Life itself *into* life itself, and producing the possibility, at last, of a New Way of Life for All Humanity.” (Neale Donald Walsch)²³

“Think *outside the box*. Reject ‘either/or’ and consider ‘both/and.’” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)²⁴

“The modern world moved dialectically, by conflict and contradiction and controversy. The postmodern world being born is **not a bipolar worldview of either/or’s but** a double helix, Möbius-strip culture **of both-and’s**, the *coincidentia oppositorum* (**coinciding opposites**) in fifteenth-century prelate/philosopher Nicholas of Cusa’s mystical phrasing, the *conjunctio oppositorum* in Carl Jung’s thinking.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; bold added)²⁵

“The cross brings into relationship opposites, not so much as a dialectic to be synthesized but more as a **nondualistic** double helix to be embraced. In Christ **all opposites** are not so much reconciled as transcended in the Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁶

“The MRI as the Double-Helix Design for Life ...

“The secret of life is ‘helixal,’ two strands that run in opposite directions creating a reproductive Möbius strip and

slingshot....

"It's time to call and/alsos ... 'so beautiful.'

"**Dualism, either/or** exclusionism is ... **plug ugly**.

"**Nondualism, both/and** nonlocalism is ... **so beautiful**." (Leonard Sweet; last two ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

"In fact, the incarnation brought **all dualities** together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the 'out there' and the 'in here.'" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁸

"**Key to the New Spirituality is a belief that God is not separate from anyone or anything — and neither are we.**" (Neale Donald Walsch's Humanity's Team website; emphasis added)²⁹

In God's unadulterated Word of truth there is no spirit-flesh Oneness. It is only in the "reimagined" "truth" of Oneness/panentheism that there is a spirit-flesh, or *spirit-matter*, Oneness. And this comes from the counterfeit "God" (or "Spirit") which is *immanent* in everyone/everything; that is, which is in the very *substance*, or *matter*, of creation. It is through its *immanence* in (Oneness with) all matter that this counterfeit "God" connects everyone/everything—including *all opposites/dualities*—together, with itself, in one gigantic all-encompassing relationship of Oneness.

Thus, the dimensions of the New Age and its Oneness are universal. As mentioned earlier, Sweet has written, "Quantum spirituality does more than join together as one two words in all their complexity and nuance: energymatter, mindbody, *spirit-matter (as Teilhard de Chardin called it)*."³⁰ And Teilhard de Chardin, in the same book in which he gave the "condition" that the cross "expand itself to the dimensions of a new age," had written, "What I am proposing to do is to narrow that gap between pantheism and Christianity by bringing out what one might call the Christian soul of pantheism or the pantheist aspect of Christianity."³¹ To bring the faith of Christianity together with the immanence—i.e., with the spirit-matter Oneness—of pantheism/panentheism is to expand the faith of Christianity to the dimensions of the New Age and its New Spirituality of Oneness.

Despite the many absurd, "scientific," and channeled claims to the contrary, the *true* God is neither *immanent* nor *incarnate* in creation. The world, along with today's shifting Christianity, needs to hear the preaching and teaching of Scripture's *Gospel of Christ* (not the New Age/New Spirituality's "*New Gospel of Oneness*") so that people can *believe* and be *saved*. There is no immanent "connection" with the true God. And there is no relationship with the true God apart from *believing* Scripture's doctrine of the true Christ. That leaders and theologians in today's shifting Christianity claim otherwise and that "It's the connection that counts"³² changes *nothing*. God's Word of eternal truth is *forever settled* in heaven and cannot be changed by unbelieving man who is choosing connectness rather than correctness.

It is *man*, not *God*, who is removing all separation between man and God. We *do* need to *believe* God's Word.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"**Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

It is *man*, not *God*, who is removing all separation between the things of the world and the things of the Spirit. We *do* need to *obey* God's Word.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: **but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**" (1 John 2:15-17)

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**" (Matthew 7:21)

Yet rather than believing and obeying God's Word, more and more people are choosing *Self-Rule* instead. And in this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism there are no opposites/dualities that *separate* what is of God from what is not of God which of course renders believing and obeying God's Word completely irrelevant. This way people can just make it up as they go along according to whatever they think is "true" and "right" in their own eyes. After all, when there is no difference between what is of God and what is not of God then there is only life—*lived and expressed however anyone chooses* in this convenient "*unity with All That Is.*"

"[A] fundamental transformation in human consciousness and cosmology has taken place. The reigning worldview is breaking down all around us, as a new understanding of life is springing forth. Christians have not yet faced up to naming the consequences of this change on the Christian consciousness." (Leonard Sweet)³³

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (2 Peter 2:1-2)

"... for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me." (Jeremiah 16:12)

"The Bible is not a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers"

"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

It is only when feet prefer to journey a *different* path that God's Word becomes "a stumbling block in the way."

"As we enter the twenty-first century, we need a new set of lenses through which to read the Bible....

"The older lenses enabled Christians of earlier generations to experience the Bible as a lamp unto their feet, a source of illumination for following the Christian path. But for many Christians in our time, the older lenses have become opaque, turning the Bible into a stumbling block in the way....

"[A] major de-literalization of the Bible is underway." (Marcus Borg)¹

When people want no difference between what is of God and what is not of God this does indeed turn God's Word into "a stumbling block in the way." So what is their preferred alternative to God's Word as a lamp unto their feet? Fumbling in the dark and making it up as they go along, what else? And this is clearly taking place throughout today's light-intolerant Christianity as more and more people resist the Word of God being the Word of God and resist God being God in their desire to be *self*-regulating.

"MRI is an embrace of complexity theory. Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition self-organizing, complex, adaptive, self-regulating systems. An organic system makes it up as it goes along." (Leonard Sweet)²

"Can you let life become what it wants to become, to content yourself with fumbling in the dark, and to play with life to paint a picture of transcendental beauty?" (Leonard Sweet)³

"The Bible is *not* a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers." (Leonard Sweet)⁴

"Incarnation is not involution, where God as God has laid down a divine blueprint for the church, and we are to unfold

according to an already-drawn-out divine map that gives us a preformed template.

“Rather, structures are self-organizing, complex, adaptive systems where regulation ... exists to preserve the self-organizing, not to impose a grand plan or design but to assure a fair and level playing field in which an incarnational outcome can emerge. In epigenesis, the genes give a design for generating form and pattern, but they don’t fit everything to the same pattern. Rather, they steer an organism into ergonomically optimal arrangements as an iterative, gradual, make-it-up-as-you-go-along process.” (Leonard Sweet)⁵

“Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to embrace the new, so open to change the old, so free to be creative in its engagement with the world.” (Leonard Sweet)⁶

“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” (Jeremiah 6:16)

“Wayfarer, there is no way, you make the way as you go.” (Leonard Sweet quoting Antonio Machado)⁷

“People are looking to find their own unique path in the world, each in his or her own way.... Postmoderns can take opposite paths, make contrasting choices, and still be ‘right.’...”

“Authoritarian stances of ‘We know the best way!’ or ‘We have the Truth!’ or **‘The Bible says it: That settles it!’** or ‘Why? I said so!’ no longer suffice. Indeed, they are *resented*.... **Instead of rational argumentation over what is ‘truth’ and ‘falsehood,’ authoritarian directives over what is ‘right’ and ‘wrong,’** ethical guidelines over what is ‘success’ and ‘failure,’ **storytelling is the postmodern means of governance**--whether personal or national life.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

“The notion that what God wants from us more than anything is *intellectual assents to some dogmas* or to the definition of discipleship as *obedience and devotion and praise*: This is what you want from your dog, or your horse (forget your cat)....

“One of the most serious thought-crimes for a Christian is the confusion of ‘faith’ with ‘belief,’ or to call someone who follows Jesus a ‘believer,’ ... The Devil confesses to being a ‘believer.’ **The Devil draws on the Bible’s authority to make his arguments** (Luke 4:1-13).” (Leonard Sweet; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁹

First, today’s shift from *light to darkness* and *truth to fables* naturally includes a shift from *the authority of God’s Word to storytelling*. In today’s shifting Christianity people simply are not willing to accept the “final authority” of God and His Word because they do not want the *certainty* of *what is*. Rather, they want the *uncertainty* and *relativism* of *stories* which gives them their desired *freedom* to decide *for themselves* what is true or false and right or wrong. Furthermore, it is only those who want to be *self-regulating*, and who are therefore shifting, who would imagine that *believing and obeying the authority of God’s Word is following in the Devil’s footsteps!*

As is made clear in Scripture, including in the passage of Luke that Sweet refers to, the Devil *twists* Scripture to make his arguments—a practice not uncommon in today’s shifting Christianity. Scripture warns:

“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.” (James 2:19)

That the devils believe there is one God is expected. Before these fallen angels rebelled against the authority of God and were cast out of heaven, they were obviously in heaven with God and have therefore seen the true God. But that the Devil “*confesses to being a ‘believer’*” is no doubt news to the Devil! In context, the passage is making the point that faith as just believing is not enough, that faith without works is dead. We need to *obey* as well as *believe*—e.g., “*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*” (Luke 6:46). But since people today do not want to either believe or obey, the devils are one up on them—they at least believe . . . and tremble.

Sadly, people today are just too busy replacing “*what is ‘truth’ and ‘falsehood’*” and “*what is ‘right’ and ‘wrong’*” with *storytelling* as their preferred new “means of governance” to either believe or tremble.

“Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence ...? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart;

they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God ... A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:21-24, 30-31)

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it." (Jeremiah 6:9-10)

"Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways." (Job 21:14)

As mentioned earlier, God's Word is just too authoritative, too clear, too certain, too doctrinal, too narrow, too commanding, too set in His ways, too judgmental, too firm, too black and white, too absolute, just too rock solid for those who prefer to shift in their own ways and beliefs. So, of course, "It is written," "Thus saith the Lord," and "Thus saith God" are *resented* by those who want the freedom to find their own *self-regulating* way.

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." (Proverbs 12:15)

"For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." (Proverbs 1:29-31)

Despite today's growing resentment of absolute truth, God's Word *settles* it because God said so. God's Word is God's Word, and the final answer is God's absolute truth. We either believe and obey it or we do not; the choice is ours. What is truth is truth, what is falsehood is falsehood, what is right is right, and what is wrong is wrong. Everything *is what it is* regardless of the attempts to bring opposites together in a *circle* of Oneness in order to "still be 'right'" when the choice is to believe and do the *opposite* of what is *truth* and what is *right*.

"For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth." (Psalm 33:4)

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

"Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way." (Psalm 119:128)

"Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein." (Hosea 14:9)

Although the Word of God is forever settled in heaven, in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism nothing is ever *settled*. In other words, its journey of freedom in which "you make the way as you go" is conveniently "unencumbered" by the structure and the "manacles" of an *absolute truth* that is to be *believed* and *obeyed* as *what is*. This make-it-up-as-you-go-along process of the journey (revolution) of Oneness is clearly and purposely taking place outside the "box" of God's Word of unchanging settled truth. Outside this resented "box" everyone has ample room to "reimagine" or "create" their own way—which includes their own "truth" and "faith" and "God"—*however* they choose. After all, self-regulating is *self-regulating*. And this way, those who prefer to make it up as they go along can indeed *make it up* as they go along.

"... for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me." (Jeremiah 16:12)

Those who see this "chain of command" as "ghastly" and would rather "be like the most High" in the freedom of Self-Rule can—and do—make it up all they want, fumbling in the dark to their heart's content, in the all-encompassing circle of relationship of Oneness. In this circle of freedom, believing and obeying God's Word is irrelevant. After all, in Oneness no one is "lost" or "wrong." In Oneness there are no opposites that divide *what is of God* from *what is not of God*. Rather, life is conveniently expressed and lived *however anyone chooses* in this "unity with All That Is."

"The essence of life is Oneness—unity with All That Is." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")¹⁰

"Everyone has the ability to convey this wonderful message of at-one-ment.... Your message is *your life, lived*. Your gift is your Divine Self, expressed. *Simply allow your Self to be expressed in your own unique way.*" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹¹

"Imagine a life without fear of God and without guilt over the tiniest infraction of what you imagine to be God's Rules! Imagine the freedom of soul and mind and body that would be experienced when you understand at last that you really *are One with God!*" (Neale Donald Walsch)¹²

"The One Ruler's One Rule is Self-Rule." (Neale Donald Walsch)¹³

"Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken literally." (Neale Donald Walsch)¹⁴

"People are looking to find their own unique path in the world, each in his or her own way....

"Authoritarian stances of ... 'The Bible says it: That settles it!' ... are resented." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁵

"People need room to move and choose and resist airtight propositions that don't allow free breathing (i.e., freedom)." (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original)¹⁶

"The Bible is *not* a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers." (Leonard Sweet)¹⁷

"Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to embrace the new, so open to change the old, so free to be *creative* in its engagement with the world." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

"God doesn't offer final answers, the *manacles* of modernity, but binding relationships." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

"God is the Source of all that is creative. Answers are not creative. As soon as you think you have an answer, you stop creating. *Answers kill creation.*

"The last thing you want is the final answer to anything. A 'possible answer,' maybe. An 'interim answer,' perhaps. But a 'final answer'? Never." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")²⁰

"*There is another way.* There is another way to experience God. There is another way to live life....

"Yet you will not find that way by searching for it. *You will only find it by creating it.* And you will not create it by remaining stuck in old beliefs, but only by opening yourself to new ideas. New ideas about God and about Life that can truly light the world." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)²¹

"The New Spirituality is ... a call to expanded consciousness. It is an invitation to conscious creation....

"This will create a revolution on your planet....

"A revolution is a 'revolving.' It is a coming full circle. And this is what Life as expressed through Humanity is doing right now. You are on a circle, from the fullness of knowing to the emptiness of forgetfulness to the fullness of knowing again. From Oneness to Separation to Oneness again....

"It IS Life, expressing AS Life, THROUGH Life, which process is circular and cyclical and circumferential. It encompasses All and it encloses All and it includes All, because it IS All." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")²²

"The New Spirituality is a civil rights movement for the soul, freeing humanity at last from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God....

"A New Spirituality truly is emerging upon the earth, and the idea of Oneness is at its core....

"We must choose between ... outdated theologies ... and grander visions of a God and a World united, expressing as One, ... and producing the possibility, at last, of a New Way of Life for All Humanity." (Neale Donald Walsch)²³

"This is what life is: unity, *expressing.*" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)²⁴

"So change! Yes, change! Change your ideas of 'right' and 'wrong.' Change your notions of this and that....

“Allow your deepest truths to be altered. Alter them yourself, for goodness’ sake. I mean that quite literally. Alter them yourself, for *goodness’ sake*....

“Your new idea about *all of it* is where the excitement is, where the creation is, where God-in-you is made manifest and becomes fully realized....

“There is not a one among you who is lost forever, nor will there ever be....

“That is what I am up to.

“Through you.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)²⁵

Sadly, today’s seduced Christianity is eagerly participating in the journey to create Oneness and is cooperatively changing *everything* including the “outdated” theology of God’s Holy Scriptures. Conveniently for those who are not willing to believe and obey, this all-encompassing circle of relationship is giving the world its desired freedom from the true God and His Word of absolute truth and is unarguably bringing transformation everywhere. Despite today’s many deceived claims to the contrary, this is *not* “what *God* is up to” in the world! This lie—*revolution*—of Oneness is what Satan has been up to since the Garden of Eden. Some things never change, including that even people today are still falling for it. Again, it all stems from questioning the Word of *God*. As mentioned earlier, when man is exalted above God the result is first questioning and then “rethinking” and then “reimagining” God’s Word. And this process—i.e., this *make-it-up-as-you-go-along* process of the *self-regulating* journey (revolution) of Oneness—began in the Garden of Eden where Satan was the first to question God’s Word with, “Yea, hath God said ...?”

Yea, God *hath* said.

“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:13-16)

“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.” (2 Peter 3:17)

PART FIVE: THE CREATION

Let there be “more light”?

*“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.... I have chosen **the way of truth**: thy judgments have I laid before me.... **For ever**, O LORD, thy word is **settled** in heaven.... How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and **a light unto my path**.” (Psalm 119:11, 30, 89, 103-105)*

“The Bible is *not* a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers.” (Leonard Sweet)¹

“Quantum spirituality is always in flux, always aware of its own incompleteness.... For a **New Light** apologetic **there can be no final statement of theology** anymore [sic] than there can be any final ‘laws of nature.’ All life is **change** ... **we must not foreclose our minds against the truths of God, even if they are new**. It is for this reason that traditionality cannot be equated with orthodoxy.... The New Light movement is perhaps better called a ‘**More Light**’ movement.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

“**The Third Testament is everything new about the old, old story.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

“**Old things need to be said in new ways.** New things can only be said in new ways. When they get corseted into old concepts, they get distorted and damaged.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴

“In Christ **all opposites** are not so much reconciled as **transcended** in the Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“There is **no neat line** of demarcation **between the things of the world and the things of the Spirit**. God uses *the profane* and the ordinary to reveal the sacred and the holy.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“A New Spirituality truly is emerging upon the earth, and the idea of Oneness is at its core....

“**We must choose between** ancient myths, age-old cultural stories, and **outdated theologies, or new truths**, greater wisdoms, and grander visions **of a God and a World united**, expressing as One, ...” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁷

In this pursuit of *Oneness* that is unarguably changing *everything*, even today’s shifting Christianity is choosing new “truths of God” over the “old” “outdated” theology of God’s Holy Scriptures. And it isn’t just *choosing* new “truths” but in the inevitable quest for “more light” in this journey of darkness outside the “box” of God’s Word it is even seeking to *create* and *conceive* new “truth.”

“God the Creator worked through men and women of old to produce the First Testament. God the Redeemer worked through men and women of the first century to produce the Second Testament ... But we no longer have Jesus in the flesh. We now have Jesus in the Spirit. God the Spirit and Sustainer wants to work through New Lights of the twenty-first century **to produce the Third Testament--our ‘new account of everything old.’**”

“**New Lights**’ mission in life, if they choose to accept it, is **to continue the work of Scripture.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

“... God is whirling and swirling creation into being. The missional thrust begins in the very being of God. God goes out in love to create the cosmos: **‘Let there be light.’** The missional bent is there from the beginning....

“The ultimate story of the Bible, the metanarrative that unlocks the whole story, is that God is on a mission, and we are summoned to participate with God in that mission. The impulse **to create, to conceive**, is what lies at the heart of the missional.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

“We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but **to conceive** beauty, **truth**, and goodness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

So, God says, “Let there be light: and there was light” (Genesis 1:3), but man wants “More Light.” God gives man His first testament and His new testament—of which the Lord Jesus Christ says, “It is finished” (John 19:30; Hebrews 9:14-16)—and records them in His Word, but man wants “the Third Testament.” Man then seeks to “conceive” and “create” more “light” and new “truths” for himself in a fashion that man is willing to accept and absurdly claims that man’s “new account of everything old” is the mission of *God* “to continue the work of *Scripture*.” To the contrary, this “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” relates very well with the mission of the seducing spirit world. And this revolution is not more *light*, but it definitely is *change*.

“Create your own truth.

“In this will you experience Who You Really Are.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹¹

“Change your ideas of ‘right’ and ‘wrong.’ Change your notions of this and that....

“Allow your deepest truths to be altered. Alter them yourself, for goodness’ sake. I mean that quite literally. Alter them yourself, for *goodness’ sake*....

“Your new idea about all of it is where the excitement is, where the creation is, where God-in-you is made manifest and becomes fully realized....

“Be open, therefore. Be OPEN. **Don’t close off the possibility of new truth** because you have been comfortable with an old one. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)¹²

“There is another way to experience God. There is another way to live life.... THERE IS ANOTHER WAY.

“Yet you will not find that way by searching for it. You will only find it by creating it. And **you will not create it by remaining stuck in old beliefs, but only by opening yourself to new ideas.** New ideas about God and about Life **that can truly light the world.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)¹³

Contrary to the emerging faith of pantheism/Oneness *the true God is not nature* and is not subject to the “laws of nature,” and neither does He ever change—“*For I am the LORD, I change not; ...*” (Malachi 3:6). So *true* theology (i.e., *the truth of Who God is* which is recorded for us by God in God’s Holy Scriptures) *is* final and does not *change*. Yet in today’s light-intolerant Christianity people are purposely shifting from light to darkness where they are choosing to imagine that the new “truths” of man’s ever-changing imagination provide “*more light*”—i.e., a “*better understanding*”—than the “old” light of God’s Word. And, of course, the pantheistic “God-in-you” that is immanent—and “incarnate”—in *everyone and everything* opens the door to the “*limitless*” new “ideas” and new “understandings” and new “truths” of its new “light” of *Oneness*. In other words, it opens the door to “*limitless*” *change*.

“In fact, the incarnation brought all dualities together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here.’” (Leonard Sweet)¹⁴

“Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to **embrace the new**, so open to **change the old**, so free to *be creative* in its engagement with the world.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

“*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” (Psalm 119:105)

“*My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?*” (Proverbs 24:21-22)

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him." (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness." (Luke 11:35)

*"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: **behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach**; they have no delight in it.... Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. **But they said, We will not walk therein.**" (Jeremiah 6:9-10, 16)*

The mission of creating "the Third Testament" as "part of the 'I Am' that we are"

*"New Lights' mission in life, if they choose to accept it, is **to continue the work of Scripture**....*

*"The challenge of the church in the twenty-first century is to become ... a seedbed in which **the texts** and traditions **of the faith recreate themselves in and through the body** until its molecular **imagination** is awakened by a living God." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹*

"How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain." (Jeremiah 8:8)

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6)

A mission that seeks to "continue the work of Scripture" and even "recreate" it is astounding. And yet it shouldn't be surprising at all given that people in today's shifting Christianity quite openly would rather make it up as they go along instead of believe and obey God and His Word. If they just make up "scripture" as they go along then they can thus justify today's preferred "make-it-up-as-you-go-along process" of *self-regulation*, right?

*"... **for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.**" (Jeremiah 16:12)*

Unabashedly preferring man's imagination over God's Word of truth, many people now *want* a *fictitious* "truth" and a *fictitious* "revelation." And "to think connectness *rather than* correctness" is quite obviously today's preferred new way of thinking. So to those in this emerging faith of *intentional* fictitiousness and incorrectness it will clearly be irrelevant that any creation of new "scripture" and "truth" is fictitious and incorrect.

*"What if we were to think connectness **rather than correctness**?" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²*

*"We were not put here to 'keep commandments' but to **conceive** beauty, **truth**, and goodness. We were not put here to 'take a stand' but to walk in the *light* for the greater glory of God. Biblical truth doesn't feast on fact. It feasts on relationship and revelation, which is why eternal truth is better communicated by the **fictions** of parables and narratives than the facts of science and philosophy." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³*

*"Authoritarian stances of ... 'The Bible says it: That settles it!' ... are resented.... **Instead of** rational argumentation over **what is 'truth' and 'falsehood,'** authoritarian directives over **what is 'right' and 'wrong,'** ... **storytelling** is the postmodern means of governance ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴*

*"Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition self-organizing, complex, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. An organic system **makes it up as it goes along.**" (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁵*

Since people today prefer storytelling over believing and obeying God's Word, they might as well just tell one big made-up story and call it "Scripture." After all, in their unbelief they have already even reduced God's Word itself to merely a "story" with "changeable" and "debatable" "metaphor" that can be interpreted and retold however anyone chooses. So what would be the difference?

Either Scripture is God's Word of absolute truth or it is man's word of relative "truth." All we have to do is simply read the Holy Scriptures to plainly see that it expects to be believed and obeyed as the absolute truth of God. So, no, Scripture is not God's Word of relative "truth," as that would therefore make God out to be a liar. But, of course, that is precisely what today's shifting Christianity is doing. And, along with choosing to believe that Scripture is relative rather than absolute, a growing number of people also do in fact believe that Scripture is man's word rather than God's Word. So to them there would be little to no difference between true Scripture and "truth" that is created/conceived/imagined/invented/made up by man today.

This is especially so since they also absurdly choose to imagine that the word of man is the word of God. Accordingly, as mentioned earlier, the outpouring of high praise for *The Shack* actually includes: *the book is one long Bible study; inspired writing from God Himself; the words spoken by God in this book are full of life; find the truth about God in The Shack*; and so on. And its praise now even also includes—"this book could essentially serve as the quintessential 'starter bible'"!

If fiction, not to mention blasphemous fiction, is seen as a *starter Bible* and as one long *Bible study* that is *inspired writing from God Himself* then why would anyone think twice about creating and producing new "Scripture" or new "truths of God"? *The Shack* is a prime example that they won't, and they don't. Besides, God's Word of linear truth that divides true and false and right and wrong is "a stumbling block in the way" of today's emerging faith of Oneness and its desired all-encompassing circle of relationship. So a mission that seeks to "create" and "conceive" a "new account of everything old" to replace the resented *final answers* of God's *absolute truth* shouldn't be surprising. This way people can "create" a new kind of "Scripture" to go along with today's new kind of "Christian" and new kind of "Christianity" that are purposely emerging *outside* the resented "box"—i.e., *outside* the resented absolute truth—of God's "old" Scripture. And, no, this "mission" to "create" and "conceive" a "Third Testament" that is "*everything new* about the old, old story"⁶ is not the "mission" of God—at least not the true God, that is.

"The ultimate story of the Bible, the metanarrative that unlocks the whole story, is that God is on a mission, and **we are summoned to participate with God in that mission**. The impulse **to create, to conceive**, is what lies at the heart of the missional." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

"We were not put here to 'keep commandments' but **to conceive** beauty, **truth**, and goodness." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

"MRI [**M**issional, **R**elational, **I**ncarnational] is the operating software on which human life and faith were designed to run: *Version 1.0 is known as the First Testament; Version 2.0 is known as the New Testament; **Version 3.0 is the Third Testament, the Gospel According to ... you.***" (Leonard Sweet; ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁹

"God the Creator worked through men and women of old to produce the First Testament. God the Redeemer worked through men and women of the first century to produce the Second Testament ... God the Spirit and Sustainer wants to work through New Lights of the twenty-first century **to produce the Third Testament--our 'new account of everything old.'**

'New Lights' mission in life, if they choose to accept it, is **to continue the work of Scripture....**

"The challenge of the church in the twenty-first century is to become ... a seedbed in which **the texts** and traditions **of the faith recreate themselves in and through the body** until its molecular **imagination** is awakened by a living God.

"Every believer, every body of Christ is called to become **the Third Testament**. Philosophical theologian/science watcher Philip Hefner captures wonderfully our simultaneous status as dependent creatures and free agents in his recommendation that human beings be thought of as '**created co-creators.**' **God has chosen to work in partnership**

with us in the ongoing drama of *creation*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

“As *co-creators* with God, *inventing new forms of energymatter (information)* is a part of the ongoing work of *creation*.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹¹

“For the common sense to be the common good in the postmodern era, it must come to respect *the authority of intuitive modes of knowing*....

“It is *through creative intuition* that postmoderns *continue the work of divine creation*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

“With the crooked lines of our lives God is wanting to write ‘a *new* account of everything old,’ a Third Testament....

“**The Third Testament calls us to imitate and participate in God’s creativity** ...

“Quantum spirituality is nothing more than **your ‘new account of everything old’--your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

So, with astronomical arrogance (to say the very *least*), not only does man want to “*produce the Third Testament*” and to “*continue the work of Scripture*” in “our ‘*new account of everything old*’” as “*co-creators*” in “*partnership*” with God “in the *ongoing drama of creation*” (the “*drama of ‘doing God’*”¹⁴), but man wants to “*participate in God’s creativity*” in the belief that man’s attempt to “continue the work of *divine creation*” is man’s “part of the ‘*I Am*’ that *we* are”! Although unbelievable, this is indeed what Oneness/panentheism’s lie of being “*One with God*” boils down to.

“**There is only One of Us**. You and I are One.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁵

“... there is no separation in God’s World—that is, nothing which is not God ...

“You cannot be separate from Me, for I Am All That Is....

“You and I are One. We cannot be anything else if I Am What **I Am: All That Is**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁶

“**My Beingness is in everything**. Everything. The All-ness is My Expression. The wholeness is My Nature. There is nothing that I Am Not, and **something I Am Not cannot be**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁷

And, therefore, in Oneness *everything* is “part of the ‘*I Am*’”—i.e., of the *immanent* “God” that *is/is in* “*All That Is*.”

“You are, have always been, and will always be, a **divine part of the divine whole** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁸

“Your thought about yourself is that you are not good enough, not wondrous enough, not sinless enough, to be a **part of God, in partnership with God**....

“For your grandest wish—and My grandest desire—was for you to **experience yourself as the part of Me you are**. You are therefore in the process of experiencing yourself by **creating** yourself anew in every single moment. As am I. Through you.

“**Do you see the partnership? Do you grasp its implications?**...

“**Think, speak, and act as the God You Are**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁹

“**Create your own truth**.

“In this will you **experience Who You Really Are**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²⁰

“Remember, Change is a process called Life. The decision to change things is the decision to *live*....

“It comes not from dissatisfaction, but from passion. The passion OF Life for MORE Life....

“**In this, and in all things, you are making it all up. That is, you are creating it on the spot. You are the Creator and the Created**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²¹

"You cannot create a *thing*—not a thought, an object, an event—no experience of *any kind*—which is outside of God's plan. For God's plan is for you to **create anything—everything—whatever you want. In such freedom lies the experience of God being God**—and this is the experience *for which I created You*. And life itself." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)²²

"In a word, God is freedom." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")²³

"Freedom is what you are. God is that, and you are that. That is the essence of what you are.... It is the essence of your being." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")²⁴

Sadly, more and more people in today's shifting Christianity are eagerly participating in the creative process of this emerging faith that is "making it all up" as both "the Creator and the Created." They are determined to create and conceive *new* "truth" that people are *willing* to accept—i.e., "truth" that gives people their desired freedom from the "old" linear truth that divides "what is 'truth' and 'falsehood'" and "what is 'right' and 'wrong.'" And what better way for people to achieve this desired "*unencumbered*" freedom "*to simply 'be,'*" than to choose to *rewrite, or "recreate," the Word of God with their own lives* (lived *however they so choose* of course)?! And since this merging and emerging "Christian"/New Age faith of Oneness/panteism is replacing *believing* and *obeying* God and Jesus with *being* and *doing* God and Jesus, people can thus conveniently make it *all* up as they go along.

"Missional is **who you are**, because it is **who God is**....

"The missional thrust **begins in the very being of God**. God goes out in love to create the cosmos: 'Let there be light.' The missional bent is there from the beginning....

"The impulse to create, to conceive, is what lies at the heart of the missional....

"Even though the word itself is an adjective, *missional* is all about verbs, not nouns, because only missional 'loving' gives meaning to our existence....

"*Drama* comes from the Greek word *dran*, which means 'to do.' The incarnation is all about God's **drama of 'doing God,'** God's drama of love.... God did God. God lived in our midst and loved us and **invited us to 'do God' along with him**.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.' **My translation of 'Go Make Disciples' is 'Go Do Me.'** Is this not the second-best mission statement in the Bible: 'Go Do Me'? Doing the gospel is primary speech; talking about the gospel is secondary speech.... To 'Go Do Me,' to '**doing God**' by doing good, I must be simultaneously seeing, following, and **being Christ**. I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. **I only have my life**....

"Jesus says, '**Go Do Me. Go be Jesus.**'" (Leonard Sweet; bold added)²⁵

"Each one of us is free to **become Jesus, a living truth, ...**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁶

"*The era of the Single Savior is over*. What is needed now is joint action, combined effort, *collective co-creation*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)²⁷

"Therefore, entreat those who would live the New Spirituality to consider every book sacred and every messenger holy, even as they, themselves, are holy, and as **the living of their own lives writes the book of their most sacred truth**. Remember that always.

"**The living of your own life writes the book of your most sacred truth**, and offers evidence of it." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)²⁸

"[E]very body of Christ is called to **become the Third Testament**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁹

"When you agree to spread the word, to carry the message that can change the human heart, you play an important role in changing the human condition....

"**It is something you are 'being.'**...

"You carry the message *as* you, not *with* you. **You are the message!**...

“Your message is your life, lived. You spread the word that you *are*.

“Is it not written: *And the Word was made flesh?*...

“You have My word. You have My word, *in you*. **You are, quite literally, the Word of God, made flesh.** Now, say but the word, and your soul shall be healed. Speak the word, live the word, *be* the word.

“In a word, **be God**....

“I’m telling you **Who You Really Are.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³⁰

“With the crooked lines of **our lives** God is wanting to write ‘a new account of everything old,’ **a Third Testament**....

“... **your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³¹

“Missional ... is living a life **born in the very being of God.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³²

Again, in this emerging faith of panentheism/Oneness there is *a reason* why *verbs are replacing nouns*. And, no, the “era of the Single Savior” is not over. Only the era of *believing* in the single Saviour is over. Among other things, *believing* in the Lord Jesus Christ is being replaced in our post-truth era with “*being Christ*.” Yes, we are to be “doing good” and to be “loving,” but we cannot “*be*” and “*do*” God and the Lord Jesus Christ! To be loving and to do good is not to be and do so as God, as Jesus, as Christ but, rather, as ourselves in *obedience to* God and the Lord Jesus Christ. They are *not* the same thing!

In his “do” Jesus (“Go Do Me”), “be Jesus,” “being Christ,” “do God,” “in the very being of God,” and “your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are,” Leonard Sweet dances around openly saying *be* God or *being* God. Yet this is clearly implied in what he does say. And to say “be Jesus” and “being Christ” is no different than to say “be God” and “being God,” regardless of whether or not whoever says it believes the *truth* that *the Lord Jesus Christ is God*. In any case, Sweet’s teachings and mission, as well as his shift from “Go Make Disciples” to “Go Do Me,” all take being a doer of the Word to a whole new dimension on *many* levels! And, as will be addressed later, to believe that man creates and becomes “the Third Testament” is as eternally significant as the rest of this emerging faith in which everything is changing on purpose.

Incidentally, Sweet writes: “My *translation* of ‘Go Make Disciples’ is ‘Go Do Me.’ Is this not the second-best mission statement in the Bible: ‘Go Do Me?’” Since when is “Go Do Me”—Sweet’s *own* “translation”—a “statement *in the Bible*”?! Would this be part of his intention “to continue the work of Scripture”? After all, according to the seducing spirit world:

“*Divine inspiration is the birthright of every human being*....

“They [‘your religions’] have told you ... that only a very few among you have achieved a level of worthiness to be inspired directly by God—and that all of those people are dead.

“They have convinced you that no one living today could possibly achieve that level of worthiness, and, hence, no book written today could possibly contain sacred truths or the Word of God....

“Because to tell you otherwise would be to leave open the possibility that another master, another prophet, another messenger of God could come along, bringing new revelations and opening you to **new understandings**—and that is something that already established organized religions could not abide.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³³

“*Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” (Psalm 119:104-105)

**“It is through creative intuition that postmoderns
continue the work of *divine* creation”**

“Yea, hath God said ...? ... then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:1b, 5)

Aside from the formerly obvious fact that man is not “part of the ‘*I Am*’” and can neither “do God” nor *be* God, *how* exactly does man “participate in God’s creativity” in man’s creation of more “light” and new “truths of God”? Along with man’s *imagination* and absurdly just *living life*, the creative “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” of this emerging Wordless faith comes from the “light” of man’s own inner “knowing,” which comes from man’s own inner “God.”

“It is through **creative intuition** that postmoderns continue the work of *divine* creation.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹

Creative intuition is another term for the inner “knowing,” which, as addressed earlier, comes from Satan’s lie of Oneness that started in the Garden of Eden. It is through this inner “knowing” that man—“as gods”—seeks to “conceive” “truth” and “continue the work of *divine* creation.” Yet those who have been blinded by the lies of this inner “knowing”—which is diabolically verified as “true” by the lies of this inner “knowing”—see it all as the work of *God* rather than as the work of “*the god of this world*.”

“Truth lies within ourselves. When we can contact **our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. **We shall be Knowers.**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)²

“The meditation process is divided into five parts [‘Concentration,’ ‘Meditation,’ ‘Contemplation,’ ‘Illumination,’ ‘Inspiration’], one part leading sequentially to another....

“These five stages, when followed, lead to union with the soul and **direct knowledge of divinity.**” (Alice Bailey, *From Intellect to Intuition*; emphasis added)³

“But for people who can’t be [‘Biblical’] literalists ... I would say that in one sense of the word know, we can’t know that Christianity ... is true in the sense of being able to demonstrate it....

“But we can take seriously a different kind of knowing. It’s a very ancient kind of knowing. The ancients called it *intuition*.... But the ancient meaning of the word ‘**intuition**’ or ‘**intuitive knowing**’ is **direct knowing**, a knowing that’s not dependent upon verification. **A synonym for intuitive knowing would be mystical knowing.**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁴

“For the common sense to be the common good in the postmodern era, it must come to respect **the authority of intuitive modes of knowing**....

“Modernity dismissed ‘intuition’ ... Postmodernity, on the other hand, thrives on **intuitional experience**, elevating its attributes to **the status of a true leader**: Someone ‘gifted more than ordinary people with a **mystical quality--intuition**--which gives him ‘inner conviction’ ...’ It is through *creative intuition* that postmoderns continue the work of *divine* creation.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“Mysticism begins in experience; it ends in theology.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

In other words, mystical revelation supersedes scriptural revelation, and the “authority” of man’s own inner “knowing” supersedes the authority of God’s Word. The fact that mysticism *ends* in theology—i.e., that it leads people into a *new* theology and *new* “understandings”/“truths” of “God”—is to be expected. As addressed earlier, mysticism is specifically utilized by the spirit world to “open” people’s eyes to Oneness by leading them into the direct “knowing” of the panentheistic “God” that is *immanent in everyone and everything*.

It's all about the *unio mystica*—"mystical union"—with this immanent "God" that is within *everyone* regardless of *beliefs*, regardless of *theology*, regardless of *religion*. It is this "mystical union," which gives people their own personal mystical/intuitive/direct "knowing" of this immanent "God," that *ends* in theology—specifically in the panentheistic theology of Oneness—*by design*. Moreover, in this emerging faith of Oneness "more light" is being "created" by *removing* "that which obscures the light" of Oneness. And, clearly, "that which obscures the light" of *Oneness* and its *panentheistic* "God" is the *truth* of *God's Word* with its "old" theology and understandings. When the "old" truth/theology is removed, new "truth"/theology is inevitable.

"Man is a point of *divine* light, hidden within a number of enveloping sheaths ... [T]hrough right discipline and meditation '**that which obscures the light is gradually removed**,'..."

"**Meditation** is, therefore, **an ordered process whereby a man finds God**. It is a system, well-tried out and much used, which unfailingly reveals the divine....

"Steadily his center of consciousness has *shifted* ... **Through all methods employed runs the golden thread of divine purpose**, and the way by which the transfer of the human consciousness into that of soul realization and soul awareness is effected is that of meditation." (Alice Bailey, *From Intellect to Intuition*; emphasis added)⁷

"Third: In the language of some of the pioneers into the spiritual realm, the third result of meditation is that **we find God. It is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters**. It is but a symbol of Reality....

"Fourth: In the words of all schools of mystics in both hemispheres, these results [of meditation] are summed up in the words: **Union with God**, or At-one-ment with Divinity. **God and man are at-one. The Self and Not-Self are unified**." (Alice Bailey, *From Intellect to Intuition*; emphasis added)⁸

"Further, what modernists got used to 'feeling' was themselves, not creation or the Creator. Experience came to refer to human experience ... rather than **the union experience of the whole, of the self with all that is outside the self, or of the experience of God, either from within or in everything without**....

"'Now, therefore, can we find anew the power to *name God in a mystical-prophetic way*? That is theology's central postmodern question.' Priest/metaphysician/theologian David W. Tracy

"Mysticism, once cast to the sidelines of the Christian tradition, is now situated in postmodernist culture near the center.... **Mysticism** (which Einstein called 'cosmic religiosity') **is metaphysics arrived at through mindbody experiences. Mysticism begins in experience; it ends in theology**." (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added, except italics to his quote of Tracy)⁹

"My most formative religious experiences were a series of **mystical experiences**.... They **changed my understanding of the meaning of the word 'God'** ...

"[W]hat I was *seeing* looked very different. **Light** became different – as if there were a radiance **shining through everything**.... And I experienced a falling away of the subject-object distinction that marks our ordinary everyday experience – **that sense of being a separate self, 'in here,' while the world is 'out there.'**..."

"[I]f the word '**God**' points to a radiance that pervades '*what is*,' as I now think – then, of course, God is real. Not just the God of Christianity, but **the God of all the enduring religions**." (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)¹⁰

"In fact, **the incarnation brought all dualities together**, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or **the 'out there' and the 'in here.'**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹¹

"**Faith makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves and heals all discursive dualisms (one of the worst of which was 'sacred' and 'profane')** ..." (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹²

"1. **Unitary thinking**, the highest level of understanding reality, **opens us up to a wider sensory realm and mystical dimension of the divine**; it also heals the divisions that separate us from one another and life's highest values.

"2. **Wholeness unites**, not eliminates, **opposites**, bringing them into dynamic balance ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

"**My Beingness is in everything**. Everything.... **The wholeness is My Nature**." (the seducing spirit calling itself

“God;” emphasis added)¹⁴

“When, therefore, **sight** has been attained and the **light** streams forth, **revelation of the oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁵

Again, “that which obscures the light” must first be removed in order for this “sight”—this *metaphysical* theology—to be attained. So when this “revelation of the oneness of all life” occurs, much *removal* of the true faith that comes by the Word of God has *already* taken place.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

True faith does not come by sight but by the Word of God. Yet as the new “truth”/theology of the Wordless “faith” of Oneness replaces the “old” truth/theology of the faith given to us by God in the Word of God, the “authority” of man’s own “seeing” and “knowing” inevitably replaces the authority of God’s Word. And thus believing God and His Son gets replaced with “channeling” “Christ energies through mindbody experience.” Yet contrary to today’s merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age “reimaginings,” Christ—Who is the Messiah—is a Person, not a “consciousness.” We do not channel Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. We do not channel the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to believe the Messiah, not channel a Messiah “consciousness”! Without question, this is indeed change.

“And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!... We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus.... We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” (John 1:36, 41-42, 45)

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” (Acts 2:36)

“Faith is not simply intellectual understanding, or an act of human intention, or following some salvation ‘how-to’ manual, or assent to creedal formulations. Faith is not a matter of doing, or even being, but an experience of becoming. *Experiencing is faith’s most fundamental activity....* [F]aith is the creative movement of self-organizing processes that are better understood as verbs than as nouns....

“Quantum spirituality ... is most importantly a structure of human becoming, **a channeling of Christ energies through mindbody experience....**

“Faith is the synergy of the most powerful united fields in the universe--reason and emotion, mind and body, cognition and action, theory and practice, object and subject, spirit and matter, spiritual and physical senses--working together to form **Christ consciousness experiences**. Faith makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves and heals all discursive dualisms (one of the worst of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’), all disastrous separations that threaten our existence.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶

“To disciples and initiates the call goes out to reveal to the world ... the nature of **the Christ consciousness** which knows no separation ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁷

“It is Christ’s power, **the Christ consciousness**, our getting in touch with **who Christ is**, that is going to do it for us.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

“**God cannot be put into words**, God cannot be reduced to a proposition. **Truth is in the recognition not the cognition**. Or more precisely, Truth is in the transformation of existence **after having recognized Jesus**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“Science is now more respectful of *subjective ways of knowing* than ever before. There is no true knowledge without acknowledgement. **Understanding comes after, not before, we have experienced....** Faith is understanding, and **mindbody experience is the ultimate way of knowing ...**

“How do we know there is a living Christ in a postmodern world? **We can sense the pull of the Christ**

consciousness.... **Postmoderns feel in order to think.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

"Listen to your feelings. Listen to your Highest Thoughts. Listen to your experience. Whenever any one of these differ from what you've been told by your teachers, or read in your books, forget the words. **Words are the least reliable purveyor of Truth.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)²¹

"Jesus said unto them, ... He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:42, 47)

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him." (John 6:63-64)

The "light" of this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism is not the light of God's Word. Rather, it is the "knowing" and the mystical "experience" of the immanent "God" and "Christ" that are *in everyone and everything* that is this emerging "light." And, again, "that which obscures the light" of Oneness "is gradually removed" in the "ordered process" of "all methods" of the mystical experiences of meditation. Accordingly, today's armor-shunning Christianity which has eagerly embraced many methods of meditation first began to question the literalness and authority of God's Word, and then it began to "cast aside" doctrine and "tribal beliefs" that *divide* rather than *unite*. Now, this gradual removal of "that which obscures the light" of Satan's lie of Oneness has progressed to the point of attempting to remove the very words of God's Word.

Since the words of God's Word are what we are to *believe* and *obey* in order to believe and obey God and His Son, to cast aside the words is to conveniently cast aside *believing* and *obeying*. Nevertheless, this linear, either/or, dualistic, dichotomous truth of God's Word is absurdly seen as "disastrous separations that threaten our existence." People would be far better served if they would think in order to feel rather than "feel in order to think." But, of course, true *thinking* involves words, and it is words of truth that "threaten" the "existence" of all this emerging Oneness. That is, it is words of truth that cause the circle of Oneness—which connects the linear opposites of *true and false* and *right and wrong*—to come undone, thereby ending its "existence" in the *dividing truth and reality of what is*.

For those who are not willing to accept the truth and reality of these opposites, the seducing spirit world is more than willing to be of service in providing the "sight" and the "knowing" of lying "experiences" that "prove" all this "Oneness." Satan is, after all, "an angel of light," and he is on a mission "seeking whom he may devour" (2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 Peter 5:8). And as Sweet points out, "Unitary thinking ... opens us up to a wider sensory realm and mystical dimension of the divine ..."

Although the truth and faith of God's Word are in the process of being gradually and purposely removed, people are not yet willing to reject God's Word altogether. So what do they do with it? Well, for instance, along with creating a "Third Testament" merely by the living of their own lives—since there's really no point in reading it if the words are seen as *irrelevant*, not to mention "disastrous" (!)—they can hold it while meditating. This is actually quite fitting, though. In this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism the word "religion" means "relationship," rather than to "read again." So this way, while they hold it they can simply feel a "connection" and a "relationship" with it—not to mention with the "God" that is in "the very substance" of the book itself—without having to either read it again or believe its life-giving words of truth, i.e., "the words" that "are life."

"8. Hold your Bible and breathe meditatively. The breathtaking, nay, **breathgiving truth of aliveness** is more than Methuselean in its span: Part of your body right now was once actually, literally part of the body of Abraham, Sarah, Noah, Esther, David, Abigail, Moses, Ruth, Matthew, Mary, Luke, Martha, John, Priscilla, Paul ... and Jesus.

"9. Keep breathing quietly while holding your Bible...." [!] (Leonard Sweet; 1st ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²²

People today clearly don't want "more light." They want more darkness.

"The **entrance** of thy **words** giveth **light**; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130)

"... If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23)

No matter how many people are convinced by the "authority" of their own "knowing" that the darkness outside the "box" of God's Word is not *darkness* but "*light*," it is still darkness. Likewise, no matter how many people are convinced that the darkness of *Oneness* is "more light," the "light" of Satan's *Oneness* is still *darkness*, and that which "obscures" the darkness is *the light*. So this emerging faith of *Oneness*, in which *everything* is upside down, *must turn the light off* to be able to *see* this *darkness*. In other words, to see the darkness of *Oneness*—in which the opposites of "*what is 'truth' and 'falsehood'*" and "*what is 'right' and 'wrong'*" are united together in *wholeness*—the *light* of God's Word *must be turned off*. They *must* gradually remove God's Word and ultimately close it altogether. Now that today's shifting Christianity is going after the very words themselves, closing it is the next step and is already taking place. This way, everyone can blindly experience the "*breathgiving truth of aliveness*" wherever they choose to find it within "the totality of experience"—the "totality" of "the whole."

"**God imparts truths that breathe** and thoughts that burn **within the totality of experience.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²³

"**All religions** have something to do with **the whole, the totality.**" (Leonard Sweet)²⁴

"**Spirituality** refers first of all to **the universal gift of aliveness** that exists **within all religions** and outside of religions. **It breathes out the air that 'inspires.'**... 'In-spire' means to breathe in....

"For too long the church has warned its members, 'Don't breathe in,' highlighting the dangers of aliveness." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁵

"According to millennial mathematics, the *symbolism* of '**two testaments**' indicates that the number *two* is an **unfinished** integer. **In the mystical symbolism of celestial calculus**, two represents an entity awaiting completion. **Three is the number of completion, even perfection....**

"**Religion thinks in threes.... It takes 'three eyes' to see God**, according to thirteenth-century Franciscan philosopher/theologian/cardinal/saint Bonaventure's rules of acquisition of knowledge--the eye of flesh (by which we perceive the external world), the eye of reason (by which we attain the knowledge of the internal world of philosophy and mind) and **the eye of contemplation (by which we attain knowledge of the transcendent world).**" (Leonard Sweet; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁶

"**In contemplation**, the **inner eye** is fixed upon the object of contemplation ... When **the third eye** is used, which is the case *in contemplation*, it is the synthesizer and director of triple energy; hence the powerful work performed by those in whom it is functioning." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁷

"**In contemplation**, a higher agent enters in. *It is the Soul that contemplates.* The human consciousness ceases its activity and **the man becomes what he is in reality - a soul, a fragment of divinity, conscious of its essential oneness with Deity.**" (Alice Bailey; bold added)²⁸

In other words, with *three* being a *mystical* number of "completion" and "perfection," in this emerging faith it takes "the *third eye*" of contemplation—i.e., of man's "intuitive" inner "knowing" which "*sees*" the "*God*" of *Oneness*—to bring "Scripture" to "completion" and "perfection" in a "*Third Testament*." And, of course, since "*all religions* have something to do with *the whole*" in *Oneness*, a *finished* Word of God with its two testaments that are *finished* in *Jesus* (which will be addressed later) would clearly be seen as *unfinished* and *incomplete*. In this emerging *interfaith* *Oneness completion* must include *the whole* otherwise it is obviously neither whole nor complete. So in today's shifting Christianity this emerging faith has brought with it a shift from teaching and preaching the Gospel of Christ to telling stories of people's own lives to thereby include *the interfaith whole*. And thus people are being led to believe, both mystically and otherwise, that "the living of their own lives writes the book of their most sacred truth." That is, that "the living of their own lives" brings "Scripture"—and the "understanding" of "God"—to "*completion*" and "*perfection*."

"**We are all of us prisms of God's light, refracting the multidimensional rays of the divine.** All living organisms

give off an aura of light, an energy field ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁹

“For a **New Light** apologetic there can be no final statement of theology ... **[W]e must not foreclose our minds against the truths of God, even if they are new**.... The New Light movement is perhaps better called a ‘**More Light**’ movement.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁰

“Just as physicists *cannot understand truth by one model alone*--that is, either the wave nature of light or the particle nature of light--**so one model may not suffice to understand God completely**.... *One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna.*

“A globalization of evangelism ‘in connection’ with others, and **a globally ‘in-formed’ gospel**, is capable of talking across the fence with **Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim**--people from other **so called ‘new’ religious traditions (‘new’ only to us)**--without assumption of *superiority* and power.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³¹

“Look not to one source, but to all sources, and even to all of Life, **for your definition and experience of the Divine**. Reject nothing, but also include everything.

“Do not say that **the truth is** exclusively ‘here’ or exclusively ‘there,’ but, rather, that the truth is ‘neither here nor there,’ but **every where**.

“It is in the Qur’an, and it is in the Upanishads. It is in the Bhagavad Gita, and it is in the Bible.... It is in the Book of Mormon and the Book of Hidden Words. Yet know this: It is found in Whole *nowhere*, and in Part *everywhere*. **All of those sources, taken singularly, contain incomplete understandings.**

“Therefore, entreat those who would live the New Spirituality to consider every book sacred and every messenger holy, even as they, themselves, are holy, and as **the living of their own lives writes the book of their most sacred truth**. Remember that always.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³²

In the “ordered process” of finding this panentheistic *interfaith* “God” of Oneness that is *immanent in everyone and everything* and that brings *all gods* together as “the same God,” the *linear, narrow* truth of God’s Word that *divides* true and false and right and wrong is gradually being replaced with the all-inclusive *circular, broad* “truth” of the journey of Oneness and its “circle of love.” And, not surprisingly, a key component of today’s *mystical* experiences that are indeed ending in the *metaphysical theology* of Oneness/panentheism is the journey of the popular labyrinth. *By design*, the labyrinth’s *nonlinear* spiraling circular path literally and spiritually leads the person inward, to their *own* immanent “God” within.

“The journey of faith is such that, by definition, you don’t know where it will lead you. **Sometimes** the path is **straight and narrow**.... Part of **the appeal of the labyrinth** (also known as the prayer walk) is that it is a **nonlinear** maze where one experiences the **glory** of the ‘**new** and living **way**’ only by **walking the path**.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³³

“**Propositionalists want you to fall in line. Relationalists want you to fall in love**....

“We were put here to ‘glorify God and enjoy him forever.’ In other words, we were not put here to ‘do the right thing’ but to be in a ‘right relationship’ with God. We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to **conceive beauty, truth, and goodness**. We were not put here to ‘take a stand’ but to **walk in the light** for the greater **glory** of God.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁴

As people choose to walk in the “New Light” of the “glory” of the “new” “way” of Oneness rather than in the “old” light of the *narrow* way of God’s *absolute truth*, everything changes.

“... by surrendering himself to the life at the center and there holding himself poised and still, yet alert, **the light will break in and reveal to the disciple that which he needs to know. He learns** to express that *inclusive love* which is his major requirement and **to let go the narrow**, one-pointed attitude which he has hitherto regarded as love. **He welcomes then all visions**, if they serve to lift and comfort his brothers; **he welcomes all truths**, if they are the agents of revelation to other minds; **he welcomes all dreams** if they can act as incentives to his fellow men. **He shares in them all**, yet retains his poised position at the center.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³⁵

"It might therefore be said that **revelation concerns Oneness and nothing else.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³⁶

"[T]hrough right discipline and meditation '**that which obscures the light is gradually removed**'..." (Alice Bailey, *From Intellect to Intuition*; emphasis added)³⁷

"**He learns ... to let go the narrow ...**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³⁸

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life**, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**" (2 John 1:9)

"**He that hath the Son hath life**; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:12)

**"No person or living thing in the universe
stands outside of the community of God"**

Sadly, in its quest to purposely "rethink" and "reimagine" and "recreate" it *all*, today's shifting Christianity has indeed been "learn[ing] to *let go the narrow.*" It has indeed been looking for more "light"—*new* "truths" and *new* "understandings" that it is *willing* to accept—in "*other faiths*" (*religions*) and "*pagan cultures.*" After all, in today's emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism there is nothing *superior* about the truth and faith of *God's Word*. Since the panentheistic interfaith "God" of Oneness is *in everyone and everything*, "God's" "truth" is thus found in anyone and anything—*wherever* anyone *chooses* to look.

"There can be no such thing as Superiority when We Are All One." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")¹

"**New Light** embodiment means to be 'in *connection*' and 'in-*formation*' with **other faiths**. To be in-*formation* means to know each other's songs almost as well as one knows them oneself, and **to enlarge the community to include those whose conceptions of God differ from ours in form.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

This shift "to include those whose conceptions of *God* differ from ours" simply could not be any less Christian or any more New Age. Even so, people today *want* a "God" of *interfaith Oneness* that is "MUCH *bigger* than any *particular* religion," and of course that is especially "bigger" than the *particular* truth and faith of *God's Word*. And since the very New Age immanent "God" of Oneness brings *all gods* together as "One God," i.e., as "the *same* God," it conveniently appears in *any* fashion—"any form"—that people are *willing* to accept.

"People will not require God to 'show up' in one way and only in that way. People's beliefs about God will expand ...

"There is *no limit* to the ways in which God may show up....

"On a blessed future tomorrow **you will begin to believe in a limitless God, who can appear in any form**, under any circumstances, to any person, and, indeed, to all people in all places all the time." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)³

"**There is only One God.** What God is this? Is it Adonai? Allah? Elohim? God? Hari? Jehovah? Krishna? Lord? Rama? Vishnu? Yahweh?

"**It's All of Them.**" (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)⁴

And therefore:

“[T]he focus will be on finding ways to honor those differences [‘between religions’], seeing what they can further reveal to humanity about the Totality of God, and looking to see whether the combination of all these different views might produce a Whole that is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁵

“Just as physicists cannot understand truth by one model alone ... **so one model may not suffice to understand God completely**.... One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of *Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna*.

“A globalization of evangelism ‘in connection’ with others, and a globally ‘in-formed’ gospel, is capable of talking across the fence with *Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim* ...

“The *interfaith* embodiment of a quantum spirituality is based not on the Enlightenment search for what **the world religions** hold in common but on **the multitudinous and uniqueness of each particular vision of truth**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“All the various truths form one Truth; ... your little bit of truth forms part of the group mosaic.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁷

Bringing all gods together inevitably leads to bringing all religions (all “truths”) together, and vice versa. This emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism is *connecting*, “defragging,” all gods into “One God” and all religions into “One Church” that is one *all-encompassing* “community of God.” And, thus, today’s Christianity is being led to move to “be ‘in connection’ and ‘in-formation’ with *other faiths*.” Consequently, *everything is changing*.

“Those who favor some *particular* approach to the **truth** will nevertheless achieve the realization that other approaches and other modes of expression and terminologies, and **other ways of defining deity can be equally correct** and in themselves constitute aspects **of a truth which is greater and vaster** than man’s present equipment can grasp and express.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁸

“When men recognize this and succeed in isolating **that inner significant structure of truth** which is **the same** in all climes and in all races, **then there will emerge the universal religion, the One Church**, and that unified though not uniform approach to God ... **Theologies will disappear into the knowledge of God**; doctrines and dogmas will no longer be regarded as necessary, for faith will be based on *experience*, and *authority* will give place to personal appreciation of *Reality*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁹

“Tomorrow’s God says that every church is ‘his church,’ and every faith is ‘her faith,’ and every soul is God’s soul, because it shares the same soul with God! And no person or living thing in the universe stands outside of the community of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)¹⁰

“The relationship of the whole to the part (or ‘sub-wholes,’ as they are increasingly called), of the single cell to a multicellular organism, is at the heart of the contemporary mathematics of quantum theory.... General systems theory teaches that the *entirety* of any system *supersedes* and *cannot be explained by* the attributes and realities of its component parts.... **Authenticity** in postmodern culture **must reflect this integration and wholeness. New Light** communities are based on the ‘different from’ principle of transcendence: The whole is different from the sum of its parts. Transcendence is a *relational* concept.

“‘Not Chaos-like, together crush’d and bruis’d,
But, as the world, harmoniously confused:
Where order in variety we see,
And where, tho’ all things differ, all agree.’ English satirist/poet Alexander Pope

“All religions have something to do with the whole, the totality. Parts have no existence apart from wholes. In the modern era religions largely succumbed to the Enlightenment’s *fragmented* fetishistic **love for the part. This is the essence of sin**: Mistaking the part for the whole, or separating the part from the whole....

“The *New Light* apologetic must come to terms with the ‘communal awakening’ of postmodernity.... *New Light* leadership is *fundamentally gathering communities together* and building them up into a *true body of Christ*.” (Leonard

Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added, except italics to his quote of Pope)¹¹

“Now, to put it in more postmodern terminology, **God is defragging the church** and rebooting it with the original Operating System [MRI – *Missional, Relational, Incarnational*].” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

“We exist in both particle and wave forms.... But even when we are in **particular form, we are still waves that are connected to everyone and everything**. Even when we take ‘incarnational’ form, we are still part of **one** holy, catholic, apostolic **church**....

“All of divine creation and human creativity will be **both one and many**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

“Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family.... This entails a radical doctrine of **embodiment of God in the very substance of creation**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁴

It is this *interfaith embodiment* of a “God” that is in the “very substance” of *everyone and everything* that thereby “heals the divisions” between the *Christian* faith/truth of God’s Word and the faiths/“truths” of *all other religions* (which, incidentally, obviously includes the *New Age* religion despite the absurd denials of those who are indeed authentically “reflect[ing] this *integration and wholeness*”). And it is without question that this “healing” “enlarge[s] the community to include those whose *conceptions of God differ* from ours in form.” Of course, other faiths/religions have “*conceptions of God*” that “*differ from ours*” because they actually have *other gods* that *differ from ours*. *Other gods*, such as *Kali* for instance, are no more the true God than are *Baal* and *Molech*. Yet in today’s emerging faith of *Oneness/panentheism*, *Baal* and *Molech*—along with *every single other god throughout the history of mankind*, which includes *Satan* himself who is “the god of this world”—are the “true” “God.” And people think this emerging faith is what *God* is “up to in the world”!

It is not *God* who is “defragging” “*all religions*” into “the whole, the totality.” It is this false “God” of *Oneness* that brings the many diverse “fragments”/parts of *all “truths”* and *all gods of all religions/faiths* together in the *wholeness* of its all-encompassing *relationship* of its *immanence*. In this *Oneness* each continues to be its own *particular* religion/faith, *but* with the new “understanding” that it is *only one part* of “the group mosaic,” i.e., of an *interfaith whole*. And since “*all religions* have something to do with the whole,” *interfaith integration* becomes acceptable as well as *desirable* in order to reflect this *wholeness/Oneness*—i.e., this “Totality of God”—more *authentically*. In other words, in this emerging faith (“new world religion”) of *Oneness/panentheism*, *authenticity* must reflect the *Oneness* of “Ours is not a better way, ours is merely *another way*.”

“It is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters [‘God’]. It is but a **symbol of Reality**.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁵

“That new world religion *must* be based upon those truths which have stood the test of ages ...

“First and foremost, there must be recognition of the fact of **God**. **That central Reality can be called by any name that man may choose** ... for it cannot be defined or conditioned by names.... Consciously or unconsciously, all men recognize God Transcendent and God Immanent....

“The Eastern faiths have ever emphasized *God Immanent* ... The Western faiths have presented *God Transcendent* ... Today, we should have the churches presenting a synthesis of these two ideas which have been summed up for us in the statement of Shri Krishna in *The Bhagavad Gita*: ‘**Having pervaded this whole Universe with a fragment of Myself, I remain**. **God, greater than the created whole, yet God present also in the part**; ...’ (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)¹⁶

“I suggest that such **an international, universal, transcreedal, transcultural, transracial standard for theology** is the statement: ‘**We Are All One. Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.**’

“This can be **the gospel of a New Spirituality**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁷

**“Relinquish the pride of mind which sees its way
... to be *correct* and *true*”**

“There can be **no such thing as Superiority when We Are All One**. A thing cannot be superior to itself.

“All things are One Thing, and there is nothing else. ‘We Are All One’ is more than a beautiful slogan. *It is a precise description of the nature of Ultimate Reality*. When you understand this, you ... see **the relationship of all things** differently. **You notice the connectedness at a much higher level...**

“A single sentence, uttered from your pulpits, lecterns, and rostrums, ... could change everything.

“‘**Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.**’

“This humble utterance could begin to **heal the divisions between your religions ...**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)¹

“1. **Unitary thinking, the highest level of understanding reality**, opens us up to a wider sensory realm and mystical dimension of the divine; it also **heals the divisions that separate us** from one another and life’s highest values.

“2. **Wholeness unites**, not eliminates, **opposites**, bringing them into dynamic balance ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

“**All religions** have something to do with **the whole, the totality.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

Too many people in today’s shifting Christianity are cooperatively replacing the so-called “pride” and “idolatry” of believing that the Word of God is *correct* and *true* with the “humility” and “authenticity” of all this Oneness/wholeness. Essentially, this emerging Oneness flips “*yea, let God be true, but every man a liar*” (Romans 3:4) upside down into “*yea, let every man be true, but God a liar.*” After all, in this emerging faith—“new world religion”—of Oneness all “*truths*”/gods/religions are being connected/united/defragged so that *no matter what anyone chooses to believe* it won’t be seen as “*false*” and “*wrong*,” at least not by *man* anyway.

“Relinquish the **pride of mind** which **sees its way and its interpretations to be correct and true**, and others’ **false and wrong**. This is *the way of separation*. Adhere to **the way of integration which is of the soul and not of the mind**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁴

“What if we were to **think connectness rather than correctness**?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“In other words, we were not put here to ‘do the right thing’ but to be in a ‘right relationship’ with God. We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to **conceive beauty, truth, and goodness.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of **Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna.**

“A globalization of evangelism ‘**in connection**’ with others, and a globally ‘*in-formed*’ gospel, is capable of talking across the fence with **Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim** ... without assumption of *superiority* and power.... It will take a **decolonized theology** for Christians to appreciate **the genuineness of others’ faiths**, and to **see and celebrate what is good, beautiful, and true in their beliefs** without any illusions that down deep we all are believers in the same thing.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

Are we to keep *this* commandment, or is it too “outdated” for today’s whole new way of thinking? -- “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me*” (Exodus 20:3).

“... verily every man **at his best state** is altogether vanity. *Selah*.... When thou with rebukes dost **correct** man for **iniquity**, thou makest his **beauty** to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. *Selah*.” (Psalm 39:5, 11)

*“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.... Unto you first **God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**” (Acts 3:19-21, 26)*

The “correct and true” Gospel of Christ blesses the world “in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.” Yet this is being replaced with an incorrect and untrue (i.e., “false and wrong”) “globally ‘in-formed’ gospel” that instead non-divisively “blesses the world with new understandings of *who Jesus is*” (i.e., with conceived “understandings” of who Jesus is “reimagined” to be by those in other religions/faiths/cultures).

*“And too few of these franchise ‘projects’ approached **other cultures** with **the gospel of love**: ‘Jesus loves who and what you are, and wants to inhabit who you are and what you are in such a way that it blesses me, blesses others, and **blesses the world with new understandings of who Jesus is.**’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸*

*“It is not religion and reason that go together, but religion and relationship that go together. Actually, that’s where **the word religion** comes from—*religare*—meaning ‘**to connect, to bind together.**’ The future depends not on our ability to ‘Come, let us reason together’ but ‘Come, let us relate together.’” (Leonard Sweet; bold & underline added)⁹*

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

*“But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that **believe.**” (Galatians 3:22)*

Faith is only *genuine* when faith is in the *genuine* God. And faith is only in the *genuine* God when faith is in the *genuine* Lord Jesus Christ. There is nothing “good, beautiful, and true” in believing in *false gods*. There is nothing “good, beautiful, and true” in *idolatry*. And this is *not* to be *celebrated*! But those who believe in the universal salvation of the *all-encompassing* “right relationship” of the false “God” of Oneness don’t see it that way. Thus, with the help of *other religions* (increasingly referred to as “cultures” today in order to whitewash *religious* differences), today’s new “mission” is to conceive a “beauty, truth, and goodness” that “heals the divisions” that separate the religions/faiths/cultures. And in this journey of Oneness, *of course* people don’t and won’t all claim to believe “in the same thing.” In Oneness it doesn’t matter what anyone *believes*; it only matters that no one is seen as “*wrong*.” In Oneness “ours is merely another way.”

Thus, along with having *different gods*, another key *division* between the *Christian* faith/truth of God’s Word and the faiths/“truths” of *all other religions* is obviously the faith/truth/Gospel/doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ Who is the *exclusive access* to the true God. In other words, the Lord Jesus Christ is *the only* way to the true God – not *another* way, not a *better* way, not *the best* way – *the only* way. So to fully “heal”/unite/defrag these divisions, this emerging faith/community of Oneness must not only “reimagine” God—which it does in its “reimagined” *immanent* “God” that renders *all gods* as just different forms, understandings, and experiences of “the *same* God”—it must also “reimagine” *Jesus*. This it does by *removing*, i.e., “*healing*,” the need to *believe* in the true *Person* of Jesus Himself. This gives people in any religion/fait/culture the freedom to believe whatever they want about “who Jesus is.” There’s clearly nothing *divisive* in this “Good News.”

Accordingly, people in today’s shifting Christianity are even being seduced into believing that the true Gospel of Christ is just “Western culture” that is to be “humbly” set aside so that people in other countries and religions (a.k.a. “cultures”) can make up their *own* response. This way, people can answer the Lord Jesus Christ’s question, “*But whom say ye that I am?*” in *whatever* fashion they are *willing* to accept. In the “self-regulating” “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” of this emerging faith everyone can therefore *make up* their own “God” and their own “Jesus” and their own “gospel,” however they choose of course. No “*beliefs*” are necessary. That is, no “*certain*” beliefs are necessary. This emerging faith is pursuing *uncertainty* for a reason.

"God doesn't offer **final answers**, the *manacles* of modernity, but binding *relationships*....

"**Jesus never once mentions religion or orthodox theology, nor does he outline certain religious 'beliefs'** and 'precepts' by which we will be judged. He outlines actions by which we will be judged, but not propositions and creeds." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

"One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of *Yahweh*, or *Kali*, or *Krishna*." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹¹

"This difference in how and where we encounter the sacred—in propositions or in relations—is fundamental....

"For the Christian, **propositionalism is a form of atheism**: to define faith in terms of formulations and affirmations you can tie down rather than living relationships and lifelong encounters you can trust." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

Incidentally, "propositionalism" (i.e., "faith as belief ... as believing something to be true ... believing the right things;"¹³ or *believing that the doctrine/theology of God's Word is true*) is only "a form of *atheism*" in the emerging faith of the false interfaith "God" of Oneness that is *in everyone and everything*. This difference is not only fundamental it is also eternal. But, sadly, those who believe that they have "encountered" a binding all-encompassing relationship of a panentheistic "God"—not to mention of a panentheistic "Christ"—of interfaith Oneness don't see it that way. Besides, this "healing" difference is also absurdly seen as being on a mission "to produce the *Third Testament*" and "to continue the work of *Scripture*" in "our '*new account of everything old*'" as "*co-creators*" with "*God*" as "*your part of the 'I Am' that we are*."¹⁴ So, naturally, this *fundamental difference* is seen as anything but *eternal*. And, thus, these new "understandings" ("reimaginings") of "*who Jesus is*" become this emerging faith's "*gospel of love*."

"People need room to **move and choose and resist airtight propositions** that don't allow free breathing (i.e., *freedom*). **Jesus left space for people to make their own responses to him. He did not dictate to his disciples what they were to believe about him: 'Who do you say I am?'**" (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁵

"The love of God lies **not** in our propositions and **beliefs** ... Jesus invited us into a sacramental relationship, **not** into **propositional acquiescence**." (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹⁶

"**One of the most serious thought-crimes for a Christian is the confusion of 'faith' with 'belief,'** or to call someone who follows Jesus a '*believer*,' ... The Devil confesses to being a '*believer*.' **The Devil draws on the Bible's authority to make his arguments** ... " (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

"**The Bible doesn't make 'truth claims.'** The Bible unveils truth power and manifests truth *relationships*." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

"**Hostility** to the triumphalist teleologies and **doctrinal/moralistic/experiential chains** of modernity has generated an understanding of **truth** that lies now less in dogmatism than in discussion, **in the dialogue of the voices**, in the *ordered disorder* of sound....

"**The authority of truth proceeds from the process of dialogue itself** ...

"**Unitary thinking**, the highest level of understanding reality, opens us up to a wider sensory realm and *mystical* dimension of the divine; it also **heals the divisions** that *separate* us from one another and life's *highest values*." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

"People are looking to find their own unique path in the world, each in his or her own way....

"Authoritarian stances of ... '**We have the Truth!**' or '**The Bible says it: That settles it!**' ... no longer suffice. Indeed, they are **resented**.... **Instead of** rational argumentation over **what is 'truth' and 'falsehood'**," authoritarian directives over *what is 'right' and 'wrong'*, ... **storytelling** is the postmodern means of governance ... " (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

"Jesus didn't leave us any *writings* ... **Jesus left us with one thing: himself**, in the form of his body, **a community that shares stories of healing and love**.... *This difference in how and where we encounter the sacred—in propositions or in relations—is fundamental.*" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

Jesus—Who is the *truth* and Who always has been and always will be *God* (e.g., John 1:1-14)—left us with His Word of *truth* and His *Spirit of truth*. But people today are *rejecting* the writings (the words) of the Word of truth that we are to *believe* and are thus also automatically rejecting the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, Whom Jesus sent (e.g., John 7:39; 14:17; 15:26; 16:7-15). Consequently, all they have left is a community of *storytellers*. Yet this is what they *want*. Even so, this community is *not Jesus “himself.”* Jesus *Himself* is at the right hand of the Father in *heaven*—which is not on *earth* as is now “reimagined”—where He is our Mediator and Intercessor with the true God, for all who *believe* in the true *Person* of Jesus Himself (e.g., Acts 3:20-21; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Peter 3:21-22; Hebrews 9:14-15, 24). Only someone in the emerging faith and “quantum spirituality” of Oneness/panentheism who believes that “Jesus” is “*energymatter*,”²² that “Jesus” “wants to be of one *substance* with every human being,”²³ that “each one of us is free to *become Jesus*,”²⁴ and “that in *being Jesus* we find Jesus”²⁵ would believe that a *community* is Jesus “*himself*.”

Although those in this emerging faith prefer to *believe in – put their faith in – community* (i.e., in the all-encompassing relationship/community of Oneness/panentheism), in order to *have Jesus* we must *believe* in Jesus Himself, which thereby gives us *God*—Who *Himself* is likewise not a *community*.

“For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto **salvation** to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in **the doctrine of Christ**, he **hath both the Father and the Son**.” (2 John 1:9)

“**All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. **And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you**.” (1 Peter 1:23-25)

“So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**.” (Romans 10:17)

But, clearly contrary to today’s mission to “*heal the divisions*,” the truth and faith of the Word of God *bring divisions*. So not surprisingly:

“An incarnational design begins with the *humble* acknowledgment that **there is no unmediated gospel or uncorrupted faith**. Every ‘good news’ is run through the ‘software’ of a cultural context. No theology exists outside of a historical standpoint and cultural context.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁶

“**Western Christianity has a corrupted hard drive and an alien default OS**.... Now, to put it in more postmodern terminology, **God is defragging the church and rebooting it with the original Operating System**. MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] is the original operating system of the Christian faith. MRI is the operating software on which human life and faith were *designed* to run: Version 1.0 is known as the First Testament; Version 2.0 is known as the New Testament; **Version 3.0 is the Third Testament, the Gospel According to ... you**.” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

All *Scripture*, by which we get our *faith*, is *inspired* by *God*. *God* does not *inspire corruption* or *error*. Neither has *all Scripture* that is *inspired* by *God* been *corrupted* out of *existence* leaving us with only *corrupted Scripture* that gives a *corrupted faith* that therefore opens the door to “*correcting*” the truth and faith of God’s Word!

Yes, man is very busy *corrupting* the Word of God and its words with all of the “rethinking” and “reimagining” and “rewriting” new “versions” (*new for a reason*).

“**For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God**: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak

we in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 2:17)

But despite man’s never-ending mission to *change*—to *corrupt* and “*correct*”—the resented *absolute truth* of God’s Word, God, Whose *every word is pure*, promises to *preserve His words from this generation forever*.

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” (Proverbs 30:5)

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” (Psalm 12:6-7)

The issue in wanting to believe that there is “*no* unmediated gospel or uncorrupted faith” is that all *Scripture* that has been *inspired by God* is *profitable* for *doctrine* and *reproof* and *correction* and *instruction* in *righteousness* – *all of which* today’s shifting Christianity is trying to get away from. And *all of which* have to do with *correctness* and therefore do *the opposite* of facilitating *connectness*. So it is not surprising that today’s shifting Christianity does not want this uncorrupted, inerrant *Scripture* that has been *inspired by God* to actually exist in our time and language. After all, *Scripture* is the *absolute truth* of the Word—of the *inspiration*—of *God*. So if *all Scripture* that exists is seen as *corrupted* then this conveniently eliminates the *correctness* of *absolute truth* that is to be *believed* and *obeyed* as *what is*. And this way it can all become *relative* and about *connectness* (relationship) instead.

Accordingly, today’s shifting Christianity now commonly qualifies *Scripture* as inerrant only in *the originals*. This belief that the truth and faith of God and His Son *no longer exists* on the earth in an *inerrant* copy—i.e., that *all* copies in existence today are *corrupted* and *errant*—makes God out to be a liar. And it is quite ironic that God is being made out to be a liar in more and more of today’s “Statements of Faith.” It is also claimed that you have to go back to the original *languages* for inerrancy. And yet the double-tongued argument is that we can’t *understand* the *truth* with *certainty* because of the limitations and even error of *language* and *words* and *transcription*. If this argument was true—and it isn’t—about *God* being *limited* by man’s *language*, it would make no difference whether we read the language of *English* or the languages of *Hebrew and Greek*! Moreover, even the original languages and the originals themselves of *Scripture* were *transcribed* by *man*. So, according to today’s new way of thinking that *in itself* places limitations on *God’s* ability to *inspire* the *Scripture* of His Word *through man and language*, there would *never* have been an inerrant, *pure* Word of *God*! Although utterly absurd, this is all precisely the *uncertainty* that people today *want*.

Incidentally, when the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul quoted from and referred to “the *scriptures*” and “*scripture*,” even they had *copies*, not *originals*. God has faithfully preserved and inspired His *uncorrupted* *Scripture* in copies of His Word throughout the generations. But people today are just not *willing* to accept a truth that is *absolute* for “all cultures” and “all contexts” and “all time.”

*“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the **pen of the scribes is in vain**. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: **lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD**; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:8-9)*

The fingers of today’s Christianity are being pried one by one from *God’s* Word of absolute truth for *a reason*. The *words* of the *uncorrupted* truth and faith of *God* and His Son given to us by *God* in the Word of *God* are simply not conducive to making *connections* in today’s *circle* of relationship of *Oneness*. And this rapidly emerging faith—“new world religion”—is bound and determined to connect (defrag) *all* the different *religions/faiths/cultures/gods/“truths”* together in a *Oneness/wholeness* that unites *all opposites*. Therefore *God’s* inspired *Scripture* in *God’s* Word *cannot* be seen as “*superior*” in any way. Again, believing the truth of *God’s* Word *precludes* believing in all this *Oneness/wholeness* and *they know it*. Hence, the *shift* away from *believing* the *words* of the *absolute* truth/theology/doctrine (“propositions”) of *God’s* Word. To see the *darkness* of *Oneness* that *unites all opposites* the *light* of *God’s* Word *must* be *turned off*.

Thus, those in this emerging faith of *Oneness/panentheism* are turning the light off to look for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room *on purpose*. With the light off everyone has the freedom to define and imagine “*God*” and/or “*Jesus*”/“*Christ*” however they choose and to have this “relationship” however they choose on whatever “path” they choose with no fear that it is all “*false and wrong*.”

"If one understands **the beliefs** of the tradition and **the scriptures** of the tradition **not as what is to be believed**, ... then one can begin to see that the Christian life is about a *relationship to the sacred*. Christianity ... uses human language, *culturally conditioned relative language*, and **to absolutize that language is a profound mistake**." (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)²⁸

So if the *beliefs* are not to be *believed* then there's clearly nothing to fear, right?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:16-18)

"To absolutize one's own religion as the only way means that one sees all of the other religious traditions of the world as **wrong**, and dialogue, genuine dialogue, becomes impossible. **Conversion can be the only goal**." (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)²⁹

*"For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be **converted**, and **I should heal them**."* (Matthew 13:15)

"The Gospel According to" anything and everyone?

Those who are choosing to put their faith in Oneness and its panentheistic "God" and "truth" that are *in everyone and everything* will see nothing "*superior*" about the truth of God's Word nor see any "*advantage*" to having God's Word. Rather, they are attempting to "heal the divisions" between religions by looking for and creating "the kind of coherencies and larger frameworks" that *unify* the religions/faiths/cultures. Consequently, the "old" light of God's written Word of truth is being replaced with the "new light" of the collective "divine cocreativity"—i.e., collective "*storytelling*"—of today's emerging *interfaith community*. In this emerging faith "*relationship, not believing*" and likewise "*connectness rather than correctness*" have indeed become central. Since nothing is "*false and wrong*" in this new "light" of Oneness, the need for beliefs to be "*correct and true*" has been rendered irrelevant. And, of course, with a panentheistic interfaith "God" of Oneness everyone can look for "truth" *wherever* they *choose* to find it and even call it "Scripture" and "the Word" and "the Gospel" if they so desire.

"Look not to one source, but to all sources, and even to all of Life, for your definition and experience of the Divine. Reject nothing, but also include everything.

"Do not say that the truth is exclusively 'here' or exclusively 'there,' but, rather, that the truth is 'neither here nor there,' **but every where**." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)¹

"No culture is so advanced and so **superior** that it can claim **exclusive access or advantage to the truth of God**, and **none** so marginal or inferior that it **can be excluded**." (Leonard Sweet quoting Lamin O. Sanneh; emphasis added)²

"New Lights spend their lives **looking for the kind of coherencies and larger frameworks** people need for **unifying** human experience, **listening for the drumbeat of the Word amid the downbeats of the world**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

"... Version 3.0 is **the Third Testament, the Gospel** According to ... you." (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴

"New Light embodiment means to be 'in connection' and 'in-formation' with **other faiths**. To be in-formation means ... to enlarge **the community** to include **those whose conceptions of God differ** from ours in form....

“One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of **Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna**.

“A globalization of evangelism ‘in *connection*’ with others, and a **globally ‘in-formed’ gospel**, is capable of talking across the fence with *Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim ...* without assumption of *superiority* and power.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“Not only did God become incarnate at one time and in one place, thus becoming visible to the earth, but **the gospel gets incarnated in every culture** by design....

“God’s presence is written in *every handwriting*. **The world** bears traces of the handwriting of **the Word**....

“The early disciples treated with deep esteem those *without faith* and those with **other faiths** because **God** is active in their lives and we have something to **learn from them**.

“Early Christians drew upon **ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures** as ‘**seeds**’ of the **divine Word** that *become enfleshed* in Christ and in the church.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“Franchise is another word for *dis-incarnation*. And too few of these franchise ‘projects’ approached **other cultures** with **the gospel of love**: ‘Jesus loves who and what you are, and wants to inhabit who you are and what you are in such a way that it ... **blesses the world with new understandings of who Jesus is**.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

“God the Spirit and Sustainer wants to work through **New Lights** of the twenty-first century to **produce the Third Testament--our ‘new account of everything old.’**

“**New Lights**’ mission in life, if they choose to accept it, is **to continue the work of Scripture**....

“... Philip Hefner captures wonderfully our simultaneous status as dependent creatures and free agents in his recommendation that human beings be thought of as ‘**created co-creators**.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

“**Community** is the highest collective form of **divine cocreativity**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

“What if we were to **think connectness rather than correctness**?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

“**All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is **profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all longsuffering and **doctrine**. For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and **they shall turn away their ears from the truth**, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the **scripture** is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came **not** in old time **by the will of man**: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost**.” (2 Peter 1:16, 19-21)

“**Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive**, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:17)

“For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with him**.” (2 Corinthians 11:4)

In today’s shifting Christianity, people believe they can just correct Scripture by “rethinking” and “reimagining” and “rewriting” it, so why would they see a need to be corrected by Scripture? Besides, “Yea, *hath God said ...?*” Likewise, people believe they can just “rethink” and “reimagine” God and His Son in the attempt to fit them within the different religious/cultural contexts, so why would they see a need for the *doctrine* of Scripture that gives “the *doctrine* of Christ”

by which we *have* “both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9)? Besides, a *corner* stone simply doesn’t work in the *circle* of relationship of Oneness. Hence the pursuit of “*new* understandings of *who Jesus is*” in a “Gospel”/“Third Testament” that is “globally ‘*in-formed*’” by other faiths/religions/cultures.

It is not at all surprising that people in this emerging faith of Oneness want “the Word” “made flesh *differently*”—or “*reincarnated*.” That is, after all, the point. Without “*another Jesus*” that is *different* from the Lord Jesus Christ they cannot “heal the divisions” between religions. So this emerging faith must *change* the Son of God—with the help of man’s powerful imagination, of course. Sweet, who has actually been praised as “[o]ne of the church’s *most important* and provocative thinkers,”¹¹ has written:

“There is no matter without spirit. There is no flesh without word. The height dimension of faith teaches us that without the Word made flesh, there is no Word made power. In every epoch, however, **the Word is made flesh differently**. *Energymatter is a dynamic process ... Logos materializes in Pathos in forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age.*” (emphasis added, except to *Logos* and *Pathos*)¹²

“Early Christians drew upon **ideas**, phrases, metaphors, and customs of **pagan cultures** as ‘*seeds*’ of the divine Word that **become enfleshed in Christ** and in the church.” (emphasis added)¹³

“According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, to inform means ‘to give form to, put into form and shape.’ **The purpose of the church** is to give form to, **to put into form and shape, the energymatter known as Jesus Christ**. New Light leaders, therefore, are *in-formational connectors* helping the body of Christ to *become an in-formed church, an in-formational community*. Informational communities exercise both informative and performative functions. The informative function is to impart **ideas** and to communicate **concepts necessary for the life** of the individual and **the community**....

“New Light leadership helps patches of information become cloaks of knowledge. *Information brokering is central to creating community in postmodern culture, not to mention achieving synergic states of group consciousness*....

“A major New Light undertaking is the *designing* of newstream communities that can be ‘in connection’ and ‘in-formation’ with the spirit of Christ. **Christ will be embodied for the postmodern church in information**.

“The following are five gross premises of embodiment ... that build *anew* the body of Christ for the postmodern era -- **being ‘in connection’ and ‘in-formation’ with:** (1) other Christians, (2) **all creation**, (3) *one’s ancestors and ancestral memories*, (4) **other faiths**, (5) technology.” (emphasis added)¹⁴

It is the *true* Lord Jesus Christ Who is *the only way* to the *true* God. A *false* “Jesus,” not to mention a “Jesus” that is *made-up* by man, can only lead to a *false* “God.” And yet in today’s emerging faith of Oneness and its unifying mission to create a new kind of “Gospel”/“Testament” through a new kind of “body” of a new kind of “Christ” no one will think twice about today’s new “understandings” of who “Jesus” is. Moreover, the panentheistic “God” of Oneness is in everyone regardless of their *beliefs* and *religion*, so “people may genuinely encounter God ... *without explicitly knowing* about Jesus of Nazareth.”¹⁵ Since people in this emerging faith don’t even need to *know Jesus*, it clearly won’t matter what anyone *believes about Jesus*. And thus a *false* “Jesus,” “*another Jesus*,” becomes irrelevant as well.

So according to these pagan (“quantum”) “reimaginings,” “Jesus of Nazareth [is] the culmination of energymatter”¹⁶ and “[t]he purpose of the church is ... to put into form and shape, the energymatter known as Jesus Christ.” “Energymatter is a dynamic process,” so “[i]n every epoch ... *the Word is made flesh differently ... in forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age.*” Thus “*the gospel gets incarnated in every culture*” and “**ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures**” are seen “as ‘*seeds*’ of the divine Word that become enfleshed in Christ and in the church.” And therefore:

“New Lights’ mission in life, if they choose to accept it, is *to continue the work of Scripture*....

“The challenge of the church in the twenty-first century is to become ... **a seedbed in which the texts and traditions of the faith recreate themselves in and through the body** until its molecular imagination is awakened by a living God.

“Every believer, **every body of Christ is called to become the Third Testament**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

“**Authenticity** in postmodern culture **must reflect this integration and wholeness**....

“All religions have something to do with **the whole, the totality**. Parts have no existence apart from wholes.... This is the essence of sin: Mistaking the part for the whole, or separating the part from the whole....

“New Light leadership is fundamentally **gathering communities** together and building them up **into a true body of Christ**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

“In fact, **the genius of authentic Christianity** is its ability to **integrate ‘pagan customs’ with Christian faith and practice**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“The body of Christ is less an aggregate of persons than **an aggregate of cultures; the body of Christ is an ark of cultural organisms**, each one contributing something unique and indispensable to the body.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

“Theologian/feminist critic Sallie McFague has argued persuasively for seeing **Earth, in a very real sense, as much as a part of the body of Christ as humans**.... The world of **nature** has an identity and purpose apart from **human** benefit. But we constitute **together a cosmic body of Christ**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

“[N]ewstream communities will develop ritualized systems of relationship between the *human* journey and the *nature* of things. In the modern era *worship* was demystified and *denatured*. Postmoderns are driven by desire to explore and celebrate an ever-deepening *intimacy* with the Great Mystery that is the *universe*. **Liturgies of the earth**--fire, land, wind, and water--**can restore the biological and physical rhythms of the planet to our computer-programmed consciousness**. Outdoor earth rituals can also provide worshipers with experiences of *connectedness* to all earthlings: What the Sioux Indians call the creeping people, the standing people, the flying people, and the swimming people. **All earthlings must be incorporated into the body of Christ in more ways than just through the ‘blessing of the animals.’** We must find ritual ways to make earthlings’ presence felt, their participation solicited, their voices heard, if the ideal of *ecological worship* is to be realized.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

Suffice it to say that in today’s emerging faith that is unarguably a “*make-it-up-as-you-go-along* process,”²³ it will *obviously* be *irrelevant* that the “new understandings of who Jesus is” do *not* line up with the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He did for us—i.e., the true Gospel of Christ—as recorded in God’s Word of truth! Rather, it all merely becomes a “Third Testament.” And a cosmic “Third Testament” that is made up in and through a cosmic “body” of a cosmic “Christ” will indeed produce “new understandings of *who Jesus is*.” It will conveniently provide *countless* variations of “the Gospel According to ...”

This phrase sounds familiar. In fact, today’s shifting Christianity, which has long since abandoned looking in the obvious place for the truth about God and His Son, should be quite familiar with all the never-ending absurd “reimaginings” associated with it. After all, according to the new way of thinking:

“The truth of thought is not dependent on its source: It’s the same truth whether from the mouth of Jesus or the ass of Balaam. Truth as words is no different whether from the utterances of Paul or the udders of a cow. It matters not.” (Leonard Sweet)²⁴

“Look not to one source, but to all sources, and even to all of Life, for your definition and experience of the Divine. Reject nothing, but also include everything.

“Do not say that the truth is exclusively ‘here’ or exclusively ‘there,’ but, rather, that the truth is ‘neither here nor there,’ but *every* where.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)²⁵

Incidentally, ideas that are *pagan*, and concepts of “God” and of “Jesus”/“Christ” that are *different* from the Christian *truth* of *Who God is* and *Who the Lord Jesus Christ is*, are only “*necessary* for the *life* of the individual and the community” in a community of *Oneness*. And a community of *Oneness* is a community that only has “*life*” if the divisive *belief* in the Lord Jesus Christ is “*healed*.” Thus, contrary to becoming “cloaks of knowledge,” this emerging faith actually *cloaks* knowledge on purpose. And at the same time, what better way to “heal” this divisive belief than with the *pagan idea* of a “God” and “Christ” that are *immanent* in everyone and everything? This way, it can “*build anew* the body of Christ”—not to mention “the kingdom of God”—in its creation and formation of a *storytelling interfaith community* that “include[s] those whose conceptions of *God* differ from ours in form.”

Dialoguing to the consensus/connectness/Oneness of today's new "truth"

Contrary to today's mission of Oneness, Jesus said to *continue in His Word* and we shall *know the truth*. He did not say to "*continue the work of Scripture*" and *conceive and live our own "truth."* Jesus said to go into all the world and *preach* the Gospel to every creature. He did not say to go into all the world and *learn* "the Gospel" according to them and *learn* from those *without* faith or *other faiths*, which, again, have *different "conceptions of God"* because they actually have *different gods*. Thus, neither did Jesus say to have "*a globally 'in-formed' gospel*" according to who the world says He is in its "*new* understandings of *who Jesus is*"! Furthermore, Jesus said to *teach* all nations to observe *all things* that He has *commanded*. He did not say to *leave space* for all nations to have the freedom to *make their own* responses to Him. But, sadly, this does indeed engender hostility in those who prefer to think *outside* the "box" of God's Word of absolute truth, and thus *outside* the *Lordship* of Jesus.

"*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*" (Luke 6:46)

"*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" (John 8:31-32)

"*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" (Mark 16:15)

"*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ...*" (Matthew 28:19-20)

"**We were not put here to 'keep commandments'** but to *conceive* beauty, truth, and goodness." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹

"*Hostility to the triumphalist teleologies and doctrinal/moralistic/experiential chains of modernity has generated an understanding of truth that lies now less in dogmatism than in discussion, in the dialogue of the voices ...*

"*The authority of truth proceeds from the process of dialogue itself ...*" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

Actually, the authority of truth is God Himself. And God said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth. Yet, incredibly, a growing number of people in today's shifting Christianity now believe that the *words* of God's Word are irrelevant and to be "transcended." It is the *words* of God's Word that tell us what we are to *believe* and *obey* in order to believe and obey God and His Son. God, "*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth,*" is "*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*"—i.e., a "*repentance to the acknowledging of the truth*" (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Timothy 2:25). To throw out the words of God's Word is to throw out *repentance* and *salvation* as well. For starters, if the words are irrelevant *what* exactly would they repent of, the so-called "idolatry" of *believing* the words of God's Word of truth? It used to be obvious that it is not by *unbelief* of the truth that we are saved. To throw out the words of God's Word is to throw out *everything*. But those who believe in their own inner "knowing" of their own inner "light" don't see it that way. Even so, God's Word is a Word of *words*, and these words of *God* are *words of truth*, and God's words of *truth* are to be *believed* and *obeyed*.

"**Hold fast the form of sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:13)

"**Holding fast the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." (Titus 1:9)

"**The entrance of thy words** giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130)

*"Jesus said unto them, ... **He that is of God heareth God's words**: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:42, 47)*

*"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ... **For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; ... Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**." (John 17:1, 8, 17)*

*"... **If ye continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; and **ye shall know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32)*

*"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto **the knowledge of the truth**. For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Timothy 2:3-6)*

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

*"Unto you therefore which **believe** he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of **stumbling**, and a rock of **offence**, even to them which **stumble at the word**, ..." (1 Peter 2:7-8)*

*"**Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.... But **continue** thou **in** the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God** ... I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, ... **preach the word** ... For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine ... and they shall turn away their ears from **the truth**, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 3:7-8, 14-4:4)*

Jesus is not man's "reimagined" "truth" that is to be "conceived." He is *the truth* that is to be *believed*. Jesus did not say—"I am the way however you choose to journey," "I am the truth however you choose to imagine it," "I am the life however you choose to live"! We are not to make it all up however we choose. But, of course, God's divisive words of *what is truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* are being replaced with "the dialogue of the voices" in order to replace this "old" divisive truth of God's Word with today's new unifying "truth" of Oneness. Rather than heeding the words of God, people in today's shifting Christianity are blindly heeding doctrines of devils just as the "irrelevant" words of God's Word forewarned.

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

"There is another way. There is another way to experience God. There is another way to live life. Your differences do not have to create divisions. Your contrasts do not have to produce conflicts.... THERE IS ANOTHER WAY.

*"Yet you will not find that way by searching for it. You will only find it by creating it. And you will not create it by **remaining stuck in old beliefs, but only by opening yourself to new ideas**. New ideas **about God** and about Life that can truly light the world....*

*"A kind of spirituality **that will allow humans** to express their natural impulse to seek and **to experience the Divine without making each other wrong** for the way in which they are doing it ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & italics added)³*

*"Our opportunity now is to create the space of possibility for a **New Spirituality** to emerge upon the earth, a kind of spirituality that will not in any way hinder or destroy our traditional faith traditions, but that will reinvigorate them, refresh them, enliven them, *expand them*, and allow them to flourish, bringing to our world at last **an individualized experience of the Divine in a unified form that makes no one wrong for the way in which they are approaching the God of their understanding**, and that creates no condemnation or conflict in God's name....*

*"[T]his kind of **healed spirituality** cannot fully emerge on the earth without you. For you must be the creators and the carriers of its message." (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁴*

“The more connected the world gets, the more the importance of Christianity getting over its propositional impotence. **We must resign from the proposition business** and rehire into the people business. It’s time to start flexing faith’s relational muscles **and build up a relational theology** in which ‘**Only Connect**’ is the engine room of the *theological* enterprise ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“God doesn’t offer **final answers**, the **manacles** of modernity, but binding *relationships*....

“Jesus never once mentions religion or **orthodox theology**, nor does he outline **certain religious ‘beliefs’ and ‘precepts’** by which we will be judged. He outlines actions by which we will be judged, but not **propositions and creeds**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

First, whereas a “box” has *walls*—which divide, separate, restrict, set forth limits, and also *protect*—in this emerging faith/relationship of Oneness, i.e., “*relational theology*,” everyone can “simply ‘be’ in relationship” “unencumbered by structure.”⁷ That is, unencumbered by the structure of the *absolute truth* of God’s Word that is to be *believed* and *obeyed* as *what is*.

“... the English words believe and believing are **relational**.... **They don’t even mean believing divinely revealed propositions to be true.**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁸

“Our **idolatry of propositions**¹³ is so severe that we have even made ‘affirmations’ into principles, not people. When you hear the word *affirmation*, you immediately think of an intellectual declaration rather than **a relational stance of being ‘beloved** on the earth.’ But what it means to be human is *not* to enunciate affirmations but **to be affirmed and receive affirmations.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *affirmation*)⁹

As mentioned earlier, in his endnote # 13 of this previous quote Sweet quotes from the book *God in All Things* to specify that “**true faith** is an act of **surrender to the living God, present in all people ... and in all things.**”¹⁰ The “*relational theology*” of a “*God*” that is in everyone and everything, thereby bringing everyone and everything together in one *all-encompassing relationship with itself*, clearly turns everything upside down. And, no, this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism is not true, so it is not “true faith.”

“... Tomorrow’s God will turn your understanding of **relationships upside down.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹¹

“In the days of the New Spirituality **love and freedom will be understood to be the same thing.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹²

“*Propositionalists* want you to fall in *line*. **Relationalists want you to fall in love**....

“In other words, **we were not put here to ‘do the right thing’** but to be in a ‘right relationship’ with God. **We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’** but to conceive beauty, truth, and goodness. **We were not put here to ‘take a stand’** but to walk in the light for the greater glory of God.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

“**If ye love me, keep my commandments.**” (John 14:15)

Sadly, even in today’s shifting Christianity more and more people are in fact no longer willing to “do the right thing.” They are no longer willing to “keep commandments”—even one as basic as “*his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ*” (1 John 3:23). And neither are they willing to “take a stand” for *what is truth* and *what is right*.

Second, in order to shift from the “old” *either/or* truth of God’s Word that *divides* opposites to today’s new *both/and* “truth” of Oneness that *unites* opposites, this fully emerging enterprise *must* “*Only Connect*” *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*. Otherwise there is no “*both/and*.” The “unified form that makes no one wrong” is the *both/and*.

“**Think outside the box. Reject ‘either/or’ and consider ‘both/and.’**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁴

"Your differences do not have to create *divisions*. Your contrasts do not have to produce conflicts." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹⁵

"Remember ... **the Divine Dichotomy**, in which **two apparently contradictory truths can exist simultaneously in the same space....**

"That is a sign of maturity, ... standing firm in an 'either/or' position rarely serves anyone—least of all, Life.

"You do not live in an 'either/or' reality. The reality is 'both/and.'" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹⁶

"The postmodern world being born is **not** a bipolar worldview of **either/or's but** a double helix, Möbius-strip culture of **both-and's**, the *coincidentia oppositorum* (**coinciding opposites**) ..." (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; bold added)¹⁷

"Postmoderns can take **opposite paths**, make contrasting choices, **and still be 'right.'**..."

"Instead of rational argumentation over **what is 'truth' and 'falsehood,'** authoritarian directives over **what is 'right' and 'wrong,'** ... *storytelling* is the postmodern means of governance ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

"The truth lies now in the extremes, both held together simultaneously. Ever since Danish physicist Niels Bohr's enunciation of the complementarity principle, **the union of logically contradictory opposites** (such as 'wave' [world of connection] and 'particle' [world of disconnection] to describe light) has stood at **the heart of the comprehension of truth. Oppositions are no longer antagonisms but electrifying outlets....**

"The authority of truth proceeds from the process of *dialogue itself* ...

"The bitter-sweet bind of postmodern culture is, **The truth lies in the extremes being held together....**

"1. Unitary thinking ... heals the divisions that separate us from one another and life's highest values.

"2. Wholeness unites ... opposites ..." (Leonard Sweet; all parentheses and brackets in the original; emphasis added)¹⁹

In this "*healed spirituality*"—i.e., *Wordless faith*—of Oneness the polar opposites of truth and falsehood and right and wrong are united in a both/and that "heals" divisions. So rather than a *linear* truth in which everything is *either* truth *or falsehood, either right or wrong*, everything becomes a relative "truth" and a relative "right"—no "falsehood" and no "wrong." In other words, everything becomes a *circular* "truth" in which the opposites of *both truth and falsehood* are brought together in a new larger "truth" in which it all becomes a *relative* "truth." Likewise, *both right and wrong* are brought together in a new larger "truth" in which it all becomes a *relative* "right." This way, "what is 'truth' and 'falsehood'" and "what is 'right' and 'wrong'"—and, thus, what is to be *believed* and what is to be *obeyed*—all becomes *irrelevant* as well as "*transcended*" in the even larger "truth" of "*relationship*."

Of course, with a both/and unity of opposites that obviously "makes no one *wrong*" everyone can thus "take *opposite paths* ... and still be '*right*.'" Today's shifting Christianity, which clearly desires the freedom of this *both/and* "*unitary thinking*," is indeed resigning from the *either/or* "proposition business" in its shift to affirming *people* in their *choices* instead of affirming *the truth*. And, consequently, everything is changing.

"To absolutize one's own religion as the only way means that one **sees all of the other religious traditions of the world as wrong**, and dialogue, genuine dialogue, becomes impossible. *Conversion* can be the only goal." (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)²⁰

"Difficult as it is to now imagine, **your established religions are going to stop making each other wrong.** And **the New Spirituality will throw the doors of acceptance open to all forms of the true and honest search for wisdom.** This will be *the new way that humanity will interact with God*, and it will produce **a new way of interacting with each other**—a way that could change the world forever." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)²¹

In this emerging faith, i.e., "New Spirituality"/"new world religion," this new way of interacting with each other "that makes *no one wrong*" includes dialoguing to consensus/connectness/Oneness. As mentioned earlier, the purpose of

dialogue is not to teach and believe what is *true* but to make *relationships* in the circle of Oneness. Again, dialogue facilitates Oneness by *transforming truth into relationship*—by facilitating the transformation of the dividing *line* of truth into a *circle* of unity. This creates the new “truth” that brings *two extremes—polar opposites*—together as *one*. This *Oneness/unity* of opposites is itself the new “truth.” This process effectively *eliminates* (“transcends”) opposites—e.g., truth and falsehood, right and wrong—by *connecting/uniting* these opposites (either/or’s) *together* in a *both/and* that thereby creates a *circle* of Oneness. There are *no opposites* in a circle of Oneness—O.

Opposites/extremes (either/or’s) are connected and held together in a both/and by building a *bridge* through *dialogue* that pulls the opposites *together*. The process of pulling together two polar opposites, i.e., *the two ends* of the *line*, transforms—*curves*—the dividing *line* of truth into a *circle* of Oneness/relationship. A *curve* is “a line that *deviates from straightness* in a smooth, continuous fashion.”²² And, fittingly, a *curve ball* is “a *pitch* delivered with a *spin* that causes the ball to *veer* from a normal straight path, *away from the side from which it was thrown*.”²³ In dialogue, the two sides are giving each other pitches delivered with a spin—throwing “curve balls”—that purposely veer away from the side from which they are thrown. And they are doing so in order to build a bridge/connection—i.e., to “Only Connect”—with the opposite side. In other words, they are doing so in order to transform the dividing *line* of truth into a *circle* of unity/Oneness/relationship.

The definition for *curve* also includes “a misleading or deceptive trick; cheat; deception.”²⁴ And to *deceive* is also “to cheat,” “to beguile,” and to “mislead the mind,” as well as “to cause to err.”²⁵ Curve balls and their spin *deceive* the one to whom the pitch is thrown. But, although in baseball curve balls are pitched with a spin designed to *prevent* the hitter from connecting with the ball, in interfaith dialogue curve balls are pitched with a spin designed to *assist* the “hitter” in connecting with the ball. As they each connect with the other’s pitched curve “*somewhere in the middle*” above the dividing line that separates them, a new “truth”—a *Oneness*—is created that “heals” the division between them, thereby *transforming truth into relationship*. Nevertheless, the curve is a *deception*. *The line that divides polar opposites*, i.e., the dividing line between *what is* truth and falsehood, right and wrong, *does not curve*. It remains *what it is*—a *straight line*. So it is also fitting that “[t]here has been debate on whether a curve ball actually curves or is an optical illusion.”²⁶ When it comes to a curve ball that is meant to connect the opposites/extremes of truth and falsehood, right and wrong, it is indeed an *illusion*, a *deception*. But, nevertheless, people today still prefer “to think connectness *rather than correctness*” and that:

“**The Truth Lies Somewhere In the Middle**.... Oppositions are no longer antagonisms but electrifying outlets....

“The movement from premodern (medieval) to modern to postmodern replaced dichotomies first with dialectics and now with **interactions**....

“The *authority of truth* proceeds from *the process of dialogue itself* ...

“The bitter-sweet bind of postmodern culture is, **The truth lies in the extremes being held together.**” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

This process is the dialectic process²⁸ and is the process of creating new “truth”—i.e., synthesized/connected “truth”—by getting *both* sides to come *away from* their position. But today’s shifting Christianity doesn’t see it as a coming *away from* the truth and faith of God’s Word. It sees it as “building bridges.” It is. It is building bridges between what is *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* in order to create a new both/and “truth” of a much *broader* narrow way that gives everyone room to *veer/curve* to the left or to the right. With a *broader* way that has room to throw curve balls—which are further described as “[a]ny of several pitches that veer to the left when thrown with the right hand and to the right when thrown with the left hand”²⁹—more people should thus be able to find it, right?

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**” (Matthew 7:13-14)

“For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and **their eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and **I should heal them.**” (Matthew 13:15)

*“And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in **a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.**” (Numbers 22:26)*

*“And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, **to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.**” (Deuteronomy 28:14)*

*“Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. **Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.**” (Proverbs 4:26-27)*

We are to teach and preach the *truth* and either people will be willing to accept and believe it, or they will not. Sadly, far too often they will not. But we are not to give them pitches delivered with a spin—i.e., “curve balls”—that mislead them into thinking that the spin and its curve are the *truth*. Again, the definition for *curve* includes “a misleading or deceptive trick; cheat; deception.”³⁰ And, along with “to cause to err” and to “mislead the mind,” to *deceive* is also “to cause to *believe* what is *false*, or *disbelieve* what is *true*.”³¹ And, yes, the word *deceive* also “involves the *deliberate* misrepresentation of the truth,”³² which is precisely what is taking place. Again, for example:

“What if we were to think connectness *rather than correctness*?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³³

To think connectness *rather than correctness* is obviously a pitch delivered with a spin. It *purposely* veers, or deviates, *away from* the straightness of what is “*correct and true*.” Also very fitting is that “[i]n the early years of the sport, use of the curveball was thought to be dishonest and was outlawed, but officials could not do much to stop pitchers from using it.”³⁴ Although God can and will stop it one way or the other, the warnings of the resented “doctrine police” aren’t doing much to stop people from pitching the dishonesty and deception of intentional *incorrectness*.

Yes, people in today’s shifting Christianity are *deliberately misrepresenting*—spinning and curving—the truth. And they are doing so for the sake of facilitating interfaith relationship. They know that to represent the truth *as it is* will automatically cause *division* which defeats their purpose of facilitating today’s desired relationship/connectness. So they are deceiving themselves and others *on purpose*. But, of course, they don’t see it as either dishonest or deception. After all, not only has *spin doctoring* replaced *teaching the faith* as the more desirable *profession* in today’s shifting Christianity, but actually included in the definition of *spin* is “[t]o *relate* or *create*: spun tales for the children.”³⁵ And *relating* and *creating* through *storytelling* is today’s *mission*!

Nevertheless, no matter how many “voices” choose to authorize the stories people create as an acceptable “understanding of truth,” God doesn’t “grade” on a curve. To *have God* we are to *believe* and *continue in* and *abide in* the Gospel/doctrine of Christ not *journey outside* this “box” to conceive new “truth” that people are willing to accept.

*“**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:** for it is the power of God unto **salvation** to every one that believeth; ...” (Romans 1:16)*

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

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

Transforming the Gospel/doctrine of Christ into a curve that people are willing to connect with is to come to the table dialoguing a “reimagined” “Jesus” and a “reimagined” “gospel”—i.e., “another Jesus” and “another gospel”—that people are willing to “bear with.” This is not the mission of God.

Obviously, in order to connect with each other and thus connect the opposites/extremes there must be cooperation and participation by both sides. This process cannot transform the truth into *relationship* if only one side cooperates and participates. This would result in a partly transformed line that is still an either/or *disconnection*. Unless *both* sides cooperate there would obviously be no *connection* to transform the *dividing line of truth* (the either/or) into a *circle of*

unity/relationship (a both/and). Thus, the dialogue process builds its bridges (connections) when both sides connect with each other's pitches delivered with a spin. In other words, *both* sides must be *willing* to "Only Connect" and cooperate and participate in dialoguing to *consensus/connectness/Oneness*. And, therefore, in interfaith dialogue Christianity must be willing to *spin* and *curve* the Christian faith and truth of God's Word.

Sadly, it is more than willing to do so given its own shift to darkness. Along with the world, it, too, wants "reimagined" new "truth" that "transcends" the "stone of stumbling" and "rock of offence." After all, it is attempting to "heal" the *division* that automatically comes with the *truth* of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He did—i.e., the *truth* of the Gospel/doctrine of Christ. So today's shift from "Come, let us *reason* together" to "Come, let us *relate* together" was inevitable.

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." (2 Corinthians 11:4)

*"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach **any** other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach **any** other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or **do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.**"* (Galatians 1:8-10)

*"Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But **he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God....** Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather **division.**"* (Luke 12:8-9, 51)

*"**And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:** but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.... Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.**"* (Matthew 10:22, 32-33)

*"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* (Matthew 7:22-23)

*"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, **the stone which the builders disallowed,** the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."* (1 Peter 2:7-8)

Again, regardless of how today's shifting Christianity chooses to see it, today's process of creating new interfaith "truth" is getting *both* sides to come *away from* their position. And, for obvious reasons, it is the *Christian* side and position that must *curve the most*—and *well past* "*the middle*"—in order for the other side to be *willing* to connect with it. The result is that *neither* side is willing to continue in and abide in the doctrine of Christ. The "*correct and true*" divisive doctrine of the divisive Christ simply isn't conducive to building a bridge that creates connectness/Oneness/wholeness with an *unbelieving* and *unrepentant* world.

*"And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin,** and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, **because they believe not on me.**"* (John 16:8-9)

"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." (1 John 5:19)

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" (Isaiah 5:20-21, 23)

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine ... For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good

**“Transcending current beliefs is not an outright rejection of them;
it is an ‘adding to’ them”**

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **Add thou not unto his words**, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, **they have rejected the word of the LORD**; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:8-9)

When the mission is to “transcend” the “*correct and true*” beliefs of God’s Word in order to build bridges/connections that “heal” the divisions between faiths/religions/cultures then darkness inevitably becomes the preferred “light” and “old things need to be said in *new* ways.” Naturally, “*new* understandings of *who Jesus is*,” as well as of “God” and “Scripture” and “the kingdom of God” for that matter, will not be given a second thought by those “so eager to embrace the *new*, so open to *change* the old.”¹ Neither will “understandings” that are “*everything new*” be seen as a *rejection* of the old any more than choosing to “think connectness *rather than correctness*”² is seen as *incorrectness*.

“Something can be **all new, yet nothing of the old be lost**.... The Third Testament is **everything new** about the old, old story.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

“Old things need to be said in *new* ways. New things can only be said in new ways. When they get corseted into old concepts, they get distorted and damaged.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴

“The Spirit works *new enlargements* of truths that the Bible already teaches.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“‘Transcending’ [‘beliefs’] does not mean always being ‘other than,’ it means always being ‘larger than.’ Your new, larger belief system will no doubt retain some of the old—that part of the old belief system that you experience as still serving you—and so it will be a combination of the new and the old, not a rejection of the old from top to bottom....

“You simply didn’t have a complete understanding. You needed more information.

“Transcending current beliefs is not an outright rejection of them; it is an ‘adding to’ them.

“Now that you have more information that you can add to what you presently believe, you can enlarge your beliefs—not *completely reject* them, *enlarge* them—and move on with your lives in a new way.

“A way that works.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁶

In this emerging “make-it-up-as-you-go-along” faith, a way that works is naturally making it up.

“The Third Testament calls us to imitate and participate in God’s creativity ...” (Leonard Sweet)⁷

“As co-creators with God, **inventing new forms of energymatter (information)** is a part of the ongoing work of creation.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁸

Along with today’s “larger,” more “complete,” “new understandings” that are *interfaith*, *The Shack* is likewise a prime example that people today neither think twice about embracing *new* “understandings” of God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, nor give it a second thought if these new “understandings” are *invented* and *conceived* by man. But then why would they? In today’s shifting Christianity more and more people prefer to think outside the “box” and even see it as “idolatry” to believe God’s Word. Moreover, pastors and theologians even preach and teach and write on how they

found “God” in *The Shack* and even quote this fictitious, make-believe “God” as *God*! And, obviously, people don’t even begin to see this *invented* “truth” as a *rejection* of the “old” truth of God’s Word. Quite the contrary. The made-up “truth” of *The Shack* is praised as “*solid biblical truth*” that is *biblically accurate, precise, faithful, and true with nothing heretical or that contradicts the Bible*.

People in today’s shifting Christianity don’t and won’t give any of it a second thought—including that Sweet has taught that creating “*your ‘new account* of everything old” is “*your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are*”⁹—because they, having itching ears, have heaped to themselves teachers that tell them what they want to hear. And they do not want to hear *the truth*. To the contrary, people today *want* to “*rethink*” and “*reimagine*” God and His Word into *new* and “*better*” “understandings” that they are *willing* to accept, which of course are “*outside*”—i.e., “*larger*” *than*—the resented “box” of the absolute truth of God’s Word.

To *enlarge* is to “make or become bigger” or to “add to,” which obviously *adds* to the “old.” And the desire for “bigger” “truth”—i.e., “truth” that is “bigger” than the *particular* truth of *God’s Word*—is why this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism is emerging in the first place. Not even people in today’s shifting Christianity are willing to accept the Christian truth and faith of the true God that is given to us by God in the Word of God. They want a “truth” and “faith” and “God” and “kingdom” that are “bigger.” They, along with the world, want the elastic “truth” of the circle of Oneness that keeps stretching and stretching—enlarging and enlarging—until it encompasses *everyone and everything*.

Nevertheless, the absolute truth of God *is what it is*. God does not *enlarge* the *truth* of *what is*. Either we are willing to believe and obey it as it is, or we are not. If we are willing, God does *enlarge* our *heart* to thus believe and obey it as it is -- “I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt *enlarge* my *heart*” (Psalm 119:32). But God does not cater to those who are not willing to accept it by enlarging—stretching—the *truth* for them. Only Satan does that; after all, “he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44).

It used to be obvious that to *stretch the truth* is to *lie*, but not any more. Now, to stretch the truth is to tell new “truth.” Besides, the difference between truth and falsehood, truth and lies, is irrelevant today since the circle of Oneness conveniently brings these polar opposites together as one. And since the circle of Oneness is also an all-encompassing “combination” of *both* the new *and* the old, the new will neither be seen as a rejection of the old nor as a lie by those in this emerging faith. Even so, to *enlarge* the truth, to conceive, create, and invent *new* “truth,” is to clearly *add* to God’s words which is to “be found a *liar*.” God and His Son, Who are not in the no-beginning-no-end circle of Oneness, still know the difference:

“Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a *liar*.” (Proverbs 30:6)

*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.** I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.... And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**”* (Revelation 22:13-19)

“I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.” (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89)

Along with taking away *from* the words, people today are also going further in even attempting to take away *the words* altogether. And of course they are also *adding* their invented new kind of “truth” to enlarge—stretch—it all. This way they can enlarge the narrow way to include the broad way, “humbly” conceiving and inventing “*all new*” “truths” of

“God” that “heal the divisions” and bring “unity” and “relationship” rather than keep people “out.” Since people are rejecting that God’s Word of absolute truth is *literal*, they certainly have nothing to fear in all their adding to and taking away from it in this pursuit of “*everything new*,” right?

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

*“For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; **in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.**” (Isaiah 59:12-13)*

“We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to conceive beauty, truth, and goodness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

“People need room to **move and choose and resist airtight propositions** that don’t allow free breathing (i.e., **freedom**). Jesus left space for people to *make their own* responses to him. **He did not dictate to his disciples what they were to believe about him: ‘Who do you say I am?’**” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹¹

“... the gospel of love ... blesses the world with **new understandings of who Jesus is.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

“The Third Testament is **everything new** about the old, old story.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

People who want the freedom to “*make-it-up-as-you-go-along*”¹⁴ have ample room to “move and choose and resist” in the all-encompassing circle of relationship of Oneness. Here, everyone has the freedom to “*add unto*” and “*take away from*” “the old, old story” to their heart’s content in “reimagining” God and His Son however they choose. But, as mentioned earlier, any “reimagined” “God” and/or “Jesus”/“Christ” is a counterfeit that is no more “real” and “true” than if people dressed up a literal wolf in sheep’s clothing and claimed that it is their new understanding of what a “real” and “true” sheep is. Obviously, not even sheep can be set free from the “box” in order to “reimagine” sheep into a broader understanding. And yet people believe this about *God and His Son*. It is all totally absurd. Everything is *what it is*. True is true and false is false. There is no enlarging—stretching—what is true to include what is false.

Stretching the truth of Jesus into a broader understanding that allows people to “understand” whatever they want about “who Jesus is” and yet it is all just *new, larger “truth”* is also no less absurd than “reimagining” a broader understanding of 1 + 1. The answer is 2. Even if people everywhere choose to include new “understandings” that 1 + 1 = 3, or 1 + 1 = 0, or 1 + 1 = 11, or 1 + 1 = 56, and so on, the answer is 2. A broader understanding that allows for all answers to be “true” so that no answer is *wrong* is the fuzzy thinking of Oneness that allows everyone to believe whatever is right in their own eyes. Again, rather than “*yea, let God be true, but every man a liar*” (Romans 3:4), today’s emerging faith of Oneness arrogantly flips this upside down into “*yea, let every man be true, but God a liar.*” This way *no one’s* beliefs are seen as “*false and wrong*” and people can thus answer the Lord Jesus Christ’s question, “But whom say ye that I am?” *however they choose.*

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

*“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto **me**, and drink. **He that believeth on me**, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.” (John 7:37-44)*

In today's desire for *new* "understandings" of "*who Jesus is*," the *truth* of Who Jesus is as set forth in God's Holy Scriptures obviously becomes irrelevant. Likewise, the many prophecies that foretold His coming so that people could recognize Him when He came become irrelevant as well. The same is true of the prophecies that *foretell* His *coming return*. Think about it. If Jesus can be "understood" however anyone chooses then why would it matter if people mistakenly understand *someone else* to be Him that *isn't Him*? New "understandings" know nothing of either the fulfilled or the yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies of Scripture. In fact, new "understandings" know nothing of Scripture. But isn't that the point of "reimagining" it all *outside* the "box" of God's Word of truth?

*"Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; **they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters**, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."* (Jeremiah 2:12-13)

Despite today's "reimaginings," the true Lord Jesus Christ is a *Person Who is Who He is*, and the *Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot be *enlarged* into other than Who He is. And, no, neither is a *community* the Lord Jesus Christ, no matter how many people in this community absurdly believe that *they* "become *Jesus*." (The fact that "truth" does not require *thinking* in this emerging faith certainly explains *a whole lot*.) No matter how many people choose to absurdly imagine otherwise, neither Jesus nor God's Word of truth support their desired freedom to make it all up as they go along. This freedom to believe and do whatever is right in one's own eyes is found only in today's preferred new make-believe "truth"—a "truth" that caters to today's pursuit of Oneness and its shift from affirming *the correct truth of God and His Son* to affirming *people in their incorrect "truth."*

"Truth is not something you assent to, not something you think ...

"Jesus promised his disciples, 'the Spirit of truth will lead you into all truth.'

"Once the truth has set you free, ***what truth will you set free?***

"Each one of us is free to become Jesus, a living truth, ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

"**Jesus** left us with one thing: **himself**, in the form of his body, **a community** that shares *stories of healing* and love.... *This difference* in how and where we encounter the sacred—in *propositions* or in *relations*—is *fundamental*....

"Truth is defined as a Person not a *proposition*....

"The notion that what God wants from us more than anything is *intellectual assents to some dogmas* or to the definition of discipleship as *obedience and devotion and praise*: This is what you want from your dog, or your horse (forget your cat)." (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶

First, *the Person* of Jesus *defines the truth*, and *the truth* of the *Person* of Jesus is what it is. It is not that the Person of Jesus can be "redefined" and "reimagined" however anyone chooses according to their own "understanding" and "idea" of "truth"! A person is who that *person is*. Anyone in their right mind knows that their spouse is a *specific person*. They also know that if they chose to believe that anyone else with the same name as their spouse was just *another* "understanding" or a "*new understanding*" of their spouse they would soon find themselves separated from their spouse! And yet even though people would rightly see all this as absurdity when it comes to their *spouse* they still believe this about *Jesus*. They simply aren't willing to accept that *He is Who He is*. Even so, only one's *true spouse* is one's *true spouse*, and no less so is only the *true Jesus* the *true Jesus* no matter how many people want the freedom to move and choose and resist *Who He is*. It is knowing and believing the truth/Gospel/doctrine ("propositions") of *Who Jesus is* that gives us the *true Person* of Jesus in an eternal relationship. And this *true Person* of Jesus is the Lord Jesus Christ Who is indeed to be *believed* and *obeyed*.

Second, people do not "become *Jesus*" "*himself*" or "a living *truth*," nor do they set "*truth*" free. Likewise, people do not "*become* the *Third Testament*"¹⁷ thereby replacing "the old, old story" with their *own* new, new story of the "truth" of *themselves* and *their own lives*. Despite the absurd claims to the contrary, today's emerging new kind of "faith" and new kind of "truth" of a new kind of "Jesus" (that apparently is also a new kind of "Person") are *not* "new enlargements of truths that the Bible already teaches." But they are indeed "*everything new*."

Again, with this new kind of “Jesus” that even “[e]ach one of us is free to become,” why would it matter if people are *mistaken*, i.e., *incorrect*, in understanding *someone else* to be Him that *isn’t Him*? Sadly, in this emerging faith of Oneness it wouldn’t—and even already doesn’t—matter at all. And, besides, this mission to enlarge/stretch the “old” truth of Who God and His Son are, which we are to believe, is in fact a mission to enlarge/stretch the Kingdom of God to *include* all those who believe otherwise.

It is thus fitting that, along with meaning “to enlarge beyond proper limits,” the word *stretch* also means “to lengthen *by force*.”¹⁸ Jesus pointed out that “*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force*” (Matthew 11:12). Of course, the attempt to take the Kingdom *by force* will take on a whole new dimension when Satan’s emerging kingdom of Oneness has fully emerged along with his coming *Antichrist*.¹⁹ But then the Antichrist will be just a “new understanding” of Christ, right? And this new kind of “Christ” will be very befitting of today’s emerging *anti-Christianity* that is seen as just “a new kind of Christianity.”

*“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, **that they should believe a lie:** That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

*“**And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.... And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world. **If any man have an ear, let him hear.**”* (Revelation 13:6, 8-9)

Again, a *corner stone* obviously doesn’t work in the *circle* of Oneness. So this emerging faith of Oneness is thus “reimagining” the Lamb of God—the Lord Jesus Christ—into “new understandings” in order to smooth and round off His offensive corners. The Word of God is being “reimagined” for the same reason. If the *corner stone* doesn’t work in a circle then obviously neither do *the truth and faith of the corner stone*. It *all* must be smoothed and rounded off in order to be included in the all-encompassing circle of relationship of Oneness that is attempting to enlarge/stretch/force the Kingdom of God beyond the limits set by God in His Word of absolute truth. Without question, everything is changing in today’s open revolution against believing and obeying God and His Son.

Breaking free from the soul “sort” in the “kingdom” that “transcends and includes all religions”

Again, this emerging faith of Oneness *must* “Only Connect” *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* in order to transform this “old” divisive truth into a new “*unified form* that makes no one *wrong*.” And this transformation of the “old” *either/or* truth of God’s Word that divides opposites into a new *both/and* “truth” of Oneness that unites opposites *must* include connecting its divisive truth in which either *people believe in Jesus and have God* or *they do not believe in Jesus and do not have God*. After all, it’s the *do not have God* part that is being done away with in today’s “reimagining” of it *all*. So in the new “bigger” and *broader* “truth” of this emerging faith not only is *believing* in Jesus being “reimagined” as irrelevant so that Jesus can then be “reimagined” and “understood” *however* anyone chooses, but the *either/or* is also being “reimagined” into a *both/and* so that both *those who do* and *those who do not* believe in Jesus can have God.

“To absolutize one’s own religion as the only way means that one sees all of the other religious traditions of the world as **wrong** ...” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)¹

“Think outside the box. Reject ‘either/or’ and consider ‘**both/and**.’” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²

“This is who Jesus is for us as Christians.... **And we can say ‘This is who Jesus is for us’ without also saying ‘And**

God is known only in Jesus.” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)³

And, again, as Mike Morrell quotes emerging church leader Brian McLaren saying, **“Jesus is the Way to God and abundant life, it doesn’t mean he stands in the way to divine access!”**⁴ Likewise, according to Leonard Sweet:

“[W]hile there is more than one way of being a true believer, there is still one way, and that way is Christ.... Once again, theologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: ‘It is perfectly consistent to hold **both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may genuinely encounter God** outside the *Christian* church **without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth.**’” (emphasis added)⁵

Today’s emerging faith is unarguably “outside”—i.e., “bigger” than—the resented “box” of God’s Word of absolute truth. Again, as the “one mediator between God and men,” “the man Christ Jesus” does stand “in the way” of “divine access”—access to the true God, that is. People can bypass Jesus in accessing the panentheistic interfaith “God” of Oneness all they want. But this both/and that includes those who *do not believe in Jesus* is a both/and that accesses a false “God” that has no power to save anyone, including those who blindly believe they are accessing this false “God” through Jesus. Despite the growing unbelief of people today, the true God’s Word is clear that His salvation is either/or, not both/and. Those who are shifting to a both/and “salvation” are shifting to the both/and “God.”

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.” (John 12:44, 46-50)

*“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.** But there are some of you that believe not....”* (John 6:63-64)

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

The words that Jesus spoke as commanded by the Father likewise include:

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already,** because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* (John 3:16-18)

*“Jesus said unto them, ... He that is of God heareth **God’s words:** ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”* (John 8:42, 47)

It is not the faith of God that renders God’s words irrelevant but, rather, the emerging faith of the false “God” of Oneness. And of course a false “God” “transcends” the words of God that are to be believed and obeyed!

“Tomorrow’s God does not require anyone to believe in God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶

“Words are the least reliable purveyor of Truth.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷

“God is not only real, but knowable. Moreover, the sacred is **known** not in a set of statements about God, but **experientially**, as a Mystery **beyond all language.** This Mystery—God—**transcends all** of our domestications of reality, including those generated by **theology and even the Bible itself....** God also transcends peoples **and religions ...**

“Life with God is **not about believing** certain teachings about God. It is about a covenant—a relationship. More specifically, it is **about becoming conscious of a relationship that already exists ...**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)⁸

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in **the doctrine of Christ, hath not God**. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

Even though God is “not willing that any should perish” and be kept out of His Kingdom, people are *keeping themselves out* in their unwillingness to *believe the truth of the true Lord Jesus Christ to be saved from their sins*. This truth is just too “outdated” for today’s whole new way of thinking and “knowing” and “relating.” Even so, God said what He meant and meant what He said in the words of His Word of truth. But in the attempt to do away with the *do not have God* part, the absolute truth of God’s Word is being replaced with the new “bigger” and *broader* “truth” of the unconditional, *universal* relationship/salvation of the “New Gospel” of today’s emerging faith of Oneness.

“A New Spirituality truly is **emerging upon the earth**, and the idea of **Oneness** is at its core.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁹

“A quantum spirituality challenges the church to bear its past and to dare its future by sticking its big TOE [‘Theory of Everything’] into the time and place of the present....

“Then, and only then, will a *New Light* movement of ‘world-making’ faith have helped to create the world that is to, and may yet, be. Then, and only then, will earthlings have uncovered the meaning of these words, some of the last words poet/activist/*contemplative*/bridge between East and West Thomas Merton uttered:

“**We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

“Go, therefore, and teach ye all nations, spreading far and wide **The New Gospel:**

“**WE ARE ALL ONE.**

“OURS IS NOT A BETTER WAY, **OURS IS MERELY ANOTHER WAY.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹¹

“**All religions** have something to do with **the whole, the totality.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

“For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto **salvation** to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

“We have fought over the doctrines whereby men shall be saved.... **We have regarded half the world as lost and only the Christian believer as saved, yet** all the time Christ has told us that love is the way into the kingdom, and that the fact of **the presence of divinity in each of us makes us eligible for that kingdom.... Men are not saved by belief** in the formulation of a theological dogma, **but by the fact of His living Presence**, of the living immediate **Christ.**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹³

“When, therefore, sight has been attained and the light streams forth, revelation of **the oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...

“[I]n these days many are attaining sight and light is pouring in....

“An increase of pressure on the part of all who recognize the factual nature of **the inner subjective kingdom of God**, will produce amazing results.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁴

Actually, this emerging “New Gospel” of Oneness—i.e., this *upside-down* “Good News” of Satan’s lie of Oneness in which it is *not* necessary to believe the truth/doctrine/Gospel of the true Lord Jesus Christ to have either God or the Lord Jesus Christ—has already been producing *tragic* results. And it has already been making sweeping changes to what is being taught (make that “dialogued”) and believed in today’s shifting Christianity.

“When you live **in union with Christ**, you don’t need answers to problems so much as you need **the presence of**

Christ, which is the kingdom of God. We don't need a propositional presence ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

"The kingdom of God breaks free of religion with Jesus ...

"If God's hand is MRI-shaped—mission-shaped, relation-shaped, incarnation-shaped—then Jesus' followers are **shapemiths of the Spirit**....

"The passion for *evangelism* is nothing other than a passion for reading the signs of what God is up to, **connecting the God-dots**, signing up, and then laying down our lives on God's dotted lines. The French Jesuit Jean Danielou, writing on the theology of mission in the 1950s, said that **fruitful missionary efforts 'stopped thinking of bringing Christ to India ... but rather started thinking about finding Christ already there.'**" (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶

*"And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**" (Mark 16:15)*

Since this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism gives everyone the freedom to define and imagine "God" however they choose, it is to be expected that people are seen as "*shapemiths of the Spirit*." And likewise according to Sweet, "*The purpose of the church* is to give form to, to *put into form and shape*, the energymatter known as *Jesus Christ*,"¹⁷ and "the Word is made flesh *differently ... in forms* fundamental to, *shapes* revelatory of, *the age*."¹⁸ Conveniently for those who are exchanging the words of God's Word for the freedom to "reimagine" and "shape" God and His Son into a fashion that they are willing to accept, not only is the "God"/"Spirit"/"Christ" of this emerging faith *in everyone and everything* but the definition of *shapemith* is "[o]ne that undertakes to *improve* the form of the body."¹⁹ And in this emerging faith *man* can and does seek to "*improve*" upon *God* (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) by *shaping*—i.e., "[f]orming; molding; casting; conceiving; giving form"²⁰—a *new* and *improved* "reimagined" "God" that is "*bigger*" and "*better*" than the "*old*" God of the *Christian* truth and faith, i.e., of the Word of God.

This mission all sounds remarkably similar to someone making an idol, shaping and fashioning their god into whatever form they want. And yet in this revolution against the truth and faith of the true God those who are deemed guilty of "idolatry" are those who *believe* the truth/doctrine ("propositions") of the Word of *God*.

*"Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.**" (Isaiah 43:10)*

*"Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and **hast forgotten God that formed thee**.... for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with **that which is not God**; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities ... For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!... And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, ... let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me ... " (Deuteronomy 32:18, 20-21, 28-29, 37-39)*

*"And **the Father himself**, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.** And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not." (John 5:37-38)*

With a "reimagined" "Christ" ("Messiah") that is also conveniently "*put into form and shape*" by *man*, what anyone *believes* is obviously completely irrelevant. Thus, in this emerging faith that seeks to "Only Connect" through its "*relational theology*," "evangelism" is not about bringing the Gospel of Christ to places such as India but "about finding Christ already there" regardless of the *beliefs* and *religion* of the people there. It is therefore fitting that Sweet is the "E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism" at Drew University.²¹ This Professor of Evangelism program is sponsored by The Foundation for Evangelism, which "celebrates the life and ministry of Dr. E. Stanley Jones [who] became the apostle to India, working closely with *Mahatma Gandhi*" and who then wrote of what he learned in his highly esteemed 1925 book, *The Christ of the Indian Road*, that "is considered his seminal work."²² Not surprisingly, the teachings of this book of Jones, "a celebrated Methodist missionary and theologian,"²³ resemble the teachings of Sweet, as well as of the other leaders of this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. This faith has been steadily emerging for a long time. Sadly, *many* have shifted to darkness in their search for a "*bigger*" "God" and a "*bigger*" "Christ" and a "*bigger*" "kingdom of God"

that “*transcend*”—i.e., that can be found *outside* the “box” of—the Christian truth and faith of *God’s Word*. The following quotes are just a small sampling taken from E. Stanley Jones’ book, *The Christ of the Indian Road*:

“India has gone too far and has slipped into pantheism—everything God—but that will be **corrected to a panentheism—everything in God**. This will bring us a sense of **the unity of all life**. It should make a more friendly and meaningful and kindly universe.” (emphasis added)²⁴

“It is an actual fact of experience that when you deepen **the Christ consciousness** you deepen **the God-consciousness**.” (emphasis added)²⁵

“It is **Christ who unites** us; it is **doctrines that divide**.” (bold added)²⁶

“We must call men, **not to** loyalty to a **belief** but loyalty to a *Person*.” (emphasis added)²⁷

“**Christianity is actually breaking out beyond the borders of the Christian Church** and is being seen in most unexpected places.” (emphasis added)²⁸

“‘**Hindu Christians!**’ said a discerning Hindu with a smile to me as we watched a crowd of earnest **Hindu** social workers.” (emphasis added)²⁹

“In conversation with him [‘India’s great soul, Mahatma Gandhi’] one day I said, ‘Mahatma Gandhi, I am very anxious to see *Christianity* naturalised in India, so that it shall be no longer a foreign thing identified with a foreign people and a foreign government, but a part of the national life of India and *contributing* its power to India’s uplift and *redemption*. What would you suggest that we do to make that possible?’ He very gravely and thoughtfully replied: ...

“Fourth, I would suggest that you **study the non-Christian religions and culture** more sympathetically in order to **find the good that is in them**, so that you might have a more sympathetic approach to the people.’ Quite right. We should be grateful for **any truth found anywhere**, knowing that it is a finger post that **points to Jesus**, who is the Truth.” (emphasis added)³⁰

“A *Hindu* lawyer of fine ability gave an address to which I listened on the topic, ‘The Inescapable Christ.’ He said: ‘We have not been able to escape him. There was a time when our hearts were bitter and sore against him but he is melting them by his own winsomeness. Jesus is slowly but surely entering all men in India—yea *all men*.’ The only thing I could think of all through the address was this: ‘Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring.’ **How is it possible to limit or demarcate the lines of the Kingdom any more?** ... He eats with publicans and sinners and with **the Hindu** too....

“When this Galilean was upon earth with us he said of the outside Gentile’s faith, ‘I have not found so great faith even in Israel.’ He must be saying the same thing again, for **the ‘outside’ world** surprises us again.” (emphasis added)³¹

“Every nation has its peculiar contribution to make to the interpretation of Christianity. The Son of man is too great to be expressed by any one portion of humanity. Those that *differ* from us most will probably contribute most to our expression of Christianity....

“India too hopes that the world may some day be in need of a new formula. She too has her word ready. It will be spelled ‘Atma’—*spirit*. The word ‘Atma’ runs like a refrain through everything in India. The followers of the Christ of the Indian Road will show us the real meaning of a *spiritual* life. They will sit lightly to earthly things and abandon themselves to **the spirit**.

“Along with that will come the sense of **the unity and harmony running through things**.... The followers of the Christ of the Indian Road will be harmonised and peaceful. **Meditation** to them will be real. Religion will mean quiet *realisation*. **God will be the harmonising bond of all**.” (emphasis added)³²

For starters, the “Christ” of the Indian—Hindu—road is the false *East-meets-West* “Christ” of Oneness that is *immanent in everyone and everything* as the inner spirit/soul of *all things*. And, of course a “Jesus” who is a “Truth” that is “*any truth found anywhere*” will be “*winsome*” to anyone and everyone who is “bitter and sore” against the truth of Who the true Jesus Christ is! No surprise there. Indeed, the “Person” of the “Jesus” of Oneness is only a name that has been emptied of the truth of Who the true Jesus is so that this empty shell of a “Person” can then be filled with any “information” and any “understanding” that anyone in any religion/faith/culture chooses to believe about “who Jesus

is.” After all, the “Jesus” and the “kingdom of God” of this emerging faith of Oneness are “winsome” counterfeits specifically designed to “heal the divisions” between those who do *not* believe the truth of Jesus and those who do.

*“For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:4)*

No matter how many people prefer a “bigger” and broader understanding of Jesus that includes “understandings” that are *not Christian—not scriptural*—a “reimagined” Jesus is not the true Jesus but “another Jesus.” Neither is a “reimagined” “Spirit” that can be *shaped by man* the true Spirit but “another spirit.” Likewise, a “reimagined” “Gospel According to ... You” is not the true Gospel but “another gospel.” They are not the *true doctrine* of the *true Christ* in which we are to abide to have the *true God*. Rather, these broader “understandings” of Jesus are just as false as would be a broader understanding of sheep that included wolves dressed up in sheep’s clothing. Dressing up any “understanding” with the name of “Jesus” no more makes it the true Jesus than dressing up any animal in lamb’s clothing would make it a true lamb. Jesus is Who He is, and no less so than a lamb is what it is.

Again, just as one’s spouse is a *specific person* only the *true Person* of Jesus is the *true Jesus*. To see all this as “loyalty” to the true *Person* of Jesus is no less absurd than it would be to see it as “loyalty” to one’s spouse to choose to believe that anyone else with the same name as their spouse is just *another* “understanding” or a “*new* understanding” of their spouse. And yet people believe this about *the Son of God*. With upside-down “loyalty” to the *Person* of Jesus, people prefer a Lord, a Saviour, a Lamb of God, a Messiah that can be “reimagined” *ad infinitum ad nauseam*—however one *chooses*, of course.

To say that “any truth found anywhere” “points to *Jesus*” is as absurd as it gets—especially since in this emerging faith “*truth*” is as immanent as its panentheistic “*God*” that is *in everyone and everything*. Again, the true *Person* of Jesus defines the truth; how people choose to define “truth” does not define the *Person* of Jesus. Only the *true Person* of Jesus is the *true Jesus*, and only the *true Jesus* is the way to the *true God*. But since people simply are not willing to accept that *Jesus is Who He is* they are thus also determined to separate “*the way*” of Jesus from the true *Person* of Jesus in order to set the world free from having to *believe* in *Jesus*. According to United Christian Ashrams, which was founded by E. Stanley Jones and absurdly praised as “*ministry*” by The Foundation for Evangelism³³:

“He [Jones] did not attack Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, or any Indian religion. He presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ, disentangled from western systems and cultures, and their sometimes non-Christian expressions. ‘**The way of Jesus** should be—but often isn’t—the way of Christianity,’ he said. ‘Western civilization is only partly Christianized.’...

“He inaugurated ‘**round table conferences**’ at which **Christian and non-Christian** sat down **as equals** to share their testimonies **as to how their religious experiences enabled them to live better**....

“‘*The Christ of the Indian Road*’ ... became a best seller. It sold over a million copies and *has influenced the course of missionary thinking*....

“This opening up of nations to receiving **Christ within their own framework** marked a *new approach in missions*. It came to be known as ‘*indigenization*’. He helped to re-establish **the Indian ‘Ashram’** (or forest retreat) as a means of drawing men and women together for days at a time **to study in depth their own spiritual natures and quest, and what the different faiths offered** individuals. Many came to refute the Christian Gospel or to extol their own, but many came to accept **Christ’s way of life**.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁴

Sadly, Jones, a *panentheist*, has indeed “*influenced the course of missionary thinking*.” And, clearly, he “presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ” “*disentangled*” from the *Gospel of Jesus Christ* (i.e., from the truth of Who He is and what He did for us) to give people the freedom to follow—“reimagine”—“*the way of Jesus*”/“*Christ’s way of life*” in any “framework” of any faith/religion of their choosing. And today’s shifting Christianity is doing likewise in its attempt to bring the faiths/religions together in the Oneness of an *interfaith* “kingdom” of an *interfaith* “*God*.” After all, in “reimagining” it *all* to be *interfaith* the world can thus “break free” from the “soul-sort narrative” in which “everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin” and replace it with the *universal* “salvation” of the emerging *Wordless* faith of Oneness. No *Word*, no *fear*, right?

"This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing." (Jeremiah 13:10)

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.... Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein." (Jeremiah 6:9-10, 16)

As is to be expected, in his 2010 book, *A New Kind of Christianity*, Brian McLaren's teachings also resemble those of Sweet (and the many other leaders of this emerging faith of Oneness). In 2003, Sweet and McLaren wrote a book together that is titled, *A Is for Abductive: The Language of the Emerging Church*. In this book, Sweet said of McLaren, "This book would not have been possible without a *deep compatibility of perspectives between Brian and me*,"³⁵ and McLaren said of Sweet, "I needed to seek out some new mentors, and Len was the first on my list."³⁶ In *A New Kind of Christianity*, McLaren (who, as is clearly required for Oneness, joins the other leaders of this emerging faith in "reimagining" John 14:6 and has also openly admitted—"we are in the early stages of a *radical reassessment of Jesus*" that is "led by ... Marcus Borg" and many others³⁷) writes:

"In my own experience as a lover and reader of the Bible, as I am **freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket** in which the **Greco-Roman** and **constitutional** approaches constrained me, I feel I can breathe a little freer, ..." (emphasis added)³⁸

"[T]he **Greco-Roman** mind was habitually **dualistic**, in the sense that an enlightened or philosophic mind would always see **the world divided in two, the profane** physical world of matter, stuff, and change on the low side **and the sacred** metaphysical world of ideals, ideas, spirit, and changelessness on the high side." (emphasis added)³⁹

"Religious determinists have offered us another determinism we could call the '**soul-sort**' universe: **everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin**. Everyone is determined to end up in one bin or the other." (emphasis added)⁴⁰

"**If we could break free from the Greco-Roman soul-sort narrative, think of what could change....** We would no longer envision a day when all other religions would be abolished and only our own will remain. We would no longer consider ourselves as normative and others as 'other.' **We would stop seeing the line that separates good and evil running between our religion and all others.** We would be **freed from** the tendency to always think '**insider/outsider**' and '**us/them**.' We would learn to **discover God in the other**, and we would discover a **bigger 'us**,' in which people of **all faiths can be included....**

"We would see that Jesus and his *message of peace and service* were right and true after all, and that Jesus was not a gift to one religion, but to the whole world....

"**Evangelism would cease to be a matter of saving souls** from a bad ending in the Greco-Roman soul-sort narrative. It would cease to be a proclamation of the *superiority* of the *Christian* religion. It would no longer require **hellfire-and-brimstone scare tactics** or slick promotional campaigns, as if *Jesus and his gospel* were products under exclusive proprietary licensure to the *Christian* religion ...

"No, instead, a reborn, postimperial evangelism would mean proclaiming the same good news of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed.... It would mean recruiting people to defect from destructive ways and join God in the *missio dei* ('mission of God'), a decentralized, grassroots, spiritual-social movement dedicated to **plotting goodness** and saving the world from human evil—both personal and systemic. It would invite people into **lifelong spiritual formation** as disciples of Jesus, in a community dedicated (as we've seen) to teaching the most excellent way of love, **whatever the new disciple's religious affiliation or lack thereof.**

"This kind of evangelism would **celebrate the good** in the *Christian* religion and lament the bad, just as it would in **every other religion, calling people to a way of life in a kingdom (or beautiful whole) that transcends and includes all religions.** Yes, it would welcome people into *communities of faith* in which they would **experience formation in the way of Jesus**, and yes, you could **call these communities Christian** churches if you'd like, although you could **call them other things too.** But whatever you call these communities, **they would be interested in breaking out of the cocoons of Christianity that were spun within the Greco-Roman narrative, governed by a constitutional reading of Scripture, oriented around violent and tribal views of God, and so on.**" (all

parentheses in the original; emphasis added, except to *missio dei*)⁴¹

“Jesus didn’t come to start a new religion to replace first Judaism and then all other religions, whether by the pen, the pulpit, the sword, or the apocalypse....

“Instead, **he came to announce a new kingdom, a new way of life, a new way of peace** that carried good news **to all people of every religion. A new kingdom is much bigger** than a new religion, and in fact it has **room for many religious traditions within it.**” (emphasis added)⁴²

For starters, *true* evangelism is always a proclamation of the *preeminent superiority* of the *truth* of *Jesus*. And the *truth*—the *Gospel*—of *Jesus Christ* gives us the *Christian* faith. But in this mission to change and enlarge the truth of “who Jesus is” into new and “*better*” “understandings” that are *interfaith*, one of a growing number of absurd anti-Christian arguments is that Jesus isn’t a Christian so we shouldn’t expect His followers to be Christian. First of all, Jesus isn’t a Christian—a believer/follower/disciple of Christ—because Jesus *is* Christ! Second, again, the *truth* of *Who Jesus is*—which is recorded by *God* in the Word of *God*—gives us the *Christian* faith, not faith that is *nonchristian*. Jesus neither changes nor enlarges the truth of *Who He is* to be more inclusive of those who are not willing to believe the truth of *Who He is*. Neither does *God*. And, no, to believe otherwise is not “humility.”

*“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record** that God gave of his Son.” (1 John 5:9-10)*

“Perhaps when our conservative friends ask those of us on this quest **if we believe in the inerrancy of Scripture**, our reply should be: ‘**No**, I believe the Scripture is *better* than inerrant. I believe **it’s beautiful**.’ If they ask us what we mean by beautiful, we can explain: ‘It’s beautiful for creating a community that extends across generations and cultures to engage with God so they can experience, in that engagement, the gift of revelation.’ They probably won’t be satisfied, but it might help them think a bit.” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁴³

Helping people think outside the “box” of *God’s inspired Scripture* does not help them at all. As addressed earlier, the *only* way to believe in a “beautiful *whole*” that encompasses all religions is to believe in the *errancy* of Scripture. Again, believing the literal, absolute truth of *God’s Word* *precludes* believing in all this Oneness/wholeness and *they know it*. Hence the *shift* to thinking *outside* the truth and faith of *God’s inspired, inerrant Scripture*. To see the *darkness* of Oneness that *unites all opposites* the *light* of *God’s Word* *must* be *turned off*.

Sadly, another of the absurd anti-Christian arguments is the claim that Christians think “Christ” is “the last name” of Jesus. In today’s desperation to avoid *believing* in Jesus the absurdity never ends. *Christ* is no more “the last name” of Jesus than *Messiah* is the last name of Jesus. Since the *Christ*—the *Messiah*—is *Who He is*, in *God’s Word* of truth Jesus is called “Jesus Christ” as well as “Christ Jesus.” So maybe people in this revolution against *God* and His Son should try absurdly arguing that Christians think “Jesus” is “the last name” of Christ since they obviously don’t believe that Christ *Jesus* is the *Saviour*, either. If they did, they wouldn’t be trying so hard to bypass *believing* in *God’s Messiah* and *Saviour*.

No, Jesus Christ the *Saviour* and *Messiah* did not come “to start a new religion.” He came to die for our sins, and the *truth* of *Who He is* and *what He did* clearly gives us the *Christian* faith/religion. It is those who are shifting to *darkness* who are trying to start a *new* religion—“a *new* kind of Christianity”—in which their “reimagined” “*God*” and “*Christ*” conveniently give an unconditional, *universal* salvation/reconciliation/relationship/redemption/forgiveness to *everyone* regardless of which religious “label”—i.e., which religious faith/“truth”—they choose. And, yes, Jesus Christ is a gift to the *whole world*. But, sadly, even in today’s shifting Christianity *many* are *rejecting* Him and His gift because they are not willing to *believe* the *truth* of this gift.

“In giving us Jesus, *God* gave us a relational gift. Jesus was a *relational* gift not a *propositional* gift.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁴

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)*

Today's mission to save the world from having to believe in the Saviour of the world is indeed changing *everything*. This leaves people to become their own savior—their own way to God. In other words, this leaves people to—in their own way—“become the Third Testament;” the significance of which will be addressed shortly. In breaking free from the truth of God's Word that clearly sets forth and divides *what is true and false, right and wrong, good and evil*, everyone has the freedom to define and imagine “God” and/or “Jesus”/“Christ” however they choose and to have this relationship however they choose in whatever religion/faith they choose. In this revolution of relational unbelief everyone can thus conceive for themselves whatever is “good, beautiful, and true” *in their own eyes* according to their own definition, their own “knowing,” of good and evil without fear of being “lost” or “wrong.” In this emerging faith of Oneness *no one* and *nothing* are “outside” its “kingdom of God.”

“Yea, hath God said ...? ... Ye shall not surely die ... your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:1b, 4-5)

“When at last you see that there is no separation in God's World—that is, nothing which is not God—then, at last, will you let go of this invention of man which you have called Satan.

“If Satan exists, he exists as every thought you ever had of separation from Me. You cannot be separate from Me, for I Am All That Is....

“Condemnation, being hurled into the everlasting fires of hell, was the ultimate scare tactic. Yet now you need be afraid no more. For nothing can, or ever will, separate you from Me.

“You and I are One. We cannot be anything else if I Am What I Am: All That Is....

“I have no way to separate Myself from you—or anything else. ‘Hell’ is simply not knowing this. ‘Salvation’ is knowing and understanding it completely. You are now saved. **You needn't worry about what's going to happen to you 'after death' anymore.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁴⁵

“That place of Oneness is heaven.

“You are there now.

“You are never *not* there, because you are never *not* One with Me.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁴⁶

“Now here is the Good News. *There is no other place to be.* The challenge is not to ‘get to’ heaven, but to know that you are already there. For **heaven is the Kingdom of God, and there is no other kingdom that exists.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁴⁷

“[A]ll the world's souls can be set free. The New Spirituality is a *civil rights movement for the soul*, freeing humanity at last **from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁴⁸

“Humanity is being given an invitation to explore the wondrous possibilities of **Tomorrow's God**, and the world that **this new God** can create.

“It's not a new God at all, of course, only a new understanding of the present God, of the one God, of *The Only Thing That Is.*” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁴⁹

“It is time that the Church woke up to its **true mission**, which is **to materialize the kingdom of God on earth, today, here and now....** *People are no longer interested in a possible heavenly state or a probable hell.* They need to learn that **the kingdom is here, and must express itself on earth ...** The way into that kingdom is the way that Christ trod. It involves the sacrifice of the personal self for the good of the world, and the service of humanity ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁵⁰

“The kingdom of God is not some one particular church with its own peculiar **doctrines**, its particular formulations of **truth ...** and of approach to God.

“The true Church is **the kingdom of God** on earth ... **composed of all, regardless of race or creed, who live by the light within**, who have *discovered the fact of the mystical Christ* in their hearts.... **The members of the coming**

kingdom will think in terms of humanity as a whole ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁵¹

“We have regarded half the world as lost and only the Christian believer as saved, yet ... the *fact* of the presence of **divinity in each of us makes us eligible for that kingdom.... Men are not saved by belief ...**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁵²

“[W]ill the churches have the vision and the courage to *let the bad old ways go* and turn to the people with the message that God is Love, proving the existence of that love by their own lives of simple loving service? Will they tell the people that Christ forever lives and **bid them turn their eyes away from the old doctrines of death and blood and divine appeasement and center them upon the Source of all life ...?** Will they teach that *the destruction of the old forms was needed* and that *their disappearance is the guarantee that a new and fuller unlimited spiritual life is now possible?* Will they remind the people that Christ Himself said that it is not possible to put new wine into old bottles?... Can churchmen of **all faiths** in both hemispheres attain **that inner spiritual light** which will make them light bearers and which will **evoke that greater light** which the new and anticipated revelation will surely bring?...

“Within the churches today there are men responding to the new spiritual idealism, to the urgency of the opportunity and to the need for change....

“Men want the conviction that **Christ** lives; that **the Coming One** - for Whom all men wait - will come and that He **will not be Christian, Hindu or Buddhist but will belong to all men everywhere....**

“What is **the solution** of this intricate and difficult relationship throughout the world? **A new presentation of truth, because God is not a fundamentalist ... a *new* mode of interpreting the ancient spiritual teaching ... These are imperative changes.**

“Nothing can prevent the new world religion from eventually emerging.... It will be hindered by the fundamentalists, the narrow-minded and the theologians in all the world religions, by those who refuse to let go the old interpretations and methods, who love the old doctrines ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵³

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in **the doctrine of Christ, hath not God....**” (2 John 1:9)

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

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

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.... I have chosen **the way of truth**: thy judgments have I laid before me.... And take not **the word of truth** utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.... I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.... **For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven....** The entrance of **thy words** giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.... **Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes....** I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.... **Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.**” (Psalm 119:11, 30, 43, 46, 89, 130, 155, 158, 160; also see entire chapter)

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom **the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**” (2 Peter 2:1-2)

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life**, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

The significance of a “Third Testament”

“**With the crooked lines of our lives** God is wanting to write ‘a new account of everything old,’ a **Third Testament**....

“The Third Testament calls us to imitate and *participate* in *God’s* creativity ...

“Quantum spirituality is nothing more than your ‘new account of everything old’--your part of the ‘*I Am*’ that *we* are.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹

“Like the conductor in *Fantasia*, God is whirling and swirling creation into being. The missional thrust begins in the very *being* of God....

“The ultimate story of the Bible, the metanarrative that unlocks the whole story, is that God is on a mission, and we are summoned to *participate* with God in that mission. The impulse to create, to conceive, is what lies at the heart of the missional....

“**The universe was created by a God** in motion, a God in mission, ... a God who is constantly creating, and a God **who has left a creation still unfinished**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

Contrary to the many absurd evolutionary and panentheistic “reimaginings,” the true God created the heaven and earth and *finished* His creation.

“*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*” (Genesis 1:1)

“*Thus the heavens and the earth were **finished**, and all the host of them.*” (Genesis 2:1)

Yet it is not surprising that people in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism who imagine that *man* is to “*participate in God’s creativity*”—man’s “part of the ‘*I Am*’ that *we* are”—aren’t willing to accept that God’s creation is *finished*. And, of course, the same is true regarding God’s *Word*. Along with a *finished creation*, neither are they willing to accept that *God’s Word and its testaments* are *finished* and forever settled in heaven—“*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven*” (Psalm 119:89). The two go hand in hand. After all, if God “has left a *creation* still unfinished” then God has left His creation of *heaven* still unfinished, and why would God’s *Word* be *forever settled* in an *unfinished* heaven? Rather, if everything is still unfinished then nothing is ever settled and there is conveniently *no absolute truth*. And, therefore, everything becomes *changeable*, which is where “the excitement” lies in this emerging faith. So, contrary to the truth and faith of God’s *Word* that is forever settled in God’s finished heaven and is to be *believed* and *obeyed* as *what is*, for those who are “so eager to embrace the *new*, so open to *change* the old,”³ *nothing whatsoever* is ever settled in today’s emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism.

“**The Process of Creation is never over**. It is never complete. I am never ‘done.’ This is another way of saying **everything is forever changing**....

“When you look at a thing, you are not looking at a static ‘something’ that is ‘standing there’ in time and space. No!... Because **everything is moving, changing, evolving. Everything**....

“The One Unchanging Truth is that **God is always changing**. That is the *truth*—and you *can’t do anything to change it*. The one thing that *never* changes is that everything is always changing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁴

“If we believe that **the same God who created an evolving universe is revealed in an evolving Bible**, we can derive some fascinating insights from contemporary studies of genetics. Today’s chickens, it turns out, still have the genetic information in their DNA that was used to produce long tails, scales, and teeth in their ancestors the dinosaurs.... We might say that **the Bible** similarly retains a record of **its own evolution** ...” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁵

“In my own experience as a lover and reader of the Bible, as **I am freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket** ... I feel I can breathe a little freer ... Most notably, I begin to see how our ancestors’ images and

understandings of God continually changed, evolved, and matured over the centuries. **God, it seemed, kept initiating this evolution.**" (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁶

"So change! Yes, change! Change your ideas of 'right' and 'wrong.'...

"Allow your deepest truths to be altered. Alter them yourself, for goodness' sake.... **Your new idea of What Is So is where evolution accelerates.** Your new idea of the Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why of it is where the mystery gets solved, the plot unravels, the story ends. **Then you can begin a new story, and a grander one.**

"Your new idea about all of it is where the **excitement** is, where the **creation** is, where **God-in-you** is made manifest and becomes fully realized....

"Be open, therefore. Be OPEN. Don't close off the possibility of new truth because you have been comfortable with an old one." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁷

"For a New Light apologetic there can be no final statement of theology ... All life is change ... we must not foreclose our minds against the truths of God, even if they are new." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

"According to millennial mathematics, the symbolism of 'two testaments' indicates that the number two is an unfinished integer. In the *mystical symbolism* of celestial calculus, two represents an entity **awaiting completion.** **Three is the number of completion, even perfection.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

Contrary to "mystical" "reimaginings," just as the true God has *finished* His creation, He has also *finished* His first (old) and second (new) testaments in His Son Jesus with His *second* testament. So according to God and His Son, *two* is the number for "it is finished"—i.e., of completion. And there is no perfection that goes beyond that of God and His Son!

*"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.... When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."* (John 19:28, 30)

People in today's emerging faith of Oneness are not willing to accept that God's testaments are *finished* because then *the truth of the way to God is finished, closed, absolute*. And, therefore, there is *no way* to the true God apart from God's Son, *the Lord Jesus Christ*. In other words, a *finished* Word of God renders their attempt to enlarge—stretch—the way to God beyond the limits of the truth and faith of God's Word (an attempt to take the Kingdom *by force*) as *false* and *wrong*.

In spite of man's "mission" to "continue the work of Scripture" and "produce the Third Testament,"¹⁰ the two Testaments of God's Word are God's *finished* Word because they are God's record of His first and new *testaments*, i.e., *covenants*, with man that are *finished*. In the first testament/covenant, the priests sacrificed animals in offering the blood of animals as an atonement for the forgiveness of man's sins. In the new (second) testament/covenant, Jesus, the eternal High Priest, sacrificed Himself in offering His own blood as an atonement for the forgiveness of man's sins. In so doing, He *confirmed* and *finished* God's *covenant* and thus God's *testaments*.

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." (Psalm 50:5)

"He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham ..." (Psalm 105:7-9)

*"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.... That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ ... Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that **the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ**, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. **Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions** ... But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.... For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* (Galatians 3:7, 14, 16-19, 22, 26, 29; also see all of Galatians 3 & Romans 11)

*"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause **he is the mediator of the new testament**, that by means of death, **for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament**, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."* (Hebrews 9:13-15)

*"And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant**, ..." (Hebrews 12:24)*

*"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.... For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.... Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God ... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."* (Hebrews 10:1, 4-6, 9-12, 14)

*"By so much was **Jesus made a surety of a better testament**. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."* (Hebrews 7:22-27)

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." (1 Peter 1:18-21)

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5)

Jesus' perfect sacrifice of Himself takes away the need for any more sacrifice for sins, and to be forever saved from our sins all we have to do is believe in Him. His new testament/covenant is the covenant that God is willing to make with man. And it is established by the "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." To establish is "[t]o set and fix firmly or unalterably; to settle permanently;" "to confirm; to ratify what has been previously set or made."¹¹ Jesus—Who "taketh away the first, that he may establish the second"—said, "It is finished." He did not say that He needs a "dialogue of the voices" and man's co-created "Third Testament" in order to finish the covenant with God! This covenant/testament—the way to God—has been settled permanently and unalterably. A "Third Testament" isn't just rejecting and adding to God's Word, it is also rejecting and adding to God's established covenant.

Man is just not willing to make this covenant with God. Besides, believing in Jesus is just too narrow of a way to God for those who want an all-encompassing Oneness. Thus, one way or another, people in this emerging faith are taking away the second (new) testament that they may establish a "Third"—an all-encompassing "Testament"/covenant/way to God that includes those who do not believe in Jesus. But anyone who wants to either establish or "become" a "Third Testament" obviously does not understand what a testament actually is and what it requires!

*"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.... **And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.** For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken*

every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, ... Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.... And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” (Hebrews 9:11-12, 15-20, 22)

“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

The new testament is the new covenant that God is willing to make with man. The terms? Simply *believing* in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Mediator of God’s new testament/covenant.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Either we are willing to accept God’s simple terms, or we are not. Either way, testaments with God *must* include *atoning*—*paying*—for sins in order to be forgiven and thereby reconciled to God. But, sadly, even in today’s shifting Christianity people are just not willing to accept the simple terms of this testament/covenant that God is willing to make with man. Consequently, they are making up their *own* testament/covenant/way to God, oblivious that according to God’s Word, “*For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator*” (Hebrews 9:16).

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

*“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he **by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**” (Hebrews 2:9)*

*“Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.... I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**” (John 8:21, 24)*

Again, sins must be *atoned* for in order to be reconciled to God in a testament/covenant. And to bypass believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is to bypass the Mediator of God’s new testament/covenant—the “*one mediator between God and men*”—which is to bypass God’s new testament/covenant, which is to bypass *His* atonement for their sins. This leaves those who do not *believe* with the impossible necessity of atoning for their own sins.

The first testament atoned for sins through the sacrifice of animals, and the new (second) testament atoned for sins through the sacrifice of God’s Son. And with what will man’s “Third Testament” atone for sins? What goes beyond the *blood of God’s Son* with which it is *finished*? *Being God* is the only thing that could bypass Jesus and His shed blood of the new testament/covenant. Man would have to *be God*, just like Jesus. But of course Jesus didn’t *become* God, He always has been and always will be eternally God. To the contrary, man would have to *become* God, which man absurdly imagines is “just like Jesus”—“We, too, are to realize full divinity ... just like Jesus.”¹² Would that be “just like” *the Lord Jesus Christ*? Would that be “just like” *that* Jesus—“the Lord from heaven” (1 Corinthians 15:47) sent by God to be the Messiah (Christ) and Saviour of the world? (Or would that be “just like” “another Jesus”?)

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

“And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.” (1 John 4:14)

*“And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!... **We have found the Messiah**, which is, being interpreted, **the Christ**. And he brought him to Jesus.” (John 1:36, 41-42a)*

“The so-beautiful paradox of the MRI life is that in being Jesus we find Jesus.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

Really? So it is in “being Jesus”—as if that isn’t absurd enough—that you “find Jesus”? Again, would that be being and *finding* that *same* Jesus, the Lord from heaven, the Saviour, the Messiah (Christ), the *truth* of Whom was also foretold in God’s Word so that people could find Him when He came—i.e., the “old” truth that is purposely being supplanted with “everything new” in today’s desire to *bypass believing this narrow truth*? (Or, again, would that be being and *finding*

“another Jesus”?)

“We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
(John 1:45b)

Essentially, what it boils down to is that “the Third Testament”—which is “the Gospel According to ... you” and that, again, comes from just *living life*—is the “gospel” of one’s Self. That is, it is a “testament” and “gospel” of everyone “being” their own way to God, and therefore “being” their own “Savior” and “Messiah” (“Christ”). And therefore this “Third Testament,” this “living truth,” this “Jesus”—i.e., “Savior”—that people are “free to become” must be as “doing” and “being” “the ‘I Am’ that we are.” There could be no “Third Testament” otherwise.

“The era of the Single Savior is over. What is needed now is joint action, combined effort, *collective co-creation*.”
(the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁴

“Each one of us is free to **become Jesus**, a **living truth**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

“MRI is the operating software on which human life and faith were designed to run: Version 1.0 is known as the First Testament; Version 2.0 is known as the New Testament; **Version 3.0 is the Third Testament, the Gospel According to ... you**.” (Leonard Sweet; ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶

“With the crooked lines of **our lives** God is wanting **to write ‘a new account of everything old,’ a Third Testament**...”

“... your ‘new account of everything old’--**your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

“To ‘Go **Do Me**,’ to ‘**doing God**’ by doing good, I must be simultaneously seeing, following, and **being Christ**. *I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. I only have my life*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

“Every believer, every body of Christ is called to **become the Third Testament**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

Even though man absurdly imagines otherwise, we cannot *bypass believing* in the *true* Lord Jesus Christ by “doing” or “being” “Jesus,” by “doing” or “being” “Christ,” i.e., by “doing” or “being” the “Messiah,” or by “doing” or “being” “God”! The *true* Lord Jesus Christ—the one and only Word of God and I AM made flesh—is *the only way* to the *true* God.

*“I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and **God** doeth it, that men should fear before him.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

“There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.” (Proverbs 30:12)

*“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”* (1 Timothy 2:5)

*“... **he is the mediator of the new testament**, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”* (Hebrews 9:15)

*“And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.”* (Hebrews 12:24-25)

“He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?... It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:28-29, 31)

People in today’s shifting Christianity, of all things, should know what a covenant is! And yet covenants are being so overdone and becoming so commonplace that they are no longer being applied to God and His new testament. But this

is to be expected. In today's emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, man and "God" are *automatically connected* so no covenant is even necessary for relationship. Rather, in this *unconditional "covenant"/"relationship"* of a "God" that is *immanent in everyone and everything*—a "God" that has thereby "*bonded*" *itself to everyone and everything*—man is his own way to "God" *automatically*.

"Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family.... This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

"The Bible reveals a covenant-making God, a God that wants a relationship with us that in some way '*binds*' us together, not haphazardly, but with integrity. From Genesis to the genuine leather the Bible tells the story of the Creator's desire for a **covenantal relationship** with humanity, not chaotic relationships or casual relationships but '*binding*' relationship. **The incarnation is the new 'binding'—God '*binding*' himself to humanity** not in stone or ink but in flesh and blood. *God doesn't offer final answers, the manacles of modernity, but binding relationships....*

"Jesus never once mentions religion or orthodox theology, nor does he outline certain religious 'beliefs' and 'precepts' by which we will be judged. He outlines actions by which we will be judged, but not propositions and creeds." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

In this emerging Wordless "faith" of Oneness/panentheism and its "binding" "covenantal relationship," *beliefs* are not seen as necessary because, as Sweet writes in his August 2010 book, *Nudge: **Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There***:

"[T]he incarnation goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells all that exists." (emphasis added)²²

And, therefore, as never ceases to be absolutely unbelievable (along with all the rest of today's emerging "truth" and "faith"):

*"The truth of thought is not dependent on its source: **It's the same truth** whether from **the mouth of Jesus or the ass of Balaam**. Truth as **words** is no different whether from the utterances of Paul or the udders of a cow. **It matters not**."* (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²³

*"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. **He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**" (John 12:44-48)*

With the "embodiment"/"incarnation" of a panentheistic "God" that "*indwells all that exists*" "in the very substance of creation," naturally this is a universal "binding" *relationship* that is a universal "binding" *salvation*. *No beliefs* are necessary. That is, *no new covenant/testament of which Jesus is the Mediator* is necessary. And in this emerging faith it is not at all surprising that even "the genuine leather" "tells the story" of this "covenantal relationship" with its "God." After all, this "God" is even in the "very substance" of the leather itself!

Even though those in this emerging faith are absurdly bound and determined to "Christianize" its "truth" and "faith" of Oneness/panentheism, its "binding" "covenantal relationship" is not binding with God but only with its emerging false, *make-believe* "God." In spite of today's never-ending "reimaginings," the true and everlasting covenant of the *true* God is by *sacrifice*. And it has been *finished* by Jesus in His final sacrifice on the cross that *established*—settled *permanently and unalterably*—*the way to God*.

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." (Psalm 50:5)

*"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken **the everlasting covenant**."* (Isaiah 24:5)

"It is finished" is not subject to man's "reimaginings." It is what it is. Man can neither add to nor take away from what

the Lord Jesus Christ did on the cross. Yet theologians and pastors and many others are still vainly attempting to do so by debating and “rethinking” and “reimagining” the meaning of the cross. And they are thus debating and “rethinking” and “reimagining” *the covenant* that *God* is willing to make with *man*. But it is what it is, and *what it is* is recorded for us by God in His *finished Word of absolute truth*.

Clearly, those who are “reimagining” the cross know deep down that the cross is essential, otherwise they would just cast it aside altogether. So they are “reimagining” *the cross* in the attempt to be brought into “*relationship*” with the cross *without believing the truth* of what it means. In other words, they know that what the Lord Jesus Christ did on the cross is the saving truth, but this truth that must be *believed* is too narrow so they “reimagine” it into a broader “truth” so that everyone can be saved by what He did on the cross without having to *believe* the truth of Who He is and what He did. More and more people are thus expanding the cross and covenant to fit the dimensions of the New Age and its Oneness. And with a “reimagined” cross that is all-encompassing irrespective of anyone’s *beliefs*, and with an all-encompassing “relationship” of Oneness that brings *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* together as *one*, in this emerging faith all sins have thus been automatically and universally taken care of and even done away with altogether. Man’s terms and conditions for God (i.e., man’s covenant that man is willing to make with God) are very convenient.

“[T]he Cross still stands....

“But this is on one condition, and one only: that it expand itself to the dimensions of a new age, and cease to present itself to us as primarily (or even exclusively) the sign of a victory over sin.” (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁴

“[W]hile there is more than one way of being a true believer, there is still one way, and that way is Christ. Like the mathematical model of the Möbius strip, there is only one side. But that one side is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’ of the strip. Once again, theologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: ‘It is perfectly consistent to hold both that **Jesus is the exclusive path to God** and that **people may genuinely encounter God** outside the Christian church *without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth*.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁵

“Dualism, either/or exclusionism is ... **plug ugly.**

“Nondualism, both/and nonlocalism is ... **so beautiful....**

“The cross brings into relationship opposites, not so much as a dialectic to be synthesized but more as a **nondualistic double helix** to be embraced. **In Christ all opposites are** not so much reconciled as **transcended** in the Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness.” (Leonard Sweet; 1st two ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁶

In other words, to replace the resented dualistic either/or exclusionism of *God’s* covenant—in which *either* people believe in Jesus and have God *or* they do not believe in Jesus and do not have God—a *third* covenant/testament of Oneness is being created/conceived/imagined/invented/made up by *man* to do away with the *do not have God* part for those who do not believe in Jesus. And, again, if people in this emerging “faith” don’t even need to *know Jesus* then it certainly won’t matter what anyone chooses to *believe* about Jesus.

“People need room to move and choose and resist airtight propositions that don’t allow free breathing (i.e., *freedom*). **Jesus left space for people to make their own responses to him. He did not dictate to his disciples what they were to believe about him: ‘Who do you say I am?’**” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

No, Jesus did not leave space for people to resist the truth of Who He is. Everyone must respond to Jesus according to His new testament or they are *rejecting* His covenant, which is the *only* covenant with (and way to) God. When people are not willing to accept this covenant that God offers to make with them, God does not leave space for anyone to become their own covenant—a “Third Testament”—with Him. There is no getting God to the table to negotiate a new covenant/testament that *man* is willing to accept. Man can give God terms and conditions all man wants, but one way or the other man is going to find out that God’s terms and conditions for man that are forever settled in heaven are nonnegotiable and non-“reimaginable.” And, no, there is no getting God to the table to negotiate “new understanding” of Who His Mediator is, either! Likewise, neither is man his *own* mediator, even if man does choose to absurdly believe that he is “free to become Jesus.”

Clearly, anyone who believes that “[e]ach one of us is free to become Jesus” and that “in being Jesus we find Jesus” wants to be able to respond to the question, “Who do you say I am?” with the answer, “Me.” This opens the door to all kinds of absurd “new understandings of who Jesus is” in today’s revolution against believing that *Jesus is Who He is*.

“Reimagining”—making up—new “understandings” of “who Jesus is” and new “truths” of a new kind of covenant in a “Third Testament” and “Gospel According to ... you” is the absurd attempt to throw pitches delivered with a spin—“curve balls”—to God in the hope that God agrees that He, too, is to “Only Connect” with man to “heal the divisions” that separate man from God. Sadly, people actually believe that this is all the purpose/work/mission of God—that this is what God is “up to” in the world. They also believe that this emerging faith that is purposely trying to change *everything* is all about God and not about you, that it is God-centered and not *man*-centered. And people are falling for this lie because they are “centering” themselves in the inner panentheistic “God” of Oneness. In other words, they are centering themselves in the “God” of Self. But, of course, they don’t see it that way.

Nevertheless, despite the claims of today’s emerging Wordless faith, it is not God Who is dispensing with *the words* of His covenant to give everyone the freedom to *make up their own covenant with God* according to however *they* choose to have a *relationship*. Only those who have turned the light off to look for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room will see it as the mission of God to dispense with the *words* of God’s covenant (God’s Word) so that people everywhere can freely dispense with *believing* and *obeying* God’s Son as their *Saviour* and *Lord*! Before darkness became the preferred “light” it would have been obvious that this really is just *man’s* purposely *fictitious* new idea—a.k.a. new “truth”—*conceived* to “heal” the divisions between those who are willing to accept the terms of God’s covenant and those who are not.

“Biblical truth doesn’t feast on fact. It feasts on relationship and revelation, which is why eternal truth is better communicated by the fictions of parables and narratives than the facts of science and philosophy.” (Leonard Sweet)²⁸

“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:4)

“For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.” (Isaiah 59:12-13)

Even people in today’s shifting Christianity no longer see the need to believe and obey Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. After all, the circle of Oneness and its emerging faith has removed (“transcended”) the line between *truth* and *falsehood*. This has thereby conveniently removed (“transcended”) the need to *believe* and, therefore, the need for people to *believe* in Jesus as their Saviour.

*“... and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for **he shall save his people from their sins.**” (Matthew 1:21)*

*“And they said, **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be **saved** ...” (Acts 16:31)*

*“Then said Jesus again unto them, ... **if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**” (John 8:21, 24)*

Likewise, the circle of Oneness and its emerging faith has removed (“transcended”) the line between *right* and *wrong*. This has thereby conveniently removed (“transcended”) the need to *obey* and, therefore, the need for people to *obey* Jesus as their Lord.

*“And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**” (Luke 6:46)*

*“And **every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” (Matthew 7:26-29)*

People in today’s emerging faith of Oneness and its *all-encompassing, unconditional, universal* relationship/covenant/

testament/way to God only see a need to be *affirmed themselves* in whatever *they* choose to believe and do. And, therefore, “terms like ‘Lord,’ ‘Messiah,’ ‘King,’ ‘Son of God,’ and even ‘Savior’” are seen as terms of “irrelevance” and “relics of a Christendom that has *passed away*.”^{c.29} No *beliefs* necessary, no *Saviour* necessary; no *obedience* necessary, no *Lord* necessary. This way everyone can become *their own* testament/covenant/way to God in just “*the living of their own lives*.”

No matter how many people choose to believe otherwise, the all-encompassing third testament/covenant of Oneness that *man* is willing to accept is nothing more than an *imaginary “reality.”* Despite the never-ending absurd, channeled, mystical, and “scientific” claims of Oneness/panentheism, man will still only die in his sins unless people *believe* in the *true Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ *Himself*. But people in this emerging faith are hell-bent on *breaking free* from “the era of the *Single Savior*” to give everyone the freedom to live according to whatever is right in *their own eyes*—i.e., according to the “authority” of their own inner “knowing” of their own inner “God”/“Christ”/“Jesus” that can be imagined, defined, and related to however anyone chooses.

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” (Isaiah 53:3)

Sadly, some things never change.

An “*anti-Christian*” “double helix, Möbius-strip culture of both-and’s” is “*the secret of life*”?

“[T]he church is now encountering the double whammy of *postmodernity* and *post-Christendom*. **Postmodern culture is an *anti-Christian* culture.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹

“The modern world moved dialectically, by conflict and contradiction and controversy. **The postmodern world being born is** not a bipolar worldview of either/or’s but **a double helix, Möbius-strip culture of both-and’s**, the *coincidentia oppositorum* (**coinciding opposites**) in fifteenth-century prelate/philosopher Nicholas of Cusa’s mystical phrasing ...” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)²

“There is no precise formula for living the Christian life. But while there is *more than one way of being a true believer*, **there is still one way, and that way is Christ**. Like the mathematical model of **the Möbius strip, there is only one side. But that one side is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’ of the strip**. Once again, theologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: ‘It is perfectly consistent to hold **both** that Jesus is the exclusive path to God **and** that people may **genuinely encounter God outside the Christian church without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth.**’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

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This is from Easum and Bandy’s anti-scriptural book *Growing Spiritual Redwoods* that, along with other leaders of today’s emerging faith of Oneness, has been highly endorsed by Leonard Sweet and Rick Warren. Sweet’s endorsement, which is on the back cover, reads: “An epoch-marking—if not epoch-making—book. For a church living off of checks that reality won’t cash, this book is like an acid bath accounting from the bank examiners. There is no better audit of the collapse of the Christendom era, and no better audition for how to do *ministry in the new world*, than this one.” And Warren’s endorsement, also on the back cover, reads: “Every passage of this book contains spiritual nuggets of *truth* that can help your church to grow healthy and strong.” Actually, this 1997 book is quite an effective how-to-manual on the emerging faith of Oneness. And since popular leaders of today’s shifting Christianity endorsed it so many years ago, it is not surprising that this faith of Oneness is now emerging so successfully, *including in “conservative” evangelical denominations*. (For this footnote’s citation information, see endnote #29.)

Without question, this emerging both/and faith (“culture”) is *indeed anti-Christian*. It is also *anti-Christ*. *Jesus alone is Christ*, God’s *only* Mediator. But rather than being seen as *anti-Christ*, this “Möbius-strip culture” that includes *both believing in Jesus and not believing in Jesus* in a “double-helix” (narrow and broad) *all-encompassing* testament/covenant/way to God is imagined to be a non-exclusive, “nondualistic” “*secret of life*.”

“The **MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] as the Double-Helix Design for Life** ...

“The ‘secret of life’ was a shape, a structure, a design.... [T]he ‘secret of life’ was ... the discovery that the chemical molecules constituting DNA have a double-helix structure.

“**The secret of life is ‘helixal,’ two strands that run in opposite directions creating a reproductive Möbius strip** and slingshot.

“And the secret of life brings together another double: *the linear (line) and nonlinear (curve)* that together form a spiral, which, in antiparallel fashion, winds around *a single invisible axis* like a twisted ladder around an invisible straight spine.

“In other words, the secret of life is a paradox. Or you might even say it is doubly paradoxical: a double double built around a single. Paradox is the midwife of truth....

“**Dualism, either/or exclusionism** is ... **plug ugly**.

“**Nondualism, both/and** nonlocalism is ... **so beautiful**....

“[T]he cross is the ultimate symbol of paradox. The cross brings into relationship opposites, not so much as a dialectic to be synthesized but more as **a nondualistic double helix** to be embraced. **In Christ all opposites** are not so much reconciled as **transcended in the Oneness of Twoness** that becomes Threeness.” (Leonard Sweet; 5th & 6th ellipsis dots & all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴

First, that the “postmodern” *anti-Christian* and *post-truth* faith/“culture” of “nondualism,” i.e., of *Oneness*, is successfully emerging in today’s Christianity is thanks to the efforts of leaders such as Sweet and many others. In an interview of Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola regarding their June 2010 book, deceptively titled, *Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ*, Mike Morrell pointed out that, “Len, you have been a pioneer in Christians’ [sic] being responsive to the **postmodern** cultural and philosophical turn – what is **now known in different circles as ‘emerging’ or ‘missional’ church**.”⁵ Indeed he has. And now even “conservative” evangelical churches and denominations are responding positively as well to this “emerging”/“missional”/“postmodern”/“anti-Christian” church movement—i.e., this emerging faith of *Oneness*/panentheism.

Second, a key component of this emerging “*anti-Christian*”/“*postmodern*” faith/“culture” is of course its *mysticism*. It is mysticism that provides the “verification” of its *both/and theology*. That is, it is mysticism that provides the “experience,” the “seeing,” and the “knowing” of its *both/and “God”* that is *in everyone and everything*. And, sadly, too many leaders in today’s Christianity who are changing everything according to the “authority” of the new “truth” of their own mystical/inner “knowing” are thus successfully changing today’s Christianity into not only a *post-Christianity* but also an *anti-Christianity* as well. Once again (and with a reminder that according to Sweet “[i]t is through *creative intuition* that *postmoderns* continue the work of *divine creation*”⁶), in *Quantum Spirituality: A Postmodern Apologetic*, Sweet writes:

“For the common sense to be the common good in **the postmodern era**, it must come to respect **the authority of intuitive modes of knowing**....

“Modernity dismissed ‘intuition’ ... **Postmodernity**, on the other hand, thrives on **intuitional experience**, elevating its attributes to the status of **a true leader**: Someone ‘gifted more than ordinary people with a **mystical** quality--intuition--which gives him ‘inner conviction’ ...” (emphasis added)⁷

And what is this “intuitional experience” of “a true leader” in the emerging/“postmodern” faith/“culture”? An unarguably “*anti-Christian*” “experience” of “God” “*in everything*”:

“Further, what modernists got used to ‘feeling’ was themselves, not creation or the Creator. Experience came to refer to human experience--getting in touch with one’s ‘self’--rather than the **union experience of the whole**, of the self with *all* that is outside the self, or of **the experience of God**, either from *within* or ***in everything*** without....

"Mysticism, once cast to the sidelines of the Christian tradition, is now situated in **postmodernist culture** near the center.... **Mysticism ... is metaphysics** arrived at through mindbody experiences. **Mysticism** begins in experience; it **ends in theology**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

"... a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

"Postmodern culture is an **anti-Christian culture**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

It is indeed.

"The MRI [Missional, Relational, **Incarnational**] as the **Double-Helix** Design for Life ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹¹

"An **incarnational** God means that **God-stuff is found in the matter of the universe**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

"[T]he **incarnation** goes all the way down, and **the Spirit indwells all that exists**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

It is this thoroughly anti-Christian, *metaphysical* theology ("secret of life") of "God" embodied/incarnate *in everyone and everything* that brings *all* opposites—including truth and falsehood, right and wrong—together as *one* in a *both/and* "Double-Helix Design for Life."

"Claiming this culture for God means claiming **paradox over orthodoxy** as **postmodernism's** fundamental cultural category and intellectual phenomenon. The word 'paradox' is derived from two Greek words--*pará* meaning 'beyond or beside' and *doxy* meaning 'belief.' **A paradox is a linear contradiction but a harmony in truth**. A paradox is an echoing pun on differentiations and **oppositions which are metaphysically one**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁴

"In other words, **the secret of life is a paradox.... Paradox is the midwife of truth....**

"In Christ **all opposites** are not so much reconciled as transcended in the **Oneness** of Twoness that becomes Threeness.

"Paradox is never about two. Paradox is about the conception of a ***tertium quid***, a 'third somewhat,' that is **born from the coming together of two opposites**. True twoness always births threeness." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

"In the divine mathematics of science, religion, philosophy, history, in fact everything, **1 + 1 = 3**. In the trigonometry of the trinity, we multiply by dividing: The more we give the more we have. Presbyterian minister/theologian Letty Russell suspects that 'God is not good at math.' **Perhaps God is part of the new math. Perhaps Jesus taught the higher math of the *tertium quid* (the third way)....**

"God the Spirit and Sustainer wants to work through New Lights of the twenty-first century to produce **the Third Testament**--our 'new account of everything old.'" (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶

Actually, it is *man* that prefers fuzzy math and fuzzy "truth." Jesus taught and is the *only* way. Again, even if people everywhere choose to believe new and different "understandings" of 1 + 1, such as 1 + 1 = 3, a broader "understanding" that allows for false answers to be "true" so that no answer is wrong is the fuzzy thinking of Oneness. In truth, there is a *right* and *wrong* answer. There is no "third way" that brings the broad way together with the narrow way in a "double helix" "secret of life." There is no all-encompassing "third way" to God—i.e., "Third Testament" (covenant)—that includes both *believing in Jesus* and *not believing in Jesus*. But since people in the emerging faith ("postmodern culture") are "reimagining" a "God" that is "*in everything*" and thus *already in them*, it is not surprising that they don't see themselves as sinners who need to *believe* the *true* and *right* answer of God's Saviour and Mediator in order to be forgiven and thereby *reconciled* to God.

"There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness." (Proverbs 30:12)

"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: **For all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:22-23)

“**Postmodern** culture is an **anti-Christian** culture. If you are reading these words, you are likely the last generation to be familiar with the Christian story and for whom churches have cultural significance. And you will die, leaving behind a culture for whom the Christian story will be completely unknown. **This requires** not only a new ability to tell the story but also **a fresh way to reframe the story for ‘a sinless society,’ a mission field where people don’t see themselves as ‘sinners.’**...”

“It is time to push the reset button on Christianity—the **original operating system**— ... back to the original Genesis 1 and 2 operating system. Whenever you download a new program on your computer, you must reboot the system to actualize the change.

“It is time to live out of **the secret of life**, the secret of the cruciform life: **the double-helix** divine *design* for life and the church.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

As addressed earlier, today’s “fresh way” to “reframe” (“reimagine”) “the Christian story”—i.e., the Christian truth of God’s Word—for people who “don’t see themselves as ‘sinners’” and in need of the Saviour includes “reimagining” it all as just *one part* of an *interfaith whole*. Again, this both/and “secret of life” is designed to “heal”—defrag—the divisions between religions/faiths/cultures/“truths”/gods. And, therefore, “the original operating system” that this “postmodern” *defragged interfaith* community/church/“body of Christ” is “designed to run” *must be anti-Christian*—whether people see it that way or not. Otherwise there is no bringing truth and falsehood, right and wrong, the narrow way and the broad way, together as one in a non-exclusive, “*nondualistic* double helix” “Möbius strip” of “*both/and*”—i.e., in an all-encompassing testament/covenant/way to God.

“Now, to put it in more **postmodern** terminology, God is **defragging the church** and **rebooting it with the original Operating System**. MRI [Missional, Relational, **Incarnational**] is the original operating system of the Christian faith. MRI is the operating software on which human life and *faith* were *designed* to run: Version 1.0 is known as the First Testament; Version 2.0 is known as the New Testament; Version 3.0 is **the Third Testament**, the *Gospel* According to ... you.” (Leonard Sweet; ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁸

“**All religions** have something to do with **the whole, the totality**.... In the modern era religions largely succumbed to the Enlightenment’s **fragmented** fetishistic love for the part....

“The New Light apologetic must come to terms with **the ‘communal awakening’ of postmodernity**.... New Light leadership is fundamentally gathering communities together and building them up into **a true body of Christ**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“So, any church that welcomes some members of *the body* but rejects others *is not fully receiving Christ*.... **To be exclusive and sectarian** not only dishonors Him; it also **dismembers Him**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²⁰

“New Light **embodiment** means to be ‘in *connection*’ and ‘in-*formation*’ **with other faiths**.... **to enlarge the community to include those whose conceptions of God differ from ours in form**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

“The secret of life is ‘helixal,’ two strands that run in opposite directions creating a reproductive Möbius strip and slingshot.

“And **the secret of life brings together** another double: **the linear (line) and nonlinear (curve) that together form a spiral, which**, in antiparallel fashion, **winds around a single invisible axis** like a twisted ladder around an invisible straight spine.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

The following descriptions are befitting of today’s emerging faith of Oneness—i.e., emerging *interfaith* Oneness—that, as addressed earlier, must pitch a *curved* “truth” in order to meet “*somewhere in the middle*” and connect the religions/faiths/gods. First, a helix—a spiral shape—is described as “a type of space *curve*, i.e. a smooth *curve* in three-dimensional space,”²³ and second:

“The **pitch** of a helix is the width of one complete helix turn, measured parallel to the axis of the helix.

“A double helix consists of two (**typically congruent**) helices with **the same axis, differing by a translation** along

the axis, which may or may not measure **half** the pitch.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁴

The narrow way and the broad way are neither *congruent* (in agreement, or harmonious) nor share *the same axis* (God, Christ, or truth) that merely differ by a *translation*! It is not the *Christian* truth of the narrow way and the falsehood of the broad way that form “a double helix.” Rather, the double helix of this emerging Oneness is formed by *curving* the truth into a *counterfeit* “Christianity,” and it is this *counterfeit* that then becomes a dancing partner with the broad way as the two curve, spin, and spiral according to one another’s *pitch* that *dances around the truth* (axis). And reminiscent of the “dishonest” and “deceptive” “illusion” of the *curve ball* is the fitting description:

“Another way of mathematically constructing a helix is to plot a complex valued exponential function (e^{xi}) taking **imaginary arguments** ...” (parentheses in the original; bold added)²⁵

Imaginary arguments are indeed how today’s double-helix dance of Oneness is being plotted. In fact, since people in the emerging faith of Oneness are on a mission that does not line up with the Word of God, *imaginary* arguments (“reimaginings”) are foundational to their attempt to enlarge—stretch—it all into an all-encompassing “kingdom”/relationship of Oneness. Sweet writes:

“Of course, **the gospels portray a Jesus who keeps widening the eye of the needle so that every camel and Cadillac can get through to the kingdom.**” (emphasis added)²⁶

Yet Jesus warns:

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for **wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because** strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way**, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

In truth, the *narrow way* is *narrow*. It is neither *widening* nor *broadening*. Jesus does not *enlarge—stretch—the truth* of Who He is to cater to those who are not willing to believe the truth of Who He is. And neither is He bringing the two ways together in a “Möbius strip” of Oneness of *everyone and everything*. So would this just be part of the imaginary arguments of the “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process”²⁷ of the emerging faith of Oneness? Or to which “gospels” might Sweet be referring—the Gnostic gospels, for instance? Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John portray no such lie. On the other hand, according to the Gnostic “Gospel of Thomas”:

“(22) Jesus saw infants being suckled. He said to his disciples, ‘These infants being suckled are like those who enter the kingdom.’

“They said to him, ‘Shall we then, as children, enter the kingdom?’

“Jesus said to them, ‘**When you make the two one, and when you make the inside like the outside and the outside like the inside**, and the above like the below, ... **then will you enter the kingdom.**’...

“(89) Jesus said, ‘Why do you wash the outside of the cup? Do you not realize that he who made the inside is the same one who made the outside?’” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁸

Sounds familiar.

“But while there is *more than one way of being a true believer*, **there is still one way, and that way is Christ**. Like the mathematical model of the Möbius strip, there is only *one side*. **But that one side is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’** of the strip.... [P]eople may **genuinely encounter God outside** the *Christian church without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth.*” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁹

“**In Christ** all opposites are not so much reconciled as transcended in **the Oneness of Twoness** that becomes Threeness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁰

The “one way” to enter this “kingdom” of Oneness is to just “make the two one” in “the Oneness of Twoness.” That is, just make the *either/or’s* (opposites) of the narrow way and the broad way into a *both/and*. Not only does this

transcend God's linear truth that divides the two, it also transcends His Kingdom. But, sadly, a "bigger" "God" and a "bigger" "kingdom" is what people today *want*.

Incidentally, "the above like the below" in the Gnostic "Gospel of Thomas" speaks to the occult phrase "as above, so below" that Warren B. Smith has warned about. In *Deceived on Purpose* he writes:

"Right about the time I was looking into Eugene Peterson's use of the term 'as above, so below,' I was at a book sale at our local library. Almost lost amongst some cookbooks and business manuals was a book written and published by the editors of the *New Age Journal*. It was entitled *As Above, So Below*.... In the introduction the chief editor of the book, Ronald S. Miller, had written:

"Thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt, the great master alchemist Hermes Trismegistus, believed to be a contemporary of the Hebrew prophet Abraham, proclaimed this fundamental truth about the universe: '**As above, so below; as below, so above.**' This maxim implies that **the transcendent God** beyond the physical universe **and the immanent God** within ourselves **are one. Heaven and Earth, spirit and matter, the invisible and the visible worlds form a unity to which we are intimately linked.**'...

"The *New Age Journal* editor went on to state that old forms of religion no longer serve people, and that the term 'as above, so below' describes the 'emerging spirituality' that is quickly moving onto the world's scene." (emphasis added)³¹

In "Exposing the QUANTUM LIE: God is *NOT* in everything!," a DVD lecture series, Warren B. Smith (who is a former New Ager) also points out:

"The book *The Secret*, at the beginning of the book it says, '**as above, so below.**' Those of us in the New Age know what that means. That means that God is not only **transcendent** out there, He's **immanent** inside each and every one of us. **We are all one.** As above, so below."³²

The "secret" of the *Oneness* of everyone and everything—i.e., the "secret" that "God" and "Christ" are in everyone and everything—unarguably changes *everything*. It is this *Oneness* that is today's "fresh way" to "reframe" ("reimagine") the Christian truth of God's Word for people who "don't see themselves as 'sinners'" that need to believe in the Saviour. After all, to "reimagine" *God* and *Christ* as *in everyone and everything* conveniently renders them already "*redemptively present*" *in everyone* (not to mention *everything*). And, thus, this shift from "a bipolar worldview of *either/or's*" to "a double helix, Möbius-strip culture of *both-and's*" is also a shift from "Come, let us *reason* together" to "Come, let us *relate* together," which likewise is also a shift from "You are *lost* in sin" to "You *belong* to God." These shifts are all part and parcel of the foundational shift, which is from the Christian truth/Gospel of *God's Word* to the *anti-Christian* and *anti-Christ* "truth"/"Gospel" of *Oneness/panentheism*.

"When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but **sinners to repentance.**" (Mark 2:17)

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, ... For the Son of man is come to seek and **to save that which was lost.**" (Luke 19:9-10)

"And that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,** beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:47)

"For ye are all **the children of God by faith** in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26)

"**For all have sinned,** and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood,** to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**" (Romans 3:23-26)

"Evangelists always nudge.... Their words when spoken are **not so much 'You are lost in sin' as 'You belong to**

God.’...

“Nudging is more about *dialogue* than monologue, ... Evangelists nudge **the Jesus in people** to sit up and take notice.... Whereas evangelism has been known to violate others’ dignity, which I call the reproach approach, nudgers are **not smudgers of the divine in people.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³³

Naturally, with this “secret of life” there is no such thing as a *godless* world. To the contrary, “the *divine*”/“God” is *in everyone and everything* in a *universal*, unconditional relationship/salvation/redemption/forgiveness/reconciliation. So, again, why would people be seen as or see themselves as *sinner*s who need to *believe* the *truth* of God’s Saviour and Mediator in order to be forgiven and redeemed and reconciled to God?

“Evangelism is **awakening** each other **to the God who is already there.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁴

“Back in 1998, George W. Stroup made this explicit: ‘Too often churches have understood themselves to be taking God to **a godless world** rather than following God into **a world in which God is already redemptively present.**’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁵

And as is thus inevitable in this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism:

“Nudge is **not** bringing God to people or **taking Jesus to the unsaved....**

“Nudge is **introducing** people **to the ‘Jesus in them,’ to the God they already know but don’t know it.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁶

“Nudgers **help people discover their inner Jesus.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁷

Since the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism gives people their “own inner God” and their own “inner Jesus,” people need merely “discover” this “fact,” just as Djwhal Khul and Alice Bailey taught.

“Truth lies within ourselves. When we can contact **our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. We shall be Knowers.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)³⁸

“The kingdom of God is not some one particular church with its own peculiar doctrines, its particular formulations of truth ... and of approach to God.

“The true Church is **the kingdom of God** on earth ... composed of **all**, regardless of race or creed, **who live by the light within, who have discovered the fact of the mystical Christ in their hearts** ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)³⁹

“My Father has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to **all** of My people, those **who live in the light**, by rescuing you from the kingdom of darkness and transferring you into **My Kingdom.**” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴⁰

Although Sweet and Viola claim to be speaking for Jesus (in this “reimagining” of Colossians 1:12-13), the light to which they are referring is clearly “the light *within*.” In the same way that this emerging faith gives people the freedom to simply “know” their own “inner God” (the “God” within) rather than the true God, it is giving people the freedom to simply “know” their own “inner Jesus” (the “Jesus” within) rather than needing to know and believe in *Jesus of Nazareth*. And how do they know “their inner Jesus”? Simply by *living life* of course. It is the “secret of life.”

“Nudgers **help people discover their inner Jesus.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴¹

“But **the ultimate answer to that question ‘Who do you say that I am?’** is best forthcoming from another question: ‘What’s up?’ Or when translated theologically, ‘What’s the I AM up to in your life?’ **We find the living One in the midst of living.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴²

“Nudge is *not* taking or *talking* God to people....

“Nudgers **help others to listen to their lives** and to **hear, see, taste, touch, and smell** the *sacredness* of their own

journeys.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴³

“Life isn’t sacred and secular. **There is only life....**

“You can’t separate the secular and the sacred; **you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane.** The doctrine of the **incarnation**, with its high view of the everyday and the ordinary, won’t allow it.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁴

“[T]he **incarnation** goes **all the way down**, and **the Spirit indwells all that exists.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁵

“The doctrine of the **incarnation** requires a high doctrine of the everyday, the ordinary....

“**Everything that exists is extraordinary and holds the secrets of the universe within itself.** We need the eyes to **see**, the ears to **hear**, the nose to **smell**, the mouth to **taste**, and the hands to **touch**. Be transfixed by the ordinary so that you can see **what you thought was ordinary is really a transfiguration.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁶

“The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of **holy living** is precisely this: **an awareness** of the presence **of Christ in all of life and in all things.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁷

“It is Jesus who is knocking at our door, saying, ‘Can’t you hear me? Touch me? Smell me? Taste me? See me?’ Are you **finding Christ** in the **people** you meet? Are you **finding Christ** in the **things** you handle? Are you **finding Christ** in the **food you eat**? **Finding Christ** in the **voices** you hear? **Finding Christ** in the **smells** you breathe?...

“In fact, Jesus’ knuckles are raw from knocking on the door of our hearts, begging us to come out, discover for ourselves his **sensory truths**, and ‘bless what there is for being.’

“**Jesus is saying, ‘Enjoy your senses, ... Come, let me guide you into finding life through your senses, because it is through your senses that I will reveal myself.’**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁸

“Poet/critic Paul Mariani says it is our lack of *imagination* that has closed us to **an awareness of God in the world.**

‘If the **incarnation** has indeed occurred, as I believe it has, ... evidence of **God’s immanent presence** ought to be capable of breaking in on us each day the way air and light and sound do if only we know of what to look and listen for.’...

“**God’s creation is a revelation of divine presence.** This is the **genius** of Christian theology: It **radically reconfigures the human conception of the sacred. Nothing is inherently ‘profane.’**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁹

“This book [*Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*] is your wireless card to pick up the signals of transcendence, **the immanent transcendent**, that are out there but not being downloaded.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁰

“Faith is more than learning to live in the reality of God’s invisible presence. Rather, **faith is living in the reality of God’s visible presence.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁵¹

Incidentally, Sweet writes that “*The world is not God*, of course, but the incarnation goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells all that exists.”⁵² First, so this term “incarnation”—which, again, means “act of being *made flesh*”—when absurdly referring to “all that exists” does *not* mean *God* “*made flesh*” even though when referring to Jesus it *does* mean *God* “*made flesh*”? Actually, an “*incarnation*” of “*God*” is an “*incarnation*” of “*God*” whether referring to Jesus or “all that exists.” And, in truth, *only Jesus* is God made flesh (a.k.a. God “incarnate”). Second, as addressed earlier, those who believe in panentheism can attempt to differentiate it from New Age pantheism all they want, but panentheism (immanence and transcendence) *includes* pantheism (immanence); it simply goes *beyond* it. Mind games notwithstanding, *immanence* is *immanence*. And, likewise, an “*incarnation*” of a “*God*” in “*all that exists*” is a “*God*” that is “*made flesh*” in “*all that exists*.” This of course makes “all that exists” “*God*” in the “*flesh*.” And, besides, what does “visible” mean if it doesn’t mean “visible”?

With today’s “fresh way” of “reframing” (“reimagining”) a “Jesus,” as well as a “God,” that are revealed in *all of life* and, thus, in just *living life*, again, why would people need to know and believe in *Jesus of Nazareth*? They can just believe

in life.

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “**God and Life are the same thing.** You may call these things by two different names, but they are the same thing. God is what Life is, and Life is what God is. God is the energy that you call Life, and Life is the energy that you call God. It is all the same thing. **Life is God, physicalized.**”

Neale Donald Walsch: “**So, if we believe in Life, we believe in God, is that what you’re saying?**”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “**Yes.**” (bold added)⁵³

Likewise, Sweet also writes, “Matter is the energy of Spirit. Ultimately, all that exists is spirit.”⁵⁴ The “secret” of this all-encompassing *Oneness* of everyone and everything is depicted in the shape of the Möbius strip. A Möbius strip is formed by connecting the two opposite ends of a strip of paper together after first giving one end a 180-degree half twist. In other words, it is a circle with a twist. Along with bringing opposites together, the twist also “make[s] the inside like the outside and the outside like the inside.” Thus, *everything*—including both the inside and the outside of the circle—*all* merges together as *one* and conveniently becomes simply a matter of “*perspective.*” This circle dance removes (“transcends”) all dualities/polarities/opposites, “creating a state of *Oneness*” that joins/unites/connects *everyone and everything* with *all of “Life”* (a.k.a. “God”) in “a single unbroken *wholeness.*” As described by a New Age website:

“The Mobius Strip was discovered in 1858 by German mathematician and astronomer August Ferdinand Mobius (1790-1868). The mathematical equation is known as The Mobius Transformation, also known as bilinear transformation or linear fractional transformation.... It is a continuous loop with one surface and one edge ...

“**This fascinating shape expresses Transformation....** The Mobius Strip shape is symbolic of eternal change within stillness itself.

“PAPER WITH ONLY ONE SURFACE! Take a 12" strip of paper (1" wide) and twist one end 180 degrees. Tape the ends together. You have a Mobius Strip! Start drawing a pencil line all around [the center of this strip], from the inside to the outside and back where you started. You'll find you never lifted the pencil off the paper and yet the one surface has a complete line through it. **The inside becomes the outside and the outside becomes the inside.** Continue by cutting along the pencil line. *Instead of 2 separate strips of paper, you have ONE long Mobius Strip. Cut along the center of this strip again and you'll get two totally intertwined strips that don't separate. Do this forever, and you'll get an infinite number of intertwined strips that never separate!*

“**The Mobius Strip is an expression of non-duality. It reveals the Unity of all polarities, creating a state of Oneness, joining the whole and the part,** the masculine and the feminine, expansion and contraction, **spirit and matter,** etc. **Everything is One and nothing can be separated from anything else. All is completely intertwined, infinitely.** The Mobius Strip is a spiritually significant symbol of balance and union. (Yoga=Union) The Buddhist philosophy of Tantrism also is expressed by the Mobius Strip shape. ‘Tantra’ is continuity; the word derived from the root ‘tan’, meaning to extend... extend continuously, **to flow, to weave. The continuum is descriptive of the Nature of Reality,** by contemporary physicist David Bohm... **‘a single unbroken wholeness in flowing movement.’**” (all parentheses & last two ellipsis dots in the original; bold & italics added)⁵⁵

“[W]hile there is more than one way of being a true believer, **there is still one way,** and that way is **Christ.** Like the mathematical model of **the Möbius strip,** there is **only one side. But that one side is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’** of the strip.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁶

“**In fact, the incarnation brought all dualities together,** whether it be the *clean* and the *profane*, the *sacred* and the *secular*, or **the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here.’**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁷

“**Christ is God’s dream,** and His eternal purpose in Christ Jesus is **vastly encompassing;** it answers *every particular.* Nothing that God wants is *omitted* from it. The Father’s timeless intention reaches **from one end of Himself to another,** forever.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵⁸

In today’s emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism “[a]n *incarnational* God means that God-stuff is found in *the matter of the universe,*”⁵⁹ so “from one end of Himself to another” includes from one end of the universe to the other and *everything* in between. And since the “God” and “Christ” of this emerging faith are also in a *circle* of relationship, this adds additional meaning to “from one *end*” “to another.” Just bring one end together with the other and you have a

universal circle of relationship of Oneness. Incidentally, the term *universal* means “All;” “Total; whole;” and “Comprising all the particulars.”⁶⁰ And, fittingly, the term *universe* is from *unus* meaning “one” and *versus* meaning “to turn” and literally means “turned into one.”⁶¹ And, of course, Oneness/panentheism turns both “God” and the universe “into one.” The pantheistic “God” and “Christ” of Oneness are indeed “vastly encompassing,” i.e., *all-encompassing*. And with their “incarnational”/pantheistic both/and unities of *all* dualities/opposites—or infinitely intertwined circles (with a twist)—this “God” and “Christ” *include “every particular”* in their *circle* of relationship of *Oneness*.

“We implore you: **Make Christ** the **center**. Make Him the **circumference**. And **fill in the difference** with Him as well.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁶²

“When it comes to nudging [i.e., *Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*], it helps if you can **see stereoscopically**. **To see Jesus more clearly and with depth**, we must look out of both eyes. In other words, **we must embrace paradox** and develop the skill of looking at two different things at the same time ...

“**Nondualism** is one of the hardest things for ‘moderns’ to get....

“The Celts decorated everything with knotted designs, symbols of how **everything** is unique yet **tightly woven together**. **The key to navigating life is to bring together the two opposite ends of the rope**, the contradictory realities that we confront on a daily basis, **and to tie both strands together into a knot that embraces and interconnects the opposites**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶³

Naturally, bringing opposites together in a new nondualistic “Christ” and “God” and “truth” requires bringing opposites together in a new nondualistic “*Scripture*.” The two go hand in hand.

“**We Make a False Division between the Sacred and the Secular ...**

“In limiting God’s voice to certain ‘sanctified’ media, we betray the **dualistic tendencies** we’ve inherited in our Western tradition. **We wrongly assume** that God speaks in church but not in the pub, **that God speaks in Scripture but not in hip-hop**. **We live as though one is sacred while the other is secular; one earthly, one divine**. Jesus says, ‘**There’s just one**.’...”

“You can’t separate the secular and the sacred; **you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane**. **The doctrine of the incarnation ... won’t allow it**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁴

“Another part of this **DoubleVision** nudge is the recognition that all of us see through a glass dimly; but second, ‘perhaps, **the terrifying and welcome voice may begin, annihilating everything we thought we knew**, and restoring everything we have never lost.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁵

“**A double minded man is unstable** in all his ways.” (James 1:8)

“**Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness**.” (Luke 11:35)

Sadly, it is not the *true light* that people today want.

“The Bible is *not* a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers.” (Leonard Sweet)⁶⁶

“**Vision in the modern world was telescopic**. The modern scientific method taught us **to bring things to a sharp focus, to a point, to establish clear lines**. **Vision in the postmodern world is not monocular, like a telescope, but binocular**. And that’s how you get depth perception, and that’s how you get **depth** in your own spiritual life is you **bring opposite points together**.... Seeing out of two eyes. **Seeing out of multiple perspectives** at the same time. And **the key** is the ability to see one thing here [and] one thing here and then bring the two together. In the modern world the word **fuzzy** was a negative word. **Blurry** was a negative word. We are now living in a world where the *highest* form of logic, the most complex, sophisticated form of logic, is **fuzzy logic**. Fuzzy logic is **not binary either/or logic** which dominated the modern world. Fuzzy logic is **both/and**, or, even more precisely, **and/also**.... You keep one eye on the word focused on the word [the video shows a Bible], and then you keep the other eye on the world focused on what God is doing in the world, and then you bring the two together. That’s vision.... **Where there is no vision, there is division**. God’s people and all people perish.... Your church, if it has **vision**, is calling people, disciples, who can **see double**.... Can your church see double?” (Leonard Sweet)⁶⁷

“The MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] as **the Double-Helix Design** for Life ...

“**The secret of life is ‘helixal,’** two strands that run in opposite directions creating a reproductive **Möbius strip** and slingshot.

“And the secret of life brings together **another double: the linear (line) and nonlinear (curve)** that **together** form a spiral ... around *a single invisible axis* ...

“We negatively call and/also ‘doublethink.’ It’s time to call and/also, as [‘Nobel Laureates’] Crick and Watson did, ‘so beautiful.’

“Dualism, **either/or** exclusionism is ... **plug ugly**.

“Nondualism, **both/and nonlocalism** is ... **so beautiful**.” (Leonard Sweet; last two ellipsis dots & all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁸

Incidentally, Sweet says that “nonlocalism” “means that *everything*, in some way that is so mysterious that we cannot even begin to wrap our minds around it, is *connected* to one another.”⁶⁹ Naturally, this “secret” completely transforms the “either/or exclusionism”—in which either people believe in Jesus and have God or they do not believe in Jesus and do not have God—into a both/and so that both those who do and those who do not believe in Jesus can have God. But, no, this “secret of life” of “nondualism”/Oneness that breaks free from *the truth* of Jesus is not a “secret of life” that Jesus “came to reveal”!

“**The kingdom of God breaks free of religion with Jesus** ...

“The church’s narrative is biblically, theologically, and spiritually bankrupt. The church has been busy telling stories other than God’s story, dreaming other dreams than **God’s dream** as revealed by Jesus.

“God is now baring **the Jesus Dream** with means only at the divine disposal. **Jesus**, the Divine Being (Son of God) who became the Human Being (Son of Man), **came to reveal the ‘secret of life’** and to end our cluelessness (at best) and carelessness (at worst) about **God’s design for how we humans should live our lives....**

“If God’s hand is **MRI-shaped**—mission-shaped, relation-shaped, incarnation-shaped—then Jesus’ followers are **shapemiths of the Spirit....**

“The passion for evangelism is nothing other than a passion for **reading the signs of what God is up to, connecting the God-dots**, signing up, and then laying down our lives on God’s dotted lines. The French Jesuit Jean Danielou, writing on the theology of mission in the 1950s, said that fruitful missionary efforts ‘stopped thinking of bringing Christ to India ... but rather started thinking about **finding Christ already there.**’” (Leonard Sweet; all parentheses & last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁷⁰

“**Christ is God’s dream**, and ... is **vastly encompassing** ...” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁷¹

“[T]here is still one way, and that way is **Christ**. Like the mathematical model of **the Möbius strip**, there is only one side. But that one side is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’ of the strip.... both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may genuinely encounter God ... **without ... knowing ... Jesus of Nazareth.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷²

“*Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders**, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*” (Acts 4:10-12)

Connecting “the God-dots” of a “God” that is absurdly “in the very substance” of *everyone and everything* is not what the *true* God is “up to.” People would know that if they were willing to spend more time reading *and believing* the eternally-settled *words* of God’s Word instead of “reading the signs” of man’s *imagination* to connect the “God-dots.” (Accordingly, Sweet writes, “Poet/critic Paul Mariani says it is our lack of *imagination* that has closed us to an awareness of God *in the world*,” and then specifies “‘God’s *immanent* presence.’”⁷³)

Furthermore, aside from the fact that it is the “god of this world” and not God who dreams, the story and dream of the

emerging faith's *false* "God" of Oneness is neither the "story" nor "dream" of God.⁷⁴ And neither is a "secret of life"—let alone an "*anti-Christian*" "secret of life"—that brings the two opposing ways of truth and falsehood together in a *both/and* of Oneness "the *Jesus Dream*"! Although people still despise and reject Him as such, the Lord Jesus Christ is *the truth*. Contrary to the never-ending imaginary arguments that *purposely dance around the truth*, the *true Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ is *not the truth and falsehood*. He is *the truth*; period. Likewise, the *true Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ does not *twist the truth* of Who He is to bring the narrow way and the broad way together as one in an all-encompassing covenant/testament/way to God.

Yet teaching *the truth* is obviously counterproductive when the mission is to plot the "double-helix" (narrow *and* broad) dance of Oneness of this emerging faith. Thus, this "secret of life" that brings *everyone*—both *inside* and *outside* the faith and truth of God and His Son—together in one "reimagined" all-encompassing "kingdom of God" obviously *requires* everything to be "*blurry*" and "*fuzzy*." It *requires* fuzzy math and "fuzzy logic" and fuzzy "truth," and, accordingly, "fuzzy parables." And, no, the parables of Jesus were not a "fuzzy" "*both/and*."

"The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of holy living is precisely this: an awareness of **the presence of Christ in all of life and in all things.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷⁵

"When you live in union with Christ, you don't need answers to problems so much as you need **the presence of Christ, which is the kingdom of God. We don't need a propositional presence ...**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷⁶

"Fuzzy logic is not binary *either/or* logic ... **Fuzzy logic is both/and ...**" (Leonard Sweet)⁷⁷

"Jesus himself didn't dispense 'proofs' and 'points' and '*propositions*' about God. In fact, Jesus didn't speak in clear language about God. **He spoke in fuzzy parables** and riddles, open-ended stories and metaphors. **Jesus didn't lay out the kingdom in propositional form** but in narratives and images. When Jesus sent out the Twelve, he didn't dispatch them with *principles* to dispense, ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷⁸

"The '*incarnational*' method can also be found in **Jesus' favorite teaching method called 'parables'** and their featuring of *sacramental* metaphors (i.e., they partake in what they represent). The amazing thing about parables ('earthly stories with heavenly meanings') is that they are 'secular' or 'worldly' stories with no religious reference but with deep *sacramental* power.... Jesus' very use of parables is an *incarnational* exercise." (Leonard Sweet; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁷⁹

"Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.... For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." (Matthew 13:9-13, 15-16)

"And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.... Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." (Luke 8:10, 18)

Just out of curiosity, along with *exercising sound judgment*, when exactly did it become a *bad* thing to have *principles*, not to mention *scriptural* principles?! This combined with the absurdity that today's "truth" does not require *thinking* certainly explains all the changes taking place in the revolution of this emerging faith. Obviously, it is *man* that prefers fuzzy math and fuzzy "truth" and "fuzzy logic" and "fuzzy parables." Jesus gave parables to those who had *closed* their eyes and ears to the *truth*, a rebellion that clearly continues today in man's never-ending attempt to break free from the "propositions" (doctrine) and principles of God's Word of *truth*.

“Nothing is inherently ‘profane.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸⁰

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“Faith makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves and heals all discursive dualisms (one of the worst of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’), all disastrous separations that threaten our existence.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁸²

“... they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... and I am profaned among them.” (Ezekiel 22:26)

Despite the imaginary arguments of man, the seducing spirit world, and “science falsely so called,” there is no immanent “God” “in the very substance” of everyone/everything thereby uniting everyone/everything together in Oneness with itself and thus rendering believing in Jesus—the Mediator of the true God’s testament/covenant—nonessential and irrelevant. Although today’s emerging faith (unbelief) is trying to change everything, God’s Word is perfectly clear that *the truth is a linear separation between the polar opposites of either the narrow way of believing in Jesus that leads to eternal life or the broad way of not believing in Jesus that leads to eternal destruction—a disastrous separation from God for all eternity.* There is no circular “Möbius-strip” truth that brings these two ways together in a both/and “third way.” There is no “Möbius-strip” Messiah (Christ) with an all-encompassing “presence” that is “the kingdom of God.”

*“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. **Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**”* (Matthew 13:41-43)

Anyone who dismisses the truth of God’s Word as a “negative” fear-based agenda or “scare tactic” is a “fool”:

“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.” (Proverbs 14:16)

People today fear *temporal* disaster (“doom”) rather than *eternal* disaster because they fear *man* rather than *God*. And they actually think that shifting to the Oneness of a *false* “God” that brings *all gods* together as “the same God” will avert disaster!

*“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus.**”* (1 Timothy 2:5)

“And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.” (Deuteronomy 8:19)

“For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods ...” (Exodus 34:14-15)

“For all the gods of the nations are idols ...” (Psalm 96:5)

“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.” (Proverbs 29:25)

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.... and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.” (Isaiah 45:22-24)

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool ... but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." (Isaiah 66:1-2)

"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant." (Psalm 25:14)

"The Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness" -- the *tertium quid*, or Laodicean third way

In the light of God's Word there are only *two* ways in life. One way is to *accept* the truth of God's Word and the other way is to *reject* the truth of God's Word. Yet people in today's shifting Christianity who are not willing to *accept* it are also not willing to believe that they have thereby chosen to *reject* the truth of God's Word. Thus, they are choosing to "reimagine" a "*third way*"—a *tertium quid*—a "Möbius strip," that brings both inside and outside the "box" of the truth of God's Word together as one in a new all-encompassing "truth." In other words, those who are shifting away from the truth are attempting to create a middle way between the two ways of *accepting* or *rejecting* the truth of God's Word. After all, *rejecting* the truth of God's Word would be *apostasy*, so today's creative middle (third) way is to simply "reimagine" (change) it all into a new "truth" in which *all* "truth" is accepted as "God's truth." This way no matter what they choose to believe or disbelieve, they are neither *accepting* (which they are no longer willing to do) *nor rejecting* (which they are not willing to admit) but simply "*transcending*" the truth of God's Word. And since in not *rejecting* it they are likewise "*transcending*" *apostasy*, there is thus no *departing from the faith*, right?

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12)

"The word 'paradox' is derived from two Greek words--*pará* meaning 'beyond or beside' and *doxy* meaning 'belief.' **A paradox is a linear contradiction but a harmony in truth.** A paradox is an echoing pun on differentiations and **oppositions which are metaphysically one.**" (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹

"Paradox is the midwife of truth....

"In Christ all opposites are not so much reconciled as transcended in the Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness.

"Paradox is never about two. Paradox is about the conception of a *tertium quid*, a 'third somewhat,' that is born from the coming together of two opposites. True twoness always births threeness." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

"In the divine mathematics of science, religion, philosophy, history, in fact everything, 1 + 1 = 3.... Perhaps God is part of the new math. Perhaps Jesus taught the higher math of the *tertium quid* (the third way)." (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; bold added)³

As previously addressed, in this emerging faith *man* is creating new "truth" by bringing opposites together as one, and it is this resultant *Oneness* that is the new "*truth*." This resultant *Oneness* becomes the *tertium quid* -- the "third way" or "third thing." This *Oneness* is not seen as a *rejection* of one or the other of *any* two oppositions since it brings *all* pairs of opposites together in a new "truth" of *both/and*. And this *Oneness* (i.e., *both/and*) of "Twoness" (i.e., two opposites) inevitably becomes a "*Threeness*" (i.e., a *tertium quid*, "third thing" or "third way").

A helpful illustration is that when the colors of blue and red are brought together as one they make purple. In other words, bringing the "Twoness" (blue and red) together in *Oneness* becomes a "Threeness" or "third thing" (purple). Likewise, red and yellow make orange, and yellow and blue make green. The purple, orange, or green is the new "truth." In this new "truth" there is *no longer* an *either/or*, such as either *blue* or *red*, but only the new *both/and* "third thing"

of *purple*. An *either/or* cannot be transformed into a *both/and* without *losing* the *either/or*. But in this emerging faith of Oneness it is absurdly imagined that an “old” *either/or* truth can become a new *both/and* “truth” without losing *anything* of the “old” *either/or* truth.

Similar to transforming the *either/or* of *blue or red* into a new *both/and* of *purple*, in this emerging “third way,” i.e., emerging faith of Oneness, the opposites (“Twoness”) of *truth and falsehood*, *right and wrong*, are being brought together in a *Oneness* that becomes a “Threeness,” a “third thing.” So, for example, if *blue* represents the *truth*, and *red* represents *falsehood*, then *purple* represents today’s new “truth” in which people have brought *truth and falsehood together as one*. There’s only one problem. *Blue* still represents the *truth* and now all they have is *purple*. Purple is not *blue* any more than blue is *purple*. They are *not* the same thing. Only when choosing to wear today’s new lenses of darkness do blue and purple become the same and then only *seemingly* so. Of course, they can put a “positive” spin on it and point out that *red* still represents *falsehood* whereas now all they have is *purple*. Purple and red are likewise obviously not the same thing. Nevertheless, neither *purple* nor *red* are *blue*, and *blue* still represents the *truth*. Mind games notwithstanding, in their new “third way”—i.e., their new “truth”—*red (falsehood)* did *not* become *blue (truth)*, it merely became *purple* (a “reimagined” “truth”). A “reimagined” “truth” is not the *truth*.

Fittingly, according to an art textbook:

“The final property of color is its **intensity**, sometimes called its *saturation* or *chroma*. This generally **describes a color’s purity**, with a hue being at its most intense at normative on the color wheel. **As a color loses its intensity, it moves towards neutral**. A color theorist might describe **the mixing of two colors** that are located directly across from each other [on the color wheel] as **the simultaneous diminishing of intensity (neutralizing)**.” (parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)⁴

The *tertium quid*, “third thing,” or “Threeness”—i.e., bringing two opposites together as one—*neutralizes the truth*, which of course is a prerequisite to the “relationship” of the *circle* of *Oneness*. Moreover, *mixing* something with the truth of God’s Word clearly *adds* to the truth of God’s Word which *takes away its purity* and *changes* the truth of God into a lie.

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **Add thou not unto his words**, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found **a liar**.” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” (Psalm 12:6-7)

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools ... **Who changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 1:21-22, 25)

We are to accept and love the truth of God *as it is*. People are neither saved nor have God by loving a “truth” they have “reimagined” into a fashion—a lie—that they are *willing* to accept. To dance around the truth is to dance around the truth.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7:21-23)

“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie ... God hath from the beginning chosen you to **salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth**: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Therefore, brethren, stand fast**, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, 13-15)

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

"Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." (Luke 8:18)

In the emerging faith of *Oeness* it is not possible to *stand fast* in the *truth* and in the *doctrine* of Christ. To do so would be to *disconnect* its *circle* of relationship. So those in this emerging faith *must* "mov[e] towards neutral." The following, which is also fitting of the popular "centering" of this emerging faith as well, is included in the art textbook:

"In the center of the wheel stands deep gray (since black is defined as the complete absence of light and thus theoretically cannot be produced through mixing actual color), which is known as **neutralized color**." (parentheses in the original; bold added)⁵

To "center" in the inner "God" of *Oeness* is to "center" in the *neutral zone* where truth and falsehood, right and wrong, are brought together as *one big neutral "truth"* that is everything but saturated with God's *pure truth*. Without this neutrality and impurity *Oeness* would not even exist. In fact, it is in choosing to "center" in the *neutral zone* that *connects* the circle of *Oeness*, and thereby connects the world of *opposites* ("colors") into a new world of *Oeness*. But, regardless of in whom or in what people think they have "centered," unless they abide in the *doctrine* of Christ they *do not have God*. When it comes to *believing* and *loving* the *truth* of God and His Son there can be *no neutrality*.

Those in today's shifting Christianity who neither *outright reject* nor *accept* the *true* Person of the Lord Jesus Christ (the "corner stone" and "rock of offence") but choose instead to "reimagine" Him are "*neither cold nor hot*" but "*lukewarm*"—a "third thing" created by bringing cold and hot together as one. And, not surprisingly, those who are lukewarm imagine that everyone can freely *believe* or *disbelieve* whatever they want about Jesus and *still have Jesus*. After all, this *tertium quid*, "third thing" or "third way"—in which people are determined to have it *both ways*—is all about bringing the broad way together as one with the narrow way in an all-encompassing "*Möbius-strip*" "kingdom of God" that doesn't merely *move* "the fence," it *removes* it altogether. A Möbius strip not only brings together both ends, the polar opposites, it brings together both *sides* as well. So this circle with a twist that only has one edge and thus "only *one side*" gives a whole new meaning to the question, "Who is on the Lord's side?":

"[W]hile there is more than one way of being a true believer, there is still *one way*, and that way is Christ. Like the mathematical model of the Möbius strip, **there is only one side. But that one side is the 'inside' and 'outside'** of the strip. Once again, theologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: 'It is perfectly consistent to hold both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may genuinely encounter God outside the Christian church **without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth**.'" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

This dance of *Oeness*, this new "third way" *both/and* "truth," seeks to bring *both inside and outside* the truth and faith of God and His Son together as one so that *everyone* is thus "on the Lord's side" whether they believe and love the truth or not. Again, this is neither "*God's dream*" nor "*the Jesus Dream*," and neither is it a "dance to the music of *Jesus*."

"At the end of Revelation, **Jesus is outside the church**, knocking, banging on the door, **asking to be let inside so that he can get us back outside**."

"We need to learn to dance to the music of Jesus once again." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

Actually, it is in chapter 3, which is nowhere near the end of Revelation, that Jesus is knocking on the door of the church. (The rest of Revelation, by the way, goes on to warn of God's coming *judgment* which is just too "negative," i.e., *true*, for today's emerging faith of *Oeness*.) Jesus is knocking, not to get people in this church "back outside," but to bring them into fellowship with Him. Those who choose the neutral *both/and* (or more precisely *neither/nor*) lukewarm dance of the "third way"—i.e., *tertium quid*—only *imagine* that they have fellowship with Jesus. If they don't repent and open the door to Him, He will spew them out of His mouth in this *one-sided* relationship which, by the way, is *not* the dance of a *one-sided* "Möbius strip."

*“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth....** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**” (Revelation 3:14-16, 19-22)*

Incidentally, the first use of the term *tertium quid* has been attributed to the fourth century reference to “the followers of Apollinaris who spoke of Christ as something neither human nor divine, but a mixture of the two, and therefore a ‘third thing.’”⁸ Apollinaris’ “reimaginings” of Christ were condemned as heresy, and “[f]ollowers of Apollinarianism were accused of attempting to create a *tertium quid* (‘third thing,’ neither God nor man).”⁹ Appropriately enough, Apollinaris was the bishop of *Laodicea*.¹⁰

Connecting the dots of the immanent “God” and “Christ”

Essentially, the shifts and changes of today’s many “reimaginings” boil down to man’s attempt to bring “Thus saith God” and “thus imagines man” *together as one in a new “truth”—a tertium quid* (“third thing” or “third way”) “fullness of truth” that is all-encompassing. And with man’s “reimagined” “God” of Oneness that is immanent/“incarnate” in everyone and everything, *everyone* and *everything* becomes “‘God’s’ truth,” and *every* voice and *every* handwriting becomes “thus saith ‘God.’” So in order to create a more “complete” “picture” (“understanding”/“truth”), i.e., a “group mosaic,” *all* “truths” (“colors”) of *all* religions/faiths/cultures, along with all “sensory truths,” are being brought together as a “fullness of truth,” or a “Totality of God.” This clearly gives everyone the freedom to believe whatever they so choose.

“All the various truths form one Truth; ... your little bit of truth forms part of the group mosaic.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹

“All religions have something to do with **the whole, the totality.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

“[T]he focus will be on finding ways to honor those differences [between ‘**all the world’s religions**’], seeing what they can further **reveal** to humanity about **the Totality of God**, and looking to see whether **the combination of all these different views** might produce a **Whole** that is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³

“The orthodox understanding of *imago Dei* is less that each individual is created ‘in the image of God’ and more that all of humanity was made in God’s image. That means **the greater the incorporation of all cultures, all colors**, all generations, all socioeconomic groups, *all body types*, **the greater the glimpse of God.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *imago Dei*)⁴

“Embodiment is key to cognition, since different *bodily experiences* give us different thoughts and perspectives. For a **true picture of Christ**, I need to incorporate **the multi-culti sounds and sights and smells and touches** of other *ta ethne* embodiments....

“With the human race now losing at least one indigenous language every two weeks, how much of God are we in danger of not seeing?” [!] (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *ta ethne*)⁵

Since when does being made in the image of God mean that all “bodily experiences” and “perspectives” of all humanity and all religions/faiths/cultures are to be brought together to see a “greater” “glimpse of God”?! God is “*a Spirit*” (John 4:24) and each and every *individual* of mankind is made in the image of God and therefore has *a spirit*. But in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, not only does everyone *and everything* have a *spirit* but this *spirit* is imagined to be “God,” and an *immanent* “God” at that. Again, this immanence places this “reimagined” “God” in “the very

substance” of everyone/everything thereby bringing *itself* (“*Spirit*”) and *everyone/everything* (*matter*) together in a blended spirit-matter Oneness. And, therefore, with an *immanent* “God” as well as an *immanent* “Christ”—that is, with a “*God*”/ *matter Oneness* and a “*Christ*”/*matter Oneness*—“body types” and “bodily experiences” and “sounds and sights and smells and touches,” etc., all absurdly become a “true picture of *Christ*” as well as a “greater” “glimpse of *God*.”

People can “romanticize” and “glorify” this immanent “God” of Oneness all they want, but, as mentioned earlier, the absurd “reality” of this *unholy false* “*God*” whose “stuff” is *in everyone and everything* is that it is in everything, even dog poop.

“An *incarnational* God means that **God-stuff** is found **in the matter** of the universe.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“**I tell you, I am in** every flower, every rainbow, every star in the heavens, and **everything in and on every planet** rotating around every star....

“**My Beingness is in everything. Everything.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷

Everything means everything, as even one of its own adherents admittedly writes:

“If, then, we envision the Divine as female—a symbol that incorporates nature, body, and matter—then as a people we will come to honor the feminine, nature, body, and earth. A Divine Feminine symbol renders obsolete the old idea that these things are outside the realm of divinity. It begins to **shift** thousands of years of **dualistic thinking**, setting up a new mandate for the divinity of the earth and the holiness of the body....

“Patriarchy has majored in **divine transcendence**, which means **separateness from the material universe**—being above, beyond, or apart from it. **Divine immanence**, on the other hand, is divinity here, near and now, **inherent in the material stuff of life**....

“Restoring the feminine symbol of Deity means that divinity will no longer be *only* heavenly, other, out there, up there, beyond time and space, beyond body and death. It will also be right here, right now, in me, in the earth, in this river and this rock, **in excrement and roses alike**.” (Sue Monk Kidd; bold & underline added)⁸

Even Sweet absurdly writes:

“**Matter is the energy of Spirit. Ultimately, all that exists is spirit.**” (emphasis added)⁹

“God pervades the world through the Spirit ...

“*Jesus* was a ‘dawn collector’ who found **God’s Spirit in all things, in all aspects of the natural world, both animate** (birds, animals, flowers, seeds) **and inanimate** (pots, coins), yet showed how we can experience God’s Spirit in ways that are *beyond and ‘beneath language.’*...”

“**[T]he incarnation goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells all that exists.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁰

“**The Spirit of Christ** is not *vagrant or homeless*, but **incarnate and embodied in whatever gives life: a fish, some flesh, the aroma of bread and wine, an accent, or an appearance**....

“Are you finding Christ **in the people you meet?** Are you finding Christ **in the things you handle?** Are you finding Christ **in the food you eat?** Finding Christ **in the voices you hear?** Finding Christ **in the smells you breathe?**” (emphasis added)¹¹

“**The world of nature** has an identity and purpose apart from human benefit. But **we constitute together a cosmic body of Christ**....

“This entails a radical doctrine of **embodiment of God in the very substance of creation.**” (emphasis added)¹²

Again, *the Lord Jesus Christ alone* is God made flesh (God “incarnate”). And, no, to believe *the truth* that God is *not* made flesh in “all that exists” (i.e., that the true God is *not* “incarnate and embodied” in a fish, etc., not to mention “in

excrement and roses alike”^D) is not to believe that He is “*vagrant or homeless*”! Will absurdities and *blasphemies* never cease? In case you missed it, another *abomination* here is that if the “*incarnation*” of the true *God* went “all the way down” into “*all that exists*,” then the *Lord Jesus Christ and excrement alike* would be God “incarnate.” And, as if that isn’t abominable enough in and of itself, it doesn’t even end there (but this will be addressed more later). The vile “truth” of Oneness/panentheism is indeed beyond and beneath language. Again, that the “truth” of this emerging faith does not require *thinking* explains its otherwise inexplicable success in *today’s Christianity*. Even though people are choosing to “glorify” and “exalt” this *totally false* “God” of Oneness as the true God, sorry, but this filthy, *everything-but-holy*, panentheistic “God” only dreams to “be like the Most High” and gets flushed down the toilet (its rightful throne) deservedly. (By the way, anyone who sees this statement as “blasphemy” is following this unholy *false* “God” rather than the holy *true* God and His Son, the truth and faith of Whom are *perfectly clear* in the *Holy Scriptures*—which, as now needs clarification as well, consists of 66 books; period. No, the world’s “hip-hop” is not “Scripture.”)

Whether people want to see this *non-“beautiful”* side of this increasingly preferred “God” (as well as “Christ”) of Oneness/panentheism or not, “the Totality of God” in Oneness/panentheism includes *the “Totality.”* In other words, whether people are willing to admit it or not, the “group mosaic” or *complete* and “true” “picture” of “the *Totality*” of this panentheistic “God” (and panentheistic “Christ”) does indeed include “excrement and roses alike.” And a panentheistic “God”/“Christ”—and, likewise, “truth”—that are *in everyone and everything* can thus be found *wherever* anyone chooses to look, which of course includes in *all religions*.

“Tomorrow’s God says that **every church** is ‘his church,’ and **every faith** is ‘her faith,’ and *every* soul is God’s soul, because it shares the same soul with God!” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹³

“The discussions at these important gatherings [‘of **all the world’s religions**’] will not focus on eliminating the differences between religions, for it will be recognized that **diversity of spiritual expression is a blessing**, not a problem. Rather, the focus will be on finding ways to **honor those differences, seeing what they can further reveal to humanity about the Totality of God ...**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁴

As this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism seeks to form a “group mosaic” that is a “fullness of truth” or “Totality of God,” its “decolonized” theology of Oneness merges *all gods* together into its *one emerging whole “God.”* And in order for this *whole “God”* (and a “better,” more “complete” and “true” “picture”/“understanding”) to emerge, *interfaith dialogue* is obviously essential (i.e., *interfaith*, or “*intercultural*,” now that the term *culture* has been broadened to both include and whitewash *religious* differences). In other words, Christianity has been seduced into *learning* from and *connecting* with *other faiths/religions/“cultures”* in order to connect God with these other gods in the emerging *whole “God,”* or “*Totality of God.*” (And, of course, these *other gods* are honored as just *differences* of “conceptions of *God.*”) Still, there is only one truth of the one true God, and neither the one truth nor the one true God is “the group mosaic” of *anything*, let alone of *other gods*. Again, likewise, the earth always has been round, and there never has been an elephant or a turtle holding it up.

“**There is only One God.** What God is this? Is it **Adonai? Allah? Elohim? God? Hari? Jehovah? Krishna? Lord? Rama? Vishnu? Yahweh?**

“**It’s All of Them.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)¹⁵

“Just as physicists cannot understand truth by one model alone--that is, either the wave nature of light or the particle nature of light--so one model may not suffice **to understand God completely....** One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of **Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna....**

“It will take **a decolonized theology** for Christians to appreciate the *genuineness* of others’ faiths ...

“The *interfaith embodiment* of a quantum spirituality is based not on the Enlightenment search for what **the world**

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Yes, technically excrement is also part of “whatever gives life” by cleaning out the system; without it we die. It also “gives life” to the creepy crawlies, the clean up crew designed to feast on it. And, no, the *true* and *holy* God is not in these excrement-eating creepy crawlies any more than He is in the excrement itself.

religions hold in common but on the multitudinous and uniqueness of *each particular vision of truth*.... Without **knowing one another's 'colors,'** our spiritual journey is little more than monochromatic busywork, an attention to the isolated and ephemeral designed to distract the believer from **the height of faith's vision.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁶

"[T]he greater the incorporation of all cultures, all colors, ... the greater the glimpse of God." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

"A surprisingly central feature of **all the world's religions** is the language of **light** in communicating *the divine* and symbolizing *the union* of the human with *the divine*: **Muhammed's light-filled cave, Moses' burning bush, Paul's blinding light, Fox's 'inner light,' Krishna's Lord of Light, Böhme's light-filled cobbler shop, Plotinus' fire experiences, Bodhisattvas with the flow of Kundalini's fire erupting from their fontanelles, and so on.**" (Leonard Sweet; under the heading, "Coincidence, or connection?;" emphasis added)¹⁸

"New Light embodiment means to be 'in *connection*' and 'in-*formation*' with **other faiths**. To be in-*formation* means to know each other's songs almost as well as one knows them oneself, and to enlarge the community to include those **whose conceptions of God differ** from ours in form." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

"*"Bible translation [i.e., with its indigenous use of names for God]* has thus helped to bring about **a historic shift in Christianity's theological center** of gravity by pioneering a strategic alliance with **local conceptions of religion** ... it is difficult to overestimate the implications of this indigenous change for the future shape of religion."

 (Leonard Sweet quoting Lamin O. Sanneh; brackets and ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁰

"... God and Allah and all the other names that we have for That Which Is Divine **are the same thing**, and that **This One Divine Being** loves all of us ... **All religions** are individual paths to paradise, and each path will take us there." (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)²¹

"The message of God is clear. **No matter what the religion**, no matter what the **culture**, no matter what the **spiritual or indigenous tradition**, the **bottom line is identical: We are all one**....

"We must preach **a new gospel**, its *healing* message summarized in two sentences:

"We are all one.

"Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way....

"I challenge every priest, every minister, every rabbi and religious clerk to preach this." (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)²²

Sweet writes, "For anything to be real it must be local,"²³ and "all religion should also be local ... because it is addressed to a particular people at a particular time in a particular place."²⁴ Actually, for religion to be real it *must* be *true*. And therefore it *must* be *scriptural*. Otherwise, since the *true* God is not in everyone and everything, the "truth" and "faith" of religion is merely man's *imagination* and not the truth and faith of the true God. Local (indigenous) conceptions of religion neither *replace* nor *add to* the *truth* of God's Word that is *absolute* for *all* people and *all* times and *all* places. It is only in today's emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism that *the names* of indigenous *gods* become indigenous "*names for God*," and likewise that the *conceptions* of local *gods* become local "*conceptions of God*." And since *all gods* of *all religions* become just different names, conceptions, and forms of "the same God" in this *not-so-future* "shape of religion," i.e., this "circle" of Oneness, *all religions* therefore not only become equally valid paths to "God" but also *equally valid "truths"* in "the Totality of God." The implications of this unarguably *historic theological shift* are eternal.

"And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish." (Deuteronomy 8:19)

*"Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.... for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with **that which is not God**; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities ... For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!... And he shall say, Where are **their gods, their rock** in whom they trusted, ... let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me ..."* (Deuteronomy 32:18, 20-21, 28-29, 37-39)

“Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.... Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:20, 22)

The “group mosaic” of the “God” of Oneness is nothing more than an imaginary “picture” of an imaginary “God” that is being conceived, formed, and shaped into a fashion that man is willing to accept. As addressed earlier, the fashion that man is willing to accept today is sadly nothing but a glued-together counterfeit “rock” of sand that is attempting to “be like the most High.” Again, shifting sand is not the Rock, and the Rock is not shifting sand. But man has chosen to blast the eternal Rock to transform the Rock into shifting sand in order to “reimagine” God as *immanent in all things* so that man can now attempt to transform the shifting sand back into the Rock by connecting *all things* back together as “God” in one universal “relationship” of *Oneness*. And, naturally, the many bits and pieces of all “truths”/religions and *gods* are part of this glued-together “rock”/“mosaic”—i.e., of this emerging *whole “God”*—since this is, after all, the point. And now that this emerging faith—“new world religion”—of this whole “God” of Oneness is even “widely desired and worked for” in today’s shifting Christianity, its “emergence” is no longer proceeding slowly but in fact *quite rapidly*.

“[T]he vision is a vision of group work, of group relationships, of group objectives, and of **the group fusion to the larger Whole.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁵

“Today, slowly, the concept of **a world religion and the need for its emergence are widely desired and worked for. The fusion of faiths is now a field for discussion.** Workers in the field of religion will formulate **the universal platform of the new world religion.** It is a work of loving synthesis and will emphasize **the unity** and the fellowship **of the spirit**.... The platform of the new world religion will be built by many groups, working under the inspiration of *the Christ*....

“The churches in the West need also to realize that basically *there is only one Church*, but it is *not* necessarily only the orthodox *Christian* institution. **God works in many ways, through many faiths and religious agencies;** this is one reason for the *elimination* of *non-essential* doctrines. By the emphasizing of the *essential* doctrines and **in their union will the fullness of truth be revealed. This, the new world religion will do ...**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁶

In this new world religion “[i]t is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters” (i.e., “God”).²⁷ So, obviously, what is “non-essential” is *the truth* of God and His Son, which is indeed being gradually removed/eliminated in this very *upside-down “fullness of truth,”* even by today’s shifting Christianity itself.

“[I]n the new generation lies hope ... hope because of the promptness with which they **recognize truth wherever it is to be found** ...

“... God works in many ways, through **many faiths and religious agencies; in their union will the fullness of truth be revealed.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁸

“**‘THERE IS NO RELIGION HIGHER THAN--TRUTH.’...**

“There is, and can be, but **one absolute truth in Kosmos.** And ... if it is absolute it must also be **omnipresent** and **universal**; and that in such case, it must be **underlying every world-religion** ... Therefore, that *a portion of truth, great or small, is found in every religious and philosophical system* ... Our object is not to destroy any religion but rather to help to filter each, thus ridding them of their respective impurities. In this we are opposed by all those who maintain, against evidence, that their particular pitcher alone contains the whole ocean....

“Free discussion, temperate, candid, undefiled by personalities and animosity, is, we think, the most efficacious means of getting rid of error and bringing out the underlying truth ...” (Helena P. Blavatsky, *Lucifer* magazine, 1888; an occultist and channeler who has been referred to as the grandmother of the New Age movement; bold & italics added)²⁹

“**There is no room for absolute truth upon any subject whatsoever,** in a world as finite and conditioned as man is himself. But **there are relative truths,** and we have to make the best we can of them....

“[F]or every one of us has to find that (to him) final knowledge *in himself*.... **The sun is one, but its beams are numberless** ...” (Helena P. Blavatsky, *Lucifer* magazine, 1888; parentheses in the original; emphasis added, except to

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“... **Christian people are to recognize their place within a worldwide divine revelation and see Christ as representing all the faiths** and taking His rightful place as World Teacher. **He is the World Teacher and not a Christian teacher....** They may not call Him Christ, but they have their own name for Him and follow Him as truly and faithfully as their Western brethren.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)³¹

In other words, Christians “are to recognize their place” within “the group mosaic” and see the truth and faith of God’s Word as only *one part* of “the fullness of truth,” i.e., of *the whole*. However, this is the complete *antithesis* of what it is to be a *Christian*. The emerging faith of the Oneness/wholeness of all religions/faiths/cultures/“truths”/gods is completely *antithetical* to the preeminent *superiority* of *the truth* of Who Jesus Christ *is* which must be *believed* in order to even *be a Christian* in the first place. The “group mosaic” of “the Totality” of an *interfaith* panentheistic “God” (and “Christ”) is indeed anti-Christian. Besides, to be anti-*Christ* (i.e., against the true Jesus Christ, Who is not *interfaith*) is to inevitably be anti-*Christian* (i.e., against the truth and faith of the true Jesus Christ) as well. But even though *anti*-means “*against*” and “*opposite of*,” this emerging faith diabolically brings *all opposites* together in a *Oneness* that thereby effectively blinds people to the eternal differences between an *anti-Christ* and *Christ* or an *anti-Christianity* and *Christianity*. It all becomes just a new kind of “Christ” and a new kind of “Christianity” in this new kind of “truth” and “faith” of this new kind of “God” for those who aren’t willing to simply believe and obey God and His Son.

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” (Hebrews 4:2)

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

“If we could **break free** from the Greco-Roman soul-sort narrative, think of what could change.... We would **stop seeing the line that separates good and evil running between our religion and all others**. We would be **freed from** the tendency to always think ‘insider/outsider’ and ‘us/them.’...”

“We would see that ... **Jesus was not a gift to one religion, but to the whole world....**

“**Evangelism** would **cease** to be a matter of **saving souls** from a bad ending ... It would **cease to be a proclamation of the superiority of the Christian religion....**

“This kind of evangelism would celebrate the good in the Christian religion and lament the bad, just as it would in *every* other religion, **calling people to a way of life** in a kingdom (or beautiful *whole*) that transcends and includes **all religions**.” (Brian McLaren; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³²

“**Jesus is not just one way**, a better way, a pleasant way on a good day. He is *the* way.

“**Jesus is not just one truth**, a higher truth, or a more personal truth. He is *the* truth....

“So, Christianity is **not** an allegiance to a complex **doctrinal** or ethical system, **but a passionate love for a way of living** in the world that’s rooted in living **by Jesus**, the way, the truth, and the life. **Our theologies, doctrines**, and subjective experiences are **designed to flow organically from** our loving **relationship** to Christ, but they are never to substitute for it.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; bold & underline added)³³

“Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition self-organizing, complex, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. **An organic system makes it up as it goes along.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold & underline added)³⁴

“Christians should be active participants in making and **evangelizing** this ‘recombinant culture’ that is increasingly susceptible to ‘Rip. Mix. Burn’ initiatives. But **we do not aim to make it into a ‘Christian culture,’ but a human culture** that is *merciful* and hospitable to all humanity.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³⁵

First, love for “*a way of living*” (especially a “*self-regulating*” one) is not the same thing as love for *the Person* of Jesus

Christ Himself. And, again, the *one* true Person of Jesus Christ Himself is the truth. A person is who that person is. There is no new kind of “person” that can be “reimagined” however anyone and everyone chooses—i.e., into *more than one* truth of *who* that person is. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). An evangelism that “transcends” (bypasses) the *saving* truth of Who this specific “mediator between God and men” is isn’t “merciful”! Since Jesus is just one Person, He is indeed just one way and just one truth. But this *one specific Person* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who, by the way, was resurrected as this *same* specific Person—is simply too narrow of a way and truth and life for today’s emerging faith of Oneness. After all, if the Lord Jesus Christ is a *specific Person* (and He is), and not a “reimaginable” cosmic “it” or a new kind of “reimaginable” “Person,” then He would need to be *believed* and *obeyed* and *loved* for Who He specifically is.

“[P]eople may genuinely encounter God outside the **Christian** church *without* explicitly knowing about **Jesus of Nazareth**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁶

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, **whom God raised from the dead ... Neither is there salvation in any other ...**” (Acts 4:10, 12)

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made **that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” (Acts 2:36)

“If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.” (1 Corinthians 16:22)

Second, this sounds like **the false “Jesus” of The Shack** that said of his followers who “were Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims” – “**I have no desire to make them Christian**, ...”³⁷ In an interview of William Paul Young (the author of *The Shack*), pastor Kendall Adams of Burlington Baptist Church refers to this part of *The Shack* and says, “I know you said on another show that you originally wrote **they are Buddhist, Mormons, Muslims**, that’s what you had originally written.” To which Young replies, “Well, that’s because I’m a third culture kid. I’m not just an American or a Canadian. And in the U.S., or in the West, we don’t realize that people can be *Muslim Christians* or *Buddhist Christians*, because in the world, the rest of the world, the designation of *Buddhist* or *Muslim* just indicates *ethnicity*. It doesn’t indicate *belief system*.”³⁸ He is either incredibly naïve or deliberately whitewashing/misrepresenting/spinning/curving the facts for today’s mission of Oneness/connectness.

Sounding like McLaren and the many other leaders of this emerging faith, to pastor Adams’ question, “So what do you mean by he has no desire to make them Christian?” Young answers, “Because the term Christian is **the big C-bomb** in the world. **Jesus wasn’t a Christian**. He was a Jew.... **He didn’t come to create a new religion to compete with the existing religions**. He didn’t come to say, okay, we’re going to establish a new one – [mutual muffled interjections] – against Islam.... **He came to introduce relationship** ...”³⁹ And, not surprisingly, Young’s panentheistic “God” of *The Shack* “who is the ground of all being” that “dwells in, around, and through all things”⁴⁰ subtly teaches in the chapter “A Piece of π,” “**All love and relationship** is possible for you only because it **already exists** within me, **within God** myself.”⁴¹ (Again, panentheism goes both ways -- “God” is *in everyone/everything*, and everyone/everything is *in “God.”*)

Yes, Jesus was indeed Jewish, and *still is* in fact. (Just as the *true* God is still the God of *Israel*. But more on that later.) And, no, Jesus Christ the Saviour and *Jewish* Messiah did not come “to create a new religion.” As He Himself said, “*for salvation is of the Jews*” (John 4:22). He came to die for our sins in order to *confirm* and *finish* and *establish* the first testament/covenant. But, sadly, the world’s hatred of anyone and anything that is truly Christian is relatively minor compared to its diabolical hatred of anyone and anything that is of the Jews. Again, Jesus Himself wasn’t and isn’t a *Christian*—a believer/follower/disciple of Christ—because *Jesus is Christ*. There is no competition whatsoever between the preeminent superiority of *the truth* of the *true* Jesus Christ—the Son and Mediator of the only true God—and the *falsehood* of “the existing religions.” It is those who are shifting to *darkness* who are helping to create a “new world religion,” with an *interfaith* “Christ”/“Jesus” and “God” of *the world* that offer everyone a *universal* salvation/reconciliation/relationship/redemption/forgiveness, regardless of beliefs, regardless of theology, regardless of religion.

Neale Donald Walsch: “Regardless of their beliefs, regardless of their religion?”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “Regardless of their beliefs, regardless of their religion.”

Neale Donald Walsch: "Or lack of religion?"

The seducing spirit calling itself "God": "Or lack of religion."...

Neale Donald Walsch: "... I want to make sure, I want to make absolutely certain that I get this right.... [T]his is one thing I want to get as accurately as I can. I want there to be no mistake about this. You are saying that **there is no 'right way' to God?**"

The seducing spirit calling itself "God": "That is what I am saying. **Exactly, precisely, unequivocally.** There are a thousand paths to God, and every one gets you there."

Neale Donald Walsch: "So we can, at last, bring an end to 'better' about God. We can **stop saying that 'ours is the better God.'**"

The seducing spirit calling itself "God": "Yes, you can.... It will require you to give up your ideas of *superiority* ... For this is **The New Gospel: ... There is no one true religion.... or one and only way to Heaven.**" (bold added)⁴²

Since today's emerging faith "reimagines" "God" as "the God of *all* relationship," and even as "relationship" itself, it is to be expected that faith and theology and doctrine and truth and Scripture are all "reimagined" as coming/flowing from *relationship* rather than from the written Word of God. After all, the latter makes it perfectly clear that a relationship with God comes specifically by *faith* in His Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and warns that *unbelief* leads to "*departing from the living God.*" This is obviously the *opposite* of a *relationship* (as is to "be *Anathema*"--see 1 Corinthians 16:22). But, conversely, when "faith" and "truth" "flow" from a "relationship" to a "God" and "Christ" that are *immanent in everyone and everything*, people can freely make it all up as they go along rather than *believe* and *obey*.

"Jesus led us to **think of God differently**, as relationship, **as the God of all relationship.**" (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴³

"What if we were to think *connectness* rather than *correctness*?...

"The church is **not** a set of *propositions*, buildings, or *beliefs*: The church is **a network of relationships** ... with God, with the Scriptures, with each other, with creation.

"We need to **learn to play the spaces.... All space is God's space.** Church is God's space. World is God's space.... Jesus is at work in the eighty-year-old Sunday-school teacher as well as in **the atheist** or in **the Buddhist.**" (Leonard Sweet; middle two ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁴

"... **Jesus did not leave** His disciples ... with *intellectual belief* or a '**Christian worldview.**' **He left** them with a **relational faith** and an indwelling presence." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴⁵

"**The key to a dynamic relationship** is not 'do you share common ideals' or 'common values,' but have you **reframed** your *differences* as a **source of strength**, not weakness. **Jesus spent more time drawing circles** to include people **than in drawing lines** to keep people out." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁶

"One of the most serious **thought-crimes** for a Christian is **the confusion of 'faith' with 'belief,' or to call someone who follows Jesus a 'believer,' ...**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁷

People would be far better served if they actually *believed* God, Jesus, and the Scriptures instead of just wanting a *relationship* with them *without having to believe them*. The lines of *truth* that are clearly set forth in the Word of God are what they are. If they "keep people out" it is because people are not *willing* to accept lines between *truth* and *falsehood* and *right* and *wrong*; that is, between *what is of God* and *what is not of God*. Contrary to today's imaginary arguments, the *non*-*"reimagined"* *true* Jesus did not draw circles of Oneness that bring all religions/faiths/cultures/gods/"truths"/opposites together in the "fullness of truth" of a "double helix" (narrow *and* broad) "Möbius-strip" "kingdom of God." Rather, it is today's shifting Christianity that is grievously spending more time drawing circles to *fictitiously* include people than it is in teaching the truth of God and His Son so that people can believe and be *genuinely* included.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**" (John 3:16)

The covenant that *God* is willing to make with *man* is what it is, and God's one and only Mediator is Who He is. It is neither *love* nor *mercy* nor "a source of *strength*" to "reframe" ("reimagine") the *differences* between the *Lord Jesus Christ* and *false "Jesuses"/"Christs"* and between *God* and *false gods* as merely differences of "*understandings*" and "*conceptions*"! And neither is this all merely a difference of "*view*," or "*perspective*." In the shift to Oneness, "worldview" is just one more term being used to whitewash *religious* differences. True scriptural Christianity is the *truth* and faith of the true God. It is not just another "*view*," or "*perspective*." It is not just another "*particular vision* of truth." Only in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism does the Christian truth become just *one part* of "the *whole*," "the *totality*," "the *fullness* of truth," "the *group mosaic*." In defining "worldview," Borg writes:

"A **worldview** is a culture or religion's taken-for-granted understanding of **reality**—a root image of what is real and thus of how to live. A worldview is 'the story of the universe that a culture accepts.'" (emphasis added)⁴⁸

To say that "Jesus did not leave his disciples" with either "intellectual belief," i.e., belief that requires *thinking*, or a "Christian worldview," i.e., a *Christian* understanding of reality and the universe, is to stretch the truth beyond belief (pun intended). What does that make John chapter 1, for example? The truth in just this one chapter alone that Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Person Who takes away the sin of the world, the Christ, the Messiah, of Whom Moses and the prophets did write, is eternally God and the Creator of all things is not "a '*Christian* worldview'"?! It certainly isn't a Hindu or Buddhist or Muslim or New Age "worldview." To the contrary, the *truth* of the Lord Jesus Christ does indeed leave us with *Christian* truth and faith, *not* truth and faith that is *nonchristian* or *anti-Christian*. Jesus did not leave us with the *multiple* "views" and "perspectives" of *religious Oneness*.

Here again, it all comes down to wanting a reality (truth) that is *both/and*, not *either/or*. The *either/or Christian* "worldview" (reality/truth) of John 3:16—the truth of which, by the way, was said by *Jesus* and subsequently recorded by one of His *disciples*—has no place in today's desired *both/and* "worldview" ("reality"/"truth"). Hence today's *nonchristian* and *anti-Christian* "reimaginings" and changes and shifts.

"**Postmodern** culture is an **anti-Christian** culture." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁹

"The **postmodern** world being born is **not** a bipolar **worldview of either/or's but** a double helix, Möbius-strip culture of **both-and's, ...**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁰

"You do **not** live in an '**either/or**' reality. The reality is '**both/and**.'" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁵¹

And, therefore, according to the seducing spirit world, since "*diversity* of spiritual expression is a blessing, ... the focus will be on finding ways to *honor* those *differences*, ... looking to see whether the combination of *all these different views* might produce a *Whole* that is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts."⁵² Even so, despite this emerging faith/"culture"/"paradigm"/"worldview"/"reality" of Oneness, the truth of God and His Son is what it is. And to "reframe" ("reimagine") the *lines* of *either/or differences*—i.e., truth and falsehood, right and wrong—as *circles* of *both/and Oneness* is *not* "a source of *strength*," unless one considers it "strength" to make God out to be a liar.

"... **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar**; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." (1 John 5:10)

In a *both/and* "reality" no *thinking* or *believing* is required, just relationship; *all* relationship.

"The kingdom of God **breaks free of religion** with Jesus ...

"The church has been busy telling stories other than God's story, dreaming other dreams than **God's dream** as revealed by Jesus.

"God is now baring **the Jesus Dream ... the 'secret of life'** ... God's *design* for how we humans should live our lives....

"... Jesus' followers are **shapemiths of the Spirit**....

“The passion for evangelism is nothing other than a passion for reading the signs of what God is up to, **connecting the God-dots** ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵³

“**Christ is God’s dream**, and His eternal purpose in Christ Jesus is **vastly encompassing**; it answers *every particular*. Nothing that God wants is *omitted* from it. The Father’s timeless intention reaches **from one end of Himself to another**, forever.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵⁴

“We implore you: **Make Christ** the **center**. Make Him the **circumference**. And **fill in the difference** with Him as well.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵⁵

“[W]hile **there is more than one way of being a true believer**, there is still one way, and that way is **Christ**. Like the mathematical model of the Möbius strip, there is only one side. But that one side is **the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’** of the strip.... both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may genuinely encounter God **outside the Christian church without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁶

Absurdly, people in this emerging faith are determinedly spinning in circles trying to “Christianize” the circle of Oneness while simultaneously trying to *anti*–“Christianize” Christianity. Nonetheless, *Christ* (the *Messiah*) is not an all-encompassing *circle* (twisted or otherwise) of Oneness. In other words, Christ (the Messiah) is not an all-encompassing *both/and* “fullness of truth.” And neither did *Jesus* reveal a “secret of life” that breaks free from *the truth* of *Jesus*. Only in man’s dreams does *Jesus* (Who *alone* is Christ) draw circles to include people who do not believe in *Jesus*! In the light of God’s Word of truth this is *all* perfectly obvious. But those in today’s emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism are clearly on a mission.

“Missional art #1 is the ability to help people understand that **the fullness of truth is not propositions or principles. The fullness of truth is Christ**.

“‘Christ is in the Church **in the same way as the sun** is before our eyes. We see the same sun as our fathers saw, and yet **we understand it in a much more magnificent way**.’ —Teilhard de Chardin” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁷

A “fullness of truth” that brings all religions/“truths” into its “fullness” *cannot* be *propositions* or *principles*. That is, it *cannot* be a “truth” that must be *believed* or *obeyed* (for starters, the never-ending *differences* and *contradictions*, to say the least, prevent this), and therefore it *cannot* be “*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*.” This delivered faith was then and still is now the whole *true* faith of the true Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. But in today’s emerging faith of Oneness to see and “understand” Christ “in a much more magnificent way” is to “reimagine” an “*understanding*” of “*Christ*” “*much more magnificent*” *than the Lord Jesus Christ*. In other words, it is to “see” and “understand” a “Christ” that “*transcends*” (*bypasses*)—and is thus *different* from—the *truth* and *faith* of the *Person* of *Jesus*.

“**Christ is the Aperture of God**. In the small opening of this one life, the clearest image of **the whole** can be seen.... **All the rays of truth in the universe focus through him**: ‘The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.’

“**It all began with one person** in one place . . . **until the local was made the universal**, the little made large, by the power of God’s Spirit.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁸

“[T]here is still one way, and that way is **Christ**.... But ... people may genuinely encounter God ... **without ... knowing ... Jesus of Nazareth**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁹

“**Then said Jesus** unto them again, ... **I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine**.” (John 10:7, 14)

In fact, today’s interfaith “Christ” of Oneness *must* bypass knowing and believing in the true Jesus in order to even *be* the interfaith “Christ” in the first place. In this “fullness of truth” God and His Son are reduced to nothing but *empty shells* that have been divested of *the truth* of *Who they are* so that they can then be “filled” with any “understanding” and any “truth” that *anyone* in any faith/religion/culture *chooses*. So in this emerging upside-down faith “the *fullness of truth*” is actually quite the opposite. It *has to be* to even *consider* bringing together *all religions* as a “*group mosaic*” of

the truth of either God or His Son.

“There is no room for *absolute truth* upon any subject whatsoever ... But there are *relative truths* ...

“**The sun is one, but its beams are numberless** ...

“[E]ach of us can **relatively reach the Sun of Truth** even on this earth, **and assimilate its warmest and most direct rays, however differentiated they may become** after their long journey through the physical particles in space.” (Helena P. Blavatsky, *Lucifer* magazine, 1888; emphasis added)⁶⁰

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints**. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Jude 1:3-4)

“So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**” (Romans 10:17)

Sadly, even today’s shifting Christianity is trying to replace “the common salvation” with a “reimagined” universal “salvation.” So rather than contending for the faith that is given to us by God in the Word of God, it is choosing instead to contend for the *emerging faith* of Oneness and its *interfaith* whole “God.” It therefore isn’t surprising that the Lord Jesus Christ is knocking on its door seeking to come in. This is especially so given that in its growing preference for “the fullness of truth” of Oneness (or the Laodicean third way of both/and) today’s shifting Christianity has thus also opened itself up to the emerging *interfaith* whole “Christ” of Oneness—a false “Christ of many barnyards.” Again, in addressing the Laodicean church Jesus says:

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear **my voice**, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To **him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**” (Revelation 3:20-22)

Incidentally, *overcoming* includes overcoming the world through faith, that is, through believing in the true Jesus Christ. And *overcoming* the world is not the same thing as becoming one with the world. Neither is overcoming the world the same thing as “reimagining” Christ as one with the world.

“And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.**” (1 John 5:19)

“And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, **because they believe not on me.**” (John 16:8-9)

“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God ... For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith**. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?... If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that **believeth** on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not **the record that God gave of his Son.**” (1 John 5:1, 4-5, 9-10)

“Christianity is meant to be pulled all kinds of ways and still deliver meaning. **God’s presence is written in every handwriting. The world bears traces of the handwriting of the Word....**

“Early Christians drew upon ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of **pagan cultures** as ‘seeds’ of the divine Word that **become enfleshed in Christ** and in the church.... [T]hese early Christians checked constantly for **the omnipresence of Christ in all cultures**. They searched until they found **the hidden traces of God in ‘sheep from other folds,’** as Jesus liked to say, and opened themselves as no other religious tradition had ever done to **the Christ of many barnyards.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶¹

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep,

he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.... I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, **and am known of mine**.... And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and **there shall be one fold**, and one shepherd.... But **ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep**, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:1-5, 14, 16, 26-27)

"Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that **Jesus** should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he **should gather together in one the children of God** that were scattered abroad." (John 11:50-52)

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26)

"For there is **one God**, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**." (1 Timothy 2:5)

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.... And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:42, 46-47)

There is only one true God, and the only way to the one true God is to know, believe, and love the one true Son of the one true God.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.... He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:16, 36)

Those who think they can connect the dots of the immanent "Christ" and "God" of "many barnyards" into "a true picture" of the one true God and His Son are deceiving themselves, *and others*. For starters, any similarities to God in other religions (a.k.a. "cultures") are because other religions have imagined their own *counterfeits* to the true God. These *counterfeit gods* are not "hidden traces" of the *genuine God*. The counterfeits are *counterfeits* and the *genuine* is *genuine*. It is not that the *counterfeits* are the *genuine*. But, sadly, today's shifting Christianity has been so seduced by the false theology of Oneness that it now believes the *counterfeit gods* of other religions are the *genuine God* that we need to "introduce" people to more fully—and out of their own religious texts no less!

In addition, before today's attempts to "Christianize" the mission of the seducing spirit world began to *change everything*, it would have been glaringly obvious (along with everything else) that the "*ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures*" are not the "handwriting" of the Word of God, and neither does "*every handwriting*" contain "God's presence." Likewise, the Son of God (i.e., the true Person of Jesus Christ) is *not paganism incarnate*, is *not omnipresent in all cultures (religions)*, and is *not the Shepherd of pagan "barnyards."* Of the true Person of Jesus Christ and His narrow way there is only "*one fold*," not "*many barnyards*." And His "*one fold*" (which is not a "Möbius-strip" fold that includes everyone both "'inside' and 'outside'" the truth and faith of God's Son) consists *only* of those who believe on Him, who are thus "*the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus*." Those who prefer an all-encompassing interfaith testament/covenant/way to God and are thus also trying to transform the Son of God—the Christ (Messiah)—into an interfaith Shepherd are not following Him but the emerging interfaith *counterfeit* "Christ" ("Messiah") of New Age Oneness. This interfaith false "Christ" "loves those who are not Christian," i.e., those who do *not* believe the truth and faith of the true Christ, for a reason.

"The Christ Who will return will not be like the Christ Who (apparently) departed. He will not be a 'man of sorrows' ...

"He has been for two thousand years the supreme Head of the Church Invisible, the Spiritual Hierarchy, composed of **disciples of all faiths. He recognizes and loves those who are not Christian** but who retain their allegiance to Their Founders - the Buddha, Mohammed and others. He cares not what the faith is if the objective is love of God and of humanity. **If men look for the Christ Who left His disciples centuries ago, they will fail to recognize the Christ Who is in process of returning.** The Christ has no religious barriers in His consciousness. It matters not to Him of *what faith*

a man may call himself.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶²

“**[T]ruth is a multifaced jewel**, the facets of which it is impossible to perceive all at once; ...” (Helena P. Blavatsky, *Lucifer* magazine, 1888; emphasis added)⁶³

In today’s shift to the *darkness* of Oneness/panentheism the difference between *God* and *other gods* is no longer relevant, except to “*honor those differences*” as a “*blessing*”! And, likewise, the difference between the voice of the *Shepherd* and the voice of *another* is irrelevant today as well. In Oneness it is *all the same voice* because it is *all the same “God” or “Christ”* that is *immanently “hidden” in everyone and everything*. And since it is *all the same voice*, an anti-Christian/non-Christian *interfaith* community and totality becomes *needed* so that “the fullness of truth” of the world’s emerging whole “God” and “Christ” can thus “be revealed.” Those who desire this “group mosaic”—new world religion—are therefore being “*pulled all kinds of ways*” (i.e., “*tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine*”—Ephesians 4:14) *on purpose*. And they are indeed on a mission. The “god of this world” and his emerging kingdom of darkness are having a heyday in today’s armor-shunning, light-intolerant Christianity.

A “‘loyalty test’ to following Jesus” is “to open ourselves up and stop clinging to our precious preconceptions”?

In no way, shape, or form is man’s “reimagined” “Christ” of “many barnyards” either a “true picture” or “a much more magnificent” “understanding” of the true Person of Christ. Unlike people today, the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ were “*eyewitnesses of his majesty*.” But when this truth recorded for us in the Word of *God* isn’t the *truth* that people today *want*, they certainly won’t want to *understand* it. Rather, “*having itching ears*,” they will choose instead to “*turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

“*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **were eyewitnesses of his majesty**.... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*” (2 Peter 1:16, 19-21)

“**For a true picture of Christ, I need to incorporate the multi-culti sounds and sights and smells and touches** of other *ta ethne* embodiments. **Christianity reconceives itself in light of each incarnation.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *ta ethne*)¹

“**Every culture births a new form of Christianity**, a new way of being human, and in so doing builds up the body of Christ evermore toward ‘full stature.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

“**The body of Christ** is less an aggregate of *persons* than **an aggregate of cultures** ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

“**The MRI church** is an incubator of **cross-cultural wisdom**. In spite of modernity’s *individualization* of the gospel, the unit of discipleship has always been *ta ethne*. That’s why **the divine design** is for a global/local church, where **millions of ‘locals’ contribute their uniqueness to one truly global, catholic entity**. Or as *Paul* puts it, as the gospel is ‘incarnated’ into the various *ta ethne* of the world, the body of Christ is built up into its full stature.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *ta ethne*)⁴

“Franchise is another word for *dis-incarnation*. And too few of these franchise ‘projects’ approached **other cultures** with the *gospel* of love: ‘Jesus loves who and what you are, and wants to inhabit who you are and what you are in such a way that it blesses me, blesses others, and **blesses the world with new understandings of who Jesus is.**’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

"If you 'understand' something in only one way, then you scarcely understand it at all." (Leonard Sweet quoting Marvin Minsky; emphasis added)⁶

"[T]here is *more than one way* of being a true believer, ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

"The *changing face* of Jesus in every culture is eloquent testimony to the Truth that has *more than one face*, the Jesus of many faces." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

"There are 17,000 different cultures in the world today." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

"... Jesus is 'God's way of getting to know God,' ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

"[T]he greater the incorporation of *all cultures*, all colors, all generations, all socioeconomic groups, all body types, the greater the glimpse of God." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹¹

First, not even *people*, let alone *cultures*, are an "embodiment" or "incarnation" of either God or Christ. And, yes, it is a matter of *semantics*. *Meaning matters!* Again, the true *Person* of Jesus alone is Christ, He alone is Jesus, and He alone is God manifest in the flesh—which is *not* an ever-changing or ever-repeating "incarnation." There are no *reincarnations* of Jesus! And neither are there 17,000 possible "new understandings of who Jesus is" in 17,000 possible "new form[s] of Christianity." The truth and faith of God and His Son is recorded for us by God in the absolute truth of God's written Word of inspired Scripture. But people today are bound and determined to think *outside* this "box."

Second, it used to be obvious that the true *Person* of Jesus only has one face. It is a tremendous understatement to say that "reimagining" Jesus with "many faces" (not to mention 17,000 or so faces) gives an entirely different meaning to the following Scripture:

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Again, Sweet says to "walk in the light for the *greater* glory of God,"¹² and he and many others in this emerging faith are walking in the "light" of Oneness for a "*greater ... glimpse of God*," i.e., "*greater*" than the face of the true Person of Jesus Christ, in these "many faces," that is, 17,000 or so "*changing face[s]* of Jesus."

"For I am the LORD, I change not; ..." (Malachi 3:6)

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8)

"If you 'understand' something in *only one way*, then you scarcely understand it at all." (Leonard Sweet quoting Marvin Minsky; emphasis added)¹³

Would that include in *only one face*, and only one face that *never changes*? Again, in this emerging faith why would it matter if people mistakenly "understand" *someone else* to be "Jesus" or "Christ" that *isn't Him*?

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.... And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:23-27, 30)

"... Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8b)

*“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that **look for him** shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Hebrews 9:28)*

Those who don't *believe* in *this same Jesus* obviously won't be *looking* for *this same Jesus*. And He is only returning for those who believe in—and thus look for—*Him*. Those who are absurdly looking for “Christ in the food you eat” and for a “Christ of many barnyards” are not looking for *this same Jesus*—i.e., Jesus Christ of *Nazareth*. And it is the mission of the seducing spirit world—i.e., what it is “up to,” not *God*—to seduce people into looking for its *interfaith* “Christ” rather than for *the same Jesus Christ of Nazareth* Who ascended from His disciples.

“If men look for the Christ Who left His disciples centuries ago, they will fail to recognize the Christ Who is in process of returning. The Christ has *no religious barriers* in His consciousness. **It matters not to Him of what faith a man may call himself.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁴

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)... Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that **believe to the saving of the soul.**” (Hebrews 10:23, 38-39)

*“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once delivered unto the saints**. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying **the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**” (Jude 1:3-4)*

*“So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**” (Romans 10:17)*

*“**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)*

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life ...” (1 Timothy 6:12)

“Jesus’ first teaching after the resurrection was this: ‘**Stop clinging to me.**’ [endnote: John 20:17 (NASB)] **In other words, don’t try to control me or hold on to your preconceived notions about me.** Don’t miss the completeness of the whole gospel. If there were a ‘loyalty test’ to following Jesus, it would be this: To what extent are you **clinging to preconceptions about who Jesus is**, or to what extent are you allowing other cultures and voices to *inform* your biblical exposition?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

For starters, the passage that Sweet is twisting in this quote was not even a “teaching,” let alone one with such a diabolical meaning as Sweet ascribes to it. Jesus had just risen from the dead in His physical body when He revealed Himself to a weeping Mary Magdalene. Obviously she would have been overcome with joy at His being alive.

“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.” (John 20:17)

“Touch me not” was a physical admonition because He had not yet ascended to God in His newly resurrected body. This has *absolutely nothing whatsoever* to do with broadening one’s “preconceived notions” about *Who Jesus is*! Fittingly, earlier on the same page Sweet had written, “Incarnations do their work on the borders of our souls, changing our beings and *charging our imaginings*.”¹⁶ His imaginings have clearly been charged (and not by *God*, “Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” -- 1 Timothy 2:4), and this is a prime example. *Biblical truth and beliefs* are not “preconceived notions” that we are to let go of! And neither are *the Holy Scriptures* and *the Gospel of Christ* to be “globally ‘in-formed,’” i.e., *enlarged and broadened*, to form a “fullness of truth” with the new “understandings” and “perspectives” of the *voices of other faiths/religions/cultures*. It is written is what it is and *God’s written Word of absolute truth*, which includes the *true Gospel of the true Christ*, is neither to be *added to* nor *taken away from* (e.g., Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19). But, naturally, in today’s new kind of “Christianity” its new kind of “whole

Jesus” needs a new kind of “whole gospel” to go along with it.

“Don’t miss the completeness of **the whole gospel**. If there were a ‘loyalty test’ to following Jesus, it would be this: To what extent are you clinging to preconceptions about **who Jesus is**, or to what extent are you **allowing other cultures and voices to inform your biblical exposition**?... Instead of *bristling at change* and bracing ourselves to fend off the *unfamiliar*, Jesus instructs us to *open ourselves up* and *stop clinging to our precious preconceptions*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

“New Light embodiment means to be ‘in connection’ and ‘**in-formation**’ with **other faiths**.... whose conceptions of God *differ from ours* in form....

“A globalization of evangelism ‘in connection’ with others, and a **globally ‘in-formed’ gospel**, is capable of talking across the fence with **Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim**--people from other so called ‘new’ religious traditions (*‘new’ only to us*)--without assumption of *superiority* and power.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁸

“... **the gospel gets incarnated in every culture by design**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“**There are 17,000 different cultures** in the world today.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

“**A loyal follower of Jesus is one who listens to and learns from different voices**, different *bodies*, different social locations, different styles of expression, different languages.... When Jesus is only filtered through *your own singular* experience and perspective, what comes forth is a very anemic and defensive Jesus. In fact, *the Jesus one person’s limited life conjures up for the world* is not **the whole Jesus** at all.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

“**And a stranger will they not follow**, but will flee from him: **for they know not the voice of strangers**.... *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine*.... But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. **My sheep hear my voice**, and I know them, **and they follow me**.” (John 10:5, 14, 26-27)

Concerning Sweet’s latter quote here, actually no person’s life is “Jesus” because Jesus is Jesus! So “the Jesus” that any person’s life “conjures up for the world” is not *the true Jesus* at all. Neither did the *true Jesus* ever give any such instructions “to open ourselves up and stop clinging to our precious preconceptions.” But false teachings are to be expected when *believing* is replaced with *imagining* and when the *absolute truth* of God’s Word becomes merely a “*perspective*.” And, obviously, when up to “17,000 different cultures” are to give “*new* understandings of *who Jesus is*,” this “*changing face* of Jesus in every culture” of course *replaces* the Word of God with “*new* understandings of *who Jesus is*” (i.e., with the “*different voices*” of “*the whole Jesus*”). But then, this replacement of the “old” truth of God and His Son with “*everything new*” is what people today *want*.

This interfaith “whole gospel” of an interfaith “whole Jesus” is nothing but a “humble” exaltation of *man’s faithlessness*. To refer to any of this as “a *true* picture of Christ” and as a “loyalty test” to Jesus is an imaginary argument of the utmost absurdity. When the true Lord Jesus Christ is revealed from heaven, people who chose not to believe the truth of Who He is are going to be understatedly shocked to discover that He is *not at all* “*anemic*.” And, obviously, when the Lord Jesus Christ *Himself* returns, He won’t be an interfaith “mosaic” or a storytelling “community” that is returning!

“*And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

This isn’t “bristling at change” or “defensiveness” or “pride” or a “preconception.” It’s *truth* that is *what it is* whether people choose to believe it or not. It really is that simple.

Although those who are seeking to “break free” from the truth of God and His Son imagine otherwise, there is no “group mosaic,” or “fullness of truth,” that brings all religions—and all their gods and “truths”—together as a “true picture”

of either God or His Son. The mission to get today's Christianity to stop believing the truth of God's Word, which is the truth of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, is not the mission of God. It is not what God is "up to" in the world. It is not the mission of God to "deceive"—i.e., "to cause to *believe* what is *false*, or *disbelieve* what is *true*."²²

*"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But **continue** thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures**, which **are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus**." (2 Timothy 3:13-15)*

Sweet writes:

"It's time to put Christ back into Christianity."²³

Yes, but *the genuine Christ*, not to mention *the genuine God*! The truth that we are to *believe* is the truth of the true Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. This true Person has only one face, and in that *one face* is "*the light of the knowledge of the glory of God*." But, of course, therein lies the reason for the change. The attempt to bring Jesus into relationship with the many faces—i.e., with the many gods and "truths"—that make up the "God" of Oneness only becomes possible in "reimagining" a "Jesus" that has "many faces" as well. But only the true Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is the way to the true God. Conversely, today's emerging whole "Jesus"/"Christ" of interfaith Oneness is only the way to today's emerging whole "God" of interfaith Oneness. And yet these very New Age *counterfeits* are the "genuine" that people today want. People want a *new whole* "truth" that is conveniently a *whole new* "truth." And they are finding what they are looking for in the emerging faith—i.e., in the emerging "new world religion"—of New Age Oneness and its immanent "God" and "Christ" (i.e., "Messiah").

But, even though people are on a mission to connect and merge the Christian genuine God (and Christ) and this New Age counterfeit "God" (and "Christ") of Oneness/wholeness together as one, naturally they don't see it that way. After all, a mission to bring "all religions" into "the *whole*, the *totality*" certainly wouldn't include the *religion* of the New Age with the Oneness/wholeness of its "*Totality of God*" in all this Oneness/wholeness, right? Sadly, that would be too obvious. And nothing is obvious in today's preferred "light" of darkness where details are irrelevant. Consequently, rather than being seen as counterfeit or as New Age, this is all seen as a new kind of "Christianity." It is—in exactly the same way that counterfeit bills are a new kind of "money." And, as the claims go for both, this "Christianity" is likewise just as "*authentic*" as this "money." And although it would be difficult to get people to "open" themselves up and "stop clinging" to their "preconceived notions" of what *money* is in order to see this new kind of "money" as "authentic," people today don't even think twice about doing just that when it comes to Who *God* and *His Son* are. Thus, this new kind of "God" and this new kind of "Jesus"/"Christ"—i.e., this new kind of "Messiah"—are all being embraced as "genuine" in today's new kind of "authentic" "Christianity" with its new kind of "fullness of truth."

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." (2 Corinthians 11:4)

This dance of Oneness—i.e., of *darkness*—that seeks to bring both *inside* and outside the truth and faith of God and His Son together as one in an "authentic" all-encompassing covenant/testament/way to God is neither "*God's design*" nor "*God's dream*" nor "*the Jesus Dream*" nor a "dance to the music of *Jesus*." But it does fit what God's Word has to say about "play."

*"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. **Neither be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up **to play**." (1 Corinthians 10:5-7)*

"Jesus Christ, God the Son, knocks at your door and asks if you can **come out and play**....

"Jesus is the dramatic pitching of God's tent, wherein God is with us, making beautiful music for us to dance to—if we only will." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²⁴

“At the end of Revelation, **Jesus is outside the church**, knocking, banging on the door, **asking to be let inside so that he can get us back outside**.

“We need to learn to dance to the music of Jesus once again.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁵

“**The church is not** a set of **propositions**, buildings, **or beliefs** ...

“We need to **learn to play** the spaces.... **All space is God’s space**.” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁶

“**Play, not work**, is the soil that **grows dreams**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁷

In other words, *not believing* (playing outside the truth and faith of God’s Word) rather than *believing* (working inside the truth and faith of God’s Word) grows the dreams of a “double helix” (narrow *and* broad) “secret of life.” This dance of Oneness is not “the Jesus Dream.” The Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, does not ask us to “come out and *play*.” Quite the contrary.

*“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the **work** of God, that ye **believe** on him whom he hath sent.” (John 6:29)*

“**Play, not work**, is the soil that grows dreams.

“**Jesus did not** so much come to **flood darkness with light so that darkness is destroyed** as he **came to show us** how to **enter into darkness, and mystery**, so that **darkness** can be **explored and experienced**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁸

Absolutely unbelievable, on many levels.

*“**Then spake Jesus** again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: **he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness**, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)*

*“**If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth**.” (1 John 1:6)*

Sweet—who “serves as a consultant to many of America’s denominational leaders and agencies” and “is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, state conventions, pastors’ schools, retreats”²⁹—wrote this latter quote in his 2010 book, *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, which is a book on “evangelism.” But then, *darkness is essential* for an “awakening” to this panentheistic “God” of Oneness that is already in *everyone and everything*. The back cover reads: “Brace yourself. This book is set to revolutionize your understanding of evangelism.” That is an understatement. The kingdom of darkness must be ecstatic.

People in today’s shifting Christianity don’t want “more *light*.” They, along with their heaped teachers, want more *darkness* so they can “play.” *Light* shows us *specifically* and with *certainty* Who and what we are to *believe* and *obey*, which of course destroys their desired “make-it-up-as-you-go-along” “self-regulating” “play.”

*“And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, ... And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it **a molten calf**; and they said, **These be thy gods**, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, **he built an altar before it**; and Aaron made proclamation, **and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD**. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; **and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play**.” (Exodus 32:1-2, 4-6)*

Some things never change. People *still* see it as “play” to “reimagine” God, and now His Son, however anyone chooses. By the way, Moses was up on the mount getting God’s “propositions” when the people “gathered themselves together” and “rose up to play.” There are lessons here that need to be *learned from*, not *repeated*!

Incredibly, Sweet, who wants darkness “explored and experienced,” actually “reimagines” that:

“As Aaron discovered at the foot of Mount Sinai, **the farther people journeyed from God, the more they became certain what God looks like and cast the golden calf.**” [!] (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁰

They were certain that God looks like a calf?! No, they, too, just wanted to “play” at “reimagining” God. And it is only in this upside-down emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism that the farther people journey “from God” the more certain they become. This is because this emerging faith’s “God” and “truth” are in everyone and everything. Thus, to those in this emerging faith certainty is to journey away “from God” and even becomes “the golden calf.”

When a “God” is in *everyone and everything* there can be *no such thing* as certainty. In fact, the *certainty* of truth becomes the only thing that *can* be placed above this false “God.” Thus, a “God” that is in everyone and everything *must*, by its very nature, turn *all* certainty—especially that of the truth and faith of God’s Word—into “idolatry.” And, besides, the instant that something becomes *certain* something else simultaneously becomes *wrong*. This is taboo in this emerging faith “that makes *no one* wrong,” and is, after all, the whole point of “reimagining” a “God” that is *in everyone and everything* (which, whether those in this emerging faith admit it or not, also clearly includes the golden calf as well). It is therefore not surprising that the *certainty* of truth is under fire since it takes away today’s desired freedom to “play” at “reimagining” “God.”

Today’s “molten calf,” or “reimagined” “God” that is in everyone and everything, is not golden, but patchwork—a “group mosaic.” And, no, it’s not “beautiful.” Idolatry and its “play” are no more “beautiful” than the following:

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.” (Matthew 23:27)

So what was God’s response to the people’s “play” at “reimagining” Him (which, befitting of today’s dance of Oneness, likewise included “dancing”—Exodus 32:19)? God not only “*plagued the people*,” He “*said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book*” (Exodus 32:35, 33). Although people today take it lightly, and even flip it upside down, God does not take idolatry lightly. It is only a “dance” and “play” to those who don’t have enough sense to fear the true God.

“Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence ...? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God ... A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” (Jeremiah 5:21-24, 30-31)

“The day of theology is over” -- doing and being and creating “God” in a quantum dance of Oneness

“**Quantum spirituality** bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family. . . . This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of **God in the very substance of creation**. . . . But a spirituality that is not in some way entheistic (whether pan- or trans-), that does not extend to **the spirit-matter of the cosmos**, is not Christian.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹

In the emerging faith/“spirituality” of Oneness/panentheism, which is anything but Christian, there is no such thing as “*departing from the living God*” (Hebrews 3:12). With a panentheistic “God”/“Spirit” that is “in the *very substance*” of everyone and everything, this is, of course, an automatic universal salvation/relationship in which everyone is given the *unconditional* “love and freedom” to not *have to believe God and His Son*. In other words, everyone

is given the “love and freedom” to *imagine and define God however they choose*.

“In the days of **the New Spirituality** love and freedom will be understood to be the same thing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)²

“Tomorrow’s God is **unconditionally** loving, nonjudgmental, noncondemning, and nonpunishing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)³

“Tomorrow’s God will be understood to be the very essence of freedom, and since humans will understand themselves to be **One with** Tomorrow’s **God**, they will also understand themselves to be **inherently free**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁴

“Today men’s minds are recognizing the dawn of freedom; they are realizing that every man should be **free to worship God in his own way**.... His own God-illuminated mind will search for truth and he will interpret it for himself. **The day of theology is over** ...

“Men have gone far today in the rejection of dogmas and doctrine and this is good and right and encouraging.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “And I tell you that Tomorrow’s God will change form as each moment and each individual seeking to experience God dictates.”

Neale Donald Walsch: “Hold it. **You mean we get to decide who and what God is?**”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “Why are you so surprised? You’ve been doing that since time began. You call this Religion.” (bold added)⁶

Again, make that *false* religion. And only a seducing spirit world that is determined to take as many people as possible to hell with it would see today’s rejection of the truth and faith of God as “encouraging.” Of course, this rejection opens the door wide to the acceptance of its emerging “new world religion”—i.e., emerging faith/New Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism—in which everyone has this “love and freedom” of imagining and defining God however they choose. And this emerging faith/New Spirituality is a mission that isn’t just seeking to “reimagine” God in a fashion that humanity is willing to accept. Incredibly, it is also a mission that is seeking to “reimagine” God literally. In other words, in this emerging faith man’s *imagination* is believed to have the *power* to create *literal* changes in *Who God is!* And yet this shouldn’t be surprising. Why else would people choose to “reimagine” God unless they believed that their “reimaginings” were the *truth* about *God*? But “reimaginings” *cannot be the truth about God unless they effect changes in God*. Think about it.

Layers of absurdities notwithstanding, it is the “reimagined” panentheistic “God” of Oneness—the “ground of all being” and “ultimate reality” that is *immanent in everyone and everything*—that makes these changes a “*reality*.” And since man is not able to prove any of this in God’s Word of truth, man has turned to science to “prove” the “truth”—and thus the unconditional “love and freedom”—of this emerging faith and panentheistic “God.” After all, if this “God” is in the very “substance” of everyone and everything then science should be able to “find” this “God” in the very “substance” of everyone and everything, right? And science has been attempting to do just that. For example, the Large Hadron Collider of CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) near Geneva has been fittingly racing protons around its large *circle* and in two *opposite directions* so that it can then collide them *together* at just under the speed of light. Why? Absurdly, scientists believe that if they can generate enough power and smash them into tiny enough particles not only will they “recreate” the conditions a split second after their “*Big Bang*” but they will discover man’s desired “*God particle*” (believed to be the key to the mass of the universe). Again, these two beliefs go hand in hand. And, yes, they really do call it “the God particle.” (This is their nickname for the Higgs boson particle.)⁷

“Do you suppose that God could be both the Cause and That Which Is Caused? Do you think that God could be both the Creator and the Created?” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”) ⁸

Even if man ever did supposedly “prove” “scientifically” that “God” is in the subatomic particles that comprise the very “substance” of creation, this “proof” would change *absolutely nothing whatsoever* of the absolute truth of Who the *true*

God is. This “proof” would, however, have tremendous ramifications for the emerging faith of the *false* “God” of Oneness/panentheism. No doubt there would be an even greater falling away from the truth and faith of God and His Son as “*science falsely so called*” shipwrecks the faith of even more people than ever before. But, sadly, this would “prove” the “truth” and “faith” of the “God” that people today *want*.

*“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.... O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and **oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.** Grace be with thee. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:12-16, 20-21)*

The God Who is *separate* from His *creation* will never be found by science. Only a “God” that is *One* with *creation* can be put in a “test tube,” so to speak, and thus “proven.” And this is where the many “reimaginings” of the truth of God’s Word become facilitative of this emerging “scientific” faith. For instance, Sweet writes:

“The most powerful forces in the universe are spiritual: the energies of divine unconditional love. The Bible teaches that **God is ‘spirit’ or ‘energy.’**” (emphasis added)⁹

Actually, the unadulterated Word of God teaches that “*God is a Spirit*” (John 4:24). It is doctrines of devils, “*science falsely so called*,” and man’s “reimaginings” that teach God is *energy*. (And of course “energy” is “unconditional”!)

“**God is the energy**—the pure, raw energy—which you call life.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁰

First, as addressed earlier, the true God Who is “*a Spirit*” is *a Being*, not “the ground of all being” that “dwells in, around, and through all things.”¹¹ Second, *energy* is a *creation* of God; it is not *God*. But, of course, “reimagining” that God is *energy* opens the door to “scientifically” “proving” that God is *One with everyone and everything*. And this Oneness is *indispensable* to a universal salvation/relationship in which people have their desired unconditional “love and freedom” to “transcend” (bypass) the simple condition of *believing* the truth of God and His Son. Instead of believing, man conveniently gets “to *decide* who and what God is” in Oneness. This freedom is the core of today’s emerging faith—new world religion—in which the ideas and imaginations and “intuitive” inner “knowing” of everyone in every religion *all* become part of a “fullness of truth,” or “Totality of God.” And since this unconditional freedom hinges on a *universal* salvation/relationship which, in turn, hinges on God being “*in everyone and everything*,” it isn’t surprising that quantum physics and quantum spirituality are being turned to in order to “prove” this *Oneness/panentheism* is “true.”

In his book *A “Wonderful” Deception*, and in the section “The Quantum Christ,” Warren B. Smith writes:

“The New Age/New Spirituality is already heralding quantum physics as a ‘scientific’ basis for their contention that God is not only transcendent but also immanent—‘in’ everyone and everything. Physicist Fritjof Capra’s 1975 best-selling book on quantum physics—*The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parallels between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism*—was the first to present this proposed scientific/spiritual model to a mass audience. In it, Capra explains that he gained new spiritual insights **through a mystical experience** he had sitting on a beach in Santa Cruz, California in 1969:

“Five years ago, I had a beautiful experience which set me on a road that has led to the writing of this book. I was sitting by the ocean one late summer afternoon, watching the waves rolling in and feeling the rhythm of my breathing, when I suddenly became aware of my whole environment as being engaged in **a gigantic cosmic dance.** . . . As I sat on that beach my former experiences [research in high-energy physics] came to life; I ‘saw’ cascades of energy coming down from outer space, in which particles were created and destroyed in rhythmic pulses; I ‘saw’ **the atoms of the elements and those of my body participating in this cosmic dance of energy;** I felt its rhythm and I ‘heard’ its sound, and at that moment I *knew* that this was the Dance of Shiva, the Lord of Dancers worshipped by the Hindus.

“Commenting on his experience thirty years later, Capra writes that back in 1970 he ‘knew with absolute certainty that the parallels between modern physics and Eastern mysticism would someday be common knowledge.’...

“Fritjof Capra then describes **the union of mysticism and the new physics** as **the ‘new spirituality’** that is ‘now being developed by many groups and movements, both within and outside the churches.’” (brackets & 1st ellipsis dots in the original; bold added)¹²

“A **New Spirituality** truly is emerging upon the earth, and the idea of **Oneness is at its core.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹³

There is a reason why the emerging faith/New Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism is emerging *everywhere*, which includes its emerging “proof” in today’s *science*. The world as a whole is falling for the same *bait* of the “god of this world”—*mysticism*.

“As Eastern thought has begun to interest a significant number of people, and **meditation** is no longer viewed with ridicule or suspicion, **mysticism is being taken seriously even within the scientific community**. An increasing number of scientists are aware that *mystical thought* provides a consistent and relevant philosophical background to the theories of *contemporary science*, a conception of the world in which the scientific discoveries of men and women can be in perfect harmony with their spiritual aims and religious beliefs.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁴

“The most important characteristic of the Eastern world view—one could almost say the essence of it—is the awareness of *the unity and mutual interrelation of all things* and events, the experience of **all phenomena** in the world as **manifestations of a basic oneness**. **All things** are seen as interdependent and **inseparable parts of this cosmic whole**; as **different manifestations of the same ultimate reality**....

“**The basic oneness of the universe** is not only **the central characteristic of the mystical experience**, but is also **one of the most important revelations of modern physics.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁵

“For those who have experienced this harmony, the significance of the parallels between the world views of physicists and mystics is beyond any doubt. The interesting question, then, is not *whether* these parallels exist, but *why*; and, furthermore, what their existence implies.” (Fritjof Capra)¹⁶

Why? Because the seducing spirit world is on a mission to get the world to believe its panentheistic “truth” of *Oneness (immanence)*.

“When, therefore, sight has been attained and the light streams forth, **revelation of the oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁷

“What we are in reality passing through is ‘**a religious initiation into the mysteries of Being,**’ ... and from that **we shall emerge with a deepened sense of God immanent** in ourselves and in all humanity.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁸

And, of course, this panentheistic “truth” of Oneness (immanence) gives all people everywhere the unconditional “love and freedom” to *imagine and define God however they choose*:

“It is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by **that little word of three letters [‘God’]. It is but a symbol of Reality.**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁹

“It is this revelation of Deity that is the goal of the **mystical** endeavor ... Through it [meditation], he later **discovers his relation to the universe**; he finds that his physical body and **his vital energies are part and parcel of Nature itself**, which is, in fact, **the outer garment of Deity** ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)²⁰

In the emerging New Spirituality/Quantum Spirituality—or New Quantum Spirituality—of this Oneness/panentheism, all “parts of this cosmic whole” are “*inseparable.*” This is because “*all things*” are no longer “*things*” but just “*different manifestations of the same ultimate reality.*” That is, “*all things*” are just different manifestations of only “*One Thing,*” which is “*God*”/“*energy.*”

“Understand and know at last that **We Are All One**. The human race, and **all of Life, is a unified field. It is all One Thing**. There is, therefore, nothing to be superior to, and nothing that is superior to you.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²¹

“**God is the energy ... which you call life.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)²²

“**You must stop seeing God as separate from you, and you as separate from each other.**

“The only solution is the Ultimate Truth: nothing exists in the universe that is separate from anything else. *Everything* is **intrinsically connected**, irrevocably interdependent, interactive, **interwoven into the fabric of all life.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)²³

“The realization that you are *One Being*—that **everything in Life is really One Thing, Manifesting**—can and will change your entire experience forever.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)²⁴

Likewise, Capra writes:

“**All things** are seen as interdependent and *inseparable* parts of this cosmic whole; as **different manifestations of the same ultimate reality.**” (emphasis added)²⁵

“At the *subatomic* level, the *solid material objects* of classical physics *dissolve into wave-like patterns* ...

“**Subatomic particles, then, are not ‘things’ but are interconnections between ‘things,’** and these ‘things,’ in turn, are interconnections between other ‘things,’ and so on. **In quantum theory you never end up with ‘things’;** you always deal with **interconnections.**”

“**This is how modern physics reveals the basic oneness of the universe.**” (emphasis added)²⁶

Capra explains that “[i]n modern physics, ... *particles* are not seen as consisting of any basic ‘stuff,’ but as *bundles of energy*”²⁷ and that “energy is not a substance but rather a measure of activity, of dynamic patterns.”²⁸ And, thus, “[p]articles are dynamic patterns, patterns of activity”—i.e., “energy patterns ... which build up matter.”²⁹ In other words, “mass is no longer associated with a *material* substance,”³⁰ and thus matter is no longer matter but merely “*energy patterns.*” Combine this with the immanent “God” of Oneness as the “energy” of “life” that is in everyone and everything, and this “scientific” “energymatter”/“spirit-matter” Oneness basically boils down to that everyone and everything including this “God” are just *the same energy manifesting itself in different “patterns.”* Thus, the universe becomes “organic,” and all the parts/particles of the universe—all the “energy patterns”—become *interconnected/“interrelated” “patterns of a cosmic process,”* in “one indivisible, dynamic whole” that is “*One Being.*” Capra writes:

“In contrast to the mechanistic Western view, the Eastern view of the world is ‘**organic**’. For the Eastern mystic, **all things and events** perceived by the senses are **interrelated, connected**, and are but **different aspects or manifestations of the same ultimate reality.**” (emphasis added)³¹

“Subatomic particles are not *separate* entities but **interrelated energy patterns** in an ongoing dynamic process.” (emphasis added)³²

“In modern physics, the image of **the universe** as a machine has been transcended by a view of it as **one indivisible, dynamic whole** whose **parts** are essentially **interrelated** and can be understood only as **patterns of a cosmic process.**” (emphasis added)³³

“The universe is seen as **a dynamic web** of interrelated events. None of the properties of any part of this web is fundamental; they all follow from the properties of the other parts, and **the overall consistency of their interrelations determines the structure of the entire web.**” (emphasis added)³⁴

“[T]he subatomic world appears as **a web of relations between the various parts of a unified whole.**” (emphasis added)³⁵

That “the overall consistency” of interrelations “determines the structure of the entire web” is to be expected in this

emerging faith of Oneness (and, yes, this science is an emerging *faith*). No overall consistency, no Oneness. And since Oneness, by its very nature, renders what people *believe* irrelevant, it is thus the overall consistency of what people *do*—specifically, *their relationships*—that is key to the entire web of Oneness. However, since the only relevant and *required* belief is a belief in *Oneness*, the overall consistency that *must* be reflected in these interrelations is of course an underlying belief in Oneness.

“In a universe which is **an inseparable whole** and where **all forms are fluid and ever-changing**, there is **no room for any fixed fundamental entity**.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)³⁶

In addition, Capra writes:

“Relativity theory has made **the cosmic web** come alive, so to speak, by revealing its intrinsically dynamic character; by showing that **its activity is the very essence of its being**.” (emphasis added)³⁷

“... the **being** of matter **cannot be separated** from its **activity**.” (emphasis added)³⁸

In other words, as is to be expected, “*being*” is about *verbs* not *nouns* in this “cosmic web” of Oneness. And since *doing* “is the very essence” of *being*, any difference between *doing* “God” and *being* “God” is thus neatly eliminated in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality in which “God” is “energy.” It all becomes just a “cosmic dance of energy” in “the mysteries of *Being*.”

“... God is *whirling and swirling creation into being*. The missional thrust begins **in the very being of God**....

“The impulse to create, to conceive, is what lies at the heart of the missional....

“The universe was created by a God *in motion*, ... a God who is constantly creating, and a God who has left a creation still *unfinished*....

“Even though the word itself is an adjective, *missional* is all about **verbs, not nouns** ...

“God lived in our midst and loved us and invited us to ‘**do God**’ along with him.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *missional*)³⁹

“Missional ... is living a life born **in the very being of God**. It is the body of the church **dancing to the tune of the Spirit**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁰

“**God is the Spirit** of the universe, the consciousness **of the cosmos: its energy**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴¹

Neale Donald Walsch: “**Dancing with the energy of God**.”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “That’s a very good way of putting it. That’s a wonderful metaphor.” (emphasis added)⁴²

“**At the subatomic level** the *interrelations* and *interactions* between the parts of the whole are more fundamental than the parts themselves.... **[T]here are no dancers, there is only the dance**.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁴³

“**The self only exists at all inasmuch as it participates in the being of God**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴⁴

“The ultimate nudge [*Awakening ... to the God Who’s Already There*] in life is helping others ‘to be’ and ‘**to arrive at being**.’ It’s the ultimate art form: the artistry of *being*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁵

“What we are in reality passing through is ‘**a religious initiation into the mysteries of Being**,’ ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁴⁶

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “*Doing* is a function of the body. **Being is a function of the soul**.... It is a state of beingness the soul is after, not a state of doingness.”

Neale Donald Walsch: **“What is the soul seeking to be?”**

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: **“Me.... Yes, Me. Your soul is Me, and it knows it. What it is doing, is trying to experience that.”** (bold added)⁴⁷

Basically, in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality/New Age, *life is a process—or dance—of doing and being “God.”* It is therefore without question that “there can be *no* final statement of theology”⁴⁸ of this “God” (and thus no final set of beliefs.) For starters, a “God” that is “in the very *substance* of creation” that “has left a *creation* still unfinished” is a “God” that is not “finished” with itself.

“I am in a constant process of formation....

“If you think of God as a process, or a being, that is ‘finished,’ you have not correctly remembered what is so. Here is a great secret: God is never finished.

“With anything....

“God is a process.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁴⁹

Moreover, since this “God”—a.k.a. “energy”—is “*interwoven* into the *fabric* of *all life*,” *all life* is a dance of *doing* and *being* “God.” Therefore *all life* becomes “*theology*.” And what better way to *eliminate* theology than to “reimagine” theology as *all life*? To make theology everything is to make theology nothing. This changes everything.

“Every living thing has an architecture: Architecture is *theology* that takes material form.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁰

“Matter is the energy of Spirit.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵¹

“God is the energy—the pure, raw energy—which you call life....

“Everything you see in the heavens and the earth **is Me, being created.** The Process of **Creation is never over.** It is never complete. I am never ‘done.’ **This is another way of saying everything is forever changing.** Nothing stands still. Nothing—*nothing*—is without motion. Everything is **energy, in motion....**

“The One Unchanging Truth is that God is always changing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁵²

“For I am the LORD, I change not; ...” (Malachi 3:6)

“My son, *fear thou the LORD* and the king: *and meddle not with them that are given to change:* For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?” (Proverbs 24:21-22)

In this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, in which “Everything you see ... is Me, *being created*,” *creation’s* dance of *doing* and *being* “God” is inevitably brought full circle to a dance of *creating* “God.” This is an integral part of “the mysteries of Being” and “secret of life” of an *immanent* “God.”

“Whatever you are being, you are creating.

“The circle is complete ...

“This is the greatest secret of life.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁵³

Sweet writes:

“Jesus says, ‘Go Do Me.’ Go be Jesus.” (emphasis added)⁵⁴

“The so-beautiful paradox of the MRI life is that in being Jesus we find Jesus.” (emphasis added)⁵⁵

“Jesus ... came to reveal the ‘secret of life’ ... about God’s design for how we humans should live our lives....

“If God’s hand is MRI-shaped—mission-shaped, relation-shaped, *incarnational*-shaped—then Jesus’ followers are *shapemiths of the Spirit*.” (emphasis added)⁵⁶

“The purpose of the church is to give form to, **to put into form and shape, the energymatter known as Jesus Christ.**” (emphasis added)⁵⁷

Since “[w]hatever you are *being*, you are *creating*,” it naturally follows that “in *being* Jesus we *find* Jesus” in this merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age “secret of life.” And, of course, Sweet also writes that “[e]ach one of us is free to *become Jesus*.”⁵⁸ *Jesus is God* the Son. So to *be/become Jesus* would be to *be/become God*. But it’s all just a “cosmic dance of energy,” right?

“The self only exists at all inasmuch as it participates in the being of God.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵⁹

“Part of the secret to unlocking that magical phrase ‘bless what there is for being’ is to understand that what matters in life is not being good but being God’s. One of the most difficult tasks in life is to know the difference between ‘be good’ and ‘be God’s.’ It’s a lot easier to ‘go and do likewise’ than to **‘go and be likewise.’** But Jesus calls us to **a doing based on being.** Jesus is saying, **‘Don’t act like me. Be me!’**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁶⁰

It would have been more straightforward to omit the apostrophe in “being God’s”/“be God’s.” But those in this emerging faith prefer to talk in circles for a reason. Again, *Jesus is God*. In truth, we are not now and never will be *Jesus* or *God* or *God* “incarnate” or participants in the *being* (either verb or noun) of *God*. To the contrary, today’s dance of *doing and being* “*God*” is the “*make-it-up-as-you-go-along*” dance of those who would rather create/shape/form a “reimagined” “God” than believe and obey the true God. In other words, this dance is as follows (which goes along with “Whatever you are *being*, you are *creating*”):

“You are Me choosing to be Me.

“You are Me, choosing to be What I Am—and choosing what I am going to be.

“All of you, collectively, are creating that. You are doing it on an individual basis, as each of you decides Who You Are, and experiences that, and you are doing it collectively, **as the co-creative collective being that you are.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶¹

“In this, and in all things, you are making it all up. That is, you are creating it on the spot. You are the Creator and the Created.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶²

In a nutshell, in this quantum dance of doing and being “God” everyone and everything are collectively making up the being of “God” (in more ways than one) which, in turn, becomes the “*creation*” of “*God*” (also in more ways than one). (With serpentine subtility, the deceptive language in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality goes *both ways* so that those in this emerging faith are both “*deceiving, and being deceived.*”) And, by the way, in an emerging faith in which “God is the energy ... you call life,” life is thus a “cosmic dance of energy” that is automatically a “cosmic dance” of *doing and being* “God.” This emerging faith thus basically comes down to one all-encompassing “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process.”

“Indeed, here is the grandest truth: **You are making everything up.**

“Life is The Process by which everything is being created. God is the energy ... you call life. By this awareness we come to a new truth.

“God is a Process....

“God is not a person, place, or thing. God is exactly what you have always thought—but not understood....

“You have always thought that God is the Supreme Being....

“I am the Supreme Being. That is, the Supreme, comma, being....

“I am the Creator, and **I am The Process by which I am created.**

“Everything you see in the heavens and the earth is **Me, being created....**

“When you look at a thing, you are **not** looking at a **static** ‘something’ that is ‘standing there’ in time and space. No! You are *witnessing an event*. Because **everything is moving, changing, evolving. Everything.**

“It was Buckminster Fuller who said, ‘**I seem to be a verb.**’ *He was right.*”

“**God is an event. You have called that event life.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁶³

First, a “God” that is “not a person, place, or thing”—i.e., that is not a *noun*—is obviously not a “*Being*” that is to be *believed* in. Likewise, a “God” that is “a *verb*” is obviously not to be *believed* in but is to be *participated* in. And, of course, participation in this “God” is a participation in its creation (in more ways than one).

“Tomorrow’s God does not require anyone to *believe* in God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁴

“For **God is a work in progress**, ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁵

Second, a “Process” in which “[y]ou are making everything up” by just *living life*, not to mention in which “you are making it all up” by being “*the Creator* and the *Created*” (which are conveniently an “inseparable harmonious whole” in this “cosmic dance of energy”), does indeed open the door wide to *self-regulating* freedom.

“Opposed to the mechanistic conception of the world is the view of the *mystics* which may be epitomized by **the word ‘organic’**, as it **regards all phenomena in the universe as integral parts of an inseparable harmonious whole.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁶⁶

“MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] is an embrace of complexity theory. Your life and your community are living organisms: **That word organism means they are** by definition self-organizing, complex, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. **An organic system makes it up as it goes along.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁶⁷

“[S]tructures are self-organizing, complex, adaptive systems where regulation ... exists to preserve the self-organizing, not to impose a grand plan or design but to assure a fair and level **playing field in which an incarnational outcome can emerge.** In epigenesis, the genes give a design for generating form and pattern, but they don’t fit everything to the same pattern. Rather, they steer an organism into ergonomically optimal arrangements as an iterative, gradual, **make-it-up-as-you-go-along process.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁸

Obviously, a *self-regulating* system that wants to make it up as it goes along *must* include a “God” that will submit to this desired Self-Rule. And there is no “God” more submissive to this “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” than this panentheistic “God” that is *itself* a “Process” of “making it all up.” This “Process” is indeed a “playing field,” one in which people can freely “play” at “reimagining” “God.” In this “cosmic dance of energy” people can even seek to create/shape/form their “reimagined” “God” *literally*. After all, the term *incarnation* means “act of being *made flesh*.”⁶⁹ And in the creative process of this emerging faith:

“**When body, mind, and soul create together**, in harmony and in unity, **God is made flesh.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷⁰

The emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality, with its submissive “*reimaginable*” “God” that gives everyone the “love and freedom” to *dictate* what *form* and *shape* (a.k.a. “energy pattern”) it will take is quite the playing field.

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “And I tell you that Tomorrow’s **God will change form** as each moment and **each individual** seeking to experience God **dictates.**”

Neale Donald Walsch: “Hold it. **You mean we get to decide who and what God is?**”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “Why are you so surprised?” (bold added)⁷¹

“All of your life you have been told that God created you. I come now to tell you this: **You are creating God.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷²

“**The soul conceives, the mind creates, the body experiences. The circle is complete....**”

“Conceive—create—experience. What you conceive you create, what you create you experience, what you experience

you conceive.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷³

“This is the sacred rhythm of all life. You do this not only by moving the energy around inside your body. You also do this by **moving around the larger energy inside the Body of God....**

“The experience which I have described here, on the other hand, I am calling **the Cosmic Wheel**, because there is *nothing of unworthiness, debt-repayment, punishment, or ‘purification.’* The Cosmic Wheel simply describes **the ultimate reality**, or what you might call **the cosmology of the universe**.

“It is **the cycle of life**, or what I sometimes term **The Process**. It is a picture phrase describing the **no-beginning-and-no-end** nature of things; **the continually connected path** to and from the all of everything, **on which the soul joyfully journeys** throughout eternity.

“It is the sacred rhythm of all life, by which you move the Energy of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷⁴

This “cosmic dance of energy” of the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality is a dance of the circle (“Cosmic Wheel”) of Oneness. And this “cosmic dance of energy” is a dance in which not only is this “reimagined” “God” “the energy—the pure, raw energy—which you call *life*,”⁷⁵ but “*Thought is pure energy*”⁷⁶ as well. (Again, it all comes down to only “*One Thing*.”) Thus, moving this “Energy of God”—i.e., creating *changes* in “God”—is carried out by just *living life* as well as by just *thinking*. And, therefore, no matter what anyone ever chooses to *do* or *believe* in life it will never be “*wrong*” because this “God” conveniently moves and changes accordingly. This “spiritual journey” comes down to a dance of *doing and being and creating “God.”* A dance of the *imagination* of cosmic proportions.

An imagination that is “God”

“Thought is pure energy.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹

“God is the Spirit of the universe, the consciousness of the cosmos: **its energy**, its information, **its thought.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, ... saith the LORD.” (Isaiah 55:8)

“God is the energy you call imagination.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³

“... behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.” (Jeremiah 16:12)

Without question, an emerging faith/“spiritual journey” in which imagination is “God” changes everything. Instead of believing and obeying the “static” never-changing absolute truth of the true God and His Son Who *change for no one*, people can freely participate in the “dynamic” ever-changing dance of imagining/creating a “God” and/or “Jesus”/“Christ” in forms they are *willing* to accept. If nothing is ever “*wrong*” there is nothing to fear, and if *thought* is the “energy” of “*God*” there are certainly no *delusions*, right? Besides, how could there be *delusions* when in this “spiritual journey” of Oneness *false gods* and *false “Jesuses”/“Christs”* have been rendered *nonexistent* by giving *everyone* the *unconditional* “love and freedom” to *imagine and define* “God” and/or “Jesus”/“Christ” *however* they choose and to have this relationship *however* they choose on *whatever* “path” they choose? Think about it.

“... Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.” (Isaiah 66:3-4)

*"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**" (Isaiah 55:7-8)*

*"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, **in the vanity of their mind**, having the understanding darkened, **being alienated from the life of God** through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." (Ephesians 4:17-18)*

In the "spiritual journey" of the emerging faith (delusion) of Oneness/panentheism there is no such thing as "being alienated from *the life of God*." There is only "Being." That is, there is only "*One Being*" in which "everything in Life is really *One Thing*, Manifesting."⁴ And this "One Thing," "the Energy of God," can be moved into whatever forms people are *willing* to accept, and even "*made flesh*" accordingly, through merely a dance of the *imagination*. But it shouldn't be surprising that this panentheistic/quantum "God" that is man's imagination is "*made flesh*" by the power of man's imagination. After all, an imagination that is "God" has the power "to create *anything*"—even man's very own "*God*."

"God is the energy you call imagination." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁵

"And you can use your imagination to create *anything*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶

"You are creating God." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁷

"So change!...

"Allow your deepest truths to be altered. Alter them yourself, for goodness' sake....

"Your new idea about *all of it* is where the excitement is, **where the creation is, where **God-in-you** is made manifest and becomes fully realized."** (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)⁸

"The process of creation starts with thought—an idea, conception, visualization....

"Thoughts are ideas formed. Ideas are energies come together. Energies are forces released. Forces are elements existent. Elements are particles of God, portions of *All*, the stuff of *everything*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)⁹

"It is the sacred rhythm of all life, by which you move the Energy of God." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹⁰

"If you move enough energy, you create matter. Matter is energy conglomerated. Moved around. Shoved together. If you manipulate energy long enough in a certain way, you get matter. Every Master understands this law. It is the alchemy of the universe. **It is the secret of all life.**

"Thought is pure energy." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹¹

"When body, mind, and soul create together, in harmony and in unity, God is made flesh." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹²

Likewise, Leonard Sweet writes:

"... God is 'spirit' or 'energy'." (emphasis added)¹³

"Matter is the energy of Spirit. Ultimately, all that exists is spirit." (emphasis added)¹⁴

"Thought or consciousness are now part of the theories of **matter**....

"Ideas of the mind not only matter, ideas of the mind **move matter, even become matter, ... every idea is 'psychokinetic'--it **materializes in some shape or form. The matter of faith is embodiment.**"** (emphasis added)¹⁵

"Early Christians drew upon ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs of pagan cultures as 'seeds' of the divine Word that become enfleshed in Christ ..." (emphasis added)¹⁶

“After energy *becomes matter*, the Word is *made flesh*, space must be occupied, and *incarnation come to dwell among us*.” (emphasis added)¹⁷

“The purpose of the church is to give form to, to *put into form and shape*, the energymatter known as *Jesus Christ*.” (emphasis added)¹⁸

“... *ideas* ... *become enfleshed in Christ* ...” (emphasis added)¹⁹

And according to Alice Bailey:

“The first thing necessary for us to do is to consider somewhat the question of what a form really is. If we turn to a dictionary we will find the word defined as follows: ‘The external shape or configuration of a body.’... To my mind, Plutarch conveys the idea of the manifestation of the subjective through the medium of the objective form in a much more illuminating way than does the dictionary. He says:

“‘An *idea* is a being incorporeal, which has no subsistence by itself, but *gives figure and form unto shapeless matter, and becomes the cause of the manifestation*.’

“Here you have a most interesting sentence, and one of **real occult significance**.” (emphasis added)²⁰

What is most interesting is that this sentence of “real occult significance” is quite reminiscent of Sweet’s teachings. And Bailey goes on to apply this occultly-significant sentence to the “manifestation” of “that vibrant centre of *energy*, and that great enfolding consciousness Whom we call *God*, or *Force*, or the *Logos*.”²¹

No, “*ideas*” do not “*become enfleshed in Christ*.” Not the *true* Christ anyway. And the *true* Christ and the *true* God and Word *made flesh* is Jesus Christ of Nazareth; *period*. But then, the “matter of faith” of this emerging faith is to materialize (or manifest) a new and *different* “Christ” (i.e., “Messiah”), as well as a new and *different* “God,” “in some shape or form”:

“In every epoch, however, **the Word is *made flesh differently*. Energymatter is a dynamic process**, a time continuum that interacts with and occupies space. But *Logos materializes in Pathos in forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *Logos* and *Pathos*)²²

“*Jesus is always an energy event*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²³

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.... For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (John 1:1, 14, 17)

*“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”* (1 Timothy 3:16)

“Just because ***Jesus is the same*** yesterday, today, and forever does not mean he does the same thing in the same way yesterday, today, and forever.... ***Energymatter* is dispersed through space-time in ways we have yet to comprehend**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁴

“Space and energymatter have *coevolved*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁵

“I am in a constant process of formation. That process has been **called evolution**, and it is a process that never ends.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)²⁶

“Everything is energy, in motion....

“When you look at a thing, you are **not** looking at a **static** ‘something’ that is ‘standing there’ in time and space. No! You are *witnessing an event*. Because **everything is moving, changing, evolving. Everything....**

“God is an event.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²⁷

First, as pointed out earlier, a convenient justification for man's diverse "reimaginings" of God and the Lord Jesus Christ—i.e., for making up a *new* and *different* "God" and "Christ" ("Messiah")—can thus be that it is all merely the "evolution" of "the energymatter known as Jesus Christ" and of the "energy" known as "God." It can all "coevolve" together so that "the Word is made flesh *differently*" in "forms" and "shapes" "revelatory" of "the age;" that is, in forms and shapes revelatory of today's "*ideas*" ("*reimaginings*").

Second, as is to be expected in this emerging upside-down faith, "*differently*" is not seen as *differently* but, rather, "*the same*." After all, the "*energy*" is still "the same," right? Thus, a *different* "Jesus Christ"/"God" absurdly becomes just an "event" of rearranging the "energy" of "Jesus Christ"/"God" into a new "energy pattern." Never mind that this "energy" is all being moved around in a dance, or event, of the *imagination*. In Oneness/panentheism, thoughts, ideas, and imaginations are all "energies" of "the Energy of God," so *imagination* also becomes "*molecular*." Naturally, people would see no idolatrous harm in creating a new "Jesus Christ"/"God" with the help of their "*molecular*" imagination. Rather, in this emerging faith the help of their "*molecular*" imagination is just the help of their *molecular* "Energy of God." And thus the creation of a new "Jesus Christ"/"God" is with the help of "*God*." There's only one problem. This very helpful "God" that allows man to imagine and create both it and a new "Messiah" however man chooses is *already* a new "God" imagined and created by man. So man is spinning in circles to create a new "Messiah" and "God" with the help of man's created new "God." All man needs is to merely "tap into" its "energies." (And all because man isn't willing to simply believe and obey God and His Son!)

"The challenge of the church in the twenty-first century is to become ... a seedbed in which *the texts* and traditions of the faith recreate themselves in and through the body until its **molecular imagination** is awakened by a living God.

"Every believer, every body of Christ is called to become *the Third Testament*....

"The same cosmic dynamics and primordial energies that created fire, land, wind, and sea are at work today and continue to evolve, if only we develop the sensitivities to tap into them." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁸

"The point of having a God is to **use the essence and the energy that IS God**, and that is *life*, in a way that allows you to create your own experience, thereby **becoming as God is**: the creator." (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)²⁹

Contrary to the *many levels* of these false teachings, *man* cannot tap into or become as *God*. Rather, this emerging faith and its quantum dance of Oneness is actually a downward spiral into being "*as gods*." And yet it is absurdly justified as *doing and being God*. As if that makes a difference! *Man* cannot do or be *the true God*. To put it another way, *man is not the true God*—and never will be. As used to be obvious, only the true God is the true God. And only the true God can do and be the true God. Man can only do and be man; period. For man to attempt to do and be God is to only be "*as gods*." And all "gods" that have not "made the heavens and the earth"—even if these "gods" believe that they have the freedom and imagination power to make *God Himself* into a new and different "God"—will face the coming judgment of *the true God Himself*. (And, by the way, the *true God* made the heavens and the earth in six *days*; period. And He only took *that long* as an *example* for us. Believe it or not, we are to only work six *days* before we rest, not six *billion years*--e.g., see Genesis 1:1–2:3; Exodus 20:9–11; 31:15, 17.)

"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens." (Jeremiah 10:10–11)

Obviously, the "God" of the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism that brings *all gods* together as just different forms/manifestations of *itself* is not *the true God*. So man's dance of doing and being this "God" is obviously not a dance of doing and being *the true God* by Whom these other "*gods ... shall perish*."

Amazingly enough, Scripture simply doesn't teach a dance of either doing and being or shaping and forming God. But this fact won't stop the emergence of this emerging "make-it-up-as-you-go-along" faith. Why would it? Especially since in this emerging faith "reimagining" God absurdly becomes *literally* "reimagining" God. That is, "reimagining" God becomes the "truth" about God by effecting literal changes in God by moving the "energy" of God into a *new* "reality"

and “truth”—at least according to this emerging new way of thinking anyway. Man can thus *shape, form, and fashion* (not to mention *be*) his own “God” to his heart’s content. What used to be (and still is) done with the *hands* is now being done with the *mind*. In desiring to be “*shapemiths*” of God—i.e., in desiring the freedom to *dictate* what *form* God will take—people in the 21st century are *still* choosing “to *decide* who and what God is.” But, of course, today’s idol-making process is “scientific.”

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” (Romans 1:21-22)

The true God, Who does not bow the knee to *man’s imaginations*, does not change; period. And He gives us *true understanding* through reading the words of His Word of truth.

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” (Psalm 119:130)

“Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.” (Psalm 119:160)

“Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

In truth, man’s “reimagined” changes to God—“scientific” or otherwise—are not *literal* but *fictitious*. Man is simply replacing the literal truth of God’s Word with man’s new fictitious “truth,” all the while spinning in circles to defend man’s new “truth” as both literal and not literal, fiction and truth. (In Oneness, no one is “a liar,” so anyone and everyone can imagine and define God and His Son however they choose and decide for themselves whether they want to see these imaginings as literal or not literal, or fiction or truth.)

People can spin/dance in circles all they want, but “reimagined” changes to God will *never* be “the *truth* about God” because man’s “reimagining” process will never effect even one *smidgeon* of *change* in the *true* God. And, therefore, man’s “reimaginings”—which include *The Shack*—will never even be a “*better* understanding of God.” Quite the contrary. “Reimagining” God is nothing but an attempt to imagine and create a *new* and *better* “God” that is then *whitewashed* as just a “new” and “better” “*understanding*” of God.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

“This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.” (Jeremiah 13:10)

Outside the “box” of God’s Word of truth is outside the “box” of *God’s Word of truth*. *The true God and false gods and truth and falsehood and right and wrong* are not just different “*patterns*” of the same “*energy*.” Thus, it is without question that people in today’s “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” of conceiving, creating, shaping, and forming God and His Son into new and “improved” forms/manifestations/“energy patterns” that man is *willing* to accept are indeed choosing to *resist* the truth of Who God and His Son are. And regarding “[t]he day of *theology*” being “*over*,” the seducing spirit world, which points out that people “are recognizing the dawn of *freedom*” and “realizing that every man should be free to worship God *in his own way*,” of course sees this “*rejection of dogmas and doctrine*” as “*good and right and encouraging*.”³⁰

“People need room to move and choose and resist airtight propositions that don’t allow free breathing (i.e., **freedom**). Jesus left space for people to *make their own* responses to him. He did not *dictate* to his disciples *what* they were to *believe* about him: **“Who do you say I am?”** (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³¹

“Hold it. You mean *we* get to decide who and what God is?” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)³²

It is of the utmost absurdity, to say the least, that according to the emerging faith of Oneness *God and His Son* don’t “dictate” to man what man is to believe about *God and His Son* but, rather, *man* gets to “dictate” to God and His Son

what “form”/“shape” they will take according to who *man* decides they are! But, of course, this unconditional “love and freedom”—i.e., freedom from the truth of Who God and His Son are—is what more and more people today *want*. And, sadly, they are hell-bent on success. In the meantime, this emerging faith/new world religion/New Quantum Spirituality leaves them ample space for quite the playing field. But since all they are doing is moving “energy” around, there’s nothing to fear in man dictating to God and His Son who man has decided they are, right?

“The church is not a set of propositions, buildings, or beliefs ...

“We need to learn to play the spaces.... All space is God’s space.” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)³³

“Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition **so eager to embrace the new, so open to change the old**, so free to be **creative** in its engagement with the world.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁴

“In the Christian tradition resting and **play** begin the week rather than end it because they are the basis of all creative life. Without **play**, without repairs, without maintenance, we don’t have **the creativity or energy to break out of the old patterns and see things in new and fresh ways....**

“Creativity that is revolutionary requires this violent, energy-sapping action of breaking away and breaking the rules.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁵

“‘Now, therefore, can we find anew the power to name God in a mystical-prophetic way? That is theology’s central postmodern question.” (Leonard Sweet quoting “Priest/metaphysician/theologian” David W. Tracy)³⁶

*“But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. **Neither be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to **play**.”* (1 Corinthians 10:5-7)

*“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, **Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.** They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and **they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.** For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. **But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.**”* (Jeremiah 23:16-22)

Of course, Sweet also claims that “[t]he Bible is not a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers,”³⁷ and that we are to “*prophesy our way forward into the future*” and “*live in the incarnation.*”³⁸ And, of course, when man’s *ideas* “*become matter*,” man’s *ideas* thus *become* “*prophetic.*” So it is not surprising that resisting *believing* and *obeying* God’s Word of truth elicits no fear in the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality.

“Quantum spirituality is always in flux, always aware of its own incompleteness.... For a New Light apologetic there can be no final statement of theology anymore [sic] than there can be any final ‘laws of nature.’ All life is change ... we must not foreclose our minds against the truths of God, even if they are new.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁹

“An incarnational faith is what guarantees generativity, the possibility of every culture to ‘know’ things about God that have never been ‘known’ before.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁰

Generativity -- “the ability or power to generate or produce something.”⁴¹ To *generate* -- “to bring into existence; cause to be;” “to produce or bring into being; create.”⁴² To be *generative* -- “having the power of producing or originating.”⁴³

Absurdly, through *imagination* and *ideas*—i.e., *thoughts*—that are imagined to be *energy* that is literally *creative*, the

emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality is indeed attempting to bring its “reimagined” “God” of Oneness/panentheism “into being.” An attempt to literally change God into a new and different “God.” And, of course, this “God” is “never finished,” so it is continually “made flesh”/“incarnating” *anew*, which then brings *new* “truths” into being that have never been known before. Nevertheless, since this “God” of Oneness/panentheism is not the *true* God but a *false* “God,” its emerging new forms/manifestations/“truths” are not *truth* but *falsehood*. And to justify *falsehood* as something that has just “never been ‘known’ before” or that is “incarnational” is absurd. It is even more absurd to justify all this “generativity” as a mission to *put God and His Son into “form” and “shape.”* Again, as if that makes a difference! A “shapsmith” is a “shapsmith.” And a “shapsmith” is “[o]ne that undertakes to *improve* the form of the body.”⁴⁴

Despite the process of man’s emerging “make-it-up-as-you-go-along” faith, God’s prophecy in His Word is from God Who *knows* the future. Likewise, God also knows *Who He is*, and it is this *truth* that His *names* are based upon. To the contrary, man’s so-called “prophecy” is the attempt to *create* the future according to man’s *ideas*. And in order to create the *future* man must also create the “God” of the future that man is looking to create. In other words, man must “name God” “*prophetically*”—i.e., “*decide who and what God is*”/“*choos[e] what I am going to be*” for man’s desired future (which of course is a “new world” of Oneness). Man has quite a powerful imagination. But then, man always has wanted to be a shapsmith of God.

*“Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.**” (Isaiah 43:10)*

*“And the residue thereof **he maketh a god**, even his graven image: **he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.** They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. **And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding** to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? **shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?** He feedeth on ashes: **a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?**” (Isaiah 44:17-20)*

*“Who hath **formed a god**, or molten a graven image **that is profitable for nothing?** Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.” (Isaiah 44:10-11)*

A god formed in the imagination is a god formed in the *imagination*.

*“**Study** to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing **the word of truth.**” (2 Timothy 2:15)*

*“**Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)*

Sadly, even in today’s shifting Christianity more and more people are openly trading in the knowledge of God for the freedom to imagine and form God and His Son however they choose. They are indeed turning 2 Corinthians 10:5 upside down, and defiantly:

Casting down the knowledge of God, and every scriptural truth that exalteth itself against the imaginations of man,
...

It is therefore not surprising that “*imaginations*” has been removed from 2 Corinthians 10:5 in new versions (again, *new for a reason*) in the circular, incremental process of changing more and more of the “old” truth of God’s Word according to the “new” way of thinking. (Case in point, even *Sweet himself* has been chosen for man’s never-ending process of *rewriting/rewording* God’s Word of truth, in yet another new version, a.k.a. “translation,” of Thomas Nelson called “The Voice.”⁴⁵ But more on this absurdity later.)

Basically, people today are choosing to risk everything on man’s “reimaginings” of Who God and His Son are. In other

words, they are trusting that man's imagination is "powerful" enough for today's "reimaginings" to become *literal changes* in Who God and His Son are. And they are essentially telling God that "*when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves*" (Isaiah 28:15b).

In reference to man's idol making, God's Word has to point out the obvious -- "the workman made it; therefore it is not God," and then goes on to warn, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" (see Hosea 8:4-7). The workmen of the "God" of Oneness, who are indeed sowing the wind, are many and come from many religions/faiths/cultures. And even if they "*all be gathered together*" in this task of collectively forming and making up a "God" that can be imagined and defined however anyone chooses, they will still "fear" and "be ashamed *together*" when the *true* God and His Son are revealed from heaven. Again, a god formed in the imagination is a god formed in the imagination.

"... he maketh a god, ... he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.... a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?" (Isaiah 44:17, 20)

Changing the "old" reality of the God of *judgment* into a new "reality" of a "God" of Oneness by simply *thinking* it "into being"

"**You are One with everyone and everything in the Universe—including God.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)¹

"**'We Are All One'** ... is a precise description of **the nature of Ultimate Reality**. When you understand this, you ... see **the relationship of all things** differently. You notice **the connectedness at a much higher level.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)²

"**A New Spirituality** truly is emerging upon the earth, and the idea of **Oneness is at its core.**" (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)³

"**Unitary thinking, the highest level of understanding reality**, opens us up to a wider sensory realm and mystical dimension of the divine; it also heals the divisions that separate us from one another and life's *highest values.*" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴

"... I also believe that our own spiritual traditions will have to undergo some *radical changes* in order to be in harmony with the *values* of the new paradigm.... **This kind of new spirituality is now being developed by many groups and movements, both within and outside the churches....**

"We are embedded in the multiple alternative networks of what I have called the 'rising culture'—**a multitude of movements representing different facets of the same new vision of reality, gradually coalescing** to form a powerful force of social transformation." (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁵

Since there's clearly nothing "separative" or "divisive" about today's emerging "new spirituality" of Oneness that gives everyone the "love and freedom" to decide for themselves what is *the true God or false gods, truth or falsehood, right or wrong*, it is thus seen as the means to unifying the world into a harmonious whole. And it is radically changing and transforming today's Christianity along with the world. More and more people are shifting to this "spirituality"—i.e., emerging faith—because they also believe along with Capra that "the major problems of our time ... are *all* different facets of *one single crisis*," "a crisis of *perception*" derived from "an *outdated worldview.*"⁶ That is, from an "outdated worldview" of *non-Oneness*, or *dualism*. Sweet, for example, writes that "*all dichotomized selves*" and "*all discursive dualisms*," of which he says "one of the *worst* of which was 'sacred' and 'profane,'" are "*all disastrous separations that threaten our existence.*"⁷

Seeking to leave *non-Oneness* and its “crisis of perception” behind, Capra describes the emerging “*new spirituality*”/ “*new paradigm*”/“*new vision of reality*” as “a *holistic worldview*” that sees “the world as an *integrated whole* rather than a dissociated collection of parts.”⁸ He also describes it as “an *ecological worldview*” that “is rooted in a perception of *reality* that goes beyond the scientific framework to an awareness of *the oneness of all life*.”⁹ And, therefore, Capra points out that “[u]ltimately, such deep *ecological* awareness is *spiritual* awareness,” and goes on to also give this explanation:

“When the concept of **the human spirit** is understood as **the mode of consciousness in which the individual feels connected to the cosmos as a whole**, it becomes clear that **ecological awareness is spiritual in its deepest essence**, and it is then not surprising that the *new vision of reality* is in harmony with the visions of spiritual traditions....

“The new physics is an integral part of a **new worldview** that is now **emerging in all the sciences and in society**.” (emphasis added)¹⁰

This emerging “*new worldview*” is in fact the emerging “*new world religion*.” Whether people call it a “paradigm,” “worldview,” “vision of reality,” “science,” “faith,” “religion,” “spirituality,” “awakening,” or “consciousness,” etc., it *all* comes down to the same thing—*Oneness*. And not only is *Oneness* the complete *opposite* of God’s Word of truth, it completely *defies* it. To say that this is a *radical transformation* as well as *revolution* is a tremendous understatement. But those who don’t believe that the truth of God’s Word is the truth of God don’t see this revolution as against *God*. They just see this revolution, for instance, as “saving” the planet from “doom” by moving beyond “an outdated worldview,” or “old” truth. Accordingly, Capra points out that this “*new vision of reality*” “will require a *new* philosophical and *religious* bias,” specifically “of the oneness of all life,” and writes that “the idea of the individual **being linked to the cosmos** is expressed in the Latin root of **the word religion, religare (‘to bind strongly’)** ...”^{E, 11} Sounds familiar. And similar to Capra who writes of the “consciousness” of feeling “connected to the cosmos,” Sweet likewise writes that “[t]ranscendent states of consciousness” are those “most connecting of the self to the cosmos.”¹²

“It is not religion and reason that go together, but **religion and relationship** that go together. Actually, **that’s where the word religion comes from—religare—meaning ‘to connect, to bind together.’** The future depends not on our ability to ‘Come, let us reason together’ but ‘**Come, let us relate together.**’” (Leonard Sweet; bold & underline added)¹³

“... **the new world religion ... The word ‘religion’ concerns relationship,** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁴

“... ‘**having pervaded this entire Universe with a fragment of Himself, He remains.**’ **God is immanent** in the forms of **all created things** ...

“On the fact of God and of **man’s relation to the divine ... the new world religion** will be based.... of the fact of God Transcendent and of **God Immanent within every form of life**.

“**These are the foundational truths upon which the world religion of the future will rest.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added, except to *remains*)¹⁵

“Workers in the field of religion will formulate **the universal platform of the new world religion**. It is a work of loving synthesis and will emphasize **the unity** and the fellowship **of the spirit**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁶

“Within the churches today there are men responding to **the new spiritual idealism**, to the *urgency* of the

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Capra finishes this sentence with “... as well as in the Sanskrit *yoga*, which means union.” Indeed, *Yoga, which cannot be separated from its religious purpose*, is specifically *designed* to bring *union* with “Brahman”—the Hindu god known as the “ultimate reality” in everyone and everything. In other words, *yoga is designed* to lead one into the “consciousness” of *Oneness* with *all that is*, and is doing so quite successfully. Again, meditation is *designed* to gradually remove “that which obscures the light” of *Oneness*. And many people have been seduced into practicing *yoga*, as well as many other forms of meditation, for “exercise,” “health,” and “stress management.” There is a *reason* why the beliefs of people everywhere are *changing* . . .

opportunity and to *the need for change*....

“What is the solution of this intricate and difficult relationship throughout the world? **A new presentation of truth**, because God is not a fundamentalist ... These are *imperative* changes.

“Nothing can prevent the new world religion from eventually emerging.... It will be hindered by the fundamentalists, the narrow-minded and the theologians in all the world religions, by those who refuse to let go the old interpretations and methods, who love the old doctrines ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁷

Not surprisingly, Sweet, who is one of the anything but narrow-minded workers of this emerging faith/new world religion/new “spirituality,” also writes:

“Unfortunately, the church is still under the scientific spell of *old* teachings that science itself has long since repudiated.” (emphasis added)¹⁸

Actually, today’s shifting Christianity is under the “scientific” spell of new teachings of doctrines of devils that God’s Word itself has long since repudiated. And, also not surprisingly, given his own “scientific” *mystical* beliefs in Oneness, Capra—a physicist, and one of the scientists that has “repudiated” the “old” teachings—likewise criticizes “Christian fundamentalists promoting medieval notions of reality.”¹⁹ The “medieval” reality being the Christian fundamentals of God’s Word of *truth* that are the *opposite* of today’s preferred “scientific” *fables*.

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”
(2 Timothy 4:1-4)

In its epidemic of itching ears, today’s shifting Christianity has heaped to itself teachers who have a gift in scratching, and this includes teachers in “*science falsely so called*.”

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

Yes, “Christian fundamentalists”—i.e., Christians who believe the *fundamentals* of God’s Word of absolute truth—do indeed know that the true God is *separate* from His creation and is *not immanent* in everyone and everything. And it is *not* because of this so-called “*outdated* worldview” that the world is falling apart and facing “doom”! Rather, both the world and today’s shifting Christianity are in a state of rebellion/anarchy/revolution *against God*. And God’s absolute truth that *divides and separates Oneness* into opposites absurdly seen as “*outdated*”—such as *what is the true God and false gods, truth and falsehood, right and wrong*—is precisely what the world needs to be saved from its sin and wickedness. But people today are not *willing* to see it that way. To the contrary, people in both the world and today’s shifting Christianity see the “overlay of power,” “chain of command,” and “final authority” of the true God and His Son as “ghastly.” Consequently, they are understatedly facing a ghastly future that includes both apocalyptic and eternal “doom.”

The Christian fundamentals of God’s Word of *truth*, that is, the “medieval notion of reality” and “outdated worldview” of division/separation/dualism/*non-Oneness* that is absurdly believed to be behind “the major problems of our time” is indeed behind the biggest problem that man faces—the *soul “sort.”* But since it is the “outdated” reality of the *non-Oneness* of the Christian fundamentals of God’s Word of *truth* that is seen as the *problem*, all man has to do is simply “break free” from the fundamentals of God’s Word of truth in order to “break free” from God’s coming judgment of souls, right?

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

“[Y]ou do not have to fear God, **you merely have to be One with God.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)²⁰

“**And all the world’s souls can be set free. The New Spirituality is a *civil rights* movement for the soul,** freeing humanity at last from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)²¹

“**If we could break free from the** Greco-Roman **soul-sort** narrative [in which ‘everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin’], **think of what could change.**” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)²²

Sadly, the seducing spirit world doesn’t have to work very hard to seduce people today. Even people in today’s shifting Christianity aren’t willing to believe the truth of God and are thus desperate for an *alternative*—i.e., for a *new* “truth” of a *new* “God” that is “*bigger*” than the truth of God so that they and the world can have the freedom to imagine and define “God” however they choose and to have this “relationship” however they choose on whatever religious “path” they choose. So it isn’t surprising that this revolution and its emerging faith/religion/“paradigm”/“worldview”/“vision of reality”/“science”/“spirituality”/“consciousness” of Oneness/panentheism comes down to a mission to “transcend” (bypass) the *soul* “sort”—i.e., the true God’s *judgment*—so that “all the world’s souls” in revolution against God “can be set free.” This is, of course, only possible in a *universal salvation*, which is only possible if *man changes God*. Obviously, a God of *judgment* is not a God of *Oneness*, and a God of *Oneness* is *essential* to a universal salvation. Hence, in this pursuit of freedom from the fundamentals of God’s Word of truth, the workmen are gathering together to create a new “God” and new future—a new world religion and new world—of *Oneness*.

McLaren, for example, writes of “a *better* vision of the future” in which “[w]e might say that in it, *the future is un-doomed* ... un-doomed from burning destruction and eternal conscious torment [*‘in hell’*].”²³ And, of course, he also writes:

“[T]he Greco-Roman mind was habitually **dualistic**, in the sense that an enlightened or philosophic mind would always see **the world divided in two, the profane** physical world of matter, stuff, and change on the low side **and the sacred** metaphysical world of ideals, ideas, spirit, and changelessness on the high side.” (emphasis added)²⁴

“**If we could break free** from the Greco-Roman *soul-sort* narrative, **think of what could change.... We would stop seeing the line that separates good and evil running between our religion and all others....**

“Evangelism would *cease* to be a matter of *saving souls from a bad ending* ... It would no longer require *hellfire-and-brimstone scare tactics* ...

“It would invite people into lifelong *spiritual formation* as disciples of Jesus, ... *whatever* the new disciple’s *religious affiliation or lack thereof*....

“... **calling people to a way of life in a kingdom (or beautiful whole) that transcends and includes all religions.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁵

“... **God and the universe are in relationship....**

“Conventional eschatologies ... tend to argue about different arrangements or lengths of the lines in the Greco-Roman narrative. That’s what makes **this new approach** so different and difficult to label, because it **dispenses with the linear approach altogether**. We could borrow from Hans Küng and others and call it **an ‘improvisational eschatology.’** We could also call it *participatory*. **In a participatory eschatology, when we ask, ‘What does the future hold?’ the answer begins, ‘That depends.** It depends on you and me. God holds out to us at every moment a brighter future; the issue is whether we are willing to receive it and **work with God to help create it. We are participating in the creation of what the future will be.**” (bold & underline added)²⁶

In other words, to eliminate those “disastrous separations” between the “sacred” and the “profane,” this emerging faith is choosing to dispense with the linear truth of God’s Word altogether in favor of an “improvisational” (or “make-it-up-as-you-go-along”) “participatory” *new* “truth.” And with a participatory “God” that brings everyone/everything into a quantum (i.e., panentheistic) dance of Oneness with itself in a *universal salvation/relationship*, man has the unconditional “love and freedom” to *not believe* the fundamentals of *God’s Word of truth*. Since there is even emerging

“proof” of all this Oneness in man’s new science and New Quantum Spirituality, man can thus leave this “crisis of perception” behind and join the dance of Oneness of this emerging faith/“new spirituality”/“new worldview”/“new world religion”/“new vision of reality.”

“[P]erhaps we could also say that we are **participating in the quest** or adventure **of God**: God is seeking, adventuring, questing to **create (with us) a universe that will become God’s eternal dancing partner**, ... **The quest is a dance**, and the dance is in fact a holy, **cosmic**, unending romance **into which we all are invited**....

“As Gamaliel said, if our ‘plan or undertaking is of human origin, it will fail.’ But if our plan or undertaking is from God . . .” (Brian McLaren; last ellipsis dots & parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

First, a cosmic dance/romance of Oneness that eliminates “dualistic” division between “the sacred” and “the profane” is anything but *holy*. In fact, this dance of Oneness *profanes* the *true* God.

“... **they have put no difference between the holy and profane**, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... **and I am profaned among them.**” (Ezekiel 22:26)

So it is not surprising that McLaren writes:

“In my own experience as a lover and reader of the Bible, as **I am freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket** ... I feel I can breathe a little freer ...” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)²⁸

“Perhaps when our conservative friends **ask those of us on this quest if we believe in the inerrancy of Scripture**, our reply should be: ‘**No**, I believe the Scripture is *better* than inerrant. I believe it’s beautiful.’” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)²⁹

Second, a plan to dispense with the truth of God’s Word will only be seen as “from God” if God’s Word is not believed to be the truth of God. And a plan to create a *universal* salvation—a “beautiful whole” of “*all* religions”—that purposely breaks free from God’s plan of salvation is no salvation at all. In other words, it will fail in saving souls. But man thinks that man knows more about God’s plan of salvation than God does, so man just dispenses with it altogether . . .

“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.... The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**” (John 3:16-18, 35-36)

Again, obviously a God of *judgment* is not a God of *Oneness*, and a God of *Oneness* is *essential* to a *universal* salvation. So in order to create the new world and new future of a *universal* salvation/relationship of *Oneness*, man must also create a new “God” to go along with the new future of *Oneness* that man is looking to create. In other words, since God is not a God of *Oneness*, God Himself becomes a “disastrous separation.” Hence the replacement of this “*outdated* worldview” and “*outdated*” God with the “*new* worldview”/“*new* world religion”/“*new* spirituality” and “*new* God” of *Oneness*/panentheism. It is this “God,” which can be *imagined and defined however anyone chooses*, that offers a “brighter” and “creatable” future to a world that wants the unconditional “love and freedom” to believe and do whatever it wants with *no judgment*.

“We must choose between Yesterday and Tomorrow.

“Humanity is being given an invitation to explore the wondrous possibilities of Tomorrow’s God, and the world that this new God can create.

“It’s not a new God at all, of course, only a new understanding of the present God, of the one God, of *The Only Thing That Is*.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)³⁰

“Tomorrow’s God is unconditionally loving, **nonjudgmental**, noncondemning, and nonpunishing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)³¹

“Tomorrow’s God will be understood to be **the very essence of freedom**, and since humans will understand themselves to **be One with Tomorrow’s God**, they will also understand themselves to **be inherently free**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)³²

“... **Your future is creatable. Create it as you want it.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)³³

And in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality, imagining and creating a new “God” and new future—a new world religion and new world—of Oneness is, of course, all “scientific.” In *A “Wonderful” Deception*, Warren B. Smith points out that:

“In *SoulTsunami*, Sweet states that **the ‘new biology’ and the ‘new physics’ hold the metaphysical key to the creation of this positive future**—this global civilization. He explains:

“‘Physics is increasingly becoming the study of matter so small (is it a wave? is it a particle?) as to become **the study of consciousness**. In other words, **physics is becoming metaphysics**.’

“‘The coming together of the *new* biology and the *new* physics is providing the basic metaphors for **this new global civilization** that esteems and encourages whole-brain experiences, full-life expectations, personalized expressions, and **a globalized consciousness**.’” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁴

Sweet also writes that:

“*SoulTsunami* is designed and dedicated not only to helping you predict, but to helping you intervene spiritually and socially to **invent and prevent the future**.” (emphasis added)³⁵

“*Postmodern* Christians are spiritual interventionists. The ***Postmodern Reformation*** Church will **consciously intervene to help design this new world**. There are many futures out there. The future is not a ‘single state,’ but a scenario of possibilities. **There is a struggle between opposing visions of the future. It is not too late to choose which one we shall get.** The future is a function of our choices and creations.” (emphasis added)³⁶

“***Postmodern*** culture is an ***anti-Christian*** culture.... **This requires** not only a new ability to tell the story but also **a fresh way to reframe the story for ‘a sinless society,’ a mission field where people don’t see themselves as ‘sinners.’**...

“It is time to live out of **the secret of life**, the secret of the cruciform life: **the double-helix divine design** for life and the church.” (emphasis added)³⁷

“[I]t is time to **find new ways of being the church that are true to our postmodern context**. It is time for a ***Postmodern Reformation***.” (emphasis added)³⁸

So the church is to be true to a “postmodern context” that is “*anti-Christian*”?! Actually, *we are to be true to God*. But, as previously addressed, this anti-Christian Reformation—i.e., *Re-formation*—“Church” is trying to *re-form* the Christian truth and faith of God’s Word, and thus Christianity, into a *defragged “whole” with other religions/faiths*. Thus, to help “design” this “*new world*” is to help “design” the “*new world religion*.” That is, it is to help bring the whole world and its religion into an *interfaith* “formation” (i.e., into an interfaith “*spiritual*” formation), which is *everything but* true to God. But, of course, those who are caught up in this *Re-formation* of all *separateness* into *Oneness* don’t see it that way. Sadly, this rapidly emerging faith/“new spirituality”/“new worldview”/“new world religion”/*Re-formation* of *Oneness* is indeed the formation of a spiritual *web*. (And, yes, “*spiritual formation*,” with its mystical “spiritual” “disciplines”/“exercises,” is part of all this. Again, there is a *reason* why beliefs are shifting to *Oneness* . . .)

Despite the fact that this emerging faith/“new spirituality” of *Oneness* has invented a future universal/unconditional salvation for everyone in its “civil rights movement for the soul,” it is precisely *because* people are not willing to see

themselves as sinners in need of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that the future consists of God's *non-preventable* judgment on the world. And to come together to "reframe"/re-"form"/*design* God and His Son into a new "truth" and faith of *Oneness* that brings both the narrow way of believing in Jesus and the broad way of not believing in Jesus together as one in an all-encompassing "*nondualistic double helix*" "*Möbius-strip*" "*secret of life*" changes *nothing*.

"For I am the LORD, I change not; ..." (Malachi 3:6)

The world is powerless to "prevent the future" of God's coming judgment. However, this future is changeable for all *individuals* who are willing to repent ("*repentance to the acknowledging of the truth*"--2 Timothy 2:25) and *believe* in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

The "*promise*" referred to here is of God's "*judgment*" (v. 7). And God's Word makes it clear that the day of His judgment has already been set. Despite the claims to the contrary, there is no "struggle between opposing visions of the future." Unlike man, *God* doesn't make it up as He goes along. Neither is God "a man, that he should *lie*" (Numbers 23:19). To the contrary, *God knows* the future and has recorded it in His Word to mercifully *warn us* of the consequences of unbelief. God also *knows* when people will no longer be willing to repent and believe in His Son. Sadly, that day is *clearly* approaching. If it doesn't speak to the lateness of the hour that today's *mission* of "love" and "freedom" is to help everyone "transcend" (bypass) *repentance* and *belief in Jesus*, then what does?!

Today's mission of *Oneness* is indeed changing *everything*. Although the world can freely make it up as it goes along, this is only for a season. When the set day of God's judgment arrives, then *God Himself* is going to change everything. There is an *absolute truth* whether people choose to believe it or not. God is not a "cosmic dance of energy." God is not a "cosmic dance" of doing and being and creating God. As people will find out soon enough, man's dance of the imagination is nothing more than *man's* dance of the *imagination*. To the contrary, God's Word of truth is *God's* Word of *truth*.

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17)

Obviously, God and His Son are not in the "make-it-up-as-you-go-along process" of today's emerging faith and New Quantum Spirituality. But the seducing spirit world is, and it is adept at scratching itching ears—with serpentine craftiness of course.

"Yes, there is a One Great Truth; there is a Final Reality. But you will always get what you choose, regardless of that reality—precisely because the reality is that you are a divine creature, *divinely creating your reality even as you are experiencing it.*" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)³⁹

"The experience which I have described here, on the other hand, I am calling the Cosmic Wheel, because **there is nothing of** unworthiness, debt-repayment, **punishment**, or 'purification.' The Cosmic Wheel simply describes **the ultimate reality**, or what you might call **the cosmology of the universe**.

"It is *the cycle of life*, or what I sometimes term The Process. It is a picture phrase describing *the no-beginning-and-no-end nature of things*; the continually connected path to and from *the all of everything*, **on which the soul joyfully**

journeys throughout eternity.

“It is the sacred rhythm of all life, by which you move the Energy of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁴⁰

“Have you ever watched children use a CD-ROM to play a computerized video game?...

“Think of the Cosmic Wheel as that CD-ROM....

“All the endings already exist, and which ending you experience depends on the choices you make....

“As with the end of the game on the CD-ROM, **there is more than one version [of the ‘future’].**

“In one version, the Earth will be in upheaval. In another version, it won’t.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁴¹

And, of course, the seducing spirit world adds:

“And when the game is over, whether you win, lose, or draw, the universe will say, ‘Want to play again?’” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)⁴²

In this “game,” it’s all just “the sacred rhythm of all life, by which you move the Energy of God.” And since this “game” of unbelief is just “play” that keeps moving the “energy” of “God” into new “patterns” that people *choose*, why wouldn’t they be able to keep playing the game over and over whether they “win, lose, or draw”? Because there’s this little matter of a soul “sort,” i.e., the true God’s judgment of souls . . .

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)

Again, the only way to be saved from God’s wrath and judgment is to *believe* in the *only* Mediator of the true God’s covenant—God’s Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. But, sadly, the world is *not willing to believe* and prefers to “play” at “reimagining” it all, hoping that its imaginative “play” is powerful enough to break free from God’s coming wrath on a world that is *not willing to believe*. And “when the game is over, ... the universe will [not] say, ‘Want to play again?’” First, it’s not up to “*the universe*.” Contrary to today’s emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism the universe is not “God.” There is no “God” in everyone and everything. And, second, the true God is infinitely more powerful than *everyone and everything in the entire universe put together*. To put it another way, *not even the entire universe/“cosmos” as a whole* has enough *power* to overcome *the true God*. And He said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth.

It is worldwide *unrepentant unbelief*, not an “*outdated* worldview,” that is the cause of the world’s problems and its future judgment. But rather than repenting of their unbelief, more and more people are choosing instead to align their minds in the lie of Oneness. Conveniently for them, it is even absurdly imagined that this alignment of minds gives man the *mind power* to *change* the “old” God of judgment into a new “God” of Oneness. Thus people everywhere who want a “bigger” and “better” “God” can all work together in this emerging “faith” to shape and form this new “God” of Oneness *collectively*. And since this alignment of minds is imagined to be an alignment of the “cosmic mind” and “consciousness”—i.e., “God”—in everyone and everything, it is this “cosmic mind”/“God” that even gives this work of the imagination its “power.” Never mind that this work to create a new “God” of Oneness is with the help of man’s created new “God” of Oneness. Being a shapemsmith of “God” is now “scientific”—according to the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality anyway. So all those who are participating in the work to shape and re-form (or reform) the “old” God of *judgment* into a new “God” of *Oneness* are workmen who therefore have nothing to fear or be ashamed of, right?

“Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.” (Isaiah 44:10-11)

“... the workman made it; therefore it is not God ...” (Hosea 8:6)

“It [‘the mystical view’] regards **consciousness as the primary reality and ground of all being**. In its purest form

consciousness, according to this view, is nonmaterial, formless, and *void of all content*; it is often described as ‘pure consciousness,’ ‘**ultimate reality**,’ ‘suchness,’ and the like. **This manifestation of pure consciousness is associated with the Divine** in many spiritual traditions. It is said to be **the essence of the universe** and to manifest itself *in all things; all forms of matter and all living beings are seen as patterns of divine consciousness.*” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁴³

“The ultimate reality of the universe appears to be consciousness, out of which energymatter arises.... **God is** the Spirit of the universe, **the consciousness of the cosmos**: its energy, its information, its thought.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁴

“Because **the systems view of mind is not limited to individual organisms** but can be extended to social and ecological systems, we may say that **groups of people, societies, and cultures** have a **collective mind**, and therefore also possess a **collective consciousness**.... As individuals **we participate in these collective mental patterns**, are influenced by them, **and shape them** in turn. In addition the concepts of a **planetary mind** and a **cosmic mind** may be associated with **planetary and cosmic levels of consciousness.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁴⁵

“In the stratified order of nature, **individual human minds are embedded in the larger minds** of social and ecological systems, **and these are integrated into the planetary mental system—the mind of Gaia—which in turn must participate in some kind of universal or cosmic mind.** The conceptual framework of the new systems approach is in no way restricted by **associating this cosmic mind with the traditional idea of God.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁴⁶

Thus, people “shape” “God,” the “cosmic mind,” with their own. This emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality therefore makes it very easy to shape a new “God” by which the world can break free from the coming judgment of God. Just change the “collective mind,” and poof! The collective has moved “the Energy of God” into a new “pattern.” This “play” is simply a *mind game* (in more ways than one).

“Thought is pure energy. Every thought you have, have ever had, and ever will have is **creative**....

“All thoughts congeal; **all thoughts meet other thoughts**, criss-crossing in an incredible maze of energy, **forming an ever-changing pattern** of unspeakable beauty and unbelievable complexity....

“You should now better understand how **people of like mind can work together to create a favored reality.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁴⁷

“This . . . *dance* that I’ve just described, this energy interaction I’ve explained, is occurring all the time—in and with *everything*....

“Everyone and everything on the planet—and in the universe—is emitting energy in every direction. This energy mixes with all other energies, criss-crossing in patterns of complexity ...

“This is the Matrix, of which I have spoken. **It is along this Matrix that you send signals to each other**—messages, meanings, healings, and other physical effects—**created** sometimes by individuals but **mostly by mass consciousness**....

“Like Thoughts attract Like Thoughts along the Matrix—and when enough of these similar energies ‘clump together,’ so to speak, their vibrations become heavier, they slow down—and some become Matter.

“Thoughts do create physical form—and when many people are thinking the same thing, there is a very high likelihood **their thoughts will form a Reality.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” 1st ellipsis dots in the original; bold & underline added)⁴⁸

After pointing out that Pierre Teilhard de Chardin “tried to integrate his scientific insights, *mystical* experiences, and theological doctrines into a coherent world view,” Capra writes that “Teilhard also postulated *the manifestation of mind* in larger systems and wrote that in human evolution *the planet is covered with a web of ideas*, for which he coined the term ‘*mind-layer*,’ or ‘noosphere.’”⁴⁹ And, of course, Teilhard de Chardin is described by Sweet as “Twentieth-century Christianity’s major voice.”⁵⁰

In this “web”/“mind-layer”/thought-“Matrix,” *controlling what these “ideas” are* is clearly indispensable to shaping and

forming and creating a new “*favoured* reality.” This inevitably turns the focus to what people *think*. And, without question, those in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality/“new world religion”/“new world view” will want the “web” of “ideas” to be “ideas” consistent with *Oneness*.

“In the new world view, the universe is seen as a dynamic web of interrelated events. None of the properties of any part of this web is fundamental; they all follow from the properties of the other parts, and **the overall consistency of their mutual interrelations determines the structure of the entire web.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁵¹

“When the oneness of the totality of things is not recognised, then ignorance as well as particularisation arises, and all phases of the **defiled mind** are thus developed ...” (Fritjof Capra quoting Ashvaghosha; emphasis added)⁵²

Hence, perish the thought of any minds “defiled” by the *particular* truth of *God’s Word* which puts an end to the mind games of *Oneness*. Of course, these *mind games* are more than just games—they’re “scientific.” In other words, they are also *mind science*. Or as the seducing spirit world teaches:

“You think it into being.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁵³

Accordingly, in *Quantum Spirituality*, Leonard Sweet writes that “‘*observer-participancy*’ constitutes the creative *building material* of the universe.”⁵⁴ That’s quite a statement, “scientific” or otherwise! *Who’s* the “Creator” in this dance of *Oneness*? He also writes that:

“Thought or consciousness are now part of the theories of matter. Physicist David Bohm formulates the question this way: ‘Whether **matter** is rather crude and mechanical or whether it gets more and more subtle and becomes **indistinguishable from** what people have called **mind**.’ [sic]” (emphasis added)⁵⁵

“The shape of our physical universe is dependent partly on our means of *perceiving* it.... [T]he *New Light* apologetic’s *essence* is its embodiment of an integrated, holistic, planetary spirituality ... When a multidimensional faith is lived synergistically and holistically, **a biodance takes place between the heavens and the earth, the Creator and the creation.**” (emphasis added)⁵⁶

“Ideas of the mind not only matter, **ideas of the mind** move matter, **even become matter** ...” (emphasis added)⁵⁷

“Quantum spirituality is nothing more than your ‘new account of everything old’--**your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are.**” (emphasis added)⁵⁸

“The church does not have the option of standing safely by and watching these changes take place without taking part.... **The universe,** as [‘Princeton physicist’ John] Wheeler puts it, **may ‘in some strange sense be ‘brought into being’ by the participation of those who participate.**” (emphasis added)⁵⁹

In *The Tao of Physics* and *The Turning Point*, Fritjof Capra writes:

“John Wheeler sees this involvement of the observer as the most important feature of quantum theory and he has therefore suggested replacing the word ‘observer’ by the word ‘participator’. In Wheeler’s own words,

“... In some strange sense the universe is a participatory universe.

“The idea of **‘participation instead of observation’** has been formulated in modern physics only recently, but it is an idea which **is well known to any student of mysticism.**” (emphasis added)⁶⁰

“The fact that all the properties of particles are determined by principles closely related to the methods of observation would mean that **the basic structures of the material world are determined, ultimately, by the way we look at this world;** that the observed **patterns of matter** are reflections of **patterns of mind.**” (emphasis added)⁶¹

And Neale Donald Walsch, in *Conversations with “God”* and *Tomorrow’s God*, writes:

“I ‘got’ [‘at a very high metaphysical level’] that **all is energy**, and that **energy turns into ‘matter’**—that is, physical ‘stuff’ and ‘occurrences’—**according to how I thought about them**. I understood, then, that ‘nothing matters’ means that **nothing turns into matter except as we choose for it to**.” (bold & underline added)⁶²

“[P]hysicist John Wheeler has proposed a conception of the universe that he has called ‘observer-participancy,’ or a **closed-loop participatory universe** in which—as quantum physics would have it—nothing that is observed is unaffected by the observer. In other words, **the Creator and the Created are One, each creating the other. Or, you [‘God’] have often put it, we are ‘God, Godding!’**” (bold & underline added)⁶³

“Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” (Matthew 6:27)

Although formerly obvious that man can neither *do* God nor *be* God nor *create* God, *how* exactly does man merely “*think*” thoughts, ideas, and imaginations *into* “*being*”/“*matter*”/“*reality*”/“*truth*”? By “‘*mind-melding*’ with all of Life” which includes man’s own inner “God,” of course.

“Creation Education ... will always encourage humanity to seek the experience of reunification with All That Is. That means with God and with All Humans Everywhere. It means ‘**mind-melding**’ with all of Life in its many manifest forms. It means, **becoming One**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁴

“There is only One of Us. You and I are One.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁵

“Religions now have an opportunity to shift from ‘There is only one God’ to ‘There is only One Thing at all.’...

“If **there is Only One Thing That Is**, then **everything and everyone must be part of that One Thing ...**” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁶⁶

“*Elements are particles of God*, portions of All, ***the stuff of everything***.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁷

“An incarnational God means that **God-stuff** is found **in the matter of the universe**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁸

“My Beingness is in everything. Everything.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁹

“God is the energy—the pure, raw energy—which you call life.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷⁰

“God is the Spirit of the universe ... **its energy**, its information, its thought.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷¹

“God is the energy you call imagination. God is creation. God is first thought. And God is last experience. **And God is everything in between**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁷²

Basically, when mind and matter are all the “energy” of “God,” or the “cosmic mind,” then the thoughts, ideas, and imaginations of man are the thoughts, ideas, and imaginations of “God.” And it’s no problem for “God” to think it all into “being”/“matter”/“reality”/“truth,” right? So just observe, participate, and create away. In this dance of the all-encompassing “*cosmic mind*”:

“This is what your religions mean when they say that you were **created in the ‘image and likeness of God.’**... It does mean that our *essence* is the same. *We are composed of the same stuff. We ARE the ‘same stuff’!* With all the same properties and abilities—including the ability to **create physical reality out of thin air**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & italics added)⁷³

The same “stuff” is the same “stuff” whether people absurdly deny this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality is a faith of emerging *godhood* or not. To be made of the “stuff” of “God” is to be made of the “*stuff*” of “God.” To be the “same stuff” as “God” is to be the “*same stuff*” as “God.” There are no two ways about it. Immanence is immanence. This “God” that is in everything is a “God” that is everything. Likewise, to “*think*” something “*into being*” is to do that

which only God can do. But then, people today *want* to participate in *doing* and *being* “God.” To *be* and *do* the new “God” of Oneness means freedom from having to *believe* and *obey* the “old” God of judgment—at least according to this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism anyway.

“You are *already* a God. You *simply* do not know it.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)⁷⁴

“[J]ust take my word for it—you are a **big creation machine**, and you are turning out a new manifestation **literally as fast as you can think**....

“Individual consciousness is powerful enough.... **And mass consciousness? Why, that is so powerful it can create events and circumstances of worldwide import and planetary consequences.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁷⁵

Hence the aligning of minds. The more people there are of “*like mind*” the greater the likelihood that their thoughts/“energies” will all “connect” and “clump” together into a new “reality” (or “energy pattern”). In other words, in order to *think* “into being” a new “God” and new future—a new world religion and new world—of Oneness, people merely need to think Oneness. And since there is clearly more imagination/mind power in a *group/mass* “consciousness,” the imagined “truth”/“reality” of this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism *needs* more people to observe and participate in it in order to bring “into being” the emergence of this imagined “truth”/“reality.”

Yet even if this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism brings warm fuzzies to the whole world, the attempt to bring this *imagined* “truth” and “reality” “into being” as *truth* and *reality*—which includes its *universal* “salvation”—is a true and real exercise in futility. But, sadly, those in this emerging faith are still bound and determined to succeed. It’s all about saving the world *from the truth of Who God is* so that “all the world’s souls” in revolution against God “can be set free.” And the seducing spirit world is more than willing to be of service in this journey of worldwide “spiritual” unbelief. This is, after all, its mission.

“... the god of this world hath **blinded the minds** of them **which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

The dance of aligning minds with the new “design”

In his 2010 book, *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet writes:

“With Einstein’s 1905 equation $E=mc^2$, we began the twentieth-century learning that matter and energy are essentially the same thing....

“Wake up, church. Already we are post-Einstein. As we begin the twenty-first century, some are making the case for **mind and matter** being **essentially the same thing**—matter is just dense mind.⁴² We now know that **mind affects matter**. We now know that mind affects matter **at a distance**. We now know our minds operate **beyond space and time**.” (emphasis added)¹

In his endnote #42 of this quote, Sweet writes:

“Some philosophers have always argued this (Spinoza, Jung), but scientists are now getting into the hypothesis to prove it one way or the other. One evidence of this is **the GCP (Global Consciousness Project)**, which asks the question: What would it mean **to align minds in such a way that the impact ripples throughout the universe?**” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²

Fittingly enough, in referring to its own system, the Global Consciousness Project website states:

“The heart of the system is the server named ‘**noosphere**,’ after Teilhard de Chardin’s idea of a global intelligence.” (emphasis added)³

And in an abstract for this Project titled, “Interconnecting with everyone: Being in global consciousness,” the website elaborates:

“Just as the biosphere is composed of all the organisms on Earth and their interactions, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin postulated that **the noosphere** is composed of **all the interacting minds** on Earth. The word refers to **a transhuman consciousness emerging from our interactions to become a guiding intelligence for the earth.**” (emphasis added)⁴

Again, Capra (who describes Teilhard de Chardin as a Western mystic/eminent scientist whose scientific/mystical/theological “world view” was “centered on the phenomenon of *evolution*”⁵) writes that “Teilhard ... wrote that in *human evolution* the planet is covered with *a web of ideas*, for which he coined the term ‘*mind-layer*,’ or ‘noosphere.’”⁶ Capra then points out that Teilhard de Chardin’s *own* “ideas ... are likely to contribute significantly to general recognition of *the harmony between the views of scientists and mystics.*”⁷ A scientist and mystic himself, Capra writes, “The parallels between science and mysticism are not confined to modern physics but can now be extended with equal justification to the new systems biology,”⁸ and that “[a]mong Western mystics the one whose thought comes closest to that of the new systems biology is probably Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.”⁹ And, of course, it was Teilhard de Chardin who wrote, “What I am proposing to do is to narrow that gap between *pantheism* and Christianity.”¹⁰

In his book *A “Wonderful” Deception*, Warren B. Smith points out that Teilhard de Chardin “who is frequently referred to as ‘the father of the New Age movement,’ believed that all of humanity is converging towards a universal New Age Christ in the future—an ‘Omega Point’ that will forever change and redefine mankind.”¹¹ Smith also quotes the following from Teilhard de Chardin:

“**A general convergence of religions** upon a **universal Christ** who fundamentally satisfies them *all*: that seems to me the only possible conversion of the world, and **the only form in which a religion of the future can be conceived.**”

“I believe that **the Messiah whom we await**, whom we all without any doubt await, is the universal Christ; that is to say, **the Christ of evolution.**” (emphasis added)¹²

And Teilhard de Chardin is described by Sweet as “*Twentieth-century Christianity’s major voice*”?¹³ But then, Sweet’s *own* teachings aren’t much different, and now even Sweet himself is described as “[o]ne of the church’s *most important* and provocative thinkers”!¹⁴ He even “serves as a consultant to many of America’s denominational leaders and agencies.”¹⁵ The “web” of “ideas” being formed between those in the New Age and those in today’s shifting Christianity certainly explains a lot. Without question, this aligning of minds is changing everything.

On its website, the Global Consciousness Project states the following:

“What should we take away from this scientific evidence of interconnection?... One implication is that our *attention* matters in a way we have not imagined possible, such that cooperative intent can have real consequences....

“Knowing there is **a noosphere**, even if it is subtle and still developing, can motivate us to be more conscious of **the interconnections it implies. We are part of a great being, ...**” (emphasis added)¹⁶

And, of course, the inevitable:

“It is absolutely necessary to inspire world leaders with powerful *new* social and cultural *values* – the central *spiritual* intent of this forum – and to teach these *values* to every human being. We must have the power of numbers to *force* a movement toward wisdom and humanity....

“It is time for us to recognize and adopt a *Noospheric Ethical/Ecological Constitution* and in so doing lay the groundwork for the *transition* from biosphere to *noosphere* envisioned by Vernadsky and predicted by Teilhard.” (emphasis added)¹⁷

In other words, people see it as time to go after what people *think*. And these latter two quotes are from a Paper written

by the Director of the Global Consciousness Project, for the World Forum of *Spiritual Culture*, Kazakhstan, October 2010.

Incidentally, this Global Consciousness Project that is being conducted at Princeton University is also a Project of the Institute of Noetic Sciences,¹⁸ which lists many New Age leaders in the Directory of its various Boards, Visionaries, and so forth. Neale Donald Walsch is even one of its Visionaries.¹⁹ And according to the Institute's website, "'Noetic' comes from the Greek word *nous*, which means 'intuitive mind' or 'inner knowing.'"²⁰ It is therefore not surprising that this Institute encourages "open-minded explorations of consciousness through the meeting of *science* and *spirit*."²¹ (The only "reality" that brings *science* and *spirit* together is the *immanence* of a *panentheistic/pantheistic* Oneness.) What is the Institute's purpose in bringing *science* and *spirit* together? To "help birth a *new worldview* that recognizes *our basic interconnectedness* and interdependence and promotes the flourishing of life in all its magnificent forms."²² Not surprisingly, it, too, wants to create a "new story" of "Who We Are."

As previously mentioned, the Global Consciousness Project website refers to "the noosphere" as an emergence of "a guiding intelligence for the earth." Shortly thereafter, it then goes on to state that "[c]onsciousness has a *creative, productive, generative* role in the world" which gives us the "capability of changing the future" and thus "a capability and a responsibility for changing the world so that the future is *brighter*," which, naturally, "depends on coalescing into a *greater consciousness*," i.e., "the *power* of joining others."²³ Why does man want to create a "new story" of "Who We Are" by joining together and emerging as man's *own* "guiding intelligence" according to man's "inner knowing"/"intuitive mind"? Because *man* is not willing to *believe* and *obey* the absolute truth of the Word of *God*.

In the Institute of Noetic Sciences' October 2010 Issue of *Noetic Now* is an article titled, "Re-writing the Story of Who We Are." Under the heading "Getting Out of the Box," this article asks the question, "What are our greatest obstacles to assuming authorship and authority for creating a new story, a new worldview – and therefore a new world?" It then says that "our *brain*" is "one such 'obstacle,'" and, as is to be expected, gives the reason that "[o]nce its primary *set of beliefs* has been established, the brain finds it difficult to *integrate opposing ideas and beliefs*," a lack of integration that "has profound consequences for individuals and society." The article also says that "for those willing and able to consider a new story, the current challenges to and shifts in human consciousness promise exciting opportunities for personal and planetary change."²⁴

One of those quoted in this article is Bruce Lipton—a cell biologist who "is regarded as one of the leading voices of the new biology" and "is an internationally recognized leader in bridging *science* and *spirit*."²⁵ It is therefore not surprising that this scientist participated in A Call to Conscious Evolution conference, August 2010, with renowned New Age leaders (a.k.a. "Evolutionary Leaders") such as Barbara Marx Hubbard, Marianne Williamson, Deepak Chopra, and others.²⁶ (Hubbard and Williamson are also among the New Age Visionaries of the Institute of Noetic Sciences²⁷ along with Walsch, and Chopra is on the Institute's International Advisory Board.²⁸) Under the heading "Embracing Our Potential," the article "Re-writing the Story of Who We Are" says:

"In his 2009 book, *Spontaneous Evolution: Our Positive Future (and a Way to Get There from Here)*, coauthored with Steve Bhaerman, Bruce Lipton writes that '... the critical mass of humanity involved with this evolution will change the world from the inside out. We are living positive future, practicing Heaven, and designing a bridge across which the whole of humanity will walk. . . . This is our love story, a universal love story for the entire Universe – you, me, everyone, and every living organism too.'" (parentheses & last ellipsis dots in the original)²⁹

Of course, this "universal love story" of Oneness is all "*scientific*," right? If mystics become scientists and scientists become mystics doesn't mysticism become science? Hardly. It all just enters the category of "*science falsely so called*" (1 Timothy 6:20), in which mysticism and science are indeed merging in today's emerging faith/science of Oneness/panentheism.

In his 2002 book *Reinventing Jesus Christ*—which has now been republished as *False Christ Coming – Does Anybody Care?: What New Age leaders really have in store for America, the church, and the world* (2011)—Warren B. Smith writes:

“Through the years [‘futurist’ and ‘conscious evolutionist’ and ‘co-founding board member of the World Future Society’ Barbara Marx] Hubbard has received voluminous information from her ‘Christ.’ In her 1993 book, *The Revelation: Our Crisis Is a Birth* (later renamed *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*), **Hubbard and ‘Christ’ ‘rewrite’ the Bible’s Book of Revelation.** In *The Revelation* Hubbard’s ‘Christ’ provides specific instructions on how **a united humanity, purposefully partnering with God, can literally re-create the future....** emphasizing that **a more ‘positive’ future can and will manifest when humanity — without exception — openly declares its ‘oneness’ with him and all creation.** This positive scenario and the means to attaining it is called **‘the alternative to Armageddon.’**

“Hubbard’s ‘Christ’ describes how planet Earth is at an evolutionary crossroads. He states that the world is about to make an evolutionary leap that will take all creation to a new level. Those who **awaken to their own divinity, by aligning themselves as one with God and one with each other,** will evolve....

“He describes, therefore, the necessity of a **‘selection process’** that **will select out resistant individuals** who ‘choose’ not to evolve. This ‘selection process’ is a ‘purification’ that will be accomplished through ‘the shock of a fire.’...

“The ‘selection process’ results in the deaths of those who refuse to see themselves as a part of God....

“Barbara Marx Hubbard, politically well-connected and extremely influential, is a major figure in the emerging field of New Age/New Gospel/New Spirituality politics. Her ‘Campaign for a Positive Future’ is still going strong. And her formal involvement with Marianne Williamson, Neale Donald Walsch and other New Age/New Gospel leaders ... represents a new kind of spiritual activism that is rapidly developing into a social and political movement.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁰

The dance of this panentheistic Oneness/wholeness that seeks to “awaken” everyone to the “God”/“Christ”/“divinity” in everyone and everything is already so successful at aligning minds with this new “design” that when the “selection process” takes place under the Antichrist there won’t be very many “resistant individuals” left who still know that *everyone and everything* are not “a part of God.” That is, there won’t be very many people who choose to believe *the truth* of Who God and His Son are. To the contrary, many will be (and already are) gladly and blindly participating in aligning their minds in this “evolutionary”/“quantum” leap of *faith* to the false “truth” and “reality” of Oneness with its false “God”/“Christ” in everyone and everything.

Direct quotes of Hubbard’s “Christ,” from *The Revelation*, are listed by Warren B. Smith in his book. The teachings of this *false* “Christ” include:

“You were born to **be me.** You were born to **be partners with God.**”

“The church is the body of believers who are **conscious of being me.**”

“I did not intend for you to deify me, but to **deify yourselves** as being at the same stage of evolution as I am.”

“Your unfinished species is ready to evolve. The time has come on Earth for **this quantum change** to occur in many of you.”

“Those who are not sufficiently educated to **align with the design,** experience God’s purification process as long as necessary, until they **learn how to know God or the Intention of Creation experientially.**”

“The ‘second death’ is for those of you who cannot evolve by choice, due to some deeply seated error in your understanding of **the nature of reality.**”

“There need be no greater punishment. There need be no threats. There is only choice. That is the purpose of freedom. Only those who choose to evolve, do. Henceforth, the choice is yours.”

“The alternative to Armageddon is open to you. This is why we are writing this text.”

“The end is near. The old play is almost over.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ” that channeled its teachings through Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)³¹

"And Jesus answering said unto them, ... I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:2, 3 & 5)

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation 16:15-16)

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns ... and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.... And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." (Revelation 19:11-16, 20)

The world can "align with the design" of a false "Christ" and "God" of *Oeness* all it wants, but this will *never* prevent the future *judgment* that the *true* Christ and God are going to execute on a world that remains *unrepentant of its unbelief*. In fact, so willfully is the world going to cling to its unbelief that it is even going to make war *against the Lord Jesus Christ, the KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS!* Clearly, those who are unrepentant of their unbelief are bound and determined to succeed in this understatedly futile alignment of minds—not to mention of armies—that aims to *reform God* one way or the other.

Today's attempt to align minds—i.e., to get them *in formation* with each other—in *Oeness* in order to create its *new* "truth" of its *new* "reality" of its *new* "God," and thus its *new* "brighter" and "positive" future that is free from Armageddon and hell, inevitably changes everything (albeit only for a season). Absurdities notwithstanding, this new "favored reality" of *Oeness* is quite a tall order which requires the "*synergistic*" power of the *group/mass* "consciousness"—i.e., of the "*collective mind*"—in order to have *enough* imagination/mind power to collectively co-create it all. And therefore everyone must observe and participate *likemindedly* to bring "the design" of this new "reality" of *Oeness* "into being." This obviously requires trying to change and control what and how people *think*. Moreover, "as quantum physics would have it—nothing that is observed is unaffected by the observer,"³² so if everyone does not participate in changing their *minds* and *perspective* then their *thoughts/minds* and *perspective* become *hindrances* that *negatively* affect this "scientific" creative process. In this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality/mind science, "*All That Is*" is *One* including *mind* and *matter*, so to change *minds* is to change "*All That Is*."

"Yet if you can remember this truth—**your perspective creates your thoughts, and your thoughts create everything** ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)³³

Hence the changing of minds to a perspective of *Oeness*. Again, those in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality just have to change the "collective mind," and poof! The collective has thus changed the "old" reality of the God of *judgment* into a new "reality" of a "God" of *Oeness*. Of course, even if those on this mission could manage to successfully change everyone's mind it would still be a *colossal failure* nonetheless. God says to man, "*I change not*" (Malachi 3:6), but man says to God, "*I change You*." This is a *delusion* to the *nth* degree! *There is not enough collective power in the entire universe/"cosmos" as a whole to effect one smidgeon of change to the true God*. Yet man believes that man can succeed in changing God. After all, man believes that man's science is always "true" and, therefore, since today's mind games are mind science this makes them "true," right? Just true mind games, with the help of "science falsely so called." And most helpful in these mind games is the seducing spirit world (which includes the fact that "the god of this world hath *blinded the minds* of them which *believe not*"--2 Corinthians 4:4).

"Thought is pure energy....

"All thoughts congeal; all thoughts meet other thoughts, criss-crossing in an incredible maze of energy, forming an ever-changing pattern of unspeakable beauty and unbelievable complexity.

"Like energy attracts like energy—forming (to use simple words) '**clumps**' of energy of like kind. When enough

similar ‘clumps’ criss-cross each other—run into each other—they ‘*stick to*’ each other (to use another simple term). **It takes an incomprehensibly huge amount of similar energy ‘sticking together,’** thusly, to form matter. But matter *will* form out of pure energy....

“You should now better understand how **people of like mind can work together to create a favored reality.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” all parentheses in the original; bold added)³⁴

“You think it into being.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³⁵

Again, absurdities notwithstanding, since *what* people *think* is key to aligning minds, and since people *think* about what they *observe*, the key to thinking the new “positive” and “brighter” future of today’s “favored reality” of Oneness “into being” is getting people to *observe* the “God” of Oneness, i.e., the *panentheistic* “God” that is *in everyone and everything*. (By the way, the *true* God Who is *separate* from creation, rather than *one* with creation, is *invisible* and cannot be *observed*. And, no, people are not observing *God* by observing man’s made-up “*ideas*” of what man’s “reimagined” “God” is “up to” in the world!)

“[T]here is no separation in God’s World—that is, **nothing which is not God ...**

“You cannot be separate from Me, for I Am All That Is....

“You and I are One. We cannot be anything else if I Am What **I Am: All That Is....**

“How could I separate Myself from Myself when My Self is All There Is, **and there is nothing else?**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)³⁶

“So go, now, and see each other as Who You Really Are.

“Observe. Observe. OBSERVE.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³⁷

“**‘We Are All One’** is more than a beautiful slogan. *It is a precise description of the nature of Ultimate Reality.* When you understand this, you ... see **the relationship of all things** differently. You notice **the connectedness** at a much higher level. Your awareness is expanded, your insight becomes very keen. You, quite literally, *see in....*

“A single sentence, uttered from your pulpits, lecterns, and rostrums, by your national congresses and your world summit leaders, could change everything.

“‘Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.’

“This humble utterance could begin to **heal the divisions** between your religions, close the gap between your political parties, curb the conflicts between your nations.

“With one word you could end them.

“‘Namasté.’

“God in me honors God in you.

“How simple. How beautiful. How wondrous, indeed.

“Yet how difficult, when one is caught up in the Illusion [of ‘Superiority’], to **see God in every one and every thing.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³⁸

Immediately preceding this quote the seducing spirit says, “There can be no such thing as Superiority when We Are All One. A thing cannot be superior to itself. *All things are One Thing, and there is nothing else.*”³⁹ And thus, since there is only “*One Thing*” and “*nothing else,*” “heal” all divisions by seeing and honoring “*God*” *in everyone and everything*—the “Ultimate Reality” of Oneness. In other words, “observe” (pay attention to) everyone and everything *except* the absolute truth of God’s Word which is *antithetical* to Oneness. So in this mission to see and honor “*God*” *in everyone and everything* it is not at all surprising that the focus is shifting from meaning to dancing and from God’s Word to “signs.” And, no, the dance of Oneness/panentheism is *not* the dance of the Holy Spirit.

“The art of **attention repivots the focus** of the church **from hermeneutics to semiotics....**

“Where hermeneutics is preoccupied with **meaning**, semiotics (or *the art and science of sign reading*) is preoccupied with **dancing**. Semiotics is *the art and science of paying attention*. A spiritual semiotics is paying attention to what the Holy Spirit is *up to* in our world today. **The future lies in those who can help others focus their attention and**

pay attention.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁰

“[P]aying attention changes your brain, your being, your future. According to some scholars, **the root lig in the word religion means ‘to pay attention.’** If so, from its very definition, religion helps us learn to pay attention **to people and to life.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁴¹

“In a state of semiotic awareness, **all of life is bathed in beauty and sacredness....**

Faith **widens** the imagination and lengthens the horizons. So why is church so **narrow** in its imagination, so short in its scope of thinking? Why is the body of Christ not bursting with creativity, but *a bastion of boredom?*...

“We are ... clueless as to **what the Spirit is up to ...**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴²

“In fact, some sign readers are arguing that **our very survival as a species depends on our ability to ‘read the signs.’**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴³

“Faith is more than learning to live in the reality of God’s invisible presence. Rather, faith is living in **the reality of God’s visible presence.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁴⁴

“Faith is the gift of **reading the signs of the presence of God....**

“Signs of God’s manifest presence **point me to Christ.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁵

“Are you **finding Christ in the people** you meet? Are you **finding Christ in the things** you handle? Are you **finding Christ in the food you eat? Finding Christ in the voices** you hear? **Finding Christ in the smells** you breathe?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁶

“The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of holy living is precisely this: **an awareness of the presence of Christ in all of life and in all things.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁷

“Faith makes **a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves and heals all discursive dualisms** (one of the *worst* of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’), all disastrous **separations** that **threaten our existence.**” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

“It is not religion and reason that go together, but **religion and relationship** that go together. Actually, that’s where **the word religion** comes from—*religare*—meaning **‘to connect, to bind together.’** **The future depends** not on our ability to ‘Come, let us reason together’ but **‘Come, let us relate together.’**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁴⁹

This emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism that is not at all on the *narrow* way—and *purposely* so—is not at all what God is “up to.” It is not God’s purpose to clear out the narrow way that leads to life in order to bring a new panentheistic “God” of Oneness “into being” on the broad way that leads to destruction. And a “God” and “Christ” in everyone and everything are as broad and wide of a way as it gets. People would be far better served if they were readers (and *believers*) of God’s Word of truth instead of “sign readers.” But that would obviously defeat the purpose of aligning minds in order to *change* the truth of God’s Word into a new “truth” of Oneness.

Believing the “medieval”/“outdated” *reality of opposites* such as *the true God and false gods, the true Christ and false Christs, truth and falsehood, right and wrong* is the greatest *hindrance* to aligning minds in a new “reality” of Oneness. That is, there is nothing more *hindering* to today’s desired dance of Oneness than the divisive *absolute truth* and *preeminent superiority* of Who the true God and the true Person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, are. And thus this emerging faith pays attention to everyone and everything *except* the absolute truth of God’s Word. The truth is simply too *narrow* to lead to today’s desired all-encompassing new “reality” of Oneness. Hence the aligning of minds on the broad way to “rethink” it all.

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

“Within the churches today there are men responding to **the new spiritual idealism**, to the *urgency* of the opportunity and to *the need for change*....

“Nothing can prevent **the new world religion** from eventually emerging.... It **will be hindered** by the fundamentalists, **the narrow-minded** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁰

“The reality of the atomic physicist, like the reality of the Eastern mystic, **transcends the narrow framework of opposite concepts**....

“Faced with a reality which lies beyond opposite concepts, physicists and mystics have to adopt **a special way of thinking**, where **the mind is not fixed** in the **rigid framework** of classical logic, **but keeps moving and changing its viewpoint**.... In the words of Lama Govinda, ‘The Eastern way of thinking rather consists in **a circling** round the object of contemplation ... a many-sided, i.e., multi-dimensional impression formed from the superimposition of single impressions **from different points of view**.’” (Fritjof Capra; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁵¹

In today’s aligning of minds, no doubt *hindering thoughts* will indeed become a “*thought-crime*” (as well as a “*hate*” crime). After all, those who do not participate in dancing around the truth in a circle of Oneness in the new “special way of thinking” (or not thinking) that brings *all* the different opposites/“points of view” together in a new “reality” of Oneness are not participating in changing “All That Is.” This hinders the world’s ability to *think* Oneness and its universal “salvation” “*into being*.” In other words, this hinders the *emergence* of today’s “new world religion.” Moreover, in this emerging faith/new world religion/New Quantum Spirituality there is a reason why *its* “God is a work in progress”⁵²—*no beliefs* necessary. *Beliefs* obviously require *thinking*, and unless this *thinking* is of *Oneness* it becomes a *hindrance*. So with this hindrance thus “transcended” (bypassed), people can just observe (pay attention to) and participate in the new “special way of thinking” (or not thinking) that dances around the truth *on purpose*.

So, how is this dance of aligning minds in the “favored reality” of this emerging faith—i.e., new world religion—of Oneness participated in?

- By learning to think, be, and do Oneness.
- By learning to replace *the meaning* of the truth with *dancing around* the truth.
- By learning to replace *the truth* with *storytelling*.
- By learning to “transcend” and “go beyond” *all opposites*.
- By learning to see *relationship* as preeminent in all things and as the ultimate “truth.”
- By learning to not *believe*.
- By learning to *see* and *honor* and *relate to* the “God” that is/is in *everyone and everything*.
- By learning to “read the signs,” “pay attention,” and “observe and participate” in all Oneness.
- By learning to “think *connectness* rather than *correctness*.”
- By learning to “*let go* the narrow.”

In other words:

- By giving up *what is* truth and falsehood, right and wrong.
- By giving up *believing and obeying* God and His Son.
- By giving up holding to and standing fast in *the truth and faith* of God’s Word.
- By giving up Who God and His Son are.

“**We must resign from the proposition business** ... and build up a relational theology in which ‘**Only Connect**’ is the engine room of the *theological* enterprise ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵³

“Can we **give up TunnelVision for TogetherVision**? Can we turn away from the spotlights to turn on the searchlights and find the hidden and forgotten?

“Where is God to be found?... ‘[I]n the next person you meet or not at all.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁴

All of humanity just has to get on board with bringing everyone and everything together as one. Then this panentheistic “theological enterprise” that is watching for its new “God” that is “hidden” in plain site in *everyone/everything* can run full throttle toward its future.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?” (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

“And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities ... O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!... And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, ... let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.” (Deuteronomy 32:20-21, 29, 37-38)

“Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin.... Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.” (Isaiah 30:1, 8-11)

The “Parable of the Rock” and the “Big Bang”

Incredibly, in the emerging faith/science fiction of Oneness/panentheism the reason for “God’s” *immanence* in the very substance of *everyone and everything* really is man’s “Big Bang.” And it is the exploding of this “God” into bits and pieces—i.e., into subatomic particles—that are immanent in the very substance of everyone and everything that is also the basis for this “God” being a verb that is a “dynamic,” ever-changing, ever-moving, relative “Rock” that is “Being.” On the other hand, the true God (Who is only blasted to bits in the dreams of unbelieving man and especially of the soon-to-be-damned spirit world) has always been, and will always be, a noun that is a “static,” never-changing, immovable, absolute Rock Who is a Being. The difference is eternal. Again, only the true God is the true God. And the pantheistic/panentheistic “God” of Oneness that is/is in everyone and everything is not the true God.

The following two quotes are from the seducing spirit world. The first one explodes “God.” The second one, called “the Parable of the Rock,” then glues these bits and pieces of its exploded “God” back together into its “Rock,” which is only “the Rock of Ages” in its dreams to “be like the most High.” The “Parable of the Rock,” which is diabolically crafted through and through with the utmost of serpentine subtility, epitomizes in a nutshell the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness.

“In the beginning, that which *Is* is all there was, and there was nothing else. Yet All That *Is* could not know itself—because **All That Is is all there was, and there was nothing else....**

“This *energy*—this pure, unseen, unheard, unobserved, and therefore unknown-by-anyone-else energy—chose to experience Itself as the utter magnificence It was....

“It reasoned, quite correctly, ... that if It thus simply *divided* Itself into portions, each portion, being less than the whole, could look back on the rest of Itself and see magnificence.

“And so **All That Is divided Itself**—becoming, in one glorious moment, that which is *this*, and that which is *that*....

“... God made it possible for God to know Itself. **In the moment of this great explosion from within**, God created *relativity*—the greatest gift God ever gave to Itself. Thus, *relationship* is the greatest gift God ever gave to you ...

“From the No-Thing **thus sprang the Everything**—a spiritual event entirely consistent, incidentally, with what your scientists call **The Big Bang** theory....

“In rendering the universe as a *divided version of Itself*, God produced, from pure energy, all that now exists—both seen and unseen....

*“This is what your religions mean when they say that you were created in the ‘image and likeness of God.’... It does mean that our essence is the same. **We are composed of the same stuff. We ARE the ‘same stuff!’**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹*

“Consider **the Parable of the Rock**.

“Once there was a **Rock, filled with countless atoms, protons, neutrons, and subatomic particles of matter**. These particles were **racing around continually, in a pattern**, each particle going from ‘here’ to ‘there,’ and taking ‘time’ to do so, yet going so fast that the Rock itself seemed to move not at all. It just *was*. There it lay, drinking in the sun, soaking up the rain, and moving not at all.

“‘What is this, inside of me, that is moving?’ the Rock asked.

“‘It is You,’ said a Voice from Afar.

“‘Me?’ replied the Rock. ‘Why, that is impossible. I am not moving at all. Anyone can see that.’

“‘Yes, *from a distance*,’ the Voice agreed. ‘From way over *here* you *do* look as if you are solid, still, not moving. But when I come closer—when I look very closely at what is actually happening—I see that **everything that comprises What You Are is moving**. It is moving **at incredible speed through time and space in a particular pattern which creates You as the thing called ‘Rock.’** And so, you are like magic! You are moving and *not moving* at the same time.’

“‘But,’ asked the Rock, ‘**which, then, is the illusion? The oneness, the stillness, of the Rock, or the separateness and the movement of Its parts?**’

“To which the Voice replied, ‘Which, then, is the illusion? The oneness, the stillness, of **God**? Or the separateness and movement of **Its parts?**’

“**And I tell you this: Upon this Rock, I will build My church. For this is the Rock of Ages.** This is the eternal truth that leaves no stone unturned. I have explained it all for you here, in this little story. **This is The Cosmology.**

“Life is a series of minute, incredibly rapid movements. These movements do not affect at all the immobility and **the Beingness of Everything That Is**. Yet, just as with the atoms of the rock, **it is the movement which is creating the stillness**, right before your eyes.

“From this distance, **there is no separateness**. There cannot be, for **All That Is is All There Is, and there is nothing else**. I am the Unmoved Mover.

“From the limited perspective with which you view All That Is, you see yourself as separate and apart, not one unmovable being, but many, many beings, constantly in motion.

“Both observations are accurate. Both realities are ‘real.’” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)²

First, it is actually *both* the “oneness”/“stillness” and the “separateness”/“movement” that are the illusion here (as is this whole “Parable”/emerging faith). The true God Who is *separate* from His Creation and an *immoveable* Being is the true Rock. Moreover, it is the *Oneness* that is the *movement* of the counterfeit “Rock”/“God” and “Its parts.” It is also this *movement* of *Oneness* that brings “many, many beings” together as “one unmovable being”—i.e., as one glued-together “Rock.” This “Parable” intertwines and redefines the nature of Oneness and separateness in the crafty attempt to bring both of these opposite “realities” together as one in the circle of Oneness. Nevertheless, *separateness* is the *true* reality. And “there is no separateness” in Oneness; *period*. It is *not* that there only *seems* to be no separateness *from a distance*! Separateness is separateness, at *any* distance. And *true* separateness is neither the “separateness” nor the “motion” of all the subatomic particles that comprise this false “God” of Oneness. Contrary to the absurdities of this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism, there is no “God” that is “the Beingness of Everything That Is.” The *true* God is *not* the subatomic particles of His creation. Neither is He *in* them. God did not explode Himself.

Second, this moving “Rock” that consists of subatomic particles that are ever-moving and ever-rearranging and thus ever-changing into new “energy patterns” is the “Rock” upon which *the seducing spirit world* is building *its* “church.” And its counterfeit “church” of its counterfeit “Rock” is its interfaith “one Church” of its “new world religion,” by which its “fullness of truth” will “be revealed”:

“The churches in the West need also to realize that basically **there is only one Church**, but it is not necessarily only the orthodox *Christian* institution. **God works in many ways, through many faiths and religious agencies**; this is one reason for the elimination of non-essential doctrines. By the emphasizing of the essential doctrines and **in their union will the fullness of truth be revealed. This, the new world religion will do ...**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³

Sweet writes:

“Can we **give up TunnelVision for TogetherVision**? Can we turn away from the spotlights to turn on the searchlights and find the hidden and forgotten?

“Where is God to be found?... We are watching for the God who is to be found (as Gandhi said) ‘in the next person you meet or not at all.’” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴

Ghandi (who taught E. Stanley Jones) was a self-proclaimed Hindu/Christian/Muslim/Buddhist/Jew⁵ who also said:

- “There is only one God, but there are many paths to Him;”⁶
- “If all religions are one at source, we have to synthesize them;”⁷
- “Temples or mosques or churches... I make no distinction between these different abodes of God;”⁸
- “I would worship an idol even made of clay, if thereby my mind becomes lighter.... The stone is no God; but God resides in the stone;”⁹ and
- “Live and let live or mutual forbearance and toleration is the Law of Life. That is the lesson I have learnt from the Quran, the Bible, the Zend Avesta and the Gita.”¹⁰

Gandhi clearly relied on interfaith Oneness to teach him about “the Law of Life.” This is not surprising. He is also said to have written that he believed “that *all life is in essence one* and that humans are working consciously or unconsciously towards the realisation of that identity.”¹¹ Sadly, more and more people are indeed working towards this “identity.” The Oneness of all life is today’s preferred new “truth” and “reality.”

“It is one thesis of this book [*Nudge: **Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There***] that if we only knew how to **sense God**, to **see, hear, smell, taste, touch the divine**, we could nudge the world with **the consciousness** that **‘everything that lives is holy’** in some way.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

“In this way we should **consciously discover our Lord in all things**. This requires much diligence, **demanding a total effort of our senses and power of mind**; then those who manage this are in **a right state: taking God equally in all things, they find God in equal measure in all.**” (Leonard Sweet quoting Meister Eckhart; emphasis added)¹³

That is, they find what they have chosen to look for. And in this dance of aligning minds, those who are in this “right state” have chosen to see this *immanent* “God” of Oneness *in everyone/everything*. In other words: “*God in me honors God in you*. How simple.... Yet how difficult, when one is caught up in the Illusion [of ‘Superiority’], to *see God in every one and every thing*.”¹⁴ To put this another way, basically, in the so-called “Illusion” of *the superiority of truth* how difficult it is to see the Emperor’s new clothes. (Lest anyone has forgotten this childhood story, the Emperor had no clothes.) Those in this emerging faith have donned the Emperor’s same new wardrobe and are absurdly choosing to see and honor each other’s new clothes, which does indeed demand “a *total effort*” of “power of mind.” This new kind of “awareness” is precisely what is required to see and honor “*God in everyone and everything*.”

“The more *attentive* you are, the more you **see Christ in every person and the sacramental nature of all of life.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

“Poet/critic Paul Mariani says **it is our lack of imagination that has closed us to an awareness of God in the world.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁶

“Faith is the gift of **reading the signs of the presence of God.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

“[F]aith is living in **the reality of God’s visible presence.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹⁸

*“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in **the vanity of their mind.**” (Ephesians 4:17)*

Again, neither God nor His Son are in everyone and everything. There is an eternal difference between going into the world to “*see Christ* in every person” and going into the world to *teach and preach Christ* to every person. We are not saved by believing in our imagination.

*“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel to every creature.**” (Mark 16:15)*

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ...**” (Matthew 28:19-20)*

“We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to conceive beauty, truth, and goodness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“The passion for evangelism is nothing other than a passion for **reading the signs of what God is up to, connecting the God-dots**, signing up, and then laying down our lives on God’s dotted lines.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

“For nudge evangelism to work, we must bring together two things seldom seen together: evangelism and semiotics....

Semiotics ... **is the art of making connections, linking disparate dots, ...**

“The Greek word for **signs** is *semeia* (from which we get the word **semiotics**). We are directed by Jesus to **learn how to read signs**, to read ‘the handwriting on the wall.’...”

“Some things look easy until you try them (like juggling and jigsaws). Other things look hard until you try them (like semiotics)....

“We see what we choose to see, ...” (Leonard Sweet; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²¹

“Think of semiotics as a receiver. We live in an ocean of waves—radio, cell phone, wi-fi, infrared, cosmic.... These waves will continue to remain invisible unless there is a receiver that can channel them into forms we can hear and see....

“This book [Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There] is your wireless card to pick up the signals of transcendence, the immanent transcendent, that are out there but not being downloaded. Semiotics is the art of finding channels and making *connections*. Evangelism as semiotics is the art of **tuning our receivers to the ‘I AM’ channel** and setting the controls to receive and transmit transdimensional frequencies.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

“Nudgers **listen for that background hum of the Creator built into the universe.**”³⁴” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²³

In his endnote #34 of this latter quote, Sweet writes:

“According to some physicists, 1 percent of the static on a TV set tuned between stations is caused by microwave radiation that last interacted with matter at the time of the Big Bang 13.7 billion years ago.”²⁴

In other words, just listen for the hum of the shifting *sand of immanence*, i.e., the sand created from man’s “Big Bang” having blasted the Rock. Accordingly, on the website for “Science and Nonduality (SAND)” —a collaborative partner with the Institute of Noetic Sciences,²⁵ and, yes, the acronym they chose really is SAND (this is one of those cases where “the handwriting [is] on the wall”) —is the following quote:

“Nonduality is the philosophical, spiritual, and scientific understanding of non-separation and fundamental *intrinsic oneness*.

“For thousand [sic] of years, through deep inner inquiry, philosophers and sages have came [sic] to the realization that

there is only one substance and we are therefore all part of it. **This substance can be called Awareness, Consciousness, Spirit, Advaita, Brahman, Tao, Nirvana or even God.** It is constant, ever present, unchangeable and is **the essence of all existence.**

"In the last century Western scientists are arriving at the same conclusion: The universe does indeed comprise [sic] of a **single substance, presumably created during the Big Bang**, and all sense of being - consciousness - subsequently arises from it. This realization has ontological implications for humanity: fundamentally **we are individual expressions of a single entity, inextricably connected to one another**, we are all drops of the same ocean....

"Our starting point is the statement '**we are all one**,' and this is meant not in some abstract sense but **at the deepest level of existence. Duality, or separation between the observer and the observed, is an illusion** that the Eastern mystics have long recognized and Western science has more recently come to understand through *quantum mechanics*." (emphasis added)²⁶

And Sweet writes:

"God is Pure Voice. In fact, scientists even contend that the background 'noise' of creation (**'The Big Bang'**?) is still out there. An **incarnational** God means that **God-stuff is found in the matter of the universe.**" (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

"Nudgers listen for that background hum of **the Creator built into the universe.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁸

And as the seducing spirit world teaches:

"Elements are particles of God, portions of All, the stuff of everything." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)²⁹

"In the moment of this great explosion from within, God created relativity—the greatest gift God ever gave to Itself. Thus, relationship is the greatest gift God ever gave to you ...

"From the No-Thing thus **sprang the Everything**—a spiritual event entirely consistent, incidentally, with what your scientists call **The Big Bang** theory....

"In rendering the universe as a divided version of Itself, God produced, from pure energy, all that now exists—both seen and unseen." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)³⁰

When a "God" explodes itself into an infinite number of bits and pieces, these bits and pieces are *relative "truths"* that are *all* part of "the fullness of truth," or "the Totality of God." So in this *relativity*, "All the various truths form one Truth; ... your little bit of truth forms part of the group mosaic."³¹ And, of course, with an exploded "God" that thereby gives *relativity* to itself, *relationship* thus becomes *universal* and *unconditional*. That is, *relationship* with "God" thus becomes a gift to everyone and everything *automatically*. After all, a little bit of "God" is in everyone and everything.

People in the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism may think they are listening to God's "Voice," but *the seducing spirit world*, not God, is the one that scratches itching ears that have turned away from the truth. And people are more than happy to believe in both a "Big Bang" and immanence—*fables* that give man his desired freedom from having to believe and obey the true God and His Word of absolute truth. According to the Word of God, those who do not believe the truth of either creation or of His past and coming global judgments "*willingly are ignorant*" (see 2 Peter 3:3-12). And, incidentally, God's coming judgment is one of fire in which "*the elements shall melt with fervent heat*" (v. 12). Contrary to the seducing spirit world's fables of immanence/Oneness, "*Elements are [not] particles of God.*" Not only did God not explode Himself, but God is not going to *melt* with fervent heat! But, of course, those who "willingly are ignorant" of the "medieval"/"outdated" reality of the truth of God's Word don't see it that way.

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it." (Jeremiah 6:9-10)

*“And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. **They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God ...**” (Deuteronomy 32:20-21)*

It is unbelievable, yet at the same time not surprising at all given today’s massive shift to darkness, that Leonard Sweet has been chosen to contribute to a “Bible translation” that is to be published by Thomas Nelson. Given his teachings, it is a complete mockery of God and His Word that Sweet has been chosen *at all*, let alone to *rewrite/reword* the book of *Genesis*. As previously mentioned, this new version (*new for a reason*) is called *The Voice*. Sweet writes:

“God is Pure Voice. In fact, scientists even contend that **the background ‘noise’ of creation (‘The Big Bang’?)** is still out there. An incarnational God means that *God-stuff* is found in the *matter* of the universe.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³²

“Nudgers **listen for that background hum of the Creator built into the universe....**

“Voice is the pleasure and privilege of the bodyless God.⁴⁰” (emphasis added)³³

And in his endnote #40 of this latter quote, Sweet writes:

“Hence **the Bible translation, *The Voice*** (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, upcoming) of which **my contribution is the book of Genesis.**” (parentheses in the original; bold added)³⁴

It sends a very clear message as to what people think of God’s Word when a “Scripture Project” (which will be addressed more later) has a person—“theologian” or otherwise—“translate” the book of Genesis who believes in *the fable* of *evolution* rather than *the truth* of Genesis. (Sweet repeatedly makes this clear, and *Quantum Spirituality* is a prime example.) And, despite the absurd claims to the contrary, neither “*The Big Bang*” nor *evolution* are “*creation*”!

Incidentally, Ken Ham, the founder of Answers in Genesis (an apologetics ministry that focuses on “the most-attacked book of the Bible”³⁵), points out that although a “Big Bang” hasn’t happened yet, one is *coming*. He says, “When people ask me if I believe in a ‘Big Bang,’ I answer: ‘Sure—are you getting ready for it?’”³⁶ In the above-mentioned passage of 2 Peter chapter 3, verse 10 says:

*“But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away **with a great noise**, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”*

Regarding this verse, Ken Ham says, “This is talking about the coming judgment by fire, when there will be a great noise. This is the real Big Bang—the final judgment on this Earth. *Are you ready ...?*”³⁷

Moreover, Zephaniah 1:14 says:

*“**The great day of the LORD is near**, it is near, and hasteth greatly, **even the voice of the day of the LORD**: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.”*

The “great noise” of this future “real Big Bang” is the “voice” of the true God’s coming *judgment*. But, of course, those in today’s emerging “faith”—i.e., revolution against God—are trying to *change* the “old” reality of the God of *judgment* into a new “reality” of a “God” of *Oneness*. So it isn’t surprising that they are listening for a “Voice” that is the “noise” of a past “Big Bang”—a “reimagined” “Big Bang” of *Oneness* that just so happens to conveniently blast the God of *judgment* into *immanent* bits. But this is all “scientific,” right?

*“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of **science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.** Grace be with thee. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:20-21)*

People today ascribe *inerrancy* to man’s *science* rather than to God’s inspired *Scripture* for a reason. They simply are not willing to accept the truth and reality of God’s absolute truth. And, conveniently, the “truth” and “reality” of today’s

science gives people the freedom to rewrite/reword (i.e., “rethink”) the truth of God’s Word into a new and “improved” “Bible translation”—i.e., one that they are *willing* to accept.

Absurdly, Brian McLaren is also one of the “translators” for Thomas Nelson’s *The Voice*. Never mind that according to this “translator” and rewriter of the truth of God’s Word:

“In my own experience as a lover and reader of the Bible, as **I am freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket** ... I feel I can breathe a little freer ...” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)³⁸

“Perhaps when our conservative friends **ask those of us on this quest if we believe in the inerrancy of Scripture**, our reply should be: **‘No**, I believe the Scripture is *better* than inerrant.’” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)³⁹

“If we believe that **the same God who created an evolving universe is revealed in an evolving Bible**, we can derive some fascinating insights from contemporary studies of genetics. Today’s chickens, it turns out, still have the genetic information in their DNA that was used to produce long tails, scales, and teeth in their ancestors the dinosaurs.... We might say that *the Bible* similarly retains a record of *its own evolution* ...” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁴⁰

The only “reality” in which an “evolving universe” results in an “evolving Bible” is the “reality” of *Oeness/panentheism* in which “God,” and thus the “truth” of “God,” is *immanent in the universe* and therefore “evolving” right along with it. And, as is the whole point, in this case there *cannot* be *absolute truth* that must be *believed* because there would only be an *ever-changing “truth”* of an *ever-changing “God.”* There’s only one problem. The *non-immanent, never-changing true God* did not create “an *evolving universe*.” Man’s created new “God” of *Oeness/panentheism* did,^f the “energies” of which man is tapping into in order to “evolve” the “old” truth of God and His Son into an all-encompassing testament/covenant/way to God that gives everyone the freedom to imagine and define God and His Son however they choose. Without question, an “evolving” “Bible”/“truth” frees man from the *never-changing, absolute truth* of God’s inerrant inspired Scripture. And since this clearly saves the world *from the truth of Who God and His Son are*, man is thereby set free from the soul “sort,” right?

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

“For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; **in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.**” (Isaiah 59:12-13)

Again, it sends a very clear message to have people “translate” the truth of God’s Word who *don’t believe* the truth of God’s Word. But no matter how many people try to change His truth—i.e., “translate” it into the new way of thinking—God promises to *preserve His words from this generation forever*. And God said what He meant and meant what He said in the words of His inspired Holy Scriptures. And, no, “holy men of God” are not men that see *no difference* between the *holy and the profane*!

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the **scripture** is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came **not** in old time **by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**” (2 Peter 1:20-21)

“**Every word of God is pure:** he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” (Proverbs 30:5)

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By the way, the universe is likewise not the “intelligent” design of an immanent “cosmic mind.” Sadly, no the world is not being brought closer to believing in the *true God* through “Intelligent Design.” Rather, “Intelligent Design” (ID) is leading the world into believing in a generic “*intelligence*” behind creation (a term now also deceptively applied to “*evolution*”) that can be defined (or identified) however anyone chooses. This is the emerging faith of the generic “God” of *Oeness*. Moreover, this “God” of *Oeness* is also the “intelligence” (a.k.a. “cosmic mind”/“universal mind”) that has “designed” the universe to be *panentheistic/pantheistic*. And, therefore, this design of *Oeness* gives people the freedom to *ID “God” in everyone and everything*. At any rate, a design of *Oeness* is not the design of the true God. The true God is not a generic “God”/“intelligence” that can be *ID’d* however people choose.

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” (Psalm 12:6-7)

A key part of setting the world free from the “literalistic and dualistic straitjacket” of God’s inerrant inspired Scripture—i.e., of God’s *absolute truth*—is to lead people to *move beyond* the words of God’s Word. And, thus, many people have been blindly moving into *the ditch* where, sadly, they have been falsely led to believe they can have a deeper relationship with God.

*“Jesus said unto them, ... **He that is of God heareth God’s words**: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.” (John 8:42, 47)*

“... Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?” (Luke 6:39)

In *A Is for Abductive: The Language of the Emerging Church* by Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, and Jerry Haselmayer, is the following quote:

“V is for Voice ...

“And what postmoderns are listening for is less words than the music of the spheres, especially the heavenly spheres, but sometimes the dances of demons....

“Some things are too ‘noisy’; other things have too much ‘static.’...”

“Voice is discovering the intrinsic form through attentive listening through the ‘auditory imagination’ (T. S. Eliot) and ‘acoustic ideas’ (Thomas Mann).” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴¹

*“This evil people, **which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods**, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.” (Jeremiah 13:10)*

*“And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape**. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.” (John 5:37-38)*

*“**Hold fast the form of sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 1:13)*

*“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ... **For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; ... Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**.” (John 17:1, 8, 17)*

*“But this thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey my voice**, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. **But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward**.... This is a nation that **obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God**, nor receiveth correction: **truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth**.” (Jeremiah 7:23-24, 28)*

The fact that Thomas Nelson is publishing a “Bible translation” (*The Voice*) that includes Sweet, McLaren, et al., in the never-ending mission to rewrite the truth of God’s Word speaks volumes on *many levels*. But then, today’s mission is not about getting people to believe and obey the truth. Quite the contrary. It is about getting people to *change their minds* to Oneness and its immanent, *interfaith* “God” that is *in everyone and everything*. In *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet writes:

“Christianity is not about ‘Do you believe?’ but ‘Do you hear?’...

“Evangelism is **not getting people to believe this or that and they will be saved**. Evangelism is getting people to *hear* it for themselves.” (emphasis added)⁴²

““We believe that **the divine presence is everywhere**. —Rule of St. Benedict, chapter 19”

“When we fail to **shut up and listen**, we fall out of step with **the rhythm of God’s presence**.” (emphasis added)⁴³

“When we wake the church from its **dogmatic slumbers**, and point out that the *old* responses no longer get the *needed* reactions, we shouldn’t expect flowers and hugs....

“For nudgers, every **awakening** is a meeting—a call to **connection** with some one, some event, **some One**. Every awakening is a special **openness** to the strangeness of the world.... Can you **hear God sing in the world**, and the **different notes and beats** that go with **different cultures**? This is what semiotic nudges do ... help people, starting with ourselves, **wake well and hear the music of the spheres**.” (last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁴

“... tuning our receivers to the **‘I AM’ channel** and setting the controls to receive and transmit transdimensional **frequencies**.” (emphasis added)⁴⁵

“If super-string physics is right (and the loop gravity school says it’s not), then **the basic reality of the universe is vibration or sound**....

“**String theory defines matter as ‘vibrating strings of energy.’** That’s it. What makes a turnip a turnip, and a carrot a carrot? A change in vibrations. Vibrations are what turn one vegetable into another. Why? Because matter is but vibrations, notes on God’s violin. Anything that vibrates does so at speeds called frequencies, and **the frequencies of vibration create sound. When sounds are shaped together, that’s called music**. Words like *vibration*, *frequency*, *sound*, and *music* are in some ways interchangeable. Oh, I forgot one term that should be added to that list: *matter*.” (parentheses in the original; bold added)⁴⁶

How fitting that in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality the “music of the spheres” that is playing on the “channel” of its immanent “God” of *Oneness* comes from “*circular ‘strings’*”:

“In microphysics, elementary matter or quanta are treated ... as **continuous stacks of strings looping out into space** with spaces between them.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁷

“[E]nergy is the stuff of life. Fear itself is an energy, a vibration.

“**Everything is a vibration**. Quantum physics and **super-string theory**—and now the latest articulation of this, called M-theory—tell us that **everything in existence** is composed not of points, or ‘*dots*,’ of *energy*, but of smaller-than-minuscule **circular ‘strings’ that vibrate constantly, at differing rates**. These strings have the ability to **interconnect, or intertwine, with each other, creating a ‘superstring.’**” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁴⁸

More like creating a super web. This sounds like the infinitely intertwined strips of the Möbius strip. Strips . . . strings . . . what’s the difference? When infinitely intertwined, both are a super *web* which, incredibly, is what people in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality *want*. Never mind that a web is created by spiders to catch their *prey*—which is fitting of “the cosmic web” of *Oneness* (as well as its web of infinitely intertwined *circles of Oneness of all opposites*). People don’t think twice about a web because they have been desensitized to it all by *the worldwide web*—a web that is no doubt being *monitored* (to say the least) for its “*ideas*.” (Incidentally, the worldwide web was created by and for the scientists of CERN’s Large Hadron Collider,⁴⁹ which, as previously mentioned, is looking for “the God particle.”) At any rate, whether people in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of *Oneness*/panentheism believe that it is *dots* of energy (or “*God dots*”) or *circular strings* that constitute everything in existence, the end result is the same.

Again, *Oneness* was started by Satan in the Garden of Eden and does not lead to the true God. Even though it is perfectly clear in God’s Word of truth that the true God is not a God of *Oneness* and is not *in everyone and everything*, people’s ears today are positively itching for *Oneness*. So to easily change people’s minds away from the truth of God and unto its fables of *Oneness*, all the seducing spirit world has to do is simply scratch itching ears. Sadly, there are many people who want *no difference* between the “sacred” and “profane”—i.e., who want *Oneness*—who are giving heed to this *diabolical* voice. But, of course, they don’t hear it that way. Rather, in *Oneness*, where there is *no difference* between the holy and *profane*, it becomes the voice of “*God*” and sounds like “*music*” to their ears.

“It is why I have said, play, play, *play* ... with all of life!

“**Mix** what you call **the sacred with the sacrilegious** ...

“**So go ahead! Mix what you call the profane and the profound—so that you can see that there is no difference,**

and experience All as One....

“When at last you see that there is no separation in God’s World—that is, *nothing* which is not *God*—then, at last, will you let go of this invention of man which you have called *Satan*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added, except to *play*)⁵⁰

“Faith makes a metanoized *mulch* of all *dichotomized selves* and heals all *discursive dualisms* (**one of the worst of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’**), all **disastrous separations** that threaten our existence.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵¹

“... **they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... and I am profaned among them.**” (Ezekiel 22:26)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

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

In the emerging faith of Oneness, profaning God becomes *irrelevant*. But this is to be expected given that this emerging “faith” is blasting God to immanent bits in order to *eliminate* all difference between the holy and profane. And as people change their minds to Oneness, they begin to “see” and “hear” it everywhere as their “consciousness”/“awareness,” i.e., their thinking, shifts accordingly. With the seducing spirit world’s help, people even “awaken” to immanence and “know” this panentheistic Oneness *experientially*. So why would they see it as *profaning God*? Never mind that immanence/Oneness *by its very nature* of being *in everyone and everything* automatically *profanes the true God*.

In fact, since “reimagining” God as immanent *in all things* brings *all things* into Oneness with God, it is *the ultimate profaning of God*. But this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism doesn’t even stop there. Since it then connects/defrags (glues) *all things* together as “*God*,” it is also *the ultimate idol*. And this all-encompassing “*Totality*” or “*wholeness*” of this new *profane “God” of Oneness* is being formed and created to be a *replacement* of the “old” *holy God of judgment*. But, as mentioned earlier, no matter what this emerging faith chooses to use for glue—from the “relationship” of New Age Oneness to taking truth from God’s Word—this glued-together whole “God” of Oneness will never be anything more than a glued-together *counterfeit*. This gluing process can even be as “scientific” as “gluons” that “‘glue’ quarks together,” and it will still be nothing more than a glued-together counterfeit.

“[I]n QCD [‘quantum chromodynamics’] the strong interactions [between particles] are mediated by the exchange of ‘**gluons**’ between coloured quarks. These are not real particles but some kind of quanta that ‘**glue’ quarks together to form mesons and baryons.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁵²

The following is taken from an article of DISCOVER magazine titled, “The Glue That Holds the World Together”:

“Inside the proton lies the deep, unsettling truth: Stuff is made of nothing, or almost nothing, held together by glue, lots of glue....

“Frank Wilczek ... helped develop this theory of the proton in 1973....

“A proton is made of three quarks, yes, but the quarks are infinitesimal ... imprisoned in flickering clouds of other particles—other quarks, ... and, above all, **gluons**, which **transmit the force that binds the quarks together**. Gluons are massless and evanescent, but **they carry most of the proton’s energy**. That is why it is more accurate to say protons are made of gluons rather than quarks. **Protons are little blobs of glue**—but even that picture conveys something *too static* and *substantial*. All is *flux* and crackling energy inside a proton ... ‘It’s a very rich, *dynamic* structure,’ says Wilczek....

“Quantum chromodynamics, or QCD, the theory that Wilczek [who ‘lives in Einstein’s old house’ at Princeton] and his colleagues invented, is a type of quantum field theory ...

“In quantum chromodynamics [‘the force that holds protons together’], quarks carry a new kind of charge, called

color—which has nothing to do with ordinary color—and those charges generate a color field (hence the name chromodynamics). The quantum of the field, and the transmitter of the strong force, is the gluon....

“‘It’s only at the crudest level that a proton is made of three quarks,’ Wilczek says. ‘When you look close and get inside these clouds and start seeing **the basic structure**, you see that **it’s mostly glue**.’

“Which makes all the more interesting the question of how the universe ever managed to design such a thing....

“[Wilczek says:] ‘**If you really study the equations, it gets almost mystical**.’” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵³

Shortly after Capra’s above quote on gluing “quarks together to form mesons and baryons,” he comes back to “energy patterns” and the mind:

“To understand the essence of the new development it is necessary to clarify the meaning of quark structure within the context of S-matrix theory.... [T]he S-matrix approach, being *holistic* and thoroughly *dynamic*, sees particles as **interrelated energy patterns** in an ongoing universal process—as correlations, or **interconnections, between various parts of an inseparable cosmic web**. In such a framework, the term ‘**quark structure**’ refers to the fact that **the transfer of energy and the flow of information** in this network of events proceed along well-defined lines, **producing the two-ness associated with mesons and the three-ness associated with baryons**.... [T]here are no distinct entities and **no basic building blocks**; there is **only a flow of energy** ...

“The question, then, is: **how do the specific quark patterns arise?**... [T]he quark structure appears as a manifestation of order and necessary consequence of **self-consistency** ...

“The clarification of the concept of order in a field of research where **patterns of matter and patterns of mind are increasingly being recognized as reflections of one another** promises thus to open fascinating frontiers of knowledge.” (emphasis added)⁵⁴

This “universal process” that has “no basic building blocks,” just a colorful flow of “information” and “energy” that bring everyone/everything together as one, does not lead to the knowledge of the true God. No matter how many minds align, and no matter how many theories, “scientific” or otherwise, are conceived and believed, man’s emerging tower of Oneness being built today will never reach unto heaven, even if it’s “held together by glue, lots of glue.”

*“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, **let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name**, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, **Behold, the people is one**, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”* (Genesis 11:1-9)

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.” (1 Corinthians 3:19)

Today’s Oneness, which is likewise a journey from the East, actually goes above and beyond the city and tower of Babel -- in thinking to *build God*. To “build” -- “to construct (esp. something complex) by assembling and joining parts;” “to mold, form, or create.”⁵⁵ Yet the true God—Who did not explode Himself—has no parts. There are no bits and pieces of God that comprise “the Totality” of God. The true God is completely *separate* from creation and is complete and whole and total *in and of Himself*. The workmen who are gathering together to build a glued-together “Rock” of everyone and everything are not building *the true God*.

“Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.... he maketh a god, ... he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and

their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, ... a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?" (Isaiah 44:10-11, 17-20)

The cosmic circle dance -- an "upward journey" of "evolving" back into "God"

"With Einstein's 1905 equation $E=mc^2$, we began the twentieth-century learning that **matter and energy are essentially the same thing.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹

"**Matter is the energy of Spirit. Ultimately, all that exists is spirit.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

"... **God is 'spirit'** or 'energy.'" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³

So ultimately "*all that exists*" is "*God*"? Whether those in this merging and emerging "Christian"/*New Age* faith and New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism straightforwardly admit it or not, this is indeed what this faith and its "God"—i.e., glued-together "Rock" of *everyone and everything*—boil down to.

"The realization that **you are One Being**—that **everything in Life is really One Thing, Manifesting**—can and will change your entire experience forever." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁴

"**God is the energy**—the pure, raw energy—which **you call life.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁵

"God is the energy you call imagination. God is creation. God is first thought. And God is last experience. And **God is everything in between.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶

"... there is no separation in God's World—that is, **nothing which is not God** ...

"You cannot be separate from Me, for **I Am All That Is.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁷

And, again, the reason for this Oneness in which all that exists is "God" is that:

"In the beginning, that which *Is* is all there was, and there was nothing else....

"And so **All That Is divided Itself**—becoming, in one glorious moment, that which is *this*, and that which is *that*....

"**In the moment of this great explosion from within** ...

"From the No-Thing thus sprang the Everything—a spiritual event entirely consistent, incidentally, with what your scientists call **The Big Bang** theory....

"In rendering **the universe as a divided version of Itself, God** produced, from pure energy, all that now exists—both seen and unseen....

"We are composed of the same stuff. **We ARE the 'same stuff'!**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁸

"**Elements are particles of God**, portions of All, **the stuff of everything.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁹

Absurdities notwithstanding, the "God" of Oneness became "the Totality" of the universe by exploding *itself* into bits and pieces in a "Big Bang" from which "thus sprang the Everything" that has subsequently "*evolved*" *upward* into all that exists. As the saying goes—"from goo to you by way of the zoo." And in the larger *overall* picture of "evolution" this process is a *circle* in which all that exists is "evolving" *back into* "God."

"**Evolution is an upward journey**, not a downward spiral....

"Religions now have an opportunity to *shift from 'There is only one God' to 'There is only One Thing at all.'*..."

“If there is Only One Thing That Is, then everything and everyone must be part of that One Thing ...” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹⁰

Basically, in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism the process of gluing everyone/ everything together as “the Totality of God” is simply the “evolutionary” process of rebuilding “God,” or putting “God” *back together*. In other words, the whole “God” transformed itself into *bits and pieces (parts)* of “God” that then began “evolving” upward—and grouping together—in a process of *re-forming* back into a *whole* “God.” Grouping by grouping—cell by cell, and “kingdom” by “kingdom”—the process of this “evolutionary” formation has progressed. Through the mineral, vegetable, and animal “kingdoms,” and on up into the human “kingdom,” this “evolution” of “All That Is” has been gradually working its way upward, bringing the bits and pieces (parts) of “God” back in *formation* as a defragged *whole* “God.” And now that nations and *religions* (and, thus, *gods*) are being brought together in today’s larger group formations in the human “kingdom,” this process of putting all that exists back together as “God” is nearly complete. As Alice Bailey taught in her 1922 book, *The Consciousness Of The Atom*, which consists of a series of lectures she gave in New York regarding “the universality of the evolutionary process” and “the testimony of science as to the relation of matter and of consciousness”¹¹:

“We have earlier dealt with **the atom per se**, but have in no way considered **its building into form**, or into **that totality of forms which we call a kingdom in nature**. We have considered somewhat the essential nature of the atom, and its prime characteristic of intelligence, and have laid our emphasis upon **that out of which all the different forms as we know them are built—all forms in the mineral kingdom, in the vegetable kingdom, in the animal kingdom, and in the human kingdom**. In the sumtotal of all forms you have the totality of nature as generally understood.

“Let us now extend our idea from the individual forms that go to the constitution of any of **these four kingdoms of nature**, and view them as **providing that still greater form which we call the kingdom itself**, and thus view that kingdom as a conscious unit, **forming a homogeneous whole**.” (bold added)¹²

“These ideas can be applied to **forms of government, forms of religions, and forms of scientific or philosophical thought**.” (emphasis added)¹³

“Again, **the whole trend of evolution is toward synthesis**. As we go down into matter, as we tend toward materialisation, we have heterogeneity; **as we work back towards spirit we shall tend towards unity**: so that in the religious world we can look for unity to make its appearance. There is, even now, a much greater spirit of tolerance abroad ... but the time is rapidly approaching when **the great fundamental unity that underlies all the different religions, and the fact that each faith is a necessary part of one great whole, will be recognised by men everywhere**, and through this recognition we shall have the simplification of religion.” (emphasis added)¹⁴

“What are the religions?... **Simply the forms through which the great threefold central Life, Who informs our planet, seeks to express Himself....** He expresses Himself **through the totality of the kingdoms of nature, and through the nations, races, religions, sciences, and philosophies**, in existence at this time.” (emphasis added)¹⁵

“[W]e shall have **the aggregate of all forms, of all groups**, and of all states of consciousness **blended, unified, and synthesised into a perfected whole**. This whole you may call *the solar system*, you may call it *nature*, or you may call it *God*. Names matter not.... I trust that we can prove that there is an intelligence underlying all; and that from separation will come union, produced **through blending and merging into group formation**, and that **eventually from the many groups will be seen emerging the one perfect, fully conscious whole ...**” (emphasis added)¹⁶

“Thus we arrive finally at the concept that the solar system is but **the aggregate of all kingdoms and all forms, and the Body of a Being** Who is expressing Himself through it ...” (emphasis added)¹⁷

“This is **evolution, the process which unfolds the life within all units**, the *developing urge* which **eventually merges all units and all groups, until you have that sumtotal of manifestation which can be called Nature, or God**, ... This is **that Perfection which is inherent in matter itself, and the tendency which is latent in the atom, in man, and in all that is**. This interpretation of the evolutionary process does not look upon it as the result of an *outside* Deity pouring His energy and wisdom upon a waiting world, but rather as something which is latent *within* that world itself, **that lies hidden at the heart of the atom ...**” (emphasis added)¹⁸

“[T]hrough every grade of form, spirit or life progresses, until the path of return has been traversed and *the point of origin achieved*. This is *the meaning of evolution* and *here lies the secret of the cosmic incarnation*.” (emphasis added)¹⁹

“It has been said that all evolution proceeds from the homogenous, through heterogeneity, back again to homogeneity, and it has been pointed out that:

“‘Evolution is a continually accelerating march of *all the particles of the universe* which leads them ... *from the material atom to that universal consciousness in which omnipotence and omniscience are realised*: in a word, *to the full realisation of the Absolute of God*.’

“This proceeds from those minute diversifications which we call molecules and atoms up to their aggregate as they are built into forms; and continues on through the building of those forms into greater forms ...” (emphasis added)²⁰

Step by step, layer upon layer, this emerging faith is the process of *connecting* and *blending* and *merging* everything into the formation of greater and greater forms until all that exists *emerges* as “the Totality of God,” “the Absolute of God,” in a “perfected *whole*.” That is, until all that exists *emerges* as “*God*” -- “the point of origin.” And this *emergence of a whole “God”* is a “latent” tendency to *godhood* lying “hidden” in the *atom*, a “*secret of the cosmic incarnation*” (i.e., of *immanence*). In other words, it is a “secret” dance of *subatomic divinity* (or *deity*). After all, in “the cosmic incarnation,” “[e]lements are *particles of God*.”

People can try to justify this false quantum “God” of Oneness/panentheism as the true God to their heart’s content, but the true God is not *inherent* (*immanent*) in *creation*. The “*cosmic incarnation*” is not the “*incarnation*” of the true God. The universe/“cosmos” is not and never will be *God made flesh*. Rather, the *true Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ is; *period*. Contrary to this emerging faith, there is no cosmic circle dance that is a “secret” of “the cosmic incarnation” “that lies hidden at the heart of the atom.” The “*Trinity*” will *never* be a “*quaternity*”!

“*The secret of life* is a three-dimensional double helix, which mirrors the threefold structure of the Trinity: the harmonious coming together and movement of two coordinating but conflicting strands in our lives—the missional and the relational, *which spin together to create the incarnational*....

“This is the 3-D dance of the *divine*, which the church fathers called ‘perichoresis,’ or ‘circle dance,’ when they tried to explain the movement at the heart of the Trinity. *At the heart of the divine is a dance*, and *the divine itself is a dance*. Motion. Movement. God created us to be dancing partners, to *join in the dance*, to *make the Trinity a quaternity*, if you will, as we *dance to the tune of Jesus*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

Before today’s shifting Christianity began its pursuit of freedom from the “box” of God’s Word of truth, it used to be obvious that *God* does not invite *man* to *join the Godhead*! God is not a *circle* dance of *Oneness*. Moreover, contrary to this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism, God is not “*energy*.” Energy is a *creation* of God; it is *not God*. The “cosmic dance of *energy*” in which *everything*—including “*God*”—is “*energy*” in motion and movement is not the dance of the true God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The “*Trinity*” is not moving and changing and evolving into a “*quaternity*.” *Man* is not moving and changing and evolving into *God*. And, by the way, unlike those in this emerging faith who have designs on becoming God, Jesus did not dance His way into “the Trinity.” That is, He did not dance His way into *being God*. Jesus has *always* been in the Godhead.

Sweet, who wants “to make the *Trinity* a *quaternity*,” describes “the church” as:

“... an alive spiritual organism **dancing to the rhythm of** sanctification (or what some call ‘**divinization**,’ others ‘christification,’ still other [sic] ‘celestification’) ...” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²²

Sweet also writes:

“*Matter is the energy of Spirit*.” (emphasis added)²³

“Energy and matter are two expressions of the same higher order of reality, with the difference between them only

one of degree and pedigree: The latter is *devolved* from the former.” (emphasis added)²⁴

“In a sense, the whole of creation may be said to be a *movement* between two involutions--**Spirit** in which all is involved and out of which all evolves or **devolves downward to the other pole of Matter, Matter** in which also all is involved and out of which all **evolves upward to the other pole of Spirit.**” (Leonard Sweet quoting “Yogin/nationalist/poet” Sri Aurobindo [Sri Aurobindo is described by Barbara Marx Hubbard as “Teilhard de Chardin’s Eastern counterpart,” and both are listed by Hubbard as “teachers of conscious evolution”]); emphasis added)²⁵

This cosmic circle dance of “evolving” upward into “God” is quite an imaginative testament/covenant/way to God! Never mind that believing in the Lord Jesus Christ—the only Christ (Messiah) and Mediator of God’s testament/covenant—is the only *true* way to God.

“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus.**” (1 Timothy 2:5)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

“And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant**, ... See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.” (Hebrews 12:24-25)

“And for this cause **he is the mediator of the new testament**, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.” (Hebrews 9:15-16)

“Something can be all new, yet nothing of the old be lost.... **The Third Testament is everything new** about the old, old story. Or in **Teilhard’s more mystical phrasings**, a ‘**descendent divine involution**’ combining with the ‘**ascendent cosmic evolution.**’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁶

In her book *Towards A New Mysticism: Teilhard de Chardin and Eastern Religions*, Ursula King, “a founder of the Teilhard Center in London,”²⁷ writes:

“**Teilhard’s view of the interrelationship between religion and evolution** is linked to the fundamental conviction that ‘**from the depths of Matter to the highest peak of the Spirit there is only one evolution**’. Religions have an indispensable role to play in furthering **man’s evolutionary advance towards the spirit.**” (emphasis added)²⁸

Since “there is *Only One Thing That Is*” in this emerging faith, it is to be expected that “there is *only one evolution.*” And this way, this *panentheistic/pantheistic* “God” can “evolve” right along with man and his chosen *religions*. Accordingly, King also writes that “[f]or Teilhard, a more sharply defined ‘type’ of God is found in the ‘*universal Christ*’ ...”²⁹ And Teilhard de Chardin wrote:

“**What I am proposing to do is to narrow that gap between pantheism and Christianity** by bringing out what one might call the Christian soul of pantheism or the pantheist aspect of Christianity.” (emphasis added)³⁰

“**A general convergence of religions upon a universal Christ** who fundamentally satisfies them *all*: that seems to me the only possible conversion of the world, and **the only form in which a religion of the future can be conceived.**” (emphasis added)³¹

“I believe that **the Messiah whom we await**, whom we all without any doubt await, is **the universal Christ**; that is to say, **the Christ of evolution.**” (emphasis added)³²

A “God” of “evolution” . . . a “Christ” of “evolution” . . . it’s all just a “secret” that lies “hidden” in the *atom*, right? A “secret” in which everyone can dance their way into “God” as their own “Messiah” (“Christ”). Hence, in this emerging “Christian”/New Age “secret,” everyone can just dance around *believing* and *obeying* God and Christ by *being* and *doing* “God” and “Christ.” But, of course, it is all absurdly justified as being and doing the *true* God and Christ. Again, as if

that makes a difference! Sweet writes:

“Quantum spirituality is nothing more than your ‘new account of everything old’--***your part of the ‘I Am’ that we are.***” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³³

“Perichoresis is a composite Greek word that every Christian should know. It means **‘move about’ or ‘dance around.’** The Cappadocian Fathers used it to define the communion of the Trinity as the ‘Great Dance.’ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit flow and frame their lives in a dance of perfect love, and **we are invited to add our moves to this dance of the divine.** A *perichoretic* relationship is one where we draw life and energy from this dance with the divine life. **Christians have a perichoretic relationship with Christ.** That relationship makes you more fully yourself than you could have ever been apart from Him....

“[Y]our new self is the real ‘you.’ Christ has supplanted us!” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; bold added)³⁴

“To ‘Go Do Me,’ to **‘doing God’** by doing good, I must be simultaneously seeing, following, and **being Christ.** I have no theology to impart, no biblical interpretation to argue, no agenda to accomplish. I only have *my life.*” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁵

“Christ wants to become in your life and mine a verb, *not* a noun, and in part it is nudging [i.e., ***Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There***] that ***turns the word Christ from noun to verb.***” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁶

“We are talking about **living in a unique Christ/you, ‘I am’ relationship.**” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³⁷

In *A “Wonderful” Deception* Warren B. Smith points out that Leonard Sweet (who admits that “[p]ostmodern culture is an *anti-Christian* culture”³⁸) acknowledges New Age leader Matthew Fox as one of his “‘personal role models’ and ‘heroes’ of the ‘true nature of the *postmodern* apologetic.’”³⁹ Smith writes that “[i]n *Quantum Spirituality*, Leonard Sweet not only hails Matthew Fox as one of his spiritual ‘heroes,’ but he also describes Pierre Teilhard de Chardin—as ‘Twentieth-century Christianity’s major voice.’”⁴⁰ Regarding Fox, who is indeed *anti-Christian*, Smith writes:

“Matthew Fox, like his mentor [Pierre Teilhard de] Chardin, taught that all creation is the ‘Cosmic Christ’—therefore the Cosmic Christ is in everyone and everything. In his book *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, Fox writes:

“... **We are all Cosmic Christs, ‘other Christs.’** But what good is this if we do not know it?”

“‘Divinity is found in all creatures. The divine name from Exodus 3:14, ‘I Am who I Am,’ is appropriated by **Jesus who shows us how to embrace our own divinity. The Cosmic Christ is the ‘I am’ in every creature.**” (emphasis added)⁴¹

In other words, as Alice Bailey put it, “the cosmic Christ” is the “God” “immanent in the universe,” and thus “the divinity which is in Him is in us also.”⁴² Hence, Bailey and the seducing spirit “Djwhal Khul” refer to “the Christed Jesus,”⁴³ and in this New Age terminology Jesus was “Christed” and everyone else can become “Christed,” too.

“Many have been Christed, not just Jesus of Nazareth. **You can be Christed, too.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁴⁴

So regarding Sweet’s above quote, would turning the word Christ “from noun to verb” be the verb “*Christed*,” by any chance? Even though *Christ* (the *Messiah*) is a *noun*, a *Person*—specifically and only Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Sweet, of course, writes about “dancing to the rhythm of ... ‘*christification*’”:

“... **dancing to the rhythm of sanctification** (or what some call ‘**divinization**,’ others ‘**christification**,’ still other [sic] ‘**celestification**’) ...” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁵

Sounds like “as above, so below.” And, incidentally, “*divinize*” means “to make divine; *deify*.”⁴⁶ Again, so “just like Jesus,” “[w]e, too, are to realize full *divinity*”? Or to put it another way, so just “make the Trinity a *quaternity* ... as we *dance to the tune of Jesus*”? To the contrary, a dance of “*divinization*” is *not* a “dance to the tune of *Jesus*”! Jesus -- “*whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting*” (Micah 5:2) -- always has been and always will be *eternally*

God. Yet in “Panentheism - Perichoresis - Christology: Participatory Divinity,” Mike Morrell writes:

“... Jesus’ divinity is one of those pesky spiritual themes that panentheism handles exceptionally well ...

“If Rita Brock and Rebbecca Parker are to be believed (and I think their work speaks for itself), the earliest Christians had ‘a high Christology *and* a high anthropology,’ summed up in Athanasius’ maxim ‘**God became man so that man might become God.**’ (He meant you too, ladies) Panentheism says that Jesus is the ‘uniquely’ begotten son of God, not the ‘only,’ ... Jesus is glorious, divine, and there are certain unique and unrepeatable things Jesus does on our behalf, but overall, the earliest Christian spiritual thrust was one of *participatory divinity*. **We, too, are to realize full divinity** amidst (and *because of*) our full humanity – **just like Jesus**.”

“This might sound like ‘New Age’ quackery to the modern ear – but in ancient Christian faith, this was known as theosis or **divinization** – **participation in God** via the activity of God in **perichoresis** ... Through theosis, we are partakers of the divine nature – we become incorporated into the very life of **ever-flowing Godhead, a dance that goes on from eternity to eternity**. If the terminology makes you uncomfortable, think what we might mean by ‘discipleship’ or ‘**sanctification**’ – only giving much more glory to God and to **a full-awakened humanity**.... **[T]his is the gift of the Eastern church and the mystics.**” (all parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)⁴⁷

First, as pointed out earlier, in May 2010 Mike Morrell interviewed Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola on their then upcoming new book, *Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ*.⁴⁸ Regarding this book Morrell writes:

“To begin with, ‘**supremacy**’ is used in a mystical sense, inspired by T. Austin Sparks. And **the divinity of Jesus championed by V&S [Viola & Sweet] is a participatory divinity**: We have become partakers of the divine nature through Christ. **It’s a perichoretic divinity** ...” (bold & underline added)⁴⁹

Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ is a very deceptive subtitle. Essentially, the supremacy and sovereignty of the *true Person* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth are being usurped and ascribed to “*another* Jesus,” one that those in this emerging faith of Oneness are *willing* to accept. Among other things, the “reimagined” “Jesus Christ” of this emerging faith is one whose very “being” and “divinity” is *participated in*, to the point that, as Sweet has put it, “[e]ach one of us is free to become Jesus.”⁵⁰ So to *whom*, exactly, are they “restoring” supremacy and sovereignty?

A dance of “divinization”—i.e., of *becoming God (or His Son)*—is a dance in which man wants God to share His divinity with man. In other words, it is a dance in which man absurdly wants *God* to *share being God* with *man*. (And with no less absurdity, this is likewise a dance in which man wants *Jesus, God’s Son*, to *share being Christ—the Messiah—with man*.) But a *partnership* in which *both God and man* are *being God* (and *the Messiah*)—a partnership of *Oneness*—is just part and parcel of the “upward journey” of “evolving”/forming into “God,” right?

“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.” (Isaiah 44:6; see also Revelation 22:13, 16)

“Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: ... I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.” (Isaiah 42:5, 8)

“For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour ... understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” (Isaiah 43:3, 10)

Man can choose to design a new “spirituality” out of “*science falsely so called*” if man wants to, but there is no cosmic circle dance of being *God (or the Messiah)*. Despite today’s false teachings and Scripture twistings, God’s Word makes it clear that God only indwells those who *believe* in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And, as addressed earlier, He indwells us as in a “*temple*” as a separate Being. As such, He lives His divine nature through us, thus making us “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). But *we* are *not divine*. Nor do we ever *become divine*. *Divinity/deity* belongs to *God* and *God alone*. God shares being God with *no one*! Man can only share and participate in the *being* of “*God*” in the mind games (lies) of the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. Since this “God,” and thus “divinity”/“deity,” is in the very

substance of everyone and everything, this *false* “God”—the *antithesis* of the *true* God—shares being “God” with *everyone and everything*. Hence, those in this emerging faith *share being a false* “God,” which of course is “reimagined” as being the *true* God, . . . and the circle dance goes on and on.

Second, a dance of “becom[ing] God” is indeed the gift of the *mystics*, a gift they receive from the seducing spirit world in mystical “experiences” that “awaken” them—i.e., “open” their eyes—to Oneness. This gift of becoming “God”—or of “*divinization*”—is simply a perpetuation of the serpent’s lie that “your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be *as gods*” (Genesis 3:5).

No matter how many people fall for this lie and even absurdly see it as the truth of God, man is not *becoming God*. Neither is man *becoming Christ*. *Sanctification* is not a dance of “*divinization*” or “*christification*.” Man is not and never will be “*part of the ‘I Am.’*” Man is not and never will be *part of God*. No one becomes *part of “the Trinity”*—no one joins the *Godhead*! Rather, those in this emerging faith are “deceiving, and being deceived” (2 Timothy 3:13). They are “giving heed to *seducing* spirits, and doctrines of *devils*” (1 Timothy 4:1). There is an *eternal difference* between accepting the gift of God Who (contrary to Morrell’s false teachings that “Jesus is the ‘uniquely’ begotten son of God, *not the ‘only’*”) “gave his *only* begotten Son” so that we can have everlasting life and accepting the gift of the *mystics* who give the gift of “awakening” to a temporal life of Oneness with—and even *as*—a false “God.” Awakening to this “secret” in which people can dance their way into this “God” however they choose as their own “Messiah” (“Christ”) is the road to awakening someday in hell. And, no, this is *not* the “Path of *holiness*”—or of *sanctification*!

First, after writing that “the divinity which is in Him is in us also” and that “Christ” “has had boundless faith *in us*,” Alice Bailey then flips holiness completely *upside down* (which those in this emerging faith *must* do in order to have *Oneness*):

“... and His call goes out for us to **tread the Path of holiness**, and to **achieve that perfection** to which His life challenges us and for which He Himself tells us to work....

“**What is this holiness** to which He calls us, ...? What is a holy man?

“**Wholeness, unity, at-one-ment, completeness** - this is the hall mark of a perfect man....

“It means *listening for* and obeying the insistent demand of the soul for a nearer approach to God and a **fuller expression of divinity**; ...

“This is the doctrine of the At-one-ment; **God, immanent in the universe - the cosmic Christ**.” (emphasis added)⁵¹

In other words, in this emerging faith that is as profane as it gets and that flips *everything* upside down, “*holiness*” is the (r)evolutionary—and “relational”—work of rebuilding the whole “God” of Oneness that is immanent (inherent)—incarnate—in *everyone and everything*.

“**This is evolution**, the process which unfolds *the life within all* units, **the developing urge which eventually merges all units and all groups, until you have** that sumtotal of manifestation which can be called Nature, or **God**, ... **This is that Perfection which is inherent** in matter itself, and the tendency which is latent in the atom, in man, and **in all that is**.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁵²

“[T]hrough every grade of form, spirit or life progresses, until the path of return has been traversed and **the point of origin achieved**. This is **the meaning of evolution** and here lies **the secret of the cosmic incarnation**.” (emphasis added)⁵³

“[W]e shall have the aggregate of all forms, of all groups, and of all states of consciousness **blended, unified, and synthesised into a perfected whole**.... you may call it **God**.... through blending and **merging into group formation**, and ... eventually from the many groups will be seen **emerging the one perfect, fully conscious whole** ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁵⁴

Second, shortly after writing that a “*perichoretic* relationship is one where we draw life and energy from this *dance* with the *divine* life,” Sweet and Viola not surprisingly write that “the Lord helps us *become* more ‘rounded’ human beings—

not more *straight-edged, straightlaced, straight-backed, straight-faced, straightjacketed* human copies, but more '*rounded, more complete and whole* humans.'"⁵⁵ This is very fitting of the emerging faith of Oneness and its upside-down "holiness" and "sanctification."

Sanctification (which, again, does not mean "divinization" or "christification") means to be set apart and *made holy*, which obviously has *nothing whatsoever* to do with today's desired *circle* of relationship of Oneness with everyone and everything. In fact, to sanctify is to *separate*.⁵⁶ What *separates* us, thereby making us *holy*? Believing and obeying God's Word of truth (which is where we get the *true* Christian faith – not from ancient *mystics*.) The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). But, sadly, those who prefer the (r)evolutionary dance of Oneness have basically "reimagined" every word of this verse, including Jesus Who said it. And for those who are not willing to believe and obey the specific truth of God's Word that *separates*, the "*whole*" "truth" of Oneness is conversely and conveniently "the Truth of Truths," "the fullness of truth," a "*group mosaic*," which is as *rounded* as it gets.

"... **God works** in many ways, **through many faiths and religious agencies; in their union will the fullness of truth be revealed.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁷

"**All the various truths form one Truth; ... your little bit of truth forms part of the group mosaic.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁸

"The New Spirituality is ... a call to **expanded consciousness**....

"This will create a revolution on your planet.... It will be **the Evolution Revolution**....

"A revolution is a 'revolving.' It is a **coming full circle**.... **You are on a circle**, from the fullness of knowing to the emptiness of forgetfulness to the fullness of knowing again. **From Oneness to Separation to Oneness again.** From Total Consciousness to Unconsciousness to Total Consciousness again....

"It is **the Truth of Truths**, the Wisdom of Wisdoms, the Nature of All Things, the Wonder of Life.

"It IS Life, expressing AS Life, THROUGH Life, which process is circular and cyclical and circumferential. **It encompasses All and it encloses All and it includes All, because it IS All**....

"All that will be asked of you is that you open your mind." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁵⁹

In other words, just "open your mind" to Oneness. This "Evolution Revolution" is coming full circle *back into* "God."

"Since God wished to Know Itself *experientially* as well as conceptually, God created a place **in the Kingdom** (or, if you will, **in Ultimate Reality**) where **all that God Is could be experienced as well as known**.

"**God** did this by **dividing Itself up into a million ka-jillion different parts, or Aspects of Itself**, with each of the Parts created in different sizes and shapes, colors and textures, speeds and sounds, and levels of visibility and invisibility. **Then any Part of The Whole** (that is, any Individuated Aspect of **Divinity**) **could look back on The Whole from which It emerged and say, 'Oh, my God, how magnificent Thou art!' All it would take would be for that particular Aspect to have sufficient consciousness (self-awareness) to do so.**

"And so, after dividing Itself up into a million ka-jillion individual parts, God merely had to imbue some of those parts with **sufficient consciousness to recognize (that is, re-cognize, or 'know again') Divinity** when it was looking right at It. (Not all human beings have risen to that level of consciousness.) God put into place **a system by which Individuations of Itself could rise to such a level**, and that system was **called evolution**.

"This is **the System of the Soul**." (Neale Donald Walsch; all parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)⁶⁰

Since all that exists is *already* "the same stuff" as "God" all that is needed in this dance of "evolving" into "God" (or "divinization") is a shift in *thinking* (or "consciousness"). That is, everyone merely needs to "*recognize*" and "*awaken*" to and "*remember*" this "Reality"—this "secret"—of "Who We Really Are," or "Who We *[Already]* Are." Basically, everyone merely needs to participate in seeing and honoring "God" *in everyone and everything*. The "upward journey" of this "Evolution Revolution" (i.e., of this *circle* dance) is about *rebuilding* the "God" of Oneness, the *whole* "God"—with *no duality, no separateness, no opposites*—by connecting/joining/uniting/gluing all its parts.

"May I pause here to remind you that **duality is only a stage on the evolutionary arc, leading eventually to the**

realization of unity." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁶¹

"For instance, your penchant for, your insistence upon, comparisons, and your constant need to characterize something as 'better' or 'worse,' 'higher' or 'lower,' 'good' or 'bad' demonstrates how far into **duality** you have fallen; how deeply into **separatism** you have submerged....

"The level of a society's advancement is reflected, inevitably, in the degree of its duality thinking. **Social evolution is demonstrated by movement towards unity, not separatism.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁶²

"You are, have always been, and will always be, **a divine part of the divine whole, a member of the body.** That is why the act of **rejoining the whole, of returning to God,** is called *remembrance*. You actually choose **to re-member Who You Really Are,** or to join together with the various parts of you to experience **the all of you—which is to say, the All of Me.**

"Your job on Earth, therefore, is not to *learn* (because you *already know*), but **to re-member Who You Are.** And to re-member who everyone else is. That is why a big part of your job is to remind others (that is, **to re-mind them**), so that they can re-member also.

"All the wonderful spiritual teachers have been doing just that. **It is your sole purpose. That is to say, your soul purpose.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" all parentheses in the original; bold added)⁶³

"**The soul** is very clear that its **purpose is evolution.** That is its *sole* purpose—and its *soul* purpose." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶⁴

Hence, just "open your mind" and participate in the circle dance of aligning minds in this "evolutionary"/"quantum" leap of faith to *Oneness/panentheism* and see and honor "God" and "Christ" *in everyone and everything*. This way, the "old" truth and reality of God can "evolve" into a new "God" and new future—a new world religion and new world—of Oneness, and "all the world's souls can be set free."⁶⁵

"The next phase [of evolution] is co-creative life, meaning life capable of consciously cooperating with the design of a harmonious new Earth and an operational new Heaven, ...

"All species capable of *participating* in the harmonizing phase on Earth will endure.

"All human acts, intentions and desires that work toward **alignment with God's design**, love of all beings as self and love of **self as Christ or co-creator** will be selected for....

"They will be **in perfect alignment with the evolutionary design**, the will of God....

"There is a survival of the fittest. 'Fit' means able to know **God**, *not through some theology* or institution, but as an *experience* of higher love, good, and *wholeness*, **by whatever name it is called.**

"If you are unable to know God, you are unable to align with the design. This self-centeredness makes one grow out of **alignment with the design of the whole body.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁶⁶

"This text is written to remind you of why you are here, to help you find others who are here for the same purpose, and to develop specific common strategies to **achieve the common design with which we are aligning—which is our understanding of the design of God.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁶⁷

Basically, if you are unable to know the whole "God" that is in everyone and everything that can be imagined and defined (i.e., *designed*) *however* man *chooses*, you are not aligning with the design of Oneness. Or to put it another way, if you believe and obey the absolute truth of God's Word, you are not participating in creating the "love and freedom" of "[o]urs is not a better way, ours is merely *another way*"⁶⁸ and are thus in the "*wrong*" state of judging between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*. So what happens to those who choose to believe and obey God's Word rather than align their minds with the design of the false, whole new "God" of Oneness?

"At the co-creative stage of evolution, one self-centered soul is like **a lethal cancer cell in a body**: deadly to itself and to **the whole**. The more complex and interrelated **an organism**, the more lethal a single cancer cell becomes." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁶⁹

“All entities have **the choice of aligning with the design, or of disintegrating.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁷⁰

In other words, believe and participate in Oneness, *or else*. Hindering minds hinder the whole process. Again, regarding the “selection process” of this false “Christ,” Warren B. Smith writes:

“He states that the world is about to make **an evolutionary leap** that will take all creation to a new level. **Those who awoken to their own divinity, by aligning themselves as one with God and one with each other, will evolve....**

“He describes, therefore, the necessity of a ‘**selection process**’ that **will select out resistant individuals** who ‘choose’ not to evolve. This ‘selection process’ is a ‘purification’ that will be accomplished through ‘the shock of a fire.’...

“**The ‘selection process’ results in the deaths of those who refuse to see themselves as a part of God.**” (emphasis added)⁷¹

Even so, the *or else* that God gives us beats all others. We can fear God, or we can fear those who don’t. Everyone has to make their choice. And regardless of whether people choose to be and do the new “God” of Oneness instead of believe and obey the “old” God of judgment, He said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of *truth* that is *not* subject to any “reimaginings.” But people today are bound and determined to change the unchangeable God. It is even absurdly imagined that man can change God in man’s willful attempt to “become God” in the “evolutionary leap” to a “God consciousness” in which “*we* are Those In Charge”! Quite the opposite, in fact. This revolution *guarantees* God’s judgment. Do people *really* think that God is going to bow the knee to *man*?? Do people *really* think that the *omnipotent* God is going to succumb to the “power” of *man’s* imagination??

“Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.” (Job 38:2-4)

“Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence ...? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God ...” (Jeremiah 5:21-24)

“[Y]ou do not have to fear God, you merely have to **be One with God.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁷²

“**And all the world’s souls can be set free.** The New Spirituality is a **civil rights movement for the soul**, freeing humanity at last from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁷³

“Now comes a new revelation. Not from one teacher but from many, not from one voice but from a chorus. That chorus is singing a **different tune**. It’s **the song of the soul**.”

“4. The One Ruler’s One Rule is **Self-Rule**.”

“This is the antithesis of everything that the world’s largest religions teach. **It’s the thought that traditional religion says will be the cause of humanity’s downfall. Wouldn’t it be interesting if it turned out to be the thought that saved humanity?**

“There are those who say that putting oneself in **the role of self-ruler—that is, in the role of God**—is the worst insult to God. It’s aggrandizement. It’s ego run amok. It’s the highest arrogance and the lowest blow. Human beings are *not* to attempt to rule themselves, but are to submit to God’s rule....

“Yet it is important for thinking people to ask, What if it *were* true?” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)⁷⁴

“We are on the verge of the most extraordinary and exciting tomorrow. It is **a future** undreamt of, precisely because it has *not* been dreamt of until now. It is the dreaming of it, quite literally the visioning of it in our minds, that will produce it. **Until now, not nearly enough people have held this vision to pull it into creation. Now, all of that is changing.**

“A huge shift is taking place all across the earth. It is a shift in the way we see ourselves, in the way we experience ourselves, in the way we express ourselves as sentient beings. **It is a movement away from our Old Thought that we must do as we have been told by Those In Charge, to a New Thought that we are Those In Charge.**”

“This is the New Thought Movement, of which much has been written. This movement has been derided and ridiculed, made fun of and marginalized for years. **Now it is emerging as the next great evolutionary leap for humankind.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)⁷⁵

Today’s “New Thought” that “*we are Those In Charge*” (or to put it another way, today’s new way of thinking that gives up the “outdated” *rules*, or divisions between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*) can only be “the thought that saved humanity” *from the true God*. But, sadly, this is what people in this emerging “faith,” or revolution against God, *want*.

“... for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.”
(Jeremiah 16:12)

Since the “evolutionary leap” (or “quantum leap”) is about mankind emerging as its *own* “*God consciousness*”—i.e., as its *own* “*guiding intelligence* for the earth”⁷⁶—it is not surprising that in *The Consciousness of the Atom* Alice Bailey wrote:

“Everything is in a state of flux; the old order changeth, and a period of transition is in progress; the old forms, in every department of thought, are disintegrating, but only in order that the life which gave them being may escape, and build for itself that which will be more satisfactory and adequate. Take for instance, the old religious form of the Christian faith.... I am not trying to prove that the spirit of Christianity is inadequate, ... I am only trying to point out that the form through which that spirit seeks to express itself has somewhat served its purpose, and is proving a limitation.” (emphasis added)⁷⁷

No doubt! The true *Holy Spirit*, Who is the Spirit of Christianity and Who is *not* immanent in everyone and everything, will indeed prove to be an *eternal* limitation to Oneness. And this will be so despite today’s absurd and futile attempts to achieve the level of “*intelligence*” and “*consciousness*” of “*God*” by *grouping* everyone and everything including all *religions* and *gods*. This grouping, or aligning, that is bringing everyone and everything *in formation* as the whole “*God*” is not a march to “*omniscience*”! But it *is* greatly increasing everyone’s knowledge of falsehood, which of course is “reimagined” as truth . . .

“The idea might now be extended somewhat, and we might consider **that great Entity Who is the informing life of the planet**, and Who holds all the different kingdoms of nature within His consciousness. **May it not be possible that His intelligence, as it informs the totality of all groups and kingdoms, is the goal for man**, the human atom?” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁸

“‘Evolution is a continually accelerating march of all the particles of the universe which leads them ... **from the material atom to that universal consciousness** in which *omnipotence* and *omniscience* are realised: in a word, to the full realisation of **the Absolute of God.**’” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁹

“... **the consciousness of the great planetary Spirit**, which may perhaps be **best expressed in the term ‘group consciousness.’**... Group consciousness, again, *will logically lead on* to that which we, for lack of a better term, might call **God consciousness**, though I deprecate the use of the word God because of the many quarrels it causes in the world ... When **the scientist**, for instance, speaks of **force**, or **energy**, and **the Christian** speaks of **God**, and **the Hindu** uses terms analogous to the ‘**I am that I am,**’ or **the Self**, they are all speaking of **one and the same great life** ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁸⁰

“[A]fter merging his identity with the group—although never losing it—the **group itself has to be blended again with the consciousness of that great Identity Who is the synthesis of them all**. Thus he [man] arrives at the final stage of intelligent appreciation of **divine unity**....

“[T]he group consciousness itself will be merged in that of **the Aggregate of all groups**....

“What lies ahead for man? Simply the expansion of his consciousness to include the consciousness of the great

life, or being, in whose body he is himself a cell.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁸¹

In other words, just *expand* your “consciousness”—or *thinking*—to go *outside* the “box” of God’s Word of truth. This way, you can align your mind with the design of the all-encompassing *whole* “God” and thereby “transcend” the “limitation” of the *Holy* Spirit Who inspired the “*narrow creeds*” of *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*—an inspiration that *hinders* the whole process of *Oneness*. These “*narrow creeds*” that are to be *believed* and *obeyed* just aren’t facilitative of *Oneness* and its emerging “*God consciousness*” that seeks to be *omniscient*, or *all-knowing*. That is, these “*narrow creeds*” of *what is truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* are a hindrance to mankind’s determined attempt to *become* its own “*God*” in this one big historical circle dance that goes all the way back to Genesis.

“Thus, in summing up, we have four states of intelligent activity, which we might term consciousness, self-consciousness, group consciousness, and **God consciousness**....

“[Robert] Browning expresses this idea of the gradual **expansion of the consciousness** of a human being into something greater and vaster in the following words:—

“... **For narrow creeds of right and wrong, which fade ...**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁸²

“As Browning has said: ‘In man begins anew a tendency to God.’ He is not a God yet, but **a God in the making**; ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁸³

“[A] God in the making”—a “tendency” that according to Bailey is “latent in the atom, in man, and in *all that is*.”⁸⁴ But man’s tendency to *godhood* is only a “*God consciousness*,” right?

“The word **consciousness** comes from two Latin words: *con*, with; and *scio*, to know; and means literally ‘**that with which we know**.’” (Alice Bailey; bold added)⁸⁵

“**Yea, hath God said ...? ... your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**” (*Genesis 3:1b, 5*)

“To be capable of being inspired means that a human mind has reached a stage in his evolution where he is **consciously** and positively **under the control of his own higher self, the God within. That inner ruler, the real self**, can, by definite contact, control his physical brain, and enable the man to make decisions, and to understand the truth, apart from the *reasoning* faculty altogether; **this inner God** can enable the man to speak, to write, and to pass on the truth without the use of the lower mind. **Truth lies within ourselves**. When we can contact **our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. **We shall be Knowers**.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁸⁶

As a matter of fact this *is* only a “consciousness.” And this “consciousness” is a *mind* game that has eternal consequences. In this mind game, rather than following those “*narrow creeds of right and wrong*” that are given to us by God in the Word of God, people can instead “*know*” whatever is “*right*” and “*wrong*” in their *own* eyes, thereby becoming their *own* god and ruler. So why would they see the need for *God* to be their God when they can be their own?

For starters, people aren’t going to see the need to believe and obey *God’s Word* when *everyone/everything* is “*God’s Information*.” This emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of *Oneness/panentheism* is diabolically convenient. When a “*God*” “*informs the totality of all groups and kingdoms*”—i.e., when the *totality* of the universe/“*cosmos*” is the “*information*” of “*God*”—people can find the information of “*God*” *wherever* they *choose* to look for it. No absolute *truth and falsehood* or *right and wrong*; just relative *information*. Nothing to *believe* and *obey* and *teach*; just *conversation* and *relationship*.

Thus, rather than know the information of *God’s Word*, people can instead know the information of *everyone/everything* and *decide for themselves* what they are *willing* to believe. This way they can live by their own inner “*knowing*.” Never mind that to be “*God’s Information*”—“*Information*” lying “*hidden at the heart of the atom*” that is bringing all of life *in formation as the whole “God*”—is indeed the lie that “*you are all Gods in formation*,” or “*ye shall be as gods*.” The more subtle phrase “*God’s Information*” is seemingly more justifiable in this cosmic circle dance of “*evolving*”/forming *into “God*.” And, besides, in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality “*all that exists is spirit*,” so “*spirituality*” is

“nothing more than *life itself*.” So why would people see the need to repent of a “spirituality”—and a “*spiritual*” “evolution”—of all of life that is rendering them “*Gods in formation*”? Isn’t it just *life*? Sweet writes:

“**There is no spiritual life. There is only life. One life where the spiritual is not separate but the whole.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁷

“Can you **let life become what it wants to become**, to content yourself with fumbling in the dark, and to play with life to paint a picture of transcendental beauty?” (emphasis added)⁸⁸

“**God is** the Spirit of the universe, the consciousness of the cosmos: its energy, **its information**, its thought.” (emphasis added)⁸⁹

And the seducing spirit world writes:

“Spirituality ... is universal. All people participate in it....

“This is because ‘**spirituality**’ is **nothing more than life itself**, as it is....

“The only discussion left then is whether **life and God are the same things**. And I tell you, they are....

“Again I tell you, the words life and God are interchangeable. If the process you are observing is **the process of life in formation**, then it is as I have said to you before: **you are all Gods in formation**. That is, **you are God’s Information**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁹⁰

Again, so why would people see the need for *God* to be their God when they can be their own? And why would they see the need for *salvation* when this emerging faith that gives everyone the “love and freedom” of Self-Rule offers them an *unconditional/universal* salvation? Once again, according to the article “Re-writing the Story of Who We Are” in *Noetic Now* (“Noetic” meaning “*inner knowing*”⁹¹):

“In his 2009 book, *Spontaneous Evolution: Our Positive Future (and a Way to Get There from Here)*, coauthored with Steve Bhaerman, Bruce Lipton writes that ‘... the critical mass of humanity involved with **this evolution will change the world from the inside out. We are living positive future, practicing Heaven, and designing a bridge across which the whole of humanity will walk.** . . . This is our love story, a universal love story for the entire Universe – you, me, everyone, and every living organism too.’” (last ellipsis dots in the original)⁹²

And according to the Global Consciousness Project website:

“... Pierre Teilhard de Chardin postulated that **the noosphere** is composed of all the interacting minds on Earth. The word refers to **a transhuman consciousness emerging** from our interactions **to become a guiding intelligence for the earth**.

“**Evolution** starts with particles that coalesce to become atoms and then molecules and eventually complicated molecules. These become life building blocks from which smaller and then larger animals emerge and eventually you have us, self-aware animals. While that has been quite a run, **it’s not over. There is at least one more stage, in which we become a new organ of consciousness for the earth**, evolving into something analogous to the cerebral cortex in humans. We can, and to survive, I think **we must, engage in conscious evolution to decide what the future will be**.

“My favorite picture is that we are all already participants in a giant interaction, similar to that between the neurons in a brain.... I think we are participating already in something that is a higher level of consciousness and that for all we know, could even be conscious and self-aware already....

“So we have a capability and a responsibility for changing the world **so that the future is brighter, and it depends on coalescing into a greater consciousness**.” (emphasis added)⁹³

A bridge of *universal* salvation (“across which the whole of humanity” in revolution against God intends to walk to “Heaven”) *cannot exist* apart from a universal freedom of everyone following their own “inner knowing.” To believe in a *universal salvation* is to believe in this *universal freedom*. And those who are aligning their minds in this universal freedom are those who are “coalescing”/“evolving” into—i.e., shifting to—a “*God* consciousness” in which “*narrow*

creeds ... fade." No matter how many workmen participate in "conscious evolution" and align their minds to build a bridge of universal salvation (not to mention a new "God" of Oneness), again, this work of universal Oneness will never reach unto heaven, even if it's "held together by glue, lots of glue."

To put it mildly, it boggles the mind that man actually believes in the "scientific" absurdities of evolution at all, let alone in its culmination—a "spiritual" formation of a *whole* "God." As also used to be obvious before the shift away from the truth of God's Word, the *true* God did not create *evolution*. Among other things, this would place *death before Adam* and thus *death before sin* which would make the truth and purpose of the true Gospel of Christ a *lie*--e.g., see Romans 5 and I Corinthians 15. But, of course, making the true Gospel of Christ a "lie" is *essential* to making the false "gospel" of Oneness "true." In other words, making the true Gospel of Christ a "lie" is *essential* to believing in the "God" of Oneness that is *in everyone and everything*. And it is *this* "God" that is working to "evolve" everyone and everything *back into "God."* It is not the *true* God that is evolving back into itself via the zoo. *God* did not create *evolution* any more than *evolution* creates *God*. But, sadly, when people are desperate for an alternative to the truth of the true God and His Son, they will obviously believe *anything*. They even see it as absurd to not believe that man has evolved upward from apes (or apelike "hominids"). People can believe evolutionary absurdities all they want, but apes (or any nonhuman creature for that matter) are *not* in the genealogy of *God's Son*.

"For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." (Proverbs 1:29-31)

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:8-10)

Obviously, knowing and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is completely irrelevant on a specially-designed bridge of universal salvation and Oneness. Rather, since this is a universal bridge that must therefore bridge *all polar opposites*, it just takes a "leap" of (r)evolutionary faith from one end of the line to the other—in a curved fashion of course. It is therefore fitting that Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote that "Evolution" is "a curve that all lines must follow."⁹⁴ With these (r)evolutionary "leaps" bridging *all opposites* in circles of Oneness, everyone has the "love and freedom" to simply "know" whatever they choose to "know" according to their own inner "knowing" of whatever they *decide for themselves* is true or false and right or wrong. After all, in this emerging faith/"God consciousness":

"Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken literally." (Neale Donald Walsch)⁹⁵

Sadly, not wanting to take God at His Word is the whole point of it *all*, and has been throughout man's history. Again, those who don't learn from history are bound to repeat it. And, absurdities notwithstanding, although the circle of "evolution" is coming full circle—basically, from "God" to apelike creatures to man and back to "God"—and is thus returning to its "point of origin," in truth, what is coming full circle here is simply the lie of "*ye shall be as gods*" complete with the "*knowing good and evil.*" This emerging faith of Oneness is returning to its true point of origin—man's *fall* in the Garden of Eden. It's all about wanting the freedom to *choose* rather than be told *what is* true or false and right or wrong. And, since uncertainty opens the door to freedom, all people have to do to feel *justified* in this desired freedom is *question* whether or not God actually said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth . . .

*"Yea, **hath God said ...?** ... 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.**" (Genesis 3:1b, 4-5)*

"The New Spirituality is ... a call to **expanded consciousness**....

"It will be the *Evolution Revolution*....

"It is a **coming full circle**.... **You are on a circle, from the fullness of knowing to the emptiness of forgetfulness to the fullness of knowing again.** From Oneness to Separation to Oneness again....

"It encompasses All and it encloses All and it includes All, because it IS All....

“All that will be asked of you is that you **open your mind**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” all emphases added, except caps)⁹⁶

“[Robert] Browning expresses this idea of the gradual **expansion of the consciousness** ... in the following words:—

“... **For narrow creeds of right and wrong, which fade** ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁹⁷

“‘**Right**’ and ‘**wrong**’ are philosophical polarities in a human value system **which have nothing to do with ultimate reality** ... values which keep shifting from time to time.

“**You are doing the shifting, changing your mind about these values as it suits you** (which rightly you should, as **evolving beings**) ... You keep changing your values, all the while proclaiming that it is unchanging values which you . . . well, *value*!

“The answer to the problems presented by this paradox is not to throw cold water on the sand in an attempt to make it concrete, but to **celebrate the shifting of the sand**. Celebrate its beauty while it holds itself in the shape of your castle, but then also **celebrate the new form and shape** it takes as the tide comes in.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” parentheses & 3rd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added, except to *value*)⁹⁸

“So change! Yes, change! **Change your ideas of ‘right’ and ‘wrong.’**...”

“**Allow your deepest truths to be altered.... Your new idea of What Is So is where evolution accelerates**. Your new idea of the Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why of it is where the mystery gets solved, the plot unravels, the story ends. **Then you can begin a new story, and a grander one.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁹⁹

“[H]ell does not exist as this *place* you have fantasized, where you burn in some everlasting fire, or exist in some state of everlasting torment. What purpose could I have in that?...”

“**[I]t is not My plan that you shall be separated from Me forever and ever**. Indeed, such a thing is an **impossibility**—for to achieve such an event, **not only would you have to deny Who You Are—I would have to as well....**”

“I tell you this: **You are your own rule-maker.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁰⁰

So instead of believing and obeying *God’s* Word of truth, just do what you want and “celebrate the shifting of the sand.” This way, as the tide/floods come in you can “celebrate the new form and shape” that your castle/house takes as it is wiped out on the sand.

“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26-27)

Even Neale Donald Walsch knows that “putting oneself in the role of *self-ruler*” is to be “in the role of *God*.”¹⁰¹ But in this “civil rights movement for the soul”¹⁰² that is setting everyone free from *what is* truth and falsehood, right and wrong, there is no “fall,” right? Doesn’t it all just become an “*evolutionary leap*” into a “*God consciousness*” in which the “narrow creeds of *right and wrong* ... *fade*” so that “*we* are Those In Charge”? Why would there be a fall in this “upward journey”?

“Our creation of a New Spirituality does not begin with us abandoning our faith tradition. This is not about rejecting religion. It is, in fact, about reinvigorating it, enlivening it, refreshing it....

“... Life Itself calls upon us to edge forward, *move forward*, push forward the limit of human understanding, to set the stage for the next great *quantum leap*, and to *never, ever fall back*.

“**Evolution is an upward journey, not a downward spiral....**”

“**Religions now have an opportunity to shift** ...” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹⁰³

So even those in today’s Christianity can freely and fearlessly “*celebrate the shifting of the sand*” and “*celebrate the new form and shape*” that today’s Christianity is taking (which is a new *anti-Christian* “Christianity”) as the “tide” (or, rather,

spiritual tsunami) of the emerging faith of Oneness comes in. After all, no one need fear *falling away* from the *right* faith—“*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 1:3)—especially since in this emerging faith of Oneness “[r]ight’ and ‘wrong’ are *philosophical polarities* ... which have *nothing to do with* ultimate reality.” Why do they “have nothing to do with *ultimate reality*”? Because polarities/opposites are a *line*, and in this emerging faith of Oneness “Ultimate Reality is actually a *circle*”—an *all-encompassing* “circle.” And this all-encompassing “circle” is not only the “Kingdom” of “God”—it is “God.”

“Since God wished to Know Itself *experientially* as well as conceptually, God created a place in **the Kingdom** (or, if you will, in **Ultimate Reality**) where **all that God Is** could be *experienced* as well as *known*.

“God did this by *dividing Itself up* into a **million ka-jillion different parts**, ... Then **any Part of The Whole** (that is, any Individuated Aspect of Divinity) **could look back on The Whole** from which It emerged **and say, ‘Oh, my God, how magnificent Thou art!’**” (Neale Donald Walsch; all parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)¹⁰⁴

“You see, **the Ultimate Reality is actually a circle. One rounded whole. The energy of life travels in this circle**, through all eternity. It is the cycle of life. **In the beginning, God WAS this circle**, in place *AS* the circle, complete. **When God individuated Itself, it sent the individual Aspects of Divinity on a journey around the circle**. So fast did these **infinitesimal bits and pieces of God** travel that they seemed to be everywhere all the time. Like a tire spinning so fast that it seems like a solid circle not moving at all, so, too, the cycle of life replicated the Always Everywhere-ness of God by **seeming to create a solid** where there were **really moving parts**.

“**By dividing itself up into a million ka-jillion such parts**, each part could look back upon The Whole and suddenly have a **context within which to consider the magnificence of The Whole—and thus, to know God**. Yet how could **each** of the Individuated Aspects also **know Itself as God**? That was the question! While each Individuation raced through the cycle of life, how would it know what it really was? **Seeing the rest of It, would it know that It WAS the rest of it, in singular part?**...

“Ah, there’s the twist. And so, in order to ensure this, **the Circle that is God twisted itself to form a figure 8**, reasoning that if at *one point* both sides of the circle could touch, then **the Totality of Being God** could at that point be known and experienced by every one of God’s Individuations!!!

“*Do you get it? Do you see it now???*

“**Each Individuated Aspect of Divinity**, traveling on its journey through the endless cycle of life, may both know and experience Itself as **Who It Really Is** at any place on that cycle....

“**This is what God is up to!**

“God is doing this **through the reformation and the transformation of every aspect of Itself, one aspect at a time**.” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)¹⁰⁵

It isn’t the *true* God that is a circle dance of cosmic divinity/deity/godhood. This “secret of the cosmic incarnation” “that lies hidden at the heart of the atom” is the “secret” of the false immanent “God” of the merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age faith of Oneness. And this “God” gives everyone the universal freedom/“salvation” of the all-encompassing circle of Oneness because this “God” is the all-encompassing circle of Oneness. *No* duality. *No* separateness. *No* opposites. In other words, this “God” of Oneness is one cosmic circle dance of “Being God”—and, thus, of just simply “*Being*”—however one *chooses*, of course.

Since Oneness and its all-encompassing “God” bring *all* opposites together as one in a “cosmic web” of infinitely intertwined circles (strips) of *all* polar opposites in existence, a “reality” of Oneness is a “reality” of *infinite choices*. And a “reality” of infinite choices is obviously a “reality” of *Self-Rule*, which is a very real and true *revolution—against God*. This was the reason for man’s fall in the Garden of Eden in the first place. Today, man is *still* unwilling to believe that God said what He meant and meant what He said. Nevertheless, God is *still* to be believed and obeyed. And even though people today believe that the “cosmic web” of Oneness (and its infinite choices) is “scientific,” the many *lies* of Oneness are *not* in *God’s Word of truth for a reason*.

“*I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that **no lie is of the truth**.” (1 John 2:21)*

“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:13-16)

Creating Oneness -- “part dance; part sorcery, part science”

“C is for Connectivity ...

“The experience of the self as a part of others—‘We are all related’—is one of the most spiritual of experiences. **Everything is related.** Nothing exists in isolation....

“The threads of a spider’s web are drawn out from within the spider’s very being. The threads in **the web’s concentric circles are sticky.** The threads leading to the center are smooth.

“For *the way* to be made smooth to life’s only true center—Jesus the Christ—**the circles of life must be gluey with connections.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)¹

It used to be obvious that a spider’s web is “gluey” to catch and devour its *prey*: “Why Aren’t Spider’s Caught in Their Own Webs? A spider’s web has two kinds of threads in it. The ones that make a spiral or circle pattern are sticky. The other threads are not. Those are the ones that the spider walks on. That is why he does not get caught.”² Did you catch that? Since the spider spins the sticky/gluey circles to *catch its prey*, *it does not walk on the sticky/gluey circles* in order to avoid being *caught in the web*. And yet, sadly, people in this emerging faith see these circles of the web as the way of life and are blindly flocking to these sticky/gluey circles on purpose. *Easy prey.*

Fritjof Capra writes that “[i]n modern physics, the image of the universe” is “as one *indivisible, dynamic whole* whose parts are essentially *interrelated* and can be understood only as patterns of a *cosmic process*.”³ And in this “*indivisible, dynamic whole*,” “the subatomic world appears as a *web of relations* between the various parts of a *unified whole*.”⁴ Essential to forming this “*web of relations*”—this *unification of parts*—is its “*activity*”:

“Relativity theory has made **the cosmic web** come alive, so to speak, by revealing its intrinsically dynamic character; by showing that **its activity is the very essence of its being.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁵

“The universe is engaged in ceaseless *motion* and *activity*, in a continual *cosmic process* that the Chinese called Tao—**the Way.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁶

And, of course, “*the Way*”—i.e., the “*activity*” of the “cosmic web”—is simply *moving* and *dancing in circles* in order to *unify* all opposites. Capra writes:

“The dynamic unity of polar opposites can be illustrated with the simple example of a **circular motion** and its projection. Suppose you have a ball **going round a circle.** If this movement is projected on to a screen, it becomes an oscillation between *two extreme points*.... In any projection of that kind, **the circular movement will appear as an oscillation between two opposite points, but in the movement itself the opposites are unified and transcended.**” (emphasis added)⁷

“The reality of the atomic *physicist*, like the reality of the Eastern *mystic*, **transcends the narrow framework of opposite concepts**....

“Faced with a reality which lies beyond opposite concepts, physicists and mystics have to adopt a **special way of thinking**, where the mind is not fixed in the rigid framework of classical logic, but **keeps moving and changing its viewpoint**.... In the words of Lama Govinda, ‘The Eastern way of thinking rather consists in a **circling round the object of contemplation** ... a many-sided, i.e., multi-dimensional impression formed from the superimposition of

single impressions **from different points of view.**” (last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁸

Along with this *circular* thinking that purposely dances around the truth, this “special way of thinking” is simply *not* thinking. The two go hand in hand. This “spirituality” of Oneness is, after all, not about believing and obeying God, but about *self*.

“It [*The Tao of Physics*] attempts to suggest that modern physics goes far beyond technology, that **the way**—or Tao—of physics can be a path with a heart, **a way to spiritual knowledge and self-realization.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁹

“*A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.*” (Proverbs 18:2)

“*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*” (2 Timothy 3:7)

“In the East ... it has always been considered as essential for attaining **enlightenment** to go ‘**beyond earthly opposites**’ ...” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁰

“The awareness that *all opposites* are polar, and thus a *unity*, is seen as one of the *highest aims of man* in the spiritual traditions of the East. ‘Be in truth eternal, **beyond earthly opposites!**’ is Krishna’s advice in the *Bhagavad Gita*, and the same advice is given to the followers of Buddhism....

“The whole of Buddhist teaching—and in fact the whole of Eastern mysticism—revolves about this absolute point of view which **is reached in the world of *acintya*, or ‘no-thought’, where the unity of all opposites becomes a vivid experience.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added, except to *acintya*)¹¹

“The notion that all opposites are polar—that **light and dark, ... good and evil, are merely different aspects of the same phenomenon**—is one of the basic principles of the **Eastern way of life.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹²

“*If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*” (Psalm 11:3)

“*The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.... thy judgments are far above out of his sight ...*” (Psalm 10:4-5)

“**Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

Keep in mind that along with “Be in truth eternal, beyond earthly opposites!,” also “summed up for us in the statement of Shri Krishna in *The Bhagavad Gita*: ‘Having pervaded this whole Universe with a *fragment of Myself*, I remain’. God, greater than the created whole, yet God present also *in the part*.”¹³ And since the *defragging* of this *panentheistic* whole “God,” as well as its whole “truth,” is a *defragging* of everyone and everything including *all religions* and *all gods*, those who would participate in this circle dance certainly won’t see any need to fear *destroyed foundations* or *woes*.

It is without question that *thinking* hinders the Oneness that comes from uniting *all opposites*—which includes *uniting the true God and false gods*. So it is not at all surprising that this unity must take place in the world of “*no-thought*.” (And, again, this certainly explains a whole lot.) This “Way” to “spiritual knowledge” that is *hindered* by *thinking* is not “the way” of the true God and His Son. *Think* about it! This is the *antithesis* of God’s Word of truth. Yes, God’s Word is a Word of *words* that are to be *believed* and *obeyed*. And, obviously, both *believing* and *obeying* require *thinking*.

“**To free the human mind from words** and explanations is one of the main aims of Eastern mysticism.... **To transcend words** and explanations **means to** break the bonds of *karma* and **attain liberation.**” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added, except to *karma*)¹⁴

“***Jesus said unto them, ... He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.***” (John 8:42, 47)

To attain this “liberation” is to attain liberation *from God*. But, sadly, those who want freedom from the *words* of God really do want freedom from *God Himself*. People today want a *different* “God”—a new and “*better*” “God” that has *no expectations* for man. A “God” that wants *nothing* from man does not expect to be *believed* and *obeyed*. And, of course, a “God” that wants *nothing* from man gives all of mankind an *unconditional, universal* salvation. This way, everyone can just live life *however they choose*.

“God and Life are the same thing.

“You may call these things by two different names, but they are the same thing. God is what Life is, and Life is what God is. **God is the energy that you call Life, and Life is the energy that you call God.** It is all the same thing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁵

“What does God want?

“Nothing.

“Absolutely nothing at all.” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)¹⁶

“If in fact the words ‘God’ and ‘life’ are describing the same thing . . . well, we have some major, *major* theological implications here.

“Do we need more evidence of the existence of life than life itself? No. And what does *life* want? Nothing. **Life simply is.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; ellipsis dots in the original; bold added)¹⁷

Conveniently, life is just *all* part of “God’s” “cosmic dance of *energy*”—a “cosmic dance” in which this “energy of life” travels in a “*circle*.” And, therefore, the *circular* journey of this “energy of life” becomes the *circular* journey of “*the Way*” of life.

“You see, the **Ultimate Reality** is actually a **circle**. One rounded whole. **The energy of life travels in this circle**, through all eternity. It is the cycle of life. **In the beginning, God WAS this circle**, in place **AS** the circle, complete. When God individuated Itself, it sent the individual Aspects of Divinity on a **journey around the circle.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)¹⁸

And in this journey in which *moving* and *dancing* in *circles* in order to *unify all opposites* is seen as “*the Way*,” not only is this a circle dance that is simply traveling the same circular path as “the energy of life,” but this “energy of life” is even imagined to be “*Jesus*.” For example, in Thomas Nelson’s aforementioned emerging “Bible translation” *The Voice* (in which Sweet and McLaren are contributors), its “reimagined” John 14:6 reads:

“I am the path, the truth, and **the energy of life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (bold added)¹⁹

So no one comes to the Father except through “*the energy of life*”? This is conveniently *all-encompassing*. The “Jesus” of *The Voice* is the “path” to *which* “God”? No matter how many “Bible translators” “translate” otherwise, only the *true* Lord Jesus Christ is the way to the *true* God. A “reimagined” “Jesus” is only the way to a “reimagined” “God.” And in this case, “*the energy of life*” is just the way to “*the energy of life*.” And, yes, this is indeed the “way to . . . *self-realization*.” In this merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age faith (i.e., New *Quantum* Spirituality), along with its “Jesus” being “the energy of life,” its “Father” is “the energy of life” as well, which of course is a given with an all-encompassing “energy” that *is/is in everyone and everything*:

“I tell you this: We are all the *same stuff*.”

“We are all the same energy, coalesced, compressed in different ways to create different forms and different matter.

“Nothing ‘matters’ in and of itself. That is, nothing can *become matter* all by itself. Jesus said, ‘Without the Father, I am nothing.’ **The Father of all** is pure thought. This is **the energy of life**....

“There is only One of Us, and so, it is **THAT WHICH YOU ARE.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)²⁰

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “**God and Life are the same thing.... God is the energy that you call Life,** and Life is the energy that you call God. It is all the same thing. Life is God, *physicalized*.”

Neale Donald Walsch: “**So, if we believe in Life, we believe in God, is that what you’re saying?**”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “**Yes.**” (bold added)²¹

So just believe in the “energy” of “*Life*” and *move and dance in circles* in order to unify everyone/everything in life. This way, you can participate in the “God” that is whirling and swirling the “cosmic web” into being. And since “its *activity* is the very essence of its *being*,”²² this “cosmic web” of “God”/“*Life*”/Oneness becomes one “cosmic dance” of “unity, *expressing*.”²³ No *duality*. No *separateness*. No *opposites*.

“... **a God and a World united, expressing as One**, projecting the glory of Life itself *into* life itself, and producing the possibility, at last, of **a New Way of Life for All Humanity**.” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)²⁴

“**It IS Life, expressing AS Life, THROUGH Life, which process is circular** and cyclical and circumferential. **It encompasses All** and it encloses All and it includes All, **because it IS All**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)²⁵

But this circular “Way of Life” is just dancing to the tune/music/way of “Jesus,” “*the energy of life*,” right?

“**Jesus spent more time drawing circles** to include people **than in drawing lines** to keep people out.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁶

“We need to learn to **dance to the music of Jesus** once again.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁷

“**He [‘Jesus’]** is the melody, the harmony, the rhythm, the tempo, and **the music behind all things**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²⁸

“Life isn’t sacred and secular. **There is only life....**”

“You can’t separate the secular and the sacred; **you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane. The doctrine of the incarnation ... won’t allow it.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁹

“Jesus the dancers’ master is, **A great skill at the dance is his, He turns to the right, he turns to the left**, All must follow his teaching deft.” (Leonard Sweet quoting Catholic mystic and monk Bernard of Clairvaux; emphasis added)³⁰

“In fact, **the incarnation brought all dualities together**, whether it be **the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular**, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³¹

This circular “Way” that is whirling and swirling the “cosmic web” into being is not a dance of the Lord Jesus Christ. The true *Person* of Jesus Christ is *God*, and God—whether Father, Son, or Holy Spirit—does not *ever* violate His own Word of truth.

“... *they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... and I am profaned among them.*” (Ezekiel 22:26)

“*Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.*” (Job 34:10)

“*Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.*” (Proverbs 4:26-27)

“This is the 3-D dance of the divine, which the church fathers called ‘*perichoresis*,’ or ‘**circle dance**,’ ... At the heart of the divine is a dance, and **the divine itself is a dance. Motion. Movement. God created us to be dancing partners, to join in the dance**, to make the Trinity a *quaternity*, if you will, **as we dance to the tune of Jesus**.”

(Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³²

Which “God” wants man to be “dancing partners”?? *Obviously*, this is not “a dance” of the true God, and neither is it to “the tune” of His Son.

“In Christ all opposites are not so much reconciled as **transcended** in the Oneness of Twoness that becomes Threeness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³³

“[T]heologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: ‘It is perfectly consistent to hold *both* that Jesus is the exclusive path to God *and* that people may **genuinely encounter God** outside the Christian church **without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth.**’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁴

Despite today’s determined dance to “transcend” *truth and falsehood, right and wrong*, Jesus of Nazareth is Jesus; *period*. And Jesus of Nazareth is Christ; *period*. This dance around the truth of the true Person of God’s Son in order to “transcend” *all opposites* is neither “a dance” of nor to “the tune” of *Jesus of Nazareth*. But, of course, this is the whole point. Since Oneness *cannot exist* apart from dancing around the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ, Oneness is a dance to the tune of “another Jesus” that is an all-inclusive way to an all-inclusive “God.” The dance of this *broad “way”* that moves and dances in circles around *the truth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is “*the way*” to destruction, not life. This is not “the way” of Jesus.

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

*“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, ... This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**” (Acts 4:10-12)*

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and **broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction**, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**” (Matthew 7:13-14)*

*“... **a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.**” (Numbers 22:26)*

*“And thou shalt not go **aside from any of the words** which I command thee this day, **to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.**” (Deuteronomy 28:14)*

And yet according to two of the writers of Thomas Nelson’s new “Bible” *The Voice*:

“V is for Voice ...

“And what postmoderns are listening for is less words than the music of the spheres, especially the heavenly spheres, but sometimes the dances of demons.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)³⁵

Indeed. For starters, the depths to which those in this emerging faith are willing to journey for Oneness is unbelievable. Yet they just turn around and absurdly tell us that “you *can’t* polarize the sacred and *the profane*” because “[t]he doctrine of the *incarnation*” “*won’t allow it.*”³⁶ In other words, the justification for the depths of their journey is the *blasphemy* of this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism in which “the *incarnation* goes *all the way down*, and the Spirit indwells all that exists.”³⁷ But, of course, this *blasphemy* is “*scientific.*” So in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality, all that exists blasphemously becomes just a different “energy pattern” of “God” in a “cosmic dance” of *quantum Oneness* that conveniently unites “the sacred and *the profane*”—“all the way down.”

This dance of Oneness is indeed a dance that *turns aside* to the right and to the left to the tune of—i.e., “to go after”—“*other gods*,” and this includes *Shiva*, the “King” of the dancing *devils*. And, by the way, *Shiva* is fittingly known as “*the Destroyer.*”

“**Shiva is the Divine Dancer**, visualized in terms of **motion** and vibration, ...

““The source of all **movement**, Shiva’s dance, Gives **rhythm to the universe**.

He dances in evil places, In sacred, ... And woe to us if, blinded By illusions,

We detach ourselves From the dancing cosmos, This universal **harmony**...” (The Ramagiri Journal; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)³⁸

“**Through his dance**, **Shiva** sustains the manifold phenomena in the world, **unifying all things** by immersing them in his rhythm and making them **participate in the dance**—a magnificent image of the dynamic unity of the universe.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)³⁹

“**Faith** makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves and **heals all discursive dualisms (one of the worst of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’)** ...” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁰

“At the heart of the divine is a dance, and **the divine itself is a dance. Motion. Movement.** God created us to be dancing partners, to **join in the dance**, to make the Trinity *a quaternity*, if you will, as we **dance to the tune of Jesus**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴¹

“**He [‘Jesus’]** is the melody, the **harmony**, the **rhythm**, the tempo, and the music behind *all* things.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴²

No, this dance of Oneness is not to “the tune” of *God’s Son*, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Sweet, of course, describes Pierre Teilhard de Chardin as “Twentieth-century *Christianity’s* major voice.”⁴³ And, along with wanting “to narrow that gap between pantheism and Christianity by bringing out what one might call the Christian soul of pantheism or the pantheist aspect of Christianity,”⁴⁴ Teilhard de Chardin wanted to make “*Christ*” more like “*Shiva*”! Ursula King writes:

“**For Teilhard**, a more sharply defined ‘*type*’ of *God* is found in **the ‘universal Christ’** ... This particular concept of *God* is seen as ‘a privileged central axis’ around which a *convergence of religions* might occur. Yet he also says that man’s image of *God* is not complete; the human discovery of the Divine is an ongoing process. In this sense he speaks of a ‘Christic nucleus’ or what he calls in his diary ‘Christ – the ‘spearhead’ of monotheism’. On the margin of the same diary entry one can read the addition ‘**Christ-Shiva**’. I have mentioned before that some months earlier he had noted down that **our understanding of Christ must somehow integrate those aspects of the Divine expressed by the Indian god Shiva**.” [!] (emphasis added)⁴⁵

This is “*Christianity’s* major voice”?! And this “Faith” is in whom, exactly? If you take *the aspects of Shiva* and integrate them with a “reimagined” “Christ” . . .

Think about it! But this dancing “Faith” that “heals” the “‘sacred’ and ‘profane’” is just being “*scientific*,” right? After all, it is “the Dance of *Shiva*” that is “this cosmic dance of *energy*.” And, of course, Fritjof Capra, a *physicist* who “had become very interested in Eastern mysticism,”⁴⁶ describes a mystical experience in which:

“I was sitting by the ocean one late summer afternoon, watching the waves rolling in and feeling the rhythm of my breathing, when I suddenly became aware of **my whole environment** as being **engaged in a gigantic cosmic dance**. Being a physicist, I knew that **the sand, rocks, water, and air around me** were made of vibrating molecules and atoms, and that these consisted of particles which interacted with one another ... As I sat on that beach my former experiences came to life; I ‘**saw**’ **cascades of energy coming down from outer space**, in which particles were created and destroyed in rhythmic pulses; I ‘**saw**’ **the atoms of the elements and those of my body participating in this cosmic dance of energy**; I felt its rhythm and I ‘heard’ its sound, and at that moment I **knew that this was the Dance of Shiva**, the Lord of Dancers worshipped by the Hindus.” (emphasis added, except italics to *knew*)⁴⁷

First, some food for thought: Why would people in this emerging faith/New *Quantum* Spirituality see a problem with building their castle/house on the *sand* if they believe they are “scientifically” *one* with the *sand*—not to mention with the *water/floods* and the *air/winds*?? Thus, why would they fear a “fall” in this “scientific” Oneness, especially since this

“cosmic dance of *energy*” is believed to be a “dance” of “secret” *subatomic* “*divinity*”/“*deity*”? Of course, the “secret” “*deity*” of this dance is *Shiva*. Yet regardless of which god/deity man chooses to see as this cosmic “dancer,” the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Son of the *true* God, said: “*And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it*” (Matthew 7:26-27).

Second, in addition to the quote that “He dances in *evil* places, In *sacred*,” the article “The Great Lord Nataraja – the Hadron Collider; what do they have in common?” states:

“**Shiva** ... is eternal and is also one who **offers liberation and salvation**....

“**Everything ... is Shiva**. What seems to be anything else is non-existent. **The God** of infinite who holds everything and lives **in everything** ...” (*The Ramagiri Journal*; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

Of course, CERN’s Hadron Collider is racing protons around a *circle* in *opposite* directions to see if they can find “the *God* particle” in this energetic *unification/collision*. After all, this “God particle” is believed to be in everything. So how fitting that at CERN there is an *idol* (“statue”) of the Hindu god Shiva in its form of Nataraja (“the Lord of Dance”/“King of Dancers”). It was donated by the Indian government in 2004 “to celebrate the research center’s long association with India.”⁴⁹ And in this same article on what the Hadron Collider and this Hindu god have in common is also the following:

“**Nataraj, the dancing form of Lord Shiva**, is a symbolic synthesis of the most important aspects of **Hinduism**, and **the summary of the central tenets of this Vedic religion**. The term ‘Nataraj’ means ‘King of Dancers’ (Sanskrit *nata* = dance; *raja* = king).

“**A special plaque next to the Shiva statue [at CERN] explains the significance** of the metaphor of *Shiva*’s cosmic dance **with several quotations from top physicist Fritjof Capra’s book – *The Tao of Physics***....

“‘... **for the modern physicists**, then, ***Shiva*’s dance is the dance of *subatomic* matter**. Hundreds of years ago, Indian artists created different forms of visual images of dancing Shiva in a beautiful series of bronzes. In our time, physicists have used the most advanced technology to portray the patterns of the cosmic dance. **The metaphor of the cosmic dance thus unifies ancient mythology, religious art and modern physics**.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁰

How appropriate that physicist Fritjof Capra likened the work of today’s physicists to that of “Indian artists” making idols. And this is indeed a “cosmic dance” that unifies modern physics with ancient *false gods* (“mythology”) and *idols* (“religious art”). But this is all just “beautiful” “metaphor” and “symbolism,” right? Sweet also writes of “the dance of *Shiva*,” in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“**The symbol for postmodern science** picked by Ilya Prigogine [a Nobel Prize-winning chemist and physicist] **is the dance of Shiva**. In the same way as the clock symbolized science in the seventeenth century and the thermal engine symbolized science in the nineteenth century, so dance--**the transforming dance of Shiva, the dynamic principle in cosmology--captures the essence of the contemporary scientific enterprise**. With a *flame* in one hand and a *musical drum* in another, **the dance of Shiva** entails both demonstration and reconstruction (as postmodern philosophers would put it), both denunciation and annunciation (in the words of liberation theologians), both night and day....

“**The church has yet to learn to dance, much less find its way in the dark**.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵¹

Actually, if today’s shifting Christianity had found its *way* in the *light* it wouldn’t be trying to find its *way* in the *dark*. And listening for “the dances of demons” is certainly not going to help it find its way!

“**[W]hat postmoderns are listening for is less words** than the *music* of the spheres, ... **sometimes the dances of demons**.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁵²

“*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*” (*Psalms 119:130*)

“... Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?” (Luke 6:39)

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” (Isaiah 8:20)

“They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.” (Job 24:13)

It also definitely speaks volumes about the dark times we live in that the symbol for *science* has gone from a clock to a thermal engine to the dance of a *false god*! But it is fitting, though, given the endless parallels between Shiva and the false “God” of today’s emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality. Capra—who said that he “knew” that “the Dance of *Shiva*, the Lord of Dancers worshipped by the Hindus” was the “cosmic dance of energy”—writes that “*Shiva*, the *Cosmic Dancer*, is perhaps the most perfect personification of the *dynamic universe*.”⁵³ Make that of *this whole emerging faith of Oneness*. Case in point, Barbara Marx Hubbard’s previously touched-on book, *The Revelation*, essentially an exposition of this emerging faith, was published by Nataraj Publishing. Moreover, this idol of Shiva in its form of *Nataraj/Nataraja* (the form displayed at CERN) is a depiction of Shiva dancing on a “demon” (or “dwarf”) that symbolizes “ignorance”—which is naturally an ignorance of *Oneness*. In *The Tao of Physics*, in which Capra basically summarizes the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of *Oneness*, he writes, for instance:

“**Shiva** is one of the oldest Indian gods who **can assume many forms**.” (emphasis added)⁵⁴

“**Shiva’s dance**—in the words of Coomaraswamy—is ‘**the clearest image of the activity of God which any art or religion can boast of**’. As the god is a personification of *Brahman*, his activity is that of *Brahman’s myriad manifestations* in the world. The dance of Shiva is the *dancing universe*; the ceaseless *flow of energy* going through **an infinite variety of patterns that melt into one another**.” (emphasis added, except to *Brahman*)⁵⁵

“The god is pictured as dancing on the body of a *demon*, the symbol of human *ignorance* which has to be conquered before **liberation** can be attained.” (emphasis added)⁵⁶

“The basis of Krishna’s spiritual instruction, as of all Hinduism, is **the idea that the multitude of things and events around us are but different manifestations of the same ultimate reality**. This reality, called *Brahman*, is the unifying concept which gives Hinduism its essentially monistic character in spite of the worship of *numerous gods and goddesses*....

“**[A]ll these gods are but reflections of the one ultimate reality ...**” (emphasis added, except to *Brahman*)⁵⁷

“The general picture emerging from Hinduism is one of an **organic**, growing and rhythmically moving cosmos; of a universe in which **everything is fluid and ever-changing, all static forms** being *maya*, that is, **existing only as illusory concepts**.” (emphasis added, except to *maya*)⁵⁸

“The Eastern mystics tell us again and again that all things and events we perceive are **creations of the mind**, arising from a particular state of consciousness and dissolving again if this state is *transcended*. Hinduism holds that **all shapes and structures** around us are created by a mind under the spell of *maya*, and it regards our tendency **to attach deep significance to them** as **the basic human illusion**. Buddhists call this illusion *avidya*, or **ignorance**, and see it as the state of a **‘defiled’ mind**. In the words of Ashvaghosha,

“**When the oneness of the totality of things is not recognised**, then **ignorance** as well as **particularisation** arises, and all phases of **the defiled mind** are thus developed ...” (emphasis added, except to *maya* and *avidya*)⁵⁹

“The basic recurring theme in Hindu mythology is the creation of the world by the self-sacrifice of God—‘sacrifice’ in the original sense of **‘making sacred’**—**whereby God becomes the world which, in the end, becomes again God**. **This creative activity** of the Divine is called *lila*, **the play of God**, and the world is seen as the stage of the divine play.” (emphasis added, except to *lila*)⁶⁰

This desired *liberation* from man’s “ignorance” of the “truth” of *Oneness* (i.e., from the so-called “illusion” of absolute truth) and thus from “*particularisation*” (i.e., from the *particular* truth of God’s Word) *must* include freedom from *words*.

As addressed earlier, in this emerging upside-down faith “that which obscures the light”—i.e., *darkness*—of *Oneness* is being “gradually removed.”⁶¹ And that which “obscures” the darkness is the *light*. So in order to see the *darkness* better to thus *unify and transcend all opposites* (which includes *Christ and Shiva*), those in this emerging faith of *Oneness* must *turn the light off*. Specifically, they must turn off the *particular* light of God’s Word. And, therefore, they must remove (“transcend”) its *words*. Again:

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” (Psalm 119:130)

Obviously, the understanding that God’s words give is *in no way, shape, or form* an “understanding of *Christ*” that seeks to “*integrate* those aspects of the Divine expressed by the Indian god *Shiva*”! But, sadly, nothing is obvious to those who are fearlessly looking in the *darkness* for God.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

“... Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.” (Job 28:28)

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.... The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.... Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.... There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 16:6, 17, 22, 25)

It is the entrance of God’s words that give *light*. But to those who prefer *Oneness*, this light gives the *shunned* understanding of *what is truth and falsehood* and *what is right and wrong*. And even though many imagine otherwise, the broad way of darkness only leads to *destruction*. The narrow way of the words of God’s Word aren’t just *light*, they are *life*.

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not.” (John 6:63-64)

“Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:14)

“The reality of the atomic physicist, like the reality of the Eastern mystic, transcends the narrow framework of opposite concepts.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁶²

“To transcend words ... means to ... attain liberation.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁶³

In reality, which is not *Oneness*, those in this emerging faith are transcending the narrow and *only* way that leads to life and are thus attaining liberation from eternal life. Again, the broad way of darkness only leads to *destruction*. And, along with everything else that this emerging faith of *Oneness* flips *upside down*, the true “demon” here is not “ignorance” of *Oneness*. Rather, the “demon”—i.e., *devil*—is actually *Shiva*, known as “*the Destroyer*” for good reason. *Shiva* is also typically adorned with *serpents* for good reason. But, again, this is all just “beautiful” “metaphor” and “symbolism,” right? By the way, in its form of *Nataraja*, *Shiva* is dancing within a circle of *flames*. As an article titled, “*Tandava — Shiva’s Cosmic Dance*” puts it:

“On a universal scale, Shiva is the Cosmic Dancer ...

“A ring of flames and light (prabha-mandala) issues from and encompasses the god. This is said to signify the vital processes of the universe and its creatures, *nature’s dance as moved by the dancing god within*. Simultaneously it is said to signify the energy of Wisdom, *the transcendental light of the knowledge of truth, dancing forth, from the personification of the All*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁴

And what is “the dancing god within”? It is *vibrating* “divine” energy, or the *vibration/movement* of the “energy”/“God” in everyone and everything.

“Everything in life is energy. Everything. Everything in life is vibrating. Everything. *Vibration* is the movement of energy. It is **The Essence, manifesting Itself in differing form through the elegant process of movement.”** (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁶⁵

Although many people in the world are choosing to believe otherwise, *false gods* are not “beautiful.” And that goes for this *false “God”* of Oneness—a panentheistic/quantum “God” that, to use their term, is “beautifully” described in the devil Shiva.

“Shiva is **the Divine Dancer**, visualized in terms of *motion* and *vibration* ...

“To sum up, here’s an excerpt from a beautiful poem by Ruth Peel:

““The source of **all movement**, Shiva’s dance, Gives rhythm to the universe. **He dances in *evil* places, In *sacred*, ...**” (*The Ramagiri Journal*; emphasis added)⁶⁶

There is a *reason* why Shiva *the Destroyer* dances in a “*ring of flames*”! The true God does not “dance” to the rhythm of man’s *unbelief* and *disobedience*—a rhythm that has absurdly become the new “holiness” of today’s emerging *upside-down* faith. The true God does not “dance” “in *evil* places, In *sacred*.” But, sadly, as God’s Word points out, “*it is abomination to fools to depart from evil*” (Proverbs 13:19). And, therefore, many see *false gods* as “*beautiful*” even though God’s Word warns that they are *idols*—and not only so, but that they are representations of *devils*. Or should we say manifestations?

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in **departing from the living God**.” (Hebrews 3:12)

“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve **other gods**, and worship them.” (Deuteronomy 11:16)

“For **all the gods** of the nations **are idols**: but the LORD made the heavens.” (Psalm 96:5)

“For **all the gods** of the people **are idols**: but the LORD made the heavens.” (1 Chronicles 16:26)

Absurdly, in the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness *all the gods* of the people/nations become just different “manifestations”/“forms”/“energy patterns” of “*God*.” But despite this attempt to change reality, it isn’t *God* that is represented in *idols/false gods*—and that goes for the *false god* (or *false “God”*) of this emerging faith as well.

“They sacrificed **unto devils, not to God; to gods** whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.” (Deuteronomy 32:17-18)

“But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, **they sacrificed** their sons and their daughters **unto devils**, and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom **they sacrificed unto the idols** of Canaan ...” (Psalm 106:35-38)

“And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto **devils, after whom they have gone a whoring....**” (Leviticus 17:7)

“Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: But ye shall ... break **their images** ... For thou shalt worship no **other god**: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and **they go a whoring after their gods**, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice.” (Exodus 34:12-15)

“**Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry....** What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in **sacrifice to idols** is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to devils, and not to God**: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with **devils**. **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?” (1 Corinthians 10:14, 19-22)

In the light of God's Word, take another look at the following quote, keeping in mind that according to Sweet (who *himself* "is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, state conventions, pastors' schools, retreats"⁶⁷) this is "*Christianity's* major voice":

"For Teilhard, a more sharply defined 'type' of God is found in **the 'universal Christ'** ... On the margin of the same diary entry one can read the addition '**Christ-Shiva**'. I have mentioned before that some months earlier he had noted down that **our understanding of Christ must somehow integrate those aspects of the Divine expressed by the Indian god Shiva.**" (Ursula King; emphasis added)⁶⁸

A "Christ" ("Messiah") with horns, so to speak, is not the Christ (Messiah) of *Christianity*—at least not of true scriptural Christianity anyway!

"**In Christ all opposites are** not so much reconciled as **transcended** in the *Oeness of Twoness that becomes Threeness.*" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁹

In no way, shape, or form is the Oeness of all opposites—which includes Christ and Shiva—the truth and faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the Lord Jesus alone is Christ; period.

The many warnings in God's Word should be enough to motivate anyone in their right mind who does not want to have "fellowship with devils" to "flee" from participating in the dance of this emerging Oeness. But then, those in this emerging faith don't believe in the *literal existence* of devils as set forth in God's Word of truth. If they did, given that they believe in a "God" of Oeness that *is/is in everyone and everything*, then they would have to admit that they believe in a "God" that *is/is in devils*. And, sadly, rather than changing their minds about their beliefs in a *false "God,"* they are choosing instead to change their minds about the *literal existence* of devils. The bottom line is that people today want no line. They want a different "God"—this new and "better" "God" of Oeness. Hence the growing participation in the dance.

*"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of **the snare of the devil**, who are **taken captive by him at his will.**" (2 Timothy 2:25-26)*

"**Through his dance, Shiva** sustains the manifold phenomena in the world, unifying all things by immersing them in his rhythm **and making them participate in the dance** ..." (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁷⁰

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

"**[T]he incarnation** goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells all that exists." [!] (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷¹

So "the Spirit" "goes *all the way down*" to indwell "*seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*"?!? In just this one verse alone of God's Word, it is as obvious as it gets that the Holy Spirit is not in "all that exists" "unifying all things," and thus unifying "the sacred and the profane" "all the way down"! But then, people can believe this *doctrine of devils* if they want to . . .

"**[Y]ou can't polarize the sacred and the profane.** The doctrine of **the incarnation** ... **won't allow it.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷²

"In fact, **the incarnation** brought all dualities together ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷³

"... **I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.**" (1 Corinthians 10:20)

Of course, *dancing* with devils is fellowship, and it is everything but a "Way of Life" . . .

As is to be expected, the “movement” of “Shiva’s dance” that brings the opposites of “evil” and “sacred” together in “universal harmony” is *circular* and has an “evolutionary” purpose. Included in the article “Tandava — Shiva’s Cosmic Dance” is the following:

“On a universal scale, **Shiva is the Cosmic Dancer**; in his *Dancing Manifestation* (nritya-murti) he embodies in himself and simultaneously **gives manifestation to Eternal Energy. The forces gathered and projected in his frantic, ever-enduring gyration, are the powers of the evolution**, maintenance, and dissolution of the world.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁷⁴

Gyration -- “circular or spiral motion; revolution;”⁷⁵ “[a] turning or whirling round.”⁷⁶ To *gyrate* -- “to move in a circle or spiral, or around a fixed point; whirl;” “[t]o revolve around a fixed point or *axis*;” “curved or coiled into a circle.”⁷⁷

Whether people in the emerging faith of Oneness choose to see this circle dance as the motion/movement of Shiva or “God” or “Jesus” changes *nothing*. A lie is a lie, even if dressed up as the truth. The “forces”/“powers” behind this (r)evolution of the “cosmic dance” of Oneness are essentially the “vibrations” of an “energy” that is frantically whirling around the truth in a circular motion. All that is needed in this “Evolution Revolution” is for everyone to consciously “tune” in to these “vibrations” and participate. In other words, all that is needed to create Oneness is for everyone to align their minds and dance in circles whirling to the right and whirling to the left frantically trying to unify *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*. This way, as everyone then makes it up as they go along consciously dancing to the “tune” of or to the “vibrations” of “the dancing god within”—or the “God” in everyone and everything—the world will thus *realize* its own “self-regulating” inner “knowing” and thereby “evolve” into, or *become*, this “*God*.” After all, according to this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality, “[v]ibrations are what turn one vegetable into another.”

“Man is beginning to **sense the vibration of that greater Life** within Whose body he is but as an atom, ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁸

“[T]he word ‘**evolution**’ suggests **an unfolding from within** outwards ... It involves the conception of vibration, **and of response to vibration** ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁹

“We have seen that **evolution**, whether it is **of matter**, of intelligence, of consciousness, **or of spirit**, consists in an ever-increasing power to *respond* to *vibration* ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁸⁰

Accordingly, Sweet writes in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*:

“If super-string physics is right ... then **the basic reality of the universe is vibration or sound**....

“String theory defines matter as ‘vibrating strings of energy.’ That’s it. What makes a turnip a turnip, and a carrot a carrot? A *change* in vibrations. **Vibrations are what turn one vegetable into another.**” (emphasis added)⁸¹

“British researcher Jill Purce took MacDiarmid’s metaphor more literally in her argument that it was **the unique mission of humans to use sound to mediate the translation of spirit into matter, and matter into spirit**. ‘If spirit can become matter through sound, then **matter can become spirit again through sound.**’” (emphasis added)⁸²

It is the “*mission of humans to use sound to mediate the translation of spirit into matter, and matter into spirit”?! This “God” that man is consciously trying to “evolve” back into—in order to participate in making it up (in more ways than one)—obviously bows the knee to man and his use of sound, or *vibration*. Sounds like man just needs one big “*harmonic convergence*” and poof!—the world becomes “God” in a new “reality” (i.e., a new age) of Oneness. Those in the New Age movement have been trying to do this for years. Of course, the likelihood of their success should increase now that a growing number of minds are aligning in this “scientific” emerging “reality.” And one person (said to be a physics professor) writes:*

“According to highly credible sources that *channel messages from the Spirit*, the next Harmonic Convergence should happen in the year 2012. **The Harmonic Convergence** is a cosmological and metaphysical event in which **the vibration level of the planet’s energy is measured --spiritually--** and depending on the outcome of this

measurement and if humans give permission for it, then ‘the veil will be lifted’ to allow **the global consciousness move onto the next evolutionary step.**” (emphasis added)⁸³

Whether those in this emerging faith have *enough* aligned minds yet in order to successfully bring the world full circle in Satan’s lie of Oneness will be evident soon enough. In any case, it isn’t surprising that in *Quantum Spirituality* Sweet writes:

“The power of New Light charisma comes ... from a dynamic persona of personalities, plays, and performances that is part poetry, **part dance; part sorcery, part science.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁴

Does Sweet know, by any chance, just how *accurate* that “part sorcery” is?

First, the article titled, “Tandava — Shiva’s Cosmic Dance,” begins:

“Shiva ... is Nataraja, King of Dancers.

“Dancing is an ancient form of magic. The dancer becomes amplified into a being endowed with supra-normal powers. His personality is transformed. *Like yoga, the dance induces* trance, ecstasy, the experience of *the divine, the realization of one’s own secret nature, and, finally, mergence into the divine essence.*...”

“It has a cosmogonic function, in that it rouses dormant energies which them [sic] may shape the world.” (emphasis added)⁸⁵

Again, Sweet writes that **“the transforming dance of Shiva**, the dynamic principle in cosmology--*captures the essence of the contemporary scientific enterprise.*”⁸⁶ (Think about that!) And shortly after he writes that this “dance of Shiva” is with **“a flame** in one hand and **a musical drum** in another,” Sweet goes on to say that “[t]he church has yet to **learn to dance**, much less find its way in the dark.”⁸⁷ Would that be a dance of *sorcery*, to help translate “matter into spirit”? Sweet, who wants to **“make the Trinity a quaternity,”**⁸⁸ writes about **“dancing to the rhythm of ... ‘divinization.’”**⁸⁹ And regarding the *flame* and the *drum* that Shiva is holding, this article “Tandava — **Shiva’s Cosmic Dance,**” which states that “[d]ancing is an ancient form of *magic*” that **“induces”** man’s **“mergence into the divine essence,”** also points out that:

“The upper right hand ... carries a little **drum**, shaped like an hour-glass, **for the beating of the rhythm.** **This connotes Sound ... associated in India with Ether,** the first of the five elements. Ether is **the primary and most subtly pervasive evolution of the universe**, all the other elements, Air, Fire, Water, and Earth. Together, therefore, Sound and Ether signify the first, truth-pregnant moment of creation, the productive energy of the Absolute, in its pristine, cosmogenetic strength.

“The opposite hand, the upper left, ... bears on its palm a tongue of **flame.** Fire is the element of **the destruction of the world....** Here, then, in the balance of the hands, is illustrated a counterpoise of creation and destruction in **the play of the cosmic dance. Sound against flame.** And the field of the terrible interplay is the Dancing Ground of the Universe, brilliant and horrific with the dance of the god.” (emphasis added)⁹⁰

Any rhythm of sorcery/magic, let alone Shiva’s—whose devilish “divinizing” beat induces this “evolutionary” “mergence into the *divine essence*,” is not the “rhythm” of *the Lord Jesus Christ*! And it is *irrelevant* if people do not recognize *sorcery/magic* for what it is. *It is what it is* whether people see it that way or not. And it used to be obvious before *darkness* became today’s preferred *new “light”* that *sorcery* gets its *power* from the kingdom of *darkness*. But people today are hell-bent on creating Oneness, and *darkness is essential* for everyone/everything to *merge into Oneness*, not to mention *into a whole “God.”* So, given that this emerging faith of Oneness is basically flipping Colossians 1:13 upside down and “delivering people *from* the power of God’s dear Son, and translating them *into* the kingdom of darkness,” it is not at all surprising that Shiva, the “King” of the dancing *devils*, is the “rhythm” behind Oneness.

Second, *during* God’s coming judgment, one of the sins for which the world will *still* be *unwilling to repent* just so happens to be *sorcery*. And in the supposedly “irrelevant” words of God’s Word, *sorcery* just so happens to be listed right along with *the worship of devils*:

*"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not** of the works of their hands, **that they should not worship devils, and idols** of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: **Neither repented they** of their murders, nor **of their sorceries**, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."* (Revelation 9:20-21)

*"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and **sorcerers**, and **idolaters**, and all liars, **shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone**: which is the second death."* (Revelation 21:6-8)

There is *nothing irrelevant* about God's words of warning!

Again, in the light of God's Word it is perfectly clear that it is *devils*, not God, that are represented in *idols/false gods*. And the ultimate idol/false god is the "God" of Oneness which brings all the gods throughout history together as this one "God" of Oneness. Whether people choose to imagine otherwise or not, to believe in this *false god* is, in reality, to not believe in the *true God*. And given that the *unbelieving*, etc., "*shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone*," obviously everyone and everything are *not* all "*part of God*" as today's emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism would have everyone believe. There is a future of "doom" waiting for those who are rejecting the *words of truth* of God's Word.

But, sadly, those who want the freedom of Oneness aren't *willing* to see it that way. After all, the freedom of Oneness is a "New Way of Life for All Humanity."⁹¹ And since this "New Way" is a *dance* of "*being*" in a "cosmic web" of *infinite circles of Oneness*, this is a dance of *infinite choices* in which there is no "*fundamental structure*" to *believe or obey*.

"... Shiva reminds us that **the manifold forms** in the world are *maya*—**not fundamental, but illusory and ever-changing**—as he keeps creating and dissolving them in the ceaseless *flow* of his dance." (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added, except to *maya*)⁹²

"Woe unto him that saith to the wood, *Awake*; to the dumb stone, *Arise*, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." (Habakkuk 2:19-20)

"Relativity theory has made **the cosmic web** come alive, so to speak, by revealing its **intrinsically dynamic** character; by showing that **its activity is the very essence of its being**." (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁹³

"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (John 6:29)

"Subatomic particles are not made of any material stuff; they are **patterns of energy**.... When we observe them, **we never see** any substance, nor **any fundamental structure**. What we observe are **dynamic patterns** continually *changing into one another*—**a continuous dance of energy**." (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁹⁴

"My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?" (Proverbs 24:21-22)

Those who want no "*fundamental structure*" to *believe or obey* (i.e., "rules") are just not *willing* to see this "scientific" dance as impending calamitous ruin (i.e., "doom"). Again, the activity of this "*cosmic web*" is a dynamic dance of *doing* and *being* and *creating* "*God*." So those in this emerging faith can thus "*joyfully*" "*journey around the circle*" of Oneness "*throughout eternity*" on its "*continually connected path to and from the all of everything*" in this "*continuous dance of energy*."

"Imagine a life without fear of God and without guilt over the tiniest infraction of what you imagine to be God's Rules!

"Imagine the freedom of soul and mind and body that would be experienced when you **understand at last that you**

really are One with God!" (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)⁹⁵

"God is the energy—the pure, raw energy—**which you call life....**

"Everything is energy, in motion." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁹⁶

"You see, the **Ultimate Reality** is actually **a circle....** It is the cycle of life. In the beginning, God **WAS** this circle, in place **AS** the circle, complete. **When God individuated Itself, it sent the individual Aspects of Divinity on a journey around the circle.**" (Neale Donald Walsch; bold & underline added)⁹⁷

"It is the cycle of life, ... It is a picture phrase describing the *no-beginning-and-no-end* nature of things; **the continually connected path to and from the all of everything, on which the soul joyfully journeys throughout eternity.**

"It is **the sacred rhythm** of all life, **by which you move the Energy of God.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁹⁸

Since this "God" is "the *all of everything*," what's there to fear? Those who want to can thus fearlessly join the many who are flocking to the *sticky/gluey circles* of the "cosmic web" for their "New Way of Life." This "New Way of Life" of *sticky/gluey Oneness* is imagined to be a *universal "salvation."* So surely there's no way that those who are flocking to these *sticky/gluey circles* of the "cosmic web" of Oneness will learn the hard way that, like the spider's web, they are actually a *snare*, right? And thus surely there's no way that, rather than finding "*Life*," those who are ensnared in these *sticky/gluey circles* of Oneness will inevitably find that they, like the spider's prey, have become easy prey for the Adversary with his *spun* infinitely intertwined circular strings *wound tightly around them as a shroud*. Never mind that our Adversary is on a mission "seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Warnings are spurned as a *fear-based* agenda. And flocking to the *sticky/gluey circles* of this "cosmic web" is seen as a "beautiful" "Way of Life" that simply *dances* to the music/rhythm of the panentheistic "God's" "vibrating strings of energy"—i.e., the "*circular 'strings'*" of "the energy of life." Again, *easy prey*.

"The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble." (Proverbs 4:19)

"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.... Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:14-15, 27)

And not just your foot, but your eye also.

"The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, ..." (Luke 11:34-36)

Remember "the third eye"? According to the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul, this is the "inner eye" of "contemplation."⁹⁹ And Leonard Sweet writes:

"Religion thinks in threes.... **It takes 'three eyes' to see God, ... and the eye of contemplation (by which we attain knowledge of the transcendent world).**" (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁰⁰

This is "sight" that is *not at all* given by the *true* God. Quite the contrary, "the third eye" just so happens to be "the eye of *Shiva*." And not only so, but it is brought to "life" by "*serpent force*." (Those who are participating in this circle dance who do not want to "*have fellowship with devils*" should rethink their move to Oneness—to say the very least!)

"... the 'eye of Shiva' which sees and knows all ... This third eye is one of the objects **of kundalinic vivification ... and the beauties** of the higher, subtler planes ... **stand revealed.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁰¹

Paramahansa Yogananda, founder of Self-Realization Fellowship (and who "defined Self-realization as '*the knowing*—in body, mind, and soul—that we are one with the omnipresence of God; ... that we are just as much a part of Him now

as we ever will be. All we have to do is improve our *knowing*”¹⁰²), described “*kundalini*” as the “**serpent force (from Sanskrit *kundala*, ‘coiled’)**”¹⁰³ . . .

“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.” (Genesis 3:4-5)

The seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul refers to “**the third eye, or the ‘Eye of Shiva,’**” which “has its position, as is already known, in the center of the forehead between the two physical eyes”—and “is not to be confounded with the pineal gland”—as “**the great organ of consciousness**” and “**the instrument of wisdom.**”¹⁰⁴

“The Eye of God. Shiva is ... the Destroyer, but at the same time the Final Absorber, the Whole and yet the part. This is the organ of the divine Will or Power, the Eye, **through whose directed gaze the power flows outward to its created Whole.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)¹⁰⁵

Shortly after stating that “[t]he third eye manifests as a result of” “*vibratory interaction*,” this seducing spirit also states:

“This is the eye of Shiva ...

“1. It is the eye of vision. By its means, **the spiritual man sees behind the forms of all aspects of divine expression.** He becomes **aware of the light of the world**, and contacts the soul **within all forms**. Just as the physical eye registers forms, so does the spiritual eye register the illumination within those forms which ‘illumination’ indicates a specific state of being. It opens up the world of radiance....

“3. It has a destructive aspect and the energy flowing through the third eye can have a disintegrating and destroying effect.”

And about “this third work of the soul,” this seducing spirit states here that it is “the destructive work of getting rid of the *old* forms, ... and of *breaking down the barriers and limitations* to true soul activity.”¹⁰⁶

“The great fabric of dogmas and doctrines, as built up by the churchmen and theologians of the ages, **must inevitably disintegrate**, but only in order that the life within may escape, build for itself a *better* and more satisfactory means of expression, and thus measure up to **the mission** upon which it was sent.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁰⁷

“... by surrendering himself to the life at the center and there holding himself poised and still, yet alert, **the light will break in and reveal to the disciple that which he needs to know. He learns** to express that *inclusive love* ... and **to let go the narrow** ... **He welcomes then all visions**, if they serve to lift and comfort his brothers; **he welcomes all truths**, if they are the agents of revelation to other minds; **he welcomes all dreams** if they can act as incentives to his fellow men. **He shares in them all**, yet retains his poised position at the center.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁰⁸

When the Destroyer illuminates his new “*light*” of the world—which obviously isn’t Jesus Christ of Nazareth—this is meant to *eliminate the need to believe Jesus Christ’s narrow words* that are *life*. In other words, this new “*light*” of the world is meant to *destroy*.

Regardless of who people imagine the panentheistic “God” of the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness to be, a “God” that is the “energy” in the subatomic particles of *everyone and everything* is thus an *intrinsic* and *inseparable* part of *everyone and everything*. This is indeed a *liberation* that renders believing and obeying God’s Word of truth totally “irrelevant.” This “way” to “*self-realization*” unarguably changes *everything*, especially since a “secret” dance of a *subatomic* “God” is automatically a dance of Oneness in which “the *distinction* between observer and observed breaks down completely.” This, too, clearly serves to break down the “barriers and limitations” to being able to “see” or “observe” this new destructive “light” of the world “*within all forms*.”

“In quantum physics **the observer and the observed can no longer be separated**, but they can still be distinguished. Mystics in deep meditation arrive at a point where **the distinction between observer and observed breaks down completely**, where subject and object **fuse**.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁰⁹

“Duality, or separation between the observer and the observed, is an illusion that the Eastern *mystics* have long recognized and Western science has more recently come to understand through *quantum* mechanics.” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; emphasis added)¹¹⁰

“In the beginning, ... All That Is could not know itself—because All That Is is all there was, and there was *nothing* else....

“This energy—this pure, unseen, unheard, **unobserved, and therefore unknown-by-anyone-else energy**—chose to experience Itself as the utter magnificence It was....

“It reasoned, quite correctly, ... that if It thus **simply divided Itself** into portions, **each portion**, being less than the whole, **could look back on the rest of Itself** and see magnificence....

“... God made it possible for God to know Itself.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)¹¹¹

“Each Individuated Aspect of Divinity, traveling on its journey through the endless cycle of life, may both know and experience Itself as Who It Really Is at any place on that cycle....

“This is what God is up to!” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold & underline added)¹¹²

This “secret” all-encompassing *circle dance of subatomic Oneness with “God”* conveniently blasts believing and obeying the absolute truth of God’s Word into smithereens as it renders *duality* between the observer and the observed an “illusion.” Again, a “God” that is the “energy” in the subatomic particles of *everyone and everything* is thus an *intrinsic* and *inseparable* part of *everyone and everything*. So those in this emerging “scientific” faith need merely believe in “the energy of life” and move and dance in *circles* in order to observe and thus connect (i.e., *re-connect*) this “God” in *everyone and everything*. Of course, since “In the beginning, God WAS this circle,” when it “individuated Itself, it sent the individual Aspects of Divinity on a journey around the circle.”¹¹³ After all, how else is this “God” going to become a *connected/unified whole* again?

It is thus fitting that in the chapter titled, “A Piece of π ,” *The Shack*’s panentheistic “God”—“who is *the ground of all being*” that “dwells in, around, and through *all things*”¹¹⁴—refers to “the *quantum* stuff that is going on at a *subatomic* level where only I am the always-present *observer*.”¹¹⁵ And in the chapter titled, “**Verbs** and Other Freedoms,” *The Shack*’s false “Jesus” says:

“Rather than a *pyramid* [i.e., ‘a *hierarchy*’], I want to be the center of a *mobile*, where **everything in your life**—your friends, family, occupation, thoughts, activities—**is connected to me but moves with the wind**, in and out and back and forth, **in an incredible dance of being**.” (emphasis added)¹¹⁶

To this *The Shack*’s false “Spirit” Sarayu¹¹⁷ adds, “I am the wind.”¹¹⁸ A “dance of being” with “the ground of *all being*” is a dance of the all-encompassing circle of Oneness. This is indeed a life of *being windblown* by anything and everything. In fact, this is a life “tossed to and fro, and *carried about with every wind of doctrine*, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Ephesians 4:14). But those in this emerging faith/journey don’t see it that way. In *Oneness* there is nothing “*false* and *wrong*” so there is no *deception* to worry about—and certainly not from a *false god* that wants to blind the minds of man with its “light” of *Oneness*. This false “Spirit” subsequently says:

“Mackenzie, if you would allow me, I would like to give you a gift for this evening. **May I touch your eyes and heal them**, just for tonight?” (emphasis added)¹¹⁹

The result?:

“When Mack **opened his eyes** he had to immediately shield them from a **blinding light** that overwhelmed him.” (emphasis added)¹²⁰

He then heard this false “Spirit” say:

"You will find it very difficult to look at me directly ... But as **your mind becomes accustomed to the changes**, it will be *easier*." (emphasis added)¹²¹

Of course it will! The minds of those in this emerging faith of Oneness will gradually become accustomed to the changes of the blinding *new* "light" of the *new* "gospel" of the *new* "God" of Oneness just as eyes become accustomed to the dark.

"... **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**" (2 Corinthians 4:4)

"And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**" (2 Corinthians 11:14)

"When, therefore, **sight has been attained and the light streams forth, revelation of the oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...

"[I]n these days many are attaining sight and light is pouring in." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹²²

"... **then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods** ..." (Genesis 3:5)

"It is **this revelation of Deity that is the goal of the mystical endeavor** ... Through it, he later discovers his relation to the universe; he finds that **his physical body and his vital energies are part and parcel of Nature itself, which is, in fact, the outer garment of Deity** ... In fact, he arrives at God and discovers God as the central Fact. Knowing himself to be divine, he finds *the whole* is equally divine." (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹²³

As is therefore to be expected, this "sight" and "light" of Oneness is given to *The Shack*'s character Mack after he allows Sarayu, the false "Spirit," to "heal" his eyes—the "healing" of course being this revelation of *Oneness* and its *New Quantum Spirituality*:

"He [Mack] was standing right where he had closed his eyes, but the shack was gone as well as the dock and shop. Instead he was outside, perched on the top of a small hill under a brilliant but moonless night sky. He could see that the stars were in **motion**, not hurriedly but smoothly and with precision, as if there were grand celestial conductors coordinating their **movements**.

"Occasionally, as if on cue, comets and meteor showers would tumble through the starry ranks, adding variation to **the flowing dance**. Then Mack saw some of the stars grow and change color as if they were turning nova or white dwarf. It was as if time itself had become **dynamic** and volatile, adding to the seeming *chaotic* but precisely managed heavenly display.

"He turned back to Sarayu, who still stood next to him. Although she was still difficult to look at directly, he could now make out symmetry and colors embedded within **patterns**, as if miniature diamonds, rubies, and sapphires of *all colors* had been sewn into a **garment of light, which moved first in waves and then scattered as particulate**.

"It is all so incredibly beautiful," he whispered ... " (*The Shack*; emphasis added)¹²⁴

This is "The Beautiful Side of Evil"—as Christian author Johanna Michaelsen titled her autobiography. The Angel of light is a master deceiver and is adept at blinding minds with *counterfeit* "beauty," "goodness," and "truth." And people today are easy prey since they are more than willing to trade the *objective words* of God's Word of truth for *subjective experiences*.⁶ Sounding just like the descriptions of mystical experiences of Oneness, *The Shack*'s character Mack goes

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If people would just believe *Genesis 1:1*, they wouldn't be such easy prey for the lies of seducing spirits—lies that include lying *visions* and *experiences*. But it is this very first verse of God's Word that puts *everything* into perspective. The God Who created (not exploded, *created*; not evolved, *created*) has the right to expect His creation (not parts of God, *creation*; not co-creators, *creation*) to *believe* and *obey* its *Creator*. And thus, of course, choosing to believe *the very first verse* of God's Word would clearly defeat the whole *purpose* behind choosing to *not* believe it. The very first verse of God's Word puts an immediate end to the emerging faith/New *Quantum Spirituality* and thus to its convenient freedom from the absolute truth of God's Word. To say that this emerging faith isn't scriptural is a tremendous understatement. It can't even get in the door at the very first verse of God's Word! So it is not at all surprising that this emerging faith

on to describe seeing “everything” with this “light” and color: “Even in the darkness of the night everything had clarity and shone with halos of light in various hues and shades of color. The forest was itself afire with light and color ...”¹²⁵ He continues to describe his vision as one in which nature, animals, and he himself are “shining” with the “blaze”/ “flames” of this “light” and color, a vision in which he “felt larger than life, as if he were able to be present wherever he looked.”¹²⁶ He even adds:

“In fact, he had never felt this well, this *whole*....

“And then Mack saw **the lights. Single moving points emerging** from the forest, **converging** upon the meadow ...

“They broke into the meadow, an army of children. There were no candles—they themselves were lights. And within **their own radiance**, each was dressed in distinctive garbs that Mack imagined represented **every tribe and tongue**.... These were **the children of the earth** ...

“The children had now formed **a huge circle** within the meadow ...” (emphasis added)¹²⁷

And Sarayu, the false “Spirit,” tells him:

“As you near them you will see that they have many **individual colors that have merged into white, which contains all**. As they mature and grow to become **who they really are**, the colors they exhibit will become more distinctive, and unique hues and shades will *emerge*.” (emphasis added)¹²⁸

Inevitably, in this revelation of Oneness *The Shack*’s character also finds that “light and color robed him completely; a clothing of purity that allowed him both freedom and propriety.”¹²⁹ There’s clearly no need to *believe* in Jesus Christ of Nazareth to be clothed in *this* “purity.” Just “grow to become who [you] really are,” and participate in the “dance of *being*” in this “beautiful” *all-encompassing* “energy”/circle/“God” of *Oneness/wholeness*. After all, this new “light” is the new “truth” that your “vital *energies* are part and parcel of Nature itself, which is, in fact, the outer garment of *Deity*.”

“So go, now, and **see each other as Who You Really Are**.

“**Observe. Observe. OBSERVE.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹³⁰

“All things are One Thing, and there is nothing else. ‘We Are All One’ is more than a beautiful slogan. *It is a precise description of the nature of Ultimate Reality*....

“Yet how difficult, when one is caught up in the Illusion, to **see God in every one and every thing**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹³¹

Actually, how difficult, when one is caught up in the illusion of *Oneness*, to judge between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*.

“*Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*” (John 7:24)

“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and **see** now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, **if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth**; and I will pardon it. And **though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely. O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth?** thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, **but they have refused to receive correction**: they have made their faces harder than a rock; **they have refused to return**. Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: **for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.**” (Jeremiah 5:1-4)

Since believers in the *true* God are to “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), what does the *true* God want us to observe? His *words*, which we are to *believe* and *obey*.

begins its many “reimaginings” with Genesis 1:1. It is as God’s Word says, “*For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men*” (2 Peter 3:5-7).

“Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.... What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.” (Deuteronomy 12:28, 32)

“... O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments.” (Nehemiah 1:5)

“Chain of command? That sounds ghastly!” (*The Shack*’s false “Jesus;” emphasis added)¹³²

“Submission is not about authority and it is not obedience ...” (*The Shack*’s false “Jesus;” emphasis added)¹³³

“[W]e have no concept of final authority among us, only unity. We are in a circle of relationship, not a chain of command ... What you’re seeing here is relationship without any overlay of power.... Hierarchy would make no sense among us.” (*The Shack*’s false “Spirit;” bold added)¹³⁴

“[W]e want you to join us in our circle of relationship.” (*The Shack*’s false “Jesus;” emphasis added)¹³⁵

“Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.” (Deuteronomy 5:32)

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

As addressed earlier, people in the emerging “faith” of Oneness aren’t even willing to observe the basic commandment of believing in God’s Son. And, no, it isn’t love to tell others that they don’t have to believe.

“And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.” (1 John 3:23)

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, ... Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:10-12)

Any commandment whatsoever—but especially the one of believing in Jesus Christ of Nazareth—instantly sets forth a division between truth and falsehood and right and wrong. And where there is division, there is only an either/or—not a both/and dance of Oneness that turns to the right and turns to the left. Hence, since Oneness cannot exist where there is division, today’s emerging faith must shift from observing God’s Word of commanding, divisive truth to observing the “God” of Oneness.

The “God” of Oneness will “never command anyone to do anything.” How could it? Besides, when everyone and everything are all One with “God,” everyone and everything all share being “God.” So the instant this “God” commanded anything, there would be no more Oneness between it and man. Thus, the instant the “God” of Oneness commanded anything whatsoever—or even judged between truth and falsehood and right and wrong in the first place—would be the instant of its own undoing. No Oneness, no “God” of Oneness. So never mind that this “God” of Oneness is as blatantly false as it gets, its never-command-anyone-to-do-anything Oneness “makes no one wrong for the way in which they are approaching the God of their understanding.”¹³⁶ So who’s to say that other gods, such as Krishna and Shiva, and all the other gods, are false? Who’s to say that idolatry is wrong? In this dance of Oneness (i.e., in this delusion to beat all delusions), there’s no such thing as “false and wrong.” In Oneness:

“There is only One God. What God is this? Is it Adonai? Allah? Elohim? God? Hari? Jehovah? Krishna? Lord? Rama? Vishnu? Yahweh?

“It’s All of Them.” (Neale Donald Walsch)¹³⁷

And therefore:

“Relinquish the pride of mind which sees its way and its interpretations to be *correct* and *true*, and others’ *false* and *wrong*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹³⁸

But, not to worry. After all, the “humility” of these *sticky/gluey circles* is a dance of Oneness that is nothing more than just a “beautiful” “Way of Life” . . .

“**I never command anyone to do anything.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹³⁹

“I have never set down a ‘right’ or ‘wrong,’ a ‘do’ or a ‘don’t.’” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹⁴⁰

“Understand that ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ are figments of your imagination ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹⁴¹

“**There is nothing to fear from God,** because **God wants nothing from you. Nothing....**

“Tomorrow’s God is **unconditionally** loving, **nonjudgmental**, noncondemning, and nonpunishing.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁴²

So, naturally, *hell* is just a figment of the imagination, too, right? The Lord Jesus Christ, *the Creator of “all things”* (see John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; & Ephesians 3:9; but be forewarned that new *holey* versions have deleted the truth “*by Jesus Christ*” from Ephesians 3:9), *reiterated* His dire warnings about *hell*. And, yes, He said what He meant and meant what He said in His warnings that are being fearlessly dismissed by *many*.

“... into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:43-44)

“... into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:45-46)

“... into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:47-48)

In light of these six verses alone, no wonder “scholars” who are turning away from believing the truth have tried to discredit the book of Mark! And, naturally, the “*best*” manuscripts (i.e., the ones conveniently full of holes) which are behind the *new* versions (again, *new* for a reason) are *missing* the Lord Jesus Christ’s *reiteration* of these warnings. Hell is so serious and such a *terrible* place that the Lord Jesus Christ took the time to repeat His warnings. Just in these six verses, He refers to the fire as *unquenchable* five times, but up to four of these references have been deleted in too many new versions; He specifies *fire* six times, but up to five of these have been deleted; and He specifies *hell* three times, but up to all three of these have been changed or deleted in some new versions. But these *reiterations* of His were just a *fear-based agenda*, right? Well, as a matter of fact, the Lord Jesus Christ said, “I will *forewarn* you whom ye shall *fear*: *Fear* him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into *hell*; yea, I say unto you, *Fear* him” (Luke 12:5). But, of course, *fear* is seen as “*negative*” because it takes all the “*fun*” out of today’s *unbelief* and *disobedience* . . .

Sadly, people today really do want a *different* “God”—a new and “*better*” “God” that has *no expectations* for man and offers an *unconditional, universal* salvation. This way, everyone can just live life *however* they choose.

“If we could **break free from the** Greco-Roman **soul-sort** narrative [**in which ‘everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin’**], think of what could change.... We would **stop seeing the line that separates good and evil** running between our religion and all others....

“Evangelism would *cease* to be a matter of *saving souls* from a bad ending ...

“... **calling people to a way of life in a kingdom (or beautiful whole) that transcends and includes all religions.**” (Brian McLaren; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴³

“**W is for (The) Way** ...

“The search for truth is a moral imperative. But Christian ‘truth’ is a person who invites us to *join him on ‘The Way.’* Christianity is a ‘way of life.’ The Christian life is **more a journey than jelled beliefs**, more pilgrimage and practices **than propositions and principles....**

“Way means journey ... and in the emerging culture, our journey is both personal and collective. **No other film expresses the beauty of pilgrimage and journey better than *The Wizard of Oz*.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses & last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴⁴

How fitting. An emerging journey that includes a dance of “*sorcery*”/“*magic*” is unarguably “off to see the *wizard*.” And just like on this movie’s journey, those on the journey of today’s emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism are going to likewise discover that behind the “voice” they are hearing is not at all who they perceive it to be! But, like the wizard, this emerging faith is all just “A ‘Wonderful’ Deception” (as Warren B. Smith warned in the title of his book). And, of course, even “*fictitious*” wizards are today’s *heroes* because surely God’s Word distinguishes between *sin* and “*fictitious sin*,” right? Only in the realm of *make-believe* which, sadly, is the realm that people today prefer. It gives them a *fictitious* sense of *freedom*. And, therefore, they don’t see what the big deal is about being “off to see the wizard,” whether in movies or otherwise.

“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, **neither seek after wizards**, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:31)

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, **I will even set my face against that soul ...**” (Leviticus 20:6)

“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. **For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD ...**” (Deuteronomy 18:10-12)

Despite the dire warnings in God’s Word, people today are still bound and determined not to see anything *wrong* with *wizards*. And if they don’t see anything *wrong* with *wizards*, then why on earth would they see anything *wrong* with *sorcery*?! And thus even with *false gods*?? After all, it is *false gods* that dance “in *evil* places, In *sacred*”—a dance that gives people their desired “Way of Life” of Oneness in which there is no such thing as “*false* and *wrong*,” not even that which God calls *abominations*. So never mind that this emerging journey is a journey with a false god. This is a journey of liberation and salvation for *everyone*—even *wizards*, *devils*, and *false gods*. Oneness is Oneness. And in Oneness, *everyone and everything* are “One with God.”

“Religions now have an opportunity to shift from ‘There is only one God’ to ‘There is only One Thing at all.’...

“If there is Only One Thing That Is, then everything and everyone must be part of that One Thing ...” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹⁴⁵

So, to help participate in the process of making the new and “*better*” circular “God” whole again, simply “tune” in to the music/rhythm of the “vibrations” of its “circular ‘strings’” (or “cosmic web”) and you will be “tuning” in to its “energy of life” that is in everyone and everything. This way, not only can this circular “God” “know itself” as a connected/unified whole again—a “reality” that simply needs to be “observed”—but you can thus help “create” a whole new “reality” for everyone and everything.

“Everything is connected to everything else. *Everything*. There is *nothing* that is ‘disconnected’ or ‘dismembered.’ We only *think* that there is....

“The All Of Everything really is an enormous, larger than fathomable *matrix*. The matrix is **vibrating at differing frequencies** in different locations....

“Words vibrate. Thoughts vibrate. Actions vibrate....

“The act of ‘creation’ is simply the act of **tuning into the vibration** of that which already exists in **the All of Everything ...**” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold & underline added)¹⁴⁶

“You should now better understand how **people of like mind** can work together to **create a favored reality**.” (the

seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹⁴⁷

So “tune” in and you can *tune out* to God’s Word and “awaken” to your own “intuition,” or inner “knowing”—the “vibration” of “the dancing god within.” And this way, as everyone makes it up as they go along, dancing to the rhythm of the “vibrations” of the “God” in everyone and everything—the world will thereby “know itself” to be “God” in one big (r)evolutionary “harmonic convergence.” After all, “[v]ibrations are what turn one vegetable into another.”

“We can look, too, for ... **the awakening of the intuition.**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁴⁸

“Man is beginning to **sense the vibration of that greater Life within Whose body he is but as an atom**, and he is commencing, in a small way, to **make a conscious response to that greater call**, and to **find possible channels** whereby he can understand that greater Life which he senses ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)¹⁴⁹

“This book [Nudge: **Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There**] is your wireless card to pick up the signals of transcendence, **the immanent transcendent**, that are out there but not being downloaded. Semiotics is **the art of finding channels** and making *connections*. Evangelism as semiotics is **the art of tuning our receivers to the ‘I AM’ channel** and setting the controls to receive and transmit transdimensional frequencies.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵⁰

When discussing “the *threefold* manifestation of *Deity*, the *self*, the *not-self*, and the *relation* between,” Alice Bailey then points out:

“**The self, occultly, hears and responds to vibration**, thus *realising Itself*.” (emphasis added)¹⁵¹

She also elaborates:

“There is **a great vibratory sphere**, or plane, in the solar system, called in some **occult** books **the intuitional plane**; it is called in the Eastern literature the Buddhic plane, and **its symbol is the air**.” (emphasis added)¹⁵²

By an amazing “coincidence,” God’s supposedly “*medieval*”/“*outdated*”/“*irrelevant*” Word warns that the devil is “the prince of the power of *the air*.” So those who are “tuning” in to this “vibration” are indeed “tuning” in to “dances of demons.”

“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**.” (Ephesians 2:2)

“**Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.**” (Proverbs 13:13)

“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion **a chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, **the stone which the builders disallowed**, the same is made the head of the corner, and **a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient**: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:6-8)

“**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

No matter how many leaders of this emerging faith teach otherwise, we are not to learn to “pay attention,” “hear,” “read the signs,” and “observe” and “participate” in this dance of Oneness—a dance of *unbelief* and *disobedience*. We are not to turn to the right and turn to the left to unify and transcend all opposites. We are not to “shut up and listen” and dance around the truth to “the music of the spheres,” or the “vibration” of “the universe.” In other words, we are not to turn the light off to look for “truth” in the *corner* of a dark *round* room. We are not to turn off the light of God’s Word of truth for *any* reason, let alone to look for “truth” in the darkness of the *circle* of Oneness that has, by its very

nature, “disallowed” the “corner stone.”

So, are you heeding *the words of God’s Word* or “*the dances of demons*”? Keep in mind that it is in her book *From Intellect to Intuition* that Alice Bailey wrote “[i]t is relatively *unimportant* what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters,” i.e., “God”—and this is for the simple reason that the “meditation” of “mystics” leads to “these results”:

“**Union with God**, or At-one-ment with Divinity. God and man are at-one. **The Self and Not-Self are unified.**” (Alice Bailey, *From Intellect to Intuition*; emphasis added)¹⁵³

Those who are making this shift are indeed the “*true leader[s]*” of *this emerging faith*—a faith that is “part dance; part sorcery, part science” . . .

“For the common sense to be the common good in the postmodern era, it must come to respect **the authority of intuitive modes of knowing**....

“Modernity dismissed ‘intuition’ ... Postmodernity, on the other hand, thrives on **intuitional experience**, elevating its attributes to **the status of a true leader**: Someone ‘gifted more than ordinary people with a **mystical quality--intuition**--which gives him ‘inner conviction’ ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵⁴

“... **the unition experience of the whole, of the self with all that is outside the self**, or of the experience of **God**, either from *within* or **in everything without**....

“**Mysticism** begins in experience; it **ends in theology**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵⁵

“**M is for Mysticism** ...

“Postmoderns are more likely to define **God as ‘mystery that meaning alludes to.’** They carry within them a **mystical consciousness**. In their world, ... magic and mystery and miracle are everyday occurrences through nonconceptual thinking (**intuition**, aesthetic inclinations, spiritual enlightenment, emotions, images), through **mystical enlightenment**, through anomalous and peak experiences, and through soul journeys.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁵⁶

“Hence **the Bible translation, The Voice** (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, upcoming) of which my contribution is the book of Genesis.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; bold added)¹⁵⁷

“So, if you’re interested, I think this new project **The Voice is going to really have a great effect in a lot of individual’s lives and in a lot of churches.**” (Brian McLaren, whose contribution was to *rewrite/reword* the truth of Luke and Acts; bold added)¹⁵⁸

That’s an understatement if ever there was one—but a “great effect” in a *negative* sense. Provided, of course, that being led to neither *believe the true God* nor *obey His voice* is seen by people as *negative*. This is no longer a given now that today’s mystical “experiences” are ending in *Oneness*—a “*God*”-*in-everything* “theology” and “way of life.”

“**Prayer** is more than a form of synchronicity that transcends the space-time continuum, **a tuning in to the rhythms of God**, and **a getting in touch with the ‘rhythm web’ that ties us together**. But it is at least that.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵⁹

“**V is for Voice** ...

“**And what postmoderns are listening for is less words than the music of the spheres**, especially the heavenly spheres, but **sometimes the dances of demons**....

“While **rhythm is the structuring principle of their lives**, postmoderns experience life in terms of sound levels. Some things are too ‘noisy’; other things have too much ‘static.’...”

“The primacy of ‘voice’ beckons the church back to a more biblical [!] and more scientific framework....

“[I]n super-string physics the very building blocks of the universe are defined as ‘**vibrating loops of energy**.’” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)¹⁶⁰

“... **calling people to a way of life in a kingdom (or beautiful whole)** that transcends and includes all religions.” (Brian McLaren; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶¹

No, it isn't the call and voice of God that those in this emerging Wordless faith are “listening for” and “tuning” in to.

*“And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God ... And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, **and God answered him by a voice.... And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, ... Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,** ... And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.” (Exodus 19:17, 19; 20:1-4, 18)*

*“And the sound of a trumpet, and **the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:** (For they could not endure that which was commanded....” (Hebrews 12:19-20)*

*“In my own experience as a lover and reader of the Bible, as **I am freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket** ... I feel I can breathe a little freer ...” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)¹⁶²*

Sadly, some things never change. “Some things are” still just “too ‘noisy’” and “have too much ‘static,’” right?

Despite the emerging faith of many who, sadly, don't know enough to *observe God's Word*, this “cosmic dance” of Oneness is not even remotely the “dance” of the true God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This *movement* is quite clearly and purposely a move *away from* the truth and *unto fables*, just as God's Word warns. But, even so, this is a *fearless* move. In this emerging faith, the warnings of God's Word fall on deaf ears. Why? Because in this emerging faith even *blasphemy* is “scientific,” so why would anyone fear moving away from the truth of God's Word and *unto fables*? They don't. And a growing number of people in today's shifting Christianity are seeming to barely give it a second thought.

In order for Oneness to even exist, people must move and *dance around the truth of God's Word on purpose*. No *circular motion*, no *unified opposites*. No *unified opposites*, no Oneness. And now that today's “scientific” fables of Oneness are providing the “proof” for this new blasphemous “reality,” everyone can leave all *fears* behind and participate in aligning their minds in the global *movement* to create a new “God” and new future—a new world religion and new world—of Oneness. Of course, this call to Oneness is a call to see and honor “God” in *everyone and everything*. And, therefore, those who heed this call are indeed giving heed to “the dances of *demons*.” But, naturally, those who are falling for this blasphemy of Oneness don't see it that way. Never mind that this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness automatically renders *devils the same “energy” as “God”!* No, *this emerging faith of Oneness is not the call of God!*

As Sweet fearlessly writes in *Quantum Spirituality*, “[i]f the universe is a ‘green dragon,’ as physicist/cosmologist Brian Swimme would have it, New Lights are *the dragon's breath*” “and *breathing fire*.”¹⁶³ Indeed. This is quite obvious when comparing the teachings of this emerging faith to the teachings of God's Word. But the dragon behind this emerging “faith”—or “new world religion,” “science,” “paradigm,” “worldview,” “vision of reality,” “Way,” “dance,” “play,” “spirituality,” “consciousness,” “awakening,” “enlightenment,” “self-realization,” “self-actualization,” “evolutionary leap,” “New Thought,” etc.—isn't *green*. It's actually *red*, which fits the flames of hell that were created for it—and, yes, *both the devil and the everlasting fire of hell have a literal existence*. But thanks to “science falsely so called,” man doesn't see it that way.

*“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, ... And **the great dragon** was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:3, 9)*

*“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven, ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell ...**” (Isaiah 14:12-15)*

*“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, **into everlasting fire, prepared for the***

devil and his angels ... *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*" (Matthew 25:41, 46)

Nevertheless, the dragon isn't the only one who still unrepentantly wants to "ascend into heaven" and "be like the most High."

In January 2010, physicist/cosmologist Brian Swimme (who wrote *The Universe Is a Green Dragon*) participated in an Online Teleseminar Series presented by *Integral Enlightenment* titled, "Awakening The Impulse To Evolve, The Birth of Evolutionary Spirituality."¹⁶⁴ After listing the 18 "most inspired visionary teachers" who participated, the website states:

"Join us on a Journey of Awakening . . . Something big happened 13.7 billion years ago. Out of a tiny singularity, the entire Cosmos burst into existence. Now, at the dawn of the third millennium, something even bigger is happening. **The evolutionary impulse that gave birth to the Cosmos is waking up . . . as you.**" (ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶⁵

The website also states: "Join us as we explore what it means to participate in the leading edge of evolution. Participation Is Free."¹⁶⁶ Actually, the cost of participating in this Journey of Awakening is *eternal*. But Oneness is a diabolical dance around the true and "narrow" meaning of the true Gospel of the true Christ that only a "*few*" are willing to believe (the events of which happened just about 2,000 years ago, thus making this the "dawn of the third millennium" since that eternally momentous event).

Sadly, many are being immersed in the "rhythm" of *the Destroyer* and are participating in his *broad way* "dance" and "play" that lead to *destruction*. Under the heading "Reinventing the World, Creating a New Cosmic Culture," the website for this Teleseminar Series also states that:

"Brian Swimme will speak with us about **the need to fundamentally re-imagine our world, so that our internal view** of our lives and our planet **properly aligns with the intelligent, self-organizing, living Universe....**

"Brian Swimme's primary field of research is the nature of the **evolutionary dynamics** of the Universe and the meaningful interpretation of **the human as an emergent being within the Universe and Earth.**" (emphasis added)¹⁶⁷

Also participating was Barbara Marx Hubbard, and under the heading "Impulse of Evolution, A Radical Path to the Future," this website states the following:

"For over six decades Barbara Marx Hubbard has occupied a unique place in the field of **conscious evolution** (she coined the phrase) ... Her vitality draws upon **the timeless spiritual impulse at the core of our human drive towards perfection—the soul of evolution itself.** This 'Impulse of Evolution', **eternally unfolding within us all,** moves us toward ever deeper understanding and **greater participation in the processes of universal creation.** Join us as we explore with Barbara the vast co-creative movements of conscious evolution. *Tap into* your creative essence and expand your innate capacities for cosmic self-expression, self-development and **self-actualization. Become more awake,** more aware and more responsible **co-creators of** our own fate and **the fate of the universe....**

"Barbara Marx Hubbard is a pioneer in **positive options for the future of humanity....** She has been instrumental in the creation of many future-oriented organizations, including the World Future Society, ... and the Association for **Global New Thought....**

"She is also the producer of the award-winning DVD series **Humanity Ascending.**" (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁶⁸

Sadly, rather than believe and obey God and His Son, too many people are choosing instead to "awaken" to today's preferred "reality" of *Oneness* in which humanity can bypass the soul "sort" and a negative future of "doom" in hell and simply "be like the most High" and "ascend into heaven." It therefore isn't surprising that, as reported by Discernment Ministries' Herescope, "[Mike] Morrell was a featured speaker, along with Emergent leader Brian McLaren at the New Age World Future Society Annual Conference held on July 26-28, 2008 in Washington, D.C."¹⁶⁹ As is pointed out in the quote about "Humanity Ascending," it is Barbara Marx Hubbard who was "instrumental in the creation of ... the World Future Society." And at its Conference, Morrell and McLaren spoke on "The Future of the Religious Right," and

the description of this talk includes the following:

“[A] new progressive reality is challenging the monologue of the Religious Right, coming from such groups as Sojourners, Emergent Village and renewed mainline congregations. We’ll explore ... how younger evangelicals are increasingly **rejecting doomsday theology**, ... **or a singular emphasis on individual salvation** ... Three voices from the ‘emergent church’ will explore this capacity of *postmodern* Christianity to embrace and redefine tradition ...

“Who should attend: Any futurist who feels that *everything must change about religion* ...” (emphasis added)¹⁷⁰

Yes, everything is changing in today’s merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age Oneness. And as Leonard Sweet openly admits, “*Postmodern culture is an anti-Christian culture.*”¹⁷¹ It is indeed. Hence its “conscious” “evolution” *away from* the Christian truth of God’s Word—an “evolution” that has consciously journeyed so far outside the “box” of God’s Word of truth that it has ascended into cosmic levels of apostasy.

This emerging faith that flips *everything upside down* is not a faith in which humanity is “ascending” into “God.” Quite the opposite. Those in this emerging faith need to repent and believe in the true Person of God’s Son before it’s too late and they are literally “*brought down to hell*”—along with the master designer of Oneness, who is successfully aligning blinded minds in his new “light” of his new “gospel.” A “gospel” in which humanity need merely “*ascend into heaven*” and “*be like the most High.*” No, this false “gospel” of Oneness is not “God’s Dream.” And no matter how many minds align to “*think*” Oneness “*into being,*” those who are co-creators of his emerging faith of Oneness are not “living positive future, practicing *Heaven*, and designing a bridge across which the whole of humanity will walk.”¹⁷²

*“And **no man hath ascended up to heaven**, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:13, 16)

Is your faith in *God’s Gospel of Christ* or in the devil’s “gospel” of Oneness? The first leads to *eternal life* and the second leads to *eternal hell*. But then, this is just one of those examples of “Christian fundamentalists promoting *medieval* notions of reality,”¹⁷³ right? After all, today’s emerging “scientific” faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness “reimagines” God as *in everyone/everything*, which of course includes *devils*. So what’s there to fear? Only *eternal hell*.

This emerging faith that creates Oneness between God and “*all that exists*” is *blasphemy*. And *blasphemy* does not lead to *eternal life*. People can reject “doomsday theology” all they want, but *both hell and the devil have a literal existence*. And along with warning that “*hell*” is “*the fire that never shall be quenched*,” God’s Word warns that “*the Devil*” “*deceiveth the whole world*” (Mark 9:43-44; 45-46; Revelation 12:9). But then, those who are hell-bent on creating Oneness can choose not to heed God’s warnings if they want to. After all, as Keith Green sang, the devil doesn’t mind that no one believes in him anymore . . .

“Oh my job keeps gettin’ easier As time keeps slippin’ away
I can imitate the brightest light And make your night look just like day
I put some truth in every lie To tickle itchin’ ears
You know I’m drawin’ people Just like flies ‘Cause they like what they hear
“I’m gainin’ power by the hour They’re fallin’ by the score
You know it’s gettin’ very simple now Since no one believes in me anymore ...
“You know they heard the truth But turned away And they followed me instead ...
“Hey man you ain’t no sinner No you’ve got the truth within
And as your life slips by You’ll believe the lie That you did it on your own
But don’t worry I’ll be there to help you share Our dark eternal home ...
“Well I used to have to sneak around But now they just open their doors
No one’s watchin’ for my tricks Since no one Believes in me anymore ...” (“Satan’s Boast”)¹⁷⁴

PART SIX: THE FALL

The “bootstrap philosophy”

Appropriately enough there is a “*bootstrap* philosophy,” which according to physicist Fritjof Capra “represents the culmination of a view of nature that arose in quantum theory with the realization of an essential and universal interrelationship.”¹ Capra also considers this “bootstrap philosophy” to be “the one that comes closest to Eastern thought, both in its general philosophy and its specific picture of matter,”² and writes:

“The bootstrap philosophy constitutes the final rejection of the mechanistic world view in modern physics. Newton’s universe was constructed from a set of basic entities with certain fundamental properties, which had been created by God and thus were not amenable to further analysis.... In the new world view, the universe is seen as a dynamic web of interrelated events.... [T]he overall consistency of their mutual interrelations determines the structure of the entire web....

“The bootstrap hypothesis not only denies the existence of fundamental constituents of matter, but accepts no fundamental entities whatsoever—no fundamental laws, equations or principles—and thus abandons another idea which has been an essential part of natural science for hundreds of years. The notion of fundamental laws of nature was derived from the belief in a divine lawgiver which was deeply rooted in the Judaeo-Christian tradition.” (emphasis added)³

Surprise, surprise. Sadly, everything in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality eventually comes down to the same thing. Man is simply not willing to believe and obey the true God. Instead of bowing the knee before the Almighty God Who made the heavens and the earth, man would rather pull himself up by his own bootstrap to the “God”/“salvation”/“relationship” of man’s own *choosing*. After all, people today see this “chain of command” with its “final authority” and “overlay of power” as “ghastly,” and would rather “be like the most High” in the freedom of *Self-Rule*. The desire for *no fundamentals* does indeed ensnare one in a *web*.

“... thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.” (Deuteronomy 13:18)

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes ...” (Proverbs 12:15)

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ... Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 1:22, 25)

“[T]he Western concept of fundamental laws of nature, with its original implication of **a divine lawgiver**, has no counterpart in Chinese thought. ‘In the Chinese world view’, [Joseph] Needham writes, ‘**the harmonious cooperation of all beings arose, not from the orders of a superior authority external to themselves**, but from the fact that they were all parts in a hierarchy of wholes forming a cosmic pattern, **and what they obeyed were the internal dictates of their own natures**.’ (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)⁴

*“O LORD, I know that **the way of man is not in himself**: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” (Jeremiah 10:23)*

This emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism completely puts “*the way of man*” “in himself.” This is, of course, the purpose of it *all*. And what better way to justify man’s desired freedom from having to believe and obey God than by “reimagining” “God” as “in” everyone and everything? This way, as man looks “in himself” to the “internal dictates” of his *own nature*, man can thus justify it all as simply his own inner “knowing” of “God.” This emerging faith and its “God”

“in” everyone and everything provide a convenient foundationless “foundation” that gives everyone the freedom to make up “God” and “truth” however they choose. In other words, this gives everyone the freedom of the “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” of following the “internal dictates” of man’s own nature—which contrary to the lies of Oneness/panentheism is not the nature of “God.”

“... every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 17:6 and 21:25)

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

So why do people today want *no fundamentals, or foundation, for their faith?* Because people today want *choices*. They want the freedom to decide *for themselves* what is “truth” or “falsehood” and “right” or “wrong.” They want the freedom to do whatever is right in their *own eyes*.

“Postmodern society is a multiple-vision, multioption society where the more options we exercise, the more human we become. Choice is no longer a choice. It is now a necessity, a virtue....

“People resent it when you don’t give them choices. They stay away from places (especially churches) that don’t give them choices.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵

“Premoderns lived in black and white, moderns in smudged gray, postmoderns live in a crayon box. The higher the level of living system in an *evolutionary cosmos*, the greater the *variety* and *novelty*....

“People are looking to find their own unique path in the world, each in his or her *own way*.... Postmoderns can take opposite paths, make contrasting choices, **and still be ‘right.’...**

“Authoritarian stances of ... ‘We have the Truth!’ or ‘The Bible says it: That settles it!’ ... no longer suffice. Indeed, they are resented.... Instead of ... what is ‘truth’ and ‘falsehood,’ ... what is ‘right’ and ‘wrong,’ ... storytelling is the postmodern means of governance ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“E is for Emergence ...

“Self-governance ...

“‘We make it up as we go along.’” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁷

And therefore:

“Postmodern culture is a Choice Culture.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁸

Incidentally, the term *heresy* is from the “Greek *haíresis*, literally, act of choosing, derivative of *haireîn* **to choose**.”⁹ And therefore:

“Postmodern culture is an anti-Christian culture.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

But, naturally, people today don’t see it as *heresy to choose* whatever is “true” and “right” in their own eyes. Why would they? After all, people don’t purposely choose heresy, do they? And even if they do, it’s not about how people choose to see things according to what is right in *their eyes*. It’s about how God sees things according to what is right in *His eyes*. This is made perfectly clear in His *settled Word of truth*. But, of course, there’s a *reason* why people today don’t see it:

“For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Matthew 13:15)

“For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.” (Proverbs 1:29-30)

Again, people today want *no fundamentals, or foundation, so they can have the freedom to choose* whatever is “true”

and “right” in *their* eyes. And, therefore, they are *choosing* to build their faith upon *the sand* so that their faith can thus freely *shift* and *move* with their *choices*. Nevertheless, their *resentment* and *rejection* of a foundation displays a lack of *wisdom*, and a *great fall* is inevitable—whether they choose to see it that way or not.

*“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.... Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which **built his house upon a rock**: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock**. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which **built his house upon the sand**: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**” (Matthew 7:21, 24-27)*

And if that wasn’t clear enough about the *indispensability* of our foundation:

*“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a **man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock**: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and **could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock**. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a **man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth**; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and **immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**” (Luke 6:46-49)*

“Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.” (Proverbs 10:14)

*“Therefore they say unto God, **Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.**” (Job 21:14)*

Still, in the anti-Christian, choice culture of today’s emerging faith of Oneness a foundation is viewed with *resentment* and as something to be *repudiated*:

“F is for Foundationalism ...

“In the foundationalist world, people assumed that through careful reason, logic, and research a complete structure of knowledge could be erected and *mysteries* could gradually be replaced with knowledge. This **knowledge would accumulate like bricks cemented on a foundation**, and **assuming the foundation is secure and certain, humans could have rock-solid certainty** from the bottom up. Modern secularists tended to rely only on sensory data for their ‘bricks,’ while modern **Christians mined their bricks from the Bible**, which was **assumed to be intended by God as a source from which propositions could be extracted**. In either case, it was **assumed that knowledge was like a wall or building engineered upon an undoubtable, unshakable foundation**.

“[M]odern Christians seemed to believe that their conceptual structures **would stand forever**.... [M]odern conceptual systems will be seen as the remembered but often *unused artifacts* of modern Christianity.

“In the post-foundationalist postmodern world, people will generally feel a greater affinity to pre-foundationalists, ... In the words of Rodney Clapp, arguing the case that **everyone is ‘better off’ repudiating foundationalism**,

“... I think foundationalists need to admit that **there is no such thing as safely and absolutely secured knowledge. Knowledge is particular and perspectival, and as such is always contestable.**” [!] (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)¹¹

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ... And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.” (Hosea 4:6, 9)

“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.” (Isaiah 13:11)

“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7)

“Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.” (Proverbs 19:27)

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

"In philosophy, **the foundations have been spirited away by postfoundationalism**. While much of the church is **trapped in foundationalist thinking**, where truth is 'out there' to be hauled in by objective methods, **the foundationalist model cannot hold up under either postmodern or biblical hermeneutics**." (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)¹²

"... a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth ... and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." (Luke 6:49)

"Not that **postmodern** folk are anti-intellectual. Rather, they have **expanded** their respect for the God-created human **mind beyond the narrow confines** of rational analysis **to intuition, imagination, and aesthetics**." (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)¹³

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

"This new vision sees the universe as only partially created ... In this eschatology we are invited to be part of God's creative team **working to see God's dream for the universe come true** (in other words, working to see **God's will be done on earth as in heaven**)."

 (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴

It isn't God's "dream" for *man* to work at *changing* God's will on earth to *exclude* the knowledge of God in order to give everyone *freedom* from having to believe and obey God! So if they truly want to see God's will done on earth, maybe they should first try working to stay *inside* the truth of God's Word, instead of wanting to color outside the lines. For all who truly want to believe and obey God, God's Word provides an undoubtable, unshakable foundation of rock-solid certainty in black and white that can get them started in their knowledge of God's will.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

Regarding the "bootstrap philosophy," which is obviously a chosen philosophy of the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of people today, Fritjof Capra writes:

"[N]ew-paradigm thinking ... concerns **the age-old metaphor of knowledge as a building**. Scientists speak about *fundamental* laws, referring to the *fundament*, or *basis*, of the building of knowledge. Knowledge has to be built **on sound and firm foundations**; ... This metaphor of knowledge as a building **with solid foundations** has been used throughout Western science and philosophy for thousands of years.

"The foundations of *scientific knowledge*, however, have not always remained solid. They have *shifted* repeatedly ...

"So again and again, throughout the history of *science*, there has been a feeling that the foundations of knowledge were *shifting*, or even *crumbling*. The *current* paradigm shift in science again evokes such a feeling, but *this time it may be the last time*; not because there won't be any more progress or any more changes, but because **there won't be any foundations in the future.... Just as we see reality around us as a network of relationships**, our descriptions, too—our concepts, models, and theories—will form an interconnected network representing the *observed* phenomena....

"This bootstrap philosophy not only abandons the idea of fundamental building blocks of matter but **accepts no fundamental entities whatsoever**—no fundamental constants, laws, or equations. The material universe is seen as **a dynamic web** of interrelated events. **None of the properties of any part of this web is fundamental**; they *all* follow from the properties of the other parts, and the overall consistency of their *interrelations* determines the structure of the entire web....

"In fact, it can be said that **the contrast between 'fundamentalists' and 'bootstrappers'** in particle physics is

paralleled by the contrast between the prevailing currents of **Western and Eastern thought.**" (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁵

Indeed. Of course, Eastern thought is "no-thought" to thereby unify and transcend all opposites—i.e., to thereby transcend the *fundamentals* of *what is truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*. So, without the fundamentals of the truth and faith of God and His Son, bootstrapping is all that is left. And, fittingly, a bootstrap—which is used to pull the boot on—is a *loop*. In the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, its all-encompassing *loop/circle* of Oneness provides the ultimate bootstrap. No fundamental truth and faith needed. That is, no foundation of absolute truth needed. But this emerging foundationless faith/New Quantum Spirituality is all "scientific," right? Isn't it just a *new* "understanding" of "reality" based on the "truth" and "knowledge" of quantum physics?

*"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of **science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.** Grace be with thee. Amen."* (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

"The argument is correct in that **there is no absolute truth in science.**" (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁶

"This new conceptual framework immediately raises an important question. **If everything is connected to everything else, how can we ever hope to understand anything?** Since all natural phenomena are ultimately interconnected, **in order to explain any one of them we need to understand all the others, which is obviously impossible.** What makes it possible to turn **the bootstrap or web philosophy** into a scientific theory is the fact that there is **approximate knowledge**. If one is satisfied with an **approximate understanding** of nature, one can describe selected groups of phenomena in this way, neglecting other phenomena that are less relevant. Thus one can explain many phenomena in terms of a few, and consequently understand different aspects of nature in **an approximate way** without having to understand everything at once.

"This insight is crucial to all of modern science and represents my criterion number five [for 'new paradigm thinking']: the **shift from truth to approximate descriptions.**" (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁷

In other words, the criterion for "new paradigm thinking" is to shift from truth to *fuzziness*.

"This is the scientific method; all scientific theories and models are approximations to the true nature of things, but **the error involved in the approximation is often small enough to make such an approach meaningful.**" (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)¹⁸

Sadly, today's shifting Christianity has adopted the same "method." It, too, believes that a true understanding of God and His Son is impossible and that *approximate* "understandings" are therefore acceptable. It also believes that the error involved in these approximations is small enough to make such an approach to God meaningful. But, although "there is no absolute truth in *science*," there is indeed absolute truth when it comes to *religion*. There *is* an *absolute truth* of *the true God*. There *is* a *set of beliefs* that we are to *believe*, the knowledge of which is given to us by *God in the Word of God*. God's Word makes it perfectly clear that we are to *believe* and *love the truth* to be *saved* (e.g., 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). And, no, believing and loving "approximate descriptions"—i.e., believing and loving *fuzziness*—is not the same thing as believing and loving *the truth*.

"Even those who are working the hardest to preserve the canons of logic have had to introduce the theoretical concept of '**fuzziness**' to accommodate **the postmodern chords of transition, interrelatedness, complexity, felt relations, subtlety, paradox, vagueness, and uncertainty....**

"In brief, **fuzziness** is a mathematical system of description and explanation **designed to alter traditional 'yes-no' set theory to integrate the 'almost/about' imprecisions**, the *contradictory/grayish* realities of *quantum observables*....

"Calls for a '**fuzzy theology**' and '**fuzzy spirituality**' would receive a prickly reception in our decidedly nonfuzzy churches ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

Sadly, not any more. In the last couple decades, the many change agents have been *very* busy in working to *change* God's

will on earth. And with the help of today's epidemics of light intolerance and itching ears, they have taken God's will and successfully flipped it upside down and "fuzzified" it in the minds of too many people. So never mind that faith in the truth is true faith, now that faith in fuzziness is successfully emerging as the new "faith" of today's upside-down Christianity, *nonfuzziness* receives much worse than just a "prickly" reception. Again, people today want the *freedom of uncertainty* rather than the *what is of certainty*.

Even so, when it comes to religion (faith), the shift from the *certainty of absolute truth* to the *uncertainty of fuzzy approximations* is an error that people may find "meaningful," but only until they discover that it wasn't the *true God* or the *true Jesus Christ* they were approaching but, rather, the approximate "God" and approximate "Jesus"/"Christ" of *fuzzy Oneness* that offer everyone an approximate "way" to an approximate "salvation." Still, isn't this what people today want? Or how about this, the uncertain "God" and uncertain "Jesus"/"Christ" of *fuzzy Oneness* that offer everyone an uncertain "way" to an uncertain "salvation." Any better?

Remember, in the *foundationless* emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness *there is no absolute truth or knowledge*. Hence, the "truth" and "knowledge" of Oneness is "engineered upon" a *doubtable, shakable, foundationless* "foundation" that is neither *secure* nor *certain*. And yet being without a foundation is what people today want. So those in this *post-foundational* emerging faith are still choosing to bet their souls on the "truth" and "knowledge" of Oneness. After all, given the *universality* of its *uncertain fuzzy "truth,"* Oneness is thus a *universal* salvation, right? Would that be the universal salvation that is *foundational* to this emerging faith? . . .

"In the foundationalist world, ... assuming the foundation is secure and certain, humans could have rock-solid certainty from the bottom up....

"... I think foundationalists need to admit that *there is no such thing as safely and absolutely secured knowledge....* and as such is always contestable." (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)²⁰

But at least those in this foundationless emerging faith still have their approximate "knowledge" of the approximate "God" of Oneness. And an approximate "God" is *almost* the same as God, right? Does an *almost "God"* give you warm fuzzies? It should give cold terror!

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:12-13)

"The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in **truth**." (Psalm 145:17-18)

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? ... For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little ... This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet **they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, **and fall backward**, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men ... **Because ye have said**, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; **when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.**" (Isaiah 28:9-17)**

For “the wages” of *believing doctrine* (“propositions”) is “death”?

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in **the doctrine** of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

Given that today’s emerging faith is “*post-foundationalist*”—i.e., purposely *moving past* the *foundation* of God’s Word—it isn’t surprising that Sweet begins his book *So Beautiful* by discussing the “APC” pill of WWII—a cure-all for “Aches, Pains, Complaints.” He explains that the problem with this pill was that scientists discovered that its phenacetin—the “P” of APC—could kill with long-term use.¹ Sweet then suggests a “need” “to help churches stop practicing APC Christianity [the ‘P’ standing for ‘**Propositional**’] and become what I’m calling a So Beautiful or MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] church.”² As he sees it:

“To misquote Paul, **the wages of APC is death.**” (emphasis added)³

As is made clear in Scripture, its doctrine (“Propositions”) is *foundational* to the faith and is to be *believed*. And in a little chart contrasting APC with MRI, under the heading “APC Creates,” Sweet even specifies that the “**P**” creates “**Believers**.”⁴ So the wages of believing doctrine (“Propositions”) is “death”? In other words, so “whosoever *believeth* in him *should perish*”? And “whosoever ... abideth in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God”? Accordingly, Sweet writes:

“Because most of our people are so committed to the old APC, that even though we deliver the presence of the divine, they still clamor for **the golden calf.**” (emphasis added)⁵

First, the astronomical arrogance of people today is astounding. Man does not have the power to “deliver the presence” of the true God! And that goes for the change-agent “worship” leaders who are increasingly leading today’s Christianity into the *worship* of the *false* “God” of Oneness/panentheism.

Second, we are to abide in the doctrine (“Propositions”) of Christ in order to even have “both the Father and the Son.” So to purposely *depart* from the doctrine (“Propositions”) of Christ is to “deliver” nothing more than a golden calf—a *counterfeit* “presence of the divine.” But this way, with a “God” that people can just feel and experience and relate to with their *senses*, everyone can thereby “transcend” (bypass) the need to worship the true God Who expects to be worshipped “*in spirit and in truth*,” right? After all, this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism gives everyone the freedom to just *relate* to whatever it is that they *relate* to.

“**Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship:** for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when **the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:22-24)

“**Postmoderns want a God they can feel, taste, touch, hear, and smell--a full sensory immersion in the divine.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶

“**[F]aith is living in the reality of God’s visible presence.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)⁷

Again, some things never change. The Israelites, too, wanted a visible presence of God. They gave their gold to Aaron who then made up a golden calf for them. And, by the way, the Israelites were worshipping the golden calf while God was giving Moses His “Propositions.” The Israelites even *danced* and *played* as if the golden calf was “the reality of God’s

visible presence.” However, while the Israelites were attempting to experience God in the golden calf, the presence of God was with Moses. God doesn’t play man’s games. (See Exodus 32.)

So, *what* exactly is a “visible presence” of God? *Visible* -- “that can be *seen*; perceptible to *the eye*.”⁸ Basically, Sweet himself actually has the appropriate answer to this—an answer that is also fitting of his teachings that “Jesus’ followers are *shapemiths* of the Spirit”⁹ and that “*ideas ... of pagan cultures ... become enfleshed in Christ*.”¹⁰ Sweet writes:

“The Greek verb for ‘seeing’ is highly irregular: from *horaō* we get the word *theory*, or to look at something from a distance; but **another form of the verb to see comes from the noun *eidos*, which means the shape of something visible, from which we get *idea* but also *idol***. The history of the last five hundred years is hidden in that one sentence.” (bold & underline added)¹¹

And, therefore, what does the Word of God say?

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

Even so, Sweet believes in an “embodiment of God in the very substance of creation.”¹² Thus, this panentheistic “God” of Oneness is “a God” that would have been embodied “*in the very substance*” of the golden calf itself. So the question is, why is Sweet seemingly attempting to separate “the presence of the divine” from “the golden calf”?:

“[M]ost of our people are so committed to the old APC, that even though we deliver *the presence of the divine*, they still clamor for **the golden calf**.” (emphasis added)¹³

And along with everything else, Sweet even writes:

“**When God wanted to connect to Nebuchadnezzar, he did so through an *idol***.” (emphasis added)¹⁴

No, He didn’t. The true God actually did so through a *dream*—i.e., a dream Nebuchadnezzar had while sleeping in his bed (see Daniel 2:1, 28, as well as the rest of the chapter)—and not just any dream, but one *truly given by God*. But it is to be expected that those who believe that God is *embodied in everything* will see no problem with an *idol*. Unless, of course, the purpose is to absurdly claim that those of us who *believe the certain truth of God’s Word* are the ones guilty of “*idolatry*” and clamoring for and casting “*the golden calf*”:

“As Aaron discovered at the foot of Mount Sinai, **the farther people journeyed from God, the more they became certain** what God looks like **and cast the golden calf**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

“APC Christianity **falsifies** both **Christ** and the church to the world.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁶

It therefore isn’t surprising that Sweet lists “doctrinal disputes” as one of the not so “healthy” problems of “APC Christianity.”¹⁷ Given the growing number of people today *who are not willing to believe*, and who are thus earnestly contending *against* the faith, doctrinal disputes are inevitable. Those of us *who are not willing to become unbelievers*, and who know that unbelievers are still in their sins and thus facing the *dire* wages of eternal death, are earnestly contending *for* the faith (as God’s Word exhorts us to do—e.g., Jude 1:3). Not only are we not willing to blindly follow the blind into the ditch, but we are also not willing to just sit idly by and watch others do so. And, no, giving people the *doctrine* of Christ so they can *believe* in the true Person of Christ and thereby have God does not *falsify Christ*! It does however bring the *falsities* of their *false “Christ” of Oneness* into the light. So, basically, it could be said that the doctrine of Christ falsifies *their “Christ*.” And they just don’t like that.

“*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?*” (Galatians 4:16)

Sadly, people today just do not want to hear the truth. They really *don’t want to know* that their false “God” and false

“Christ” are indeed *false*. After all, what they don’t *know* can’t hurt them, right? And, therefore, rather than knowing the doctrine (“Propositions”) of God’s Word, people today prefer the *unknown*.

Incidentally, believe it or not, Sweet writes in *So Beautiful*:

“In mapping the MRI **we are not attacking or opposing the propositional [!] any more than we are being asked to kiss our brains goodbye.**” (emphasis added)¹⁸

Actually, this is precisely what takes place in Sweet’s book *So Beautiful*. Once again: “[S]top practicing APC Christianity and become what I’m calling a So Beautiful or MRI church.... **‘P’ for Propositional** ... To misquote Paul, **the wages of APC is death.**”¹⁹ The “Propositional,” of course, representing *phenacetin*, the “P” in the “APC” pill of WWII, which “could kill you.”²⁰ But he isn’t “attacking or opposing the propositional”?!? Is he kidding? How about in the following, in which Sweet also writes:

“Propositionalism is a horrible modern doctrine that has all but performed spiritual hari-kari on the Western church. I call it the Dutch elm disease of Christian faith. **To get rid of it is almost to convert Christians from another religion.** In fact, it may be easier to evangelize people who know nothing about Christianity than **heal modern Christians infected by this disease.**” (emphasis added)²¹

“Propositionalists want you to fall in line. Relationalists want you to fall in love....

“We were put here to ‘glorify God and enjoy him forever.’ In other words, **we were not put here to ‘do the right thing’** but to be in a ‘right relationship’ with God. **We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’** but to conceive beauty, truth, and goodness. **We were not put here to ‘take a stand’** but to walk in the light for the greater glory of God. **Biblical truth doesn’t feast on fact.**” (emphasis added)²²

“This difference in how and where we encounter the sacred—in propositions or in relations—is fundamental....

“For the Christian, **propositionalism is a form of atheism:** to *define faith in terms of formulations and affirmations you can tie down* rather than living relationships and lifelong encounters you can trust.” (emphasis added)²³

“God doesn’t offer **final answers**, the *manacles* of modernity, **but binding relationships....**

“Jesus never once mentions religion or orthodox theology, nor does he outline *certain* religious ‘beliefs’ and ‘precepts’ by which we will be judged. He outlines actions by which we will be judged, but *not propositions and creeds.*” (emphasis added)²⁴

“The more connected the world gets, the more the importance of Christianity getting over its propositional impotence. We must resign from the proposition business ...” (emphasis added)²⁵

“What if we were to **think connectness rather than correctness?**...”

“The church is **not** a set of **propositions**, buildings, or **beliefs** ...” (emphasis added)²⁶

“People need room to **move** and **choose** and **resist airtight propositions that don’t allow free breathing (i.e., freedom).**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁷

You get the idea. And, yes, each one of the above quotes is from Sweet’s book *So Beautiful* in which he claims that he isn’t “attacking or opposing the propositional.” Likewise, contrary to his claims, neither is he teaching *Divine Design for Life and the Church* (his subtitle for *So Beautiful*).

The “propositional” is only one of many things in which Sweet speaks out of both sides of his mouth in trying to have it both ways. And yet, trying to have it both ways is “the MRI.” As addressed earlier, “the MRI” is about “the Oneness of *Twoness* that becomes Threeness.” Thus, without the both ways of *Twoness* there would be no *Oneness* that becomes Threeness. That is, there would be no Oneness of “all opposites” that becomes a “*third way*.” So of course he says one thing and then later turns around and says the opposite. He *has to* in order to bring the both ways of *Twoness* together

in *Oeness*. It's all part of the *circle dance* of this emerging faith. This is why those in this emerging faith talk in circles. And, naturally, this isn't seen as "*doublethink*" but as "*so beautiful*":

"The MRI as the Double-Helix Design for Life ...

"The secret of life is 'helixal,' two strands that run in opposite directions creating a reproductive Möbius strip and slingshot.

"And the secret of life brings together another double: **the linear (line) and nonlinear (curve) that together form a spiral** ...

"**We negatively call and/alsos 'doublethink.'** It's time to call and/alsos ... 'so beautiful.'

"Dualism, either/or exclusionism is ... plug ugly.

"Nondualism, **both/and** nonlocalism is ... **so beautiful.**" (Leonard Sweet; last two ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁸

So, in this purposeful dance of doublethink and its inevitable doublespeak (which is anything but *beautiful*)—just two pages after Sweet says, "In mapping the MRI we are *not* attacking or opposing the propositional any more than we are being asked to kiss our *brains* goodbye," he circles back with:

"There is a wealth of **knowledge** waiting to be revealed to us, but it **doesn't come through the mind** or senses. Only through *the Spirit*....

"People need room to **move** and **choose** and **resist airtight propositions** that don't allow free breathing (i.e., **freedom**). **Jesus ... did not dictate to his disciples what they were to believe about him:** 'Who do you say I am?'" (emphasis added)²⁹

God's Word is perfectly clear that unbelievers do not have "*the Spirit*." And, therefore, what "wealth of knowledge" is "to be revealed" that bypasses "the *mind*" and gives them "freedom" to "resist airtight propositions" and believe *whatever they choose* about who they say Jesus is?? People can believe in the "wealth" of their mystical "experiences" and their own inner "knowing" all they want, but God's Word is perfectly clear.

"*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*" (John 14:17)

"*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*" (Ephesians 1:13)

In the little chart in which Sweet contrasts APC with MRI he specifies that the "**P**" (for "**Propositional**") creates "**Believers**." Opposite this, and under the heading "MRI Creates," Sweet specifies that the "**R**" (for "**Relational**") creates "**Disciples**."³⁰ Never mind that according to Jesus Himself:

"*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***" (John 8:31-32)

Believe it or not, shortly after his previous quote about resisting "airtight propositions" and that "Jesus ... did not dictate to his disciples *what they were to believe* about him," Sweet actually writes:

"**You can't be a disciple of Jesus without being a rank agnostic.** An agnostic is **someone who doesn't 'know,'** and *no one* who stands before God pushes the 'don't know' button more than *Jesus* followers do. **In fact, Christians are the biggest agnostics around, or at least Paul thought so with his concept of the theos agnostos (unknown God).**" (parentheses in the original; emphasis added, except to *theos agnostos*)³¹

"**Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.** But the hour cometh, and now is, when **the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and **they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**" (John 4:22-24)

*“Now while **Paul** waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he **saw the city wholly given to idolatry**.... Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ hill, and said, **Ye men of Athens**, I perceive that in all things **ye are too superstitious**. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, **I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, **him declare I unto you**.” (Acts 17:16, 22-23)*

First, yes, “too superstitious” has been changed to “very religious” by many new versions (*new for a reason*). This change conveniently opens the door for people in the emerging faith of *Oneness* to “reimagine” the meaning of this passage accordingly. Second, as a matter of fact, true Christians—i.e., those who know and believe *the truth of God’s Word*, and who are *not* those to whom Paul was speaking here—are the only ones who truly *know Who God is*. And those who prefer to imagine that knowing and believing the truth of God’s Word is “*pride*” can see their choice to make God out to be a *liar* as “humility,” or “humble theology,” all they want. But God said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth, and those who “humbly” refuse to believe Him will reap what they sow.

*“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son**.... And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” (1 John 5:9-10, 19-21)*

The truth and faith of God’s Word is indeed about a *Person*, the Lord Jesus Christ. But apart from *believing* the *doctrine* (“Propositions”) that gives us *the truth of Who* the Lord Jesus Christ *is*, we do not have *the Person* of the Lord Jesus Christ. It really is that simple. Death is not “the wages” of *believing* the doctrine of Christ but of *not believing*.

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1 John 5:12)

“B is for Be-living

“Yes, we realize that *be-living* isn’t really a word—yet. (Postmodern pilgrims will doubtless need to coin a number of new words to help us in our journey.)

“Modernity was **preoccupied with correct beliefs and believing**, but only in a **narrowly defined sense**. For moderns, so enthralled with rational, conceptual **correctness**, ‘believe’ was normally married to the conjunction ‘that,’ rather than the preposition ‘in.’ It was above all important to believe that . . . , the word to be then followed by any number of propositions and formulations. Meanwhile, Jesus seemed more concerned that we believe in, ... like ‘confide in’ or ‘have confidence in’ or ‘trust.’...

“Taken to the extreme, *believing that* can lead us into a **false security**, suggesting that as long as we hold the **correct ‘beliefs,’** ... or **doctrinal** formulations, we’re in like Flynn, safe at home, ... This might be called ‘**salvation by getting the right formulations**’ ... an approach that doesn’t square well with the teachings of either Luther or Jesus....

“Do you believe? **Do you even believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?**

“No big deal! Even Satan believes that. You can believe something and not act on it. **Authentic Christianity** is a full **faith, not thin beliefs. We are saved** by grace through faith, **not by beliefs**.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses & 1st ellipsis dots in the original; bold & underline added)³²

First, “*thin*” belief?? To the contrary, that God raised Jesus from the dead is *foundational* to the faith—e.g., “*And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins*” (1 Corinthians 15:17; see also entire chapter). But, of course, *foundational* becomes a problem in a “*post-foundationalist postmodern world*.” And since there can be *no foundations* in *Oneness*—which is an *ever-moving, ever-changing circle*—as previously addressed, this emerging faith therefore separates *faith* from *belief* and gets its faith from *relationship* instead. This way, today’s emerging faith in the relationship—a.k.a. “God”—of *Oneness* can be *all-encompassing*.

Nevertheless, for reasons that used to be obvious before the shift to *Oneness*, God’s Word does indeed specify *believe*

that. Take the following, for instance, both of which are key to salvation (and included is their above example of a “thin” belief which they also claim we are “not” “saved by”):

*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart **that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**” (Romans 10:9)*

*“**Then said Jesus** again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.... I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**” (John 8:21, 24)*

Again:

*“**For the wages of sin is death;** but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)*

Second, yes, we are to act on our faith, i.e., on what we believe. God’s Word makes it clear that faith without works is dead. And in Romans 10:9, we are to both confess the Lord Jesus and believe that God has raised Him from the dead. These go hand in hand in salvation because if we truly *believe that* Jesus is *alive* we will want to obey Him as our *Lord*. And to confess with our mouth the *Lord* Jesus is not to be just *lip service*. Jesus Himself said:

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46)

Neither are we to just *do* things without *believing*. For example, Jesus also said:

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7:21-23)

Finally, we can’t believe in Jesus if we don’t believe *that* Jesus is Who He is and did what He did. In other words, to leave out believing the truth of Who He is and what He did only leaves people with making it up as they go along. Again, this shift from *correctness* to *incorrectness* is an error that people may find “meaningful,” but only until they discover that they weren’t on the narrow way of the *correct* God or the *correct* Jesus Christ but, rather, on the incorrect “way” of the incorrect “God” and incorrect “Jesus”/“Christ” of *fuzzy Oneness* and its incorrect “salvation.” Is this getting any better yet?

No matter how many people in the emerging incorrect faith of Oneness imagine otherwise, a “*make-it-up-as-you-go-along*” faith doesn’t believe in *Jesus* but, rather, in a *made-up* “Jesus.” This is not *that* Jesus in Whom we are to believe. But people can choose not to believe in *that* Jesus if they want to . . .

*“**Then said Jesus** again unto them, ... **for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**” (John 8:21, 24)*

*“But these are written, that ye might **believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;** and that believing ye might have life through his name.” (John 20:31)*

**Jesus is not “dead” -- but those who want freedom from absolute truth
can believe otherwise if they want to . . .**

*“And looking upon **Jesus** as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!... We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus....** We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, **Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**” (John 1:36, 41-42, 45)*

“If you ‘understand’ something in only one way, then you scarcely understand it at all.” (Leonard Sweet quoting Marvin Minsky; emphasis added)¹

*“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”* (1 Timothy 2:5)

“... this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.” (Hebrews 10:12)

“Franchise is another word for dis-incarnation. And too few of these franchise ‘projects’ approached other cultures with **the gospel of love**: ‘Jesus loves who and what you are, and wants to inhabit who you are and what you are in such a way that it blesses me, blesses others, and **blesses the world with new understandings of who Jesus is**.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

“[P]eople may **genuinely encounter God** outside the Christian church **without** explicitly **knowing** about **Jesus of Nazareth**.” (Leonard Sweet quoting “theologian/evangelism professor” William J. Abraham who “says it best;” emphasis added)³

“If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.” (1 Corinthians 16:22)

*“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead ... **Neither is there salvation in any other** ...”* (Acts 4:10, 12)

*“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ**.... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.... Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”* (Acts 2:36, 38-40)

“[W]hile **there is more than one way of being a true believer**, there is still one way, and that way is **Christ**. Like the mathematical model of **the Möbius strip**, there is only one side. But that one side is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’ of the strip.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴

*“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be **corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ**. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”* (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

“What if we were to **think connectness rather than correctness?**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“Modernity was **preoccupied with correct beliefs and believing**, but only in a **narrowly defined sense**.... It was above all important **to believe that . . .**, the word to be then **followed by any number of propositions** and formulations.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added, except italics to that)⁶

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

Christ is a Person. Christ is not a “consciousness,” not “immanent,” not “energy,” not an “it,” not something we “channel,” not something or someone we can “be” or “become.” Christ is *Jesus of Nazareth; period*. So, as a matter of fact, *true Christians who believe God’s Word* are indeed preoccupied—with believing the *correct* Christ (i.e., *that* Jesus “whom God raised from the dead” Who is “*that same Jesus*”). But this *corner* stone has no place

in the *circle* of Oneness that people are building today and *they know it*. So the simplicity that is in Christ is being “reimagined” into the complexity of *Oneness/panentheism*. This way, this new “reimagined” “Christ” (i.e., “Messiah”) of *Oneness* can be found “in all of life and in all things,”⁷ including “in the food you eat.”⁸ Combine this with the “constant transformation” of this immanent “Christ” (“Messiah”), and everyone can thus define “Christ” (“Messiah”) *however they choose*.

“[T]he incarnation goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells all that exists.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

“While Jesus is flawless, our religious sensibilities—whether our **doctrinal** or ethical systems—are always subject to error.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹⁰

Doctrine is quite the stumbling stone for building *Oneness*. Hence, “[a]n *incarnational* design begins with the *humble* acknowledgment that there is no unmediated gospel or uncorrupted faith.”¹¹ By the way, *error* is “a deviation from accuracy or *correctness*,” “belief in something untrue;” “an *incorrect* belief;” to “wander, go astray.”¹² It is not those who are “preoccupied with *correct* beliefs” who are “always subject to *error*”! This emerging faith continues to flip *everything* upside down. And after “always subject to error,” Sweet and Viola continue:

“Thus they [*doctrinal or ethical systems*] are only redeemable as they are made subject to **Christ’s constant transformation**.” (emphasis added)¹³

In other words, *the truth and doctrine of God’s Word* are less “subject to *error*” if they likewise undergo “*constant transformation*”! This, of course, neatly *eliminates* absolute truth that is to be believed and obeyed. And with a *constantly transforming* “Christ,” why would people in this emerging faith need to believe in Jesus Christ of Nazareth? They obviously wouldn’t and don’t. But they only partly see it that way:

“[T]he truth is that **the Jesus who walked the shores of Galilee is the same person who indwells the church today**. There is **no disconnect between the Jesus of Mark’s Gospel and the incredible, all-sufficient, cosmic Christ of Colossians**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹⁴

For starters, they should have said “cosmic Christ of Oneness.” The New Age immanent “cosmic Christ” of this emerging faith is only *falsely* imagined to be the true Christ of Colossians. The true Christ of Colossians is the true Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth; *period*. And this true *Person*—Who is Who He is—is not “*cosmic*.” Neither is He “*reimaginable*.” Despite today’s utter absurdities in which people think they have the freedom to “reimagine” Jesus Christ of Nazareth—i.e., make up *another* “Jesus”/“Christ”—and that it will still be Jesus Christ of Nazareth, there is only *one Christ*, i.e., only *one Messiah*. Any Christ that is not the true Jesus Christ of Nazareth is a *false* “Christ,” which Jesus Christ of Nazareth Himself—*God’s Son*—warned about (e.g., see Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22).

“When Christ ascended and was glorified, the Spirit was poured out. In other words, He descended in the Spirit, and **we became His new body**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹⁵

Actually, Jesus Christ of Nazareth ascended in His *physically* resurrected body, *which He is still in*. And those who *believe* in that Jesus Christ (Whom God *raised* from the dead), and are therefore indwelt by His Holy Spirit, comprise a *spiritual* body of Christ. But Sweet has taken what he sees as “His new body” into cosmic realms of absurdity:

“Theologian/feminist critic Sallie McFague has argued persuasively for seeing **Earth, in a very real sense, as much as a part of the body of Christ** as humans.... **The world of nature** has an identity and purpose apart from **human** benefit. But **we constitute together a cosmic body of Christ**....

“Quantum spirituality bonds us to all creation as well as to other members of the human family.... **This entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation**.” (emphasis added)¹⁶

Obviously, those in this emerging faith will see no need to *believe* in the *physically/bodily* resurrected Jesus Christ of Nazareth. That is, they will see no need to *believe* in *that “same person*.” After all, those who are dancing to the tune of *Oneness/immanence* are dancing to the tune of the *cosmic* “Christ”—a dance in which *everyone* (not to mention

everything) can become “just like *Jesus*.”

“... **dancing to the rhythm of** ... what some call ‘**divinization**,’ others ‘**christification**,’ ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁷

As Alice Bailey likewise wrote:

“The life of Christ is a life to be lived today, eventually by all....

“The ordinary theological applications no longer make an appeal to the developed intelligence of man. Christ Himself is ever powerful to attract human interest, and to draw to Himself those who have the vision to see truth as it is and to hear the Gospel message *in terms which each new age demands*. **It is a waste of time to go on elaborating this ancient story of the living Christ** if it contains for us no specific message, if all that is required of us is the attitude of the onlooker and of the man who simply says: ‘*This is so.*’ **This believing yet negative attitude has been held too long.** Looking on at Christ from too great a distance, **we have been so preoccupied with a realization of His achievement that our own individual part** to be played eventually and inevitably **has been forgotten....** He seeks to have us prove to Him, to ourselves, and to the world, that **the divinity** which is in Him **is in us also....**

“This is the doctrine of the *At-one-ment*; **God, immanent in the universe - the cosmic Christ.**” (emphasis added)¹⁸

The “cosmic Christ” of today’s emerging faith is not even remotely “the same person” as “the Jesus who walked the shores of Galilee”—i.e., Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Alice Bailey’s seducing spirit guide, Djwhal Khul, even taught that out of “the third aspect” of the “Trinity,” “that aspect of divine life” or “of active intelligent matter,” “the body” “of *the cosmic Christ* is to be built in order that *Shiva* ... may have a medium of revelation!”¹⁹ And thanks to the emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality, the seducing spirit world’s mission to reveal Shiva is achieving success. But this is a revelation of “*Christ-Shiva*,” right?²⁰

At any rate, it is without question that *in this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism* “[t]here is no disconnect between the Jesus of Mark’s Gospel” and this very New Age “cosmic Christ.” A “cosmic Christ” that is “*immanent* in the universe” will thereby be connected to everyone/everything, including “the Jesus of Mark’s Gospel.” Again, this new “reimagined” “cosmic” “Christ” (i.e., “cosmic” “*Messiah*”) can thus be found “in all of life and in all things,” including “in the food you eat.” Everyone can thus make up “Christ” and “God” and “truth” as they go along. And no one on this journey need *fear* being “trapped in foundationalist thinking.”²¹ This journey to *wake up* to the *made-up* emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism is simply too far outside the “box” of the absolute truth of God’s Word for that to happen.

“Postmoderns want a God they can feel, taste, touch, hear, and smell--a full sensory immersion in the divine.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

“This is what semiotic nudges do ... help people, starting with ourselves, **wake well and hear the music of the spheres.**” (ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²³

“Think of semiotics as a receiver....

“... to pick up the signals of transcendence, the immanent transcendent, that are out there but not being downloaded. Semiotics is the art of finding channels and making connections. Evangelism as semiotics is the art of tuning our receivers to **the ‘I AM’ channel** ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁴

“It is Jesus who is knocking at our door, saying, ‘Can’t you hear me? Touch me? Smell me? Taste me? See me?’ **Are you finding Christ in the people** you meet? **Are you finding Christ in the things** you handle? **Are you finding Christ in the food you eat?** **Finding Christ in the voices** you hear? **Finding Christ in the smells** you breathe?...

“In fact, Jesus’ knuckles are raw from knocking on the door of our hearts, begging us to come out, discover for ourselves his **sensory truths**, and ‘bless what there is for being.’

“Jesus is saying, ‘Enjoy your senses, ... Come, let me guide you into finding *life* through your senses, because **it is through your senses that I will reveal myself.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁵

The simplicity of the truth and faith of God’s Word is that *Christ—the Messiah—is Jesus of Nazareth*. And since this

Person is sitting “on the right hand of God”—which, by the way, is in *heaven*, which is not on *earth*—He is neither revealed nor found through our *senses*! Yet the simplicity of the *true Person* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth has been traded in for the complexity of the *panentheistic cosmic* “Christ”—“Messiah”—that can be found *wherever* anyone *chooses* to look. Thus, despite all absurd claims to the contrary, the emerging faith actually *separates* “Christ” (and even “Jesus”) from the *true Person* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth in order to offer its new “cosmic” “Christ” (and “Jesus”) of Oneness, which is immanent in *everyone and everything*.

No matter how many people prefer incorrect beliefs, the same true Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth “who walked the shores of Galilee” is *alive today*. And He *alone* is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ *of Nazareth*, Who is “*the Lord from heaven*” (I Corinthians 15:47) and God’s “*corner stone*,” is indeed a “stone of stumbling” for Oneness. The builders of Oneness, who *must* disallow this *corner stone*—i.e., who *must* disallow this *true Person* of Jesus Christ in order to even build Oneness—are indeed heading toward a great *fall*. And, again, a *true person* is not “reimaginable;” a *true person* is who he is. So is *Jesus Christ*.

“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, ... **Unto you therefore which believe he is precious:** but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:6-8)

“And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? **Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.**” (Luke 20:17-18)

“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.... **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.** Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.... Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.**” (Psalm 2:6-9, 11-12)

“And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But **God raised him from the dead:** ... **he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee....** Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, ... **Beware therefore,** lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; behold, **ye despisers, and wonder, and perish:** for I work a work in your days, **a work which ye shall in no wise believe,** though a man declare it unto you.” (Acts 13:29-30, 33, 38-41)

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, **whom God raised from the dead,** ... **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders,** which is become the head of the corner.” (Acts 4:10-11)

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation** a stone, a tried stone, **a precious corner stone, a sure foundation** ...” (Isaiah 28:16)

Sadly, the one and only Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is just too foundational for those who prefer a “cosmic Christ.” Hence, the knowledge of this foundation is seen as something to be left behind.

“In the **post-foundationalist** postmodern world, ... **everyone is ‘better off’ repudiating foundationalism** ...” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)²⁶

Clearly finding God’s Word of absolute truth a stumbling stone, and sounding like Alice Bailey who wrote in her previous “cosmic Christ” quote that “[i]t is a waste of time to go on elaborating this ancient story of the living Christ,” Sweet writes:

“Modernity was **preoccupied with correct beliefs and believing**, but only in a **narrowly** defined sense.... **to believe**

that . . ., the word to be then **followed by any number of propositions . . .**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; 2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added, except italics to *that*)²⁷

“The art of attention *repivots* the focus of the church from hermeneutics to semiotics....

“Where **hermeneutics is preoccupied with meaning, semiotics** (or the art and science of sign reading) **is preoccupied with dancing.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁸

“In a state of **semiotic awareness, all of life is bathed in beauty and sacredness....**

“Faith **widens the imagination** and lengthens the horizons. **So why is church so narrow** in its imagination, so short in its scope of thinking? Why is the body of Christ **not bursting with creativity, but a bastion of boredom?**” (emphasis added)²⁹

“**How we discern the present tense of Jesus is** the overarching theme of **semiotic awareness**. Every *awakening* of the Spirit in history comes **when the church no longer ‘remembers’ Jesus** as someone out of the past, **but ‘re-members’ and reattaches itself to Christ** as a living presence and gets to know him afresh as a resurrection force....

“This is the key challenge facing semiotics, namely, our inability to take seriously Christ in the present tense. Some theologians like to talk about the role of the church as keeping alive the ‘dangerous memories’ of the classics. **If that’s all there is to Christianity, keeping alive a dead person’s memories, I’ve got better things to do with my life.**

“These classic texts are *not there to report on what happened back then and long ago*. The *Scriptures* offer *signposts* and specifications of a risen Lord who is accessible to the ongoing church. *Jesus, the church’s being and body, the practices of the church, and the texts of the faith are one....*

“**A Messiah who came two thousand years ago but does not come today is a what-difference-does-it-make? Messiah....**

“The fundamental fact of Christian faith is this: **Christ is alive!**... The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of holy living is precisely this: **an awareness of the presence of Christ in all of life and in all things.**” (emphasis added)³⁰

“[I]n a world more concerned about following a program or a cause than following Christ, in a world where life is lived in beta, **we must focus on Christ—not the dead Jesus,** [!] but the living Christ, and not the Christ in art, but the breathing Christ that becomes art in you and me.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³¹

News Flash: Jesus is not dead! There is no “dead Jesus”! There was, of course, this little matter of a *physical/bodily* resurrection . . .

“... **Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... whom God raised from the dead ...**” (Acts 4:10)

“Behold my hands and my feet, that **it is I myself**; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not **flesh and bones**, as ye see me have.” (Luke 24:39)

“... **this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.**” (Hebrews 10:12)

“**For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.**” (1 Timothy 2:5)

The true and living Christ is *the exact same Jesus Christ of Nazareth* Who was dead 2,000 years ago for three days and three nights, but Who was then *physically/bodily* resurrected as *the exact same Jesus Christ of Nazareth*. And, no, this *true* living Christ, this *true* risen Lord, was not resurrected into an *immanent presence* that is revealed through our “senses”!

People in today’s emerging new kind of “faith” have obviously chosen to believe in a “reimagined” new kind of “resurrection” rather than what truly happened. Yet this is to be expected in a journey that is *purposely* outside the “box” of the truth and faith—a.k.a. “*thin beliefs*”—of God’s Word. After all, the Scriptures are just “*signposts*” to a *new kind* of “Jesus” and a *new kind* of “Christ” that can be found “in all of life and in all things,” right? And, therefore, those

who want to participate in all the “creativity” and “excitement” of this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism are inevitably finding what they see as a still “dead Jesus” of “Christianity” to be nothing more than “a waste of time” and “a bastion of boredom.”

Of course, God’s Word did warn that “*the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine ... and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4). And fables are indeed what people today *want*. So never mind that the new kind of “truths” of this *new kind* of “Jesus” and *new kind* of “Christ” are *openly made up*—i.e., *patently false*. Those who are bored with the truth of God’s Son and have “better things to do” with their life can thus align their minds and change everything as they purposely *move forward* in this emerging “post-foundationalist” faith that is indeed so *wide* in its *imagination*. And as the seducing spirit world teaches in its desire to be of service in moving everyone forward *past believing* in the *true Jesus Christ*:*

“There is another way to experience God. There is another way to live life.... THERE IS ANOTHER WAY.

“Yet you will not find that way by searching for it. You will only find it by creating it. And you will **not** create it **by remaining stuck in old beliefs, but only by opening yourself to new ideas.** *New ideas about God and about Life that can truly light the world.*” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & italics added)³²

“Changing is a product of evolution....

“All of life is motion. Even rocks are filled with motion. Everything moves. *Everything*....

“So change! Yes, change! Change your ideas of ‘right’ and ‘wrong.’ Change your notions of this and that....

“Allow your deepest truths to be altered. Alter them yourself, for goodness’ sake.... **Your new idea of What Is So is where evolution accelerates.... Then you can begin a new story, and a grander one.**

“Your new idea about all of it is where the **excitement** is, where the creation is, where **God-in-you** is made manifest and **becomes fully realized**....

“There is not a one among you who is lost forever, nor will there ever be. For you are all, *all*, in the process of becoming. You are all, *all*, moving through the experience of evolution.

“That is what I am up to.

“Through you.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)³³

Only in the made-up emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality does *everything move* and *change* including foundations of “*deepest truths*”—such as Who God and His Son are. The immovable, unchanging true God and His Son are neither “energy” nor “in the very substance” of everyone/everything. This Rock doesn’t move or change. (“For their rock is not as our Rock,” “neither is there any rock like our God”—Deuteronomy 32:31 & 1 Samuel 2:2.) The only thing “evolving” in this emerging “Evolution Revolution” is the *faith* (a.k.a. “consciousness”) of those who are shifting to move and dance in circles *around the truth* of *Who God and His Son are*.

“The New Spirituality is ... a call to **expanded consciousness**....

“It will be the Evolution Revolution....

“It encompasses All and it encloses All and it includes All, because it IS All....

“All that will be asked of you is that you open your mind.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & italics added)³⁴

“The meaning of Christianity does **not** come from allegiance to principles of justice or complex **theological doctrines**, **but** from a passionate love for **a way of living** in the world **that revolves around following Jesus** ...

“Christians don’t follow Christianity. They follow Christ.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³⁵

Would that be the “Christ in the food you eat” and the “Jesus” that “is saying, ‘Enjoy your senses, ... it is through your senses that I will reveal myself’”?³⁶ They certainly aren’t referring to following the Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who is sitting “*on the right hand of God*”—the same Jesus Christ in Whom we are to *believe* Who is revealed in “*the record that God gave of his Son*.”

"The Bible is not a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers." (Leonard Sweet; bold added)³⁷

"So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God.**" (Romans 10:17)

"Faith widens the imagination and lengthens the horizons. **So why is church so narrow in its imagination**, so short in its scope of thinking? Why is the body of Christ not bursting with creativity, but a bastion of boredom?" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁸

"Casting down imaginings, and every high thing that exalteth itself **against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity **every thought** to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

"[T]he Lord helps us **become more 'rounded'** human beings—**not more straight-edged, straightlaced, straight-backed, straight-faced, straightjacketed** human copies, **but more 'rounded,' more complete and whole** humans. Jesus is God's original thought for humanity. He is the paragon of humanness, and all who are in Him and share His life are part of the new humanity that He has brought into existence through His resurrection.

"This will lead each of us to do life differently, even from other followers of Christ.... This is why the life of Christ has a **freedom**, a specificity, a range of reach that truly takes the breath away as it girdles the globe." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³⁹

"This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing." (Jeremiah 13:10)

"It is not God's way to give us specs or blueprints.... God leads us to faith, **not certainty....**

"The place to look for the risen Lord is not in the text. The text is his shroud, [!] his covering, his compass that points to the North Star and Southern Cross.... Our ability to see the Christ in others is how we will be judged." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁰

"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: ... he shall judge the people righteously.... for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." (Psalm 96:9-10, 13)

"Jesus cried and said, ... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.... He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:44, 46, 48)

"There is a wealth of **knowledge** waiting to be revealed to us, but it **doesn't come through the mind** ...

"People need room to move and choose and **resist airtight propositions** that don't allow free breathing (i.e., freedom). **Jesus ... did not dictate to his disciples what they were to believe about him ...**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴¹

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do **these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.... But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.... I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **preach the word**, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine** ..." (2 Timothy 3:7-8, 14-4:4)

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him**

a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.” (1 John 5:9-10)

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

“In the foundationalist world, **people assumed that through careful reason, logic, and research a complete structure of knowledge could be erected** and mysteries could gradually be replaced with *knowledge*. This *knowledge* would accumulate like bricks cemented on a *foundation*, and assuming the foundation is secure and certain, humans could have rock-solid certainty from the bottom up.... [M]odern Christians mined their bricks from the Bible, which was assumed to be intended by God as a source from which propositions could be extracted....

“... I think foundationalists need to admit that **there is no such thing as safely and absolutely secured knowledge**. Knowledge is particular and perspectival, and as such is always contestable.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁴²

“The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.... Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?” (Proverbs 22:12, 20-21)

“A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not; but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth. Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.... There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 14:6-7, 12)

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jeremiah 3:15)

“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:17-18)

“Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, ...” (Hebrews 4:11-12)

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.” (Ephesians 6:11, 17, 24)

First, to fall from the knowledge of the true Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is to fall from knowing the true Person of Jesus Christ, which is to fall from eternal life. The moment we truly know Him—which means we must first believe the words of the truth/doctrine of Who He is—eternal life begins. And when we truly know this “one mediator between God and men” then we know the true God.

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

Sadly, more and more people are participating in today’s emerging “spiritual” journey that is *purposely* outside the “box” of God’s Word of words. They are not willing to accept the knowledge of the *only* true God and His *only* true Son. They just can’t endure the *absolute* truth of God’s Word. Rather, they want a “God” and “Christ” (“Messiah”) that are “bigger” than Who the true God and His Son are. Even so, “the text is [not] his shroud”—no matter how many people choose to believe otherwise.

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not.... From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.” (John 6:63-64, 66-68)

Obviously, the text of God's Word—i.e., of God's record of His Son—is Christian. It is not Hindu, not New Age, and not other religions. And to follow the Christian text of God's Word/record is to follow Christ—God's Son, Who is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Those who think that the Christian truth of God's Son is worthy of death can take it up with God. Certainly, God will be taking it up with them, and sooner than they think. These mind games are not games—unless, of course, people see playing with eternal fire as a game.

Second, regarding “[o]ur ability to see the Christ in others,” would that include seeing “the Christ” in other “Christs”? Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who has “the words of eternal life” warned that it would:

*“And Jesus answering them began to say, **Take heed lest any man deceive you ... if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs** and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.” (Mark 13:5, 21-23)*

Those who are critical of being “preoccupied with *correct* beliefs and believing” and see no need “to believe *that*,”⁴³ and are instead “preoccupied with *dancing*” in “semiotics (or the art and science of *sign reading*),”⁴⁴ are *primed and readied* to fall for the “signs and wonders” of an *incorrect* “Christ.” But rather than being a *fall*, this is just an “ability to see the Christ in *others*,” right?

“... behold, I have foretold you all things.” (Mark 13:23)

Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ is indeed *very much alive*. But His resurrection was not a “resurrection” of *Onewess*. That would be the “reimagined” resurrection of the *false* “Christ” of the *New Age*—the “cosmic Christ.” The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was a *true* resurrection—that is, a *physical/bodily* resurrection.

*“Behold my hands and my feet, that **it is I myself**: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not **flesh and bones**, as ye see me have.” (Luke 24:39)*

*“Ye men of Israel, **hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth**, a man **approved of God** ... **Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.** For David speaketh concerning him, ... Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.... he seeing this before spake of **the resurrection of Christ**, that his soul was not left in hell, **neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up**, whereof we all are witnesses.” (Acts 2:22, 24-25, 27, 31-32)*

*“Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was **made of the seed of David according to the flesh**; and **declared to be the Son of God with power**, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead**: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to **the faith among all nations**, for his name ... **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto **salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.... **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.**” (Romans 1:3-5, 16, 18)*

*“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name **whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**” (Acts 10:43)*

This Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the only risen Lord. This Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the only Mediator between God and men. Believing in this Jesus Christ of Nazareth—the truth of Whom is recorded for us by God in the Word of God—is the only way to God. There is no “Third Testament.” The way to God is finished. And all who are not willing to accept God's way to Himself are therefore *choosing to reject* it. There is no “third way.” There is “one God, and one mediator;” period. Neither God nor His Mediator are “reimaginable.” And it was this Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who still is the “one mediator between God and men”—Who said all of the following:

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

*“Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (John 11:25-26)*

*“**He that rejecteth me**, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**” (John 12:48)*

*“**For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.**” (Matthew 13:15)*

Sadly, people today just do not want to be converted to *this true Person* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God’s Son. They would rather be “healed” by a new kind of “reimaginable” “Jesus Christ” of Oneness. In their book *Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ*, Sweet and Viola write:

“Only a recovery of the greatness, supremacy, sovereignty, brilliance, and ‘allness’ of Christ will lead us to restoration and even revival. **The wonder of Jesus as ‘all in all’ is the only hope** for igniting the flame of a new **reformation** and resuscitating a church that’s presently on *life support*.

“The body of Christ is in dire need of a reconversion to Jesus, not as Savior and Lord, but as the awe-inspiring, **all-inclusive** person He is. To say that He is our Savior and Lord is *correct*, of course, but it’s inadequate. He is *so much more*.” (emphasis added)⁴⁵

To begin with, in today’s emerging *all-encompassing* faith of Oneness there is no such thing as “*false and wrong*.” So it isn’t surprising that “Savior and Lord” are seen as “*correct*, of course, but ... inadequate.” After all, to be “*all-inclusive*” is *so much more*. And, therefore, in this emerging faith of Oneness the *supremacy and sovereignty* of the *true* Jesus Christ *of Nazareth* are actually being *smothered* on purpose, and then ascribed to “another Jesus” and *false* “Christ” that are *all-inclusive*, even by those who claim they are “restoring” them. So would that be “restoring” the “supremacy and sovereignty” to what they believe is *the rightful owner*—i.e., the emerging new kind of *all-inclusive* “Jesus” and “cosmic Christ” *of Oneness*?

Despite the claims to the contrary, this supposed restoration is not even remotely about *Jesus Christ of Nazareth*. Moreover, to “restore” the “supremacy and sovereignty” of a “Jesus Christ” that is *One* with or *immanent* in *everyone/ everything* is to “restore” the “supremacy and sovereignty” of *everyone/ everything*. This essentially *eliminates* supremacy and sovereignty.

Sadly, they are correct about the “life support,” though. Today’s Christianity is indeed “on life support”—*artificial* life support—and this comes from its *emerging shift* to an *artificial* “truth” and an *artificial* “God” and an *artificial* “Christ”/ “Jesus” that its heaped leaders are preaching to it. But since, as in *Jesus Manifesto* for instance, it is all very effectively being magnificently and gloriously *dressed up* as the supreme and sovereign *true* God and *true* Lord Jesus Christ, this dressing is neatly transforming *the artificial* into *the real and true*—in the eyes of today’s shallow beholders, that is. Or to put it another way, this dressing is neatly transforming the *counterfeit* into the *genuine*. Again, this emerging end time deception will become such an effective counterfeit that the Lord Jesus Christ warned—“*insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*” (see Matthew 24:23-25). Yet rather than following His warning to “*Take heed that no man deceive you*,” people today just don’t want to know what lies beneath the deceptive *dressing* of this emerging faith of Oneness. As a result, many are already falling for this deception (including those who imagine themselves to be “*the very elect*” and not deceivable), and we haven’t even gotten to the “*great signs and wonders*” yet (Matthew 24:24).

*“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)*

Although Jesus Christ of Nazareth is indeed *all-inclusive* of *anyone* and *everyone* who is willing to *believe in Him* (i.e., the *true* Him), even in today’s Christianity more and more people aren’t so willing to *believe and obey Him as Saviour*

and Lord. For starters, with today's new kind of "reimaginable" "Jesus," *what* exactly would they need to believe and obey? And, ironically, for those who refuse to believe that the truth of God's Word is *literal*, the *fables* of Oneness absurdly "reimagine" "*all in all*" as *literally being in everyone/everything*. This fabled "literality" of Oneness is indeed *all-inclusive*. Nevertheless, this definition of "all in all," which is the *New Age* definition (the "all in all" verses are popular among those in the New Age), is not the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is obvious throughout *God's entire Word*. And, again, as also used to be obvious, contrary to the *blasphemies* of this emerging faith, the Lord Jesus Christ—*God's Son*—is not literally "in excrement and roses alike." In truth, He is *all* we need in *all* who believe in Him. Scripture makes this perfectly clear. And the same is true regarding God being "all in all." But, of course, those who want a *panentheistic* "God" and "Christ" don't see it that way. Nevertheless, it is the true Person of *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* Who is "the way." And this resurrected Son of God is not "cosmic." He is not "all" in "all" ways! Neither is He on them.

"Jesus is not just one way, a better way, a pleasant way on a good day. He is *the way*."

"Jesus is not just one truth, a higher truth, or a more personal truth. He is *the truth*...."

"So, Christianity is **not** an allegiance to a complex **doctrinal** or ethical system, ..." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added, except to *the*)⁴⁶

As a matter of fact, Jesus is just one Person. And according to this one Person of God's Son:

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

And since He is just one Person, this one Person is indeed just one way and just one truth. Therefore, God's Word warns that:

"**Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that **no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?** He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. **Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father:** [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." (1 John 2:21-23; brackets in the original)

Yet, incredibly, many people in today's shifting Christianity are being led to believe that they can depart from *the doctrine of Christ* in order to "reimagine" a new "Jesus" and still have God. Why are they such easy prey for this lie? Because their blinded minds imagine that referring to their new *made-up* "Jesus" as "the Christ" passes the "test" of these verses. And, therefore, they aren't denying that "Jesus is the Christ," right? Actually, they are. They are denying that that Jesus is the Christ. It is the *correct* Jesus, not a *false* "Jesus." Who is the Christ. Hence, unless we abide "in the *doctrine of Christ*" which gives us the *correct* Jesus Who alone is the Christ—we don't have God.

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

Acknowledging a *made-up* "Jesus" is an error that people may find "meaningful," but only until they discover that they *really were* making it up as they went along on a *made-up* "way" of a *made-up* "God"/"Jesus"/"Christ" of fuzzy Oneness in a "spiritual journey" to a literal hell—"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:44 and 46 and 48). So is it getting any better (or should we say any hotter) yet?

"A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." (Proverbs 14:16)

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of **unbelief, in departing from the living God**." (Hebrews 3:12)

As addressed earlier, *the same* Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who died, rose again, and ascended into heaven—is only

returning for those who believe in—and thus look for—*Him*. Those who don't believe in *this same Jesus*, and are thus looking for "Christ" *everywhere but* in "*the record that God gave of his Son*"—obviously won't be looking for *this same Jesus Christ of Nazareth*. To the contrary, they are as *primed and readied as it gets* to receive the seducing spirit world's coming *interfaith* "Christ"—a false "Messiah" that has no power to save *anyone*, let alone himself. An *Antichrist* for an *anti-Christianity*. But surely his new "gospel" of Oneness—a "gospel" of "love" that "lovingly" renders *beliefs* irrelevant—will reveal that he is the real thing, right? After all, this "gospel" gives people the freedom to make up new "understandings" of *who "Christ" is* and is itself already widely embraced as the real thing. And as Sweet, one of today's "theologians" and "Bible translators," writes:

"It is not God's way to give us specs ...

"The place to look for the risen Lord is not in the text. The text is his shroud, his covering. ... Our ability to see the Christ in others is how we will be judged." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁷

So just follow the leaders, cast aside "his shroud" (the text), and "see the Christ in *others*" if you want to . . .

"The Christ Who will return will not be like the Christ Who (apparently) departed. He will not be a 'man of sorrows' ...

"He recognizes and loves those who are not *Christian* but who *retain their allegiance* to Their Founders - the Buddha, Mohammed and others. **He cares not what the faith is if the objective is love** of God and of humanity. **If men look for the Christ Who left** His disciples centuries ago, **they will fail to recognize the Christ Who is in process of returning.** The Christ has no religious barriers in His consciousness. It matters not to Him of *what faith* a man may call himself." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Hebrews 9:28)

"... Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.... if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise **false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders;** insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. **Behold, I have told you before.**" (Matthew 24:4, 23-25)

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8b)

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once delivered unto the saints**. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying **the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ**. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward **destroyed them that believed not.... But these speak evil of those things which they know not:** but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. **Woe unto them!...** Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; **wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.**" (Jude 1:3-5, 10-11, 13)

The emerging "complex way" of truth" is to "turn the dark on"

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)

In *SoulTsunami*, under the heading “Dead Center,” Sweet writes:

“The postmodern era is binocular, not monocular. Postmoderns are *anti-cyclopean*. **They have given up a one-eyed view of the world for ‘whole-sight’** ... Some authors are now calling this ‘peripheral vision.’ I prefer **‘complexity vision.’** Peripheral presupposes a ‘center that holds.’ Yet **the central focus is not what is already there, but is what you create when you bring two things together.** Complexity is bringing together two rational processes simultaneously—**differentiation and integration.** Differentiation is the ability to **embrace diversity and uniqueness** and be responsive to the external environment; integration is the ability to **achieve harmony and oneness** and to bring into unity the coordinates of consciousness.

“The essence of complexity is the ability to look at many things at once, to think more than one thought at a time, **to abandon old fixations** and make *new connections*, following your *intuitions* and trusting the *Spirit*.” (emphasis added)¹

Again, regarding “the Spirit” that Sweet—who has fallen for the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism—is trusting, in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There* he writes:

“[T]he incarnation goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells all that exists.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²

Trusting a “Spirit” that “indwells all that exists” is nothing more than trusting all that exists. It is therefore not surprising that in this abandonment of “old fixations,” such as the *absolute truth* of God’s Word, this “integration” “to achieve harmony and oneness” includes *paganism*. Without pagan ideas there would be no emerging panentheistic faith. And in *So Beautiful* Sweet writes:

“In fact, the genius of authentic Christianity is its ability to **integrate ‘pagan customs’ with Christian faith and practice.**” (emphasis added)³

As addressed earlier, this pagan integration of “authentic” Christianity, which is as “authentic” as counterfeit money, leads to a new “Christ” that is “made flesh *differently*.” In the *New Quantum Spirituality* of *So Beautiful*, Sweet writes:

“Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to **embrace the new**, so open to **change the old**, ...

“God’s presence is written in every handwriting. The world bears traces of the handwriting of **the Word**....

“Early Christians drew upon **ideas**, phrases, metaphors, **and customs of pagan cultures** as ‘seeds’ of the divine Word that **become enfleshed in Christ** and in the church.” (emphasis added)⁴

And he writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“In every epoch, however, **the Word is made flesh differently.** **Energymatter** is a **dynamic** process, ... *Logos* materializes in *Pathos* in **forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age.**” (emphasis added, except to *Logos* and *Pathos*)⁵

Hence, just “abandon old fixations” and “turn the dark on” in order to take up the “whole-sight” of “complexity vision”—a *darkness* that achieves the “integration” that brings “harmony and oneness.” This way, you can *move forward* to *move past believing* in Jesus Christ of Nazareth and embrace the new “Christ” that is “enfleshed” with pagan ideas. Why? So that you can make it up as you go along in this emerging self-regulating faith, why else? In *So Beautiful*, under the heading “The MRI as Complexity Theology,” Sweet writes:

“MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] is an embrace of complexity theory. Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition self-organizing, **complex**, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. An organic system **makes it up as it goes along.**” (emphasis added)⁶

"Life is a complex system....

"Complexity does not negate the need for simplicity, it actually increases it....

"I love the simple.

"But the 'simple church' or the 'simple way' is simply not true without the 'complex church' and **the 'complex way' of truth**. When the simple is merely simple, it is insipid; when the simple is **complex**, it is ... **so beautiful**.

"When I was sixteen, my *physics* teacher used to ask someone to '**turn the dark on**,' when we needed **to turn the lights out** for an experiment. **The fear of the dark is a fear of complexity.**" (last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁷

A "'complex way' of truth" that seeks "to turn the lights out" on having to believe and obey God's absolute truth is everything but "so beautiful." Shortly after this latter quote, Sweet writes:

"It's **the complexity** of your **relationships**, not your **component parts**, that makes you the unique person that you are.

"**Integrity has everything to do with wholes**: the whole person, the whole of creation, the whole of culture, the whole of the Bible, **and the whole of Christ**. When something is done with integrity, it is done out of a healthy network of relationships and **for the good of the whole**. Whole Christ discipleship *brings together* the simple and the complex ..." (emphasis added)⁸

This "whole-sight" of "complexity vision"—i.e., turning the *dark* on—is for "the good of the whole"? Basically, as Sweet teaches, the old "monocular" vision that brings things "to a *sharp focus*, to a *point*, to establish *clear lines*" is being replaced with the new "binocular" vision that brings "opposite points *together*" in a "*blurry*" and "*fuzzy*" "*double*" vision that sees "out of multiple perspectives at the same time."⁹ Why? Because blurry, fuzzy, double vision is essential to creating Oneness. And it is Oneness that is imagined to be for "the good of the whole." Basically, this emerging faith of fuzzy Oneness is the world's attempt to create a *universal salvation* for "the good" of the whole world that is in *unrepentant rebellion* against what it "humbly" chooses to see as "the bad" God of judgment Who has the nerve to expect His own creation to believe and obey Him.

"... he that believeth not God hath made him a liar ... And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness**." (1 John 5:10, 19)

And why, specifically, does the whole world lie in wickedness? Because it doesn't believe in God's Son, the true Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—"he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me" (John 16:8-9):

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Galatians 3:22)

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43)

Those in this emerging faith of Oneness who prefer "to think connectness rather than *correctness*"¹⁰ are giving heed to a "Spirit" of *error* rather than to the Spirit of *truth* (e.g., see 1 John 4:6). Again, *error* is "a deviation from accuracy or *correctness*;" "belief in something untrue;" "an *incorrect* belief;" to "wander, go astray."¹¹ Those in this emerging faith are *purposely* wandering into *error* to create Oneness. And even though they are *rejecting correctness* without seeing it as *rejecting correctness* (their unity of opposites), they still *know* that *the light* is where *correctness* is and that *the darkness* is where *connectness* is. This is why those who want *connectness* are *purposely* journeying into *darkness*. And, ultimately, the *true Person* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is *the light* that the world is rejecting in favor of *Oneness*. But this shouldn't be surprising. After all, on this new "'complex way' of truth," "[w]hen the simple is merely simple, it is insipid; when the simple is complex, it is ... so beautiful."¹² In other words: "Dualism, either/or exclusionism is ... plug ugly. Nondualism, both/and nonlocalism is ... so beautiful."¹³

People can choose to trust a “Spirit” of error (incorrectness) to “achieve harmony and oneness” with the whole wicked world all they want, but the correct Jesus Christ is the correct Jesus Christ. Man can’t change God’s “stone of stumbling”—the “corner stone”—just because man is *stumbling* over it! He is Who He is. And it is the simple and correct Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God’s Son and corner stone, Who also said all of the following:

*“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. **I am come a light** into the world, **that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**” (John 12:44-46)*

*“... **he will reprove the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, **because they believe not on me**.... Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he **will guide you into all truth** ... He shall glorify me ...” (John 16:8-9, 13-14)*

*“... whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he **shall testify of me**.” (John 15:26)*

*“Jesus said unto them, **If God were your Father, ye would love me**: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.... And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**” (John 8:42, 46-47)*

Again, Sweet, who speaks fluent doublespeak—which is essential for the *connectness* of Oneness/wholeness—writes that:

*“**MRI is an embrace of complexity theory**.... An organic system makes it up as it goes along.” (emphasis added)¹⁴*

*“**In mapping the MRI we are not attacking or opposing the propositional** any more than we are being asked to **kiss our brains goodbye.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵*

*“**Truth** is not something you *assent* to, **not something you think** ...” (emphasis added)¹⁶*

*“**The love of God lies not in our propositions and beliefs** ... Jesus invited us into a sacramental relationship, not into propositional acquiescence....*

*“The meaning of Christianity does **not** come from **allegiance to complex theological doctrines** ...” (bold & underline added)¹⁷*

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

The doctrine of Christ is not “complex” theology. Theologians and others who are not *willing* to *believe* the true doctrine/theology of the true Christ and true God are deceptively making it out to be so, as they then lead the way into believing the convoluted complexities of man’s latest absurdities. As Warren B. Smith explains in *A “Wonderful” Deception*:

*“The apostle Paul describes the simplicity of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3). According to many of today’s spiritual and religious leaders, it has taken humanity 2000 years to finally ‘get it.’ **They say we need quantum physicists, cellular biologists, Ph.D. mathematicians, New Age channelers, and emerging postmodern preachers to finally understand what Jesus was trying to tell us back in the first century.** No, this is not the simplicity that Paul was describing. This is the deceptive work of our Adversary as he tries to transform the creation into the Creator and co-opt God’s creation to himself.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁸*

*“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from **the simplicity that is in Christ**. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)*

*“And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and **become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.... But whoso shall offend one of **these little ones which believe in me**, ...” (Matthew 18:2-4, 6)*

When it comes right down to it, it isn't that people find true doctrine/theology too complex but that they just aren't willing to accept it. People are willing to believe most anything—except God's Son. Hence, those who prefer to make it up as they go along are kissing the faith of God given to us by God in the Word of God goodbye. But, of course, they don't see it that way. This new “‘complex way’ of truth”—i.e., this new way of “truth” that turns the dark on—is absurdly seen as following Jesus' “example” of parables.

“We mature into the mystery that is Jesus the Christ; we don't grow into greater and greater *certainty* of our doctrines, or zero in with increased accuracy on our propositions. The love of God lies **not** in our propositions and **beliefs** ...

“The meaning of Christianity does not come from allegiance to complex theological doctrines but a passionate love for a way of living in the world that revolves around following Jesus, who taught that love is what makes life a success ... Only love....

“Biblical truth doesn't feast on fact. It feasts on *relationship* and revelation, **which is why eternal truth is better communicated by the fictions of parables** and narratives than the facts of science and philosophy.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“The ‘*incarnational*’ method can also be found in **Jesus' favorite teaching method called ‘parables’** and their featuring of *sacramental* metaphors ... **The amazing thing about parables** (‘earthly stories with heavenly meanings’) **is that they are ‘secular’ or ‘worldly’ stories with no religious reference** but with deep *sacramental* power.... Jesus' very use of parables is an *incarnational* exercise.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁰

Again, Jesus Himself gave the reason for His parables, which is the *opposite* of what today's shifting Christianity popularly imagines. He spoke in parables to those who wanted *darkness* rather than *light* and had therefore *closed their eyes to the truth*.

*“And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. **Therefore speak I to them in parables:** because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.... **For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed;** lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**” (Matthew 13:10-13, 15-16)*

And, therefore, it was to His disciples who had ears to ear that Jesus gave the meaning of His parables.

*“If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.... And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. **But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.**” (Mark 4:23-24, 33-34)*

Sadly, just like the multitudes 2,000 years ago, people today still do not want to “know the mysteries.” Rather, they just want the mysteries. Knowing is just too *certain*. In the uncertainty of mysteries is where freedom lies. And since freedom is what people today are seeking, parables—or “*storytelling*”—are thus given primacy over doctrinal (“propositional”) truth. Whereas truth tells us *what is* and *what is right or wrong* and *true or false*, stories are relativism and allow each person to decide for themselves what they want the meaning to be. In other words, stories maintain the *mysteries*. Again, what they don't *know* can't hurt them, right? More and more people today are thus also choosing to believe along with Sweet that “*eternal truth* is better communicated by the *fictions* of parables and narratives,” and that “Biblical truth doesn't feast on fact.” Incredibly, Sweet even writes that:

"Ludwig Wittgenstein, the most important philosopher of the twentieth century, dreamed of a 'serious and good' book of philosophy that would consist of nothing but jokes. Little did he know that Christians have been writing such **joke books** for centuries. **You can tell you're holding one when you see the word proof somewhere** on the dust jacket ... These joke books go by names like '**Proofs for the Existence of God**,' ... 'The Proof of God,' ...

"A 'proof' is the mathematician's road to truth. It has all the beauty of ice.... The more penetrating the intellectual position, the sharper the point. And sharp points quickly take on a terrorist nature ...

"[T]he point of Christianity is not a point but a person. **Jesus himself didn't dispense 'proofs' and 'points' and 'propositions' about God.** In fact, Jesus didn't speak in clear language about God. **He spoke in fuzzy parables** and riddles, open-ended stories and metaphors. Jesus didn't lay out the kingdom in propositional form but in narratives and images.... **[T]he whole Bible bears witness to the primacy of the poet and the storyteller ...**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²¹

The Word of God -- the most penetrating and sharpest point of all . . .

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

The Word of God -- "the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15), that same Christ Jesus in Whom people today are not willing to *believe*; that is, that exact same Person of Christ Jesus of Nazareth Who was physically/bodily resurrected from the dead according to the recorded *proofs* in the Word of God . . .

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that **Jesus** began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he **showed himself alive** after his passion **by many infallible proofs**, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:1-3)

The Word of God -- His truth, which is anything but a joke and neither is it fiction . . .

"Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence ...?" (Jeremiah 5:21-22)

"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: **fear before him, all the earth.** Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: ... he shall judge the people righteously.... for he cometh, **for he cometh to judge the earth:** he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people **with his truth.**" (Psalm 96:9-10, 13)

Of course, if one defines a "terrorist" as one who causes "terror" . . .

"For I have caused my terror in the land of the living ... saith the Lord God." (Ezekiel 32:32)

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ..." (2 Corinthians 5:11)

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil...." (Romans 13:3)

"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (John 6:29)

"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD." (Jeremiah 22:29)

People today who are not willing to *believe* in God's Son have lost all fear of God and their inevitable coming judgment. Why would they fear God when they believe they have the freedom to imagine Him and His Son in any way, shape, or form that they choose? And if they believe along with their leaders that "Biblical truth doesn't feast on fact," and that "the whole Bible bears witness to the primacy of the poet and the storyteller," what's there to fear?

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.” (Jeremiah 6:9-10)

“Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.... But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.... Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?” (Jeremiah 23:1, 22, 29)

“A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” (Jeremiah 5:30-31)

Basically, what people today are doing is taking *the truth* of God’s Word and “translating” it into a form that they are *willing* to accept, a form that they are *willing* to take delight in. What form is this? The “*fictions of parables and narratives*”—the favorite form of those whose “*heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed.*” It’s all about the circle dance in which people blindly imagine that they are “dancing partners” with God when they dance around the truth this way and that way, both to the right hand and to the left, in their unwillingness to *accept the certainty* of “*Thus saith God,*” “*Thus saith the Lord,*” and “*It is written.*” And, therefore, since so many people today thus believe that “eternal truth is *better* communicated by the fictions of *parables and narratives,*” the eternal truth of God’s Word is conveniently being *rewritten/reworded* into just such a form for all those who are suffering from this light-intolerant condition. But isn’t this just following the example of “Jesus’ favorite teaching method”? Not even remotely.

“The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.” (Proverbs 26:7)

Only in man’s wildest dreams is a “thus imagines man” attempt at a *fictionalized* “Thus saith God” the same thing as “Thus saith God.” And, yes, this is utter absurdity. Again, because the Lord Jesus Christ is God, even His parables to the light-intolerant multitudes are “Thus saith God.” Moreover, the Lord Jesus Christ gave the multitudes the truth *in parables* because they had *covered* their eyes and ears to *shut out* understanding the truth. They *wanted darkness*. And, sadly, some things never change. People in today’s shifting Christianity want to see God’s Word as something to be in “dialogue” with but not as something to be believed and obeyed. Or to put it another way, they just want to “relate” to it. And since they are therefore seeking refuge from the consequences of their unbelief in the emerging faith of *Oneness*, they are heaping to themselves teachers and leaders who will “turn the dark on,” or “turn the lights out,” and “prophesy falsely.” As reported from a 2004 Baylor University symposium in the article “Emergent church signals change in preaching, not just music, speakers say”:

“If the emergent church model is accepted, preaching will shift from the linear style to the storyteller--like Jesus, who spoke in parables.

“... And it’s all about story, inviting them into God’s story, telling about others who joined God’s story. They aren’t hungry for information--they hunger to know that there is a God who *loves* them.” (emphasis added)²²

In other words, “the emergent church model,” which is now widely accepted throughout even “evangelical” denominations, is about catering to today’s desire for darkness by shifting from the commanding, linear truth and faith of God’s Word to the emerging nonlinear “make-it-up-as-you-go-along” “truth” and “faith” of *Oneness*. And never mind that according to *the Word of God*:

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10)

People today aren’t hungry for the information that they are sinners in need of the Saviour. Even in today’s shifting Christianity they no longer want to know that according to the information in God’s Word there is a specific way, truth, and life of God’s love. They want stories that God loves them no matter what—even if they choose not to believe and

obey His Son. And, therefore, “the emergent church model”—i.e., the emerging faith—is indeed being accepted because people hunger for the *universal* “salvation” story of *Oeness*—with its *universal* “way,” *universal* “truth,” and *universal* “life.” This way, they can believe “there is a God who loves them” in the way *they* want to be loved, which is with an *unconditional* “love” that gives them a *universal* “freedom” to believe and do whatever they choose and *still be saved*. Consequently, in today’s shifting Christianity the music, the preaching—and even the “Bibles”—are *new for a reason*. And what better way to “turn the dark on” than in a new fictitious “Bible translation” that changes the voice of “Thus saith God” to one that is more soothing to itching ears?

“**Instead of** rational argumentation over **what is ‘truth’ and ‘falsehood,’** authoritarian directives over **what is ‘right’ and ‘wrong,’** ... **storytelling** is the postmodern means of governance ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²³

A “Holistic Beautiful Sensitive Balanced” “storyteller’s Bible” -- *The Voice*

The *Voice*—Thomas Nelson’s aforementioned emerging “Bible translation” in which Leonard Sweet and Brian McLaren and other emerging church leaders are contributors¹—is befitting of today’s emerging faith. Does it contain truth? Of course. The emerging faith is a faith of *Oeness* that brings *truth and falsehood* together in a new *all-inclusive* “truth.” Again, since *Oeness* is a *Oeness* of *all opposites* it consists of *both/and*’s, not *either/or*’s. So without *both* truth *and* falsehood there would be no *Oeness*. This is also why *Christianity* is included in this emerging faith of *Oeness*, or emerging “*new world religion*.” A *Oeness* of all opposites *must* include Christianity, otherwise there is no *Oeness* of all opposites. Hence, Christianity’s truth and faith, and thus its new “Bibles,” are being “reimagined” into a more fitting form for *Oeness*. And this is why its *corners*—not to mention its *sharp points*—are being smoothed and rounded off. But this is all being done for “the good of the whole,” right? Or should we say for the good of the whole new world religion?

At the beginning of Thomas Nelson’s video to introduce *The Voice* the following words appear: Holistic, Beautiful, Sensitive, Balanced. (“Balanced” with *what*, exactly? Think about it.) And then the following appears—“the voice, A Scripture Project to Rediscover the Story of the Bible”—while the narrator says:

“*The Voice*, a new Bible translation from Thomas Nelson and Ecclesia Bible Society, is a unique project bringing together scholars, writers, musicians, and other artists.”²

Just the kind of people one would expect for a “Bible translation” today—*musicians* and *artists*. And, yes, writers are included in this list. But, again, these writers are exactly the kind of writer one would expect for a “Bible translation” today—writers of *fiction*. Literally. Chris Seay, the President of Ecclesia Bible Society and one of the leaders and founders of the “Emerging Church,”³ whose “dream” this project was, says:

“From, you know, the time even of my undergrad studies, I realized that part of **what we had done in Bible translation** in not allowing the poetry and the narrative to really be celebrated, in fact we do just the opposite, we even hand it and lose a great deal, that it didn’t -- it **wasn’t right**. And **so I had a dream** and said what if we had the very best poets, **what if we got the best fiction writers we could find [!]** and we team them up with great scholars that had expertise in those unique books. And we not only got the meaning right but we had a tremendous amount of beauty and poetry to it. The Ecclesia Bible Society has pulled together many of those people, David [Capes, Houston Bible University] as primary among them, and say how do we do this? And, ultimately, part of the Bible Society’s mission is to say **we want more people to be familiar with the whole story of God.**”⁴

Question, if Leonard Sweet is not one of these “fiction writers,” does that make him one of the “great scholars”? Likewise, is Brian McLaren one of the “fiction writers” or one of the “great scholars” of this “Bible translation”? With *which* “whole story” does Chris Seay “want more people to be familiar”? Sadly, the dream of those in this emerging faith is to get more people familiar with the fictitious story of the interfaith whole “God” of *Oeness*.

For starters, David Capes, the “senior *theological* editor” of *The Voice*, “won the ‘Tolerance’ Award from the Institute of *Interfaith* Dialog” for the radio show “A Show of Faith.”⁵ Capes, who is “*primary*” among the “scholars” of this “Scripture Project,” and who says that “[t]his is, after all, God’s voice, and we want very much deep down to get it right,”⁶ also “serves a number of organizations ... including: (1) Advisory Board for the Institute for *Interfaith* Dialog; ... (3) Fellow of the Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of *Religious Tolerance* at Rice University; (4) *Interreligious* Affairs Board of the *Interfaith* Ministries for Greater Houston.”⁷

No matter how many “fiction writers” and “great scholars” teach otherwise, a fictitious story of a fictitious *interfaith* “God” is *not* “the whole story” of God. But they think it is, and, no, they don’t see it as fictitious. So what better way to facilitate familiarity with the “voice” of today’s preferred interfaith whole “God” of Oneness than to attempt to fictionalize “*Thus saith God*” and “*It is written*”? This conveniently turns the light off of the absolute truth of God’s Word, without which there is no facilitating Oneness. The emerging faith of Oneness is indeed a “*dynamic*” faith that is *changing everything*—including the resented truth of the “*static*” Holy Scriptures of the true God.

Static -- “pertaining to or characterized by a fixed or stationary condition;” “of or concerned with forces that do not produce movement;” “showing little or **no change**;” “[h]aving **no motion**; being **at rest**;” “from Greek *statikos* causing to **stand**.”⁸

“We were **not** put here to ‘take a **stand**’ but to walk in the light for the greater glory of God. Biblical truth *doesn’t* feast on *fact*.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

“Watch ye, **stand** fast in the faith, ...” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**. **Stand** therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, ...” (Ephesians 6:13-14)

“... behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.... **Stand** ye in the ways, and see, and ask for **the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find **rest** for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” (Jeremiah 6:10, 16)

“Incarnational energies are what make the **restless** intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to embrace the *new*, so open to **change the old**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

Dynamic -- “[c]haracterized by **continuous change** or activity;” “of or concerned with energy or forces that produce **motion**, as opposed to *static*;” “[a]lso: *dynamical* characterized by force of personality, ambition, energy, **new ideas**, etc.”¹¹

In Thomas Nelson’s video to introduce *The Voice*, the words Dynamic and Life appear on the screen while the narrator says, “**The Voice is a dynamic translation** that brings the biblical narrative to life.”¹² The narrator also says that “[t]he team of biblical scholars ensures the highest scriptural integrity to the translation.”¹³ Would that be the “integrity” of “wholes”? This is, after all, what the emerging faith—new world religion—and its “dynamic” “web”/“process”/“life” of Oneness is all about. And Sweet writes:

“Life is a complex system....

“Complexity does not negate the need for simplicity, it actually increases it. In fact, the mystique of **the game of bridge** ... is that it **brings together into one dynamic game the simple and the complex**.” (emphasis added)¹⁴

“**Integrity has everything to do with wholes**: the whole person, the whole of creation, the whole of culture, the whole of the Bible, and the whole of Christ. When something is done with **integrity**, it is done out of **a healthy network of relationships** and **for the good of the whole**. Whole Christ discipleship **brings together the simple and the complex** ...” (emphasis added)¹⁵

A bridge of Oneness/wholeness that essentially *brings together* the simple *narrow* way and the complex *broad* way—

one “dynamic game” that is “Holistic,” “Beautiful,” “Sensitive,” “Balanced” . . .

*“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall **gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**” (Mark 8:36)*

On the website of Ecclesia, the “Holistic Missional Christian Community” led by Chris Seay, the following is included under “What We Believe”:

“Holistic: ... We reject unfounded categories that divide the world into uniquely sacred or purely secular....

“Christian: We embrace the teachings and divinity of Jesus Christ as well as His unique role as the means of salvation from sin for all who believe. We embrace the Scripture as God’s primary instrument by which He introduces this message to the world.” (emphasis added)¹⁶

Now think about that one—“We embrace the Scripture ...” Not only was Chris Seay’s “dream” to use “fiction writers” to “translate” Scripture into *The Voice*, but *The Voice* itself is believed to be “Scripture”—and is even partially written by Chris Seay himself! This begs many questions, not the least of which is *what* exactly Ecclesia thinks people are to “believe.” Given the composition of Seay’s “Project” *The Voice*, this would no doubt be the make-it-up-as-you-go-along faith of Oneness which varies widely according to what people so choose. Nevertheless, regardless of the dreams of shifting man, Scripture isn’t a “Project.” Scripture is what it is—Scripture. And true Scripture is “*given by inspiration of God*”—i.e., “*holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*” And “holy men of God” are not men that resent and reject the division between *the holy and the profane*. Again:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

Did you catch that? *True Scripture*, along with being *inspired by God*, is also profitable for *doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness*. This clearly *excludes* a fictionalized “Scripture Project.” Fiction, by its very nature, *cannot* be profitable for these things. But, of course, therein lies the reason for fictionalizing it. Still, no matter how many “fiction writers” and “great scholars” are used in this “Project” only *true Scripture* is *true Scripture*. To *not* be given by inspiration of God is to *not be given by inspiration of God*. There are no two ways about it. And it is *true Scripture*—that is, “*the holy scriptures*”—“*which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus*” (2 Timothy 3:15).

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:16, 19-21)

Contrarily, according to Thomas Nelson’s website, “*The Voice* is the product of the best minds in this emerging generation of Christian leaders.”¹⁷ A product of the best minds in *any* generation, let alone this generation of emerging Oneness, can’t even begin to hold a candle to Scripture that is given by inspiration of God. As previously addressed, true to His promise and His nature, yes, God’s preserved *inspired* Scripture still exists on earth today. And, sadly, its supposedly “irrelevant” and “outdated” light is indeed hated today. Scripture’s points are just too sharp and penetrating for today’s shifting tastes and faith. Hence today’s specially *designed* “Scripture.” The following is also from Thomas Nelson’s website:

“According to the Barna Group’s top religious trends research, 20 million Americans are seeking an alternative to the traditional church, and there is an increasing influence of young leaders communicating *within* today’s culture. Designed with this audience in mind, anyone searching for **new ways to explore the Bible will also find *The Voice* translation text to be **an easy-to-read, refreshing, and captivating experience.**” (emphasis added)¹⁸**

Interesting choice of words, given that this “captivating” experience is essentially designed to soothe today’s itching ears that are turning away from the truth. *Captivate* -- “from late Latin *captivat*- ‘taken captive.’”¹⁹ And the following

quite relevant warning is given to us in God's Word:

"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."
(2 Timothy 2:25-26)

Who's being "taken captive" by whom with the specially designed new "Voice"?

The descriptions of *The Voice* that follow are all taken from within its own introductory pages. When reading them, keep in mind Sweet's quotes that "*Postmoderns ... have given up a one-eyed view of the world for 'whole-sight' ... 'complexity vision'...*"²⁰ and that "**Instead of ... what is 'truth' and 'falsehood,' ... what is 'right' and 'wrong,' ... *storytelling* is the *postmodern* means of *governance* ...**"²¹ Since the truth of God's Word, which includes the truth of Who God is (i.e., theology), is just too divisive for today's desired Oneness, instead of its division between what is truth and falsehood, right and wrong, the freedom and liberation of storytelling now rule. Hence the new kind of "Bible" for today's new kind of "faith" in "our culture and time."

"Instead of furthering the division over culture and theology, it is time to bring the body of Christ together again around the Bible. Thomas Nelson Publishers and Ecclesia Bible Society together are developing Scripture products that foster spiritual growth and ***theological exploration*** out of a heart for worship and mission." (emphasis added)²²

"The Voice brings the biblical narratives to life and **reads more like a great novel** than the traditional versions of the Bible that are seldom opened in contemporary culture." (emphasis added)²³

"The Voice is created for and by a church in great transition." (emphasis added)²⁴

"Instead of propositional-based thought patterns, people today are more likely to interact with events and individuals through *complex observations* involving *emotions*, cognitive processes, *tactile* experiences, and spiritual *awareness*. Much as in the **parables** of Jesus and in the **metaphors** of the prophets, narrative communication touches *the whole* person.

"Hence, out of that early vision comes the need in a **postmodern** culture to present Scripture in a narrative form. The result is a **retelling of the Scriptures: *The Voice*, not of words**, but of meaning and *experience*....

"The 'retelling' involves translation and elaboration, but mostly entering into the story of the Scriptures and *recreating* the event *for our culture and time*. It doesn't ignore the role of scholars, but it also values the role of writers, poets, songwriters, and artists." (emphasis added)²⁵

"Putting the Bible into the language of modern readers has *too often been a painstaking process* of correlating the biblical languages to the English vernacular. The Bible is filled with passages intended to inspire, captivate, and depict beauty. **The old school of translation** most often **fails** at attempts to communicate beauty, poetry, and story. ***The Voice* is a collage of compelling narratives, poetry, song, truth, and wisdom.**" (emphasis added)²⁶

Novel -- "a fictitious prose narrative of book length, typically representing character and action with some degree of **realism**;" "from Italian *novella (storia)* '**new (story)**', feminine of *novello* 'new', from Latin *novellus*, from *novus* 'new,'" "the novel is the most adaptable of all literary forms."²⁷ **Adaptable** -- "able to be modified for a new use;"²⁸ "to fit, change, or modify to suit a new or different purpose."²⁹

First, although people today prefer to imagine otherwise, *words* have *meaning*. To move forward *past the words* of God's inspired Scriptures is to move forward *past the meaning* of God's inspired Scriptures. And, despite the claims to the contrary, it is quite obvious that, along with the words, it is *the meaning* of God's inspired Scriptures that is being changed/modified/retold/reframed in today's "Scripture Project." Why? To try to fit God's Word into the new and different purpose of *Oneness*.

Second, at least this new school of "translation" chose to include *truth* in its collage, right? Of course, if they hadn't, this great transition in what is deemed "the Bible" just might be too obvious. But, sadly, given today's pandemic of light intolerance, itching ears, and willful scriptural illiteracy, they needn't have worried. No doubt many wouldn't have even

noticed if they had gone ahead and left truth out of this “retelling of the Scriptures” “for our culture.” And although our “postmodern” culture is a *post-truth* culture, to exclude truth altogether would be to preclude the creation of Oneness which is an emerging collage that is *all-encompassing*. It therefore isn’t surprising that the “teams” of *The Voice* were told “to see themselves not only as guardians of the sacred text, but also as *storytellers*” and “were charged to render the biblical texts with *sensitivity* to the *flow* of the *unfolding* story.”³⁰ And since *The Voice* is actually being “created” for today’s “great transition” away from the *absolute truth* of Who God and His Son are to the *relative* “truth” of the “flow” and “unfolding” story of *Oneness*, its sensitivity is therefore also toward “modern readers from *different religious* or cultural traditions.”³¹

What helps put *The Voice* project into perspective is that Chris Seay—whose “dream” it all was—is the one who rewrote/reworded the truth of the book of John. It is his “reimagined” “John 14:6” that claims Jesus said:

“**I am** the path, the truth, and **the energy of life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (bold added)³²

The Lord Jesus Christ Who was physically/bodily resurrected into “flesh and bones” is *not* “the energy of life” and never has been. The Lord Jesus Christ never has been and never will be in everyone/everything. There is no Oneness of the “sacred” and “secular,” or the holy and profane. But, of course, *The Voice* was not given by inspiration of God, and it even admits it. Along with being publicized as “the product of the best minds in this emerging generation,” Seay’s “reimagined” book of “John” begins with: “My name is John.... I am the inspiration behind the Fourth Gospel.”³³

Even if it didn’t admit it, the fact that God isn’t the inspiration behind Seay’s book of “John” is quite obvious. Despite its absurd claims to still be “Scripture,” only Scripture that is given by inspiration of *God* is *true Scripture*. And the true John would roll over in his grave if he knew such blasphemy as is included in this “reimagined” book of “John” was being attributed to him, even if fictitiously. A prime example is inserted into chapter 6, in which, true to the emerging faith of Oneness, a box of narration by “John” claims the following about Jesus:

“[R]emember His most glorious hour **on the cross**. In that moment, **He embraced all darkness** and shame **and transformed them into light**.” (emphasis added)³⁴

Actually, on the cross Jesus *destroyed* the works of the devil, He didn’t *embrace* them! And neither did He *transform all darkness into light*! This is all made perfectly clear in true Scripture that is given by inspiration of God. For instance, after Jesus was raised from the dead He told the apostle Paul:

“*I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.... Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to **turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.***” (Acts 26:15, 17-18)

It is the emerging faith of *Oneness/panentheism* that turns the darkness *into light*, not to mention the power of Satan *into God*. (Think about it.) It just doesn’t get any more obvious as to whose “voice” those in this emerging faith are blindly heeding. Clearly, he is having a heyday in today’s shifting Christianity. After all, he is on a mission to spread his new “gospel” of Oneness—a mission that *requires* darkening the *true* light “of the glorious gospel of Christ.” And, conveniently for him, people in today’s shifting Christianity are likewise on a mission to spread the same new “gospel” of Oneness. But, no, they don’t see it that way. They see this as a mission from *God* . . .

“*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, **lest the light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, **should shine unto them.***” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

It is not the mission of God to darken the light of God and His Son! But for those who are on this mission, what better way to “turn the dark on” and “turn the lights out”³⁵ than in new “Bibles” that speak with a new “Voice”? And, sadly, in today’s world that is easy prey, what claims to be a “Bible” is blindly accepted as “God’s” “truth” *regardless of what it says*. Far too many people don’t even give it a second thought.

The following Table lists just a few examples of the changes *The Voice*³⁶ brings. Keep in mind that this “product of the

best minds” has been supposedly “translated” into “easy-to-read” “more common terminology”³⁷ and clearer language than what God inspired. In just one example, *baptizing/baptism* has been changed to “ceremonial washing” and “ritual cleansing.” This is “more common terminology”?? Who talks this way? Rather, their changes commonly consist of “fuzzification” in uncertain terms, which they repeatedly see the need to *clarify* in either footnotes or inserted boxes! *The Voice*—which epitomizes the darkness not comprehending the light (see John 1:5)—consists of countless changes. These changes, which are by no means limited to just term changes, include: from *salvation* to “liberation;” from *world* to “corrupt world order;” from *scripture* to “the Hebrew Scriptures;” from *Christ* to “the Liberator” or “the Liberating King;” and so on. (Did you see the emerging pattern in all these?) Incidentally, comparing this new “Voice” to God’s Holy Scriptures has succeeded in generating an even greater appreciation for the *true* beauty of God’s *inspired* Word. Thank you! Next to the fumbling uninspired words of fuzziness and uncertainty—i.e., darkness—the sure words of God’s inspired Scriptures stand clear and certain with a light of simplistic beauty and great strength. A true foundation for our dark times.

Scripture that is “given by inspiration of God”:	“Scripture” that is “the product of the best minds in this emerging generation of Christian leaders”:
“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 ; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men . And the light <u>shineth</u> in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ” (John 1:1-5)	“Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God. This <i>celestial</i> Voice remained ever present with the Creator; His speech shaped the entire cosmos. <i>Immersed in the practice of creating</i> , all things that exist were birthed in Him. His breath filled all things with a living, breathing light —light that <u>thrives</u> in the depths of darkness, <i>blazing through murky bottoms</i> . It cannot, and will not, be quenched.” (“John 1:1-5;” only bold & underline added, here and throughout)
“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world . He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own , and his own received him not. But as many as received him , to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. ” (John 1:9-12)	“ The true Light , who shines upon the heart of everyone, was coming into the cosmos . He does not call out from a distant place but draws near. He enters our world , a world He made and speaks clearly, yet His creation did not recognize Him. Though the Voice utters only truth, His own people who have heard the Voice before, rebuff this inner calling and refuse to listen . But those who hear and trust the beckoning of the Divine Voice and embrace Him, they shall be reborn as children of God.” (“John 1:9-12”)
“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me . And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.” (John 5:39-40)	“Here you are scouring through the Scriptures, hoping that you will find eternal life among a pile of scrolls. What you don’t seem to understand is that the Scriptures point to Me . Here I am with you, and still you reject the truth contained in the law and prophets by refusing to come to Me so that you can have life. I am the source of life, the animating energy of creation that you desperately lack. ” (“John 5:39-40”)
“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ . No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son , which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. ” (John 1:17-18)	“You see, Moses gave us rules to live by, but Jesus the Liberating King offered the gifts of grace and truth <i>which make life worth living</i> . God , unseen until now, is revealed in the Voice, God’s only Son, straight from the Father’s heart. ” (“John 1:17-18”)
“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)	“ I am the path, the truth, and the energy of life . No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (“John 14:6”)

"If any man serve me, let him follow me ; ..." (John 12:26)	"Anyone who serves Me must follow My path ; ..." ("John 12:26")
"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)	"On another occasion, Jesus spoke to the crowds again. I am the light that shines through the cosmos ; if you walk with Me, you will thrive in the <i>nourishing</i> light that gives life and will not know darkness." ("John 8:12")
"For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world ." (John 6:33)	"The bread of God comes down out of heaven and breathes life into the cosmos ." ("John 6:33")
"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true , and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)	"We also can be sure of the fact that the Son of God has come and given us a mind so that we may know Him as the embodiment of all that is true . We live in this truth, in His Son Jesus, the Liberating King. He is the true God and eternal life." ("1 John 5:20")
"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God ." (Romans 10:17)	"So faith originates in hearing, as we listen to the voice that proclaims the Liberating King ." ("Romans 10:17")
"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God . Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil , and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved." (Luke 8:11-12)	"here's the interpretation: The voice of God falls on human hearts like seeds scattered across a field. Some people hear that message, but the devil opposes the liberation that would come to them by believing. So he swoops in and steals the message from their hard hearts like birds stealing the seeds from the footpath." ("Luke 8:11-12")
"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ , the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name ." (John 20:31)	"The accounts are recorded so that you, too, might believe that Jesus the Liberating King is the Son of God , because believing grants you the life He came to share ." ("John 20:31")
"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS ." (Luke 1:31)	"Listen, you are going to become pregnant. You will have a son, and you must name Him 'Liberation,' or Jesus ." [!] ("Luke 1:31")
[A note of reminder that the book of "Luke" is Brian McLaren's work. McLaren scorns the error of seeing Christ as the last name of Jesus as absurd. But <i>this</i> isn't absurd?! Again, Jesus was and is a <i>Person</i> —and not a new kind of cosmic "Person" that is "the <i>energy of life</i> ," either. Other than perhaps a "love" child that is the product of the New Age, anti-God rebellion of the 1960's, what kind of <i>person</i> is named " <i>Liberation</i> "?? And, of course, Liberation is not something you <i>bow down to</i> . Think about it. No, Mary was not told to name her son "'Liberation,' or Jesus." She was not given the choice to call Him one or the other, and neither are we. God's <i>inspired</i> Scriptures repeatedly make it clear that Jesus' name is essential to salvation. As used to be obvious, this is because we are to <i>believe in the specific Person of Jesus</i> . But with the added "or," this gives people the freedom to <i>choose</i> if they want Liberation or Jesus. This way, everyone has the freedom to bypass "explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth." This new "Voice" is, after all, a well-rounded "Voice" of Oneness.]	
" Casting down imaginations , and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)	"We are demolishing arguments and ideas, every high-and-mighty philosophy that pits itself against the knowledge of the one true God. We are taking prisoners of every thought, <i>every emotion</i> , and subduing them into obedience to our Liberator ." ("2 Corinthians 10:5")

<p>[The change from <i>Christ</i> to “Liberator” does indeed put a spin on things! It essentially flips this verse upside down. And, <i>who</i> exactly is “the one true God” according to the new “Voice”? That would be the emerging <i>interfaith</i> “God” of <i>Oneness</i>—which relates quite well with a “Liberator.” A box inserted into “Ephesians” chapter 2 reads: “You see, the one true God wants one people of God.... In our day, walls continue to exist, erected strategically to separate people by race, religion, ... Those who erect these walls, protect them, and maintain them will find that they are enemies of the gospel.”³⁸ Enemies of <i>which</i> “gospel”?! Clearly, that would be the “gospel” of <i>interfaith Oneness</i>, which—whether those in this emerging faith admit it or not—is the new “gospel” of <i>the New Age</i>. It is thus not surprising that the new “Voice” changes 2 Peter 3:18 to the following:]</p>	
<p>“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and <u>for ever</u>. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)</p>	<p>“Instead, grow in grace and in the <i>true</i> knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Liberating King, to whom be glory, now and <u>until the coming of the new age</u>. Amen.” (“2 Peter 3:18”)</p>
<p>[The convoluted layers of absurd changes are simply unbelievable (in more ways than one). But let’s just assume as they do for a moment, that they are referring to the true Lord Jesus Christ in all these “reimaginings.” So instead of “for ever,” to Him be glory only “until the coming of the new age”?! And at “the coming of the new age,” to whom does the glory then go? Would that be to everyone and everything, which are believed to be “becoming”—or “evolving” into—the New Age <i>whole</i> “God”/“Christ” of Oneness? Of course, even if they deny referring to <i>the</i> New Age here, this change is still absurd heresy. To the <i>true</i> Jesus Christ is glory “for ever,” not “until” anything! And the <i>true</i> Jesus Christ is <i>the exact same Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who is <u>very much alive</u></i> . . .]</p>	
<p>“Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you....” (John 12:35)</p>	<p>“Light is among you, but very soon it will <u>flicker out</u>....” [!] (“John 12:35”)</p>
<p>“Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” (Acts 2:27)</p>	<p>“You will not abandon me to experience the suffering of a miserable afterlife, nor leave Your Holy One to rot alone.” [!] (“Acts 2:27”)</p>
<p>[These unbelievable changes are reminiscent of Leonard Sweet’s teaching that “we must focus on Christ—not <i>the dead Jesus</i>.”³⁹ It isn’t surprising that these builders who desperately want to disallow the <i>corner</i> stone have been chosen to be “translators” of a <i>new</i> “Bible translation”—i.e., of a <i>new</i> “Voice.” Again, the book of “John” is Chris Seay’s work, who is the dreamer/head of this whole “Project.” And, along with “Luke,” the book of “Acts” is Brian McLaren’s work. As previously addressed, McLaren (along with the many others in this emerging faith of Oneness) is trying to “break free” from the soul “sort” in which “everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin.”⁴⁰ So, in this move forward <i>past the <u>corner</u> stone</i>, as McLaren writes, “the future” is “un-doomed” from “hell,”⁴¹ right?]</p>	
<p>“And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, <i>The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner</i>?” (Luke 20:17)</p>	<p>“Why then do the <i>Hebrew</i> Scriptures contain these words: The stone that the builders rejected has become the very stone that holds together the entire foundation?” (“Luke 20:17”)</p>
<p>“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” (1 Timothy 2:5-6)</p>	<p>“Because there is one God and one Mediator between God and us— The man Jesus, the Liberator, who gave His life as a ransom for all so that we might have freedom.” (“1 Timothy 2:5-6”)</p>
<p>“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:15-16)</p>	<p>“Go out into the world and share the good news with all of creation. Anyone who believes this good news and is ceremonially washed will be rescued, but anyone who does not believe it will be condemned.” (“Mark 16:15-16”)</p>

<p>"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24)</p>	<p>"That's why I told you that you will die here as a result of your sins. Unless you believe I am who I have said I am, your sins will lead to your death." ("John 8:24")</p>
<p>"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37)</p>	<p>"Really, what profit is there for you to gain the whole world and lose yourself in the process? What can you give in exchange for your life?" ("Mark 8:36-37")</p>
<p>"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)</p>	<p>"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven. Simply calling Me 'Lord' when you reach heaven will not be enough. Only those who do the will of My Father who is in heaven <i>will join Me in heaven</i>." ("Matthew 7:21")</p>
<p>"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:16-17)</p>	<p>"Like Me, they are not products of the corrupt world order. Immerse them in the truth, the truth Your voice speaks." ("John 17:16-17")</p>
<p>"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Galatians 3:22)</p>	<p>"Scripture has subjected the whole world to sin's power [!] so that the faithful obedience of Jesus, the Liberator, might extend God's promises to everyone who has faith." ("Galatians 3:22")</p>
<p>"For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it." (Galatians 1:13)</p>	<p>"Surely you are familiar with my personal history, with my dedication to the teachings and traditions of Judaism. I persecuted those who belonged to this emerging movement that I now recognize as the church of God [!]<i>—in fact, I meant to destroy it. In my blindness, I believed it was a dangerous sect.</i>" ("Galatians 1:13")</p>
<p>"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:23-24)</p>	<p>"I cannot say this clearly enough: during this time, someone will say to you, 'Look, here is the Liberating King!' or 'Aren't you relieved? Haven't you seen the Savior down there, around the bend, over the hill and dale?' Do not believe them. False liberators and false prophets will appear, and <i>they will know a few tricks—they will perform great miracles, and they will make great promises. If it were possible, they would even deceive God's elect.</i>" ("Matthew 24:23-24")</p>
<p>[Everyone needs to heed their changed warning <i>now</i>—it cannot be said clearly enough, do not believe these emerging leaders and "translators"! For starters, obviously <u>they</u> are the ones who are saying, "Look, here is <u>the Liberating King</u>!" Who else says this?? The title page of <i>The Voice</i> even reads: "the voice NEW TESTAMENT, <u>THE LIBERATING KING AND HIS CHURCH</u>." And they are trying to deceive the elect with a "reimagined"—i.e., a <i>fictitious</i>—"Jesus" of Oneness that brings liberation from the <i>absolute truth</i> of God's <i>inspired</i> Word. Consequently, their openly fictitious "Bible" with its fictitious "Jesus" will bring liberation from the <i>true</i> God and His Son. Again, the <i>true</i> Jesus is the <i>Messiah</i>, which is the <i>Christ</i>—"We have found <u>the Messiah</u>, which is, being interpreted, <u>the Christ</u>" (John 1:41). While the "reimagined"/fictitious "Jesus" of <i>The Voice</i> may be "the <i>Liberating King</i>" people want—i.e., "they had found <u>the Christ</u>, <u>the Liberating King</u>, <u>the One who will heal the world</u>" ("John 1:41")—he is not the <i>Messiah</i>, which is the <i>true</i> Christ. As is clear—or, rather, as is "fuzzified"—in this "Scripture Project," its "Liberating King" is the One who will bring the "healing" of Oneness. Hence, this "Liberating King" is not "<i>the Christ</i>" but one of the "<i>false Christs</i>" which the <i>true</i> Jesus warned against. So follow their own warnings and: "If anyone tells you in those days, 'Look, there is the Liberating King!' ... <u>don't believe them</u>. False liberators and prophets will pop up <i>like weeds</i>, ..." ("Mark 13:21-22"). Along with these false "liberators and prophets"—i.e., "<i>weeds</i>"—proclaiming they found "the Liberating King," there is also another way they can be easily recognized. Just remember that these <u>weeds</u> are so deceived</p>	

<p>themselves that their own mission is to take the spiritual <u>Roundup</u> of Oneness to the churches and the world as their “good news” of “<u>life</u>” and “liberation.” <i>“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, ... the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”</i> (2 Timothy 3:13-15).]</p>	
<p>“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.” (1 Corinthians 15:21-23)</p>	<p>“For since death entered <i>this world</i> by a man, it took another man to make the resurrection of the dead our new reality. Look at it this way: through Adam all of us die, but through the Liberating King all of us can live again. But this is how it will happen: the Liberator’s <u>awakening</u> is the firstfruits. It will be followed by the resurrection of all those who belong to Him at His coming, and” (“1 Corinthians 15:21-23”)</p>
<p>“Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not <u>darkness</u>.” (Luke 11:35)</p>	<p>“So be careful, people, because your light may be <u>malfunctioning</u>.” (“Luke 11:35”)</p>
<p>“And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased.” (Matthew 21:15)</p>	<p>“Rings of children circled round and sang, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David.’ But the priests and scribes didn’t understand. When they saw <i>the upturned tables, the walking paralytics, and the singing children</i>, they were <i>shocked, indignant, and angry, and they did not understand.</i>” (“Matthew 21:15”)</p>
<p>[This non-subtle addition brings to mind the “circle” of “children” in the vision of <i>The Shack</i>’s main character—a vision that, among other things, was <i>quantum</i> in nature. And the new quantum “reality” of a cosmic “<i>relationship</i>” of Oneness conveniently “transcends” the need to <i>believe</i>, right?]</p>	
<p>“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that <u>believeth on me</u> hath everlasting life.” (John 6:47)</p>	<p>“I am telling you the truth: the one who <u>accepts these things</u> has eternal life.” (“John 6:47”)</p>
<p>“As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:2-3)</p>	<p>“because You have given Me total authority over humanity. <i>I have come bearing the plentiful gifts of God</i>, and all that receive Me will experience everlasting life, a new intimate relationship with You, the one true God, and Jesus the Liberating King (the One You have sent).” (“John 17:2-3;” parentheses in the original)</p>
<p>“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:20-21)</p>	<p>“O Timothy, protect what was entrusted to you! Walk away from all the godless, empty voices <i>out there</i>, and turn aside from objections and arguments that arise from false knowledge. (By professing such knowledge, some are missing the mark when it comes to <i>true</i> faith.) May God’s grace be with you.” (“1 Timothy 6:20-21;” parentheses in the original)</p>
<p>[This change is quite fitting of today’s New Quantum Spirituality with its emerging “<i>post-foundationalist</i>” faith that accepts false science as true and rejects true knowledge as false. Again, two of the “translators” of <i>The Voice</i> write: “In the words of Rodney Clapp, arguing the case that everyone is ‘better off’ <u>repudiating foundationalism</u>, ‘... there is no such thing as safely and absolutely secured knowledge. Knowledge is particular and perspectival, and as such is <u>always</u> contestable.’”⁴² This gives quite the perspective on their new “Bible translation.” But then, this purposeful repudiation of foundational truth is clear enough in simply reading its emerging new liberating “Voice” of Oneness.]</p>	
<p>“Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too <u>superstitious</u>. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God</p>	<p>“Athenians, <i>I am a new visitor to your beautiful city. As I have walked your streets</i>, I have observed your strong and diverse religious ethos. You truly are a religious people. I have stopped again and again to examine carefully the religious statues and inscriptions that fill your city. On one such altar,</p>

that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” (Acts 17:22-24)

I read this inscription: “TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.” I am **not here to tell you about a strange foreign deity, but about this One whom you already worship, though without full knowledge.** This is the God who made the universe and all it contains, **the God who is the Caesar**, the King, of all heaven and all earth. It would be illogical to assume that a God of this magnitude could possibly be contained in any manmade structure, no matter how majestic.” (“Acts 17:22-24”)

[Absolutely unbelievable. And yet, at the same time, this whole thing is totally predictable in this emerging faith of Oneness. They don’t even remotely end it with this, either!]

“And hath made **of one blood all nations** of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: **For in him we live, and move, and have our being**; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, **we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device.** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which **he will judge the world in righteousness by that man** whom he hath ordained; **whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.**” (Acts 17:26-31)

“This is **the only universal God**, the One who made all of us, wherever we now live, **whatever our nationality or culture or religion.** **This God made us in all our diversity** from one original person, **allowing each culture to have its own time to develop**, giving each its own place to live and **thrive in its distinct ways**. His purpose in all this was that people of every culture and religion would search for this ultimate God, grope for Him in the darkness, as it were, hoping to find Him. Yet, in truth, God is not far from any of us. For you know the saying, ‘We live in God; we move in God; we exist in God.’ And still another said, ‘We are indeed God’s children.’ Since this is true, since we are indeed offspring of God’s creative act, **we shouldn’t think of the Deity as our own artifact**, something made by our own hands—as if this great, **universal, ultimate Creator were simply a combination of elements like gold, silver, and stone.** No, God has patiently tolerated this kind of ignorance in the past, but now God says it is time to rethink our lives and **reject these unenlightened assumptions.** He has fixed a day of accountability, when the whole world—including **every culture and religion**—**will be justly evaluated by a new, higher standard: not by a statue, but by a living man.** God selected this man and made Him credible to all by raising Him from the dead.” (“Acts 17:26-31”)

[Again, this whole entire thing is absolutely unbelievable. But suffice it to say that, first, it is a given that it is “in him we live, and move, and have our being” (v. 28) because “he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things” (v. 25). It used to be obvious that “in” does not always mean “inside” or “within.” And the fact that living and moving and having our being *inside or within* God is not the meaning of Acts 17:28 is made perfectly clear throughout all of God’s inspired Word. Yet this doesn’t stop those in both the New Age and today’s shifting Christianity from attempting to commandeer this verse for their mutual faith in Oneness/panentheism. The changes here are just another attempt at this. Second, contrary to what is commonly taught today in the attempted pursuit of the universal salvation of Oneness, *everyone* is not already a child of God—“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26). The “universal God,” or “ultimate God” (a.k.a. “ultimate reality”), behind all religious/cultural diversity in this emerging faith of Oneness is not the true God. And, sadly, those who continue to reject the true Christ Jesus will never be “God’s children.” Third, it is in righteousness that the true Christ Jesus will judge all who do not repent. No matter how many people choose to “recognize” it as such, there is no emerging movement of Oneness that is “the church of God” (see their earlier “Galatians 1:13”). As is clear in God’s inspired Word, God *raising the true Christ Jesus from the dead* is not about making “Him credible to all” or “justly evaluat[ing]” “every culture and religion” but, rather, has “*given assurance unto all men*” that God “*will judge the world in righteousness by that man.*” But those in this emerging faith are bound and determined to *think* Oneness into being as the new “reality.” That is, they are bound and determined to *think* the God of judgment into a new and reformed “God” of Oneness who would never “Dream” of coming in judgment. And, therefore, judgment is all *past tense* now, right?]

<p><i>"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."</i> (Jude 1:14-15)</p>	<p>"During the seventh generation after Adam, the prophet Enoch said, 'Look! The Lord came, and with Him tens of thousands of His holy messengers to judge wicked men and convict the impious and ungodly for all they have said and all the hard things they have done against the Holy One.'" ("Jude 1:14-15")</p>
<p>[Nice try, but the Lord is still <i>coming</i> to execute <i>judgment</i>! Again, no matter how many minds align to think a new future "reality" of Oneness into being, this emerging faith has not successfully changed the "old" God of judgment into a new "God" of Oneness and <i>never will</i>. And to <u>rewrite/reword</u> God's Word according to man's wishful thinking changes <i>nothing</i>.]</p>	
<p>"Which of you by taking <u>thought</u> can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matthew 6:27)</p>	<p>"Worrying does not do any good—who here can claim to add even an hour to his life by worrying?" ("Matthew 6:27")</p>
<p>[This is quite a fitting change for those in this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality who spurn all "<i>fear-based</i>" warnings from God's Word in their determination to fearlessly <i>think</i> a new "reality" into being. But then, what do those who are trying to reform God have to worry about, or fear? Now that some of the "truths" of this emerging faith of Oneness have been "expertly" written into a "Bible translation," this is now "proof" that Oneness and its emerging "gospel" are <i>God's truth</i> and not <i>man's fiction</i>, right?]</p>	
<p><i>"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man."</i> (Galatians 1:11)</p>	<p>"Know this, dear brothers and sisters: the good news I brought to you isn't the latest in fiction or the product of some creative mind." ("Galatians 1:11")</p>
<p>"... I had a dream and said what if we had the very best poets, what if we got the best fiction writers we could find ..." (Chris Seay on his project <i>The Voice</i>)⁴³</p> <p>"The Voice is the product of the best minds in this emerging generation of Christian leaders."⁴⁴</p> <p>"[W]e have worked hard to make <i>The Voice</i> both stimulating and creative."⁴⁵</p> <p>[Maybe these emerging leaders and "translators," et al., should heed their own changes!]</p>	
<p><i>"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."</i> (2 Peter 1:19-21)</p>	<p>"We have a fuller confirmation of the message of the prophets. You would do well to pay close attention to this word; it is like a light that shines for you in the darkness of night until the day dawns when the morning star rises in your own hearts. But notice first that no prophecy found in Scripture is a matter of the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy has never been a <u>product</u> of human initiative, but it comes when men and women are moved to speak by the Holy Spirit." ("2 Peter 1:19-21")</p>
<p>[How fitting that, amidst all the changes in <i>The Voice</i>, <u>holy</u> and <u>of God</u> has been deleted. The handwriting is on the wall . . .]</p>	

To say the very least, today's *holey* new versions are certainly revealing. And as is typical of today's new versions, the Preface refers to the very *holey* manuscripts they chose to use as "the earliest and *best* manuscripts."⁴⁶ Swiss cheese manuscripts are "best" only for those who want liberation from what's in the holes. And since these "best" manuscripts are also corrupted around the holes as well, think of it all as Swiss cheese that is corrupted with dark fuzzy mold. There are still some good parts (i.e., truth) to be found in between it all, though—if one is willing to be reduced to such scrounging. And, sadly, those in this emerging faith are not even fazed by such poor quality. Along with the liberation

of holeyness, the dark fuzziness is what they openly *want*.

When looking through *The Voice*—as well as other new “translations”—it is also interesting to note that the more today’s “experts” try to change God’s Word into the supposed language of the day, the more they actually *remove* the very words of God’s Word that clearly warn against today’s new way of thinking *in the very language of our day*. This begs the question as to whether this removal is on purpose. But, at the very least, this removal of God’s inspired words that are founded in His omniscient foreknowing is diabolical.

But it’s all just “literary style,” right? In one of the videos about *The Voice*, Brian McLaren says:

“He [Chris Seay] explained to me kind of the idea behind it, that we have a lot of Bible translations that are done by scholars, and as a result they have sort of a dry flat tone. It’s like they’ve been rendered into newspaper prose. A few people, like J. B. Phillips and **Eugene Peterson**, have **rendered the Bible with literary style, which is a good thing, a big improvement.**”⁴⁷

So Eugene Peterson’s work is a style to be followed?? Since when is heresy “literary style”? And neither is a heretical book that claims to be a “Bible” either “a good thing” or “a big improvement” in “Bible translations.” Nevertheless, in today’s shifting Christianity that prefers to think *outside* the “box,” or “straitjacket” as McLaren puts it, of God’s absolute truth, Peterson’s book *The Message*, which promotes itself as “the contemporary *translation* of choice,”⁴⁸ is indeed a popular choice. And what heresy is in this popular choice? To give just one example of many is Peterson’s inclusion of a panentheistic Oneness:

“[O]ne God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.” (“Ephesians 4:6;” emphasis added)⁴⁹

No matter how many new versions—*new for a reason*—are “expertly” “translated” otherwise, there is no “Oneness” of everyone and/or everything. The apostle Paul’s letter of Ephesians was specifically addressed “to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus” (1:1), and this verse simply says in its entirety:

“*One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*” (Ephesians 4:6)

The fact that Peterson’s book *The Message* (i.e., *The Mess of the Age*, which now clearly has a new rival) has the unmitigated gall to call itself a “Bible,” not to mention a “translation,” (and that goes for *The Voice* as well) is a clear sign of the times. God’s Word of absolute truth is not the “play” toy of man. It is not to be rewritten and reworded according to the whim of man’s ever-changing new ways of thinking and believing (i.e., *not believing*). Truth is truth and falsehood is falsehood and never the twain shall become one—no matter how many “translators” claim that a new and “improved” “Bible” that “balances” truth with falsehood is “God’s word” or “God’s voice.” And those rewriters and reworders who have fearlessly cast aside God’s warnings in Revelation 22:18-19 need to repent before they learn the hard way that God said what He meant and meant what He said in His settled Word of Truth.

“*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*” (Psalm 119:89)

“*I know that, **whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.***” (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

“***Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.***” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

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

“So, if you’re interested, I think this new project *The Voice* is going to really have a great effect in a lot of individual’s

lives and in a lot of churches. One of the other dimensions of the project is that we wanted it to be a **storyteller's Bible**. We wanted it to convey the sense of a real story going on." (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁵⁰

A "storyteller's" "project" that is doomed to have a tragic ending. This new "project" isn't about "literary style." This is about change. This is about turning "the dark on" and "the lights out." And the effect it will have in people's lives is *eternal*. But, naturally, they don't see it that way.

"In my own experience as a lover and reader [and rewriter!] of the Bible, **as I am freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket ... I feel I can breathe a little freer** ... Most notably, I begin to see how our ancestors' images and understandings of God continually *changed, evolved, and matured* over the centuries. *God*, it seemed, kept initiating this *evolution*." (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁵¹

"If we believe that the same **God** who created an *evolving* universe **is revealed in an evolving Bible**, we can derive some fascinating insights ..." (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁵²

Actually, when we believe that the same God Who *inspired* His Word that He has *forever settled in heaven* is still revealed today in His *inspired* Word that He has *forever settled in heaven*, we "derive some fascinating insights." Namely, that *God said what He meant and meant what He said*.

Although man is clearly hell-bent on believing otherwise, true Scripture that is inspired by God does not "*evolve*." Neither is the "*evolving*" *universe* an "*evolving*" *God* that thus leads to an "*evolving*" *truth of God*. Again, God is not in everyone/everything and neither did He create the "*evolution*" of everyone/everything. Along with much of *The Voice*, the "Big Bang" and "*evolution*" are also fiction. Religion isn't the only field that has chosen to team up "great scholars" with "fiction writers." But those who want to be freed from the "box" of the *literal* and *absolute* truth of God's Word aren't willing to see it that way. After all, today's "*evolving*" *counterfeit/fictitious "science"* provides the basis for today's "*evolving*" *counterfeit/fictitious "Scripture."* And *why* do more and more people today openly *want* this? Oneness . . . choices . . . freedom . . . universal salvation . . .

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey my voice, and I will be your God**, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. **But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear**, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.... This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: **truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.**" (Jeremiah 7:23-24, 28)

No, God's Word of truth is not "*evolving*." God's so-called "*literalistic* and *dualistic straitjacket*" that *literally* and *absolutely divides* truth and falsehood and right and wrong is not "*evolving*" into a new non-literalistic and non-dualistic freedom of *Oneness* that *unites* it all. But those who want to "breathe a little freer"—i.e., who want "room to move and choose and resist airtight propositions that don't allow free breathing (i.e., *freedom*)"⁵³—can certainly choose to believe otherwise if they want to . . .

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

They can even choose to join together and rewrite and reword God's Word for Him, as they did in *The Voice*. After all, if God isn't to be *literally taken at His Word* then there's nothing to *fear* in choosing to "*evolve*" God's Word into a new "truth," right? What would anyone have to fear if God said what He *didn't mean* and meant what He *didn't say*? But, on the other hand, if God *said what He meant* and *meant what He said*—and He did—then there is an *eternity* to fear. It all comes down to choosing to believe one of two voices, either "*Thus saith the Lord God*" or "*Yea, hath God said ...?*" Either He did or He didn't. There is no Oneness of the two voices.

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie: **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

**To believe the truth of the Word of God is not to eat from
“the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”!**

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

Sadly, people in the emerging faith of Oneness actually see *believing the Word of God* as a “literalistic and dualistic straitjacket” as well as a “death” trap. Although this is all absolutely unbelievable, this is all to be expected in this emerging faith. Oneness cannot exist when there is a *dichotomy* between what is truth and falsehood and what is right and wrong, so God’s literal and absolute truth is indeed lethal to Oneness. But, despite the deluded claims, it is never “lethal to the spirit.”¹ Quite the contrary. God’s Word is “the word of life” (Philippians 2:16). And in “the words of eternal life,” God’s written “word of life” gives us the literal and absolute truth about God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—“the Word of life”—so that we can believe in Him and thereby have “everlasting life” (John 6:68; 1 John 1:1-3; John 3:16; also see John 1:1, 14-17). Those who are putting God’s Word—which is the written “word of life” that gives us “the words of eternal life” of His Son “the Word of life,” Who Himself warned that “the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63)—away from themselves thereby “judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life” (Acts 13:46). So to put it mildly, no, it is not the Word of God that is the “death” trap!

*“And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to **hear the word of God**. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing **ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life**, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.... And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and **as many as were ordained to eternal life believed**. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.” (Acts 13:44-46, 48-49)*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life**.” (John 3:16)*

Even so, in Leonard Sweet’s previously addressed APC pill analogy in which “Propositions” stand in for the *phenacetin* that can “kill you,” he writes that “Propositions” create “Believers” and that “the wages of APC is *death*.”² In other words, “the wages” of believing God’s Word of life is “death”! To fall for this is to understatedly have fallen for a very serious delusion. And Sweet, as well as Brian McLaren and other likeminded leaders of this emerging faith/delusion of Oneness, were all chosen to help rewrite/reword God’s “words of eternal life” for Thomas Nelson’s “Bible translation” *The Voice*. The reason for this is clear. Since today’s upside-down emerging faith sees believing God’s Word of life as a “death” trap, what is to supposedly now give “life” is the *de-literalization of God’s Word*. Instead of the “tight theological structure” of *literal truth* that is to be *believed*, this allows for a “full voice”—one in which there is no literal dualism between truth and falsehood, right and wrong.

“The first group, ... ‘Bible-believing Christians,’ typically see the Bible as the inerrant and infallible Word of God....

*“For these Christians, **the Bible** is to be **interpreted literally**, unless the language of a particular passage is clearly metaphorical.... **[R]ather than allowing the Bible its full voice**, their approach **actually confines the Bible within a tight theological structure**.*

*“The second group of Christians ... are strongly convinced that many parts of the Bible cannot be taken *literally*, either as *historically factual* or as *expressing the will of God*....*

*“Their numbers are growing ... **[A] major de-literalization of the Bible is underway**.” (Marcus Borg, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*; emphasis added)³*

*“In my own experience as a lover and reader of the Bible, as I am freed from the *literalistic and dualistic straitjacket* ... I feel I can breathe a little freer ...” (Brian McLaren, *A New Kind of Christianity*; emphasis added)⁴*

“[T]he *literal* reading of the Bible was as *lethal* to the spirit as the higher critical readings were.” (Leonard Sweet, *Quantum Spirituality*; emphasis added)⁵

Naturally, New Age leaders teach the same thing:

“Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken *literally*.” (Neale Donald Walsch, *What God Wants*; emphasis added)⁶

A de-literalization of the Bible is what the “God” of Oneness wants. And not taking the Bible literally is behind the *quantum* spirituality which is behind today’s *new kind* of “Christianity” which, in turn, is thus blindly merging with the New Age in this emerging Oneness because it is taking the Bible “seriously” but *not literally*. In other words, what this “God” of Oneness wants is emerging most cooperatively on quite a broad scale.

Of course, this de-literalization of God’s written “word of life” is in fact a de-literalization of *the truth of God’s Son the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is “the Word of life.”* But this is irrelevant to those in this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. In his book *Quantum Spirituality*, Leonard Sweet teaches that “The Word” in John 1:14 is “the depth dimension of Logos which physicists call *energy*.”⁷ And, therefore, “New Lights spend their lives looking for the kind of *coherencies* and *larger* frameworks people need for *unifying* human experience, listening for the drumbeat of *the Word* amid the downbeats of *the world*.”⁸ Sweet, whose website quite revealingly still offers this heretical book *Quantum Spirituality: A Postmodern Apologetic* as “a spirituality classic,”⁹ also writes in this book’s “New Light” that:

“Authenticity in **postmodern** culture must reflect this **integration and wholeness**....

“**All religions** have something to do with **the whole**, the totality....

“The **New Light** apologetic must come to terms with the ‘communal awakening’ of postmodernity.” (emphasis added)¹⁰

“A **New Light** apologetic involves a **postmodern relationship with the Bible**, not as with an object but as with a ‘friend.’ This is less a posture of *control* and ‘criticism’ than of listening and **playing and imagining**.... Further, **the literal reading of the Bible** was as *lethal to the spirit* as the higher critical readings were. Belief that *the Bible is the Word of God*, which became untenable in modern intellectual circles, must regain its pride of place in the church without losing touch with the nature of *consciousness itself*, which is *contextual, perspectival, and partial*....

“**Biblical exegesis** will then be *less* ‘breaking the text down’ through *word* studies and *more* ‘**trusting the whole**’ through a scalar field exegesis of the three different types of *images--metaphor, model, and myth*.” (emphasis added)¹¹

“When we supplant God’s original intentions with our presumptions, violence is done both to the Scriptures and to ourselves.”¹²

First, it goes without saying that any person, “Bible translator” or otherwise, who doesn’t believe that God’s Word is to be taken literally will indeed be left with “playing and imagining,” and this is outside the “box,” of course. After all, those who see God’s Word of *literal truth* as a “death” trap” want a “*full voice*” that breaks free from the “confines” of “a *tight* theological structure.” They want a *non-literal truth* and *loose* “theological structure” that gives them plenty of “room to move and choose and resist airtight propositions.”¹³ This way, they can “relate” to the Bible as a “friend” while they move to resist its airtight truth in their choice to instead trust the *interfaith* “*whole*.” People can choose to move and resist all they want in their “playing and imagining,” but it is perfectly clear in *simply reading God’s words* that God said what He meant and meant what He said.

Second, “supplant[ing] God’s original intentions with our presumptions” does indeed do “violence ... both to the Scriptures and to ourselves.” Yet Sweet himself presumes to know God’s original intentions, that God’s intentions were *not* a literal reading of His Word. So it is Sweet’s presumption that it is God’s intention that man is *not* to take Him at His Word, that man is *not* to take God literally. But this presumption—which is even admittedly *not* based on studying God’s *words*—isn’t doing violence either to God’s Scriptures or to anyone?? As Sweet even says in the above quote, “the Bible is the Word of God,” and who wouldn’t want to take God at His Word??

Literal -- “‘taking words in their natural meaning’ (originally in reference to Scripture and opposed to mystical or

allegorical).¹⁴ What a concept—to take the words of Scripture in their natural meaning! *This* is “lethal to the spirit”? *This* is what people in today’s shifting *Christianity* are up in arms over?? Incredibly enough, it is. After all, they are shifting to the mystical and allegorical “truth” of Oneness. So never mind that to *not* take God’s words in their *natural* meaning is to *twist* God’s words and thus their meaning. People simply do not want to take God at His Word.

So, in short, in order to avoid the “death” trap of believing God’s “*word of life*,” just shift to the new way of thinking in which to believe that “the Bible is the Word of *God*” is to believe that we are *not* to literally take God at His Word, and that rather than God said what He meant and meant what He said, God said what He *didn’t mean* and meant what He *didn’t say*. This is the new “truth” that today’s Christianity is “humbly” falling for. And with this new “truth” as its new foundationless “foundation” it can thus fearlessly shift to the emerging faith of Oneness and its panentheistic “God” that is in *everyone/everything*. This is, of course, a “God” that *cannot* be taken literally because it brings all “truths”/religions/gods together in its “fullness of truth” that consists of endless *differences and contradictions*. And even though a “God” that cannot be taken literally, or taken at its word, is understatedly not much of a “God,” not much of a “God” is what people today want. Not much of a “God” means self-regulating freedom. Nevertheless, this false “God” that isn’t much of a “God” is not the inspiration behind *the Word of God*.

It used to be obvious that we are to take the words of Scripture, which have been inspired by *God*, in their natural meaning—or *literally*. But then, a literal reading of God’s Word of truth makes no allowances for a “fullness of truth,” or a “full voice.” To the contrary, it is lethal to it all. And, therefore, *there can be no “life” for interfaith Oneness* without the *de-literalization* of God’s Word of truth. Hence *The Voice*, which is participating “beautifully” in this.

“From, you know, the time even of my undergrad studies, I realized that part of **what we had done in Bible translation** in not allowing the poetry and the narrative to really be celebrated, in fact we do just the opposite, we even hand it and lose a great deal, that it didn’t -- it **wasn’t right**. And so I had a dream and said what if we had the very best poets, **what if we got the best fiction writers we could find** and we team them up with great scholars that had expertise in those unique books.” (Chris Seay, regarding his dream *The Voice*)¹⁵

Fiction -- “something invented;” “dissimulation, ruse; invention;” “a fashioning or feigning;” “**to shape, form, devise, feign**.”¹⁶ *Feign* -- “pretend;” “fabricate, alter, change.”¹⁷

Fiction, the new words of “life.” And all because the *literal* words of life recorded for us by God in the Word of God are lethal to Oneness. *The Voice* is just one more part of today’s global project to bring all this interfaith Oneness into full emergence. And it is to be congratulated on its successful de-literalization and “fuzzification” of *God’s “words of eternal life.”* To say that this success is *diabolical* is an understatement.

Again, the Word of *God* is not the “*play*” toy of man. It is not the mission of *God* for man to *de-literalize* and “fuzzify” the Word of *God*. It is not the mission of *God* to *darken the light* of the Word of *God*! Think about it! It is not the mission of *God* to *darken the light* of God’s written “*word of life*” that gives us “*the words of eternal life*.” It is not the mission of *God* to *darken the light* of God’s Gospel of Christ to *keep us from believing in Him* so that we will *not* have “*everlasting life*.” And, no, the light of God’s Word of absolute truth is not a “death” trap!

Again, the de-literalization and “fuzzification” of God’s Word of absolute truth is a de-literalization and “fuzzification” of its “*dualistic*” division between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*, which then allows this emerging faith’s “fullness of truth” (or “full voice”) to bring it all together in *Oneness*. It is *this* that is lethal to souls. But people don’t see it that way because in the “fullness of truth” of Oneness, *falsehood* becomes just a different “perspective” or “view” of *the truth*. Likewise, *wrong* becomes just a different “perspective” or “view” of *right*. It *all* becomes “relative” (in more ways than one). And this way, everyone can just imagine and define “God” and/or “Jesus”/“Christ” however they choose and have this “relationship” however they choose on whatever religious “path” they choose without fear of being “wrong,” right?

“*But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.*” (Colossians 3:25)

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Galatians 6:7-8)

Sadly, even though people may say they believe “the Bible is the Word of God,” thanks to the emerging faith of Oneness this needs to be clarified today as well. Those who say they believe this (which is a decreasing number, by the way) now need to be asked the question: “the Bible is the Word of *[which]* God”? Would that be the God which is clearly described in the natural/literal meaning of the words? Or would that be the emerging “God” of Oneness/panentheism which is fuzzily described in an unnatural/fictionalized meaning of the words? And then there’s also the following issue. Sweet’s next quote about “the word of God” includes two little words that are quite revealing in and of themselves and that also change *everything*:

“The challenge is for Christians to ‘save ourselves from **the old mistake of erecting what has been the word of God to us into a restrictive and stultifying dogma for others.**’” (emphasis added)¹⁸

It all becomes relative, right? Wrong. Either the Bible is the Word of God, or the Bible is the Word of God *to us*. The Word of God is either the Word of *God*, or it isn’t; *period*. There are no two ways about it. And if it is—and it is—then we had better be believing and obeying the Word of *God*! But, sadly, argument after argument comes up as to why it’s just not that “simple.” It is that simple. People today are just not *willing* to believe and obey the Word of *God* and are just looking for excuses to attempt to justify their *unwillingness* to believe and obey the Word of *God*.

Sweet also writes:

“**The Bible itself has many levels of meaning.** *Every* text is multilayered and multileveled. Nothing should ever be read or understood at a single level. *Every* text, every tradition, every idea, every person can be seen **in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways,** simultaneously.” (emphasis added)¹⁹

Yes, God’s Word has levels of meaning and understanding, but this does *not* mean “in *multiple variations* and in *endlessly changing ways*”! There are not “17,000” or so variations and endlessly changing meanings and understandings of *God* and *His Word*. The “multiple *variations* and in *endlessly changing ways*” does, however, give an eye-opening insight into:

“So are **postmoderns** to set their **faith in the God defined by the biblical narratives.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²⁰

Obviously, seeing *the Bible* “in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways” will inevitably result in seeing *God* “in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways.” And vice versa. This all results in a *faith* that manifests “in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways.” This, of course, is a description of today’s emerging faith and its panentheistic “God” of Oneness. And with a “truth” and “God” and faith that manifests in all these “multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways,” people can move to trust “the whole” of “[a]ll religions.” In *What God Wants*, in which he writes that “no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken *literally*,”²¹ Neale Donald Walsch also writes:

“**Humans will understand that God’s words are found in all of the world’s Holy Scriptures,** and that *no* scripture is more authoritative, more complete, more accurate, or more authentic than any other, but that *each* contains great wisdom and *each* leads to a greater understanding of The Only Truth There Is ...” (emphasis added)²²

And as Sweet also writes:

“**God’s presence is written in *every* handwriting. The world bears traces of the handwriting of the Word.**” (emphasis added)²³

“Authenticity in **postmodern** culture must reflect this **integration and wholeness....**

“**All religions** have something to do with **the whole**, the totality.” (emphasis added)²⁴

“A *New Light* apologetic involves a **postmodern relationship with the Bible**, ... listening and *playing* and

imagining.... [T]he **literal reading of the Bible** was as **lethal** to the spirit as the higher critical readings were. Belief that the Bible is the Word of God ... must regain its pride of place in the church without losing touch with **the nature of consciousness itself**, which is **contextual, perspectival, and partial**....

“**Biblical exegesis** will then be ... more ‘**trusting the whole**’ ...” (emphasis added)²⁵

So everyone is thus “‘better off’ **repudiating foundationalism**” and “**resist[ing]** airtight propositions,” right?

“People need room to *move* and *choose* and **resist airtight propositions that don’t allow free breathing (i.e., freedom)**.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁶

“**The Bible is not a blueprint for action, nor a book of answers.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except italics to not)²⁷

“**In the foundationalist world**, ... modern **Christians mined their bricks from the Bible**, which was **assumed** to be intended by God as a source from which propositions could be extracted.... [I]t was *assumed* that knowledge was like a wall or building engineered upon **an undoubtable, unshakable foundation**....

“**In the post-foundationalist postmodern world**, people will generally feel a greater affinity to pre-foundationalists, ... arguing the case that **everyone is ‘better off’ repudiating foundationalism**,

“... I think foundationalists need to admit that there is *no such thing* as safely and *absolutely* secured knowledge. **Knowledge is particular and perspectival, and as such is always contestable.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, and Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)²⁸

Although this is clearly an emerging unbelieving “faith” of self-regulating freedom, they only partly see it that way. In *Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ*, Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola write:

“The meaning of **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil** can be understood by the serpent’s promise: ‘By eating from this tree, you will be **making your own decision**. You will be **like God, determining for yourself what is right and what is wrong.**’” (emphasis added)²⁹

Well, at least they know the meaning of the tree. But, incredibly, they actually go on to achieve new astronomical heights of absurdity by teaching that this tree is *the knowledge of good and evil as set forth in the Word of God*! First, shortly after this quote they write:

“**Living by God’s life is very different from living by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.** A person who is living by the tree of life *doesn’t* sit back and say, ‘Let me try to do good and avoid evil.’ Instead, he allows the life of God to flow within and through him. **He yields to the instincts, promptings, and energy of that God-life.**

“You see, ‘good’ is a form of life. And only God is good.

“Here are the two choices before you today:

“1. The choice **to intellectually know good from evil and to try to do good = the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

“2. Living by the life of God, which is goodness itself = the tree of life.

“Mark it down: **the knowledge of good is the accepted counterfeit to living by life.**” (emphasis added)³⁰

Wow, they certainly succeeded in flipping that upside down! This is serpentine craftiness and subtility at its finest. Sweet and Viola continue:

“**The Christian religion is built on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.** The Christian religion can be studied using the same categories of thought used to study any other world religion. It can be analyzed just as Islam, Judaism, and Buddhism are analyzed. The *difficulty* with **the Christian religion** (like all religions) is that it **makes its adherents think that they have now found the real knowledge of good and evil.**

“Religion gives people the notion that they have God under *control*. Religion says that we can understand God absolutely and completely.... **The Christian religion teaches that the Bible answers virtually every question**

that's brought to the sacred text. The *problem* with this line of thought is that the true **God cannot fit into anyone's box....** Every attempt to *capture God* and cram and ram Him in a *system* will ultimately fail....

"Yet many Christians have turned the Bible into a form of the knowledge of good and evil....

"This is a profoundly grievous misuse of the Bible." [!] (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³¹

Now *think* about all that! For starters, as used to be more than obvious, the knowledge of God's Word—which sets forth the *true* knowledge of good and evil as recorded for us by God Himself—is *not the tree of the knowledge of good and evil!* Neither is the knowledge given to us in God's Word the *counterfeit!* Can you hear the hiss from the serpent's dialogue with Eve?

"Yea, hath God said ...? ... 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." (Genesis 3:1b, 4-5)

Yea, God hath said. And, yea, it is God Who hath said. Sweet writes that "belief that the Bible is the Word of God" "must regain its pride of place in the church," and yet don't believe or do what the Word of God says because if you do you'll be eating from the forbidden "tree of the knowledge of good and evil"!

Although those in this emerging faith are hell-bent on rendering it so, the *knowledge* and *belief* of the absolute truth of the Word of God is *not "forbidden"!* At least not by God anyway. And, yes, Sweet and Viola write that "we must begin living by the forgotten tree rather than the forbidden one."³² After all, "[p]eople need room to *move* and *choose* and *resist* airtight propositions that don't allow free breathing (i.e., *freedom*)," right?

Clearly, the shift to "living by life" rather than by "the knowledge of good" is a shift to looking *within oneself* in order to "mak[e] your own decision" about what is good and what is evil. This is indeed trying to "be like God, determining for *yourself* what is right and what is wrong." Thus, in trying to flip it all upside down by absurdly making the *true* knowledge of good and evil given to us by God in the Word of God out to be the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they are, in effect, diving right into the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And if they think that this time the outcome will be different and there will be no *fall*, they are indeed sorely deluded.

What is now successfully bringing man full circle in this *lie* and its *fall* is the justification that these *inner* "instincts" and "promptings" and "energy" being *yielded* to are *all of God*. And, therefore, since everyone's own inner knowing of good and evil is now all believed to be of God, then how could there be a *fall* this time? Since Sweet and Viola even point out that "[l]iving by God's life is very different from living by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," anyone who chooses to can just "allo[w] the life of God to flow within and through him" and "yiel[d] to the instincts, promptings, and energy of that God-life." (Or should we say to the "promptings," etc., of the "energy of life"?) And how could there be a *fall* in "reimagining" God as the immanent/panentheistic/quantum "God" of Oneness that is in everyone and everything? Doesn't this change everything? It is without question that shifting from the true God to a false "God" and from heeding the Word of God to heeding the "promptings" of everyone's own inner "God"—i.e., the "*dancing god within*"—changes *everything*. *Eternally*.

"Truth lies within ourselves. When we can contact **our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. **We shall be Knowers.**" (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)³³

*"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**.... 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 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**."* (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1, 4-5)

That's right, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the tree of "death." But since believing and obeying the Word of God is now seen as the "death" trap, don't turn to God's Word for the *true* knowledge of good and evil but, rather, go *within oneself* to one's inner "instincts" and "promptings" and become "Knowers." After all, this isn't seen as the

tree of the knowledge of good and evil—rather, *believing and obeying God's Word is!* Why? Because, with cosmic levels of blindness and absurdity, *believing and understanding the absolute truth of God's Word* is seen as an attempt to “control” God and put Him in a *manmade* “box.” The Word of God neither has God “under control” (!) nor is a *manmade* “box.” It is the Word of God. It is the growing number of non-inspired, errant new versions (*new for a reason*) that are *manmade*. The Holy Scriptures are inspired by God. Nevertheless, Sweet and Viola write:

“**The Christian religion**¹⁸ is built on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ...

“Every attempt to capture God and cram and ram Him in a **system will ultimately fail.**” (emphasis added)³⁴

And in their endnote #18 of this quote, they elaborate:

“We are not defining ‘**religion**’ the way the apostle James did in James 1. There the word *religion* means ‘worship.’ We are instead using the word to mean **a system of human thought, belief, and practice that typically involves a higher power.**” (emphasis added)³⁵

First, the *Christian religion*—i.e., the *Christian belief and practice*—that is set forth by God in the Word of God is not “a system of *human* thought.” This does, however, fit today’s Christianity that is on a journey outside the “box” of *God’s Word*. Second, the *Christian belief and practice* that is given to us by God in the Word of God is not an “attempt to capture God”! Only those who are falling for the emerging faith/delusion of Oneness/panentheism would see it that way. And, third, the *Christian belief and practice* that is given to us by God in the Word of God is not a “system” that “will ultimately *fail*”! But, of course, those who are falling for the delusion of Oneness/panentheism are working diligently trying to get it to fail. They are, after all, on a mission. God’s Word, the “*forbidden*” tree . . .

The Word of God warns:

“**Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; ... Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

“**For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; ...**” (1 Peter 3:10-11)

“**Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.**” (Psalm 37:27)

“**Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**” (John 5:28-29)

“**Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.**” (Job 34:4)

“**Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**” (2 Timothy 2:15)

“**For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.**” (Jeremiah 4:22)

Yet according to Sweet and Viola:

“**[T]he knowledge of good** is the accepted **counterfeit** to living by *life*.

“**The Christian religion ... makes its adherents think that they have now found the *real* knowledge of good and evil....**

“**[M]any Christians have turned the Bible into a form of the knowledge of good and evil....**

“**This is a profoundly grievous misuse of the Bible.**” (emphasis added)³⁶

So the *Christian belief and practice of believing and obeying the true knowledge of good and evil (or of truth and falsehood, right and wrong)* that is given to us in the Word of God is “a profoundly grievous misuse of the Bible”?? Or to put it another way, so to take God at His Word is “a profoundly grievous misuse” of the Word of God?? Sounds familiar.

“... **people who are aware of religious pluralism ... therefore [can't believe] the claim of any set of scriptures or creeds [as having] absolute truth for all time.**” (Marcus Borg; brackets in the original; emphasis added)³⁷

“If one understands **the beliefs** of the tradition and **the scriptures** of the tradition **not** as what is **to be believed**, ... then one can begin to see that the Christian life is about a *relationship to the sacred*. Christianity ... uses human language, culturally conditioned relative language, and **to absolutize that language is a profound mistake.**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)³⁸

To take God at His Word is not a *profound mistake*. It is a profound mistake and “death” trap *not* to do so! Yet after “a profoundly grievous misuse of the Bible,” Sweet and Viola continue:

“Jesus didn’t misuse the Scriptures to gain control and predictability in His own life. To Him, **the Scriptures were simply the joystick on the Father’s controller.** They were the instrument through which He got to know His Father better and to discover how to live out His mission.” (emphasis added)³⁹

This quote reveals a deep lack of understanding as to the truth of the nature of Jesus (an understanding, by the way, that simply requires taking the truth of God’s Word literally). But suffice it to say that according to Sweet who effectively eliminates (“transcends”) the “box”:

“**In limiting God’s voice to certain ‘sanctified’ media**, we betray the **dualistic tendencies** we’ve inherited in our Western tradition. **We wrongly assume ... that God speaks in Scripture but not in hip-hop.** We live as though one is sacred while the other is secular; one earthly, one divine. Jesus says, **‘There’s just one.’**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁰

That’s some “joystick” they want.

“[S]o many **Christians** have never learned what it means to eat from the tree of life. Instead, they **have been given a steady diet of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil....**”

“So this is *the Lord’s* [!] challenge for our day: to **move beyond the religious knowledge of good and evil** and into **a full yieldedness to the life of Christ that beats within every child of God.**” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴¹

And, according to this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism, *who* is a “child of God”?

“**Every person** you notice, **every person** you brush up against, **is a child of God**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴²

So never mind that according to the Word of God “*ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus*” (Galatians 3:26), and according to the Word of God “*the just shall live by faith*” (Hebrews 10:38; Romans 1:17; & Galatians 3:11). “A person who is living by the tree of life” “yields to the instincts, promptings, and energy of that God-life”⁴³ in order to *live by life* rather than *by faith*. After all, knowing and believing and obeying God’s Word of life is a “death” trap and a “counterfeit” to living by “life”—a *non-dualistic* life, that is. In the above quote against the “dualistic tendencies” of “*limiting God’s voice to certain ‘sanctified’ media*,” Sweet follows “‘There’s just one’” with:

“Life isn’t sacred and secular. **There is only life....**”

“You can’t separate the secular and the sacred; **you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane.** The doctrine of **the incarnation**, with its **high view** of the everyday and the ordinary, **won’t allow it.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁴

And since in this emerging faith “the *incarnation goes all the way down*, and the Spirit indwells *all that exists*,”⁴⁵ a full yieldedness to the “promptings” of *all of life* is just “a full yieldedness to the *life of Christ*,” right?

“The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of **holy living** is precisely this: **an awareness** of the presence **of Christ in all of life and in all things**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁶

“Sometimes Christians are described as ‘a people of the book,’ meaning the Bible. But to be true to the book means being occupied with the person—Jesus Christ. **We have a high view of Scripture because we have a high view of Christ**, and the two can never be separated....

“Truth is a person. And Jesus is His name.

“Christianity, therefore, is not fundamentally about following a book. It’s about following a person and **living out of His life**. The library of divinely inspired books we call the Holy Bible best helps us to follow that person, for they testify of Him.

“**The Bible does not offer a plan or a blueprint for living**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴⁷

This double-minded dance is enough to give a person whiplash. And this actually isn’t a high view of either Scripture or Christ. There is no *lower* view of either one of them than to make them *one with all things*. Moreover, this so-called “high view of Scripture” that doesn’t have to follow God’s Holy Scriptures is to “be true” to neither “the book” nor the Lord Jesus Christ. Likewise, this so-called “high view of Christ” that doesn’t have to follow the same Christ Who is written about in God’s Holy Scriptures is to “be true” to neither “the book” nor the Lord Jesus Christ. And, by the way, God’s Word does not write of a panentheistic “Christ” that is “*in all of life and in all things*” but of the Christ Who is now seated at the right hand of God *in heaven*. And therefore:

“***The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.***” (Proverbs 15:24)

The true Christ is a *specific Person*. The true Christ is not a *personified “truth”* all-encompassing of everyone and everything. There is an *eternal* difference. To be true to God and His Son requires *believing* and *obeying* the Holy Scriptures. And, again, it is this Word of God—this book—that tells us *the truth of Who His Son is* so that we can make sure that it is *Him* we are following. And, yes, as used to be obvious, to be saved it must be *Him* we are following—i.e., that *same Person* Whom the Father sent “*to be the Saviour of the world*” and Who is the “*one mediator between God and men*” (1 John 4:14; 1 Timothy 2:5). According to the Word of God: “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16). But according to Sweet:

“Nudge is **not** bringing God to people or **taking Jesus to the unsaved**....

“Nudge is *not* bringing people to Jesus or introducing *someone they don’t know but should*. Nudge is **introducing people to the ‘Jesus in them,’ to the God they already know but don’t know it.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁸

“Nudgers **help people discover their inner Jesus**.” (emphasis added)⁴⁹

Helping the unsaved “discover their inner Jesus” is clearly about “playing and imagining,” not about believing and obeying. Neither the true God nor the true Jesus Christ is in everyone/everything. For those who are *not saved* (and, yes, there really are those who are *not saved*), any “Jesus in them” is made up. Through the apostle Paul in a letter to “*the church of God* which is at Corinth,” God in His Word warns even *His own “church of God”* to:

“***Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?***” (2 Corinthians 13:5; see also 1:1)

Reprobate -- “rejected by God; excluded from salvation and lost in sin.”⁵⁰ And *how* are we to examine ourselves to see whether we really are in the faith and not “rejected by God; excluded from salvation and lost in sin”? By comparing our faith to the faith recorded for us by *God* in the written Word of *God*. *Not* by seeing the written Word of *God* as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and then comparing our faith to all of life! And *not* by seeing the *written* Word of God as the “*tomb*” of the Son of God! *The truth of Who Jesus is* is not the “*tomb*” of Jesus! And Jesus, Who *alone* is the Christ,

is the same Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who is written about in God's Holy Scriptures. There are no "multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways" of the truth of Who Jesus Christ of Nazareth is. So you might want to keep in mind that this *same Jesus Christ of Nazareth* Whose truth is recorded for us in the *written Word of God* is the living "Word of God" Who is coming back to judge the world, and He is *everything but "dead"* (see Revelation 19:13, & rest of chapter).

"But **my mind is marinated in the Word of God**, and everything that happens to me is put through **the matrix of the Scriptures, so that my being can recognize the living Christ when he appears**. For too many, 'the Lord escapes the tomb only to be cloistered in the texts.' **For some people Jesus went from one tomb to another: the garden tomb to the text tomb**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵¹

"[W]e must focus on Christ—not the dead Jesus, but the living Christ, and not the Christ in art, but the breathing Christ that becomes art **in you and me**." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵²

"**The place to look for the risen Lord is not in the text. The text is his shroud**, his covering, ... Our ability to **see the Christ in others** is how we will be judged." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵³

"Every **awakening** of the Spirit in history comes **when the church no longer 'remembers' Jesus** as someone out of the past, but **'re-members' and reattaches itself to Christ** as a living presence and gets to know him afresh as a resurrection force....

"Some theologians like to talk about the role of the church as keeping alive the 'dangerous memories' of the classics. **If that's all there is to Christianity, keeping alive a dead person's memories, I've got better things to do with my life.**

"These classic texts are *not there to report on what happened back then and long ago*. The Scriptures offer signposts and specifications of a risen Lord who is accessible to the ongoing church. *Jesus, the church's being and body, the practices of the church, and the texts of the faith are one*....

"**A Messiah who came two thousand years ago but does not come today is a what-difference-does-it-make? Messiah....**

"The fundamental fact of Christian faith is this: **Christ is alive!**... The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of holy living is precisely this: an awareness of the presence of Christ **in all of life and in all things**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁴

"[E]vangelists **nudge the world to wake up to the alive** and acting Jesus....

"Nudge is introducing people **to the 'Jesus in them,' to the God they already know but don't know it**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁵

"... **focus on Christ—not the dead Jesus** ..." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵⁶

This is a mind that "*is marinated in the Word of God*"?!? Rather, since according to this mind, to believe the Word of God is to partake of the forbidden "tree of the knowledge of good and evil," this marination is about *waking up to making up a panentheistic/quantum "Jesus"/"Christ"/"God" of Oneness that is "in all of life and in all things."*

So never mind that according to the Word of God:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

And never mind that according to the Word of God:

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth ... whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." (Acts 10:38-41)

In today's emerging unbelieving "faith," to live by the faith of the resurrected Son of God according to the truth of Who the Son of God is that is written in the Word of God is to not only live by the faith of a "dead Jesus" but by "the tree

of the knowledge of good and evil"! This whole thing is absolutely unbelievable. So is the fact that Sweet was chosen to help "translate" the Word of God into *The Voice*—a "*Bible translation*" of Thomas Nelson. And he was even chosen to reword/rewrite the book of *Genesis* no less.⁵⁷ But, of course, if it isn't to be read as "literal" then it becomes completely irrelevant how anyone chooses to read or reword/rewrite God's Word. What difference would it make how right or how wrong they are? None whatsoever, unless they're wrong about the truth of God's Word not being literal. Sadly, too many people are going to learn the hard way that it is literal and that it does indeed make a difference—for all eternity.

For those who no longer want to remember Jesus, but instead want a "Christ in *all of life* and in *all things*," this de-literalized/fictionalized new "Voice" of "Scripture" should no doubt prove quite helpful. Not only has *The Voice* changed "*the Word*" (John 1:1) to "*the Voice*,"⁵⁸ but the truth that "*In him was life; and the life was the light of men*" (John 1:4) has been changed to "His breath filled *all things* with a living, breathing *light*."⁵⁹ So who needs to look for "*the light of the world*" (John 8:12) in the life of the specific Person of Jesus when according to this new "Voice" they can just look for "the light that shines *through the cosmos*"?⁶⁰

First, this new kind of "Christ" and "light" do indeed create a "reality" of *infinite choices*. So it's a good thing that Adam and Eve chose to eat of the real tree of the knowledge of good and evil, right? After all, if they hadn't, man wouldn't have become "as gods, knowing good and evil"—a "knowing" that has specifically "evolved" into now "knowing" that it is the Word of *God* that is "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." And, therefore, if Adam and Eve hadn't eaten of the real tree of the knowledge of good and evil, man wouldn't have come to "know" this and thus wouldn't now have all these *choices*, right?

"The act of Adam and Eve was not original sin, but, in truth, **first blessing.... Adam and Eve produced the possibility of making any choice at all.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶¹

Isn't this freedom to *choose* what people today *want*?

"**Postmodern culture is a Choice Culture.**" (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶²

"**Choice** is no longer a choice. It is now a necessity, a virtue....

"**People resent it when you don't give them choices.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶³

And therefore:

"**Premoderns lived in black and white**, moderns in smudged gray, **postmoderns live in a crayon box**....

"**People are looking to find their own unique path** in the world, each in his or her own way....

"Authoritarian stances of 'We know the best way!' or '**We have the Truth!**' or '**The Bible says it: That settles it!**' ... **are resented**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁴

Of course, people resent the black and white text of God's Word of life because they want the freedom to choose from all "*truths*"/"*Scriptures*"/"*faiths*"/"*religions*"/"*gods*—i.e., all "*colors*."

"**All religions** have something to do with **the whole**, the totality." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁵

"**[T]he greater the incorporation of all cultures, all colors, ... the greater the glimpse of God**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁶

"*For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.*" (Psalm 96:5)

"One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of *Yahweh*, or *Kali*, or *Krishna*....

"**The *interfaith* embodiment** of a quantum spirituality is based ... on the multitudinous and uniqueness of **each particular vision of truth** [of 'the world religions'].... Without **knowing one another's 'colors**,' our spiritual

journey is little more than *monochromatic* busywork ... designed to *distract* the believer from **the height of faith's vision.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁷

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

"**Humans will understand that God's words are found in all of the world's Holy Scriptures,** and that *no* scripture is more authoritative, more complete, more accurate, or more authentic than any other, but that *each* contains great wisdom **and *each* leads to a greater understanding of The Only Truth There Is ...**" (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁶⁸

"*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (2 Timothy 3:7)

"*For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.*" (Proverbs 1:29-31)

It is thanks to the *fall* of Adam and Eve that all these choices are available to those who want them.

"What has been described as **the fall of Adam** was actually his **upliftment**—the greatest single event in the history of humankind. For **without it, the world of relativity would not exist.** The act of Adam and Eve was not original sin, but, in truth, first blessing. **You should thank them** from the bottom of your hearts—**for in being the first to make a 'wrong' choice, Adam and Eve produced the possibility of making any choice at all.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶⁹

And, therefore, those who want to can just "play" with the "crayon box" of today's "fullness of truth" that brings all "truths"/"Scriptures"/faiths/religions/gods together in an *infinite variety of colors* to *choose* from. In other words, people can just *choose from "the whole."* Those who want choices won't even mind all the never-ending *differences and contradictions* of this emerging Oneness/wholeness. Why would they? It is the *differences and contradictions* that give all the *choices.* And since *Oneness* eliminates all "*dualistic*" division between truth and falsehood and right and wrong, no one need worry that making a wrong choice will result in a *fall*, right?

So never mind that the Word of God warns, "*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*" (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12). People can just choose from "*the whole*" of "all of the world's Holy Scriptures" to see *which* of "each particular vision of truth" they are willing to accept. And since it is imagined that "*each* leads to a greater understanding of The Only Truth There Is," those who want to (which is a growing number) can even take from each to make their *own personal "mosaic" of "truth"* that is "meaningful" to them. After all, it is believed to be God's intention that man is *not* to take the Word of God literally, so isn't this interfaith buffet what God wants people to partake of?

Why would God want people to partake of a buffet of *lies of other gods*?!? (For example, see Exodus 20:3; 34:14; Deuteronomy 6:13-14.) No, this isn't what is wanted by the true God Who wants "*all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth*" because He is "*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*" (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). This freedom to *choose falsehood* is what those who are not *willing* to believe the *truth* of God and His Word want. And to conveniently justify today's desire for *falsehood*, this preferred buffet of *lies of other gods* is simply all "*reimagined*" to be "God's Word." This way, there can't be a *fall* because there can't be a "*wrong*" choice, right? Never mind that the buffet itself is a wrong choice because it makes all gods equal with God! In his book *What God Wants*, and under the heading "**God's Word** and God's Messenger," Neale Donald Walsch writes:

"There are many Holy Scriptures and Sacred Texts, including **the Adi Granth, the Bhagavad Gita, the Book of Mormon, the Hadith, the I Ching, the Kojiki, the Lun-yü, the Mahabharata, the Mathnawi, the New Testament, the Pali Canon, the Qur'an, the Talmud, the Tao Te Ching, the Torah, the Upanishads, the Vedas, and the Yoga Sutras, to name a few.** Many humans have been told that only one of these texts is the right one. The rest are wrong. If you choose the teachings of the 'wrong' one, you'll go to Hell." (emphasis added)⁷⁰

So where is the line drawn? The freedom to choose from "*the whole*" is the freedom to choose from "*the whole*." So

would that include *The Satanic Bible*? Think about it. Blasphemies notwithstanding, *The Satanic Bible* will not at all be excluded from “all of the world’s Holy Scriptures” in which “God’s words are found” and thus from being included in “the whole” of this emerging faith that includes “all religions.” Why would it?

In Oneness, there is no line drawn between the holy and profane. In fact, *there is no line at all* in the all-encompassing circle of Oneness. Never mind that there is only one book that is God’s Holy Scriptures. In Oneness, all variations of “the Bible” and “Scriptures”—including *The Satanic Bible*—are given equal status in containing “God’s words.” Everyone and everything are all equally the “Word” and “truth” of the panentheistic/quantum/energy “God” of Oneness. In Oneness, as the seducing spirit world teaches: “There can be no such thing as Superiority ... A thing cannot be superior to itself. All things are One Thing, and there is nothing else.... ‘Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.’”⁷¹

Remember, even Sweet admits that: “you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane. The doctrine of **the incarnation**, with its **high view** of the everyday and the ordinary, won’t allow it.”⁷² In this “high view,” “**the incarnation goes all the way down**, and the Spirit indwells **all that exists**.”⁷³ And, therefore, blasphemies notwithstanding: “God’s presence is written in **every handwriting**. The world bears traces of the handwriting of the Word.”⁷⁴ Whether those in this emerging faith like it or not, and whether they are willing to open their eyes or not, every handwriting is every handwriting. Likewise, all the way down is all the way down. Hence, as Sweet also teaches: “**The Bible itself** has many levels of meaning. Every text ... **can be seen in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways**, simultaneously.”⁷⁵ So who’s to say that *The Satanic Bible* is a “profane” variation of “the Bible” in an emerging faith in which *there is no such thing as “profane”*?? If those in this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism were to admit the truth that *The Satanic Bible* is indeed “profane” (to the nth degree and then some!), then they would thereby be admitting the truth that *there is no Oneness*. And, therefore, they would be admitting the truth that *they have fallen for a lie*.

There is no dualism in Oneness; period. The instant there’s a dualism is the instant Oneness ceases to exist. Again, as Sweet writes: “**In limiting God’s voice to certain ‘sanctified’ media**, we betray the **dualistic tendencies** we’ve inherited in our Western tradition.”⁷⁶ And, therefore, if Sweet were to *exclude* *The Satanic Bible* even from his own broader “understanding” of “God’s voice” that already goes beyond that one certain book of God’s Holy Scriptures, he would *still* thus be betraying “dualistic tendencies” and “limiting God’s voice to certain ‘sanctified’ media.” Again, blasphemies notwithstanding, the “doctrine of the incarnation” in which “the incarnation goes all the way down” and in “all that exists” simply “won’t allow it.” And in *no way, shape, or form* is the blasphemous emerging “truth” and faith of Oneness/panentheism—which includes its interfaith buffet—from God.

Incidentally, according to an article in Wikipedia, *The Satanic Bible* “clarifies the Satanic approach to the question of God”⁷⁷ (which is clearly the same as the emerging Oneness/panentheistic approach to “God”):

“[T]he Satanist simply accepts the definition which suits him best.... To the Satanist ‘God’...is seen as the balancing force in nature, ...” (*The Satanic Bible*)⁷⁸

The article then goes on to state that:

“The passage from which this is taken, when viewed as a whole, suggests that ‘God’ is a human concept, a means of explaining that which men have been unable to explain either through ignorance or through philosophical inability to grasp the nature of *reality*.” (emphasis added)⁷⁹

Sounds familiar. But will similarities between *The Satanic Bible* and the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism promote fear in those in this emerging faith? Sadly, no. Why would it? And neither will they be willing to admit that they have fallen for a lie. Why? Because this emerging faith is imagined to be a *universal* “salvation” of a *universal* “God.” And they have had their meditative “*experiences*” of this “truth.” So what difference would it make if *The Satanic Bible* teaches the same “truth” as the rapidly emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism? This “truth” is the “ultimate reality,” right? And, therefore, isn’t everyone “‘better off’ *repudiating* foundationalism”? Only if people are better off being in *darkness* that they are *literally* on the path to *hell*. Without question, the devil is having a heyday with today’s wholesale

departure from the “death” trap of *believing the truth of God’s Word of life*.

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast ... And he said ... Yea, hath God said ...?” (Genesis 3:1)

It is in the darkness that people can simply imagine and define “God” however anyone chooses—or as *The Satanic Bible* puts it, that everyone can “simply accep[t] the definition which suits him best.” But, again, don’t worry that making a wrong choice will result in a *fall*. After all, what do Christians know? Christians teach the Word of God which warns everyone of a *hell* and of “the great dragon ... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which *deceiveth the whole world*” and that there is a *narrow way* that leads to *life* and a *broad way* that leads to *destruction* (Revelation 12:9; Matthew 7:13-14). But Christians have supposedly been fed “a steady diet of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” So why should anyone listen to us? Besides, our warnings are simply a *fear-based agenda* that is based on taking the Word of God *literally*. And since people today don’t believe in taking the Word of God *literally*, what’s there to fear?

“Humans will also understand that life is not a system of reward and punishment, and **that no one is sent to Hell or condemned by God.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁸⁰

“Humans will understand that their will is truly free. They’ll know **that God will never cause them to suffer dire consequences in the Afterlife for making one choice over another** in life.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁸¹

“Of course, no one seriously suggests that the Bible is to be taken literally.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁸²

“... Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.” (Isaiah 66:3-4)

“Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.” (Proverbs 3:7)

What’s there to fear? Those who believe that they don’t need the Word of God to tell them what is good and evil but can choose for themselves have “the resurrection of damnation” to fear—*whether they see it that way or not*.

*“Nevertheless, **the foundation of God standeth sure**, having this seal, **The Lord knoweth them that are his**. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ **depart from iniquity**.” (2 Timothy 2:19)*

*“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; **they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation**.” (John 5:28-29)*

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)

The Word of God is the Word of God. And we had better be judging *what is good* and *what is evil* according to the *truth* of the Word of God if we want “the resurrection of life.” It is God Who resurrects us, and He knows who are His.

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

*“Let us **choose** to us **judgment**: let us **know** among ourselves **what is good**.” (Job 34:4)*

*“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received **the word of God** which ye heard of us, **ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that **believe**.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)*

**“A new kind of human” is rising up out of the sea --
“gathered together to make war against” “The Word of God”**

An “alternative to Armageddon”?

“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.” (Jeremiah 17:5)

“Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served ... And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.... God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods.” (Joshua 24:14-16)

As stated earlier, the term **heresy** is from the “Greek *haíresis*, literally, act of choosing, derivative of *haireîn* to choose.”¹ Today’s interfaith buffet of Oneness that contains all “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods to choose from is a buffet of *heresy*. But those who want Oneness are not willing to see it that way. Rather, they see this buffet of interfaith choices as a buffet of “*Truth*,” and all the buffet’s choices thus become the “fullness of truth.” In other words, in this buffet “THERE IS NO RELIGION HIGHER THAN--TRUTH.”² Rather, “Truth” is conveniently all-encompassing of all “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods. “Truth” is the “Ultimate Reality,” “the ground of all being” that is in everyone/everything. And, therefore, it is imagined that if humanity would just “awaken” to this “Reality” and “recognize” that this “Truth”—i.e., this “God”—is in everyone/everything, humanity can undergo a “transformation” and thus make its needed “evolutionary leap.”

As already addressed, humanity’s “evolutionary leap” is back into this whole “God” of Oneness. But it is also described as a “transformation” “from *Homo sapiens* to *Homo universalis*”—a “Universal Humanity,” or New Humanity, with a universal “consciousness” or “God consciousness.” And according to the imaginings, once enough of humanity “awakens” and thus aligns their minds, humanity will have reached the “tipping point” required to thereby “evolve” into, or “birth,” this New Humanity. Although this new “birth” is to bring humanity to a new “Eden,” in reality, man will have simply come full circle back to man’s *fall* in the old Eden. The “spiritual journey” of this emerging faith is about “moving forward” around the circle of Oneness. And moving forward around *a circle* does inevitably reach a point where it begins to move back to its beginning.

Today, humanity as a whole is rapidly moving forward *back to the beginning*—rapidly coming full circle in man’s fall. So much of humanity has already “awakened” and aligned their minds—including in today’s shifting Christianity—that all that is needed is for one final thrust to the finish line to make that little “evolutionary leap” back to the beginning of this circle. This final thrust has the efforts of an unbelievable number of participants from all walks of life around the globe. And there is also a growing mission to push 2012 as the year for it all to take place. But, of course, whenever it finally succeeds, a leap that successfully comes full circle will not at all result in the “reality” that man thinks it will.

It will, however, be exactly what the Word of God prophesied it would be thousands of years ago (e.g., read Daniel and Revelation). And this global revolution against God and His Son will indeed climax in the battle of Armageddon—a battle in which the world comes together “*to make war*” against the Lord Jesus Christ. Or to put it another way to show the absolute incredible absurdity and futility of it all—a battle in which *the world that was created by the Lord Jesus Christ* comes together “*to make war*” against *its Creator* Who simply *spoke* the world into existence! But, naturally, these (r)evolutionaries don’t and won’t see it that way. If they did they certainly wouldn’t be choosing to come together “*to make war*” against their *omnipotent Creator*! So, to put it one more way that puts it all into perspective—a battle in which the world comes together “*to make war*” against “The Word of God” (see also John 1:1-14):

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns;

and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: **and his name is called The Word of God.** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.... **And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**" (Revelation 19:11-16, 19)

Those who don't believe that the truth of the Word of God is literal are primed and readied for this judgment—i.e., this battle of *Armageddon* (see also Revelation 16:13-16). In other words, people are primed and readied for the very thing they are seeking to avoid in their avoidance of the truth of the Word of God. And, of course, the Son of God—the same *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* Whose truth is recorded for us in the *written* Word of God—is the *living* "Word of God" Who is coming back to judge the world.

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.... Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.... Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.**" (Psalm 2:6-9, 11-12)

"But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward." (Jeremiah 7:24)

In her book *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*—in which "Hubbard and 'Christ' 'rewrite' the Bible's Book of Revelation"³—Hubbard writes that this book "was inspired by my direct experience of Christ in 1980." She goes on to write that "quite unexpectedly, in a series of deep, personal encounters, I experienced **the Christ** as a living presence guiding us through the great transition to universal life" and that he "seemed to me to be **our potential self, the universal human that we are to become.**"⁴ Hubbard then quotes what she calls "the Christ voice":

"**You**, all of you who are desirous and ready, **are the Way.** Be a beacon of **light unto yourselves.**..."

"These are self-selected souls who have come to Earth to carry the miracle of the resurrection into action as **the transformation of humanity from Homo sapiens to Homo universalis.**..."

"Form evolutionary circles. Remember, wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there is the Church. The **circles** can link and connect, like tiny replicating cells **of light, life, strength, and vision.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" bold added)⁵

Did you happen to catch amidst all its lies here that this false "Christ" also misquoted the true Christ? (See Matthew 18:20.) Or should this change to the Word of God just be seen as one of those "multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways"? And, of course, who's to say that this false "Christ" is actually false anyway? Since the "cosmic" "Christ" of today's emerging faith of Oneness *is/is in everyone and everything* then this "Christ" of Oneness is even in seducing spirits claiming to be "Christ." So in this emerging faith that brings *the holy and profane* and *truth and falsehood/lies* together in a harmonious Oneness there's certainly no need for anyone to test the spirits according to the truth of God's Word. Rather, the lies of seducing spirits just become another choice in the interfaith buffet of "Truth." And, therefore, those who want the choices of this new "Truth" can just move forward, freely connect opposites into circles of new "light," and be their own "Way." This is an "evolutionary leap" into an all-encompassing buffet in which man is "sovereign." Shortly after the above quote, Hubbard writes:

"As the picture of the Jesus of our childhood dissolves, we look into the mirror and see shining through an image of **ourselves revealed as Sons and Daughters of Man.** We are the actual fruits of the process of evolution, emerging as maturing humans, **at one with Source, 'sovereign persons, radically free,** and infinitely responsible,' as Sidney Lanier says. We **move beyond all labels and divisions of the past** ...

"We are attempting to evolve ourselves **to whole-centered, universal consciousness.** We expect a radical transformation in our time . . . *the end of the world as we know it today.* **We have to change our minds** and our behavior to **become aware that we are all connected,** or we shall self-destruct.... We are co-creators of our future.

Our new gospel is, ‘We are rising. We are evolving.’...

“The problems we are facing actually drive this evolutionary process.... We can **raise our consciousness to a level of total unity**. We can **heal ourselves**.... We can **be born as a universal species**.” (2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁶

Well, for one thing, they will certainly get what they expect in this respect—“the end of the world as we know it.” No argument there. In a description that sounds remarkably like today, the Word of God says:

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.... For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.” (Matthew 24:3-8, 24-25)

Of course, contrary to the upside-down “reimaginings” of the New Age “new gospel” of Oneness, this true end of the world is not coming in order to move the world forward *past believing and obeying the Word of God* so that the world can thereby move forward *past the “doom” of God’s coming judgment*. Rather, this true end of the world is coming in order to bring the “doom” of God’s coming judgment on the world that is moving forward *past believing and obeying the Word of God*. The Lord Jesus Christ warns in His explanation of His “parable of the tares of the field” (and, by the way, He alone is the Son of man):

*“He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and **the reapers are the angels**. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire:** there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 13:37-42)*

And when is the world “ripe” for this “harvest” that “is the end of the world”? At the battle of *Armageddon*—the very judgment of the Lord Jesus Christ that the world is seeking to avoid with its new “truth” of a new “Christ” of Oneness.

*“And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, **Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe**. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. **And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**” (Revelation 14:14-19)*

*“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.... **and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God**.... And I saw **the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**” (Revelation 19:11, 15, 19)*

*“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to **the battle of that great day of God Almighty**.... **And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**” (Revelation 16:13-14, 16)*

Yet despite the truth of God’s coming judgment, the false “Christ” behind Hubbard’s “rewrite” of the book of Revelation, as Warren B. Smith warns, “provides specific instructions on how a united humanity, purposefully partnering with God,

can literally *re-create the future*,” “emphasizing that a more ‘*positive*’ future can and will manifest when humanity—without exception—openly declares its ‘*oneness*’ with him and all creation,” a “positive scenario” that is “called ‘the *alternative to Armageddon*.’”⁷ So, basically, man is to just openly declare to God what’s what and participate in this drive to purposely reform God into a “God” of Oneness that recognizes the “sovereignty” of man. This way, man can consciously “evolve” into a New Humanity that is one with this new “God” of Oneness that man has reformed. And man doesn’t see this as a *delusion*?? Sadly, no. Regarding the creation of this “positive” future, Smith also writes:

“He [this ‘Christ’] says that with his plan Armageddon can be avoided, promising that his ‘atonement plan’ (at-one-ment plan) will work if everyone plays their necessary part....

“The ‘Armageddon alternative’ Peace Plan has been given by the false New Age ‘Christ’ to his ‘avant-garde’ channelers who are now in the process of gradually introducing this plan, with its underlying New Age principles ... The New Age/ New Gospel Peace Plan is presented in simple sound bites about the virtues of ‘love,’ ‘peace,’ and ‘oneness,’ while warning about the dangers of ‘fear,’ ‘hate,’ ‘self-centeredness,’ and ‘separation.’” (parentheses in the original)⁸

What’s delusional about “love” and “peace,” right? *Plenty*—in this emerging faith/delusion of man’s false “God” of Oneness, that is. But, absurdly, man sees “possibilities” in man’s false “God.” Barbara Marx Hubbard, sounding a great deal like Leonard Sweet in many respects (but then, it shouldn’t be surprising that Sweet teaches the same things as Hubbard since they’ve both fallen for the same emerging faith/quantum spirituality), writes in *The Revelation*:

“We who are moved to believe in these possibilities, we who resonate with them at the deepest levels of our yet un-real-ized genius, are empowered to act as if it were true and make it so. As Robert Frost once said, ‘**We don’t believe in the future, we believe it in.**’...”

“Our vision of the possible is a self-fulfilling prophecy....

“In the world of quantum physics we know that **our attention affects reality**. If we look for a wave we see a wave. If we look for a particle we see a particle. Both the particle and the wave nature of reality are simultaneously true. From the field of all possibilities we precipitate what we look for.... **Reality is an interactive participatory process** between *the observer and the observed*.

“The same is true of the future. **What we expect, we create**....

“**We have to change our minds** and our behavior to become aware that we are all connected....

“This is truly a universal community. It includes among its members all who desire to **evolve beyond the limits of the past, in alignment with the patterns already being created** through the will of *God*....

“This book is a call to all who believe in the conscious evolution of humanity, to **join together** now in spirit, in cooperation and co-creation, **so that a positive future may come true through us.**” (emphasis added)⁹

So pay attention and join together to see “possibilities” in man’s false “God,” and this “yet un-real-ized genius” of humanity will create the future it expects—“the end of the world as we know it.”¹⁰

Interestingly, in his January 2011 book, *The Mother of Invention: The Legacy of Barbara Marx Hubbard and the Future of YOU*, Neale Donald Walsch writes of December 22, 2012 as “DAY ONE,” and “The Moment Barbara Marx Hubbard Has Been Waiting for All of Her Life.” He then points out that this is “the day after” December 21, 2012 which many “2012 Doomsdayers” are predicting as “the End of History.”¹¹ Of course, Walsch and Hubbard, et al., aren’t necessarily disagreeing with whom they describe as “apparently well-intentioned but clearly not very well-informed people living in various parts of the world who felt that they had correctly interpreted certain Signs and Wonders (among them, the Mayan Long Count Calendar).”¹² They just believe that this predicted “End of History” is a time of new *beginnings*—man’s new “*evolutionary*” beginnings, that is. Hence, the focus on “DAY ONE”—“the day after.” Walsch, who imaginatively envisions this day as a quite dramatic day in which Hubbard addresses the whole world, writes:

“‘And so,’ the woman begins in a voice soft and gentle, yet surprisingly firm, ‘we’ve come to this. Gloriously, wondrously, remarkably, magnificently, we’ve come to this. . . .’

“She pauses for dramatic effect. Then . . .

‘**Welcome to Day One.**’” (ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹³

After envisioning that “[a] pictorial montage captures the Journey of Humankind from the beginning to the present moment,” Walsch then explains that “this is the plan—this is the vision,” “we are talking here about a New Future for the inhabitants of our planet,” and writes:

“It is a vision ... of a huge shift in humanity’s experience itself. A shift in humanity’s experience *of* itself. And **what many thought would be the End of Time turns out to be the beginning** of the best time that human beings have ever had. This shift is made possible in part by a new technology that opens the door for global, nonlinear, exponential interaction around what’s working.

“Our joint experience upon the earth may not reach that level in the moments of December 22, 2012, nor in the weeks or months immediately afterward, nor even in the first few years following this date—but it does begin to manifest at that time.

“This will always be remembered as **The Beginning**, the moment when you, and all the people of the planet, decided jointly (and for the first time on such a scale) to reach for a higher purpose; a greater calling; **a more loving and harmonious way of living; a grander notion of who we are** and who we could be; and a more elevated, **unified, intentional** expression of **Life itself**.

“Let me say that again, because sometimes the best and most exciting ideas are lost in the reading. *I believe that December 22, 2012, will always be remembered as The Beginning ...*” (parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)¹⁴

Walsch also writes that:

“[W]hen new life emerges in the Universe (in the form of a new sun, new planetary systems, or a new class of sentient beings), gestation alone can take *millions of years*. Then there is the actual birthing process, spanning millennia.

“Barbara intuits that we are now coming to the end of that process, and are preparing to join the cosmic family as a newly emergent species of sentient beings. She describes what’s going on with us now in these terms: ‘Our planet is a finite system.... It is natural that we’ve run out of nonrenewable resources. It is natural that **many of us are waking up and beginning to see that these problems are actually evolutionary drivers**, ...’” (parentheses in the original; bold added)¹⁵

So don’t worry that “*the beginning of sorrows*” are the beginning of God’s *judgment* on the world because according to this emerging faith the world need not *end* but, rather, the world’s “problems” can just drive the world’s “evolution” *into godhood*. And, of course, the world’s “problems” have nothing to do with the consequences of *man’s fall* in the Garden of Eden, right? After all, according to this emerging faith the truth of the book of Genesis isn’t *literal*. And, therefore, the world’s “problems” aren’t seen as a reminder that man needs to *repent* but that man just needs to come together and *become “as gods” all over again*. Why? To solve all the world’s “problems.” To say that the world is falling for a delusion is a tremendous understatement.

Walsch writes:

“I urge you now to trust Life. Trust God. Trust the Universal Being that is *You*....

“Participate actively, and with full awareness ... Bring yourself today the experience for which your life was designed: *Conscious Evolution*.”¹⁶

And, never mind that according to the true God, “*Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD*” (Jeremiah 17:5), Walsch also writes:

“Eighty years of age at this writing, she [Hubbard] feels that she and we are *just beginning*, that humanity is going to break *through*, not break *down*, and that we are ready to **set aside our old patterns and old beliefs and old ways of being as we invent a New Human**.

“Barbara sees this as part of the natural evolutionary process of all sentient beings. And she believes that there is a natural Place in Time when conditions are perfect for all such beings to launch a new way of living. It is the fulcrum. It is the apogee. It is what Malcolm Gladwell calls the Tipping Point.

“For humanity, that time may very well be . . . December 22, 2012.

“Barbara and some of her friends are now calling this ‘**Day One**.’ They are inviting us to join in envisioning, planning, and creating a huge, global multimedia Satellite and Internet Experience during the days leading up to the 22nd, telling the story of our species’ **emergence as a new kind of human**, and of *the beginning of the next cycle of evolution*.

“Amidst all the anxious wondering, worried predictions, and negative speculation of many around the globe who see **2012** as an Ending, you and I are being urged by all the forces and energies of the Universe to **see it as a Beginning**—as Barbara sees it. Indeed, Barbara calls it ‘**a birthing**.’” (ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁷

Walsch then explains how Hubbard has “come to this point of view”:

“The answer is that the life of Barbara Marx Hubbard includes *a series of spiritual encounters*....

“Speaking metaphorically, Barbara Marx Hubbard says that we are still in the gestation period in our development and are only now about to be birthed into the cosmic community of universal beings.

“How does she know this?...

“It is because of *those spiritual encounters* in Barbara’s life—three of them, to be exact. In her case, she *paid attention*.” (emphasis added)¹⁸

Sounds like the seducing spirit world might have something planned for 2012. Would that be the culmination of its “Plan” that it has recorded in the many channeled writings of Alice Bailey and others, including Neale Donald Walsch, and even Hubbard’s book *The Revelation* in which it has recorded “the selection process”? We’ll see how much God allows to take place in 2012. It is interesting timing, though, given how thoroughly primed and readied even today’s shifting Christianity is for the coming Antichrist and his global kingdom, as well as religion, which is a culmination of both the seducing spirit world’s “Plan” and God’s judgment. And the coming of the Antichrist just so happens to be preceded by global chaos and followed by the selection process of the mark of the beast. Although it is clear in Scripture that this mark will be an *economic* mark (and, interestingly enough, the world just so happens to now also be in economic meltdown), it is also clear in Scripture that this mark will primarily be a *religious* mark. Those who receive this mark will experience a literal hell for all eternity—and God doesn’t cast anyone into hell for their chosen *economics*. The economics—i.e., “*that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark*” (Revelation 13:17)—will just be what drives many to receive the religious mark in exchange for their soul. The Word of God warns:

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:9-11)

For those who are aligning their minds with the world in moving forward *past believing the Word of God*, this is the new “Beginning” that they can look forward to when God’s timing arrives. And *who* exactly will worship the beast?

*“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him **whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**. If any man have an ear, let him hear.”* (Revelation 13:8-9)

Incidentally, thus far, God’s wrath has come on the world in various judgments with mixture—that is, still mixed with mercy. At this judgment, God’s wrath will be “poured out *without mixture*.” It will be *pure wrath*. Again, yes, God is love, but it is *perfectly clear* in the Word of God that all who reject believing in His Son, the Lamb of God, are thereby rejecting His love. All that will remain for them is *pure wrath—no mercy*.

But all who aren’t willing to believe are certainly free to pay attention and join together to see “*possibilities*” in this “end of the world as we know it.”¹⁹ After all, the false “Christ” that Hubbard quotes in *The Revelation* teaches that the true book of Revelation that details God’s coming judgment “is *not inevitable*.” Why? For “the good of the whole.”

“**The Book of Revelation** is a description of one path to the New Jerusalem, but this scenario **is not inevitable**....

“**If enough of you act for the good of the whole**, right now, **the Christ within each person will be born**. The world

will be changed, in a twinkling of an eye. Change your minds and you can change the world, dearly beloved.

“The Planetary Birth can be a natural, graceful, planetary transition. If you are able to communicate **this alternative reality** before the tribulations are fully set in motion, violence can be avoided.

“There is still time to make this a gentle rather than a violent birth....

“You are heirs of God on Earth who have faith to go the Whole Way, who have the genius to attract others with **the good news**, that they are born into **a universe of infinite possibilities** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁰

“You ... are the Way. Be a beacon of light unto yourselves....

“... the transformation of humanity from Homo sapiens to Homo universalis.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” bold added)²¹

Enough people choosing the “alternative reality” of moving forward *past believing and obeying the Word of God* as a New Humanity, or “Homo universalis”/“Universal Human,” for “the good of the whole” is *not at all* a “Birth” that will *avoid* God’s prophesied judgment in Revelation! But this delusion is very deep. And right after quoting Revelation 9:20-21 (which, by the way, also warns that during God’s prophesied judgment people will still not repent of their worship of *devils*), this seducing spirit (i.e., *devil*) calling itself “Christ” says:

“As the selection process intensifies, dearly beloved, you must create a holy place within you and practice every day listening to your inner voice. I will be communicating to you, as the tribulations intensify, so strengthen that inner place.

“Align yourself with everyone else hearing the same signals, worldwide.

“Communicate what you hear, in every possible medium. Reach out to as many as possible. *The more quickly people know their choice, the more quickly the tribulations will be over....*

“Let the vision of Universal Humanity guide you through the darkness and you will witness the birth of the Universal Human....

“The prophecy of John can be avoided altogether, if you would heal the social body as you have learned to heal the biological body—by total focus on love, truth, *wholeness*, and the goodness of God.

“The alternative to Armageddon is the Planetary Pentecost.” (emphasis added)²²

In his book *Reinventing Jesus Christ* (now *False Christ Coming – Does Anybody Care?*), Warren B. Smith lists the following quotes of this “Christ” from *The Revelation* regarding this “alternative to Armageddon” (or “Planetary Birth”/“Planetary Pentecost”):

“You are to provide the opportunity for a planetary signal wherein **each person who chooses life over death can register that decision visibly**—a coming to witness before the world.”

“Each shall be ‘sealed’ with the seal of the living God. This means that **they shall be marked**, visibly identified, first to themselves, then to others. This means that *their inner eye in the forehead* will be fully opened by this touch, henceforth awakening them from the womb of self-centeredness.”

“All those sealed with the seal of the living God must be consciously linked in a common thought pattern for an instant in time to **AVOID ARMAGEDDON.**”

“I will write upon you my new name, which is not the Master Jesus *who went to the cross* but the *risen* Christ who arose from *the dead* ...”

“The decisive moment of selection has almost come.... The end of this phase of evolution is nearly complete.”

“After the selection process, you will be born to the next stage of evolution. There will be a New Heaven, a New Earth, a new body and a new consciousness for all who survive.”

“Those who *choose this version of the future* will be there. Those who do not choose it will not be there. Choose well,

dearly beloved, choose well.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ” that channeled its teachings through Barbara Marx Hubbard; all emphases added, except caps)²³

Given that it is *the Lord Jesus Christ* Who is returning to judge the world at Armageddon, if those in this emerging faith just heed the diabolical lie that He is “*dead*” and not the “*risen Christ*,” then this automatically avoids Armageddon, right? Not even remotely. Even if everyone on the planet were to align their minds with the “God” of Oneness in everyone/everything, they still would not have enough power to keep the Lord Jesus Christ in the grave 2,000 years ago. The Lord Jesus Christ, *our Creator*, omnipotently burst forth from the dead in a physical/bodily resurrection that no power on earth, or in the entire universe for that matter, could stop. And this same Lord Jesus Christ is returning in this same omnipotent power to judge the world at Armageddon. Those who choose Oneness with the wicked world and its false gods “to AVOID ARMAGEDDON” are thereby choosing Armageddon. But, of course, they don’t—and won’t—see it that way. After all, the wicked world’s false gods are now the wicked world’s true “God” of Oneness. And this is a “God” that is in everyone and everything.

In a chart titled, “THE QUANTUM TRANSFORMATION, Our Turn on the Evolutionary Spiral,” Hubbard writes:

“In the alternative to Armageddon we shall be in the upper room of our consciousness together, linked by a common thought, which will activate the God within each of us.”²⁴

To put it mildly, a “Planetary Pentecost” that needs man to “activate” this emerging faith’s “God” isn’t much of a “Pentecost”! And neither is a “God” that needs to be *activated*—let alone activated by *man*—much of a “God”! But this quantum/panentheistic “God” of Oneness is the new “favored reality” that people today want. Nevertheless, no matter how many minds come together to try to *think* it all “into being,” this is not a journey into a new “Eden.” To the contrary, this is just an “evolutionary leap” back to man’s *fall* in the old Eden from which man was banished for rebelliously not taking God at His Word. In even further imagining “Day One,” December 22, 2012, in which Hubbard addresses the whole world, Walsch absurdly writes:

“She [Hubbard] then takes the audience members through the whole evolutionary spiral, previewing what it might be like when everything that we know we can do works. Images of ourselves becoming **a universal humanity** flood the screen behind her. We see ourselves **in cosmic consciousness**....

“‘Mother Earth,’ Barbara declares, ‘is giving *birth* to a universal humanity. We are entering the *new* Garden of Co-Creation, where the Tree of Life dwells.

“‘In **the first Garden of Eden**, we were *embedded* in nature and in Spirit. Then **we left, for whatever reason we may never know**....

“‘**We are gaining the power of gods**. But if we stay *separate* from each other, from nature, and from the deeper patterns of creation, we will surely misuse our power and destroy our lives.

“‘Here, in the Theater for the Future, we **step across the threshold**, from the land of the *separated* human **into a new Garden of Co-Creation**. It is the Eighth Day of Creation. **On the Seventh Day, God rested** and saw that it is good. **On the Eighth Day, humanity awoke and realized that we are responsible for our part in the creation.**’...

“‘We are about to discover what it means to be *fully human* . . . or to self-destruct. In the Garden of Co-Creation, we **learn to reconnect with inner Divinity**, with nature, with each other, and with the whole process of creation. It is **the new space in consciousness** in which we gain the experience of building a *new world* equal to *our* full potential. **It is a kindergarten for godlings.**’” (last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁵

For starters, in the Garden of Eden “we were [*not*] embedded in nature and in Spirit.” Yet, not surprisingly, Alice Bailey wrote:

“We have, nearly all of us, been brought up in the belief in what is called ‘the fall of man.’ There are *few* these days who believe the story of the fall as it is given in the third chapter of Genesis, and we most of us credit it as having an *allegorical* interpretation.” (emphasis added)²⁶

Absurdly, Bailey then went on to likewise “reimagine” “the fall of man” with a panentheistic meaning and wrote that “the occult truth underlying this curious story” has to do with “the fall of the spirit into matter.”²⁷ Bailey, who died in

the previous century, now knows the truth. Again, there is no *Oneness*; there never has been and there never will be. There is no quantum/panentheistic “God” that is “embedded” in everyone/everything. Contrary to man’s astronomical “humility,” this is as fictitious as “godlings” and an “Eighth Day of Creation.” (And, by the way, there is likewise no such thing as “Mother Earth.” The belief in “Mother Earth” stems from *paganism*, and is otherwise known as “Gaia” worship—i.e., worship of the planet Earth as a *goddess*.)

Walsch, who writes that “this ‘**Eighth Day**’ scenario” is “the ‘**Day One**’ scenario of the December 2012 event,”²⁸ also asks:

“[W]ill we truly be able to co-create a *new world*, and a *new way of living* in our world, following the ‘end of history’ in 2012? Or is this all just glib talk and wishful thinking?” (emphasis added)²⁹

Sadly, those who never repent and believe the Word of God are going to learn the answer to this question the hard way. Man is not “gaining the power of gods.” Man has no power to make this emerging faith’s wishes come true that revoltingly seek to turn the Almighty God of *judgment* into a “God” of *Oneness* that isn’t much of a “God.” But it is *Oneness* that man *wants*. And man is bound and determined one way or the other to create a new “God” and new future—a new world religion and new world—of *Oneness*.

On the “Birth 2012” website for this “Day One” event is the following:

“Calling all visionaries, evolutionaries, change leaders and heart-centered humans ...

“This is your opportunity to give your highest gifts in creating a Planetary Birth Experience that can *shift our consciousness* and evolve our world....

“What if we choose to see Dec. 21, 2012 (the turning of the Mayan calendar cycle) as marking the end of one phase of evolution and Dec. 22, 2012 marking ‘Day One’ of the next epoch of evolution – for the next 26,000 years? We can make this a day of ... *collectively setting our intentions* for a more evolved world....

“[W]e can decide to come together now and co-create the greatest field of love, resonance and social synergy in the history of the world....

“**Dec. 22, 2012 can be our first Birth Day** - a celebration of our emerging new era. **Every** group, culture, field and **faith will be needed to converge** and give their very best gifts to this birthing process **in order to wake up together** ...

“What if this Birth Day celebration, this waking up and synergizing among ourselves, is **the vital evolutionary signal - or tipping point - that’s needed to activate the emerging world?**

“Imagine on Dec. 22nd, 2012: a visionary State of the Planet broadcast, global music and dance festivals, transformational local gatherings, collective synergy experiences and the commitment by hundreds of millions to **a new way of life**.

“Imagine the greatest state of mass coherence we’ve ever created, and YOU can be a vital part of it.

“Barbara Marx Hubbard, a futurist and evolutionary thinker, and who Deepak Chopra calls ‘the voice for Conscious Evolution in our times,’ has stepped forward as our voice for this Day One event....

“**The Planetary Birth Day** event has the power to become something **unprecedented, seeding a new evolutionary template in the collective consciousness of our day**....

“It will truly take all of us converging and working together to co-create a new era.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁰

Incredibly, even those in today’s shifting Christianity are falling for this converging of faiths (religions). But since they have been working hard to “*Christianize*” this New Age *Oneness* and its interfaith “God,” not even they see this as a *fall*. They just see it as a new kind of “*Christianity*.”

Leonard Sweet—who, like Barbara Marx Hubbard, is a touted “futurist” and writes about man being “co-creators” with God—has a June 2011 novel coauthored by Lori Wagner and titled *The Seraph Seal*. In the front section, “ENGAGING THE APOCALYPSE, A Nonfiction Essay on Scenarios and Semiotics for the 21st Century,” Sweet and Wagner write:

“Are we destined to be swept down the river with the currents of change? Or can we create ways of looking at possible future realities ... and **be sowers of futures?**...

“Global Business Network cofounder Peter Schwartz ... suggests we **tell stories**. But not just any stories—**alternative stories about the future** that reveal plausible yet challenging possibilities.... Patterns that emerge from beliefs and choices people make now, in the present, form red flags that we can use to forecast the way the future might look, if those patterns continue on their present course.

“We can also scan for probable intersections of patterns that could create *other* narrative possibilities. Schwartz calls the creation of such stories *scenario thinking*. I prefer to call it *scenario reckoning* or *semiotics*—paying attention to the signs of the times and following the traces and trails that lead to places of intersection, especially those junctures where our story meets God’s story.” (bold added)³¹

“What’s ahead for the human race? The course history is now taking is arresting the attention of all the world. Nothing like it has been experienced before. Nothing of like nature has the world ever seen. Empires have fallen or teeter precariously. Economic systems have crashed or refuse to heal. The world is littered with the debris of destruction or the afterbirth of wild technological dreams. What is going on? How many more body slams can we take? What is our future?

“We hope to prepare you to answer these questions and equip you for the apocalyptic journey that our novel suggests is ahead. We admit it: **the book of Revelation** is as absorbing to us as it was to Sir Isaac Newton ... **But any apocalyptic vision is conditional semiotics** ...” (emphasis added)³²

“[W]ithin the novel, you will find a path that we have identified as probable and possible, based on the patterns of meaning we sense and the dots we connect.”³³

Coincidentally enough, Sweet and Wagner give the following heading in their Prologue:

“*The Key*

“*21 DECEMBER 2012 AT 2100*”

And then their first paragraph is the following:

“To light a candle is to signal its demise. The law of sowing and reaping and the law of sealing and unsealing might have come from that same principle. So it was that when the clock struck the twenty-first hour of the winter solstice on that night of 21 December 2012, beginnings and endings began to emerge.”³⁴

Sounds familiar. The Prologue itself is enough to do Barbara Marx Hubbard and her “alternative to Armageddon” Birth 2012 event proud. And that’s just its beginning. Written across the top of the back cover of *The Seraph Seal* is:

“2012: An ancient prophecy quietly unfolds as a fragmenting world accelerates its descent into massive chaos.”

And then in the book is the following:

“For years, the alchemists knew. They knew this day would come, as did the Aztecs and the Mayans, and so many others throughout history. The prophecy would soon come to pass. All the prophecies were one. They were all from different cultures, different times, different perspectives. But they all essentially came to the same conclusions if one knew how to **read the signs**. In **December 2012**, the seals were broken. It was now the Time of Becoming, the Age of the Seraph, and soon, it would be the Age of All Beginnings.” (emphasis added)³⁵

“When the first seals are broken, **the Time of Becoming will begin**. One who will be chosen will serve to help others choose. And the Lamb will choose him. The future of mankind will be sealed, but with the possibility of redemption. In the year 2012, the horsemen will appear upon the earth. They will appear in the birth of the eight. And they will be scattered. If four who choose death prevail in uniting together, the earth and all that is in it will be destroyed forever. If four can be found and brought together who **choose life**, then they will lead a remnant of humanity **into a new age, a new dawn, the new Eden**. The Chosen One holds the key to their unity.” (emphasis added)³⁶

“Well, it’s no mistake that *the only hope* for humanity lies in the unity of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, is it? It’s *the unity of everything*, all creation, all elements of the earth, an entire universe of divine creativity **that brings everything that exists into some kind of unified relationship**. We’re in a way perhaps a symbol of that unity, a living semiotic. We know that everything that exists does so in waves of movement. Perhaps our being here in Bashan is *the start of another wave*. One that *our unity will initiate*. **A response of humankind to the divine song of the universe. To God.**” (emphasis added)³⁷

“We’ve in a sense come to a place where we may be ready to **embrace the mystery of life, rather than** trying to insist on **defining it**.” (emphasis added)³⁸

Never mind that, like *The Shack*, this book’s teachings relate quite well with the New Age and its false “God” of Oneness. Today’s shifting Christianity will no doubt likewise cry in its defense, “This book is *fiction*!” Yes it is. But so is *The Shack*, and look how that went over—its *fiction* is *heatedly* defended as if it was the Word of God itself! And then there’s *The Voice*. It openly used “fiction writers” and still claims to be “Scripture”! Fiction is a category that is used today to conveniently justify *believing falsehood*, and even *blasphemy*, as “just” fiction. But no matter how many people join the defensive cry, *falsehood* is *falsehood* and *blasphemy* is *blasphemy* regardless of how man chooses to categorize it. Sweet and Wagner even write in their Acknowledgments of *The Seraph Seal* that this book is a “writing adventure that blurs the line between fiction and nonfiction and introduces a *new* literary genre—engaged fiction.”³⁹ (Something that is actually quite fitting of the emerging faith of Oneness itself.) Moreover, Sweet and Wagner write:

“Every woven tale breathes the multiplicity of stories, fragments, and memories that live within it, sometimes subtly, sometimes more evidently. As in a hand-made gift, scraps and bits of this and that are lovingly taken and threaded through the webs of our minds to make new and sometimes intricate weaves. For *The Seraph Seal*, we’ve gathered especially for you, the reader, many of those sticks, stones, shells, and bones that the two of us have collected along the way ...”⁴⁰

Not surprisingly, among these items “collected along the way” and included in their “woven tale” is a gold-plated “flattened, *rounded* stone” on which are engraved the words, “The Word was made flesh and *it* dwelt among us.”⁴¹ This item, also referred to as “the golden seal,”⁴² is a fitting “seal” for *The Seraph Seal*—a “seraph” that would appear to be on the same mission as the “angel of light” (see 2 Corinthians 11:14 & 4:4). These two little added letters to John 1:14 change *everything* . . .

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

As stated earlier, this *corner* stone has no place in the *circle* of Oneness that people are building today and *they know it*. Hence today’s “reimaginings” that are more conducive to Oneness. And, of course, as Sweet has thus also written: “In every epoch, however, the Word is made flesh differently. *Energymatter* is a dynamic process, ... *Logos* materializes in *Pathos* in *forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age*.”⁴³ Despite today’s “reimaginings” of Oneness, Jesus Christ of Nazareth is alone the Word made flesh. And those who believe in this true *Person* Who has been resurrected as this exact same true *Person* are “sealed” with the *Holy Spirit* (e.g., Ephesians 1:13). But those who believe in a panentheistic “Spirit” that already “indwells *all that exists*”⁴⁴ don’t see the need to believe in that same Jesus Christ of Nazareth. They are thus moving forward to a new kind of “seal.” Again, according to the false “Christ” that channeled its teachings through Barbara Marx Hubbard, there is coming a time when “each person who chooses life” “can register that decision visibly,”⁴⁵ and: “Each shall be ‘sealed’ with the seal of the living God. This means that *they shall be marked, visibly identified, ...*”⁴⁶

Given that this emerging faith is about connecting the dots of Oneness, it is also not surprising that Sweet and Wagner write in their back section titled, “The Alphabet of the Apocalypse: Reading the Signs of the Times,” which they refer to as “a type of guide”⁴⁷:

“In Western cultures, the norm is either ABC [‘Anything but Christianity’] or atheism. Yet signs of spiritual revival are everywhere. This is not a Christian great awakening but a Global Generic Spirituality (GGS) great awakening. Check

From Christian to Generic. How fitting. A global generic spirituality for today’s global generic “God”—a “God” of Oneness that can be imagined and defined however anyone chooses. Of course, this would only be the sign of “*spiritual revival*” to those who see the spread of the New *Spirituality of Oneness* as a “revival.” And *revival* means “[r]eturn, recall or recovery to *life*.”⁴⁹ Contrary to the upside-down beliefs of this emerging faith, “awakening” to a global generic “God” and “Spirituality” of Oneness is the *opposite* of choosing “*life*.” Again, what is “lethal to the spirit” is *Oneness*, not the Word of *God*. It is those who believe God’s Word of life who are choosing life, and God’s *literal* Word of life is not at all *generic*. Those who put God’s Word of life from them in a non-“Christian” “awakening” *literally* “*judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life*” (Acts 13:46).

As is to be expected, according to the Oneness University website:

“The Oneness University is a small *humble* spiritual school located in southern India which has brought together **ancient wisdom** and powerful *inner* technologies **to help people of all religions**, cultural backgrounds, and socio-economic levels **to heal**, grow, and **to awaken to the truth of who they are and to their relationship with the Divine**. Like many esoteric schools throughout history, **our mission** is to **help humanity return to** what might be called the ‘natural state’ ... which is **a state of Oneness with all of life and an unconditional** experience of love ...

“Everything we offer has its origins in well-known spiritual traditions and esoteric knowledge ... **We have only one goal**, and that is to help an individual **discover the Oneness in everything, in all of life, ...**” (emphasis added)⁵⁰

Again, *revival* means “[r]eturn, recall or recovery to *life*.” And a “return” to “*Oneness with all of life*” is a diabolically counterfeit and *upside-down* “spiritual revival.” In addition, the following is from the “Vision” of this Oneness University, and it sounds like Barbara Marx Hubbard’s Birth 2012 event:

“We are entering an unprecedented period in human history which offers **a unique possibility for a rapid evolution in consciousness**. It is our vision in Oneness to actively and consciously participate in these transformative energies and to take full advantage of the opportunity that is being offered. **2012** is not a date, but rather **a very specific phenomena that humanity is called to take part in**.

“As an integral part of this vision, it is our goal throughout 2010 and 2011 to create as many new Blessing Givers as possible-- along with a strong group of Oneness Trainers-- in cities, states, and countries around the world. As we move into 2012 itself, we will begin to gather together—meditating and sharing the Blessing—and taking advantage of certain **planetary energies** to enter into **higher states of consciousness**. As we as individuals and groups move into these higher states, this naturally results in **all of humanity awakening to its unique divinity, liberated from the limitations of the experience of separation**.

“It is not our belief that each and every human will become fully enlightened or awakened in 2012. Rather, it is our vision that if we work together, we can *help to jump-start the collective engine of human consciousness* that, once started, will run automatically. Further we see **2012** as **a year with the greatest potential for spiritual practitioners of all traditions and paths to join together to create a ripple effect in the shared awakening of humanity....**

“We invite everyone who resonates with this vision to work together with us ... to prepare for this phenomena of 2012 ...

“**2012 is not an end, but rather the beginning of a new phase in human evolution....** Each of us will go on with our lives, living in the reality of our connection with one another to **create a new earth**.

“So regardless of your faith, belief, spiritual practice or path, let us all work together as one global family of people who want to help raise humanity’s consciousness to higher levels of peace and connectedness....

“We welcome everyone to **help us in this Mission and Vision of 2012**.” (emphasis added)⁵¹

This vision to “awaken,” or “birth,” a New Humanity has many participants, which includes in today’s shifting “Christianity.” And, incidentally, on the back cover of *The Seraph Seal*—which guides the readers to “[c]heck out” this Oneness University—is the following information about the “increasing global influence” of Leonard Sweet:

“LEONARD SWEET ... contributes weekly to sermons.com and is a member of the Twitter Elite and Top 50 Facebook

Pages. His increasing global influence has recently been recognized with his 2010 listing in the ‘Top 10 Most Influential Christian Leaders in the World’ by Christian Telegraph.”

And, of course, Sweet’s August 2010 book *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*—which is about “awakening” to this generic “God” of Oneness that is *already in everyone and everything*—states on its back cover: “Brace yourself. This book is set to revolutionize your understanding of evangelism.” Indeed. And both the “evangelizing” and the “evangelized” who “awaken” to this revolutionized “understanding”—i.e., to this *upside-down* “spiritual revival” of Oneness—will thus be primed and readied to move forward to a new kind of “seal.”

At any rate, in the process of writing this section shortly after *The Seraph Seal* came out, interestingly enough, the Oneness University website was suddenly revamped and most of the above quotes disappeared. Included in the new information, which by no means negates the former, is what follows. Apparently, the new tactic to succeed in this “Mission and Vision of 2012” is to render this “awakening” to Oneness as just “a neurobiological process in the brain.” This “scientific”/“medical” tactic ought to entice *many* into this lie, just like yoga as “exercise” and “stress management” has done. The seducing spirit world is indeed on a mission, and they will wrap their lie in anything that gives their lie more “credibility” to the masses. So, according to the revamped website of the Oneness University:

“Oneness, a spiritual organization, founded by Sri Amma Bhagavan seeks to alleviate human suffering at its roots by **awakening humanity into oneness**, wherein every individual feels **connected to all that is**. The central understanding of Oneness is that inner transformation and awakening into higher states of consciousness is not an outcome of a mere intellectual understanding but **a neurobiological process in the brain**, whereby **one’s experience of life is redefined at its core**....

“**Oneness in many regards has a highly scientific approach**, quite evident in many of Sri Amma Bhagavan’s teachings **and this actually comes as a relief to the many Oneness followers [no doubt!]** ranging from the younger generation and the intellectual/elite classes, who abhor blind belief and unscientific philosophy at all levels.

“**This kind of a vastly liberal and truly secular [!] approach** could be attributed to a very unique perception of Oneness that the founders Sri Amma Bhagavan share, who emphasize the beauty and importance of religious and cultural variety as every human being is unique and cannot discover his true self through one single path.... Their message to the world that **Oneness is not necessarily about making everyone embrace the same system of belief, doctrine or tradition but more a process of discovering the truth that is inherent in every tradition**. Oneness as a concept is beautiful, as an experience is staggering.” (emphasis added)⁵²

And, not surprisingly, its revamped “Vision of Oneness” is:

“**TO SET HUMANITY TOTALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY FREE**”

“This is the vision of the Founders of Oneness Sri Amma Bhagavan. Freedom to them is not a one-stop destination but a never ending unfolding in consciousness. **This journey in consciousness** is however punctuated with certain **evolutionary milestones**.

“This vision runs as the nerve current through every activity of the Oneness. The origins of this passion are to be traced back to the time when Sri Bhagavan was three years old. In His [sic] experience the whole universe was an extension of Himself [sic].... As Sri Bhagavan began to experience people, He [sic] became cognizant of the fact that people were not experiencing the world the way He [sic] was experiencing it. He saw they felt separate from the rest of the world. This sense of separate existence, he discovered, was the edifice on which stood human suffering. Sri Bhagavan felt that the human consciousness was capable of a much *vaster* and richer experience of *reality* than it is experiencing today....

“**Man’s consciousness is fettered by concepts, ideas, conditionings and mental constructions**. Sri Amma Bhagavan say, ‘**When consciousness is purged** of all its contamination **what remains is life, pure consciousness or God**’. Hence Sri Amma Bhagavan **define Awakening or Oneness as ‘liberation of life itself’**.

“This ‘total and unconditional freedom’ Sri Amma Bhagavan speak about is elucidated in the following verse on Awakening.” (all emphases added, except caps)⁵³

This “verse on Awakening” then defines “Enlightenment” as “Liberation of life”—which includes “Liberation of the senses,” “Liberation from the mind,” and “Liberation from knowledge.” And in its subsequent elaboration, this webpage also states the following:

“Awakening ... is liberation ‘of’ the senses or freeing the senses from the clutches of the mind. The mind with its *judgments* and commentaries interferes with every sensory perception, making it stale and lifeless. If not for this *interference* of the mind, the human nervous system is capable of generating bliss through *every* sensory experience, be it seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting or touch irrespective of the object of the experience....

“**Freedom** is not a revolt against something. It is a **state of consciousness that has no opposites**....

“We welcome everyone to **help us in this Mission and Vision of 2012**.” (emphasis added)⁵⁴

Despite the absurd claims to the contrary, this “shift in consciousness” or “awakening” to the freedom and liberation of “no opposites” is everything but “secular” and “scientific”! This website also absurdly describes this “shift in consciousness” as “an energy transfer,” and that “[i]t transcends religious and cultural barriers from the fact that it only chooses to awaken each to his/her own spiritual tradition by facilitating a neurobiological shift, thus making religion a matter of personal choice and convenience.”⁵⁵ Nice try. People can imagine that not believing and obeying the true God is “scientific” all they want, but “a state of consciousness that has no opposites”—i.e., that has no division between truth and falsehood and right and wrong—is a spiritual *Titanic* that is absurdly imagined to be a new *Ark*.

Deepak Chopra, “the preeminent voice of Eastern Philosophy in the West,”⁵⁶ who calls Barbara Marx Hubbard “the voice for Conscious Evolution in our times,”⁵⁷ has written:

“The search for a new narrative that unites us and takes us to **the dawn of a new civilization** is a fundamental driving force at these crossroads of humanity....

“At this moment, nothing is more important than to **link** all those who believe that we must set forth a new narrative **and create a new world** where hope, social justice, peace, and a sense **of the sacredness of life** prevails. For this we need to connect until we form a critical mass of humanity that influences the change at a global scale....

“We need to reconfirm the great things in life ... expressions of the purest aspects of our spirit, reflections of **the Oneness that we are**. This is what **the Alliance [‘for a New Humanity’]** is seeking, a going back to being truly human, a pause, a call to this sense in most of all....

“Once, when Noah set out to build the Ark, it is said that few wanted to invest their time or resources in such a venture. But it did rain a lot, and those who built the lifeboat sailed and generated a new hope, a new seed for the Universe to continue looking at itself. So goes the myth of Noah.

“Today we are again swamped with *our forgetfulness of Being*, ... We are again callous to each others’ pain as we indulge in our *separateness*. **We must call again, for those whose hearts are listening** ... Call upon ourselves to **help us build this Ark of hope**, this Human-Net.” (Deepak Chopra; emphasis added)⁵⁸

And how is this Ark of Oneness built? According to the false “Christ” that is quoted by Hubbard in *The Revelation*:

“In **Noah’s ark**, the species went in **two by two**. **The union of opposites is the way to transcendence**. That is the law.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁵⁹

And what is the destination of this union of opposites, i.e., *Ark*? As Marianne Williamson writes:

“**Heaven on Earth**. It’s **where we’ve all merged again into the oneness which is the ocean of the one self we share** and how that feels is what it feels like anytime we feel that the walls that separate us from others have melted and we’ve become one with someone. **We will enter two by two, to re-pair the world, just as the animals entered Noah’s ark, two by two**. I forgive you, I join with you. *We find oneness between us, that’s one link in the circle of atonement*. Ultimately everybody will be in love with everybody and then I think *history as we know it can end*.” (emphasis added)⁶⁰

“Heaven on Earth” -- entering into Oneness “two by two” to “re-pair the world.” A new kind of “Heaven” for those who want a new kind of “atonement.” Of course, to enter even this new kind of “Heaven” requires “forgiveness.” So the links in this circle of “atonement”—and, remember, in this emerging faith “atonement” is seen as “at-one-ment”—are simply pairs of opposites, links of Oneness, held together by “forgiveness.” And this is a new kind of “forgiveness” and new kind of “atonement” and new kind of “Heaven” of Oneness that is all “*healing*,” and, thus, for “the good of the whole,” right?

First, it is, to say the least, quite *colorful*. As stated by The Bridging Heaven & Earth Foundation (of which Barbara Marx Hubbard has been on the Board of Advisors⁶¹):

“When we open our hearts to each other and the world around us, our inner beauty radiates **the colors of the Oneness of All Life** and our experience is **Heaven on Earth**.” (emphasis added)⁶²

And, incidentally, this circle of Oneness—or should we say quite colorful “*Heaven on Earth*”?—certainly creates some interesting connections. One of the guests on The Bridging Heaven & Earth Foundation’s “international spiritual talk show” was the recently deceased Jose Arguelles who held many professorships which include at the *Naropa Institute*.⁶³ Arguelles not only initiated “the world famous Harmonic Convergence global peace meditation” of August 1987, but he was “honored” by “Nine Indigenous Elders atop the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan” “for his efforts in helping to wake humanity up to the meaning of 2012.”⁶⁴ And then in *The Seraph Seal* and its fictionalized meaning of 2012, Sweet and Wagner tell their readers to “[c]heck out Oneness University in India or *Naropa Institute* in Boulder, Colorado.”⁶⁵ And they point out that “[f]or *The Seraph Seal*, we’ve gathered especially for you, the reader, many of those sticks, stones, shells, and bones that the two of us have collected along the way ...”⁶⁶ Yes, there certainly are some interesting connections, to say the very least. But then, aren’t *connections* what those in this emerging faith of Oneness want?

Second, as the “Jesus” that channeled its teachings through Helen Shucman in *A Course in Miracles* taught⁶⁷ (which is a highly popular New Age *Course* that Marianne Williamson has been openly trying to shift humanity’s faith to, including on Oprah & Friends⁶⁸):

“**The ark of peace is entered two by two**, yet the beginning of another world goes with them....

“Think not that your *forgiveness* of your brother serves but you two alone. For *the whole new world* rests in the hands of every two who enter here to rest.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Jesus,” *A Course in Miracles*, “Entering the Ark;” emphasis added)⁶⁹

“The beautiful relationship you have with all your brothers is a part of you because **it is a part of God Himself. Are you not sick, if you deny yourself your wholeness** and your health, the Source of help, the Call to healing **and the Call to heal?**... For healing will be one or not at all, its **oneness being where the healing is. What could correct for separation but its opposite?**...

“**It is an ark of safety**, resting on God’s promise that His Son is safe forever in Himself. What gap can interpose itself between the safety of this shelter and its Source?” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Jesus,” *A Course in Miracles*, “The Ark of Safety;” emphasis added)⁷⁰

And Leonard Sweet teaches:

“*Jesus* gave us more than a command of likeness; he gave us **a command of oneness**.” (emphasis added)⁷¹

Which “Jesus” gave “a command of oneness”?^H As seen in the above quote, for example, the “Jesus” of *A Course in Miracles*—who just so happened to be referred to by Schucman as “the Voice”⁷²—commanded “oneness” in order to bring “healing” for “separation.” And, likewise, Sweet teaches:

“The *truth* lies now in the extremes, both held together simultaneously.... **the union of** logically contradictory **opposites** ...

“I. Unitary thinking, **the highest level of understanding reality**, ... heals the divisions that separate us from one another and life’s highest values.

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Contrary to today’s emerging faith of interfaith Oneness, nowhere in Scripture did Jesus Christ of Nazareth ever give us a command of Oneness with those who do not believe in Him. In a passage that is commonly twisted by those who want interfaith Oneness, the Lord Jesus Christ during His prayer to the Father about His disciples said, “Neither pray I for these alone, but *for them also which shall believe on me* through their word; that they all may be one; ...” (John 17:20-21).

“2. **Wholeness unites**, not eliminates, **opposites**, bringing them into dynamic balance ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷³

Despite the growing connections in today’s mission of “healing,” the teachings of the *true* Jesus are found in the Word of God. And this is not the word of the false “God” channeled through Neale Donald Walsch—the teachings of which also sound a great deal like Sweet’s. So *which* “God” wants us to understand “reality” at the highest level in order to *heal the divisions*?

“‘We Are All One’ is more than a beautiful slogan. It is a precise description of **the nature of Ultimate Reality**. When you **understand this**, you ... notice the connectedness **at a much higher level**....

“‘Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.’

“This humble utterance could begin to **heal the divisions between your religions** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God” that channeled its teachings through Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁷⁴

Of course, in Oneness/panentheism there is *no such thing* as “false and wrong,” so there is *no such thing* as a false or wrong “Jesus,” and there is *no such thing* as a false or wrong “God.” This is, after all, “the nature of Ultimate Reality” in this emerging faith and its all-encompassing interfaith buffet of “Truth.” Hence: “Ours is not a better way, ours is merely *another* way.” With this “safety” of a *panentheistic* Oneness/wholeness there’s no need to worry about *which* “Jesus” and *which* “God” and *which* “Word” are “correct and true.” Rather, this becomes “pride of mind” and “the way of separation.” So all those who choose to “humbly” “transcend” what is *correct* and *true* can thus freely connect the opposites of truth and falsehood and right and wrong into circles of new “light.” This way, as they “forgive”/“heal” the divisions between religions, they can move forward to board the Ark of Oneness and participate in taking an “evolutionary leap” into the all-encompassing buffet of a New Humanity that has “evolved” itself into a “whole-centered, universal consciousness.”⁷⁵ Oh, and one more thing—for those who choose to board this interfaith cruise ship, remember to “humbly” kiss the faith of God given to us by God in the Word of God goodbye. This Ark of a New Humanity is purposely leaving the *correct* and *true* faith and truth behind.

“**Relinquish the** pride of mind which sees its **way** and its interpretations to be **correct and true**, and others’ *false* and *wrong*. **This is the way of separation**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁷⁶

“This is an opportunity for us to **transcend our religious differences**, our ethnic boundaries, and **create a new humanity** which is based on love, sharing, compassion, giving....

“You know in historical traditions, in religious traditions, God rained on the earth for 40 days. And from that came Noah’s Ark and the creation of a new humanity. Can we create a new humanity that is not based on militarism ethnocentrism, racism, bigotry, hatred, and prejudice?” (Deepak Chopra; emphasis added)⁷⁷

“Everyone fanatically clinging to an idea isolating him from the universal axiom--‘**There is no Religion higher than Truth**’--will find himself separated like a rotten plank from **the new ark called Humanity**.” (Helena P. Blavatsky; emphasis added)⁷⁸

Naturally, a New Humanity that is created through the *union of opposites* is well *rounded*. The connections of an *incorrect* and *untrue* panentheistic “God” and “cosmic” “Christ” that are an all-encompassing circle of Oneness do indeed change things.

“What if we were to **think connectness rather than correctness**?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷⁹

“The fundamental fact of Christian faith is this: **Christ is alive!**... The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of holy living is precisely this: an awareness of the presence of Christ **in all of life and in all things**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸⁰

“We implore you: **Make Christ the center**. Make Him **the circumference**. And **fill in the difference with Him** as well.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁸¹

“In Christ all opposites are ... transcended ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸²

“[T]he Lord helps us **become more ‘rounded’** human beings—**not more straight-edged, straightlaced, straight-backed, straight-faced, straightjacketed** human copies, **but more ‘rounded,’** more complete **and whole** humans. Jesus is God’s *original* thought for humanity. He is the paragon of humanness, and all who are in Him and share His life are part of **the new humanity** that He has brought into existence through His resurrection.

“This will lead each of us to do life *differently*, even from other followers of Christ.... This is why the life of Christ has a *freedom*, a specificity, a range of reach that truly takes the breath away as it girdles the globe.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁸³

“All religions have something to do with **the whole**, the totality. Parts have no existence apart from wholes....

“New Light leadership is fundamentally gathering communities together and **building them up into a true body of Christ.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸⁴

“The body of Christ is less an aggregate of *persons* than **an aggregate of cultures**; the body of Christ is **an ark of cultural organisms**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸⁵

“There is a race to the future. Who will get there first? Will the Christian church? **The time to save God’s Dream is now....**

“This is an extraordinary moment in history.... You can do some extraordinary things. Will you? The choice is yours.

“God is birthing the greatest spiritual awakening in the history of the church. God is calling you to midwife that birth. Are you going to show up?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸⁶

First of all, God is not the *generic/interfaith* “God” of *Oneness*. God is not the one that is “birthing” this “awakening” that Sweet and Wagner even point out in *The Seraph Seal* “is not a *Christian* great awakening but a *Global Generic Spirituality* (GGs) great awakening.”⁸⁷ And if people would check out the Word of God—instead of “Oneness University in India or Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado”—they would know that *God never has and never will need to be saved in any way, shape, or form whatsoever*. Only those who believe in the Dream of a “God” of *Oneness*—that conveniently isn’t much of a “God”—will be showing up to the “birth” of this New Humanity/Ark. If anything, true Christians—i.e., those who believe the truth of the Word of God—would only be showing up with the Word of God in hand to try to pull unwary people out of the fire before it’s too late (see Jude 1:23). With the blind help of today’s “awakening” Christianity, this race to the future in which God will pour out His judgment on an unbelieving world is rapidly approaching the finish line. The time to save *souls* is now. Will you?

In his book *SoulTsunami: Sink or Swim in New Millennium Culture*, from which Sweet’s quote that “[t]he time to save God’s Dream is now” was taken, Sweet writes that “this book takes as *its patron saint* Noah, who built some new structures and adopted some new strategies in the midst of **a sea change** for his day.”^{14”88} And Sweet’s endnote #14 here reads in its entirety: “One of the most important of these was **the Noah’s Ark Standard: Please Proceed in Pairs.**”⁸⁹ Later in this same book under the heading “TEAM OPPOSITES,” he gives an example that “the president of Nissan Design International, hires people in pairs—**not pairs of likes, but pairs of opposites.**”⁹⁰ And it is also in this same book that Sweet writes:

“The postmodern era is binocular, not monocular. Postmoderns are *anti-cyclopean*. They have given up a one-eyed view of the world for **‘whole-sight’** ... ‘complexity vision.’... embrace diversity and uniqueness ... achieve **harmony and oneness** ...

“[A]bandon old fixations and make new connections, ...

“[A] flat, bland surface of random dots suddenly becomes a three-dimensional universe and ministry. The key to navigating postmodernity’s choppy, crazy waters is not to seek some balance or ‘safe middle ground,’ but to **ride the waves and bridge the opposites**, especially where they converge in reconciliation and illumination.” (emphasis added)⁹¹

Sounds familiar. The false “Christ” that channeled its teachings through Barbara Marx Hubbard, which she quotes as saying, “[t]he *union of opposites* is the way to transcendence,” likewise teaches:

“You are the bridge over the abyss. **You are the riders of the tidal wave of change**, surfing the crest, then leaping upward, from the waters of the Earth to the fountain of life in the Kingdom of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁹²

Whose “voice” is being heeded in this “tidal wave of change”? As addressed earlier, Sweet, et al., did write that “V is for Voice,” “[a]nd what **postmoderns are listening for** is” “sometimes the **dances of devils**.”⁹³ They are indeed. But, sadly, why would “postmoderns” recognize how *literal* this is when they don’t believe that we are to take God’s Word literally? It is God’s Word that warns:

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

And the Word of God also warns:

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” (2 John 1:9-11)

As used to be obvious, doctrines of devils are not the doctrine of Christ. And the doctrine of Christ is found in *the Word of God*, not in *the voices of seducing spirits* that call themselves “Christ.” As also used to be obvious, it is not God and His Son that are *channeled*. And an emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality that absurdly brings seducing spirits and devils together in a Oneness with the “energies” of its quantum/panentheistic “God” and “cosmic Christ” changes *nothing*. Even so, Sweet, who was listed in 2010 in the “Top 10 Most Influential Christian Leaders in the World,”⁹⁴ writes:

“Quantum spirituality ... is most importantly a structure of human becoming, a **channeling of Christ energies through mindbody experience**....

“**Faith makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves** and *heals all discursive dualisms* (**one of the worst of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’**), all *disastrous* separations that threaten our existence.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁹⁵

By the way, Sweet wrote this 30 years ago. And his underlying false teachings on Oneness have continued in his writings, even up to this year. He has simply become less vocal on the more occult aspects of his faith that are so openly addressed in his book *Quantum Spirituality* (and that have only been barely touched upon in this one). But, incredibly, his initial openness didn’t keep Sweet from being welcomed with open arms in this “sea change” of today’s shifting Christianity. After all, today’s itching ears knew what they wanted . . .

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, ...” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

As for Sweet’s use of the word “channeling,” he can decide to define it however he chooses. But it won’t change the fact that his own teachings are quite reminiscent of various channeled teachings of Alice Bailey, Neale Donald Walsch, Barbara Marx Hubbard, and who knows how many others. So regardless of how he chooses to define his “channeling,” he has clearly given heed to doctrines of devils and is quite *influentially* spreading this diabolical faith throughout Christianity. But is he the only one doing so? Sadly, no. There are many heaped teachers of this diabolical faith throughout Christianity. And, remember, you will recognize these “weeds” in their absurd attempt to pass off a spiritual *RoundUp* as their “good news” of “life.”

Although Sweet teaches that *all dualisms*, of which “one of the *worst*” is the “‘sacred’ and ‘profane,’” are “*disastrous* separations that threaten our existence,” it is actually this Oneness with *the profane* that is disastrous, and not just to the individuals who may be “channeling.” It is *the messages* of the profane spirit world that today’s new gullible humanity—that denies the reality of the profane spirit world—is *falling for* that are threatening the world’s existence and bringing “the end of the world as we know it.”⁹⁶ But, not to worry, the profane spirit world has been leading

humanity to build an Ark of *Oeness* in preparation for it all.^{97, 1}

In no way, shape, or form will gathering together against the Word of God end with *life*. Quite the opposite. This emerging faith of *Oeness* is a “tidal wave of change” that is indeed “a *sea* change” and, thus, a *soul* “tsunami.” And what is this “*sea*” change? The Word of God says that “the earth shall be full of *the knowledge* of the LORD, as the waters cover the *sea*” (Isaiah 11:9). Yet, sadly, people today are already rejecting a sea of “*the knowledge of the Lord*.” They want a *sea change* -- to a sea of *Oeness*.

“Heaven on Earth. It’s where we’ve all merged again into the **oneness** which is **the ocean of the one self we share** and how that feels is what it feels like anytime we feel that the walls that separate us from others have melted and we’ve become one with someone.” (Marianne Williamson; emphasis added)⁹⁸

“Nonduality is the philosophical, spiritual, and scientific understanding of non-separation and fundamental **intrinsic oneness**.

“For thousand [sic] of years, through deep *inner inquiry*, philosophers and sages have came [sic] to the realization that *there is only one substance* and we are therefore all part of it. *This substance* can be called Awareness, Consciousness, Spirit, Advaita, Brahman, Tao, Nirvana or even **God**. It is ... **the essence of all existence**.

“... a single substance, presumably created during the Big Bang ... **[F]undamentally we are individual expressions of a single entity**, inextricably connected to one another, **we are all drops of the same ocean**.” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; emphasis added)⁹⁹

Alberto Villoldo, a shaman/medium whose book *Power Up Your Brain: The Neuroscience of Enlightenment* was endorsed by one of the doctors recruited by Rick Warren for his 2011 “Daniel Plan” (more on this later), writes:

“During my years studying with the shamans, I learned about their belief in the Divine Mother, which we each have the potential to discover in nature. This was not the bearded old man whose image I had come to associate with ‘God.’ Rather, this was **a force that infused all creation, a sea of energy and consciousness that we all swim in and are part of**. I came to understand that our Western notions of **the divine** are perhaps a masculine version of this **life force** that infuses every cell in our bodies, that animates all living beings, and that even fuels stars.” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁰

Incidentally, along with this quote, Warren B. Smith also points out in his newly added Appendix “Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan” in *A “Wonderful” Deception*, Villoldo “spoke at a 2011 Palm Springs Prophets Conference with New Age leader Barbara Marx Hubbard.”¹⁰¹ Many new connections are indeed being made in this sea change . . .

Humanity as a whole is being primed and readied for any events that are planned to begin, whether in 2012 or thereafter. And, sadly, the growing number of people who are rejecting “*the knowledge of the Lord*” are already emerging from the sea of *Oeness* and gathering together *against the Word of God*. In his important article “This Is a War Briefing,” in the June 2011 issue of *The Berean Call*, T. A. McMahon writes:

“It is imperative that everyone who follows Jesus Christ understands that we are in a war. It’s a war that is spiritual, but it may have physical consequences. If you’re not aware that you are in that kind of war, you very likely have

¹ Conveniently for the profane spirit world, today’s *rejection* of the *knowledge* recorded for us by God in the Word of God increases humanity’s vulnerability to falling for the *messages* of the profane spirit world that are trumpeting its “tidal wave of change.” Throw into this mix that humanity has fallen for the “benefits” of the wide variety of methods of meditation—which, naturally, are deemed “scientific” and “secular”—and humanity is easy prey. Thus, humanity is being encouraged to go within to “listen” to one’s inner “voice” and “tune” in to the “vibrations” of the “intuition,” or the inner/mystical “knowing,” for a *reason*. (Food for thought: even psychics/mediums are now also simply called “*intuitives*,” and it used to be obvious as to *what* they are actually in communication with.) To succeed in its mission, the enemy must disrupt the lines of communication, and our Adversary is not only disrupting the line of communication between God and man, he is also establishing a new line of communication that man thinks is with *God*. After all, in *Oeness* the *profane spirit world* is no longer a reality, right? Wrong. This is why God’s Word warns us: “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*” (1 Peter 5:8).

already been taken captive....

"It's a war for the hearts of humanity--and the adversaries are God and Satan....

"God's *primary means* for achieving His goal is to *communicate* through His Word His desire to spend eternity with those whom He created, as well as revealing what He has accomplished for their sakes that would enable them to spend eternity with Him....

"Since understanding that God's *communication* is key to His goal ... it's not surprising that *His Word* would be the major target for His enemies. Shutting down, or at least disrupting, communication is the most effective tactic for defeating an enemy....

"Separation from God forever is Satan's end, and he is bent on taking mankind down with him....

"... Satan's primary objective is to nullify God's objective communication to mankind through various means: his wiles are to attack it, undermine it, dismiss it, bad-mouth it, distort it, counter it, eradicate it, subsidize it, falsify it, abolish it, denigrate it, and so on and so forth. If he is effectively doing that in any of our lives, he, the father of lies, has cut us off to some degree from God's truth.... In a war, we need to be able to discern whether or not the orders have been tampered with or corrupted by the enemy. Tragically, that lack of preparedness in this spiritual war has left much of the church terribly vulnerable today. **The war is only going to intensify."** (bold added)¹⁰²

Gathering together in communities to eliminate the "selfish" salvation of individual believers in Jesus Christ of Nazareth

"... the Christian world is to be awakened, and ... *Christian* people are **to recognize their place within a worldwide divine revelation and see Christ as representing all the faiths** and taking His rightful place as World Teacher. He is the *World* Teacher and not a Christian teacher.... They may not call Him Christ, but they have their own name for Him and follow Him as truly and faithfully as their Western brethren." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added, except to *World*)¹

"All the various truths form one Truth; ... your little bit of truth forms part of the group mosaic." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²

In an emerging faith/"birth"/"awakening"/"revival" of Oneness that is about "re-pairing" the world through the pairing of opposites, believing in Jesus Christ of Nazareth obviously becomes irrelevant, to say the least. And, therefore, if Christians just "awaken" and "recognize their place" within "the group mosaic" and see the truth and faith of God's Word as only *one part* of "the fullness of truth," i.e., of *the whole*, the unbelieving world can then move forward as the One/New/Universal Humanity.

"World Unity will be a fact when the children of the world are taught that religious differences are largely a matter of birth; that if a man is born in Italy, the probability is that he will be a Roman Catholic; if he is born a Jew, he will follow the Jewish teaching; if born in Asia, he may be a Mohammedan, a Buddhist, or belong to one of the Hindu sects; if born in other countries, he may be a Protestant and so on. He will learn that the **religious differences are** largely the result of **man made quarrels** over human interpretations of truth. Thus gradually, our quarrels and differences will be offset **and the idea of the One Humanity will take their place.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³

Humanity can then simply cruise along in unity on this ultimate of cruise ships, choosing from the "fullness" of an interfaith buffet of all "truths"/"Scriptures"/faiths/religions/gods. After all, there's surely nothing to fear since this New Humanity/Ark is emerging as an "alternative to Armageddon" from the sea of Oneness with "God" and "Christ" as a *universal "salvation,"* and thus as "an ark of *safety,*" right? As the profane seducing spirit world teaches:

"Again I say: *put an End to Better.*

"For this is **The New Gospel:** ... **There is no one true religion.... or one and only way to Heaven.**

"Erase these ideas from your memory. **Eliminate** them from your experience. **Eradicate** them from your culture. For these are **thoughts of division and separation** ... Only the truth I give you here will save you: **WE ARE ALL ONE.**"

(the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁴

Sadly, the elimination and eradication of these “thoughts of division and separation” is taking place with the assimilation of the *Christian* religion into the *interfaith* “group mosaic.” And not only so, but also with the assimilation of *individuals* into “community.” Why assimilate individuals? Because it is *individual* belief and *individual* salvation that are a *hindrance* to this “New Gospel” of *Oneness*. And thus the salvation of all the *individuals* who *believe* in Jesus Christ of Nazareth is seen as “selfish.” Why? Simply because if salvation was of *individuals*, then salvation would clearly be *individual* and not *universal*. And those in this emerging faith are bound and determined to make *Oneness* and its “fullness of truth” the *universal* salvation of all humanity, as a *whole*. It is only in this way that man can move forward in the attempt to “break free” from the soul “sort” in which “everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin.”⁵ And, therefore, *believing* the Word of God becomes “sin” and “hate,” and something from which the world needs to be “*healed*.”

“We have preached a God of love and have spread a **doctrine of hate**. We have taught **that Christ died to save the world and** have endeavored to show **that only believers could be saved** ...

“**Individual salvation is surely selfish** in its interest and its origin.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁶

“**To hate, to be separate, and to be exclusive** will come to be regarded as **the only sin** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁷

“**All religions** have something to do with **the whole**, the totality.... This is **the essence of sin**: **Mistaking the part for the whole, or separating the part from the whole....**

“*Christian* communities became both collectivistic (**fundamentalist** subcultures **that could not imagine** what it would be like to have **beliefs other than their own**) and individualistic (liberal quests for *personal* fulfillment). Individualism and collectivism are equally sinful....

“The New Light apologetic must come to terms with the ‘communal awakening’ of postmodernity.... New Light leadership is **fundamentally gathering communities together** and building them up **into a true body of Christ**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸

“**The body of Christ is less an aggregate of persons than an aggregate of cultures**; the body of Christ is **an ark of cultural organisms**, each one contributing something unique and indispensable to the body.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹

“One of the most serious **thought-crimes** for a Christian is **the confusion of ‘faith’ with ‘belief,’ or to call someone who follows Jesus a ‘believer,’** ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰

Hence, *individuals* are “to recognize their place” within the “group mosaic” of *community*, which then works its way up so that *individual communities*, at ever higher and higher levels of connection, can eventually come to “recognize their place” within the *larger* “group mosaic” of *the global interfaith community of all religions*. This way, everyone can come to “recognize” that salvation is *universal*. And, obviously, in order to draw individuals away from an *individual salvation*, this emerging faith must first draw individuals away from *individual beliefs*. And what better way to do so than the cult-like assimilation of individuals into community where, among other things, individuals can then be taught that they *cannot* understand the Word of God outside the community? This then paves the way for the community to teach individuals the *new* and “right” “understanding” of God’s Word—which, naturally, is according to today’s “*New Light*” of *Oneness*.

“... Jesus did not leave His disciples with *CliffsNotes* for a *systematic theology*. He left them with breath and *body*. **He didn’t leave them with a coherent and clear belief system** by which to love God and others. He gave them wounds to touch and hands to *heal*. **He didn’t leave them with intellectual belief or a ‘Christian worldview.’** He left them with a *relational faith* and an indwelling presence.

“**The Bible** does not hit just one note for sixty-six books. It speaks *anew* to every age. It **should be read in the light of new information and fresh discoveries**. It **must also be understood in community, not as an individual**. Both Testaments were written to communities and **can only be rightly understood within that same context**.” (Leonard

More on this absurdity in a moment. But, first, it is also taught accordingly:

“The MRI church is an incubator of *cross-cultural* wisdom. **In spite of** modernity’s **individualization of the gospel**, the unit of discipleship has always been *ta ethne*. That’s why **the divine design** is for a global/local church, where millions of ‘locals’ contribute their uniqueness to **one truly global, catholic entity**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *ta ethne*)¹²

“Jesus was an *evangelist* of the God who is love; He was an evangelist **not** of principles and **beliefs** ... but of a reign of divine love. Thus, Christianity is highly *relational* and highly **communitarian**. It’s **neither individualistic nor** abstract. Christianity centers *not* on points, principles, and **propositions** ...” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹³

“Jesus led us to **think of God differently**, as relationship, **as the God of all relationship**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹⁴

“You will **never** grow into **the fullness of My Son**, therefore, as a **separate, isolated** individual ...

“**My Word knows nothing of an independent, individualistic, insulated disciple**.

“For this reason, **the master stroke of My enemy is division**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹⁵

Given that according to the Word of God, the *true* Son of the *true* God said:

“Suppose ye that **I am come to give peace on earth?** I tell you, Nay; but rather **division**.” (Luke 12:51)

Question, does this make Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who is the true Son of the true God—the “enemy” of who Sweet and Viola are supposedly quoting? Think about it. And given that the true God said of this same Jesus Who came to bring “division” that “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him” (Matthew 17:5), *who* exactly does not want us “separate” and “isolated”? In other words, the “master stroke” of *whose* enemy is “division”?

“Synthesis dictates the trend of all the evolutionary processes today; all is working towards larger unified blocs, ... brotherhood, ... interdependence, fellowship of *faiths*, ... and **ideological concepts which deal with wholes** and which **militate against division, separation and isolation**....

“It is the sense of *synthesis*, putting it very simply, which will be the goal of all the educational movements, once **the New Age idealism** is firmly established.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁶

Division is the enemy of the very New Age “God” of *Oneness/wholeness*, which is indeed a “God of all relationship.” And this “God” is thus the enemy of *division*. As if not already perfectly obvious, that pretty much eliminates this “God” from being the true God. The true God is the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth *Who came to bring division*. Hence, the true God makes it clear in His Word that we are indeed to be “*separate*”—if we want *Him* to be our God and Father, that is.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and **I will be their God**, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord**, and touch not the unclean thing; **and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty**.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

So *whose* “Word” are Sweet and Viola referring to whose “*enemy* is *division*”? Obviously not the Word of God. But why would they see it that way since they see those of us *individuals* who literally take God at His Word, i.e., who believe that God said what He meant and meant what He said, as having the *erroneous* beliefs and *faulty* understanding that result from our being *separate* from a community that *doesn’t* take God literally, i.e., that believes that God said what He didn’t mean and meant what He didn’t say?

Aside from the fact that it isn't *willing* to for obvious reasons, a community *cannot* take God literally when it is merging with the emerging *global interfaith community of all religions*. If it did, it would thereby be separating itself from this emerging "one truly global, catholic entity"—the New Humanity/Ark of Oneness, with its interfaith buffet of "the multitudinous and uniqueness of each particular vision of truth" of "the world religions."¹⁷ And, therefore, all who see separation and division as an "enemy" and are thus moving forward to the new "light" of not taking God literally can just join hands and leap into this buffet of "Truth" to "embrace diversity and uniqueness," "achieve harmony and oneness," "abandon old fixations,"¹⁸ and indulge in this emerging "one truly global, catholic entity." And, by the way, the term *catholic* means "*all-inclusive; universal;*" "*broad in sympathies, tastes, or understanding.*"¹⁹

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

"Love is unity, at-one-ment and synthesis. **Separateness is hatred, aloneness and division....**

"He [**Christ**] **knew no separateness....** and the 'great *heresy* of separateness' was completely overcome by His **all-inclusive** spirit." (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)²⁰

"**Only a recovery of the** greatness, supremacy, sovereignty, brilliance, and '**allness**' of **Christ** will lead us to restoration and even **revival....**

"**The body of Christ is in dire need of a reconversion to Jesus, not as Savior and Lord, but** as the awe-inspiring, **all-inclusive** person He is." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²¹

Once again, no, all-inclusive Oneness is not a "*revival*"—a "[r]eturn, recall or *recovery* to life."²² It is as *broad* of a way as it gets. And according to the true Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, "*broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction.*" And, yes, on the narrow way that leads to life, Jesus is our *personal* Saviour and Lord in an *individual* salvation and relationship, which, by the way, the community has no power to take away. But, naturally, those who are rejecting Scripture's perfectly clear *individualization* of the true Gospel of Christ and salvation and embracing today's "reimagined" *communitarian* "gospel" and "salvation" are bound and determined to change everything. So it isn't surprising that:

"**Those who insist on flying life solo will be brought to earth with a crash.**" (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²³

Sounds familiar.

"**Everyone** fanatically clinging to an idea **isolating** him from the universal axiom--'*There is no Religion higher than Truth*'--**will find himself separated like a rotten plank from the new ark called Humanity.**" (Helena P. Blavatsky; emphasis added)²⁴

Nevertheless, the truth of the true Person of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, has been recorded by God in His inspired Word. And, amazingly enough, when He inspired His recorded truth of His Son, God didn't need any dialogue from "*community*" on what the truth of God's Son should be. But people today don't see it that way. Humanity is, after all, on a mission to move forward *past believing and obeying the Word of God* for "the good of the whole." And with the *universal* "salvation" of a "reimagined" "*all-inclusive*" "Christ," what's there to fear? Just the coming judgment of the true God and His Son. People can unify opposites and board the "new ark called Humanity" two by two all they want, but as God's inspired Word warns:

"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered." (Proverbs 11:21)

And how are we made righteous? By believing in *the true Person of God's Son*.

"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:22-23)

The true Person of God's Son is Who He is whether people are willing to believe in *Him* or not. And those of us who insist on believing in the true Person of God's Son may be brought to earth by the emerging community of today's unbelieving new humanity with a temporal crash, but we will then be brought to heaven by the true Person of God's Son with a victorious and eternal salvation.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

Contrary to the community's "reimaginings," the Word of God does not say, "Therefore being justified by the new light of relational faith, we have peace with God *through our community*." And the community's solution to this omission from the Word of God? To simply "reimagine" that the community is *the Lord Jesus Christ Himself*, what else? Yes, this convenient "ark of safety" is a "new ark called *Humanity*" that is supposedly God's Son *Himself*. Along with her previous quote, Blavatsky also wrote:

"Above, the Son is the whole KOSMOS; below, he is MANKIND." (bold added)²⁵

And Alice Bailey wrote:

"This is the doctrine of the At-one-ment; **God, immanent in the universe - the cosmic Christ**. God, immanent in humanity, revealed through the historical Christ. God, immanent in the individual, the indwelling Christ, the soul....

"1. **Hidden in every human being is the 'Word incarnate,' the Son of God made flesh**. This is 'Christ in us, the hope of Glory,' but as yet only a hope for the mass of men. **Christ is not yet made manifest. He is hidden and veiled by the form....**

"2. As the wheel of life ... carries us from one lesson to another, we approach nearer and nearer to the *indwelling reality and the hidden deity*. But the Christ Child is still hidden in the womb of the form....

"We are summoned to the new birth.... The hour is upon us." (emphasis added)²⁶

"Out of the intellect, rightly used and understood, something fairer and still more revealing is being evolved, and steadily we can trace the growth of this new force, the *intuition*, in modern intelligent man. This, in its turn, *brings illumination*, and so man passes from glory to glory until **the omniscient cosmic Son of God** can be seen, **expressing Himself through every son of man**.

"Again, the same unfoldment can be traced racially in the transition we have made through the various stages *from that of the isolated savage to the family and the tribe, then to the unification of the tribes into nations under one central government, until today* we live in a world which is beginning to respond to that which is greater than the nation - **humanity itself** - and to conceive its expression through the development of **an international consciousness....**

"At this '**end of the age**' man stands before the **door of opportunity**, and, ... he is in process of discovering his own divinity ...

"This **divinity in man must be brought to the birth**, ... and thus can the kingdom of God on earth be brought into being." (emphasis added)²⁷

This is, of course, the same "birth" that Barbara Marx Hubbard refers to in *The Revelation* and the "Birth 2012" event. A "birth" of a New Humanity—a *Homo universalis*—that expects *God and His Son* to share being *God and His Son* with man. And, naturally, if man chooses to share in Who God and His Son really are then this becomes who man really is, right? So all people have to do is just choose this "alternative to Armageddon," this "Planetary Birth"/"Planetary Pentecost," and "what many thought would be the End of Time turns out to be the beginning of the best time that human beings have ever had," "a grander notion of who we are ..." ²⁸ That is, "a grander notion" of a New Humanity that is choosing to share *being God and His Son*. There's only one problem. The true God and His Son really aren't a sea of Oneness. They really aren't panentheistic and cosmic. The true God and His Son really are *separate* from creation. And this whole thing really is nothing more than man choosing—not to mention *becoming*—an alternative to the true God

and His Son, in what is everything but an “ark of safety.”

Along with Blavatsky and Bailey, Hubbard likewise teaches that:

“As the picture of the Jesus of our childhood dissolves, we look into the mirror and see shining through an image of **ourselves revealed as Sons and Daughters of Man.**” (emphasis added)²⁹

And in a box inserted into Brian McLaren’s “retranslated” book of “Luke” is the following:

“This phrase, **‘Son of Man,’** is very important in Luke’s story, but scholars struggle to capture its many layers of meaning.... **‘Son of’ suggests ‘new generation of,’ and ‘Man’ suggests ‘humanity.’ Jesus is Himself the new generation of humanity** (a second Adam, *a new beginning*), and **the community** He creates will also share this identity (a new creation, **a new humanity** in the *Liberator*).” (*The Voice*, a box inserted into “Luke” chapter 24; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁰

And Leonard Sweet writes:

“Jesus didn’t leave us any *writings* ... **Jesus** left us with one thing: himself, in the form of his *body*, **a community** that shares *stories of healing* and love.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³¹

In the light of true Scripture (see Matthew 13:37-42, for example), a New Humanity, a community that shares being the Son of man, Jesus Himself, is obviously absurd. But it would indeed be a “new beginning” of *liberation*. Liberation from having to believe and obey Jesus Himself.

The New Humanity is simply “a New Way of Life for All Humanity” that is *outside* the “box” of the *absolute truth* of the Word of God. This way, humanity can move forward and fearlessly indulge in the interfaith buffet of *itself*—a “new ark called *Humanity*” in which “There is no Religion higher than Truth.”³² Humanity can thus indulge in *all of humanity’s* “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods—however anyone chooses, of course. As Neale Donald Walsch writes, this “New Spirituality,” or “New Way of Life for All Humanity,” is “a civil rights movement for the soul, *freeing humanity at last* from the oppression of its belief in a separate, angry, violent, and fearful God” with “grander visions of a God and a World *united*, expressing as *One*.”³³ Hence:

“**Jesus** left us with one thing: **himself**, ... **a community** that shares *stories of healing* ... This difference in how and where we encounter the sacred—in propositions or in relations—is fundamental....

“[P]ropositionalism is a form of *atheism* ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁴

“**New Light** embodiment means to be ‘in *connection*’ and ‘in-*formation*’ with **other faiths**.... to **enlarge the community to include those whose conceptions of God differ from ours in form**....

“One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of **Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna**....

“The *interfaith* embodiment of a quantum spirituality is based not on the Enlightenment search for what **the world religions** hold in common but on the multitudinous and uniqueness of **each particular vision of truth**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁵

“The **unification** to which the **forward looking** people aspire ... does involve the development of **a universal public consciousness** which realizes **the unity of the whole** ... It requires simply **the recognition that all formulations of truth and of belief are only partial** in time and space, and are *temporarily suited* to the temperaments and conditions of *the age* and race. Those who favor **some particular approach to the truth** will nevertheless achieve the realization that other approaches and other modes of expression and terminologies, **and other ways of defining deity can be equally correct** and in themselves constitute **aspects of a truth which is greater and vaster** than *man’s present equipment can grasp and express*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³⁶

And this brings us back to the absurdity that:

“... Jesus did *not* leave His disciples ... with a *coherent* and *clear belief* system ... He didn't leave them with *intellectual belief* or a 'Christian worldview.'...

“**The Bible** ... speaks *anew* to every age. It **should be read in the light of new information** and *fresh* discoveries. **It must also be understood in community, not as an individual.** Both Testaments were written to communities **and can only be rightly understood within that same context.**” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³⁷

So the Bible “can *only* be *rightly* understood” “in community, *not* as an *individual*”?? Of course, if you think about it, outside the context of *community* how would mere *individuals* ever be able to keep up with the ever-changing “*right*” “understanding” that comes from all the “*new* information” that is being created/conceived/imagined/invented/made up by man today as man seeks “to enlarge the *community* to include those whose conceptions of God differ from ours in form”?

“Your life and **your community** are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition self-organizing, complex, adaptive, *self-regulating* systems. An organic system **makes it up as it goes along.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *organism*)³⁸

“**As co-creators with God, inventing new** forms of energymatter (**information**) is a part of the ongoing work of creation.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁹

“We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but **to conceive** beauty, **truth**, and goodness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁰

Quite the contrary (*thank God!*), individuals who are outside this community would simply have the perfect, inspired, never-changing absolute truth of the true God—the Word of God.¹ And, therefore, individuals who are *outside* this community and *inside* the “box” of God’s Word, not the other way around, have no need for the community’s “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” of inventing new “information”/“truth” for the “[*in*]coherent and [*un*]clear belief system” of its emerging non-Christian “worldview” and “great awakening.”

It’s amazing that the Word of God does *not* say, “If ye continue *in the community*, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth.” It’s also amazing that the Word of God does *not* say, “The entrance of the stories of *the community* giveth *light*; it giveth *right* understanding unto the individual,” because neither does it say, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, *the community* that is *Jesus himself*; that shares stories of healing and love, to be testified in due time with *new* information and *fresh discoveries*.” And, therefore, those in this emerging faith who prefer “the ‘complex way’ of truth”⁴¹ might want to keep in mind that the Word of God “giveth understanding unto the *simple*.”

“... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“The entrance of thy words giveth *light*; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” (Psalm 119:130)

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the

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In his aforementioned article “This Is a War Briefing,” T. A. McMahon also writes: “Since understanding that God’s *communication* is key to His goal of winning the hearts of mankind, it’s not surprising that *His Word* would be the major target for His enemies.... Satan’s master strategy is the same that he has used from the very beginning on humanity, and he has certainly expanded on it throughout the ages ... **[O]ne doesn’t dialogue about absolutes**.... The strategy is designed for disrupting God’s communication--for undermining the authority of God’s Word.... You see, when we get into a dialogue over something that we believe to be absolute truth, an adversary’s goal is simply to get us to move from our position--in any direction. That effectively negates its absolute characteristic or quality.... **This tactic, which began in the Garden of Eden, has been used throughout history to get people to change their views--particularly fixed views.... Its aim is to tear down absolutes**, dogmas, fixed ideas, traditional views, **individualism**, and so forth, in favor of a more social view based upon *consensus*, or what most people think. It’s a technique of getting people to conform to what the majority says is best and is directed at ‘nonconformists’ such as...well, biblical Christians would fit that definition.” (The Berean Call, June 2011; last ellipsis dots in the original; bold & underline added)

knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

Again, this same man, this same true Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—"this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, *sat down on the right hand of God*" (Hebrews 10:12). An emerging community that does not believe in Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And Jesus Christ of Nazareth *Himself* is the Lord Jesus Christ. No community ever has been or ever will be the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. This all used to be obvious before the community decided that the "right" understanding of the truth of God's Word is that God needed dialogue from the community on what the truth of God's Son should be.

Of course, the community didn't even stop there. The community also decided that the "right" understanding is that God needed dialogue from idolaters—those who worship false gods—on what the truth of *God* should be! Despite such absurd "humility," "conceptions of God" that "*differ from ours in form*" are actually *different forms of different gods* that do not comprise "the one true God." This enlargement of "the community" to include all the different gods is "the community" of "*Tomorrow's God*." And "*Tomorrow's God*" isn't so *future* any more. There is a point where *tomorrow* becomes *today*.

"Tomorrow's God says that **every church** is 'his church,' and **every faith** is 'her faith,' and **every soul** is God's soul, because it shares the same soul with God! And **no person** or living thing in the universe **stands outside of the community of God.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)⁴²

Be forewarned. God's Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth *Himself*, isn't returning for those who have traded God in for a "bigger" and "better" "future" version of "God." And in God's Word there isn't much prophecy left to be fulfilled. In this race to the future in which God will pour out His judgment on an unbelieving world, time is running out for people to repent. Those who are moving forward *past the truth* of God and His Son into the "mystery" of a "*bigger*" "*God*" need to give serious heed to the truth of the future into which they are moving forward.

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12)

"When truth is encountered as *certainty* rather than *mystery*, open spaces of providence and *possibility* begin to close.... Only by living the mystery can *truth* be discovered....

"[E]mbracing mystery opens the door for appreciating how infinitely 'beyond' all of us our Lord really is.... **a God who is bigger than we can ever imagine.**

"To the person who walks in the Spirit, **paradox, mystery, and uncertainty** propel him **forward** instead of bogging him down." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴³

Discovering a new kind of "truth" that is *uncertainty* rather than *certainty* simply propels people forward to man's "future" version of "God," "Tomorrow's" rapidly emerging "God" of *Oneness*. And this "God" of man's desired "future" that removes all division between truth and falsehood, right and wrong, is a "God" that will conveniently bog no one down with the certainty of absolute truth.

Sadly, it is this "discovery"/"recognition" of an all-encompassing *generic* "God" that humanity is "awakening" to. And since "there is only one Church" in the rapidly emerging "community" of "Tomorrow's" "God" (a "one Church" that is all-inclusive of every church, synagogue, temple, mosque, etc., of *every religion and god* in the world), it is without question that this is "a New Way of Life for All Humanity." A "new way of life" that in no way, shape, or form is of *the Lord*, Whom we are to *obey*—"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). But, of course, along with everything else, today's "Lord" is a *new kind* of "Lord."

"[S]o many *Christians* have never learned what it means to eat from the tree of life. Instead, they have been given a *steady diet of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*....

"So this is the Lord's challenge for our day: to **move beyond the religious knowledge of good and evil** and into a *full yieldedness to the life of Christ that beats within every child of God*." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁴⁴

“**Every** person you notice, **every** person you brush up against, **is a child of God**, ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁵

“**Jesus didn’t come to start a new religion to replace** first Judaism and then **all other religions**, whether by the pen, the pulpit, the sword, or the apocalypse....

“Instead, he came to announce a new kingdom, **a new way of life**, a new way of peace that carried good news to all people of every religion. A new kingdom **is much bigger** than a new religion, and in fact **it has room for many religious traditions *within it***.” (Brian McLaren; emphasis added)⁴⁶

“... **the universal platform of the new world religion**.... is a work of *loving synthesis* and **will emphasize the unity** and the fellowship **of the spirit**.... under the inspiration of *the Christ*....

“[B]asically **there is only one Church**, but it is *not* necessarily only the orthodox *Christian* institution. God works in many ways, through **many faiths and religious agencies**; ... By the emphasizing of the essential doctrines and in their union will **the fullness of truth** be revealed.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁴⁷

Not surprisingly, the publisher’s sticker that came on the front cover of *The Voice* reads:

“The New Testament that brings together beauty, tradition, and **the future church**.” (emphasis added)

And, naturally, this is a “future church” that is *interfaith* through “the unity” of the “*Spirit*” and is “founded on God’s oneness”:

“You see, **the one true God** wants **one people of God**. That has been His plan all along.

“In our day, **walls** continue to ... **separate people by** race, **religion**, ...” (*The Voice*, a box inserted into “Ephesians” chapter 2; emphasis added)⁴⁸

“Now that Paul has described **the new world** as *God* would have it, he urges believers to live out their calling with *humility*, *patience*, and *love*. These are the ways of the *Liberating King*. Paul encourages them to do *whatever it takes* to hold onto **the unity that binds people** together in peace. He does not ask them to create that unity; this **has already been accomplished through the work of our Liberator and His Spirit**.... As we will see, **that unity is founded on God’s oneness** and work in the world.” (*The Voice*, a box inserted into “Ephesians” chapter 4; emphasis added)⁴⁹

An *interfaith* “God” for “the future church” of “the new world” is not the God of the Holy Scriptures, Who is clearly described in the natural/literal meaning of the words. Rather, an interfaith “God” of Oneness can only be derived from an *unnatural/fictionalized* meaning of the words. Hence *The Voice*. And, obviously, its interfaith “God” of Oneness and its “future church” of “the new world” relate amazingly well to the interfaith “God” of Oneness and its “one Church” of “the new world religion”—also fittingly called “the world religion of *the future*.” A “new world religion” that is not so future any more.

“On the fact of God and of man’s relation to the divine ... **the new world religion** will be based.... when the evolutionary process has brought him [‘man’] to the point of a fresh orientation to divinity and to the acceptance of the fact of God Transcendent and of **God Immanent within every form of life**.”

“These are **the foundational truths** upon which **the world religion of the future** will rest.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁰

“**When men recognize this** and succeed in isolating that ***inner*** significant structure of ***truth*** which is the same in all climes and in all races, then **there will emerge the universal religion, the One Church**, and that **unified though not uniform approach to God** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵¹

This emerging “world religion of the future,” or “future church,” *has to be* founded on “reimagining” a “God” of *Oneness*, i.e., a “God” that is “*immanent*” in *everyone and everything*. It is this all-encompassing panentheistic unity of everyone and everything that binds *every* god and *every* religion and *every* “truth” together in this interfaith One “God” and One “Church” and One “Truth” buffet. And, of course, it also binds *every* person together as the One “Humanity” as well.

According to *The Voice*, which sounds like Brian McLaren's previous quote from *A New Kind of Christianity*:

"He ['Jesus'] didn't come to proclaim a new religion, but a new kingdom—a new way of life...."

"He leads a revolutionary revolution—in a path of *love*, **healing**, justice, and reconciliation." (*The Voice*, a box inserted into "Luke" chapter 23; emphasis added)⁵²

And reminiscent of Blavatsky, *The Voice* states:

"In our day, **walls** continue to exist, erected strategically to **separate people by** race, **religion**, class, culture, and sex. **Those who erect these walls**, protect them, and maintain them **will find that they are enemies of the gospel**." (*The Voice*, a box inserted into "Ephesians" chapter 2; emphasis added)⁵³

"Everyone fanatically clinging to an idea **isolating** him from the universal axiom--'There is no Religion higher than Truth'--**will find himself separated like a rotten plank** from the new ark called *Humanity*." (Helena P. Blavatsky; emphasis added)⁵⁴

Even if the whole world joins together against us to separate us "enemies" from *humanity* because we are not willing to align our minds in the unbelief of the wicked world, it will never be able to separate us from *God and His Son*. Humanity never has been and never will be God and His Son. Only God and His Son are God and His Son. Hence, we are all to *believe*—not try to *be*—God and His Son in order to receive *salvation*, and, yes, *salvation is individual*. And those who see all this as "sin" and "hate," or even "unscientific," can take it up with God and His Son and discover for themselves who exactly is the enemy of Whom.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: ..." (Romans 1:16)

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

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26)

So, "[t]hose who erect these walls, protect them, and maintain them" are "enemies" of *which* "gospel" exactly? It certainly isn't of the Gospel of Christ. The salvation of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not *all-inclusive* of those who do not believe in Him. And neither is Jesus Christ of Nazareth a new kind of "Person" that is "*reimaginable*" in order to set the world free from having to believe in Him.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.... He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him**." (John 3:16, 36)

"If we could **break free from the** Greco-Roman **soul-sort narrative**, think of what could change.... We would **stop seeing the line that separates good and evil running between our religion and all others**.... We would learn to **discover God in the other**, and we would **discover a bigger 'us,'** in which people of all faiths can be *included*....

"... calling people to a **way of life** in a kingdom (or beautiful *whole*) **that transcends and includes all religions**." (Brian McLaren; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁵

"[T]his is The New Gospel: ... There is no one true religion.... or one and only way to Heaven...."

"Only the truth I give you here will save you: **WE ARE ALL ONE**." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁵⁶

The new "Gospel" is one in which, instead of having to *believe*, all humanity has to do is just "*stop seeing the line*"—i.e., that *particular* line that separates and divides truth and falsehood, right and wrong. So, basically, all humanity has to

do is just cover its eyes and ears. This darkness then conveniently creates a universal “salvation” of Oneness in which humanity no longer has to *believe*. This way, a One/New/Universal Humanity can move forward “two by two” to “re-pair the world” with the new kind of “forgiveness” of a new kind of “atonement” that leads to a new kind of “Heaven.” And this all comes from man simply choosing to break free from the coming soul “sort” in which those who don’t believe in Jesus Christ of Nazareth will be eternally separated from Him in hell. In other words, this all comes from *man* declaring to *God* what’s what in order to reform God into a “God” of Oneness that recognizes the “sovereignty” of *man*. And, no, man doesn’t see this as a *delusion*.

Even so, delusion it is, and no matter how many people choose to cover their eyes and ears, the *truth* of any aspect of the coming judgment of God’s Son, including His coming soul “sort,” is not a *dismissible “narrative.”* But thinking of it as such does unarguably *change* things—except for the unchanging truth of His coming judgment, that is. Rather, it just changes *which “Gospel” people are choosing to trust in for their salvation . . .*

The following quotes are from *A Is for Abductive: The Language of the Emerging Church*:

“G is for Globalization

“For the first time in human history, the world is forging an awareness of our existence as a single entity, a *Unum Humanum*....

“Will the church be a ‘global player’?” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; bold added)⁵⁷

“What rich opportunities this moment offers Christians and churches! In this moment the New Testament comes *freshly alive as we watch a whole new creation spring into being*. The church *emerges as a wondrous and historic new kind of community* where ... even **God and humanity** (celebrating ‘**at-one-ment**’) **fuse in unity/diversity** . . .” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses & last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁸

“N is for Narratives ...

“The future belongs to the storytellers and the connectors.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁵⁹

Actually, a future with God belongs to the *believers* in God’s Son. But those who prefer the *fusion* of “at-one-ment” don’t see it that way. Absurdly enough, they have covered their eyes and ears in order to imagine a *fuzziness* of God’s supposed “*theories*” of *atonement*! All one has to do is open one’s eyes and read to know that the Word of God does not suggest “theories” for the payment of our sins! Yet under “F is for Fuzzy,” Sweet, McLaren, and Haselmayer want you to **“recognize that the Bible seems to suggest at least a half-dozen or so *theories* of the Atonement”!**^{60, K}

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Believe it or not, at the end of their “F is for Fuzzy” section is a box titled, “EPICtivity F: Fuzzy,” which reads in its entirety: “Give everyone a copy of your church’s or denomination’s *doctrinal* statement. Ask the members to ‘*vote off*’ one item from the statement, and then ask them what effects (negative or positive) losing this statement would have on your church. Continue the exercise until you have *eliminated all* of the items in your statement. Then read the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40), the New Commandment (John 15:12), and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). Ask this question: What would be the advantages and disadvantages of having these three statements *replace* our current *doctrinal* statement? Conclude with this question: If you could only be clear on one set of statements (your doctrinal statement, or the three statements of Jesus), which would you choose, and what would be the consequences?” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added; pp. 132-133)

Any *doctrinal* statement of a church that is truly a Christian church will come from *Scripture*, which is the Word of God. (“*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*”--2 Timothy 3:16-17.) So any church that chooses to “*vote off*” and “*eliminate*” its *doctrinal* statement should actually ask this question: Given that Jesus said, “*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” and “*He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God*” (John 8:31-32, 47), what do you think Jesus meant when He said regarding His parable of the sower that “*The seed is the word of God*” and it is “*the devil*” that “*taketh away the word*” “*lest they should believe and be saved*” (see Luke 8:11-12)? Then read these verses: “*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God ...*” (2 John 1:9); and “*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee*” (1 Timothy 4:16). And

It is, of course, this darkness of faithless fuzziness that enables humanity “to take a *broader vision*” in which “God and humanity” “fuse in unity/diversity.” This way, humanity can “*re-pair* the world” “two by two” in the “union of opposites.” As Alice Bailey wrote (whose channeled writings likewise taught the “at-one-ment”):

“Everything is passing through a period of transition; **the old order changeth**; the *old* way of looking at things is proving false or inadequate; the *old* expressions of thought seem futile. All that **the wise man** can do just now is to reserve his opinion, **ascertain for himself what appeals to him as truth, and endeavour then to synthesise that particular aspect of universal truth with that aspect which has been accepted by his brother.**” (emphasis added)⁶¹

“Anything that *widens* our horizon, that enables us to **take a broader vision** ... is of *value* to us, ... we are enabled **to look beyond our self-centred point of view, and to include within our consciousness other and different aspects than our own.** In doing this we are developing *group* consciousness, and we shall realise eventually that the apparently stupendous facts which we fought and died for down the ages, and emphasised as *the entire truth*, were after all but *fragments* of a **plan**, and infinitesimal portions of a **gigantic sumtotal**.... **Facts, after all, do not matter** ... It is the development of the life, and **the relationship** of the life **to all that is around**, that **really matters** ...” (emphasis added)⁶²

First, to *believe truth* is not our “opinion,” it is our faith. And when our *faith* comes from *the Word of God*, it is definitely not our *opinion*. Nevertheless, even in today’s Christianity many people absurdly criticize the quoting of *God’s Word of truth* with “that’s just *your opinion*.” And in doing so they are simply revealing their *own lack of faith*, not to mention their own *broader view*. Second, facts are only irrelevant to this emerging “*Unum Humanum*”/“*Homo universalis*”—the One/New/Universal Humanity of Oneness that is a “gigantic sumtotal” of an all-encompassing interfaith buffet of *itself*, absurdly imagined to be the “loving” new “gospel” of God and Christ. Yes, “the old order changeth” as this Ark, with its interfaith buffet, continues to emerge from a sea of Oneness . . .

“Xenophobia ... **fundamentalists of all religions who ... isolate from and vilify ‘the other.’**... xenophobia is **anti-gospel, anti-Christ, anti-love, anti-heaven, and anti-God**....

“**How can we move beyond isolation** without creating a blended gray mush in which each color loses its identity by surrendering to a homogenous, least-common denominator? How can we instead come together, **creating a feast that celebrates diversity of color** and taste and texture and personality by not melting them together but placing them **on the same menu?**...”

“**For God, differentness is sacredness.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶³

“Everywhere we go, people are asking **what form the postmodern church will take. Our answer: all forms.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶⁴

Incidentally, in *So Beautiful* Sweet also calls this “the future church” and “the church of the future,” and absurdly refers to “local *color* and *diversity*” as “the hallmark of the *holy*.”⁶⁵ Only in today’s preferred Oneness of the holy and profane and “the sacred and the profane” does the profane become holy and sacred.

Although the various leaders of today’s emerging faith are indeed teaching “the foundational truths upon which the world religion of the future will rest,”⁶⁶ *just as the profane seducing spirit world has been teaching in its channeled writings*, these leaders don’t see it that way. Brian McLaren, for example, sees it as *A New Kind of Christianity*. It is, after all, the supposed “*right*” “*understanding*” that is being invented by the “community”—a “tuned” in community, that is. And this emerging “*right*” “*understanding*”—or *new kind* of “Christianity”—is obviously one in which “*Christian* people are to *recognize their place* within a worldwide divine revelation and see *Christ* as representing all the faiths,”⁶⁷ *just as the profane seducing spirit world has been teaching in its channeled writings*. So *whose* “plan” is it for religions to emerge in a Oneness with no separating line or walls or barriers or divisions between them? Once again, according to *The Voice*:

conclude with *this* question: What effects (positive or negative) will losing, i.e., taking away *the Word of God* have on our church and “the Great Commission”?

“... I persecuted those who belonged to **this emerging movement that I now recognize as the church of God**—in fact, I meant to destroy it. In my blindness, I believed it was a dangerous sect.” (*The Voice*, “Galatians 1:13;” bold & underline added)

“You see, **the one true God** wants **one people of God**. That has been **His plan** all along.

“In our day, **walls** continue to exist, erected strategically to **separate people by race, religion**, ... they are *enemies of the gospel*.” (*The Voice*, a box inserted into “Ephesians” chapter 2; emphasis added)⁶⁸

And, likewise, according to the channeled writings of the profane seducing spirit world:

“The day is dawning when **all religions** win [sic] be regarded as **emanating from one great spiritual source**; all will be seen as unitedly providing the one root out of which **the universal world religion** will inevitably *emerge*. Then there will be neither Christian nor heathen, ... but simply **one great body of believers, gathered out of all the current religions**. They will ... seek unitedly to cooperate with **the divine Plan** ... Such a *world religion* is no idle *dream* but something which is *definitely forming today*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁶⁹

“**When men recognize this ... then there will emerge** the universal religion, **the One Church**, and that unified though not uniform approach to God ... **A breaking away** from old established tradition, **a revolt from** authority, whether of the Church, of dogma, **doctrine or theology**; a tendency **towards self-determination** and **an overthrowing** of the old standards, and **of old barriers of thought** and the **divisions existing between** races and **faiths**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁷⁰

This “Plan” is quite a fitting and succinct description of today’s “emerging church movement”—an emerging “church” that takes “all forms.” Or to put it another way, a “church” that is emerging in “all forms.” But since this profane “Plan” is the design of a “beautiful” “ark of safety” that is emerging from a sea of *Oneness* with “God” and “Christ,” those in this emerging faith/movement/“church” have nothing to fear, right?

“**The beautiful relationship you have with all your brothers** is a part of you because it is **a part of God Himself**...

“**It is an ark of safety**, resting on God’s promise that His Son is **safe forever in Himself**. What gap can interpose itself between the safety of this shelter and **its Source**?” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Jesus,” *A Course in Miracles*, “The Ark of Safety;” emphasis added)⁷¹

This not-so-future emerging “One Church”/world religion/New Humanity/Ark is indeed forming *today*, and just as the profane spirit world has planned and channeled. Humanity is clearly giving heed to doctrines of devils. Even *The Voice* is cooperating with this *interfaith* “Plan” that is *everything but “divine.”* This “Plan” that is attempting to overthrow the divisions existing between God and the *other gods of other religions/faiths*—not to mention between God and creation—is without question a *revolt* from the authoritative doctrine and theology of the Word of God. And this “tendency towards self-determination,” i.e., this tendency to determine for one’s *self* what is truth and falsehood, right and wrong, is changing everything in *today’s Christianity*. Sadly, today’s Christianity that is merging with the world’s emerging *Oneness* is indeed letting “the bad old ways go” of *believing* and *obeying* the simple truth of the Word of God. But it’s all for “the good of the whole,” right? *Wrong*. When reading the following verses, keep in mind that Jesus *reiterated* His dire warnings on the horrors of *hell* in the very next chapter (as addressed earlier, see Mark 9:43-48 in God’s unadulterated Holy Scriptures that doesn’t have holes):

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul**? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:36-38)

No, it is not for “the good of the whole” to be ashamed of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and His words! It is *the profane seducing spirit world* that wants the “imperative changes” of letting “the bad old ways go” of believing and obeying this true Son of man, *Jesus Christ of Nazareth Himself*. And, therefore, in its channeled teachings it asks:

“[W]ill the churches have the vision and the courage to **let the bad old ways go** ... Will they **tell the people that Christ forever lives** and bid them turn their eyes away from the *old* doctrines of death and blood and divine appeasement **and center them upon the Source of all life** ...?...

“Men want the conviction that **Christ lives ... and that He will not be Christian, Hindu or Buddhist but will belong to all men everywhere....**

“What is the solution of this intricate and difficult relationship throughout the world? **A new presentation of truth**, because God is not a fundamentalist ... a *new* mode of interpreting the ancient spiritual teaching ... These are **imperative changes**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁷²

And, believe it or not, in its quite cooperative “new presentation of truth,” *The Voice* even claims that Christ said, “**I am the resurrection and the source of all life**” (John 11:25). It would appear that it does “have the vision and the courage” to participate in these “imperative changes”—changes that include overthrowing the fundamental scriptural walls between *the truth* of the Word of God and *the falsehood* of *other gods/religions*. Why? Because humanity is shifting to an emerging new kind of “resurrection” of Oneness that gives a new “way of life” of Oneness through the “liberation” of a new kind of “Christ” of Oneness.

The profane seducing spirit world must be thrilled to see its dream to align minds in its “new presentation of truth” now coming to fruition with the help of “God’s” “Voice.” Of course, this all fits right in with its “*divine Plan*.” Those who want liberation from the absolute truth of the Word of God so that they can indulge in an interfaith buffet of “Truth” now have “God’s” “Voice” to help them move forward *past the absolute truth* of the Word of God. And what specifically is the profane seducing spirit world’s “divine Plan”? To get the world to move forward *past the absolute truth* of the Word of God. This way, people can come to believe that God and Christ “will belong to *all men everywhere*,” *regardless of what they believe*.

The Lord Jesus Christ isn’t “*the source of all life*,” He is “*the life*” (see John 11:25 & also 14:6). And, yes, there is a difference. For starters, the former takes people to *all of life* and the latter takes people to *the Lord Jesus Christ*. But, of course, those who believe in a *panentheistic* “life” don’t see the difference because they have worked hard to flip them and intertwine and twist them into a convoluted pretzel of Oneness. And, incidentally, “source” is “from O.Fr. *sourse* ‘a rising, beginning, fountainhead of a river or stream,’” and “from L. *surgere* ‘to rise.’”⁷³ Sounds familiar. Sadly, people today are indeed choosing to “rise” up from “the source of all life”—i.e., “from one great spiritual source”⁷⁴—rather than with “the life.” After all, to “rise” up *with* Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who is *the life* would defeat the whole purpose of a New Humanity’s “return” to “Oneness with *all of life*.”

The attempt to “rise” up from this “sea” change as a New Humanity/Ark is simply the attempt to *protect* an *unbelieving* humanity from “the fountain of living waters”—*the God of absolute truth* Who is to be *believed* and *obeyed*. The true God is neither a fountain of panentheistic waters nor a “fountainhead” of Oneness. The true God is the God of *judgment* Whose *absolute truth judges* between truth and falsehood, right and wrong. He is not a fountain/sea/ocean of Oneness in everyone and everything. It is not possible to “depart from” a God that is in *everyone and everything*. And the true God said what He meant and meant what He said in His “*Thus saith the LORD*” that “they that depart from me” “have *forsaken* the LORD, the fountain of living waters” . . .

“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.... I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.... and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.” (Jeremiah 17:5, 10, 13)

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” (John 7:37-39)

To not believe in the Son of the true God Whose Spirit is *not in everyone/everything* is to depart from and forsake the true God. This is indeed a sea change that is a soul tsunami.

"You are the bridge over the abyss. **You are the riders of the tidal wave of change**, surfing the crest, then leaping upward, from the waters of the Earth **to the fountain of life** in the Kingdom of God." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁷⁵

"There is no Religion higher than Truth." Hence ... **we must welcome Truth wherever** it may be found, **without partiality for any one belief** as against another." (Helena P. Blavatsky; emphasis added)⁷⁶

"The message of God is clear. No matter what the religion, no matter what the culture, no matter what the spiritual or indigenous tradition, the bottom line is identical: We are all one....

"We must preach **a new gospel**, its **healing** message summarized in two sentences:

"We are all one.

"Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way....

"I *challenge* every priest, every minister, every rabbi and religious clerk to preach this." (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)⁷⁷

"[E]ven when we are in particular form, we are still waves that are connected to everyone and everything.... we are still part of **one** holy, catholic, apostolic **church**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷⁸

Catholic -- "*all-inclusive; universal;*" "*broad in sympathies, tastes, or understanding.*"⁷⁹

"Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." (Jude 1:13)

"... broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in ... and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

Those of us who refuse to participate in today's diabolical mission to overthrow (a.k.a. "heal"/"forgive") *God's particular fundamental scriptural walls* between truth and falsehood, right and wrong, are not the enemies of the Gospel of Christ. This "healing"/"forgiveness" that says it is the "*same God*," i.e., "*one true God*," that is "*the bottom line*" in *every religion/faith/god* is a *false "gospel"* of a *false god* that *in no way, shape, or form is the one true God*. And it is irrelevant how many emerging new "voices" of "God" or "Bible translations" say otherwise.

Again, the one true God—Who is *not* the false "God" of Oneness but is the true God of *judgment* Who *judges* between truth and falsehood, right and wrong—has forever settled His Word in heaven, and this includes the truth of His Son. But, sadly, people today would rather have a "Liberator" (a *false "Christ"*) that *liberates them from the walls* that separate truth and falsehood, right and wrong, than a Saviour and Lord (the *true Christ*) that *saves them from their sins* and leads them in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. This "*civil rights movement for the soul*" is indeed "*a New Way of Life for All Humanity*." And today's shifting Christianity is clearly heeding the challenge to preach this "healing" "new gospel" of Oneness. It is, after all, today's new "Voice."

So, to put it all in a nutshell, the emerging "community" of today's shifting Christianity is inventing "a new kind of Christianity." Why? So that it can merge with the bigger emerging "community" of today's *interfaith* Oneness that is inventing "a new kind of human." Again, why? To rise up from the "sea" of Oneness as an "*alternative to Armageddon*" (and also *hell*). How? As a "*new ark called Humanity*" that is purposely designed to be such an unsinkable *foundationless "foundation"* of *knowledgeless uncertainty* that not even the God of judgment can sink it. This is delusional to the *nth* degree. And, to say the very least, when all of humanity comes together to launch this "new way of living"—i.e., this new Ark and spiritual *Titanic*—on a "*Planetary*" scale, it will certainly get interesting here. (By the way, it was supposedly said at its launch in 1911 that not even God can sink the *Titanic*,⁸⁰ and it was in 1912 when the *Titanic* set sail. And now, 100 years later, a tentative launch date has been set in 2012 for humanity's "ark of safety"—a new Ark of a New Humanity/global community that is *tuning out* to the truth of God's Word and "*tuning*" *in* to the new "truth" and messages of *Oneness*. But, again, not to worry. This has been purposely designed and planned in such a new "Way" that not even God can sink it with his *judgment*—or so they imagine. Yes, this is a launch that will no doubt get very interesting.)

“Eighty years of age at this writing, she [Barbara Marx Hubbard] feels that she and we are *just beginning*, that humanity is going to break *through*, not break *down*, and that we are ready to **set aside our old patterns and old beliefs and old ways of being as we invent a New Human**.

“Barbara sees this as part of the natural evolutionary process of all sentient beings. And she believes that there is a natural Place in Time when conditions are perfect for all such beings **to launch a new way of living....**

“For humanity, that time may very well be . . . December 22, 2012.

“... **Day One ... emergence as a new kind of human ...**

“[Y]ou and I are being urged by all the forces and energies of the Universe to **see it [‘2012’] as a Beginning—as ... ‘a birthing.’**” (Neale Donald Walsch; 2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁸¹

And, once again, Barbara Marx Hubbard writes:

*“As the picture of the Jesus of our childhood dissolves, we look into the mirror and see shining through an image of **ourselves revealed as Sons and Daughters of Man....***

*“Those of us who are attracted to this potential within ourselves, and beyond ourselves, have a mighty role to play in the evolution of our species. Each of us is needed to **actualize our full genius now....***

*“**Our new gospel** is, ‘**We are rising.** We are evolving.’...*

*“**We can heal ourselves.... We can be born as a universal species....***

*“This is truly **a universal community.**” (emphasis added)⁸²*

In other words, just “join together” and bring this “full genius” of man to birth for “the good of the whole.” This emerging “new way of living” that is to be an “alternative to Armageddon” needs the minds of *all of humanity* aligned before this “end of the world as we know it” “so that a *positive* future may come true through us.”⁸³

“The decisive moment of selection has almost come.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁴

“The alternative to Armageddon is open to you.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁵

*“Now **it is offered to you, dearly beloved, Homo universalis of all races and religions—to all peoples regardless of ideology or creed.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” bold added)⁸⁶*

And given that this New Universal Humanity—this “*Homo universalis*”—that is emerging, or rising up, from the “sea” of Oneness is an “ark of safety” that shares being the “Son of Man” “Himself,” what exactly is this “alternative to Armageddon” that is being offered to all humanity?

“... **a universal species, Christlike individuals in a community of Christs**, co-operating with God to build a New Earth and New Heavens ...” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)⁸⁷

Surprise, surprise. The “alternative to Armageddon” that is emerging/rising from the sea is an Ark of “a community of Christs.” But then, how else would humanity have any chance of success at overthrowing the true *Christ* in the battle of Armageddon than as “a community of *Christs*”? It makes sense in a total nonsense sort of way. After all, the true Christ is only an *individual* Christ and humanity will be a whole “community of Christs.” And since the new “light” of “community” is imagined to be stronger than the old light of individuals, this renders the new “light” of the world stronger than the “old” light of the world, right? *Hardly!* But those who believe otherwise are certainly free to join together and think “positive” thoughts that the true Armageddon of the book of Revelation—i.e., of “The revelation of *Jesus Christ*” (Revelation 1:1)—is “not inevitable,” if they want to. As the profane seducing spirit world has also channeled:

“The Book of Revelation is a description of one path to the New Jerusalem, but this *scenario is not inevitable....*

*“The Planetary Birth can be a natural, graceful, planetary transition. If you are able to *communicate this alternative reality* before the tribulations are fully set in motion, violence can be avoided.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁸*

“The prophecy of John can be avoided altogether, if you would *heal* ...

“The *alternative to Armageddon* is the Planetary Pentecost.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁹

And, likewise, as Sweet and Wagner write in *The Seraph Seal*, in which they advocate telling “*alternative* stories about the future” to thus “be sowers of futures”⁹⁰:

“We admit it: **the book of Revelation** is as absorbing to us as it was to Sir Isaac Newton ... But **any apocalyptic vision is conditional semiotics** ...” (emphasis added)⁹¹

Of course, unlike this emerging faith of Oneness, the prophecies in the Word of God are not based on *man’s imaginings* but on *God’s omniscience*. And for those who think its prophecies are changeable *at all*, let alone through simply “reimagining” a “*positive future*” of *Oneness*, the book of Revelation which is in the Word of God begins with this verse:

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.” (Revelation 1:1)

The *truth* of God’s inevitable, unavoidable coming judgment that is based on His *omniscient foreknowing* of what man’s choices would indeed be at that time is not *conditional*. It is what it is. And it is written that thus saith the Lord. God knew how wicked man would be in the last days and recorded His prophecies accordingly. But, of course, the truth of Revelation is seen as “reimaginable” based on the absurd belief that God Himself is “reimaginable.” In other words, the truth of Revelation is seen as *conditional* based on the absurd *condition* that man’s imagination is powerful enough to successfully turn the Almighty God of *judgment* into a “God” of *Oneness* that isn’t much of a “God.” So, basically, all man has to do is simply imagine powerfully enough that the truth of Who God and His Son are is no longer the truth of Who God and His Son are and poof!—man’s powerful imagination has thus rendered the judgment of Revelation “not inevitable.” Man is thus freed to move forward to choose a new and “positive” future—however man chooses, of course. As the profane seducing spirit world also teaches:

“Your future is creatable. Create it as you want it.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁹²

“All the endings already exist, and which ending you experience depends on the choices you make....

“As with the end of the game on the CD-ROM, **there is more than one version [of the ‘future’]**.”

“In one version, the Earth will be in upheaval. In another version, it won’t.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁹³

“Yes, there is a One Great Truth; there is a Final Reality. But **you will always get what you choose**, regardless of that reality—precisely because the reality is that you are a divine creature, **divinely creating your reality even as you are experiencing it.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁹⁴

And, likewise, as Sweet, who wants “to *invent* and *prevent* the future,”⁹⁵ also writes:

“There are many futures out there. The future is not a ‘single state,’ but a *scenario* of *possibilities*. There is a struggle between opposing visions of the future. **It is not too late to choose which one we shall get.** The future is a function of our choices and creations.” (emphasis added)⁹⁶

And as Barbara Marx Hubbard likewise writes:

“We who are moved to believe in these *possibilities*, we who resonate with them at the deepest levels of our yet unrealized genius, are empowered to act as if it were true and make it so. As Robert Frost once said, **‘We don’t believe in the future, we believe it in.’**...”

“Our vision of the possible is a self-fulfilling prophecy....

“What we expect, we create....

“[J]oin together now in spirit, in cooperation and co-creation, so that a *positive* future may come true through us.”
(emphasis added)⁹⁷

So just “ride the waves and bridge the opposites” and board “the new ark called Humanity” in humanity’s “positive” creation of a “sea change,” and “expect ... the end of the world as we know it.” Why? Because this “community of Christs” that is rising from the sea is going to be headed by none other than the ultimate “man of sin,” the Antichrist himself, “the son of *perdition*” (2 Thessalonians 2:3). And this ultimate *anti-Christ*, this ultimate “*beast*,” is the very one that is going to lead humanity in the battle of *Armageddon* against the *true* Christ (see Revelation 19:19). This global “community of Christs” that all want to be their own “Way” to their own “God” rather than *believe and obey God and His Son* is not an “*alternative to Armageddon*” but the very cause of it. And this global onslaught of a full-scale rebellion/revolution/anarchy against *God and His Son* is everything but “an ark of *safety*” that “is safe forever in [*‘God’*] *Himself*.”⁹⁸

In truth, there is only one “alternative” to God’s coming *literal* Armageddon. And that is for *individuals* to *believe* in the *true Person of God’s Son*. Only those *individuals* who *believe* in the only begotten Son of God have everlasting life and will not perish. Those who are trying to create a “positive” “alternative” to Armageddon by not believing in the *true Person of God’s Son* are thereby including themselves in the very judgment of Armageddon. But, of course, anyone who dies beforehand without the salvation of Jesus Christ of Nazareth won’t have to fear Armageddon. This judgment of the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS takes place on earth and won’t affect those who are already in hell.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.... and his name is called The Word of God.... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.... And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, ...” (Revelation 19:11, 13, 16, 19)

Sadly, the world is thoroughly primed and readied for the coming “beast”—the Antichrist and his emerging world kingdom/religion. And, by the way, “*emerge*” means “[t]o rise out of a *fluid* or other covering or surrounding substance; as, to emerge from the water or from the ocean.”⁹⁹ And the emerging faith of Oneness, which is even self-described as “*fluid*,” is about a new humanity that, as a new kind of “Son of Man” and “a new kind of human,” emerges from or *rises up out of* the sea of Oneness. As Barbara Marx Hubbard writes: “Our new gospel is, ‘*We are rising. We are evolving.*’”¹⁰⁰ So it is a very interesting “coincidence,” to say the least, that the supposedly “irrelevant” and “outdated” Word of God warns that the “*beast*” will “*rise up out of the sea*” (Revelation 13:1). And never mind that this “Ark” of Oneness is a *spiritual Titanic*. This is humanity’s ride to its new “Heaven on Earth.” A Utopia of Oneness in a New World for a New Humanity of a New Age. A New “Eden” that just so happens to bring man full circle in the serpent’s *lie*.

“You, all of you who are desirous and ready, are the Way. Be a beacon of light unto yourselves....

... carry the miracle of the resurrection into action as the transformation of humanity from Homo sapiens to Homo universalis....

“You are to become natural Christs.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” bold added)¹⁰¹

No matter how many people choose to see this new “Way” of being “light unto yourselves” as moving “forward,” according to the Word of God this is going “*backward*.” To truly move “*forward*” we must hearken unto God and His Word. It really is that simple.

“... for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.”
(Jeremiah 16:12)

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.”
(Jeremiah 7:23-24)

**The new “light” of “that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,
which deceiveth the whole world”**

Today’s emerging faith of Oneness and its “God” that is an all-encompassing circle are quite reminiscent of Helena P. Blavatsky’s 1888 volumes of *The Secret Doctrine: The Synthesis of Science, Religion, and Philosophy*. Blavatsky, an occultist who is also considered to be the “grandmother” of the New Age, wrote:

“It is not, then, in the Bible that we have to search for the origin of the Cross and Circle, but beyond the Flood. Therefore, returning to Eliphas Levi and the Zohar, we answer for the Eastern Occultists and say that, applying practice to principle, they agree entirely with Pascal, who says that ‘**God is a circle**, the centre of which is everywhere and the circumference nowhere,’ whereas the Kabalists say the reverse, and maintain it solely out of their desire to veil their doctrine. By the way, the definition of Deity by the Circle is not Pascal’s at all, as E. Levi thought. It was *borrowed* by the French philosopher from either Mercury Trismegistus or Cardinal Cusa’s Latin work, *De Doctâ Ignorantia*, in which he makes use of it. It is, moreover, disfigured by Pascal, who replaces **the words ‘Cosmic Circle,’** which stand symbolically in the original inscription, by the word **Theos. With the ancients both words were synonymous.**” (bold added)¹

This is immediately followed by the heading “Cross and Circle,” after which Blavatsky wrote:

“Something of the divine and the mysterious has ever been ascribed, in the minds of the ancient philosophers, to the shape of the circle. The old world, consistent in its symbolism with its **pantheistic intuitions, uniting the visible and the invisible** Infinitudes **into one**, represented Deity and its outward **VEIL** alike — by a circle. This **merging** of the two into a unity, **and the name theos given indifferently to both**, is explained, and becomes thereby still more *scientific* and philosophical.” (bold & underline added)²

And shortly thereafter Blavatsky continued with:

“In that very learned work, ‘The Natural Genesis,’ by Mr. Gerald Massey, ... [t]he author shows that ‘the circle and the cross are inseparable. . . . The crux ansata unites the circle and cross of the four corners. From this origin they came to be interchangeable at times. For example, **the Chakra, or Disk of Vishnu, is a circle.** The names denote **the circling, wheeling round, periodicity, the wheel of time....**’...”

“The Secret Doctrine teaches us that everything in the universe, as well as the universe itself, is formed (created) during its periodical manifestations — by accelerated MOTION set into activity by the BREATH of the ever-to-be-unknown power (unknown to present mankind, at any rate) within the phenomenal world....

“... before producing the material worlds **which move in a Circle**, the Creative Power produced the *invisible* Circles.” (all parentheses & 3rd ellipsis dots in the original; bold & underline added)³

More on “the Chakra” shortly. But, first, on the Barnes & Noble webpage that offers *The Secret Doctrine*, Blavatsky is openly described as “a leading intellect behind the *occult revival* in the West,” and *The Secret Doctrine* is described as “one of history’s seminal occult works” and “Blavatsky’s masterwork on the origin and evolution of the universe and humanity itself.”⁴ And what topics did Blavatsky cover in her *occult* “masterwork”? Topics such as: Cosmic Evolution; The Great Vibration; Magic Potency of Sound; The Mystic Fire; The Third Eye; The Awakening of Kosmos; The Web of Being; The Hidden Deity, Its Symbols and Glyphs; The Army of the Voice; The Building of the Worlds; International Correlation of Gods; The Old and the New Jehovah; Cross and Circle; and All-Potential Unity.⁵

Sounds like today’s emerging faith of Oneness. And even though a growing number of people in today’s shifting Christianity are moving to imagine otherwise, *in no way, shape, or form* is the “God” of this emerging faith the true God. Those who are “awakening” in this “revival,” which is indeed an “*occult revival*,” would be far better served if they would wake up and smell the fire and brimstone, before they do so eternally.

Do people *really* think that “Christianizing” occult concepts neatly transforms these doctrines of *devils* into doctrines of *Christ*? But then, this is, of course, an emerging faith of *Oneness* where there is *no such thing as duality*. So in the *nonduality* of *Oneness* any duality between doctrines of *devils* and doctrines of *Christ* becomes “irrelevant” and nonexistent. And *doctrine* is just the tip of the iceberg. Or should we say the tip of the pitchfork? After all, any duality between *devils* and *Christ* becomes nonexistent as well. And, therefore, if anyone still sees duality as “irrelevant,” they have a serious problem, to put it mildly.

It may be easy for those in this emerging faith to dismiss duality in order to “transcend” (bypass) the *doctrine* of the inspired Word of God, which they resent. But do they *really* think that an emerging faith of *nonduality/Oneness* that automatically makes the Son of God *one* with *devils* is their ticket to “transcending” (bypassing) the Son of God’s coming soul “sort”?! No wonder the Word of God warns that His judgment will be poured out with “*wrath*.” This emerging faith should make anyone in their right mind tremble to the very core of their being. But, sadly, those in this emerging faith/delusion are not in their right mind. They kissed that good-bye when they kissed believing and loving the truth of the inspired Word of God good-bye.

*“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth,** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)*

Today’s “occult revival”/“spiritual revival” of *Oneness* may be “a new ark called *Humanity*,” but this New Humanity that is emerging from a shared unwillingness to love and believe the truth of the inspired Word of God is everything but “an ark of *safety*.” Neither is it “*healing*” to render *every religion equal* with the inspired Word of God. The truth that is given to us by God in His inspired Word is absolutely superior in every way to “truth” that is made up by man and his *false* religions and gods. It used to be obvious that truth is superior to falsehood. But, now, those who are “awakening” in this “revival” quite adamantly don’t see it that way. After all, in their emerging faith the “God” of *Oneness* brings truth and falsehood together as one in “an ark of safety” that “is a part of God Himself.” Once again:

“Everyone fanatically clinging to an idea isolating him from the universal axiom--**“There is no Religion higher than Truth”**--will find himself separated like a rotten plank from **the new ark called Humanity.**” (Helena P. Blavatsky; emphasis added)⁶

“The beautiful relationship you have with all your brothers is a part of you because **it is a part of God Himself**. Are you not sick, if you deny yourself your wholeness and your health, the Source of help, the Call to healing and the Call to heal?... For healing will be one or not at all, its **oneness** being where the healing is....

“It is **an ark of safety**, ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Jesus,” *A Course in Miracles*, “The Ark of Safety;” emphasis added)⁷

Whether people see this emerging faith of *Oneness* as a new spirituality; new world religion; new world; new Jerusalem; new age; New Age; new Eden; new ark; new beginning; new dawn; new awakening; new humanity; new community; new Christianity; new worldview; new perspective; new vision of reality; new truth; new light; new story; new narrative; new framework; new way of life; new way of thinking; new thought; new revival; new consciousness; new paradigm; new science; new physics; new neurobiology; and so on, and so forth; it doesn’t matter. *Oneness* is *Oneness*, and *Oneness* is a spiritual *Titanic*.

Forget *universal* salvation, this Ark will not save even one *individual* who gets on board. Quite the opposite. God is indeed able to and going to sink this Ark/*Titanic*. One thing about this Ark which is being deliberately created to move the whole world forward *past the truth of the true God and His Son*—this Ark is *not fireproof*. The “yet un-real-ized genius”⁸ of man that is helping the profane seducing spirit world create this Ark of *Oneness* has yet to realize one major design flaw. This Ark that is being created for “the good of the whole” is being created to *protect* the whole world from the *very water/sea* that is needed to put out God’s coming judgment of *fire*. This *particular* water/sea being *the truth of the true God and His Son*. To protect the whole world from the truth of the true God and His Son for “the good of the whole” is everything but for “the good of the whole.” Despite the invented new kind of water/sea of *Oneness* that has been designed to bypass the judgment of God’s coming soul “sort,” this Ark will ultimately sink and swim in a “lake

of fire” (e.g., see Revelation 20:10-15 & 21:8). The diabolical seducing spirit world that is trying to take as much of humanity swimming with it as possible must be thrilled to see so many willing participants working to co-create this “ark of safety” as humanity’s universal “salvation.”

Incidentally, among other things, Blavatsky was a channeler who also founded the theosophical magazine *Lucifer*. *Lucifer*’s “motto”? “THERE IS NO RELIGION HIGHER THAN--TRUTH.”⁹ The very “universal axiom” that is required to board “the new ark called *Humanity*.” An “axiom” that goes all the way back to *Lucifer*’s first lie—“Yea, hath God said ...?” Fittingly, *Lucifer* literally means “light-bringing.”¹⁰ And with his first lie, this serpent was bringing mankind new “beginnings” with his new “light” in which man no longer needs to know, let alone believe and obey, what God has said . . .

This new “light” of course opens the door wide to the new “beginnings” of knowing whatever it is that man now chooses to know. Man can thus board the Ark of Oneness and indulge in any or all of the tasty fruits of its buffet. According to this new “light,” “Ye shall not surely die” but, rather, “your eyes shall be opened ...” Opened to what? To a perceived *unconditional* “love and freedom” that allows man to fearlessly partake of the tasty buffet, what else? And this buffet that is imagined to be the fruit of an all-encompassing circle of Oneness that conveniently *twists* the two sides of truth and falsehood, right and wrong, into a *one-sided* Möbius strip of infinite choices is a “win-win” situation for man. Or so it would seem, anyway—according to this new “light.”

It is in this new “light” that people are choosing to move forward to freely partake of the tasty fruits of this buffet, which (like Eve--see Genesis 3:6) are seen by man as “good for food,” “pleasant to the eyes,” and “to be desired to make one wise.” Never mind that according to *the Word of God*, man “cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils” (1 Corinthians 10:21). And never mind that according to *the Word of God*, “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom*” (Psalm 111:10 & Proverbs 9:10). Those who prefer the new “light” in which they no longer need to know, let alone believe and obey, what God has said are only “*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (2 Timothy 3:7). But at least the tasty fruits of this buffet are still “pleasant to the eyes,” right? It is, of course, all openly seen as “beautiful” by those whose eyes prefer this new “light.”

“O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.” (Psalm 96:9)

“For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.” (Psalm 149:4)

“God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.” (Psalm 67:1-2)

This is an emerging faith that is as far from “the beauty of holiness” and God’s “saving health” as it gets. This is an emerging faith that brings all that exists into Oneness. And this includes God and the devil. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out the source of this emerging faith of Oneness. Would God want to be one with the devil, or would the devil want to be one with God? Think about it. And, besides, it is the devil—a.k.a. *Lucifer*—who said, “I will be like the most High.”

*“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ...
I will be like the most High.” (Isaiah 14:12-14)*

Incredibly, this dream of his is being fulfilled with the help of more and more people in today’s shifting Christianity whose mission is to help spread his emerging faith of Oneness. But, of course, they don’t see it that way. They see Oneness as the mission and “Dream” of *God* . . .

Do those in this emerging faith of Oneness *really* think that it is *God* they are exalting when they bring all that exists together as *One* with *God*? Those who do have understatedly been bewitched and bedeviled by *darkness* that has the ability to transform itself into “light.”

“The one thing that frightens Satan is to see a light in your heart.” (Leonard Sweet quoting a “Sufi proverb”)¹¹

Not if it's his "light" that he sees! Again, not only is *Lucifer* a *light-bringer* (from the Latin "*lux, lucis, light, and fero, to bring*"¹²), but:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:14)

Oneness, along with its "light" of *the devil* that is believed to be the "light" of "*the most High*," is helping fulfill *Satan's* "God" Dream. But, again, today's blinded minds don't see it that way. They just see it all not only as "*God's*" "Dream" but also as "*God's*" "Voice" . . .

According to Alice Bailey's channeled writings:

"The **vibration** initiated by the **Sound**, which is the expression of the Law of *Synthesis*, is succeeded by **the Voice or Word**, and that Word as it progresses outward from the center to the periphery (for, *occultly* understood, the Word is 'spoken from the Heart') **becomes**

"a. A phrase. b. Phrases. c. Sentences. d. Speech. e. **The myriad sounds of nature....**

"God speaks and the forms are made." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹³

This quote is in the context of *spirit* taking on the form of *matter*. And this seducing spirit also says here that:

"Under this Law, too, is found '**the Path**' upon which men *lift themselves* out of the human state of consciousness *into the divine*, but on this there is no need to enlarge." (emphasis added)¹⁴

But these *channeled* teachings are just "scientific," right?

"If super-string physics is right ... then **the basic reality of the universe is vibration or sound....**

"String theory defines matter as 'vibrating strings of energy.' That's it. **What makes a turnip a turnip, and a carrot a carrot? A change in vibrations.** Vibrations are what turn one vegetable into another." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁵

"Nudgers **listen for** that background hum of **the Creator built into the universe....**

"**Voice** is the pleasure and privilege of the bodyless God.⁴⁰" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added; more on his endnote in a moment)¹⁶

"**Everything that exists has a sound, a unique vibration ...**

"**God is Pure Voice.** In fact, scientists even contend that the background 'noise' of creation ('The Big Bang?') is still out there. An incarnational God means that **God-stuff** is found **in the matter of the universe.**" (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁷

"British researcher Jill Purce took MacDiarmid's metaphor more literally in her argument that it was the unique *mission* of humans to **use sound to mediate the translation of** spirit into matter, and **matter into spirit**. 'If spirit can become matter through sound, then *matter can become spirit* again through sound.'" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁸

And, likewise, the seducing spirit channeled through Alice Bailey that this is "'the Path' upon which men *lift themselves* out of the human state of consciousness *into the divine*," and that all they need is the "Sound" that initiates this change in "vibration" . . .

Would this sound that is to "mediate" this "translation"/"change" perhaps be a "tipping point" of voices in humanity that have joined together in an interfaith chorus (or wave) to call for a "recognition" of Oneness? This would, after all, be an "expression of the Law of *Synthesis*." And as Alice Bailey also wrote:

"[T]he whole trend of evolution is toward **synthesis**. As we go down into matter, as we tend toward

materialisation, we have heterogeneity; **as we work back towards spirit we shall tend towards unity**: so that in the religious world we can look for unity to make its appearance.... [T]he time is rapidly approaching when **the great fundamental unity that underlies all the different religions**, and the fact that each faith is a necessary part of one great whole, will be *recognised* by men everywhere ...” (emphasis added)¹⁹

“[W]e shall have the aggregate of all forms, of all groups, and of all states of consciousness **blended, unified, and synthesised into a perfected whole**.... you may call it **God**.... through blending and merging into group formation, and ... eventually from the many groups will be seen *emerging* the one perfect, fully conscious whole ...” (emphasis added)²⁰

This is, of course, a change “out of the *human* state of consciousness” and into the “*God* consciousness” through which humanity is to “evolve” into or give “birth” to a new form of Humanity—“*Homo universalis*”—in man’s hoped for “Birth 2012” event. So perhaps the “Sound” needed to initiate this change will be the “Harmonic Convergence” that the profane seducing spirit world has been pushing for in 2012 as well. Of course, even if this mission is delayed, the seducing spirit world is obviously trying to make this all happen *soon*.

“According to highly credible **sources that *channel* messages** from the Spirit, **the next Harmonic Convergence should happen in the year 2012**. The Harmonic Convergence is a cosmological and metaphysical event in which **the vibration level** of the planet’s energy **is measured --spiritually--** and depending on the outcome of this measurement **and if humans give permission for it**, then ‘the veil will be lifted’ to allow **the global consciousness move onto the next evolutionary step**.” (emphasis added)²¹

Incidentally, sounding quite like Barbara Marx Hubbard and the “Birth 2012” event, as well as the other leaders of this merging and emerging faith of Oneness, are today’s Maya. For example, the webpage “Mayan End Age 12-21-2012” quotes Carlos Barrios—who “trained as a Mayan Ajq’ij” (priest/shaman) and is “from the Eagle Clan of the Mam Maya of Guatemala”²²—as saying:

“**The world will not end**. It will be transformed... **Everything will change**... Change is accelerating now, and it will continue to accelerate... If the people of the earth can get to this **2012** date in good shape, without having destroyed too much of the Earth, **we will rise to a new, higher level**. But to get there we must *transform* enormously powerful forces that seek to block the way... **Humanity will continue**, but **in a different way**.” (all ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²³

“This is a dangerous time because **we can go to the next step**, to the transition, **to the fusion of the polarities**, or it is a time when we can be destroyed. This materialistic way of life ... needs to change and the **people need to go inside themselves in order to know what they are and to find harmony with the mother earth, with human beings, with their brothers, with the animals, with the plants**. It’s an important time because we are in the moment of the prophecies [sic] and humanity can be destroyed or **we can be saved, all together**.” (emphasis added)²⁴

Moreover, Gerardo Barrios, after traveling to “villages in Guatemala, Mexico, Belize, El Salvador and Honduras” and “interviewing nearly 600 Maya Timekeepers,” is quoted as saying:

“**We are now in a transition period called the ‘Cycle of the merge of the dark and the light.’... The cycle of the light will come in full force on 12/21/2012**... Mother Earth as a living entity will **transcend to another level or frequency of consciousness** and a new and special era will begin... This era will be very positive. **Let all beings rise**. Let not one or two stay behind.’... The times are here for total brotherhood... The spirit beings, different philosophies, different races must begin to **weave together all knowledge to create the tapestry of harmony and balance**...” (all ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²⁵

Given who the source is of this new “light” that merges dark and light, if the “cycle” of this new “light” does “come in full force on 12/21/2012” a new era will then emerge that will indeed change everything, and it won’t be “very positive”! But, naturally, those who welcome his merging “of the dark and the light” don’t see it that way.

“As Yucatec Maya Elder Hunbatz Men comments: ‘According to the prophecies, **in the year 2013 the first stage of higher understanding will begin**. If we are willing to work with our subconscious, we will then be able to **reclaim**

the information that has been impregnated **in the deepest parts of our being**. In this way, **the ancient knowledge will rise again.**" (emphasis added)²⁶

Under the subheading, "Grand Events are about to occur and Ancient Wisdom is returning to Earth," this same webpage also states:

"The Maya developed their calendar long before the Julian or Gregorian calendars came into existence.... Because **the Maya** honored Mother Earth and the energy cycles that are present here, they were in tune with the cycles. They **had access to information that is not available to 'modern people' because 'modern people' are extremely limited by their belief systems.**" (emphasis added)²⁷

Basically, "modern people" are seen as "limited" by belief systems that are *not* the panentheistic/pantheistic *pagan worship of creation*. But, of course, this is all changing quite rapidly as the "*limitations*" of *non-pagan* beliefs are being cast aside in today's "occult revival"/"spiritual revival" of Oneness.

This brings us back to Sweet's earlier quote that "[n]udgers *listen for* that background hum of *the Creator built into the universe*.... *Voice* is the pleasure and privilege of the bodyless God."⁴⁰ It is his endnote #40 here that reads: "Hence the Bible translation, *The Voice* ..."28 Since the adherents of this emerging pagan faith of Oneness/panentheism are attempting to relate this doctrine of devils to the Word of God, it is fitting that they have chosen to so openly give the title, *The Voice*, to their supposed new "Word of God." It relates quite well to the channeled panentheistic teachings of the seducing spirit/devil Djwhal Khul: "The *vibration* initiated by the *Sound* ... is succeeded by *the Voice* or *Word*, ..."29 Let's take another look at "John 1:1-5," for example, in the new "Word" of Christianity's new "Voice":

"Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. **The Voice** was and **is God**. This *celestial* Voice remained ever present with the Creator; His speech shaped the entire cosmos. *Immersed in the practice of creating*, all things that exist were birthed in Him. **His breath filled all things with** a living, breathing **light**—light that thrives in the depths of darkness, *blazing through murky bottoms*. It cannot, and will not, be quenched." (*The Voice*; bold added)³⁰

Although there is a great deal that can be said about this one passage, suffice it to say that "*all things*" is "*all things*." Hence, according to *The Voice*, "the Voice" that "is *God*" has "filled" *all people* with "light." And not just *all people*, but "His breath" has "filled" *all devils* with "light" as well! And not just any "light" mind you, but "light" that "cannot, and will not, be quenched"! Sorry, but this new "Voice" has some highly *profane* "breath." Whose "Voice" is *The Voice* exactly? According to the Word of God:

"*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; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*" (John 1:1-5)

In Oneness/panentheism, that the light of the world is *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* (Who is the Word made flesh--vv. 14, 17, 45) is irrelevant. This is because in Oneness/panentheism the light of the world is *the world*. Sadly, those who are listening for the "vibration" and "sound" of a "Voice" "built *into* the universe" in *everyone and everything* clearly do not comprehend the light of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. And compounding this blindness is that people today don't even believe that it is possible to "understand" anything. Such "pride" that claims to "understand" the light has no place in today's new "humble" theology of *Oneness*. And since *Oneness* automatically brings all *gods* and all *devils* into *Oneness* with God and His Son, it just couldn't be any more obvious that those who are listening for the *blasphemous* "vibration" and "sound" of *Oneness* neither understand the light nor are listening to *God's* "Voice." But at least they're "humble" in their blasphemous theology, right? And since it is now said to have been "*God*" that has "filled *all things*" with "light" that "cannot, and will not, be quenched," humanity can continue to live by its own "light" "*within*" -- the new "light" of "*God's*" "Voice" . . .

Again, humanity is "moving forward" around the circle of Oneness. And "moving forward" around *a circle* inevitably reaches a point where it begins to move back to its beginning. Humanity's "spiritual journey" is bringing man forward not to a *new* "Eden" but, rather, full circle back to man's *fall* in the old Eden. It is thus fitting that included in the seal

of the Theosophical Society, which Blavatsky co-founded, is the Ouroboros.³¹ And what is “an Ouroboros”?

“The Ouroboros, also spelled Ourorboros, Oroborus, Uroboros or Uroborus ... is an ancient symbol depicting a **serpent or dragon swallowing its own tail and forming a circle....**

“The Ouroboros is one of the oldest *mystical* symbols in the world.” (emphasis added)³²

There is no symbol that is more fitting of the new “light” and its “spiritual journey” around the circle of Oneness than this one.

*“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, ... And the great **dragon** was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:3, 9)*

This old serpent, a dragon and deceiver, has been luring man into the new “light” of the “spiritual journey” of man’s own inner “knowing” since the Garden of Eden. In other words, this old serpent has been luring man into “wisdom” that does not come from the fear of the Lord but from disobediently partaking of the forbidden fruit that is “desired to make one wise”—in one’s own eyes, that is. And now the age-old serpent, a master deceiver, is coming *full circle* with his prey -- prey that “shall not surely die,” right?

“The fourth-century writer Horopollon stated the Egyptians represented *the universe* as a serpent devouring its own tail, a **symbol of eternity and immortality**, an image also found on Gnostic gems.” (emphasis added)³³

And Blavatsky wrote:

“The *Spirit* of Life and Immortality was everywhere symbolized by a *circle*: hence *the serpent* biting his tail, **represents the circle of Wisdom in infinity**; ...” (emphasis added)³⁴

Not surprisingly, regarding the Theosophical Society’s seal, or emblem, A Visual Glossary of Religious Symbols states that “Blavatsky’s intent was to create a symbol embodying **universal spiritual symbols**, emphasizing the common esoteric doctrines in **every faith**.”³⁵ And bordering the circular serpent in this seal is the motto:

“THERE IS NO RELIGION HIGHER THAN TRUTH”³⁶

Humanity’s new Ark of Oneness -- a smorgasbord of “Wisdom,” courtesy of the new “light” of the serpent. An all-encompassing interfaith buffet of the “fullness of truth” of all of humanity’s own “knowing.” And the Ouroboros symbolizes it all. It is a symbol of *wholeness* (which is also quite fitting since the serpent, or dragon, “deceiveth *the whole world*”):

“uroboros [‘also ouroboros’] ... a circular symbol depicting a snake, or less commonly a *dragon*, swallowing its tail, as an **emblem of wholeness** or infinity.” (emphasis added)³⁷

It is a symbol of *Oneness*:

“The famous ouroboros drawing from the early alchemical text *The Chrysopoeia of Cleopatra* dating to 2nd century Alexandria encloses the words *hen to pan*, ‘one, the all’, i.e. ‘**All is One**’.” (bold added)³⁸

And of a panentheistic “harmony of opposites”:

“Ouroboros (Infinitysnake)

“Ouroboros is a greek word, and means ‘tail swallower.’ The ouroboros is usually depicted in the form of a snake swallowing its tail, and is usually circular, although it is sometimes depicted in a *lemniscate* shape....

“In alchemy, the ouroboros represents the spirit of Mercury (the substance that permeates all matter), and symbolizes renewal ... and **harmony of opposites**.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁹

It even appears as a *Möbius strip*:

“Infinity symbol (Lemniscate)

“The mathematical symbol for infinity is known as **the lemniscate**.... The symbol is patterned after the device known as **a mobius** (named after a nineteenth century mathematician) **strip**....

“The religious aspect of the infinity symbol predates its mathematical origins. It has been found in Tibetan rock carvings; **the ouroboros, or infinity snake, is often depicted in this shape.**” (emphasis added; all parentheses in the original)⁴⁰

And last but not least:

“Ouroboros symbolism has been used to describe **Kundalini energy.**” (emphasis added)⁴¹

Which brings us back to the “Chakra,” described by Blavatsky as “a *circle*.”⁴²

“Your being is the universe in microcosm. You, and your whole physical body, are composed of **raw energy, clustered around seven centers, or chakras**....

“The higher you raise **the energy of life** through your physical being, the more elevated will be your *consciousness*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁴³

“**God** is the energy—**the pure, raw energy**—which **you call life.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁴⁴

Despite *The Voice*’s blasphemous addition to its “John 14:6,” this “energy of life” of *Oneness* is *not* the Lord Jesus Christ. This so-called “energy of life” of *Oneness* is “*kundalini*” energy, i.e., “*serpent*” energy. And it is on a journey, or mission, to “the third eye”—the “instrument of wisdom” that opens man’s eyes to the new “light” of man’s own inner “knowing.” According to the channeled teachings of Neale Donald Walsch, this “basic energy of all life” “is raised up along the inner column of your being, until it reaches the area you call the Third Eye,” “the area just behind the forehead between and slightly above the eyes.”⁴⁵ Why? Because in this emerging faith of *Oneness*:

“**It takes ‘three eyes’ to see God, ...**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁶

“**Depth perception is based on having three eyes. The third, or inner, eye** is symbolized in Hinduism by the red dot in the middle of the forehead.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁴⁷

And how does Sweet define “depth perception”?

“Vision in the modern world was telescopic. The modern scientific method taught us to bring things to a sharp focus, to a point, to establish clear *lines*. Vision in the postmodern world is *not* monocular, like a telescope, but binocular. And that’s how you **get depth perception**, and that’s how you get depth in your own spiritual life is you **bring opposite points together.**” (Leonard Sweet)⁴⁸

Sounds like the “harmony of opposites” of “the ouroboros”—“one of the oldest *mystical* symbols in the world.” And to open “the third eye” between the two eyes will indeed give you “depth perception” to “see” the new “God” of *Oneness*. Again, in the channeled writings of Alice Bailey, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul refers to “**the third eye**, or the ‘Eye of Shiva,’” as “the great organ of consciousness” and “**the instrument of wisdom.**”⁴⁹ Why? Because this “eye of God” is the “eye of knowledge” and “eye of vision when **duality is being overcome**” and always appears “at the midway point” “between the *two extremes*” and “*unites the two.*”⁵⁰ So keep in mind that according to this seducing spirit, the “emblem” of “The Living *Serpent*” is “a serpent of blue with *one eye*, in the form of a ruby, in its head” that can also be connected “with the ‘eye of Shiva’ which sees and knows all.”⁵¹ Along with stating here that “there is a profound significance connected with the expression ‘the serpents of wisdom,’” this seducing spirit also states that “[t]he secret of life lies hidden in the serpent stage,” and that:

“**This third eye** is one of the objects of **kundalinic vivification** ... and the beauties of the higher, subtler planes ... stand revealed.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵²

Kundalini is referred to here as “serpent fire” by this seducing spirit.⁵³ It is also defined by Yogananda as the “serpent force,”⁵⁴ and by the Glossary of Hindu Terms as “serpent power.”⁵⁵ It is therefore to be expected that “*Ouroboros* symbolism has been used to describe *Kundalini* energy.”⁵⁶ And this *serpent* energy/force is everything but an “energy of *life*” or “*life* force”! To the contrary, this is a serpent that is encircling his *prey*. And as he tightens his grip, “the spiritual man” “becomes aware of the *light* of the world” “within *all forms*” through “the third eye,” which according to this seducing spirit “has a unique and peculiar function” and “manifests as a result of” “*vibratory* interaction.”⁵⁷ Alice Bailey also wrote that:

“The life force has seven main **points of contact** with the physical body, called the seven centers. These **seven force centers transmit the life force**, and are the agents of the soul....

“The Indian name of a **force center** is ‘**chakra**.’” (emphasis added)⁵⁸

“These centers vary in activity according to the *evolutionary* status of the individual. **In some people certain centers are ‘awake’** and in others the same centers may be relatively quiescent.” (emphasis added)⁵⁹

Or as it has been put another way, basically “[t]he progress of kundalini through the different chakras leads to different levels of awakening and mystical experience.”⁶⁰ And what helps “awaken” these circular “centers” or “chakras” (*chakra* from the “Sanskrit *cakram*, wheel, circle”⁶¹) to the “vibration” of the serpent energy/power/force/fire? Meditation, spiritual disciplines, breath control, yoga, . . .

“[Kundalini:] Energy that lies dormant at the base of the spine until it is activated, as by the practice of *yoga*, and channeled upward through the chakras in the process of spiritual perfection.” (“kundalini;” emphasis added)⁶²

“When spiritual energy is brought up ... to the level of spiritual awareness, it *wakes up* to the real world-the world of *god-consciousness*....

“When aroused by *spiritual disciplines*, which included *breath control* and *meditation*, the energy darted up the spine in any of three subtle channels, illuminating the seven major centers or chakras in the body.” (“chakra;” emphasis added)⁶³

“Advaita teaches that **Self-realization, enlightenment, God-consciousness, nirvana and kundalini awakening are all the same thing**, and self-inquiry *meditation* is considered a very natural and simple means of reaching this goal....

“The arousing of kundalini is said by some to be the one and only way of attaining **Divine Wisdom**. Self-Realization is said to be equivalent to Divine Wisdom or Gnosis or what amounts to the same thing: self-knowledge. The awakening of the kundalini shows itself as ‘awakening of **inner knowledge**’ ...

“The experience of kundalini awakening can happen when one is either prepared or unprepared.” (“kundalini;” emphasis added)⁶⁴

Likewise, according to the channeled teachings of Neale Donald Walsch:

“Daily *meditation* is one of the best tools with which to create this experience. With it, you can raise your life energy to the highest chakra ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁵

And as Alice Bailey wrote:

“**Through meditation, spiritual knowledge grows up within the mind ... until knowledge merges into wisdom**....

“Through the ordered stages of the meditation process, a relationship is gradually and steadily established between the soul and its instruments until the time comes when they are literally *one*. Then the sheaths serve simply to reveal the *light* of the *indwelling Son of God* ...

"This is summed up for us in the familiar words of Browning:

"**Truth** is *within ourselves*; it **takes no rise From outward things**, whate'er you may believe.
There is an inmost center *in us all*, Where *truth* abides in *fullness*; ... and to *know*
Rather consists in opening out a way Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape,
Than **in effecting entry for a light Supposed to be without.**' – Browning, Robert, *Paracelsus*." (emphasis added)⁶⁶

"Later this comes to be known as **the Voice** of the Silence, that word that comes from **the 'Word incarnate,'** which **is ourselves. Each of us is a Word made flesh.** Later still, we call it the *awakened intuition*." (emphasis added)⁶⁷

"*And the serpent said ... Ye shall not surely die: ... your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*" (Genesis 3:4-5)

Regardless of how many people, and this includes leaders in today's shifting Christianity, "awaken" their "intuition" to this new "Voice" whose kundalinic/serpentine "vibrations" tell them that "light" and "truth" are "in us all," *and even if this is absurdly referred to as a "Third Testament,"* this "wisdom" is literally a *damnable* lie, and *purposely so*. This serpentine lie is meant to take humanity swimming—in "*the lake of fire*." But, sadly, even though the dualistic division of truth and falsehood, right and wrong, are perfectly clear in the Word of God, and even though God's Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who alone is the Word made flesh and Who is *not in everyone*—says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20), the "convinced mystic" whose "third eye" "sees" and "knows" the "Reality" of Oneness doesn't see it that way.

"To take the mind and bend it to its new task as a revealer of the divine is now the objective of **the convinced mystic**....

"[**M**]editation is the *science* which enables us to arrive at **direct experience of God**. That in which we live and move and have our being ... **We recognize the Whole. We become one with God** by becoming one with our own immortal soul, and ... **separativeness and division**, distinctions and the concepts of me and thee, of God and a child of God, **have faded away in the knowledge and realization of unity. Dualism has given place to unity**.... and **a conscious at-one-ment** has been brought about ..." (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁶⁸

Again, "the third eye" that "sees" and "knows" this "Reality" of Oneness is referred to as "the 'Eye of Shiva.'" And the idol of "Nataraj: The Dancing Shiva" not only has a "third eye" that is "symbolic of his omniscience, insight, and enlightenment,"⁶⁹ but "[a]round his neck is a coiled *serpent* representing *Kundalini* or the spiritual *energy within life*."⁷⁰ Shiva is, of course, a dancing devil who would no doubt be more than happy to give anyone a whole new way of "seeing" and thinking by raising up the serpent's "kundalini" energy into their meditating mind. In Shiva's dance that "gives *manifestation* to Eternal Energy," "[t]he *forces* gathered and projected in his frantic, ever-enduring *gyration*, are the powers of the *evolution* ... of the world."⁷¹

The serpent, with the help of his manifesting "kundalini" energy/power/force/fire that is opening eyes everywhere to Oneness, is successfully deceiving the whole world. And although the serpent behind this kundalini *serpent energy/power/force/fire* is *not* "divine," people are certainly free to believe otherwise, if they want to. After all, Oneness is Oneness, right? Leonard Sweet in his list of "the language of *light* in communicating **the divine** and symbolizing *the union* of the human with *the divine*" even includes the "Bodhisattvas with the flow of **Kundalini's fire**."⁷² No matter how many theologians fall for the serpent's lie of Oneness, *in no way, shape, or form is the serpent divine*! Quite the opposite in fact. The Word of God calls the serpent *the Devil* for a reason—Devil. The Word of God also calls him "the god of this world" for a reason.

As quoted earlier, under the subheading "Grand Events are about to occur and Ancient Wisdom is returning to Earth," the webpage "Mayan End Age 12-21-2012" states that "the Maya ... had access to information that is not available to 'modern people' because 'modern people' are extremely limited by their belief systems."⁷³ And where exactly did the Maya get this information? From the kundalini energy of the "cosmic serpent."

An article on Discernment Ministries' Herescope titled, "The New Age and 2012: A Planetary Birth," states the following:

"A couple working with Mayan/Olmec shamans in Mexico and Guatemala, Teressena and Martien Bakens (Teressena, a visionary artist, author, and intuitive; Martien, an energy healer, aroma therapist, and alchemist), explain the dark meaning of KuKulKan (Quetzalcoatl), and the prophecies relating to him:

"...the ancient Maya were the keepers of the cosmic knowledge and wisdom. They called themselves 'the people of the serpent'. This description refers to their star-ancestral connection with the constellation of the Pleiades (Tzab-Kan), which is seen in the heavens as the rattle at the end of the tail of the serpent. The serpent itself is the Milky Way. **The energy of this cosmic serpent [kundalini] brings the transmission of knowledge and wisdom from the cosmos to the Mayan people....** The ancient Maya were incredible astronomers with profound understandings of the workings of the celestial bodies.... For the first time in 26,000 years, the earth will be closest to the galactic center and the sun will be most closely aligned with what is known as the Dark Rift, or the Black Road of the Milky Way. **For the Maya, while the Pleiades represent the tail of the serpent, the Dark Rift represents the mouth of the serpent.** Through sacred ceremony, Mayan shamans would **enter the serpent's mouth, traveling through the darkness**, until they reached the eternal source of the infinite. **In the place of cosmic consciousness** they were **reborn**, coming back through the passage, bringing cosmic knowledge and wisdom to the people... as living conduits of the energy received, bringing these celestial frequencies with them to the earth. When you see the images of the feathered serpent, KuKul-Kaan [Quetzalcoatl], you will see the face of a man emerging from the mouth of the serpent. This is the truly true man, the enlightened one. **In this amazing time in which we live, we are about to pass through this Dark Rift. It is an opportunity for all of us to enter into the ocean of cosmic consciousness of the Great Serpent.**

"The Bakens' (and others who follow these prophecies) falsely believe that 'the Great Serpent' will lead them on a journey of rebirth:

"Life is a continuum, represented by the serpent that eats its own tail, the Ouroboros, reminding us of the continual cycles of death and rebirth that occur time and again. We are passing through one such cycle where the Earth and all her inhabitants are poised for rebirth, **recreating a new sense of who we are** and our place in the cosmos.... We have been in an incubator, about to emerge and embark on a grand journey beyond 2013." (all brackets, all parentheses, & all ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁷⁴

And the following is from an article titled "Aligning With the Spirit of the Maya Calendar End-Date 2012":

"In the direction **EAST**, universally acknowledged as **the place of new beginnings**, the Maya place the hieroglyph CHICCHAN (pronunciation: cheek'chan). CHICCHAN is **the serpent mind**, the mind that is constantly renewed and regenerated, through **a process of shedding what no longer serves us**. The physical body itself can be seen as an evolutionary skin periodically released, as one life ends and another begins. It is a body fueled ultimately by **a form of solar energy the Maya call kultunliini**. Kultunliini is the vital life force empowering all human growth and development. **This crucial life-force is the same as what is known in Hindu cosmology as the serpent power: kundalini**. Kundalini is the great *evolutionary* force making of each body and its occupant, **a potentially powerful source of solar wisdom**. Important for us to remember, however, is that this primary, very intimate and very powerful source of wisdom is **only accessible to the extent that we are able to hear what our bodies, as carriers of its sacred gift, are actually telling us.**" (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁷⁵

First, how fitting that Pierre Teilhard de Chardin also wrote that "Evolution" is "a curve that all lines must follow."⁷⁶ Given the source and goal of "evolution," its "curve" is, of course, the curve of a serpent with its tail in its mouth. And this serpent is bringing a "tuned" in humanity full circle in his lie. Humanity would be far better served if it had ears to hear the Word of God. But, sadly, this true light and wisdom is not what people want. Far too many people would rather have the serpent's false new "light" and "wisdom" in which man no longer needs to know, let alone believe and obey, what God has said . . .

Second, whether the seducing spirit world's plan is carried out in the year 2012 or not, the mission to pry the truth and

faith of the Word of God from the fingers of today's Christianity—including through new “translations”—seems to grow ever more determined and forceful the closer we get to its hoped-for “new beginnings.” Even the webpage “Mayan End Age 12-21-2012” states:

“The essence of this time of prophecy is that we are living in a time of crossroads; a time of shifting world age cycles where **the old world and its separation-based mentality is in the process of dying** and transforming into a *new world* that lives and creates through our hearts.

“We are in a great inbetween time right now, experiencing a **tension of the opposites** playing out between contracted **forces of fear** that seek to have false power by manipulating life with a **mind founded in duality**, and the expansive **forces of possibility** that seek to be empowered by living in harmony with life, surrendering [sic] our hearts to **the Mystery school of life** that **unites us**....

“This is the theme of Return that appears in many different prophecies. **Return to Balance; consciously unifying matter and spirit; The Return of the Divine Feminine. Return of the Christ Consciousness. Return of the Feathered Serpent, ... The Sacred Hoop of All Nations can be Whole again; the New Jerusalem emerging, ... Returning to the Consciousness of the Garden; Returning to Awareness of our True Nature.** Can it be? It seems there is no other quest but to **awaken** to our human potential. The focus of Return brings an energy of **Rebirth into a new sense of wholeness.**

“Essentially, the idea is that **we have been in a long era dominated by the linear, rational mind** split off from the body and the heart, entranced by linear time, ... **the dualistic mentality of right and wrong, and a fear-based sense of separation** and greed resulting from a deep, societally entrenched disconnection **from the sacred oneness of life.**” (emphasis added)⁷⁷

People today can abandon the “dualistic mentality” of truth and falsehood, right and wrong, all they want. But this new “light” of “*that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world*” will prove to be everything but a “healing” process. And that is an understatement.

The holistic “healing” of the purpose-driven “Daniel Plan” -- “We looked for ... health, and behold trouble!”

“We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD’s house.” (Jeremiah 51:51)

Today’s race to the finish line of the profane seducing spirit world’s “Plan” and God’s judgment is indeed changing everything. But, of course, man just sees it all as a race “to launch a new way of living” that man is hoping will bring about new “beginnings” in 2012.¹ And never mind that this is a “new way of living” based on the new “light” that is luring man to go “*within*” to tune out to the truth of God’s Word and “tune” in to the messages of the profane seducing spirit world. The new “light” is also leading man to believe that to go “*within*” is for “the good of the whole.” Again, this “good” begins with the individual and then works its way up through ever larger communities until “the good” of the “*whole*” humanity—i.e., of the whole “new humanity”—has been realized. This whole “new humanity”—with a whole “new way of living,” not to mention a whole new way of thinking—that has been “healed” from all its divisions and separations is to then bring about new “beginnings” that stem from this *holistic* “healing” of humanity. And this *holistic* “healing” that is to be for “the good of the whole” *begins with the individual*.

In individual *holistic* “healing,” the individual is seen as having no divisions and separations between mind-body-spirit for “the good” of the whole *individual*. Or to put it another way, in this *holistic* “healing,” these three—the mind-body-spirit of the individual—are treated as *one interconnected whole* in order to bring “*healing*” to the individual. This is simply a microcosm of the emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. In this emerging faith, its “God” is seen as having no divisions and separations between its “universal”/“cosmic” mind-body-spirit for “the good” of the whole *humanity*. In other words, in this *holistic* “healing,” these three—the “universal”/“cosmic” mind-body-spirit of this “God”—are

likewise treated as *one interconnected whole* in order to bring “*healing*” to humanity. In this emerging faith the same principles are being applied both to humanity and to the individual. And these principles are *panentheistic*, and thus *pagan*. Hence, today’s “advances” in man’s “understanding” are not moving man *forward* but *backward*.

“**The new paradigm that is now emerging** can be described in various ways. It **can be called a holistic worldview**, seeing the world as **an integrated whole** rather than a dissociated collection of parts.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)²

“[T]he S-matrix approach, being **holistic** and thoroughly *dynamic*, sees particles as **interrelated energy patterns** in an ongoing universal process—as correlations, or interconnections, between various parts **of an inseparable cosmic web**.” (Fritjof Capra; emphasis added)³

“[T]he *New Light* apologetic’s *essence* is its embodiment of **an integrated, holistic, planetary spirituality** ... When a multidimensional faith is lived synergistically and **holistically, a biodance takes place between the heavens and the earth, the Creator and the creation**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴

At a 1985 symposium held at the New Age Esalen Institute, Fritjof Capra, David Steindl-Rast, and Thomas Matus discussed the “new-paradigm thinking” with its “parallels” between “science” and “theology.”⁵ During the course of their discussion, which was basically a description of today’s emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness/panentheism, they described this new “paradigm,” in which “*the cosmos, God, and humans* are all interrelated,”⁶ as “*holistic*,”⁷ and as “emphasizing *the whole* more than the parts.”⁸ And, therefore, rather than “*dualism*,” “the goal is always the *recovery of wholeness*,” which is “to *recover* ... a profoundly *holistic* understanding of ourselves ...”⁹

Whether of humanity or of the individual, a “healing,” or “recovery,” that is *holistic* is not just a “*scientific*”/“*medical*”/“*secular*” “healing.” *Holistic* “healing” is of the mind-body-spirit, and therefore should be obvious that it is *spiritual*. But, of course, labeling it “scientific”/“medical”/“secular,” etc., is being used to help drive humanity on to the finish line. Again, the profane seducing spirit world is on a mission to “awaken” the world to its lie of *Oneness*. And this profane mission includes repackaging this lie of *Oneness* in whatever will give it more “credibility” to the masses.

Not to be outdone in this race to man’s new “beginnings” of *holistic* “healing,” or of *Oneness*, is Rick Warren. As has been detailed in the book *In the Name of Purpose: Sacrificing Truth on the Altar of Unity*,¹⁰ Rick Warren is another major player that is leading today’s Christianity into the emerging faith of *Oneness*. He has been, and still is, one of the key leaders of this emerging faith. But, sadly, far too many people are bound and determined not to see it that way. Hence his successful flight under the radar of today’s purposely undiscerning Christianity. Nevertheless, their choice to cover their eyes to the handwriting that is on the wall in plain sight doesn’t at all cover or change the handwriting that is on the wall in plain sight.

The latest to emerge from Rick Warren’s purpose-driven journey into *Oneness* is his 2011 “Daniel Plan” that is to be the new beginning of a “Decade of Destiny.” On Saddleback’s website for “The Daniel Plan” is the following:

“Vision

“As part of the Decade of Destiny campaign, Pastor Rick started with The Daniel Plan to help people create more physical energy and vitality **so they can make additional changes in other areas of their lives**.... The Daniel Plan envisions starting a movement so the result is **better** physical and **spiritual health** for current and future generations....

“The Daniel Plan is a 52-week campaign to help you adopt **a healthy lifestyle**, with the goal of glorifying God **in the way we eat, move, and think**.” (emphasis added)¹¹

Interestingly enough, just posted on its website today was “Week 33” for the “Daniel Plan” which includes a “Motivation” that is fittingly titled: “It’s NOT a Diet. It’s a WAY of LIFE!”¹² And when clicking on this title to read the “Motivation,” one discovers that this link has a typo and the title is: “It’s NOT a DIET. It’s a WAY TO LIFE!”¹³ As has been addressed, the emerging faith of *Oneness* is about a new “way of life” that is to be a new “way” to “*life*.” So these titles are quite fitting. In the “healthy” “new way of living”—or should we say in the new “healthy” “lifestyle”?—of *Oneness*, “*diet*” naturally plays an important part. There can be no “healing” without the choices of a “healing” buffet.

But, likewise, this “diet” of a buffet of *Oneness* isn’t about the “diet” itself but about *this new “way of living.”* And this new “way of *living*” is a new way of *thinking* that changes everything in a way that is not at all glorifying to God.

The above quote that ends with “the way we eat, move, and think” then continues with “What to Expect ...” And this includes “tools and resources to:”

“Provide motivation
“Give new healthy habits
“Connect you with a community”¹⁴

People can expect much more with “The Daniel Plan” than they bargained for. But, of course, since they just see it as the new beginnings of a time of “health,” they don’t see it that way . . . yet.

“We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!” (Jeremiah 8:15)

First, physical health is not the path to spiritual health. Rather, spiritual health is the path to physical health. It is in God Himself that we find true healing, and this is true for the individual and on up to the whole of humanity.

“... for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” (Exodus 15:26)

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.” (Deuteronomy 32:39)

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” (Psalm 42:11 & 43:5)

“He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Psalm 103:1-5)

“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.” (Jeremiah 17:14)

“God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.” (Psalm 67:1-2)

And, yes, what we eat is key to God’s saving health.

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” (Luke 4:4; see also Matthew 4:4--“but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”)

God’s words give us the saving, nourishing doctrine that is to be believed and obeyed for both eternal life and physical health.

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

“For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.... And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life ... For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.... And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.... Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life.... As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.... It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life....

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.” (John 6:33, 35, 38, 40, 47-48, 57, 63, 66)

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.... Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.... Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.... The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.... Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.” (Proverbs 4:1-2, 7, 14-15, 19-22, 26-27)

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” (1 Peter 2:2)

“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.” (Proverbs 3:1-8)

“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.” (1 Timothy 4:6)

And a verse that is commonly quoted today, but, sadly, not commonly obeyed:

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Second, contrary to its absurd claims, Rick Warren’s health “Plan” is not “God’s Prescription for Your Health,” and neither is it from “Daniel,” at least not the Daniel of God’s Word. Rather, it is the product of three New Age doctors who are trying to normalize, not to mention “Christianize,” their occult ways.

“Don’t you want to feel better, be stronger, think sharper, and look better a year from today? It’s your choice!...

“The Daniel Plan was designed by world medical authorities Dr. Mark Hyman, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mehmet Oz and the Saddleback Pastoral and Healthcare ministries to educate participants and encourage them to pursue a healthy lifestyle.” (Saddleback; emphasis added)¹⁵

As mentioned earlier, Warren B. Smith has addressed this in his newly added Appendix “Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan” in *A “Wonderful” Deception*, which those who are participating in Rick Warren’s “Plan” need to read.¹⁶ Again, Smith quotes Alberto Villoldo, a shaman/medium, from his 2011 book *Power Up Your Brain: The Neuroscience of Enlightenment*—which was endorsed on the back cover by Dr. Hyman, whom Rick Warren recruited for this “health” “Plan.”

“During my years studying with the shamans, I learned about their belief in the Divine Mother, which we each have the potential to discover in nature. This was not the bearded old man whose image I had come to associate with ‘God.’ Rather, this was **a force that infused all creation, a sea of energy and consciousness that we all swim in and are part of**. I came to understand that our Western notions of **the divine** are perhaps a masculine version of this **life force that infuses every cell in our bodies**, that animates all living beings, and that even fuels stars.” (Alberto Villoldo; emphasis added)¹⁷

Even though Rick Warren himself may not have directly endorsed this particular book, he is still promoting today’s “sea” change to a “life force” of Oneness. He recruited three *holistic* doctors to design his “Daniel Plan.” Again, *holistic* “healing” is founded on, and indeed cannot be separated from, a *mind-body-spirit Oneness*. The doctors whom Rick Warren recruited are fully aware of (or should we say “awakened” to?) this “truth.” So it is without question that there will be a purpose to this “Plan.”

In his Appendix, which he documents thoroughly throughout (and which has been excerpted at length throughout this section with his permission), Warren B. Smith writes:

“Who would have believed it? Occult/New Age doctors being invited into the church to teach Christians how to be healthy? Charles Spurgeon must be rolling over in his grave. On January 15, 2011 a fifty-two week health and wellness program—the Daniel Plan—was initiated at Rick Warren’s Saddleback Church.... The Daniel Plan website ... describes how Rick Warren ‘recruited three best-selling authors’ to create and oversee the Daniel Plan Curriculum—Dr. Mehmet Oz, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman. Although these three physicians are all involved with New Age teachings, they describe themselves respectively as a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew.

“On their church’s Daniel Plan website, Saddleback pastor Brandon Cox tried to defend Rick Warren’s indefensible decision to recruit three New Age doctors to implement a Christian health and wellness program.... In a statement reminiscent of Little Red Riding Hood’s ‘grandmother,’ Cox goes on to state: ‘These Doctors are helping us as friends, but are in no way advising our church on spiritual matters.’

“By repeating and emphasizing the term ‘physical health’ three times in the response, Saddleback was obviously trying to distance itself from Oz, Amen, and Hyman’s New Age beliefs. But the ‘we’re only using them for physical health purposes’ defense was not convincing. **All three physicians are alternative medicine/holistic health practitioners who teach the indivisibility of ‘mind, body, spirit’ in achieving optimum well-being. In other words, their New Age spiritual beliefs are necessarily embedded in their medical practice, their best-selling books, and their public appearances.**” (emphasis added)¹⁸

Although holistic healing is a “healing” of mind-body-spirit that treats all three as *one interconnected whole*, the Word of God clearly treats our body as *separate* from our mind and spirit. Not even those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who are born again by the Holy Spirit have a new spirit or a new mind that is *one with our body*. In fact, God’s Word tells us that there is a *war* going on between our mind and our body of flesh in which sin dwells. This is because our bodies have not been redeemed yet. Although our spirit, and thus our mind, is redeemed the moment we are born again, Scripture tells us that “*even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body,*” and that “*they that are Christ’s at his coming*” “*shall be raised incorruptible*” (Romans 8:23; I Corinthians 15:23, 52, & see also this whole chapter, as well as I Thessalonians 4:14-17). In the meantime, there is a *war* going on between our mind and our body:

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” (Romans 7:18-25)

Again, not even for the born-again believer is there a Oneness of mind-body-spirit. Until the Lord Jesus Christ comes for those of us who are His and we receive the redemption of our body, our mind will be in a *war* against our body of flesh in which sin dwells. And, no, we aren’t to try to “*heal*” this war by treating them all as *one interconnected whole*, either! The Word of God tells us:

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” (Galatians 5:24)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.... For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” (Romans 8:1, 5-8)

Yet contrary to God’s Word, holistic “healing” is about a *mind-body-spirit Oneness*—a Oneness that obviously brings the person as a whole into *Oneness with the flesh*. And if we absurdly attempt to “heal” this war by treating *our mind as if it is one with our body/flesh*, what happens to this war? It gets treated as nonexistent. And if this war is treated as nonexistent, what happens to the flesh? It no longer gets “*crucified ... with the affections and lusts.*” And given that this war with the flesh is a war over whether or not we will obey God, it is no wonder that God’s Word warns that “*they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*” *Oneness* is only seen as “healing” if *displeasing God* is seen as “healing.”

Although treating our mind-body-spirit as one interconnected whole is *contrary* to the truth given to us by God in the Word of God, this holistic “healing” is part of the “Plan” of the profane seducing spirit world. *Holistic* “healing” doesn’t stop with the “healing” of each individual’s mind-body-spirit but continues right into the *holistic* “healing” of humanity as a *whole*. And how the profane seducing spirit world is successfully bringing about this progressive “healing” is with its wide variety of meditation methods. Along with “diet,” going “*within*” is essential to the “Plan.”

Saddleback’s website for “The Daniel Plan” has *Tools & Resources* that are said to be “Equipping You – For Success.” This webpage includes a list of the “Recommended Links” for Rick Warren’s “Plan,” and at the top of the list is a link to “The Amen Solution.”¹⁹ This takes you directly to Dr. Amen’s homepage for this “Solution,” which asks the question, “What is The Amen Solution?” This link then takes you to a page with answers—answers such as a “Relaxation Room where you’ll wash away the stresses of your daily life with my simple *deep-breathing, meditation, and hypnosis tools*.”²⁰

On Rick Warren’s website is a video in which he interviews Dr. Amen. During this interview, Dr. Amen discusses meditation with him, and a breathing exercise is brought up which they both agree is “not religious at all.” Naturally. Why would it be “religious” when Dr. Amen recommends that “every time you breathe out say the word ‘one’”? And then “do it for ten minutes, you got all these thoughts coming into your head, imagine a big broom, sweep ‘em away.”²¹ Coincidentally enough, *Oneness*—today’s emerging *faith* and “new world *religion*”—is also about sweeping thoughts away, as it purposely seeks to “*liberate*” humanity from *words*. And this “liberation” is likewise seen as “scientific” and “secular” (i.e., not religious). It’s all just “a neurobiological process in the brain” and “an energy transfer,”²² right? People can see it however they choose, but contrary to this “not religious” breathing exercise of “The Daniel Plan,” the Word of God says to “*gird up the loins of your mind*” (1 Peter 1:13).

It isn’t surprising that the “Plan” of Dr. Amen includes sweeping thoughts away while people “say the word ‘one.’” In his Appendix “Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan,” Warren B. Smith warns that Dr. Amen not only “encourages readers to ‘Learn and use self-hypnosis and meditation on a daily basis’” in “his book *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life*,” but:

“In *Change Your Brain, Change Your Body*, **Amen**, a self-professed Christian, **specifically recommends a Hindu Kundalini form of meditation** called Kirtan Kriya. He instructs his readers **to chant ‘sa ta na ma’ repeatedly** ... In a New Age world that says ‘everything happens for a reason’ and ‘there are no accidents,’ the first five letters of this Hindu meditation spell the name of Satan. The last three letters just so happen to be the abbreviated letters of the American Medical Association (AMA). Is this pure coincidence, some kind of cosmic joke, or spiritual mockery?” (parentheses in the original; bold added)²³

Smith goes on to also warn that:

“In his book *The Brain in Love* (formerly titled *Sex on the Brain*), Dr. Amen recommends tantric sex to his readers. He writes that *tantra* ‘is a term applied to several schools of Hindu yoga in which sex is worshipped.’ He states that ‘[s]ome tantra yoga teachers recommend **meditative practices that also share elements with Kundalini yoga, where subtle streams of energy are raised in the body by means of posture, breath control, and movements**....

“Dr. Amen’s fascination with tantric sex and Kundalini yoga is very similar to the teachings of Indian gurus like Bhagwhan Shree Rajneesh and Swami Baba Muktananda.” (parentheses in the original; bold added)²⁴

But, again, it’s all just a “scientific”/“medical”/“secular” “Plan,” right?

Also in the list of “Recommended Links” for Rick Warren’s “Plan,” is “Dr. Hyman’s UltraWellness Nutrition Coaching.” This takes you to Dr. Hyman’s “Healthy Living Store” that is “Scientifically Designed to Support Optimum Health.”²⁵ On another tab of this same website you also learn that “Dr. Hyman is founder and Medical Director of The UltraWellness Center in Lenox, Massachusetts, where he directs a team of physicians, nutritionists and nurses who utilize a comprehensive approach to health.”²⁶ This, along with another tab of this same website, links to this Center,²⁷ at which clicking on either “how to achieve UltraWellness” or “About The Center” brings up a page that includes a link to “Get our resources list.”²⁸ And at the top of this “UltraWellness Center Resource List” is the “Lifestyle Management” category.²⁹

Dr. Hyman is, of course, one of the designers of “The Daniel Plan” which is about how to achieve a “healthy lifestyle.” So what does Dr. Hyman include in his “Lifestyle Management”? Its three subcategories are “Stress Reduction,” “Biofeedback,” and “Yoga/Body Work.” And at the top of his list of resource links for these is “Best of Stress Management Kit,” which is a link to The Center for Mind-Body Medicine. Next comes “Health Journeys” (which is a journey of Belleruth Naparstek’s “mind-body methods”³⁰); “Mindful Meditation Practice CD’s and Tapes;” “The Relaxation Company;” and “Products that Support an Awakened” (although the text here does not go on to specify *what* is “Awakened,” this link is to Susan Piver’s website which says that she is “a Buddhist practitioner” and has taken “vows in the Shambhala Buddhist lineage,”³¹ and, by the way, she, too, gives meditation a label of “non-religious”³²). Included among the remaining few resource links for this “Lifestyle Management” of Dr. Hyman is the “Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health;” and “Journey to Wild Divine.” The latter, through its “‘inner-active’ programs” of “meditation along with guided relaxation and breathing exercises,” promises to “improve your ability to connect to the world around you in profound ways.”³³ No doubt.

In his Appendix “Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan,” Smith writes that Dr. Hyman is “author of the best-selling book *The UltraMind Solution*,” a book that has a “front cover endorsement by Dr. Mehmet Oz,” and a book in which Hyman “recommend[s] a number of New Age resources to his readers.” Smith then goes on to write:

“For example, he recommends the website of New Age author and guided imagery proponent Belleruth Naparstek. Her books and materials are designed to help people meditate, become more psychic, and connect with spirit guides.... Dr. Hyman and New Age leader Dr. Bernie Siegel are listed as two of Naparstek’s ‘contributing health and mind-body health practitioners.’... Like Dr. Oz and Dr. Amen, Dr. Hyman recommends meditation and Yoga to his readers.

“Dr. Hyman endorsed a New Age book entitled *Power Up Your Brain—The Neuroscience of Enlightenment*. It is co-authored by shaman/medium Alberto Villoldo and neurologist David Perlmutter. The Foreword from the publisher states:

“‘And now two men, two seers—a shaman and a scientist—are combining their experiences and expertise to explore the totality that includes all of the spirit world and all of the scientific world—as One.’...

“Villoldo ... writes:

“‘... [T]his was a force that infused all creation, a sea of energy and consciousness that we all swim in and are part of.... this life force ...’

“*Power Up Your Brain* includes a chapter recommending various ‘Shamanic Exercises’ that include an invocation to the ‘Great Serpent.’ (parentheses in the original; bold added)³⁴

So, let’s sum it up thus far. Dr. Amen who “specifically recommends a Hindu *Kundalini* form of meditation” and “instructs his readers to chant ‘*sa ta na ma*’ repeatedly,” the beginning of which spells *Satan*, and of course *kundalini* being the “*serpent* force,”³⁵ and Dr. Hyman who endorses a *shaman*’s book about a “*life* force” that includes “an invocation to the ‘*Great Serpent*,’” which is *Satan*, were recruited to design Rick Warren’s “Plan” on how to achieve a “healthy lifestyle”—a “Plan” which Rick Warren refers to as “*God’s Prescription for Your Health*”?!? *Is he kidding??*

Never mind that an *invocation* is to *invoke* or “to request or use a power outside yourself, especially a law or a god, to *help* you when you want to improve a situation.”³⁶ As if this isn’t bad enough, this invocation to the “Great *Serpent*,” which the authors of this Hyman endorsed book teach to their students “at the *Healing the Light* Body School,” also begins with, “Teach us to *shed the past* the way you shed your skin.”³⁷ This is, of course, what the serpent is more than pleased to assist his prey with. This way, as people progress in their body work, the serpent will be busy “healing” the “light” by bringing it together as “one” with his *darkness*, which is, of course, the new “light.” Essentially, the serpent’s new “scientific” and “secular” “mind-body health” “Plan” is:

Shed your stress and your pounds using my specially designed way of Oneness, and you can also shed the past—that outdated truth and faith of the old God—to be thrown in (or, rather, thrown out) for free.

It is without question that *serpentine body work* will *change your mind* in a way that is neither glorifying to God nor healthy! But, of course, those who are participating in serpentine body work don’t see it that way. An article in *The Orange County Register* states: “Warren also encouraged his congregation to get the word out to friends and neighbors.

'This is *God's* prescription for your health,' he said. 'This is the greatest opportunity for you to introduce friends to Saddleback Church through a non-threatening event.'"³⁸ So Rick Warren's idea of "*God's* prescription for your health" that includes *serpentine* mind and body work is a "*non-threatening*" event??

In Dr. Hyman's endorsement of this 2011 book that wants its readers to invoke "the 'Great *Serpent*,'" i.e., to request help from *Satan*, Dr. Hyman, a *physician*, praises bringing the "*shaman* and *physician*" "*back together*" as "the same person." Smith writes:

"Dr. Hyman's back cover endorsement ... betrays his belief in shamanism and the inextricable New Age link between *physical* and *spiritual* health. He writes:

"**The shaman and physician for millennia were the same person** until the 19th century when they were split apart in the name of science. Now through the lens of 21st-century science, Villoldo and Perlmutter bring them back together, **illuminating the web that links together our physical and metaphysical energy**. For anyone feeling a loss of energy of body or soul, *Power Up Your Brain* is your guide to restoration and rejuvenation of your deepest energies.'" (bold added)³⁹

This *alone* should be enough to make anyone in their right mind run from his co-designed "Plan" for Rick Warren's followers! But, of course, since shamanism is about "healing," and "healing" is what people are after, what's wrong with going to shamans for "healing," right? After all, in today's new way of thinking, it isn't the *source* of the healing that's the issue. So people might as well go to tribal witch doctors while they're at it, too. In this emerging faith of Oneness it's all the same source anyway. And, by the way, Villoldo, whose book Dr. Hyman endorsed, said in an interview on "Healing and Shamanism":

"In fact some of the best healers that I've studied have been the voodoo priests in Haiti."⁴⁰

This quote should set off a whole slew of alarm bells in anyone who has ever seen video footage of the Haitian voodoo priests and their "healed" parishioners! They are clearly and totally crazed with devil possession, whose name is no doubt Legion! And, sadly, these "healed" parishioners are quite the picture of the true intent of this source of "healing." That its "healing" appears to be less crazed, or more "civilized," in America is just all part of its customized packaging. This source is, after all, on a mission "seeking whom he may devour." But, who knows, maybe at some point today's new "healed" Americans will begin to resemble those "healed" by Haitian voodoo. After all, the diverse methods of "American" meditation all "tune" in to the same profane spirit world that Haitian voodoo calls on . . .

After quoting Dr. Hyman's endorsement, Smith goes on to point out that:

"Also referring to 'restoration' in *The UltraMind Solution*, **Dr. Hyman** lists three New Age centers in his 'Resources' ... he **recommends the Omega Institute**, the Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health, and the Shambhala Mountain Center.... **The Omega Institute offers a number of workshops led by key New Age leaders like Neale Donald Walsch, Marianne Williamson, Deepak Chopra, Eckhart Tolle, and Alberto Villoldo**.... And at the Dr. Hyman endorsed Kripalu Center, New Age leader Deepak Chopra offers a workshop on his Dr. Oz endorsed book, *Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul*. In case people can't make it to Saddleback Church, Dr. Daniel Amen also teaches a workshop at Kripalu." (bold added)⁴¹

Regarding Dr. Oz, Smith warns:

"Dr. Oz is like a modern-day shaman as he mixes traditional medicine with a wide variety of occult/New Age practices....

"Dr. Oz's New Age affinity for psychics, spirit guides, past lives, and contacting the dead was showcased on his March 15, 2011 program—just two months after the launch of the Daniel Plan—titled, '**Psychic Mediums: Are they the New Therapists?**'...

"On a January 6, 2010 *Dr. Oz Show*, Dr. Oz revealed what he believed to be 'the most important alternative medicine treatment' for his viewers in that coming year. His #1 'Oz's Order' was to 'Try Reiki'—an occult bodywork practice that incorporates the channeled guidance of spirit guides. Dr. Oz was reported in one press release as stating: 'Reiki

is one of my favorites, we've been using it for years in the Oz family, and we swear by it.'

"On a video on Dr. Oz's website, New Age leader Deepak Chopra teaches viewers how to meditate. Chopra's 2009 book *Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul* features Dr. Oz's back cover endorsement. Dr. Oz is a personal practitioner of Transcendental Meditation, which was founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. He has also practiced Yoga for over twenty years ... Dr. Oz wrote the Foreword to 'US'—a New Age book written by his wife Lisa, who is a Reiki Master—a book that opens with a quote on 'oneness' by New Age patriarch Pierre Teilhard de Chardin." (bold added)⁴²

First, as Smith points out, the founder of Transcendental Meditation (TM) is Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. And what is the purpose of "Transcendental" meditation? To "transcend." Specifically, to "transcend" (bypass) the *absolute truth of the Word of God*. When asked, "Do all the teachers of Transcendental Meditation teach the same technique," Maharishi Mahesh Yogi answered, "Yes," and then said:

"The teaching has been set up in a very, very standard form. What we do is, **actual practice involves thinking of a word**, a word devoid of meaning. We don't know the meaning. **We don't try to know the meaning**. And the principle is, that if we know the meaning, that **meaning is a static thing**.... The sound changes in its pitch. It could be loud sound, it could be low sound. The meaning is the same at every pitch, high or low. So **if the mind is on the meaning, then there is no chance of refining the meaning**. If the mind is not on the meaning, then there is a chance of refining the sound. Then there's a chance of experiencing the sound in its finer values till the finest could be **transcended** and the **awareness could reach that inner wakefulness devoid of any perception. This will be Transcendental Consciousness**....

"**This unbounded awareness where the perception is no longer within boundaries**, it is unbounded, this is a *silent state of the mind*. And it is so fulfilling that the physiology having tasted this kind of quietness of activity, it cherishes that. And because it is cherishing to the whole physiology, to the whole experience, the physiology tends to maintain that state naturally even when there are activities. So by nature that state is experienced. By nature, through practice, it becomes stabilized in the field of activity. And once that is stabilized in the field of activity, we have life on all levels, all possibilities, **the level of all possibilities**."⁴³

Sounds familiar. And, by the way, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is also quoted as saying:

"**Through Transcendental Meditation, the human brain can experience that level of intelligence which is an ocean of all knowledge, energy, intelligence, and bliss**." (emphasis added)⁴⁴

Second, in describing the video in which viewers are taught meditation by Deepak Chopra, Dr. Oz's website states—"Rediscover the purpose of meditation and get tips from one of the world's most respected authors and spiritual guides." And in this video, Chopra tells the viewers:

"First, I'm going to explain what meditation is and how it works. Secondly, I'm going to do a *healing* meditation with you. And, thirdly, I'm going to do something really exciting, the Law of Attraction and meditation. So let's start with the theory first. Everyone thinks that the purpose of meditation is to handle stress, to tune out, to get away from it all. While that's partially true, **the real purpose of meditation is to actually tune in**. Not to get away from it all, but **to get in touch with the all**. Not to just de-stress, but find that peace within that is **the peace** that spiritual traditions talk about **that passes all understanding**. So meditation is a way to get into **the space between your thoughts**. You have a thought here, you have a thought here, and there's a little space between every thought. **According to wisdom traditions, this space between the thoughts is the window, is the corridor, is the vortex to the infinite mind. The mystery that some people call the Spirit or God. We don't have to use those terms, but it's your core consciousness**. And the more we learn about **this space between thoughts, we find certain things to be true of it**.

"Number one, it's a field of **infinite possibilities**; *infinite possibilities, sure potentiality*. Number two, **everything is connected to everything else**. Number three, it's the space of **infinite creativity, infinite imagination**. Number four, it is a place where there is something called **observer effect** or the power of intention, which means **intention** is very powerful when brought to this space and **orchestrates its own fulfillment**, what people call the Law of Attraction. So those are wonderful qualities of *your own spirit*. And in the two meditations I'm going to teach you, we get into this space. **So we find ourselves, infinite possibilities, infinite correlation, infinite creativity, infinite imagination, and infinite power of intention. That's what meditation is really about**."⁴⁵

It is indeed. But this purpose is not the truth of God. It is the lie of the serpent. And “tuning” in to his lie by going “within” to meditate is everything but “healthy living.” The Huffington Post published a January 4, 2011 article titled, “Dr. Oz: Make Meditation Your New Year’s Resolution.” It states the following:

“According to polls, **the most popular New Year’s resolutions for 2011 are: lose weight, ...**

“But if Dr. Mehmet Oz is correct, perhaps ‘learn to meditate’ should be added to the top of everyone’s list.

“Meditation is emerging as a powerful stress-buster. Research shows that it can have health benefits ...

“Dr. Oz, a meditator himself, spoke at the ‘**Change Begins Within**’ benefit on Dec. 13 in New York City.... Dr. Oz explained how the Transcendental Meditation technique reduces the three main risk factors for heart disease....

“Regarding his own personal practice of the TM technique, Dr. Oz has said, ‘When I meditate, I go to that place where truth lives. I can see what reality really is, and it is so much easier to form good relationships then.’...

“Meditation adds a powerful engine to your New Year’s resolutions. What’s more, it’s easy!” (emphasis added)⁴⁶

In addition, the article “**Health tips from Dr. Oz**” on the Transcendental Meditation Blog begins, “Mehmet Oz, M.D. is ‘America’s Doctor,’”⁴⁷ and after singing his praises, it refers to the Dr. Oz cover story of the May/June 2010 issue of the AARP magazine which states:

“The doctor follows his own orders **for healthy living** ... He does **transcendental meditation regularly and says his 20-year habit of daily yoga is ‘the most important health practice I have adopted.’**” (emphasis added)⁴⁸

And “America’s Doctor” was recruited by “America’s Pastor”⁴⁹ for his 2011 “Daniel Plan” that is “to help you adopt a healthy lifestyle” for “better physical *and spiritual* health for current and future generations.”⁵⁰ Never mind that on his website Dr. Oz himself teaches “Beginners Yoga”—his “most important health practice”—and says in Lesson #1:

“Start by bringing your hands in front on your heart into **a praying position. Say, ‘Namaste,’ which means, ‘The divine within me recognizes the divine within you.’**” [!] (Dr. Oz; emphasis added)⁵¹

So *what kind* of “better” “spiritual health” exactly? That would be today’s emerging new kind of “spirituality” that “recognizes” the “bigger” and “better” “God” of Oneness that is in everyone and everything. Again, this is *the very first lesson* in “Beginners Yoga”! Yoga is another form of meditation that is no more “scientific” and “secular” than is praying to a false god or going “within” oneself to find “truth.” Rest assured, God knows the difference.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

Dr. Oz also ends his “Beginners Yoga” lessons the same way he began them. Lesson #22 ends in the “Prayer pose,” in which his students are to “Bring your hands to your chest” and “Close your eyes,” and he says: “Repeat, ‘Namaste.’ Remember, ‘The divine within me recognizes the divine within you.’”⁵²

The profane seducing spirit world further expounds on this in its messages. As channeled through Neale Donald Walsch:

“**‘We Are All One’** is more than a beautiful slogan. *It is a precise description of the nature of Ultimate Reality.* When you understand this, you ... see the relationship of all things differently. You notice the connectedness at a much higher level. Your awareness is expanded, your insight becomes very keen. You, quite literally, *see in*....

“**‘Namasté.’**

“**God in me honors God in you.**

“How simple. How beautiful. How wondrous, indeed.

“Yet how difficult, when one is caught up in the Illusion [of ‘Superiority’], to **see God in every one and every thing.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁵³

“Dream of a world in which the God and Goddess in you is never denied, and in which you **never again deny the God**

and the Goddess in another. Let your greeting, both now and forevermore, be *Namasté*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁵⁴

So why this ritual in yoga? Because yoga—which goes far beyond just *physical* stretching—is Sanskrit for "union," and is about stretching one's *spirituality* into Oneness with everyone and everything. Like the other forms of meditation, yoga is about "union" with the "God" of Oneness—a "God" that in Hinduism (the religion that gave the world yoga) is called Brahman, the "ultimate reality" in everyone and everything. The website of the Classical Yoga Hindu Academy, which has a motto of "Hinduism is Yoga; Yoga is Hinduism," states:

"The Sanskrit (*the language of the Hindus*) word *Yoga* means 'union of Atmana (individual Soul) with Brahman (Soul Source).'" (all parentheses in the original)⁵⁵

And according to the channeled teachings of Alice Bailey, yoga is defined as follows:

"Yoga

- "1. One of the six schools of India, said to be founded by Patanjali, but really of much earlier origin.
- "2. The practice of **Meditation** as a means of **leading to spiritual liberation**." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁶

Moreover, Bailey wrote:

"Through meditation, spiritual knowledge grows up within the mind, and from the basis of ordinary knowledge, we steadily expand our understanding of the term, until knowledge merges into wisdom. This is *direct knowledge of God* by means of the mental faculty, so that we become what *we* are, and are enabled to manifest *our* divine nature....

"[M]editation brings about union, or at-one-ment.

"The Occidental mystic may speak of the At-one-ment, whilst his brother in the Orient may speak of Raja Yoga, or of Union and of liberation, but they mean the same thing.... René Guénon, in his book *Man and His Becoming*, makes the following interesting comments on the word 'union,' which have a place here.

"The realization of this identity is effected by Yoga, that is, the intimate and essential union of being with the Divine Principle, or, if preferred, with the Universal. The proper meaning of this word Yoga is in fact 'union' and nothing else ...'

"... Thus, the hitherto disorganized and separative aspects of the human being are synthesized and unified and brought into harmonious relation with each other ...

"This *science* of union involves ... focused attention, of mind control, or of meditation, and is a mode of development whereby we effect union with the soul, and become aware of inner states of consciousness. This is summed up for us in the familiar words of Browning:

"Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise From *outward* things, whate'er you may believe.

**There is an inmost center in us all, Where truth abides in fullness; ... and to know
Rather consists in opening out a way Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light Supposed to be without.'** – Browning, Robert, *Paracelsus*.

"The whole object of the *science* of meditation is, therefore, to enable man to become in outer manifestation what he is in inner reality ..." (Alice Bailey; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁷

Anyone who blindly thinks that yoga is "not religious" should take a good look at the *Yoga Journal's* "200 Key Sanskrit Yoga Terms."⁵⁸ And in his book *A Time of Departing: How Ancient Mystical Practices are Uniting Christians with the World's Religions*, Christian author and speaker Ray Yungen also writes:

"Most people would have only a vague sense that yoga had anything to do with religion....

"I would like to invite these folks to stop by their local bookstore, go to the fitness section, and examine more closely **the finer points of yoga**. The actual meaning of the word yoga might surprise them. It does not mean stretch or bend as many might think. The word stands for '**union**' as in hooking up with something. And in this case, that something is spiritual in nature. In the majority of these yoga fitness books, terms like *samadhi*, **chakras**, **kundalini** and **namaste**

fill the pages.” (bold & underline added)⁵⁹

Basically, yoga, along with the other methods of meditation, lead to “hooking up with” the serpent and his lie.

So, let’s take another look at the “Vision” for Rick Warren’s purpose-driven “Daniel Plan”—a “Plan” that “was designed by ... Dr. Mark Hyman, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mehmet Oz ... to pursue a healthy lifestyle”⁶⁰:

“Vision

“As part of the Decade of Destiny campaign, Pastor Rick started with The Daniel Plan to help people create more physical energy and vitality **so they can make additional changes in other areas of their lives**.... The Daniel Plan envisions starting a movement so the result is better **physical and spiritual** health for current and future generations....

“The Daniel Plan is a 52-week campaign **to help you adopt a healthy lifestyle**, with the goal of glorifying God **in the way we eat, move, and think**.” (emphasis added)⁶¹

Warren B. Smith concludes his Appendix with the following:

“[I]t is definitely ‘buyer beware’ when it comes to mixed-bag physicians like Oz, Amen, and Hyman. But that doesn’t seem to matter to Rick Warren as he openly aligns himself with these New Age doctors and promises to make their joint Daniel Plan a worldwide phenomenon....

“One can only wonder if Daniel’s vision of the end days included a look at Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan—a compromised pastor and three New Age doctors with their psychics, spirit guides, tantric sex, necromancy, Yoga, Reiki, Transcendental and Kundalini ‘sa ta na ma’ meditations and more—all in Daniel’s name. If so, it is no wonder the Bible records that he ‘fainted’ and became ‘sick’ for a number of days (Daniel 8:27).

“It doesn’t make any difference in God’s scheme of things if Rick Warren stands slim and trim in front of an adoring church audience after losing 90 pounds. What may be remembered is that in the midst of all the self-congratulatory statistics and frenzied media hoopla, a finger suddenly appeared on the wall behind Rick Warren and wrote the following:

“‘... Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. —Daniel 5:27’” (parentheses in the original)⁶²

Incidentally, in this passage of Daniel, the writing on the wall also warned the king that he would lose the kingdom and it would be given to others (see vv. 26 & 28). And although Rick Warren’s purpose-driven movement claims to be about God’s Kingdom, any movement that is about *Oneness*⁶³ is not a movement about the Kingdom of *God*. And Jesus warned:

“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” (Matthew 13:41-42)

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

In June 2011, the DVD “WIDE IS THE GATE: The Emerging New Christianity” was released, which was produced and hosted by Caryl Matrisciana, a former New Ager. Fittingly, this DVD shows a wide gate leading into a furnace of fire and then superimposed over the fire are the words: “The Emerging New Christianity.” And, yes, those who are in the emerging new kind of “Christianity” should respond with *fear*. There is a reason why the Word of God tells us not to walk “in the counsel of the ungodly” (see Psalm 1:1). If we want to avoid the broad way that leads to destruction, we need to be as the noble Bereans who, after even the apostle Paul had taught them, “searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11). The Word of God is our final authority; *period*. (And, no, to make the Word of God our final authority is neither “idolatry” nor partaking of “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”!)

The following warnings are from “WIDE IS THE GATE: The Emerging New Christianity”⁶⁴:

“By the time the 80’s came rolling around, **the New Age movement**, which in the 60’s was known to be **connected with Eastern mysticism**, had **legitimized itself as body-mind science** and permeated into the health industry, **posing as beneficial body betterment**, promoting programs like yoga for better health. It also claimed medical legitimacy **through the holistic idea**, the idea that the whole is one, that body-mind-spirit needs to be treated as a whole.” (Caryl Matrisciana)

“**The holistic movement was another way in which Eastern mysticism has infiltrated Western society as well as the church.** The holistic movement in the East sees the mind, the body, the soul of an individual as an entire whole unit which can be healed by means of spirit. Through an aligning of the key force or the prana, the energy force that surrounds us all, and a balancing of those psychic forces, they believe that they can bring healing, not only to the body, which used to be the territory of medicine, but to the mind and the spirit as well.” (Johanna Michaelsen, a former occultist)

“**Many in the Christian world feel there is no problem with adopting these Eastern practices of holistic medicine—treating body, mind, spirit—into the church.** They feel that **yoga** can help them gain flexibility and relax, it can help calm the nerves and soothe their mind as they learn relaxation techniques. They bring in techniques of **Reiki**, one ancient Tibetan mystical technique designed to align the spirit and balance the energies around the body and bring healing and alignment through the channeling of spirit guides that are going to help facilitate the balancing of those Eastern energies. Yoga has now been embraced wholeheartedly, not only by parishioners sitting in the congregations and the pews, but by the **pastors** themselves who **actually open up the sanctuaries to allow Christian yoga classes to be conducted there ...**” (Johanna Michaelsen)

“[T]he yoga teacher will go ‘**namaste**’ [Yungen illustrates putting his hands together in a prayer position and bowing] and the students will respond ‘**namaste.**’ Now in Sanskrit that means ‘**the god in me bows down to the god in you.**’ We now see yoga as being an integral part of Western culture, practically every fitness center, every spa, every health club, offers classes in yoga. And I believe **yoga** was one of the major things that brought respectability to **New Age spirituality.**” (Ray Yungen)

Incidentally, as used to be obvious, *the true God bows down to no one whatsoever*. The true God is not a God of *Oneness* that “recognizes” and “honors” and “bows down to” the “God” in everyone and everything. Neither are *we* to bow down to *false gods* any more than we are to “recognize” and “honor” them as *God*. And this includes *the false “God” of Oneness* in everyone and everything. *Superiority is not an “Illusion.”* For those who believe in the true God through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God says “*greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*” (1 John 4:4). Yet understatedly contrary to God’s Word of *absolute truth*, the serpent’s lie of *Oneness* renders *all gods equal with the true God* in his quite purposeful elimination of the *preeminent superiority* of the true God. This father of lies, who is “the god of this world,” is indeed having a heyday in both the world and today’s merging and emerging “Christian”/New Age Spirituality.

“**The source of power in the holistic movement is called the kundalini force....** Virtually every mystical religion and Eastern religion views the serpent power as something to be desired and something to be embraced. The Bible, on the other hand, views the serpent as a personification and embodiment of Satan. And it’s not viewed as a positive thing at all. When you have that introduction of the holistic medicine that has come in through yoga, that has come in through acupuncture and acupressure, through chiropractic, through homeopathic medicine, through the practice of Reiki, an ancient Tibetan mystical system seeking to align what they call **the energy force, which is really a spiritual force that is tied to this serpent power that they’re seeking to balance and align and raise up**, you’re ... certainly opening the door—**however Christianized your practice of yoga may be**—to seducing spirits who will teach you *doctrines of demons*. You cannot Christianize yoga.” (Johanna Michaelsen)

“The postmodern church has now brought in yoga. And I really thought this was kind of a joke when I first heard about it. I know what yoga is, it’s a Hindu practice.... I actually talked to **a former yogi that has become a Christian**. And **when I asked him, ‘What do you think of Christian yoga?’ He looked at me puzzled, and he said, ‘Well, that’s an oxymoron. You cannot combine two opposite philosophies and make one.’**” (Brian Flynn, a former New Ager)

EXACTLY!

“One of the things that really gave **the New Age movement** a tremendous boost in the 1990’s was the rise of **the Holistic Health movement**, also known as **the ‘Mind, Body, Spirit’ movement**. In this movement, **meditation was not so much called meditation, but** it was called **‘Mind/Body Experiences,’ ‘Mind/Body Practices.’** This was the term that described **classic Hindu meditation**. One of the major proponents of this movement was a man named Dr. Deepak Chopra, who originally was connected with Transcendental Meditation under Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.” (Ray Yungen)

And, of course, Leonard Sweet writes about “a *channeling* of Christ *energies* through *mindbody experience*”⁶⁵ in his book that is offered as “a *spirituality classic*” on his website.⁶⁶

“[I]ncredibly today, the Christian church is inviting this Eastern mystical spirituality into the church, promoting it and not the biblical worldview. Rick Warren, who is called ‘America’s Pastor’ by TIME magazine, and has a huge congregation of 22,000, introduced the idea of holistic medicine in his Decade of Destiny through his Daniel Plan. He invited three New Age doctors, a Muslim, Dr. Mehmet Oz, a Jew, Dr. Mark Hyman, and a Christian mystic, Dr. Daniel Amen, who between them promote Eastern mystical concepts of Transcendental Meditation, Japanese Reiki healing, India’s darkest tantra yoga, and other meditations as part of their wellness program from Rick Warren’s Saddleback church. **Rick Warren is emphasizing that all of this is scientifically provable and is not concerned about the spiritual dangers ...**” (Caryl Matrisciana)

“One of the major repercussions of the explosion of mind-body medicine was the popularity of yoga. And these practices that many people think are mere stretching are **basically limbering you up for meditation.** And meditation is very much an integral part of yoga ... **So many, many people embraced yoga for fitness, but then wound up embracing Hindu spirituality as a result....** If one goes to the fitness section, I’m not talking about religion, I’m talking about you go to the fitness section of any secular bookstore and look through the books on yoga, you will find terms like **samadhi, kundalini, chakras.** These all have spiritual connotations. *Samadhi* is this mystical state where you are *one* with the universe. *Kundalini* is a fiery *serpent* energy that goes surging up through the spine. *Chakras* are these energy centers that produce psychic powers and the sense of that you are *divine.*” (Ray Yungen)

“The chakra system is out of Hinduism and also Theosophy—the Western occult tradition. **You find it in virtually all occult modalities.** The ones that would conflict most profoundly with Christianity are the 6th chakra and the 7th chakra. The 6th chakra is called the *third eye* chakra, and it is associated with psychic powers which the Bible completely condemns.... Also the 7th chakra, this goes for **yoga, Reiki, witchcraft, all occult systems make reference to the 7th chakra.** And in the 7th chakra, **when this one opens, you realize that you’re God, you’re divine.**” (Ray Yungen)

“The kundalini awakening is a meditative process that comes from the East.... What is interesting about this is that **this can be achieved just through breathing.** And, again, it’s usually a meditative process **that involves concentrating one’s breathing or a word repeated over and over again.**” (Brian Flynn)

“Dr. Michael Harner put together an organization called the Center for Shamanic Studies. He began giving seminars to many professionals, many of them doctors and therapists and counselors, on how to access *shamanic states of consciousness* to help their clients in their personal problems. And he began training tens of thousands of Westerners, most of them professionals, ... A lot of self-help books ... began to illustrate that *meditation* was necessary to move from your lower self, or ego-self, to your higher self. And **this is exactly what the Alice Bailey prophecies were about, that you would use mantras, you would use focusing on your breathing, which was very much opposed to biblical meditation.**” (Ray Yungen)

“A mantra means to be liberated from thought. So you are liberated from thought, and what some of these Christians believe is that once they empty their mind that God will now communicate to them in their mind. **That is not a biblical practice.**” (Brian Flynn)

“The church is confused about this explosion of occult influence in society because they do not understand the importance of going back to the Word as our foundation. It’s not enough to have an experience. It’s not enough to feel that something is right. If you are not testing your experience by the inerrant, infallible Word of God, you have no plumb line by which to measure or test or discern what is coming in. If I had known what the Word had

to say about mediums and occultism and divination, I would never have been involved.” (Johanna Michaelsen)

“God loathes syncretism. You cannot sanctify practices like these, bring them into the church, and think you’re going to honor God with them. God calls us to have faith in Him, in the finished work of His Son Jesus Christ. It is our trusting in that Gospel, in that God, in the Word that He has given us, that brings that true relationship. Not some experience dredged **from the depths of occult mysticism**, but a relationship with the living God through faith in His Word that brings us into that relationship we yearn for.” (Johanna Michaelsen)

“[W]hen this one opens [i.e., ‘the 7th chakra’], you realize that you’re *God*, you’re *divine*. Now if you’re *God*, if you’re *connected to God*, that means you don’t need the cross, you don’t need to believe the Gospel. If you’re already part of God, there’s no need for the Christian Gospel. It renders it useless. It renders it *impotent*.” (Ray Yungen)

Sounds familiar. As previously addressed, Marcus Borg and Leonard Sweet, both of whom have described the experience of mystical Oneness, write, respectively, that: “*believing* is relatively *impotent*,” we “have reduced it ... into *propositional* believing, believing a particular set of statements or claims to be true;”⁶⁷ and “[t]he more connected the world gets, the more the importance of Christianity getting over its propositional *impotence*,” so we “must resign from the proposition business.”⁶⁸

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: ...” (Romans 1:16)

“If Christians aren’t serious about the Bible, they will seriously be deluded with the deception that is permeating our society. The Bible warns us that we must have a love of the Bible or we, too, will become prey to the delusion that’s taking place.” (Caryl Matrisciana)

“So that’s what this battle is all about. It’s about confusing people. It’s about causing people to not understand what the Gospel is, the power of God that releases us from sin and provides a way to have a relationship with Him that will last for eternity.” (Roger Oakland, Christian author and speaker)

“Satan hates the Gospel. But the Gospel is the power of God, and we must proclaim it until the end.” (Roger Oakland)

Sadly, as people seek to acquire “alignment,” “balance,” and “flexibility,” and thus engage in yoga, not to mention the other various meditation methods, they are acquiring these things *spiritually*. People are *shifting to Oneness for a reason*. These methods are doing what they were *designed* to do. And the “Daniel Plan” is neither “God’s Prescription for your Health”⁶⁹ nor “An Open Door for the Good News.”⁷⁰ Rather, it is an open door to the upside-down “good news” of the new “gospel” of *Oneness*, a door which Rick Warren’s three recruited holistic doctors are no doubt more than happy to open wide. Again, there is no such thing as *holistic* “healing” apart from *Oneness*. And it is a door—or should we say gate?—that is swung open wide when going “*within*.”

“*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*” (Psalm 1:1-2)

True *scriptural* meditation is “*in his law*.” We are to think carefully and thoroughly about God’s Word. We are to “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). To *meditate* rightly is thus “[t]o think on;” “to dwell on anything *in thought*; to contemplate; to study.”⁷¹ Likewise, contrary to today’s unscriptural contemplative prayer/meditation, to *contemplate* is “[t]o think studiously; to study; to muse.”⁷² And, of course, to *muse* is “[t]o think on;” “to think closely.”⁷³ Although Deepak Chopra absurdly equates “the peace ... that passes all understanding” with “the space between your thoughts” in his meditation video on Dr. Oz’s website, the Word of God says:

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God

of peace shall be with you.” (Philippians 4:6-9)

There is an eternal difference between true scriptural meditation, which is full of thought, and unscriptural meditation, which purposely *suppresses* thought. The first is about *believing and obeying*, the second is about *liberation*. And it is *liberation* that people today want. Hence, people are choosing to go within *oneself* rather than within *the pages of God’s Word*. But then they attempt to justify it all with the use of *Scripture* as their *mantra* to meditate and breathe with, as well as with the argument that to go “*within*” is to open oneself up to hearing from *God* directly. This is a serious delusion. In the “WIDE IS THE GATE” DVD, Warren B. Smith says:

“Neale Donald Walsch, New Age leader, author of *Conversations with God*, said that ‘if you don’t go within, you go without.’ So I mean it’s the complete opposite. Why? Because this is the main way that the spirit world contacts us. This is how the teachings came through, through channelers, through psychics, through us in our meditations. You can’t just shut off your mind, and as a matter of fact you can’t even just recite Scripture, and then expect that what you’re going to hear is from the Lord, because some of the New Age teachers, Barbara Marx Hubbard for one, literally used the word *contemplate* and she used Scripture. She did contemplative prayer. She said that when she recited the Lord’s prayer repeatedly, ‘the Christ voice’ emerged within her. Like you hear practicing the presence—the question is, the presence of what?”

Moreover, regarding the unscriptural practice of word/phrase repetitions, the Lord Jesus Christ warned:

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do ...” (Matthew 6:7)

Heathen practices are heathen practices, whether they are “Christianized” or not. And, likewise, whether doing so is seen as for “the good” of the whole new humanity or for “the good” of the whole new individual, going “*within*” is going “*within*.” And going “*within*” opens the door to the profane seducing spirit world and its most direct and successful means of communicating its messages—messages which will prove to be everything but “healing” and for “the good” of man. Although the Word of *God* says to “*gird up the loins of your mind*” (1 Peter 1:13), people are instead opening up their minds to the profane seducing spirit world and its emerging “Evolution Revolution” of Oneness. In other words, people are opening themselves up to making that final “evolutionary leap” back to the beginning of this circle of the serpent’s lie. And absurdly trying to “Christianize” the methods that open up their minds to the profane seducing spirit world changes nothing. Rest assured, the serpent sees no difference.

“[T]he great schools of intellectual meditation ... all lead to the same point. From the standpoint of Buddhism, of Hinduism, of Sufism, and of Christianity, there is the same basic goal: Unification with Deity ... and the same subsequent Illumination.

“All sense of separateness has disappeared.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁴

“In the words of all schools of mystics in both hemispheres, **these results [of meditation] are summed up** in the words: Union with God, or **At-one-ment with Divinity**. God and man are at-one. The Self and Not-Self are unified.” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁵

“When, therefore, **sight has been attained and the light streams forth**, revelation of the **oneness of all life** is a simple and immediate occurrence ...

“[I]n these days many are attaining sight and light is pouring in.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁷⁶

“Truth lies within ourselves. When we can contact **our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. We shall **be Knowers.**” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)⁷⁷

“And the serpent said ... then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:4-5)

“The New Spirituality is ... **a call to expanded consciousness....**

“This will create a revolution on your planet.... It will be **the Evolution Revolution....**

"A revolution is a 'revolving.' It is a **coming full circle.... You are on a circle**, from the fullness of knowing to the emptiness of forgetfulness **to the fullness of knowing again**. From Oneness to Separation to Oneness again. From Total Consciousness to Unconsciousness to Total Consciousness again....

"It is the Truth of Truths, the Wisdom of Wisdoms, the Nature of All Things, the Wonder of Life." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁷⁸

Shortly after this latter quote, this seducing spirit continues:

"All that will be asked of you is that you **open your mind**....

"It is something you can do **with your body**....

"**The body and the mind are interlinked and interconnected**. They are **not separate** from one another.

"**Your brain is a part of your body**. Your mind is not your brain, but you can **open your mind using your brain**.

"Every mystical training and spiritual teaching tells you this, each in its own way. Avatars and masters of every tradition have declared it....

"**Simply breathe in the Life that is all around you. Breathe deeply, with the natural rhythm of Life, for an extended period. Sit or lie quietly while you do this**....

"You may feel a sense of *enlightenment*. With that physical feeling may come an increased awareness of Life, of everything around you. Do not be surprised if this occurs. You have opened your mind, exposing it to the gentle breeze of expanded consciousness....

"And while you're at it, make a commitment to **do this 'breath work' every day**. You may find that the simple act of breathing deeply in a meditative state may **not only expand your consciousness, but enhance your physical well-being as well**." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)⁷⁹

So, basically, just totally disregard the war that is supposed to be going on between your mind and your body of flesh in which sin dwells and use the latter to open your mind. And *what* exactly do you think a body of flesh in which sin dwells is going to open your mind *to*? Those who are meditating but, at this point, still care about believing and obeying God and His Word need to take the time to *think* about it. But, sadly, far too many people today are more concerned with this *temporary* life than they are with *eternity*.

So, here it is. The serpent's "Plan." The emerging faith of Oneness. And it is being offered to you in a "Plan" for your physical and spiritual "health" and "well-being." Are you going to participate? Or are you, like countless others, *already* open minded to the "enlightenment" of Oneness—both within and without—and find it "healing"?

"We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" (Jeremiah 8:15)

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.... Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, ... keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen." (1 Timothy 6:3-5, 12, 20-21)

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." (2 Peter 1:2-3)

"Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings...." (Jeremiah 3:22)

Again, there is supposed to be a war going on between our mind and our body of flesh in which sin dwells. We are not to use the latter to open our mind. So also think about the fact that *humanity*—with the bait of "physical well-being"—is being led to use the body of flesh in which sin dwells to open minds on an increasingly *global scale* in order to emerge

as a New Humanity with a new “*way of living*.” It is thus quite fitting that humanity’s coming head, the Antichrist, will be the ultimate “*man of sin*,” who “opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

With all the changes people today are making to their “spiritual health” and their thinking, which includes through the 52-week, 2011 very purpose-driven “Daniel Plan,” and regardless of whether the seducing spirit world’s plan is carried out in the year 2012 or not, 2012 is indeed shaping up to bring about quite interesting “new beginnings.” Humanity as a whole is working hard to “set aside our old patterns and old beliefs and old ways of being as we invent a New Human.”⁸⁰ And with humanity so readily going “within” and even gullibly invoking the serpent and welcoming his kundalini “*serpent force*,” this race to the finish line is rapidly coming to the end. Today’s thoroughly “tuned” in humanity is as primed and readied as it gets for his “healing” Ark of Oneness to fully emerge/rise up from the sea, with his ultimate “man of sin” at the helm. Yes, the serpent and his seducing spirit world are having a heyday with today’s new meditating humanity that is breathing deeply of his spiritual *RoundUp*. And, no, this isn’t breathing in “*Life*.”

“Are you not sick, if you deny yourself your wholeness and your health, the Source of help, the Call to healing and the Call to heal?... For healing will be one or not at all, its oneness being where the healing is.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Jesus,” *A Course in Miracles*, “The Ark of Safety;” emphasis added)⁸¹

“In this amazing time in which we live, we are about to pass through this Dark Rift. It is an opportunity for all of us to **enter into the ocean of cosmic consciousness of the Great Serpent**.” (Teressena and Martien Bakens, “[a] couple working with Mayan/Olmec shamans;” emphasis added)⁸²

“This is a dangerous time because we can **go to the next step**, to the transition, to **the fusion of the polarities**, or it is a time when we can be destroyed.... [T]he **people need to go inside themselves in order to know what they are ...**” (Carlos Barrios, who “trained as a Mayan Ajq’ij” [priest/shaman]; emphasis added)⁸³

“In the direction **EAST**, universally acknowledged as **the place of new beginnings**, the Maya place the hieroglyph CHICCHAN ... CHICCHAN is **the serpent mind**, ... **a process of shedding what no longer serves us**.... Kultunililni is the vital life force empowering all human growth and development. **This crucial life-force** is the same as what is known in Hindu cosmology as **the serpent power: kundalini**. Kundalini ... a potentially powerful source of solar wisdom ... is only accessible to the extent that we are able to **hear what our bodies, as carriers of its sacred gift, are actually telling us**.” (“Aligning With the Spirit of the Maya Calendar End-Date 2012;” emphasis added)⁸⁴

A new kind of “risen” “Christ” --
“after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders”

Satan is successfully finishing the circle of Oneness with the same lie that started it. After thousands of years of “learning,” people are no wiser today than when man fell in the Garden of Eden. This circle started because of questioning and then “rethinking” and then “reimagining” God’s Word, and now this circle is finishing because people today are questioning and then “rethinking” and then “reimagining” God’s Word. This circle started with Satan’s lie that man “shall be as gods,” and this circle will finish with Satan’s lie of his Antichrist “showing himself that he is God” (Genesis 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:4). Man fell for it then, and man will fall for it now. After all, man never has wised up to it. As a result, the minds of people today are steadily being aligned in the thinking of Oneness so that man can thus “birth” himself into a New Humanity—a *Homo universalis* that expects God and His Son to *share being God and His Son* with *man*. And this New Humanity that is rapidly approaching its “birth”—or full emergence—is about to be given a leader that will fittingly presume to *be* God Himself. Although those in today’s emerging faith of Oneness are also presuming this as well, this particular emerging leader will seemingly prove it. And this will not only bring Satan’s lie full circle, it will also fulfill Satan’s dream.

All that’s left for this serpent—and dragon—to fulfill his still emerging dream to “be like the most High” is to deceive

the whole world into worshipping him as “the most High” . . .

“... **and all the world** wondered after the beast. And they **worshipped the dragon** ...” (Revelation 13:3-4)

That’s right, *all the world* will fulfill Satan’s “God” Dream. Why? Because “*they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*” And, sadly, the whole world is primed and readied for the fulfillment of this prophecy, which will indeed bring new “beginnings”—but not at all the kind of “beginnings” that man has in mind.

Just as the serpent “energy” is rising up through the circular “centers” of man’s emerging faith of Oneness as “God,” and just as humanity is thus rising up out of this “sea” of Oneness as a New Humanity, or *Homo universalis*, the global kingdom of the Antichrist is rising up out of the sea as a beast, empowered by the serpent and dragon himself.

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.... And **the great dragon** was cast out, **that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,** which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:3, 9)

“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition; **who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God....** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,** and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 8-10)

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw **a beast rise up out of the sea,** having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.... **and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.** And I saw **one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon** which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:1-5, 7)

Will the world see its worship as the worship of Satan, who is the dragon? Probably not. No doubt the world will see this as the worship of “God,” which of course will completely fulfill Satan’s “God” Dream. And given the nature of this emerging delusion, the world will also no doubt see its worship of the *Antichrist* as the worship of “Christ.” Why wouldn’t it? Today’s emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism *already* worships a “Christ” that *is/is in everyone and everything*. So the Antichrist, whose “deadly wound was healed,” will be a fitting new kind of “risen” “Christ” for today’s emerging new kind of Humanity that is “a community of Christs.”¹

Naturally, this new kind of “risen” “Christ” will even strive to be *all-inclusive*. This is, after all, the only way to a “salvation” that is universal. And since today’s emerging faith of Oneness is about creating “Heaven on Earth,” it is therefore fitting that this new kind of all-inclusive “Christ” will try to “save” life on *Earth*. Enter “the false prophet,” the second beast (see also Revelation 19:20).

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” (Revelation 13:11-12)

This false prophet with “horns like a lamb” but that speaks “as a dragon” will be the primary facilitator of the global worship and all-inclusiveness of the first beast, or Antichrist. How? Along with performing deceptive “miracles,” he will simply add the threat of *death* to those who don’t comply with worshipping this new kind of “risen” “Christ.” A new

kind of all-inclusiveness that will be *mandated*. This passage continues:

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” (Revelation 13:13-15)

First, people will easily be deceived into believing that the false prophet of the Antichrist and dragon is a true prophet of the true God. All “miracles” are of God, right? And, besides, Elijah, who really was a true prophet of the true God, said in his showdown with the false prophets of the false god Baal that “the God that answereth by fire, let him be God” (see 1 Kings 18:24, 38-39, & rest of chapter). Elijah also said, “If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven” (see 2 Kings 1:10, 12, & rest of chapter). So this false prophet that “maketh fire come down from heaven” will thus be “a man of God,” right? *Wrong*. This will simply be one of Satan’s “signs and lying wonders” that will be allowed by God as part of the “strong delusion” (see 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 11).

Second, today’s new gullible humanity—that denies the reality of the profane seducing spirit world—will easily fall for this speaking image of the beast.

*“Even him, whose coming is **after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9)*

And it will be no problem for Satan and his seducing spirits—i.e., devils—to observe and kill those that don’t bow down. But regardless of the threat of death for not complying, far too many people will blindly participate in this worship anyway. Why? Because those who continue in their choice now to not believe the truth will not be given a choice when it comes to believing the lie of the Antichrist. After this verse that the Antichrist’s coming is “after the working of Satan” with “lying wonders,” the Word of God continues with the direst of warnings that *God Himself* “shall send them strong *delusion*”:

*“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**: That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)*

And, thus, the Word of God also warns:

*“... and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, ... **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.” (Revelation 13:3-4, 8-9)*

Those who truly love and believe the truth and are saved by the Lamb of God know that God is not today’s new kind of panentheistic “God” of Oneness that is *in everyone/everything*, which obviously includes *idols/images*. (Think about it.) So, contrary to the world that is now fully primed and readied to “humbly” bow down to the image, those whose names are written in the book of life of the Lamb will refuse to participate in this worship/idolatry, not unlike Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who refused to worship the image of king Nebuchadnezzar (see Daniel chapter 3). And, like in Nebuchadnezzar’s day, those who belong to the Lamb, God’s Son, and refuse to bow down to the image of the Antichrist will be killed. Why? Scripture tells us that “it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them” (Revelation 13:7). God is going to allow His saints to be overcome and killed as part of the delusion that the Antichrist himself is under—i.e., that he “opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:4). Obviously, if God protected everyone who belongs to God and His Son from the Antichrist instead of giving him the ability to overcome them, then this means that God is protecting them and, thus, the Antichrist is not really exalted above even God—and, yes, this exaltation is his delusion, but it is a delusion that will appear to be “*reality*.”

It is this “reality” that will successfully delude the world into following the Antichrist into war against God’s Son in the battle of Armageddon. Besides, other than going to war against the Christ in Whom we are to *believe* to be saved, how else would the world be able to bring its demanded *universal* “salvation” into being? When God’s Son, The Word of God, descends on His white horse, it should at that point become instantly obvious to the world that its attempts to align minds to “*think*” a new kind of universal “salvation” “into being” have quite utterly failed. Clearly, the only option left for a world that is simply not willing to believe would be to go to war against the very Person in Whom it is not willing to believe. And surely this “reality” of the Antichrist—i.e., who he “really” is—will give him victory, especially since his “deadly wound was healed,” right?

*“... and they worshipped the beast, saying, **Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**” (Revelation 13:4)*

*“And I saw **the beast, and the kings of the earth**, and their armies, **gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse**, ...” (Revelation 19:19)*

Never mind that “him that sat on the horse” is the “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” Who “treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of *Almighty God*” (vv. 15-16). The thoroughly deceived/deluded world will actually think it can take Him. This is, of course, a “reality” that will be short-lived.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns ... and his name is called The Word of God.... And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations ... And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he had deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” (Revelation 19:11-13, 15, 19-21)

Nonetheless, in the meantime the Antichrist’s kingdom will continue the attempt to “save” life on *Earth* for all who are not willing to believe the *written* Word of God of the *living* Word of God. Accordingly, and as part of the mandated all-inclusiveness of this new kind of “risen” “Christ,” the false prophet will simultaneously bring in the mark. The Word of God warns:

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.” (Revelation 13:16-18)

Since this emerging faith is about choices, it is fitting that what is referred to as the mark of the beast will actually be “the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” But if people choose to receive his *name* rather than what people have been led to believe will only be the number “666,” then they won’t have actually received the mark of the beast, right? *Wrong*. Whatever this “mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” ends up being or looking like is the mark of the beast. Interestingly, in its rewrite of Revelation, the false “Christ” of the seducing spirit world that channeled its teachings through Barbara Marx Hubbard says:

“I will write upon you my new name, which is not the Master Jesus who went to the cross but the risen Christ who arose from the dead, ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²

Although the seducing spirit finishes this sentence with “ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God,” this all takes on an entirely different meaning given that the “God,” as well as the “Christ,” of this emerging faith *is/is in everyone and everything* creating an interfaith “Heaven on Earth” of Oneness! And its very next sentence after “sits at the right hand of God” is: “I died so that you may live as Christ.”³ In addition, the above quote is in the context of it having quoted Revelation 3:10-12⁴—in which the true Christ says He will write His “new name” upon those “that

overcometh.” Never mind that overcoming includes having “*kept my word*” (v. 8). Sadly, many will fall for the seducing spirit world’s counterfeit in which *the Antichrist’s* name will be written on those who have *not* kept the Word of the true Christ. That is, the Word of Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who *alone* went to the cross and Who *alone* is the risen Christ. Just before quoting Revelation 3:10-12—in which, again, the *true* Christ says that He will write His “new name” upon those who have “kept my word” and have “not denied my name” (v. 8)—the seducing spirit says:

“There shall be a great rejoicing among Jews and Gentiles as we approach the Quantum Transformation. They will not unite by ecumenical conferences or institutional coalitions. They will join as individuals who are attracted to **the potential of humanity for universal life** as heirs of God.

“This is the Jewish vision of **the future** personified, **not** as **the single savior Jesus**, **but** as a generation of humans determined to trust God’s promise enough **to go the whole way**; a generation without the *arrogance* to set *false limits* on God’s creatures; *a generation who will lead us through the tribulations to the New Jerusalem.*” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁵

This is then followed with Revelation 3:10-12, and, shortly thereafter, Hubbard writes:

“Our future potential is like a light at the end of the birth canal. Our focus upon our collective potential will guide us through the chaos to our full liberation as a universal humanity.”⁶

This light is more akin to the light at the end of a tunnel that is of a speeding train. And that is an understatement. This “birth” is on a direct collision course with the Almighty God. His wrath will be “poured out without mixture” on any person who worships the Antichrist and his image, and receives his mark. So it is not at all surprising that in *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*—in which “Hubbard and ‘Christ’ ‘rewrite’ the Bible’s Book of Revelation”⁷—this seducing spirit calling itself “Christ” conveniently skips the 13th chapter of Revelation that prophetically details the rise of the Antichrist and mark of the beast. But then, why draw attention to the details of the seducing spirit world’s most sure-fire way to take humanity swimming?

The Word of God warns:

*“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:9-11)*

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.... And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” (Revelation 20:10, 14)

To worship the Antichrist and receive his mark is to instantly lose one’s soul. A good verse to remember regarding worshipping the Antichrist and receiving his mark is John 6:66.

“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.” (John 6:66)

For those who receive the mark there will be no more walking with Jesus, *for all eternity*. But, sadly, since there will be no buying or selling without the mark, which obviously includes buying food, there will no doubt be those who will see physical food as more important than Jesus and who will receive the mark for that reason. And, by the way, if anyone thinks that this justifies receiving the mark, the context of John 6:66 is of people wanting physical food more than Jesus (see whole chapter). There is no justification for receiving the mark; *period*. Those who choose to heed fiction writers over God are literally playing with fire—a *lake* of fire. God said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth, which includes the entire book of Revelation. Jesus warned:

*“**For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same***

*shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or **what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?***" (Mark 8:35-37)

Choosing to receive the mark of the beast is a prime example of choosing to save one's life but then end up losing it in the long run along with one's soul.

"You are to provide the opportunity for a planetary signal wherein **each person who chooses life over death can register that decision visibly**—a coming to witness before the world." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁸

"**The decisive moment of selection has almost come.** The judgment of the quick and the dead is about to be made. The end of this phase of evolution is nearly complete." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁹

"The 'second **death**' **is for those of you who cannot evolve by choice**, due to some deeply seated error in your understanding of the *nature of reality*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)¹⁰

"There need be no greater punishment. There need be no threats. There is only choice. That is the purpose of freedom. Only those who choose to evolve, do.

"Henceforth, the choice is yours." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)¹¹

Those people who choose to sell their soul in order to "save" their "life" rather than lose it for Jesus' sake will be known by their mark—a mark that in no way, shape, or form will be "the seal of the living God." To the contrary, it will be the seal of the serpent who is only "the living God" in his dreams.

"Each shall be 'sealed' with the seal of the living God. This means that **they shall be marked**, visibly identified, first to themselves, then to others. This means that **their inner eye in the forehead will be fully opened by this touch**, henceforth awakening them from the womb of self-centeredness." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)¹²

And, of course, this "inner eye in the forehead" is "the third eye," which just so happens to be the 6th chakra. How fitting.

Sadly, the world is primed and readied for all of it. *Think* about it. What reason is there to fear getting the mark of the beast now that people today are "reimagining" that God is in everyone/everything, which includes Satan and his Antichrist? And, not only so, they are also "reimagining" that Satan himself doesn't even exist anymore and that neither does an eternal fire of judgment in hell and the lake of fire. So what's there to fear in getting the mark now that even its consequences of "doom" are being "reimagined" out of existence? Besides, a Satan that "doesn't" exist surely can't deceive anyone into swimming in a lake of fire that "doesn't" exist. And since man has chosen to "reimagine" that a soul "sort" can't possibly exist, the mark of the beast can't possibly be the beginnings of a soul "sort," right? So all man has to do is align together against the Word of God in "reimagining" a "positive" future and poof!—the "not inevitable" judgment of God's inspired book of Revelation has been "reimagined" out of existence. Yes, to say that Satan's seducing spirit realm is achieving success in blinding minds against the reality of its true mission of Oneness—a mission to take humanity swimming with it in the lake of fire—is an eternal understatement.

"**The Book of Revelation** is a description of one path to the New Jerusalem, but this scenario **is not inevitable**....

"**Change your minds** and you can **change the world**, dearly beloved.

"**The Planetary Birth** can be a natural, graceful, planetary transition. If you are able to communicate this **alternative reality** before the tribulations are fully set in motion, violence can be avoided." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)¹³

Basically, this alternative to God's prophesied judgment in Revelation attempts to change the world by changing the world's minds about the truth of Who God and His Son are. Those who choose to change their minds about the truth of Who God and His Son are *as recorded by God in the Word of God* will soon be known by their mark.

Clearly, since to receive the mark is to seal one's final destiny in the lake of fire, to receive the mark of the beast is to *reject the Lord Jesus Christ*. But the increasing number of those in today's shifting Christianity who are as primed and readied as the world won't see this as rejecting Jesus Christ. Rather, the mark will no doubt be seen as just a sign of Oneness and solidarity with all of humanity in its great time of need.

First, never mind that humanity's coming great time of need will be of a humanity that has begun its *tribulation*, or *judgment*. To not participate in this Oneness/solidarity with all of humanity will be seen as *judgmental* and thus worthy of *death*. In other words, it will be obvious to all that those who do *not* display a mark of the beast in their forehead or right hand are holding fast to the God of judgment rather than moving forward to humanity's "reimagined" "God" of Oneness. And since all minds are to be aligned in this "alternative reality" of Oneness in order to think a "positive" future and a "new dawn"/"new beginning"/"new world"/"new age" "into being," it is not surprising that the response will be "off with their heads."

"And I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4)

Although the world can cut off our heads, it will utterly fail at cutting us off from our Head. No, the mark of the beast is not of Christ. And He Who was willing to die for us is infinitely worthy of our being willing to die for Him. Charles Spurgeon wrote of the story of "Simon the Pedlar," a martyr for his faith in Jesus:

"About the year 1553, at Bergen op Zoom, in Brabant, there was a pedlar named Simon, standing in the market selling his wares. The priests with their idol passing by, the said Simon dared not show the counterfeit god any divine honour; but following the testimony of God in the holy Scripture, he worshipped the Lord his God only, and Him alone served. He was therefore seized by the advocates of the Romish Antichrist, and examined as to his faith. This he boldly confessed.... holding fast the testimony of the word of God; he was therefore condemned to death by the enemies of the truth. They led him outside the town, and for the testimony of Jesus committed him to the flames....

"It is well to review the memory of the brave days of old that we may be inspired with the like uncompromising spirit. **Not a nod of the head or a bend of the knee will the solitary champion concede to the idol before which others prostrate themselves.** His life must answer for his daring, but no entreaties or threats can move him; he can burn but [h]e cannot turn; he can yield his body to the tormenters, but not his soul to the tempters. Things invisible have nerved his heart against all visible terrors, and the fear of the most holy God has banished from him all fear of man....

"We have no more right to give up truth than to give away our master's property.... The idol is set up and God is dishonoured. From the world's religion we must keep at an equal distance ... The Holy Spirit is to be sought unto to inspire in us the courage which endures unto the end." (emphasis added)¹⁴

Second, although Oneness with all of humanity is the equality of all religions, since this obviously includes Christianity which is about Jesus, this Oneness/equality of all religions is not and will not be *recognized* as the *rejection of Jesus* and the *blasphemy* that it actually is. Nevertheless, to include Jesus—the "corner stone" and "rock of offence"—in this circle of the Oneness/equality of all religions is to smooth and round *off* His offensive corners. In other words, to choose this Oneness/equality is to choose to transform Jesus into "*another Jesus*" so that "Ours is not a better way, ours is merely *another way*."¹⁵ This is indeed to *reject* the Jesus Who is neither a "*better*" way nor the "*best*" way but the only way to God. And those who are already making this choice will no doubt soon be able to "register that decision visibly"—not only that they *reject* the Lord Jesus Christ as the way to God, but that they also *accept* that it is "*the same God*" that is "the bottom line" in *all religions*. These go hand in hand. And, again, those who don't see anything wrong with "reimagining" God and His Son now will not be *able* to see it then:

*"... because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, ..." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)*

When it comes to believing and loving the truth of God and His Son, there can be no neutrality or middle ground. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the only way to the only true God, and the only way to the only true God is Jesus Christ of Nazareth; *period*. God's inspired Holy Scriptures make this perfectly and abundantly clear. This is why there are open calls for *fuzziness* and *incorrectness*. God's *clarity* is a hindrance to aligning minds in choosing today's emerging interfaith Oneness, and *they know it*.

*"For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**."* (1 Timothy 2:5)

And the man Christ Jesus, Who is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, said:

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**."* (John 14:6b)

To not believe the inspired record that God has given us of His Son is to make God a *liar*:

"... the holy scriptures ... are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, ..." (2 Timothy 3:15-16)

*"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son**."* (1 John 5:9-10)

To reject God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, as the only way to God is to deny *both* the Father and the Son. This denial is, in a nutshell, the bottom line "*both/and*" of Oneness. And to choose Oneness, which is to automatically choose this bottom line *both/and* denial of the Father and the Son, is thus to be an "*antichrist*" oneself.

*"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] **he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also**. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father."* (1 John 2:22-24; brackets in the original)

*"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son**."* (2 John 1:9)

*"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God**."* (John 3:17-18)

*"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by **the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved**."* (Acts 4:10-12)

We can either acknowledge the Son and have the Father also, or we can deny the Son and not have the Father. *Acknowledge* and *deny* are antonyms/opposites that *cannot* be brought together in a *Oneness of opposites* despite this attempt by man to have God *unconditionally* and thus *universally*.

Acknowledge -- "to recognize or admit the existence, truth, or reality of;" "to recognize the authority, validity, or claims of;" "to recognize as genuine so as to give validity."¹⁶ *Deny* -- "to refuse to acknowledge or recognize;" "refuse to accept or believe;"¹⁷ "[w]e deny what another says, or we deny a proposition;" "[w]e deny the truth of an assertion, or the assertion itself;" "[t]he sense is to thrust from;" "[t]o reject; to disown; not to receive or embrace."¹⁸

Obviously we cannot *acknowledge* without *knowledge*. And where are we to get our knowledge? From scriptural doctrine, or "propositions," which we are to believe. Those who claim that "recognizing" Oneness as "truth" is acknowledging the Son are being deceived. Rather, to "acknowledge" the "reality" of Oneness is to *deny* the doctrine

of Christ which refutes Oneness with perfect clarity. And, thus, it is to merely acknowledge the unscriptural “knowledge” of one’s own inner “knowing.” In other words, it is to come full circle back to man’s fall in the Garden of Eden. And this emerging New Humanity or “community of *Christs*” in which people are being led full circle in falling for the lie that they “shall be *as gods*” with *their own inner “knowing”* is, in fact, a community of *antichrists*. So how fitting that this community will be headed by the ultimate Antichrist himself who will complete the lie by “showing himself that he is God” (Genesis 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Even when the whole world joins together as this community, no matter how hard it tries, the world community will never succeed in cutting off any individual from their Head who faithfully refuses to reject Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God’s only begotten Son. It can only succeed in cutting us off from the world itself by sending us home to be with Him. Holocaust survivor Corrie ten Boom, who went through the Ravensbrück concentration camp, wrote a letter in 1974 titled, “Prepared for the Coming Tribulation.”¹⁹ In this letter, she warned:

“There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this.... Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world. I have been in countries where the saints are already suffering terrible persecution.

“In China, the Christians were told, ‘Don’t worry, before the tribulation comes you will be translated – raptured.’ Then came a terrible persecution. Millions of Christians were tortured to death. Later I heard a Bishop from China say, sadly,

“‘We have failed. We should have made the people strong for persecution, rather than telling them Jesus would come first. Tell the people how to be strong in times of persecution, how to stand when the tribulation comes, – to stand and not faint.’”²⁰

She also pointed out that:

“In America, the churches sing, ‘Let the congregation escape tribulation’, but in China and Africa the tribulation has already arrived.... I know. I have been there.... Many, many members of the Body of Christ are being tortured to death at this very moment, yet we continue right on as though we are all going to escape the tribulation.”²¹

Corrie ten Boom’s warnings need to be heeded today more than ever.

“I feel I have a divine mandate to go and tell the people of this world that it is possible to be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in training for the tribulation, but more than sixty percent of the Body of Christ across the world has already entered into the tribulation. There is no way to escape it. We are next.

“Since I have already gone through prison for Jesus’ sake, and since I met the Bishop in China, now every time I read a good Bible text I think, ‘Hey, I can use that in the time of tribulation.’ Then I write it down and learn it by heart.”²²

Corrie gave the following story from her childhood to a church in Africa in which people were filled with fear that they would be the next ones to be martyred:

“‘When I was a little girl,’ I said, ‘I went to my father and said, ‘Daddy, I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ.’

“‘Tell me,’ said Father, ‘When you take a train trip to Amsterdam, when do I give you the money for the ticket? Three weeks before?’

“‘No, Daddy, you give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train.’

“‘That is right,’ my father said, ‘and so it is with God’s strength. Our Father in Heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr for Jesus Christ. He will supply all you need – just in time...’” (ellipsis dots in the original)²³

She goes on to write that after this frightened African church heard this story “a spirit of joy” suddenly descended on them, and later that week half the church was executed. In this same letter, Corrie wrote:

“Sometimes I get frightened as I read the Bible, and as I look in this world and see all of the tribulation and persecution promised by the Bible coming true. Now I can tell you, though, if you too are afraid, that I have just read the last pages. I can now come to shouting ‘Hallelujah! Hallelujah!’ for I have found where it is written that Jesus said,

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be His God, and he shall be My son.”²⁴

Those in this African church were overcomers, as was Corrie who went home to be with her beloved Lord Jesus in 1983. Not only is He infinitely worthy of our being willing to die for Him, but to be given an eternal life *with Jesus Christ Himself* is an all-surpassing treasure to die for!

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of **Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.... Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:3-9, 23-25)**

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth ...” (Revelation 14:12-13)

Today’s new kind of “reimagined” patchwork, interfaith “Christ” that is a cornerless stone and no-offence shifting sand is not Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus Christ Himself is the same Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who is written about in the Word of God. And as used to be obvious before the purposeful shift to darkness, Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not Hindu. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not Buddhist. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not Zoroastrian, Neo-Pagan, Sikh, Muslim, or Wiccan, and so on. Neither is Jesus Christ of Nazareth generic. Spell it out and *think about it*. Likewise, *the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is not Hindu. *The Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is not Buddhist. *The Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is not Zoroastrian, Neo-Pagan, Sikh, Muslim, Wiccan, and so on. Neither is *the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* generic.

Moreover, the *other gods* of other religions are not the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Neither is Jesus Christ of Nazareth the Son of the *other gods* of other religions. And, according to God’s inspired Word, a person who denies that Jesus is the Christ and denies the Father and the Son is an “*antichrist*” (1 John 2:22-23). And, yes, God’s inspired Word is referring to denying that *Jesus of Nazareth* is the Christ. He is, after all, the only begotten Son of God Who is alone the Word and God and Christ “*made flesh.*”

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of **the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.... We have found **the Messiah**, which is, being interpreted, **the Christ**.... We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, **Jesus of Nazareth**, the son of Joseph.”* (John 1:1, 14, 41, 45)

*“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”* (1 Timothy 3:16)

*“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.... In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that **God sent his only begotten Son into the world ... to be the propitiation for our sins.... the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.** Whosoever shall **confess that Jesus is the Son of God,** God dwelleth in him, and he in God.”* (1 John 4:1-3, 9-10, 14-15)

*“Whosoever **believeth that Jesus is the Christ** is born of God ... For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and*

this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that **Jesus is the Son of God?**... he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." (1 John 5:1, 4-5, 10)

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father ..." (1 John 2:22-23)

Obviously, God and His Son are not in everyone/everything. And Jesus of Nazareth alone is the *Jesus* and the *Christ* (*Messiah*) Who is the Son of God sent by the Father to die for our sins and be the Saviour of the world. To believe that Jesus of Nazareth is only part of a "bigger truth" of *who "Jesus" is* or only part of a "bigger truth" of *who "Christ" is* is to not only deny the truth of Who the Son is, it is to deny the truth of Who the Father is as well.

In every respect, the emerging faith of Oneness is indeed anti-Christ, not to mention anti-Christian. Given its eternal importance, it simply cannot be overstated that God is the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. *There is no other god or bigger god that is God. And there is no other "Jesus"/"Christ" or bigger "Jesus"/"Christ" who is God's Messiah.* This is the cornerstone of the faith! To depart from the fundamentals of the faith is to depart from the faith. And since Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the true God's "corner stone" and "rock of offence" of course the world is *offended* and finds Him to be a "stumblingstone"! But, absurdly enough, according to today's mission of Oneness, that the world is offended by Him supposedly justifies freely "reimagining" and changing the "rock of offence" as the way to help the world move forward past "stumbling" over Him! Yet all this is doing is moving the world forward to acknowledging the Antichrist, rather than Christ.

"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." (1 Peter 2:6-8; see also Romans 9:33)

Sadly, the growing number of people in today's shifting Christianity who are already choosing Oneness, and thus its antichrist denial of the Father and the Son, are indeed primed and readied to receive the damnable mark of the ultimate Antichrist himself. They simply do not see that they are *already* departing from the faith and from the living God.

*"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist shall come**, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went **out from us**, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."* (1 John 2:18-19)

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

*"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of **unbelief**, in **departing from the living God**."* (Hebrews 3:12)

Although God has recorded the *certainty* of Who God and His Son are inside the truth and faith of His inspired Holy Scriptures, people today are choosing instead to journey into the darkness *outside* this "box" because they want *mystery*. The world as a whole is primed and readied not only for the beast, but also for the woman on the beast.

“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS”

In his 2010 book *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*, Leonard Sweet asks, “Are you ready for signs?”¹ Sadly, along with the world, today’s shifting Christianity is indeed ready for “the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (2 Thessalonians 2:9). And, along with the world, it is also primed and readied for the woman on the beast, the ultimate lady of the night.

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.... and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.... And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:1-2, 5, 7)

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.... And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” (Revelation 17:1-5, 15)

As previously stated, the circle of Oneness started with Satan’s lie that man “shall be as gods” and this circle will finish with Satan’s lie of his Antichrist “showing himself that he is God” (Genesis 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:4). And upon this “beast” will sit “THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

The global kingdom of the ultimate “man of sin” and the ultimate lady of the night is an emergence/rising that is powered by Satan himself. In no way, shape, or form is this a “MYSTERY” that is connected to the mystery of *godliness*. To the contrary, in the context of this “man of sin” being revealed, God’s Word warns that “the mystery of *iniquity* doth already work” (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 7). And whereas the “mystery of iniquity” is about the *Antichrist* “showing himself that he is God,” the “mystery of godliness” is about the *Lord Jesus Christ* being “God ... manifest in the flesh.” But, sadly, those who refuse to be “preoccupied” with believing and loving the truth of the *correct* Christ will end up falling for the iniquitous and damnable lie of the Antichrist.

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed ... Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, ... God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” (2 Thessalonians 2:8-15)

“Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.... and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.... And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” (1 Timothy 3:9, 13, 16-4:1)

The Antichrist’s ultimate lady of the night is neither the mystery of the faith nor the mystery of godliness. And in stark contrast to the bride of Christ who is “a chaste virgin” (2 Corinthians 11:2), the Antichrist’s lady of the night is “the great whore” and “MOTHER OF HARLOTS” (Revelation 17:1, 5).

While the bride of Christ *knows* the certainty of the truth of Whom she is espoused to and thereby remains faithful to Him, the Antichrist's lady of the night lurks in the darkness as *mystery* to draw the unfaithful into her whoredoms. And many are falling for her seducing ways as they turn away from knowledge to embrace the mystery of a new kind of "Christ" in the darkness. But even though "MYSTERY," the ultimate lady of the night and "strange woman," is the harlot of the Antichrist, those who turn in unto her won't see it that way. She lurks in the *darkness* for a *reason*.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ... they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.... they have left off to take heed to the LORD.... **for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God." (Hosea 4:6-7, 10, 12)**

"My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path ... **For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." (Proverbs 1:15, 29-31)**

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and lifest up thy voice for understanding ... then shalt thou **understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.... Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: **To deliver thee from the way of the evil man**, from the man that speaketh froward things; **who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness**; ... To deliver thee from **the strange woman**, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words ... and **forgetteth the covenant of her God**. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. **None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life**." (Proverbs 2:3, 5, 9-13, 16-19)**

"For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. **Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, ... and thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, and say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!" (Proverbs 5:3-9, 11-13)**

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

Never mind that God's Word warns against walking "in the ways of darkness," in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*, in which Sweet asks, "Are you ready for signs?," he also writes:

"Turn on the Dark

"The first step to seeing is knowing that you're in the dark. If you don't know you're in the dark, then you need to turn on the dark. **To turn on the dark is a metaphor for keeping an open mind**, for resisting easy assumptions and automatic defaults in judgment, all of which I call light pollution....

"Light can pollute dark, just as the dark can pollute the light. Stars only come out at night. In order to see the stars, it must be dark enough to see them. **One of the greatest threats to DarkVision is light pollution....**

"There are spiritual as well as biological effects of light pollution. Most people are born at night and are born into eternity at night. Our first journey in life is from darkness to light (and even that light is filled with the three most mysterious forces in the universe: 'dark energy,' 'dark matter,' and the recently discovered 'dark flow'). Our last journey in life is from light to darkness. We make both of these journeys alone. This is why **nudgers need NightVision**, which comes only after at least two hours in the dark. We can see in the dark, but it takes time and patience. We don't have to go through life groping in the dark; we can grope the darkness."⁷⁸

"It is good to enter darkness, for darkness is the birthing place where God resides." (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²

Incredibly, Sweet's endnote #78, after "we can grope the darkness," reads in its entirety:

"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt—

darkness that can be felt” (Exodus 10:21).” (parentheses in the original)³

Believe it or not, God’s *plague* of darkness was not meant to be a *good* thing! But then, to those who prefer the “mysterious” darkness of the emerging faith of Oneness, “*signs*” are more important than *meaning*.

“The art of **attention repivots the focus** of the church **from hermeneutics to semiotics**....

“Where hermeneutics is preoccupied with *meaning*, semiotics (or the art and science of **sign reading**) is preoccupied with **dancing**. Semiotics is the art and science of **paying attention**. A spiritual semiotics is paying attention to what the Holy Spirit is up to in our world today. **The future lies in those who can help others focus their attention and pay attention.**” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴

No matter how many people prefer to dance around the meaning of God’s Word of truth, God warns us over and over and over in His Word that the darkness is not something to be desired. This is not what *God’s Holy Spirit* is “up to.” But those whose attention is focused on dancing are too preoccupied to pay attention to God’s Word of truth.

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.” (1 John 1:5-6)

“... understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness.” (Proverbs 2:11-13)

The darkness is not a “birthing place where *God* resides,” but is a place that gives birth to man’s *imagery*, to man’s “reimagined” gods and christs. It is in the darkness that these whoredoms take place.

“We were *not* put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to **conceive** beauty, **truth**, and goodness.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

“Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do **in the dark**, every man **in the chambers of his imagery**? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.” (Ezekiel 8:12)

Shortly after he writes, “It is good to enter darkness, for darkness is the birthing place where *God* resides,” Sweet continues with:

“**The gospel of the night is a birthing gospel.** Perhaps that is why in the symbol of the yin/yang **the female part is dark** and the male part is light. There is something matriarchal about **the Night**—it is **mysterious, intuitive**, curious, inexplicable. There is something patriarchal about the Day—it is rational, logical, analytical, clear, well outlined....

“Like the dark room of a photographer’s studio, **darkness is a light-bringer**, a light-birther. Dark rooms are places for creativity, community, and regeneration. Dark rooms ‘develop’ negatives into positives.

“Life needs dark rooms. **Light dries and decays. It’s the darkness that preserves**....

“**Darkness is the womb in which everything exists.** To **trust the dark** is to *trust those deep, underground forces—forces of the earth, the ocean, the genes—that would bring to life the seed that is your soul*. God planted deep into the ground of your being the seeds of a one-of-a-kind soul. To grow our souls into the unique creation God intends us to be, we must **trust the birthing that is going on inside and around us**. We must trust the ‘fruitive darkness.’

“Now understand this well: when we turn within ourselves in contemplation, the fruitive *unity of God* is like to a *darkness*, a somewhat which is unconditioned and incomprehensible. —John of Ruysbroeck, *The Adornment of the Spiritual Marriage* ...

“God designed us for the cyclical changes of light and dark, and an upset of the balance can be catastrophic.

“Play, not work, is the soil that grows dreams.

“**Jesus** did not so much come to *flood darkness with light so that darkness is destroyed* as he **came to show us how to**

enter into darkness, and mystery, so that *darkness* can be explored and experienced.” (emphasis added)⁶

First, the last sentence of this quote here is simply *diabolical*, through and through.

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: **he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness**, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

It isn't *Jesus* that people are following when they walk in *darkness*. And if they were willing to work, rather than play at “reimagining” “*who Jesus is*,” they would know that. But, of course, they are purposely replacing believing with *entering darkness and mystery* in their new kind of “gospel of the night.”

“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” (John 6:29)

“The church is **not** a set of propositions, ... or **beliefs** ...

“We need to **learn to play** the spaces.... **All space is God's space.**” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁷

Second, although in this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism “[d]arkness is the womb in which everything exists,” according to the Word of God, “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). So, as if this wasn't perfectly obvious enough already, the true God is obviously not the “God” of this emerging faith of Oneness/panentheism. And the true God, Who “is light,” is not “*darkness*” that “is a light-bringer.” Neither is the *darkness* the kingdom and power of God.

*“Jesus cried and said, ... I am come a light into the world, that **whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness**.”* (John 12:44, 46)

*“Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: **we are not of the night, nor of darkness**.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

*“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose **the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil**.”* (1 John 3:8)

*“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us **from the power of darkness**, and hath translated us **into the kingdom of his dear Son**.”* (Colossians 1:12-13)

*“Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them **from darkness to light**, and **from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”* (Acts 26:17-18)

Sadly, this emerging faith of Oneness is basically flipping these verses upside down and “delivering people from the power of God's dear Son, and translating them into the kingdom of darkness” in order “to turn them from light to darkness, and from God unto the power of Satan.” Why? Because this emerging faith of Oneness and its new “light” of darkness is the lie of Satan, and he wants his kingdom of darkness full of people so he can take them swimming with him. And this serpent is achieving success with far too many people.

“... If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” (Matthew 6:23)

Again, the “*darkness* [that] is a *light-bringer*” is neither God nor of God. As previously addressed, it is *Lucifer* that is a *light-bringer* (from the Latin “*lux, lucis*, light, and *fero*, to bring”⁸). And as Sweet fittingly points out:

“Certain nocturnal species and ecosystems require a nightly dose of darkness—for reproduction (snakes), ...

“It is good to enter darkness, for darkness is the birthing place where God resides.” (parentheses in the original)⁹

That Sweet quotes the following in this section is also fitting:

“Now understand this well: when we turn *within ourselves* in *contemplation*, the fruitive unity of God is like to a darkness, a somewhat which is unconditioned and incomprehensible. —John of Ruysbroeck, *The Adornment of the Spiritual Marriage*” (emphasis added)¹⁰

Incidentally, this book of John of Ruysbroeck, who was a Catholic mystic ordained to the priesthood, is also fittingly posted online at GodConsciousness.com, and this sentence that Sweet quotes about going “within ourselves in contemplation” immediately follows a subheading titled, “The Gift of Wisdom.”¹¹ This gift of the serpent’s *counterfeit* “wisdom” is a gift of *darkness* that leads to “the strange woman,” the “harlot,” that God’s Word warns about.

“My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. **Keep my commandments**, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: **That they may keep thee from the strange woman**, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. For at the window of my house I looked ... a young man void of understanding ... went the way to her house, in the twilight, in the evening, **in the black and dark night**: And, behold, there met him a woman **with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.**” (Proverbs 7:1-10)

“**The gospel of the night is a birthing gospel....**

“We must trust the ‘fruitive darkness.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²

“**We were not put here to ‘keep commandments’ but to conceive ... truth ...**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³

Obviously, with such a purpose there is no perceived need to affirm God’s truth but, rather, to simply receive affirmations (or should we say flattery?) of oneself.

“**Our idolatry of propositions is so severe** that we have even made ‘affirmations’ into principles, not people. When you hear the word *affirmation*, you immediately think of an intellectual declaration rather than a relational stance of being ‘beloved on the earth.’ But what it means to be human is not to enunciate affirmations but to **be affirmed and receive affirmations.**” (Leonard Sweet; bold added)¹⁴

And, believe it or not, the very next thing Sweet writes is:

“Like Raymond Carver, **what do you ultimately want from life?** Each one of us will have one last day as yourself. How do you want to spend it? With **principles on your lips? Or** to affirm and be affirmed ... to die with **lips on your lips.**” (ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁵

“My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. For **the lips of a strange woman** drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smother than oil ... **Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable**, that thou canst not know them.” (Proverbs 5:1-3, 6)

And thus, not surprisingly, Sweet and Viola write that:

“... **Christ is too immense, too imponderable**, and too alive **to be tied into any immovable system of thought** constructed by finite humans....

“Jesus is *not* just one way, ...

“Jesus is *not* just one truth, ...” (emphasis added)¹⁶

To shift from the ponderable path of life to the unknowable, moveable ways of strangeness is to fall for a serpentine seduction that has risen from hell itself. But those who would rather die with *lips* on their lips than *principles* simply do not see why they should “*ponder the path of life*,” just as God’s Word warns . . .

Principle -- “**fundamental truth or proposition;**” “**a fundamental doctrine** or tenet;” “guiding sense of the

requirements and obligations of right conduct;” “a general and fundamental truth that may be used in deciding conduct or choice.”¹⁷ **Ponder** -- “**to think**, to consider;” “[t]o weigh in the mind.”¹⁸

“**Truth is not** something you assent to, **not something you think** ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁹

“CHRISTIANITY IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK

“According to Scripture, Jesus Christ (and **not a doctrine about Him**) is the truth....

“**When Christ is understood in terms of a cohesive theological system**, Jesus becomes subordinated to a *human* description. The ‘idea’ of Jesus is treated as the equivalent of the *reality* of Christ. **We are then hindered** from growing in His life, **being tied down to a frozen construction of Him**.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; caps & parentheses in the original; other emphases added, except to *reality*)²⁰

Again, Jesus Christ is indeed the truth, but He is a very specific Person Who is the truth. It is the *doctrine* of Christ that gives us the *Person* of Christ because the doctrine of Christ tells us Who this specific Person is Who is the truth we are to *believe*. But, of course, *believing* requires *thinking*. And since people today prefer the uncertainty of mystery, rather than the certainty of truth that we are to believe, doctrine is thus being thrown out—but *not* according to *true* Scripture.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, ...” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

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

The Word of God is not a human “system”/“description”/“construction.” And the theology of the Word of God is perfectly cohesive in and of itself. God’s Son, Jesus Christ, is just one way and just one truth because He is just one Person. But the emerging faith of the mystery of Oneness is about a *cosmic* “Christ” that is “alive ... in all of life and in all things”²¹ and, therefore, “imponderable” and “moveable.”

Hence, those who do not believe that Christ is *just one specific Person* will not see the need to be faithful to *that one specific Person*. Think about it. And also ponder this -- what would be the response of their spouse, who is likewise just one specific person, if they told their spouse that rather than the certainty of *who* their spouse *is* they prefer the uncertainty of mystery?? And not only so, but that they also want to see their spouse in everyone and everything?? It is guaranteed to be everything but “positive” and to be filled with marital “doom”! And yet people absurdly imagine that *Christ’s* response to this will in no way be “negative” and filled with “doom.” *Delusional* . . .

“Jesus’ first teaching after the resurrection was this: ‘**Stop clinging to me**.’ In other words, *don’t try to control me or hold on to your preconceived notions about me*. Don’t miss the completeness of the *whole* gospel. If there were a ‘loyalty test’ to following Jesus, it would be this: To what extent are you **clinging to preconceptions about who Jesus is**, or to what extent are you allowing other cultures and voices to *inform* your *biblical* exposition?” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)²²

“The church is **not** a set of propositions, ... or **beliefs** ...

“We need to **learn to play** the spaces.... All space is God’s space.” (Leonard Sweet; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)²³

The *absolute* (or “*immovable*” and “*frozen*”) truth of Who God and His Son are is simply intolerable to those who want “to *move* and choose and resist airtight propositions”²⁴—but all the while trying to *sound* like they aren’t resisting God and His Son. Sound, of course, openly being more important than thinking in Oneness. Why? Because those in this emerging faith want Jesus to be more than “just one way” and more than “just one truth.” This way, instead of being “tied down” to Jesus as His bride they can have the freedom to “play” the field. But, naturally, this is just a “scientific” “quantum” “field,” right?

“When Christ is understood in terms of a cohesive theological system ... We are then hindered from growing in His life, being tied down to a frozen construction of Him.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²⁵

Sadly, people today just don’t want to be “married” to that Jesus Christ—the *correct* record of Whom is given to us by God in His Word. In “the language of the emerging church” that is moving forward from *believing* to “*be-living*”:

“B is for Be-living ...

“Modernity was **preoccupied with correct beliefs and believing**, but only in a **narrowly defined** sense. For moderns, so enthralled with rational, conceptual *correctness*, ‘believe’ was normally married to the conjunction ‘that,’ rather than the preposition ‘in.’ It was above all important **to believe that . . .**, the word to be then **followed by any number of propositions** and formulations....

“*Authentic Christianity is a full faith, not thin beliefs. We are saved by grace through faith, not by beliefs.*” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; 2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added, except italics to *that*)²⁶

“R is for **Religion**

“What postmoderns are temperamentally allergic to....

“The word **religion** comes from Latin *religare*, which **means to be bound to safety, to be tied to an anchor so that you are not carried away into the deep**. Postmoderns are natural ‘lift anchor’ types.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)²⁷

And once again:

“... **Christ is too immense**, too *imponderable*, and too alive **to be tied into any immovable system of thought** ...

“Jesus is **not just one way**, ...

“Jesus is **not just one truth**, ...” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)²⁸

And, of course, Sweet writes that “[u]nlike the imposed structures of modernity” (and see his above quote in which it is elaborated that “[m]odernity was preoccupied with *correct* beliefs and believing ... in a *narrowly* defined sense”), the new “self-regulating” “make-it-up-as-you-go-along process” is to “preserve the self-organizing” and “assure a fair and level playing field in which an incarnational outcome can emerge.”²⁹

Absurdly, right after Sweet and Viola write that “[w]hen Christ is understood in terms of a *cohesive theological system*, Jesus becomes subordinated to a *human* description,” they continue with “[t]he ‘idea’ of Jesus is treated as the equivalent of the reality of Christ.”³⁰ And yet Sweet writes in *So Beautiful* that:

“Early Christians drew upon ideas, phrases, metaphors, and customs **of pagan cultures** as ‘seeds’ of the divine Word that **become enfleshed in Christ** ...” (emphasis added)³¹

So, not only is God’s inspired doctrine of Christ—by which we have both the Father and the Son—dismissed as merely an “idea” that is “a *human* description,” but “ideas” “of *pagan cultures*” are then treated as “‘seeds’ of the *divine Word*” “that become *enfleshed* in *Christ*”! In other words, in the darkness with the “beautiful” mystery of Oneness, *pagan ideas* are then embraced as “the equivalent of the *reality* of Christ.” Again in *So Beautiful*:

“To what extent are you clinging to preconceptions about who Jesus is ...?...

“... Plato gives the name of **thumos** to the innate **resistance** of humans **to what is strange** and foreign.... **Instead of bristling at change** and bracing ourselves to fend off the *unfamiliar*, Jesus instructs us to **open ourselves up and stop clinging to our precious preconceptions.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except italics to *thumos*)³²

And where does the bride of Christ get her “precious preconceptions” that she will never “stop clinging to”?

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; ... Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

*“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: **To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart ... (Proverbs 6:23-25)***

*“... and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye **seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring.**” (Numbers 15:39)*

Neither the “flattery” nor the “beauty” of the strange woman have any lasting value. But, sadly, lusting and seeking after both are essentially the new “way of life” in the emerging faith of Oneness. After Sweet basically tells us to “open ourselves up” to “what is strange” and “stop clinging to our precious preconceptions” of “who Jesus is,” he writes that “[t]he MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] life is more one of *eros* than *thumos*.”³³ The latter of course being “resistance” to “what is strange.” It is quite fitting that Sweet, who includes “hospitality to strangers” here, chose to use the word *eros*, rather than *agape* or *phileo*. Whereas *phileo* love is “affection,”³⁴ *eros* is the term used for “sexual love” and “desire,” with Eros being the Greek “god of love.”³⁵ Eros is also the counterpart to the Roman “god of love” known as Cupid.³⁶ And, by the way, Cupid’s bow is even described as the shape of “lips.”³⁷ In addition, as opposed to *agape* “Christian love,” *eros* is also defined as “carnal or sensual love.”³⁸

So, “[t]he MRI life is more one of *eros* than *thumos*”?? Later in this same paragraph, Sweet (who also fittingly writes of “[t]he gospel of the night” in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*³⁹) writes that “the gospel is less the closed-door *thumatic* defenses and satisfactions of complacency than the erotic courage of opening doors and welcoming the unnerving possibilities of love, enlightenment, and betterment.”⁴⁰

The true Gospel is the truth of Who Jesus is and what He did for us, as recorded by God in the Word of God. And no matter how many people prefer the new “gospel” of the mystery of Oneness, the true Gospel is not a “gospel of the night.” Yet according to Sweet, “MRI theology is the only theology worth bothering with because it is the strategic operating command center of Christianity.”⁴¹ Really?? Shifting from *thumos* to *eros* can be its new strategy if today’s shifting Christianity wants, but to say that this is “the only theology worth bothering with” is to say that one can’t be bothered with being faithful to Jesus. Despite today’s “erotic courage,” He is Who He is; *period*.

In Charles Spurgeon’s aforementioned story of Simon the pedlar who was martyred for his faith in Jesus—or should we say for his resistance to what is strange and for clinging to his precious “preconceptions” of Who Jesus is? (think about it)—Spurgeon also wrote:

“All compliance with that which we know to be erroneous and unscriptural is a form of bowing the knee to Antichrist, and should be loathed by every follower of the Lord Jesus. Union with unsound churches, and compliance with unscriptural ceremonies stain the integrity of many. In many shapes, in our own land, we are tempted to yield up *the completeness of our faith*, or withhold our testimony against error; but in any form and from any quarter, this temptation is always to be resisted as we would resist Satan himself. We have no more right to give up truth than to give away our master’s property. Trimming and temporising, amiable silence, and unfaithful compromises are treasons to God, and are devices of the devil to obtain space and place for the propagation of falsehood, of which he is the father; but decision for truth sees through the enemy’s craft, and disdains to yield him so much as a single inch of vantage ground.... **From the world’s religion we must keep at an equal distance; although bound to love all the people of God into whatsoever error they may have fallen, we must by no means connect ourselves with Antichrist in any of her branches, lest we be partakers of her plagues....** Nor is it enough for us as believers in the Lord Jesus to be separate from false churches; we must bear our witness for the doctrines of the Word of God; we must cry aloud and spare not, for the times are full of danger, and need bold and living testimonies for the kingship of Jesus and the *simplicity of his gospel*.... **He who minces matters to please a flattering world is unworthy of the kingdom!”** (emphasis added)⁴²

In no uncertain terms, the Word of God warns:

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.... Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” (James 4:4, 8)

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:36-38)

Food for thought: If just “the friendship of the world is enmity with God” then what does that make Oneness with the world?

Sadly, the many warnings in God’s Word are going unheeded by more and more people in today’s shifting Christianity. After all, being unfaithful to Jesus is just being faithful to the “God” in everyone and everything, right? It is in Sweet’s endnote # 13 here—“Our idolatry of propositions¹³ is so severe that we have even made ‘affirmations’ into principles”—that he quotes from the book *God in All Things*:

“A faith that is primarily thought of in terms of an assent to propositions can, in fact, be idolatrous, whereas true faith is an act of surrender to the living God, present in all people, ... and in all things.” (emphasis added)⁴³

This brings to mind the previously addressed quote of the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ” (who likewise wants man “to know God, not through some *theology* or institution, but as an *experience of higher love*, good, and wholeness, by whatever name it is called”⁴⁴) that “[e]ach shall be ‘sealed’ with the seal of the *living God*” which “means that they shall be marked, visibly identified.”⁴⁵ And, no, this “seal” of Oneness will not be the seal of the living *true* God. It also brings to mind that which was quoted earlier from the webpage “Mayan End Age 12-21-2012”:

“The essence of this time of prophecy is that we are living in a time of crossroads ... where **the old world and its separation-based mentality is in the process of dying** and transforming into a *new world* that lives and creates through our hearts.

“We are ... experiencing a tension of the opposites playing out between contracted forces of fear that seek to have false power by manipulating life with a mind founded in *duality*, and the expansive forces of *possibility* that seek to be empowered by living in harmony with life, **surrendering [sic] our hearts to the Mystery school of life that unites us....**

“This is the theme of Return that appears in many different prophecies. Return to Balance; consciously **unifying matter and spirit; The Return of the Divine Feminine....** The focus of Return brings an energy of **Rebirth into a new sense of wholeness.**

“Essentially, the idea is that we have been in a long era dominated by the *linear*, rational mind split off from the body and the heart, ... the *dualistic* mentality of *right and wrong*, and a fear-based sense of separation ... resulting from a ... disconnection **from the sacred oneness of life.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁶

Surrendering to the “God” in everyone and everything is indeed surrendering to the “Mystery” of Oneness. And, once again, regarding this “Return of the Divine Feminine,” Sue Monk Kidd also writes:

“If, then, we **envision the Divine as female—a symbol that incorporates nature, body, and matter— ... A Divine Feminine symbol renders obsolete the old idea** that these things are outside the realm of divinity. It begins to **shift thousands of years of dualistic thinking**, setting up a new mandate for the divinity of the earth and the holiness of the body....

“*Patriarchy* has majored in divine *transcendence*, which means **separateness** from the material universe—being above, beyond, or apart from it. Divine *immanence*, on the other hand, is divinity here, near and now, *inherent in the material stuff of life....*

“Restoring the feminine symbol of Deity means that divinity will no longer be only heavenly, other, out there, up there, beyond time and space, beyond body and death. It will also be right here, right now, in me, in the earth, in this river and this rock, **in excrement and roses alike.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁷

This actually paints quite a fitting picture of the “beauty” of the harlot “Mystery” and her *Oneness*. Those who think a harlot painted in poop is “beautiful” really need to turn the light on. There is no comparison whatsoever between her so-called “beauty” and the true beauty of the infinitely holy Son of God Who in no way, shape, or form is **“*in all of life* and *in all things*.”** And, again, this lady of the night lurks in the *darkness* for a *reason*! Two sentences after “in excrement and roses alike,” Kidd continues:

“I love this statement by Andrew Harvey:

“Everyone has known something in lovemaking of **the great lovemaking of the universe.... The divine is in everything** foaming around everywhere. **We’re all in connection with it, but we’ve not been given permission.** . . . We’ve not been taught how to understand our glimpses and how to follow them.

“The symbol of Goddess gives us permission....

“If such a consciousness truly is set loose in the world, nothing will be the same. It will free us to be in a sacred body, on a sacred planet, in sacred communion with all of it. It will infect the universe with holiness. We will discover the Divine deep within the earth and the cells of our bodies, and we will love her there with all our hearts and all our souls and all our minds....

“Divine feminine imagery opens up the notion that the earth is the body of the Divine, and when that happens, the Divine cannot be contained solely in a book, church, dogma, liturgy, *theological system*, or transcendent spirituality.... **Matter becomes inspirited; it breathes divinity.**” (2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

Regarding the previously mentioned occult belief of “as above, so below,” which “describes the Oneness of All That Is,”⁴⁹ the MYSTICA, which is “[a]n on-line encyclopedia of the occult, mysticism, magic, paranormal and more...,”⁵⁰ states in an article titled, **“As above, so below”**:

“This phrase comes from the beginning of The Emerald Tablet and embraces the entire system of traditional and modern magic which was inscribed upon the tablet in cryptic wording by Hermes Trismegistus. The significance of this phrase is that it is **believed to hold the key to all mysteries....** ‘That which is above is the same as that which is below’... Macrocosmos is the same as microcosmos. The universe is the same as God, God is the same as man ...” (2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁵¹

There are far too many people who are trying to find a new kind of “God” and “Christ” of Oneness in the darkness who are thus primed and readied to turn in unto the Antichrist’s ultimate strange woman and lady of the night—**“MYSTERY,” “THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”** Those who are rejecting the “dualistic mentality” of *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* and are moving instead to live “in harmony with life” are already surrendering their **“hearts to the Mystery school of life** that unites us” . . .

“We’ve in a sense come to a place where we may be ready to **embrace the mystery of life,** rather than trying to insist on *defining* it.” (Leonard Sweet & Lori Wagner; emphasis added)⁵²

“There are basically two strategies that religion can employ **when dealing with divine mystery**: hide the mystery, or display the mystery through prayer, worship, art, and conversation. *Byzantium* and *Eastern Christianity* chose to display the mystery, whereas **Western Christianity chose to hide it. But it even got worse.** Beginning with Descartes, Western Christianity moved from ‘truth as mystery’ to ‘**truth as certainty.**’” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵³

And why is this seen as “*worse*”? Because *the certainty of truth* is absurdly seen as going *backward*. People today want “*possibility*” rather than “*duality*.” They want to move *forward* to the “*Mystery*” of the “*oneness of life*.” And this way they can “play the spaces,” or the field, however they so choose.

“We are ... experiencing a tension of the opposites playing out between contracted forces of fear that seek to have

false power by manipulating life with a mind founded in *duality*, and the expansive forces of **possibility** that seek to be empowered by living in harmony with life, surrendering [sic] our hearts to the **Mystery** school of life that unites us....
“... the sacred **oneness** of life.” (“Mayan End Age 12-21-2012;” emphasis added)⁵⁴

“**When truth is encountered as certainty rather than mystery, open spaces of providence and possibility begin to close.** The idea that you can discern truth by diagramming *propositions* or analyzing *principles* disenchants the world and ‘drawstrings’ the heavens. *Only* by living the mystery can *truth* be discovered....

“**[E]mbracing mystery opens the door** ... a God who is bigger than *we can ever imagine*.

“To the person who walks in the Spirit, paradox, **mystery, and uncertainty propel him forward** instead of bogging him down.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁵⁵

“Postmoderns are more likely to **define God as ‘mystery that meaning alludes to.’** They carry within them a *mystical consciousness*.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁵⁶

And therefore “everyone is ‘*better off*’ repudiating foundationalism” in this move “forward,” right?

“In **the foundationalist world**, people **assumed** that ... **mysteries could gradually be replaced with knowledge**.... and assuming the foundation is secure and certain, humans could have **rock-solid certainty** ...

“In the post-foundationalist postmodern world, people will generally feel a greater affinity to pre-foundationalists, ... that **everyone is ‘better off’ repudiating foundationalism** ...” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁵⁷

Why is this what today’s “postmodern world” wants? Because as Sweet writes:

“Postmoderns are **driven by desire to explore and celebrate an ever-deepening intimacy with the Great Mystery that is the universe.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁸

And this way, foundational truth that is to be believed can be replaced with relational “truth” that is to be conceived, right?

Marcus Borg also writes:

“This is God as the encompassing Spirit, the One who is all around us, as well as within us, who pervades the whole universe. The universe is shot through with this non-material More [i.e., ‘God’].... Where are we in relationship to God?... God is the One who is all around us and within us, the One in whom the universe is, even as God is more than the universe, **the mystery with a capital M who is beyond all names, even as we name this sacred Mystery in our various ways.**” (emphasis added)⁵⁹

“**[T]he sacred** is known not in a set of statements about God, but experientially, as **a Mystery beyond all language.** This Mystery—God—**transcends all** of our domestications of reality, including those generated by **theology and even the Bible itself**.... God also transcends peoples and religions ...

“Life with God is **not about believing** certain teachings about God. **It is about a covenant**—a relationship. More specifically, it is about becoming conscious of a *relationship* that already exists ... **about faithfulness—fidelity—to the relationship**.... we are in **a covenant with the sacred.**” (emphasis added)⁶⁰

This emerging faith/relationship of Oneness isn’t about *God’s* covenant, which was addressed earlier and is summed up, for example, in John 3:16. This is about an unholy union or “relationship” that is a new kind of “covenant” with the ultimate strange woman and lady of the night. Sadly, rather than a faithful and holy relationship with God and His Son as “a chaste virgin” bride of Christ, more and more people today are moving forward to “all relationship.” And even though they are openly bringing the “sacred and profane” together as one in this unfaithful relationship of Oneness, they still see it as “holy,” just as the profane seducing spirit world planned. Even so, this relationship is everything but *holy*, and neither is it *God* nor *of God*.

"Postmoderns are driven by desire to **explore and celebrate an ever-deepening intimacy with the Great Mystery** that is the universe." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶¹

"Jesus led us to **think of God differently, as relationship, as the God of all relationship.**" (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁶²

"... Tomorrow's God will turn your understanding of *relationships* upside down." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁶³

"In the days of the New Spirituality **all relationships will be seen as holy.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁶⁴

"[I]n truth **there is no separation at all.**...

"I tell you this: We are all the *same stuff*."

"We are all the same energy, coalesced, compressed in different ways to create different forms and different matter....

"This is what you have chosen to call Absolute Love. This is the God and the Goddess, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. It is the All-in-All, ... **The Great Mystery**, the Endless Enigma, the eternal truth." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶⁵

"Understand and know at last that We Are All One. The human race, and **all of Life, is a unified field. It is all One Thing.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁶⁶

So just "play" the "field" in today's "upside down" new kind of "holy" relationship in this emerging faith of Oneness, if you want to . . .

In *So Beautiful*, Sweet writes:

"It is **not religion and reason** that go together, **but religion and relationship** that go together....

"Wendell Berry has a short story titled 'The Wild Birds.' The character Burley Coulter says, 'The way we are, we are members of each other. **All of us. Everything.** The difference ain't in who is a member and who is not, but *in who knows and who don't.*'..."

"Two Nazarene professors, Thomas Jay Oord and Michael Lodahl, use a brilliant analogy to bring to life **the relational nature of 'holiness.'**... Oord and Lodahl argue that to help people become 'holy' is to help people become themselves, their **whole selves**, their **holistic selves** in community with others." (emphasis added)⁶⁷

Believe it or not, in an article titled "Relational Holiness: An Integrative Paradigm for Our Time" (which is fittingly posted on a website called "The Voice"), Thomas Jay Oord, among other things, writes of the "*problem*" of the "*vagueness*" of "total commitment" to God in which we "thereby 'have no *other gods*'":

"Yet another way to talk about holiness has to do with consecration, absolute devotion, or total commitment. **The idea that we are to commit ourselves totally to God and thereby 'have no other gods'** is found in various forms throughout Scripture. Holiness leaders have understandably linked holiness - especially when connected to the phrase 'entire sanctification' - to the idea of total commitment.

"**The problem with understanding holiness primarily in terms of total commitment has chiefly to do with its vagueness.** Even if we specify that we are talking about total commitment to *God*, **we need to ask, 'Whose view of God do you mean?'** [!] Many Muslims, Jews, and Hindus might be considered part of the holiness movement in this broad sense of utter devotion to God." (emphasis added)⁶⁸

There is no *vagueness*! The *perfectly clear* truth of Who God is that has been given to us by God in the Word of God is not Muslim, or Hindu, or any other religion that is devoted to one or more *false gods*. Not only is God's perfectly clear Word of truth everything but a "*broad*" sense of devotion/commitment to God, but "*vagueness*" only exists in this emerging faith of Oneness in which "*other gods*" become merely a different "*view*" of "*the same God*." And, thus, once again, as Marcus Borg writes, the emerging faith of Oneness is not about believing Who God and His Son are, but is

about faithfulness to a relationship of Oneness:

“[T]he sacred is known not in a set of statements about God, but *experientially*, as a Mystery beyond all language. **This Mystery—God—transcends all** of our domestications of reality, including those generated by **theology and even the Bible itself**.... God also transcends peoples **and religions** ...

“Life with God is **not about believing** certain teachings about God.... but **about faithfulness—fidelity—to the relationship**.... we are in a covenant with the sacred....

“As **the path of life, this relationship** is the path of personal transformation.... It involves **dying to an old way of being** and being **born into a new way of being**.” (emphasis added)⁶⁹

A fitting way to think of this Oneness of the broad way is as the way of a *broad* -- a *harlot* and *whore*, to be exact, named “MYSTERY.” And the “voice” that those in this emerging faith of Oneness are heeding is the “flattery” she is only too happy to bestow. It’s all about faithfulness to the relationship, right? And, no, this is not “the path of life”—“*For her house inclineth unto death, ... None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life*” (Proverbs 2:18-19). This “covenant”/relationship of Oneness is indeed “a new way of being.”

After stating that “[i]t’s almost as if relationships are not a means to an end; they are the end themselves,”¹¹⁸ in his endnote #118 here Sweet quotes Oord and Lodahl from their book *Relational Holiness* and includes the following:

“A relational worldview considers things and persons as deeply interconnected. **To ‘be’ is to be in relation.**” (Leonard Sweet quoting Thomas Oord & Michael Lodahl; emphasis added)⁷⁰

This brings to mind *The Shack*, which, as addressed earlier, states:

“As the crowning glory of Creation, you were made in our image, unencumbered by structure and free **to simply ‘be’ in relationship** with me and one another.” (*The Shack*’s false “Jesus;” emphasis added)⁷¹

Today’s desire for freedom to simply “be” in an all-encompassing relationship that is unencumbered by the theological structure, or absolute truth, of Who God and His Son are does indeed change things. And this is all fitting since shacking up with any false god or false christ (however anyone chooses, of course) is basically what this emerging upside-down “holy” “relationship” of Oneness with “Mystery” boils down to—something which *The Shack* affirms. Not only is *The Shack*’s false *female* “God” of Oneness “**the ground of all being**” that “dwells **in**, around, and through **all things**,”⁷² but this *female* says:

“To begin with, that you can’t grasp **the wonder of my nature** is rather a good thing. Who wants to worship a God who can be fully comprehended, eh? Not much **mystery** in that....

“**All** love and **relationship** is possible for you only because it **already exists within me**, within God myself.” (emphasis added)⁷³

And, therefore, *The Shack*’s false “Jesus” wants people to “grow in the freedom to be inside or outside all kinds of systems” including “religious” “systems”—such as “Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims”—and to “move freely between and among them.”⁷⁴ (By the way, the word *shack* has been used in the past for “feeding at large”⁷⁵—and those who are shacking up with “Mystery” in the emerging faith of Oneness are doing so because they are basically seeking “to go a-shack” and “to feed at large”⁷⁶ *outside* the “box” of the truth of God’s Word. A doubly fitting term.)

Not surprisingly, in a September 2011 post on his blog titled, “Is God Essentially Holy?,” Oord thanks Young, the author of *The Shack*, for “sparking” his thinking on “God’s holiness” and “love.”⁷⁷ And the motto of the website for Oord’s blog?

“FOR THE LOVE OF WISDOM *and the wisdom of Love*”⁷⁸

Sadly, today’s new kind of “love”/“wisdom” is for a new kind of strategy that is emerging in today’s new kind of “Christianity.” Again, in today’s shift from *thumos* to *eros*, rather than “resistance” to “what is strange” and “bristling

at change” we’re just supposed to “open ourselves up and stop clinging to our precious preconceptions” about “who Jesus is.” And never mind that to move away from the certainty of *Who Jesus is*—not to mention *Who God is*—is to open ourselves up to being *unfaithful* to Jesus. In this emerging upside-down faith, this is a new kind of “loyalty” to Jesus. Would one’s spouse see this as “loyalty”?

Although those in this emerging faith of Oneness are bound and determined to “reimagine” otherwise, Jesus is not a “Mystery.” The certainty of *Who Jesus is* has been recorded for us by God in the Word of God, and “he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son” (1 John 5:10). It really is that simple. But this emerging faith of Oneness offers “the ‘complex way’ of truth” that turns “the dark on” and “the lights out”⁷⁹ so that those who are not willing to accept the certainty of *Who Jesus is* can turn instead to seek the “relationship” of “an ever-deepening intimacy” with “Mystery.”

“Each age draws new insights from the Scriptures based on what that age brings to it. This means that **revelation is always veiled in mystery**.... The fundamentalist idea that the text has only one meaning is of relatively recent invention ...

“[W]e must begin living by the forgotten tree rather than the *forbidden* one.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁸⁰

Again, according to the Word of God, *Who Jesus is* is not “veiled in mystery” but is *the truth* we are to *believe*. And, no, this truth of *Who Jesus is* is not *forbidden*.

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.... Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised:)... For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.” (Hebrews 10:19-20, 23, 37-39)

Although Sweet and Viola claim otherwise, the “fundamentalist idea” that God said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth comes from God’s Word itself. This is easily derived simply by reading it. And despite the fact that those in this emerging faith would very much like to render it so, the *knowledge* and *belief* of the *certainty* of the absolute truth of Scripture, which includes “the record that God gave of his Son,” is not “*forbidden*.” Rather, spiritual whoredoms are. Hence, those of us who are keeping ourselves for the Son of God will not be participating in following the ultimate strange woman. We will not be joining those who are choosing to turn the light off to focus on this “beauty” of Oneness who lurks in the darkness for a reason.

*“Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the **certainty of the words of truth**; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?” (Proverbs 22:20-21)*

*“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and **strange doctrines**....” (Hebrews 13:8-9)*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)*

*“... understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; ... To deliver thee from **the strange woman**, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words ... and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto **death**, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.” (Proverbs 2:11-13, 16-19)*

Even though more and more people are no longer resisting the “beauty” of what is “strange,” this doesn’t change the fact that faithfulness/fidelity to a relationship of Oneness with everyone/everything is still *unfaithfulness/infidelity* to God and His Son. This isn’t God’s covenant. Oneness is an unholy union or relationship with the ultimate strange woman and lady of the night in what is basically a “covenant” with *death*. But those in this emerging faith don’t want to be

bogged down with the certainty of the truth of Who God and His Son are and are therefore teaching that “embracing mystery opens the door.” Indeed. And according to the Word of God we are not to even come near the door of the strange woman, let alone *open* it.

*“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; **her steps take hold on hell**. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, **her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them**. Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. **Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house ...**” (Proverbs 5:3-8)*

*“**If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; shall not God search this out?** for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.” (Psalm 44:20-21)*

*“Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and **incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel**.” (Joshua 24:23)*

*“Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee ... For thou shalt worship no other god: **for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God**: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods ...” (Exodus 34:12, 14-15)*

*“For I am the LORD, **I change not**; ...” (Malachi 3:6)*

*“My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and **meddle not with them that are given to change**: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?” (Proverbs 24:21-22)*

*“... because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols.... Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: **Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms**.” (Ezekiel 23:30, 35)*

*“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? ... This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.... Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men ... Because **ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement**; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for **we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves**: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation**: he that **believeth** shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. **And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with death shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it**.” (Isaiah 28:9, 12, 14-18)*

“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.” (Proverbs 13:13)

“It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.” (Proverbs 21:15-16)

Those who are the bride of Christ need to give serious heed to the next verses, not just physically, but also spiritually.

*“... Now **the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord**; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? **shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body?** for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. **Flee fornication**.... What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Corinthians 6:13-20)*

Again, the bride of Christ is a “chaste virgin.” To the contrary, “**MYSTERY**,” “**THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND**

ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” -- “With whom the kings of the earth have committed **fornication**, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her **fornication**” -- has “a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her **fornication**” (Revelation 17:2, 4-5). And God’s Word warns that we are to:

“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” (Revelation 18:4b)

It is as unwise as it gets to be seduced away from the *absolute truth* of God and His Son by a *strange* woman whose ways are “*moveable*” so they can’t be *known*. “Love” and “relationship” can save no one who dies without God and His Son. And it is the “twoedged sword” of the *Word of God*—not *lips*—that will be the final answer in the end.

*“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, ... But **her end** is bitter as wormwood, sharp as **a twoedged sword**.” (Proverbs 5:3-4)*

*“Jesus cried and said, ... He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken**, the same **shall judge him in the last day**.” (John 12:44, 48)*

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

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.” (Ephesians 6:11, 17, 24)

Sadly, rather than affirm *the truth* of the *specific Person of God’s Son*, people today prefer instead to affirm *themselves* and *others* in whatever they choose to believe and do. So it isn’t surprising that they feel “judged” merely in the quoting of God’s Word—or should we say in the “brandishing” of the sword of the Spirit? Yes, God’s Word can feel quite painful when we do not “joy ... to do judgment,” or to judge between truth and falsehood, right and wrong. Those who are giving their hearts to “Mystery” just do not want people “brandishing” the Word of God that in itself is “a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” They like the darkness for a reason and will see all who turn the light on as an “enemy.”

*“**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**” (Psalm 119:105)*

*“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, **lest his deeds should be reproved**.” (John 3:19-20)*

*“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ... **I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them**, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” (John 17:1, 14)*

In an interview with *George Fox Journal* on “The Emerging Church,” Sweet stated that “[w]hatever the diversity of spiritual practices, the key words for emerging churches are incarnational, missional, and relational” (i.e., MRI); that “many in the emerging church *reject* the *dichotomy* between the church and the world;” and that “[t]here is also a relational component of the theology of the emerging church, where **truth is seen more in relational than in propositional terms**.”⁸¹ Sweet also states:

*“I believe in absolute truth (which I believe, by the way, is Jesus the Christ, the way, the truth, the life — notice here that absolute truth is not abstract truth, but incarnate truth). The notion that there are no absolutes is self-defeating and self-contradictory. Not all truth is absolute. Some truth is relative — to a person, to a culture, to a historical period. **What brings together absolute truth and relative truth is relational truth**.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁸²*

The *Journal* then responds: “Then you are not connecting the concept of relative truth with the idea that it’s equally

valid to choose any of the ‘many paths to God.’ What are some examples of relative truth that you do endorse?” To which Sweet answers:

“Relativism is illogical and self-defeating. If all truth is relative, what is the truth status of the assertion that all truth is relative? **What I am trying to do is end the *apartheid* of absolutism and relativism in Christian theology. I am a *relative absolutist*.** That means that **absolute truth has to become incarnate in relative time....** He [‘Jesus’] did not go about brandishing ‘absolute truth.’” (emphasis added)⁸³

Sweet also says that “**absolute truth today must be made relative** to our day and to our 21st-century culture.”⁸⁴ Basically, what Sweet is trying to do is bring absolutism and relativism together in a relationship of Oneness. This way, this “relational truth” can relativize the absolute truth of Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. And, yes, Sweet actually does connect this new relativized absolute truth with “many paths to God.” He is simply trying to make Jesus Christ *Himself* out to be “*not* just one way” and “*not* just one truth.”⁸⁵ In other words, he is simply trying to make Jesus Christ *Himself* out to be “many paths to God.” This way, Jesus Christ isn’t being seen as just one possible path among many other possible paths if Jesus Christ is seen as many possibilities, right? In *Quantum Spirituality*, Sweet writes:

“**Inclusivism allows many possible ways of following Christ** without relativizing Jesus Christ as one among many possibilities. For the Christian, Jesus Christ is not one choice among many.... He is not simply, as one ecumenical litany tried to put it, ‘a way, a truth, a life,’ as opposed to ‘The Way, The Truth, The Life.’... ‘**Salvation is found in no one else,**’ Peter said, ‘for there is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved’ (Acts 4:12 RSV). **But** the fact that God’s revelation in Jesus Christ is absolute **does not justify absolutizing our understanding of that revelation. Christ is not some property that belongs to one group alone.**”

“There is no precise formula for living the Christian life. But while **there is more than one way of being a true believer**, there is still one way, and that way is **Christ**. Like the mathematical model of the Möbius strip, there is only one side. But that one side **is the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’** of the strip. Once again, theologian/evangelism professor William J. Abraham says it best: ‘It is perfectly consistent to hold both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may **genuinely encounter God** outside the Christian church **without explicitly knowing about Jesus of Nazareth.**’...”

“An absolute faith stance can be shown to be compatible with the notion that truth is relative. In Philosophy of Religion Society founder Joseph Runzo’s words, ‘**To believe that your faith is best, you need not believe that only the beliefs inherent in your faith can be right.**’” (parentheses & 3rd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁸⁶

Incidentally, *inclusivism* that allows for *not believing* in Jesus Christ of Nazareth becomes *universalism*. And, no, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Who is the only true Christ and Messiah, is not a universal way, universal truth, and universal life. He is just one way and just one truth and just one life because He is just one Person. And, by the way, what’s the difference between a “relative absolutist” and an unbelieving believer?

In this same book, Sweet also writes:

“*The Bible* itself has many levels of meaning. *Every* text is multilayered and multileveled. *Nothing* should ever be read or understood at a single level. *Every* text, every tradition, every idea, **every person can be seen in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways**, simultaneously.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸⁷

Since Jesus is a Person, Sweet’s inclusion of “*every person*” here clearly includes Jesus. And, of course, if Jesus “can be seen in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways,” then how could there possibly ever be any *unfaithfulness* to Him? It is without question that “multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways” of “who Jesus is” in this emerging faith makes for a much bigger and broader “*whole gospel*” in this new “relationship”/“covenant” with “*integrity*.” In *So Beautiful*, Sweet writes:

“**Don’t miss the completeness of the *whole gospel*.... clinging to preconceptions about *who Jesus is* ...**”

“... Plato gives the name of *thumos* to the innate **resistance** of humans to what is **strange** and foreign.... Instead of **bristling at change** ... Jesus instructs us to *open ourselves up and stop clinging to our precious preconceptions*. ”

“The MRI life is more one of *eros* than *thumos*, ...” (emphasis added, except italics to *eros* and *thumos*)⁸⁸

“The Bible reveals a covenant-making God, a God that wants a **relationship** with us that in some way ‘binds’ us together, not haphazardly, but **with integrity**. From Genesis to the genuine leather the Bible tells the story of the Creator’s desire for a **covenantal relationship with humanity**, not chaotic relationships or casual relationships but ‘binding’ relationship. **The incarnation is the new ‘binding’**—God ‘binding’ himself to humanity **not in stone** or ink but in flesh and blood. God *doesn’t* offer *final answers*, the *manacles* of modernity, but binding relationships....

“Jesus never once mentions religion or orthodox theology, **nor** does he outline certain religious ‘**beliefs**’ and ‘precepts’ by which we will be judged. He outlines actions by which we will be judged, but *not* propositions and creeds.” (emphasis added)⁸⁹

Regarding God’s covenant, the Word of God says, “*thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste,*” and this “stone” is “Jesus the mediator of the new covenant” (see Isaiah 28:16; Hebrews 12:24; Acts 4:10-12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 Peter 2:4-8). And regarding Sweet’s idea of the “incarnation” being “the new ‘binding’” of a “covenantal relationship,” he also writes in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There* that “**the incarnation** goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells **all that exists**.”⁹⁰

Never mind that today’s desired *new* kind of “covenant” “with *integrity*”—i.e., a “God” that is “already” in “all that exists”—*necessitates* “reimagining” Jesus, Whom it is in fact rejecting. This is seen as “for the good of the whole.” Why? Because with a “God” that is “already” in “all that exists” there are no final answers, or absolute truth, to be believed. This then opens wide the gate to the bigger and broader way of relativizing the truth and the way of Jesus Christ of Nazareth into many paths. In other words, in this “[i]nclusivism” with its “many possible ways of following Christ” in both “the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’” of the truth and faith of Who Jesus Christ of Nazareth is, the truth of the Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth can be relativized into many persons of “Jesus Christ” who are not necessarily of Nazareth. This way, no unbelieving believer need worry about being unfaithful to the “Jesus Christ” whom they are choosing to follow on their own relativized way of their own relativized “absolute truth.” And, naturally, this is not seen as delusional. Rather, in this emerging faith of Oneness, which is *purposely* a *foundationless* “foundation” of *knowledgeless uncertainty*, this is all seen as just part of entering the darkness to embrace “Mystery.”

*“Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do **in the dark**, every man in the chambers of his imagery? ...” (Ezekiel 8:12)*

“**The gospel of the night** is a birthing gospel. Perhaps that is why in the symbol of the yin/yang the female part is dark ... There is something matriarchal about **the Night**—it is **mysterious**, ...

“Like the dark room of a photographer’s studio, darkness is a light-bringer, a light-birther. **Dark rooms are places for creativity**, community, and regeneration. **Dark rooms ‘develop’ negatives into positives**.

“Life needs dark rooms. Light dries and decays. **It’s the darkness that preserves**.” (emphasis added)⁹¹

It’s the darkness that preserves the *mystery* of this “Mystery” woman of the night. It’s the darkness that prevents *knowing* that her falsehood is indeed falsehood and not truth. But her seducing “voice” of “positive” flattery renders it all irrelevant because her flattery plays on the desire of people today who, rather than “negatively” affirm that truth is truth and falsehood is falsehood, prefer to be “positively” affirmed themselves.

Flatter -- “to play upon the vanity or susceptibilities of;” “to try to please by complimentary remarks or attention;” “to represent favorably; gratify by falsification.”⁹²

People can choose to be affirmed and flattered by this “gospel of the night” that seems to “‘develop’ negatives into positives” if they want to. But think about what happens to all the “positive” creativity and imagery when someone opens the door to a photographer’s dark room and lets the light in. It all vanishes away into nothing. Likewise, all the creative imagery in the darkness of Oneness will vanish away in the light of the Lord Jesus Christ when He returns with tremendous brightness and glory long before the desired new “positive” imagery ever becomes “reality” (e.g., see 2 Thessalonians 2:8 & Matthew 24:30). In fact, *all* of the false gods and christs that man has ever turned to in the dark

chambers of his imagery will instantly vanish away. In the light of His coming, the truth of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is will be revealed as the absolute certainty that it is. Absolute truth is absolute truth; *period*. Turning the light off to look for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room will not change the fact that every one of man’s “reimaginings” are nothing more than man’s “reimaginings.” Oneness is a temporary “covenant” in the darkness that is everything but binding.

*“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be **corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ**. For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)*

“I love the simple.

“But the ‘simple church’ or the ‘simple way’ is simply not true without the ‘complex church’ and **the ‘complex way’ of truth**. When the simple is merely simple, it is insipid; when the simple is complex, it is ... **so beautiful**.

“When I was sixteen, my physics teacher used to ask someone to ‘**turn the dark on**,’ when we needed to **turn the lights out** for an experiment. The fear of the dark is a fear of complexity....

“**Integrity has everything to do with wholes** ... When something is done with integrity, it is done out of a healthy network of relationships and **for the good of the whole**. Whole Christ discipleship *brings together* **the simple and the complex** ...” (Leonard Sweet; 1st ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁹³

“But ... there is still one way, and that way is Christ. Like the mathematical model of the Möbius strip, there is only one side. But that one side is **the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’** of the strip.... ‘... both that Jesus is the exclusive path to God and that people may **genuinely encounter God outside** the Christian church *without* explicitly **knowing about Jesus of Nazareth**.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁹⁴

Although Sweet writes:

*“The Bible itself has many levels of meaning.... **Nothing** should ever be read or understood at a **single** level. Every text, ... every person can be seen in multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways, simultaneously.”* (emphasis added)⁹⁵

Jesus Christ of Nazareth said:

*“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: **if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light**. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”* (Matthew 6:21-23)

And in a similar warning in Luke about making sure “*thine eye is single*,” Jesus also said, “*Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness*” (see Luke 11:34-35). Yet, with total disregard for this warning of Jesus, precisely what is *desired* today is a “darkness [that] is a light-bringer”!⁹⁶ And it is thus not surprising that the definition of “single” is basically the opposite of everything that Sweet and the other leaders teach in today’s emerging faith of Oneness—a faith of “multiple variations and in endlessly changing ways.”

Single -- “probably from a root that signifies to *separate*,” “[p]articular;” “not complicated;” “[p]ure; simple;” “[t]o select, as an individual person or thing from among a number; to choose one from others.”⁹⁷ *Singleness* -- “[t]he state of being one only or separate from all others; the opposite of doubleness, complication or multiplicity.”⁹⁸

We can either heed the teachings of man or of the one Mediator between God and men. The choice is ours.

“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:8-9)

“But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.” (Jeremiah 7:24)

In *The Seraph Seal*, in which Sweet and Wagner write, “We’ve in a sense come to a place where we may be ready to **embrace the mystery of life**, rather than trying to insist on *defining* it,”⁹⁹ they also write:

“‘When we think together, feel together ... our world opens up to **a whole different picture. A different reality.**’...

“‘All unity is bound by the force of love.... **[T]he entire motion of the universe ... driven by divine love.**’

“‘**The harmonious macrocosm.**’” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁰

“‘Everything is somehow interrelated, interconnected, interdependent.’...

“‘A part of what we know is our own **broadening** realization of what lies **beyond our knowledge,**’ ...

“‘[I]f people in our world spent more time **looking for love**, goodness, truth, and beauty, or maybe even God, we probably wouldn’t be worried about *apocalyptic prophecies*.’” (emphasis added)¹⁰¹

“‘These are **new beginnings** here, ... **A new age.**’” (emphasis added)¹⁰²

The light of apocalyptic prophecies is a problem for the emerging faith of Oneness because the prophetic details of God’s Word prove unequivocally that Oneness is a diabolical scam, as does the certainty of the rest of the words of truth throughout the Word of God. God’s Word doesn’t tell us to be “worried” about apocalyptic prophecies. Rather, according to Jesus we are to “watch” and “take heed” (e.g., see Luke 21 & Matthew 24). Why? Because unlike man’s attempts at “prophecies,” God’s prophecies are going to happen. They are a done deal. God’s omniscience is genuine. Unlike man, God is not in the business of making it up as He goes along. But since the emerging faith of Oneness is clearly disproved in the light of prophecy, it is to be expected that prophetic details are supposedly “none of our concern” as the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul channeled,¹⁰³ and “none of your business” as Rick Warren wrote.¹⁰⁴

For the same reason, those who are looking for the “love” of Oneness that is *unconditional/universal* will likewise see the certainty of the truth of Who God and His Son are as none of our business and will therefore want the light turned off and the dark turned on. This will, of course, not even remotely prevent the coming judgment of God’s apocalyptic prophecies from being fulfilled. So the question is, do people really want the Son of God to find them in an unfaithful relationship of Oneness when He returns for His “chaste virgin” bride?? And, yes, those who are unfaithful to Jesus—and, as the secular song goes, are looking for “love” in all the wrong places—should “be worried.” Despite today’s never-ending absurd claims, God did *not* essentially tell Moses that *Who He is* is none of Moses’ business. And it is not *every bush* that is burning and holy. Although the profane seducing spirit world’s mission of Oneness is that “*all relationships will be seen as holy*,”¹⁰⁵ Jesus did *not* come to have us think of God “*as relationship*,” as the God of *all relationship*.¹⁰⁶ In *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet absurdly writes:

“When Moses stands before the burning bush and asks, ‘If I go to the Israelites and tell them that the **God** of their forefathers has sent me to them, and they ask me **his name**, what I shall say?’ [sic] he receives an answer that more or less boils down to: ‘**Mind your own business.**’” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁷

And shortly after “Mind your own business,” Sweet writes:

“Do you remember the first thing Moses hears at the burning bush? **He is told to take off his shoes.** According to the ancient interpreters of this text, this was **not because he has just stepped on holy ground.** No, *all* ground is holy where God dwells....

“**Every bush is burning. Can you see it?**” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁸

For starters, it’s too bad these “ancient interpreters” weren’t just ancient *readers* instead because this is *exactly* why Moses is told to take off his shoes—“for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.” And, by the way, “thou” is a *singular* “you.”¹⁰⁹ God—Who is *not* the mystery of “the ground of *all* being” that “dwells in, around, and through all things”—was quite specifically referring to the ground upon which the singular person of *Moses* was standing (see also Acts 7:30-33).

*“Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: **put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.** Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt ... and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians ... Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.... And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? **And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou **say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.** And God said moreover unto Moses, **Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever,** and this is my memorial unto all generations. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt ...” (Exodus 3:1-8, 10, 13-16)*

The great “I AM” is the “I AM THAT I AM” -- not a “reimaginable” “Mystery” of darkness, but specifically “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (see also Acts 7:32). God simply could not have been more specific in telling Moses Who He is. But this specificity and certainty is just too “limiting” for those who want a new kind of “God” that is a “Mystery” not to be named. It is, of course, a lady of the night whose name is irrelevant. A harlot can be named *however* those who turn in unto her choose.

*“Where are we in relationship to God?... God is the One who is all around us and within us, the One in whom the universe is, even as God is more than the universe, **the mystery with a capital M who is beyond all names, even as we name this sacred Mystery in our various ways.**” (Marcus Borg; emphasis added)¹¹⁰*

This is simply not true of God and His Son.

*“If **we have forgotten the name of our God**, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.” (Psalm 44:20-21)*

The name of God is neither irrelevant nor none of our business. Knowing Who God is—and that this “God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob” is the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—is as relevant as it gets, *eternally*. (And more on this later.) Even Jesus Himself reiterated the specificity of Who God is:

“... have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?” (Mark 12:26)

And Jesus even specified Who He *Himself* is and said:

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am.**” (John 8:58b)*

*“**I and my Father are one.**” (John 10:30)*

But people want God to be “bigger” than the truth of Who God is. And the truth is that God is one with His Son Jesus, not with *everyone and everything*.

*“... expand human consciousness to include the awareness that **God and life are One**, that everything in life is part of a **unified whole**, and that our different religions are merely wonderfully divergent paths to the same destination—a destination the soul need not strain to reach, because it is already there: **the everlasting embrace of God.**”*

*“**The doctrine of Oneness** used as a basis for all human political, economic, social, educational, and religious decisions **would breathtakingly alter life as it is lived on the earth.**” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹¹¹*

"If the words 'God' and 'life' *are* interchangeable, if this is not simply an interesting thought but the truth, then **the greatest mystery of all time—who or what is God?**—would finally be solved.

"Even traditional religion says that God is the **All in All**. If that is true, then **there is nothing that exists except God, in Its varying Forms....** God can differentiate Itself in countless ways ... Yet differentiation is not division. **Separation does not exist.**" (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)¹¹²

The true God is not One with life. Separation does exist. We cannot name—or define—God and/or His Son however we choose. The "doctrine of Oneness" is a diabolical scam that plays on unfaithful heartstrings. Choosing to embrace "Mystery" as "God" in the uncertainty of darkness is not the embrace of God, no matter how much the preferred darkness obscures this certainty. But, sadly, those who are determined to preserve the uncertainty of who the "Mystery" of Oneness really is and want her to stay unnamed are already choosing to see all who turn the light on as an "enemy." They are determined to move forward into the darkness.

"The unification to which the forward looking people aspire ... does involve the development of a universal public consciousness which realizes **the unity of the whole ...** It requires simply the recognition that all formulations of *truth* and of *belief* are only *partial* in time and space, ... **and other ways of defining deity** can be *equally correct* and in themselves constitute aspects of **a truth which is greater and vaster than man's present equipment can grasp and express.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹¹³

And, likewise, as Sweet and Viola write:

"When truth is encountered as *certainty* rather than *mystery*, ... disenchant the world and 'drawstrings' the heavens. *Only* by living the mystery can *truth* be discovered....

"[E]mbracing mystery opens the door ... **a God who is bigger than we can ever imagine.**

"To the person who walks in the Spirit, paradox, **mystery, and uncertainty** propel him **forward** instead of bogging him down." (emphasis added)¹¹⁴

Mystery and uncertainty are propelling people forward into "other ways of defining deity" that are not as the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And, of course, to deny the Father and the Son is "*antichrist*" (see 1 John 2:22). A "Christ" that is "bigger than" or different from Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Who *alone* is Christ, is also *anti*-Christ. Although they don't see it that way, embracing mystery and uncertainty is propelling people forward right into the emerging relationship with *the* Antichrist and his ultimate lady of the night. Those who are choosing to "stop clinging to our precious preconceptions" "about who Jesus is" are being primed and readied for this emerging "fresh alternative" of ultimate sin and ultimate harlotry that embraces "Mystery" in order to open the door to a bigger "God" and a bigger "Christ." To the contrary, the bride of Christ will never stop clinging to Who Jesus is, no matter how threatening the emerging new world of Oneness becomes. The Son of God is a priceless, precious treasure worth dying for.

In their book on embracing mystery, which is absurdly titled *Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ*, along with their previous quote that "mystery, and uncertainty propel him forward," Sweet and Viola also write:

"The body of Christ is at a crossroads right now. The two common alternatives are to move either to the left or the right....

"Whether they realize it or not, people are looking for **a fresh alternative—a third way**. The crossroads today, we believe, is one of moving forward or backward.

"What we will present in this book, therefore, is razor-sharp, cut-glass clarity of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Alpha and the Omega. We will show that *He* is that third way—and the only way—that we can forge a secure path into the future....

"To faithfully represent Jesus in our time requires re-presenting Him....

"[This] book ... provides **an alternative path that is neither left nor right, but forward**. It will lead you to exploration rather than fortification." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added, except italics to *third way* and

So, “razor-sharp, cut-glass clarity” of “mystery, and uncertainty”?? In referring to this “forward” path that is “neither left nor right,” Sweet and Viola are not referring to a path that is an alternative to this emerging faith’s dance of Oneness which does turn to the left and to the right in order to unify the opposites of truth and falsehood, right and wrong. Rather, they have a different meaning of “neither left nor right.” To begin with, they see “*paradox, mystery, and uncertainty*” as “*forward*.” And given that in this book they also absurdly liken *the knowledge of good and evil as set forth in the Word of God* to the “*forbidden*” “tree of the knowledge of good and evil,” it should come as no surprise how they describe “neither left nor right.” But first, their claim that “[t]o faithfully represent Jesus in our time requires *re-presenting Him*” also brings to mind Warren B. Smith’s increasingly relevant warnings in his 2002 book *Reinventing Jesus Christ*, now republished in 2011 as *False Christ Coming – Does Anybody Care?*. In this book, Smith writes:

“An amazing thing is happening across the land. Jesus Christ is being ‘reinvented’ and redefined right in front of our eyes and hardly anyone seems to notice or care. And it is happening with great speed. The ‘transformational’ architects and promoters of a New Age/New Gospel are unabashedly trying to overturn God’s holy Word and replace the true Christ—Jesus Christ—with a false ‘Christ’ of Antichrist proportions. And it is happening just as Scripture said it would.”¹¹⁶

Since Sweet and Viola’s book presents “an alternative path that is neither left nor right, but forward,” and since “forward” is “paradox, mystery, and uncertainty,” what are the *left* and *right* that this “forward” is an alternative to? Well, for starters, as shown in the next quote, they are *both* seen as “a ditch.” Sweet repeatedly tells us to “pay attention,”¹¹⁷ so make sure to pay particular attention to *the right* that Sweet and Viola *reject* as “a ditch”—a “ditch” of “*heresy*” no less. And also pay attention to how they craftily transform their rejection of this “ditch” into a *commandment of God* with the verse they quote!

“The great theologian Karl Barth once wrote that **truth walks the razor edge of heresy**. Indeed, **the road to truth is surrounded by a ditch on either side**.

“‘Be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to **the right** hand or to **the left**.’

“With this thought in mind, let’s look at two popular approaches to following Jesus among Christians today. They are: (1) theological rationalism and (2) theological ethics.

“Theological rationalism: This approach holds that Christianity is the life application of **the correct description of God**, found in **the right doctrinal system**. Those who hold to this idea reason that **the correct belief system** is at the heart of *authentic Christianity*. **God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the world are only truly understood within the bounds of such a system**.

“Theological ethics: This approach holds that the center of Christianity is a rule of **ethical behavior** (sometimes equated with ‘the kingdom of God’). Its supporters maintain that Christians are not adherents to a system of thought. They are instead followers of the greatest moral teacher of all time—Jesus of Nazareth.... We are called to follow not the living Christ but a set of **moral principles** that are attributed to Him.

“The Bible is critical of **both** approaches. **Each represents a ditch on either side of the razor edge of truth.**” [!] (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹¹⁸

Regarding both these “ditches” which they *differentiate* from *truth*, basically one side represents *believing* the Word of God and the other side represents *obeying* the Word of God. Which “Bible” is critical of both?? And do they *really* believe that just because they chose to craftily transform their rejection of these “ditches” into a *commandment of God* with the verse they quote that it is the Word of *God* that is “critical” of *believing* and *obeying* the Word of *God*?!! It is only in rebellious man’s wildest “*make-it-up-as-you-go-along*” dreams that the LORD God has commanded man to “*not turn aside*” to “*the right doctrinal system*” and “the *correct* description of *God*” found in a “*correct belief system*”! The never-ending total absurdity of this emerging faith never ceases to amaze. And never mind that *believing* and *obeying* cannot be separated, man’s new kind of “truth” “walks the razor edge of *heresy*” between them. Sadly, those who prefer “*mystery, and uncertainty*” are just not willing to abide in *either* of these two so-called “ditches” of “heresy.” And if they continue this journey in the darkness they will indeed end up falling into the *true* spiritual “ditch” warned about by

Jesus—"Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?" (Luke 6:39).

"Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." (Proverbs 19:27)

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130)

"The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble." (Proverbs 4:19)

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isaiah 8:20)

"They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof." (Job 24:13)

"Mark it down: the knowledge of good is the accepted counterfeit to living by life.

"The Christian religion is built on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)¹¹⁹

Why are those on this "third way" rebelling against the light of God's Word as if it is the "forbidden" "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" and a "ditch" of "heresy"? Because this emerging faith of Oneness is about forging new paths in the "darkness" that is to be "explored" and "experienced"—new paths that are the fruit of a "relationship" with "Mystery."

So, are you part of the bride of Christ, a "chaste virgin" of the Son of God? Or are you moving forward to unify with the "great whore," the harlot of the Antichrist? Do you desire *the truth* and its light of *certainty* that automatically separates? Or are *mystery* and its darkness of *uncertainty* seducing you into a relationship of Oneness? Are you clinging to God's recorded truth of Who the Son of God is? Or are you turning in unto "the strange woman ... which flattereth with her words"? Are you believing the Gospel of Christ or are you "be-living" the "gospel of the night"?

"For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto **salvation to every one that believeth**; ... " (Romans 1:16)

"My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.... Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: That they may **keep thee from the strange woman**, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.... a young man void of understanding ... went **the way to her house ... in the black and dark night**: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.... her feet abide not in her house: Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner. So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows." (Proverbs 7:1, 4-5, 7-14)

This harlot is trying to sound like she isn't resisting God. Here she lets the person void of understanding know that "I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows." The "peace offerings" are "a sacrifice" that a person offered "unto the LORD to accomplish his vow" (see Leviticus 22:21). So this then makes her whoredoms acceptable, right? She continues with:

"Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey ... " (Proverbs 7:15-19)

Incidentally, Who Jesus was 2,000 years ago is Who Jesus is today. Regardless of how long it will end up being that He is gone before He returns, Jesus is Who He is. He doesn't change just because it has been 2,000 years since he left. Hence, we are to watch for *Him*, rather than be unfaithful to Him, in the meantime.

"**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines**.... " (Hebrews 13:8-9)

“... Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

“Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**” (Luke 18:8b)

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that **look for him** shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Hebrews 9:28)

Even so, in *Jesus Manifesto* Sweet and Viola also write:

“‘**Who do you say that I am?**’ is the question required of every generation, and **every generation must answer it for itself.**”

“The historic Christian creeds are an expression of the need to answer Jesus’ ‘Who do you say that I am?’ question. But **that ‘you say’ is contextual.** Each new generation, in every culture, is given a ‘you say.’ And if we get our ‘you say’ wrong, we get everything wrong, since Jesus is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things.” (emphasis added)¹²⁰

To begin with, according to the Word of God:

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

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**” (1 John 5:9-10)

It is without question that to get *Who Jesus is* wrong would be to “get everything wrong”! This is why God in His loving mercy has *recorded* the absolute truth of *Who His Son is* in His inspired Holy Scriptures so that we don’t “get everything wrong.” But Scripture’s “correct belief system” with its “correct description of God” and “right doctrinal system” is being rejected as “a ditch” of “heresy,” not to mention as “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Why? Because, sadly, rather than being “tied down” to that particular Jesus Christ Who is the correct Son of God, people today want to “play” the field.

“With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, ... as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.” (Proverbs 7:21-25, 27)

“The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.” (Proverbs 15:7)

“A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.” (Proverbs 18:2)

People are certainly free to flip everything upside down in the darkness if they want to. But that certain Person of Christ—that one and only Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—Who is “the truth” and is “the light of the world” turned the mysteries into knowledge for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

“And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.... **For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their**

eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**" (Matthew 13:10-13, 15-16)

When we have eyes to see and ears to hear, we see being "tied down" to God's Son as His bride as a wonderfully tremendous honor and something to die for. For the bride of Christ, there is, and can be, no other. No one else can even begin to hold a candle to the Son of God. He is the true love of His bride's life, and she only has eyes and ears for Him.

Those who want *darkness* rather than *light* and are therefore *closing their eyes and ears* to the truth of Who God's Son is so they can "play" the field are not embracing Christ. They do not *know* Christ's mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven and are therefore embracing the "Mystery" of a kingdom of Oneness whose seductive ways are "Heaven on Earth." And those who are blinded by the harlot "Mystery's" universal/unconditional "love" don't see this as unfaithfulness/infidelity to God and His Son. Why? Because this is an emerging faith of Oneness in which everyone is imagined to *already* be *one flesh* with a *panentheistic* "Spirit" that is imagined to have "*interpenetrated*" (to use their term) *everyone and everything*. And, thus, in this emerging faith of Oneness, the "knowing" that includes *thinking and pondering and understanding and believing* in order to remain *faithful to God and His Son* is being changed into nothing more than just an empty "knowing" that is not about *faithfulness* but about *choices*.

In God's Word, *sex* is referred to with the term "*knew*." For example, "Adam *knew* Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain" (Genesis 4:1). And today's emerging faith of Oneness is about choosing to "sport" with "Mystery" in the *darkness* and "*know*" the ultimate lady of the night in a Oneness that is the *ultimate unfaithfulness* to God and His Son. Not only is Oneness about becoming "One" with this "MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"—the "great whore" by whose "sorceries were all nations deceived" (see Revelation 17:1, 5 & 18:23)—it is also about becoming "One" with *every* idol and false god that has ever been conceived in her chambers of death, the dark chambers of imagery. And although these whoredoms of Oneness are absurdly imagined to be faithfulness to God and His Son, God is not mocked and people will reap what they sow.

*"The righteous ... shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. But draw near hither, ye **sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore**. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not **children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree**, ...?... Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them ... and didst debase thyself even unto hell.... and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.... the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."* (Isaiah 57:1-5, 7-9, 17, 20-21)

*"... Come hither; I will show unto thee **the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters**: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made **drunk with the wine of her fornication**.... having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.... And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."* (Revelation 17:1-2, 4-5, 15)

(When reading the next verses, keep in mind, first, that Babylon and her abominations are also being allowed by God as judgment in and of itself. In other words, she serves as a dividing line herself in the world between those who are choosing to be faithful to God and His Son and those who are not. And, second, a "*brute*" is "not characterized by" "*reason*,"¹²¹ and, thus, similar to *eros*, to be "*brutish*" is to be "carnal; sensual."¹²² And, of course, this emerging faith of Oneness is openly replacing *reason* with *relationship*. So never mind that according to the Word of God, "*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow*"--Isaiah 1:18, the emerging faith of Oneness is more about "*eros* than *thumos*.")

"Thus saith the LORD ... Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's

hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her... **We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed**: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: **for her judgment reacheth unto heaven**, and is lifted up even to the skies.... **O thou that dwellest upon many waters**, abundant in treasures, **thine end is come**, and the measure of thy covetousness.... **Every man is brutish by his knowledge**: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for **his molten image is falsehood**, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, **the work of errors**: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.... **The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof**.... We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house. Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will do judgment upon her graven images** ... Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, ... yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.... **the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice**; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered ... **for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite**.... Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken** ... " (Jeremiah 51:1, 6-9, 13, 17-19, 42, 51-53, 55-56, 58)

"... Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and **all the graven images of her gods he hath broken** unto the ground." (Isaiah 21:9)

"... Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication ... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.... strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." (Revelation 18:2-5, 8)

Despite the warnings of God's coming judgment which is detailed in God's inspired book of Revelation, according to the channeled teachings of the profane seducing spirit world it "is not inevitable":

"**The Book of Revelation** is a description of one path to the New Jerusalem, but this scenario **is not inevitable**....

"If enough of you **act for the good of the whole**, right now, the Christ *within each person* will be born. The world will be changed, in a twinkling of an eye. Change your minds and you can change the world, dearly beloved.

"**The Planetary Birth** can be a natural, graceful, planetary transition. If you are able to communicate this **alternative reality** before the tribulations are fully set in motion, violence can be avoided.

"There is still time to make this a gentle rather than a violent birth....

"You are heirs of God on Earth who **have faith to go the Whole Way**, who have the genius to attract others with **the good news**, that they are born into a universe of **infinite possibilities** ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)¹²³

This is actually quite a fitting way to sum up the emerging faith of Oneness/wholeness. In *no way, shape, or form* is the "Mystery" of Oneness a "Mystery" that is of the true and holy God. Rather, embracing "The Great Mystery" of Oneness is leading people to embrace "the great whore" of "MYSTERY." And those who choose to go "the Whole Way" with (and even as) the ultimate strange woman and lady of the night of the coming Antichrist will find themselves in dire straights with the true and living God Who takes spiritual adultery and whoredoms as seriously as it gets. And, yes, the profane seducing spirit world knows this—hence its various innuendos.

First, this ultimate *lady of the night* is quite befitting of the ultimate Antichrist. And, no, she is not "beautiful." Quite the contrary. This "MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"—who is anything but a *holy*, "*chaste virgin*" of Christ—is all decked out in every worldly, profane, and idolatrous thing imaginable. But this is all just the natural "spiritual" "evolution" of the world, right? An "evolution"/"revival"/"awakening"/"gospel of the night" that today's shifting, unfaithful, adulterous "Christianity" is choosing to participate in.

"He will learn that the **religious differences** are largely the result of man made quarrels over **human** interpretations of truth. Thus gradually, our quarrels and differences will be offset and the idea of **the One Humanity will take their place**." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹²⁴

"**The New Age is upon us and we are witnessing the birth pangs** of the new culture and the new civilization. This is now in progress. **That which is old** and undesirable **must go** and of these undesirable things, hatred and the spirit

of **separation** must be the first to go.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹²⁵

“The spirit has gone out of the *old* faiths and **the true spiritual light is transferring itself into a new form** which will manifest on earth eventually as **the new world religion**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹²⁶

“... **the old world and its separation-based mentality is** in the process of dying and **transforming into a new world** that lives and creates through our *hearts*....

“... by living in harmony with life, surrendering [sic] our *hearts* to the **Mystery** school of life that **unites us**....

“... consciously **unifying matter and spirit**; The Return of the Divine **Feminine**.... an energy of **Rebirth into a new sense of wholeness**....

“... **from the sacred oneness of life**.” (“Mayan End Age 12-21-2012;” emphasis added)¹²⁷

“**The gospel of the night is a birthing gospel**. Perhaps that is why in the symbol of the yin/yang **the female part is dark** and the male part is light.... **the Night ... is mysterious**, ...

“Darkness is the womb in which *everything exists*.... we must trust the *birthing* that is going on inside and around us. We must trust the *‘fruitive darkness*.’...”

“Jesus ... came to *show* us how to **enter into darkness, and mystery**, so that *darkness* can be explored and experienced.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹²⁸

That which is being “birthed” is the fruit of a most unholy union. And to bring the holy Son of God into it at all is despicable and vile blasphemy. The holy Son of God has nothing whatsoever to do with the world’s whoredoms, and that includes with the world’s emerging “great whore.” This ultimate lady of the night is not the “chaste virgin” bride that God is preparing for His holy Son, but is the “great whore” that Satan is preparing for his Antichrist, the ultimate “man of sin.” And it is in their own unholy union that the New Humanity (or New World Religion) will be fully “birthed”—a full emergence that will understatedly change everything.

Second, just as the bride of Christ will eventually consist of a city that will reign over the nations as the “new Jerusalem” (see Revelation 21:2, 9-10, 23-26), so the Antichrist’s harlot will also consist of a city that will likewise reign over the nations (see Revelation 18:1-5, 15, 18). As seen, for example, in the previous quote on “this alternative reality” being “[t]he Planetary Birth,” New Age writings on Oneness already absurdly use the term “New Jerusalem.” But unlike the profane counterfeit “New Jerusalem” of Oneness, the “new Jerusalem” of God will be “holy,” and “there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life” (see Revelation 21:2, 10, 27).

In the meantime, the Antichrist’s harlot is emerging. In Old Testament times, the king of Babylon was Nebuchadnezzar who even referred to it as “great Babylon” (see 2 Kings 25:8 & Daniel 4:30). And just like with Nebuchadnezzar who had an image made for him and required everyone to bow down and worship the image or die, with the emerging “BABYLON THE GREAT” and “MOTHER OF HARLOTS” (and which is also referred to as “great Babylon”—Revelation 16:19) an image will be made for the Antichrist upon whom she will sit, and everyone will be required to bow down and worship the image or die (see Daniel 3 & Revelation 13). Babylonian history is about to repeat itself, but in a thoroughly global manner. And just as Nebuchadnezzar was the king who destroyed the temple of God, it will be the Antichrist and his harlot who will destroy (“make war with” and “overcome”—Revelation 13:7) today’s temple of God, i.e., those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus ...” (Revelation 17:5-6)

This ultimate lady of the night will hate those who refuse to become unfaithful to Jesus by becoming One with her.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that

*believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? **for ye are the temple of the living God;** as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,** and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)*

Unlike the emerging harlot of the Antichrist who is all decked out in every worldly, profane, and idolatrous thing imaginable as “THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH,” the bride of Christ is indeed “a chaste virgin,” *sanctified and cleansed* “with the washing of water by the word,” “glorious,” “not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing,” but “holy and without blemish” (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:26-27). The *holy*, virgin bride of Christ is the *antithesis* of the Antichrist’s harlot who is becoming more and more *profane* as she continues to move forward in her increasing Oneness.

*“Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, **The lady of kingdoms....** Therefore hear now this, **thou that art given to pleasures,** that dwellest carelessly, **that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me;** I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For **thou hast trusted in thy wickedness:** thou hast said, None seeth me. **Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.**” (Isaiah 47:1-5, 8-10)*

The Word of God repeatedly makes it perfectly clear that there is no unconditional, universal “salvation” of Oneness. And this emerging “great whore,” with her unconditional, universal “love,” that has the *wrong kind* of “wisdom” and “knowledge” and sees herself as divine—“I am, and none else beside me”—is going to suffer both widowhood and the loss of her children *eternally*. Although her sorceries are powerful enough to seduce many, they are not powerful enough to change Who God and His Son are. All the sorceress “love” in the universe cannot change the holy God of judgment into a profane “God” of Oneness that *is/is in everyone and everything*.

The new kind of adulterous, universal “marriage” of everyone/everything in an all-encompassing relationship of Oneness is not the marriage of the Son of God to His bride, but simply the whoredoms of the emerging harlot of the beast—an emergence that is going to bring the full wrath of God upon the whole world. An unrepentant, unbelieving New Humanity will find no protection from “doom” in the “positive” future of its soon-to-be-launched Ark of Oneness. And this is especially so since Oneness is an all-out revolution against God and His Son—a revolution in which this new Ark is, to put it bluntly, an emerging spiritual brothel of Oneness with an all-encompassing buffet of whoredoms. Yes, we should give serious heed to God’s Word and flee from these sins! Unlike people today, God does not take spiritual whoredoms lightly. Again, *think* about it: If just “the friendship of the world is enmity with God” then what does that make Oneness with the world?? And since spouses have every right to be angry if a spouse wants to unfaithfully “play” the field, then how much more right does God have to be angry?!

“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.” (Proverbs 14:27)

“Thus saith the LORD ... Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance ... the nations have drunken of her wine ... Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed ...” (Jeremiah 51:1, 6-8)

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication ...” (Revelation 18:1-3)

“... Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she hath made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her

fornication.... If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture ..." (Revelation 14:8-10)

"... Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and **all the graven images of her gods he hath broken** unto the ground." (Isaiah 21:9)

"... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins ... **How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously**, ... for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.... And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; ... for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." (Revelation 18:4, 7-8, 23-24)

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." (Revelation 16:17-20)

Replacing is with *ever becoming*

"Open systems have great advantages over closed systems"

"[W]e're going to let Life source Life with the secrets of Life through the process of Life Itself....

"It was Yesterday's God whose total message was said to be found in one book, in a single sacred text....

"Tomorrow's God will make no such claim of singularity of source, and the concepts of the New Spirituality will contain no such doctrine of exclusivity.

"**The New Spirituality is an open system, not a closed one**, ever growing, ever expanding, **ever becoming what it is next going to be, sourcing itself from Life Itself**, and the cumulative experience of those living it." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold & underline added)¹

It isn't surprising that today's emerging faith is replacing is with *ever becoming* because the former is *closed* and the latter is *open*. People today clearly want a "spiritual journey" that is wide open. And, of course, there's nothing more wide open than shifting from living by the knowledge and faith of God's Word of absolute truth to living by *life*. This is especially so since "science falsely so called" has "reimagined" that all of life, all that exists, exploded into an "evolutionary" journey of *ever becoming*. This is thus a journey in which no one need worry about *what is*. And this way, no one need worry about God's coming judgment.

Sweet, et al., write:

"C is for Complexity ...

"**Complexity theory** is a new field of science that studies **the emergence of life from self-organization**, a newly discovered law of life. In complexity sciences, an important incubator of scientific advances in the 21st century, **the truth is in the complexity**....

"Complex adaptive systems are open systems. And **open systems have great advantages over closed systems**." (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)²

"**Mark it down: the knowledge of good is the accepted counterfeit to living by life**.

"The Christian religion is built on *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*.... [I]t makes its adherents think that they have now found the *real* knowledge of good and evil....

"[M]any Christians have turned the Bible into a form of the knowledge of good and evil....

"This is a profoundly grievous misuse of the Bible." (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)³

And, therefore, just "turn the dark on" and "turn the lights out" in this "'complex way' of truth" because this is a journey in which "[t]he fear of the dark is a fear of complexity,"⁴ according to Sweet. And this way, those in the darkness who seek to live by life rather than by the knowledge of God's inspired Word of absolute truth can replace the closed *is* with the open *ever becoming*.

Open -- "not decided or finalized;" "not closed;" "unrestricted; unlimited;" "without" "enforceable regulations;" "free to all to join;" "ready to entertain new ideas;" "relatively free of obstructions to sight, movement, or internal arrangement."⁵

Hence the "great advantages" that "open systems" have "over closed systems":

"MRI [Missional, Relational, Incarnational] is an embrace of **complexity theory**. Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition **self-organizing**, complex, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. An organic system **makes it up as it goes along**." (Leonard Sweet; bold & underline added)⁶

Those who want the self-regulating freedom to make it up as they go along are thus choosing to raise the anchor of God's Word of what *is* in order to embark on an open journey that *purposely* moves "forward" from *knowing* to *not knowing* the absolute truth of God. Incredibly, they actually *want* to be "carried away into the deep."

"R is for **Religion**

"**What postmoderns are temperamentally allergic to....**

"Postmodernity has introduced a **new species** on the world scene—a '**non-affiliated homo religiosus**.' Postmoderns are not made for institutional life. The word **religion** comes from Latin *religare*, which **means to be bound to safety, to be tied to an anchor so that you are not carried away into the deep**. Postmoderns are natural '**lift anchor**' types." (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; bold & underline added)⁷

"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was **impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast**, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus ..." (Hebrews 6:17-20)

The absolute truth of God is a *certainty*—a *certainty* that is "an anchor of the soul" because it is "impossible for God to lie."

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

But, sadly, *certainty* becomes *anathema* in this emerging faith that is purposely trying to create "everything new" in the *darkness* in order to bring everyone/everything together in *Oneness*. Hence, the very foundation of this emerging faith of *Oneness* is, by necessity, a *rejection of the knowledge of the truth*. And, consequently, *everything is changing*. That is, *everything* is being "*reimagined*," and *especially* the truth and faith of God's Word. Today's "'lift anchor' types" are on a mission.

Sweet says:

"**Three of the most important words in the universe are these: 'I don't know.'**" (emphasis added)⁸

But God says:

*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: **because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ...**"*
(Hosea 4:6)

Sweet says:

"You can't be a disciple of Jesus without being a rank agnostic. An agnostic is **someone who doesn't 'know,'** and no one who stands before God pushes the 'don't know' button more than Jesus followers do. In fact, Christians are the biggest agnostics around, or at least Paul thought so with his concept of the *theos agnostos* (**unknown God**)."
(parentheses in the original; bold added)⁹

But God's Word says:

*"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.... Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, **him declare I unto you.**" (Acts 17:16, 22-23)*

The apostle Paul obediently and faithfully preached *the truth*, unlike a growing number of leaders today. The apostle Paul did *not* go about to purposely help either the world or Christians *un-know* the God he *knew*! Today's shifting Christianity has completely flipped upside down. And, despite God's inspired certainty to the contrary, not only is today's shifting Christianity *rejecting the knowledge of God* in its new emerging "faith," but it is also "reimagining" that there is no way to ever even "*come to the knowledge of the truth*" (see 2 Timothy 3:7). Never mind that this means there is no way to ever *repent*.

Again, repentance is a "*repentance to the acknowledging of the truth*" (2 Timothy 2:25). There is no *acknowledging* the truth without *knowledge*. Without acknowledging *the truth* there is no repentance. Without *repentance* there is no remission of sins. Without *remission of sins* there is no relationship with God, now or ever. The inspired Word of God—and it is "*impossible for God to lie*"—makes this all *perfectly clear* with *absolute certainty*.

So how is this inability to repent being dealt with by those who are replacing *is* with *ever becoming*? They simply flip it upside down like everything else. To "repent" is commonly being defined as to "change one's mind." And since this emerging faith is "reimagining" that there is no way to ever even "*come to the knowledge of the truth*," then obviously to "repent" in this emerging faith is to change one's mind about acknowledging the truth. In other words, it is to *un-acknowledge* the truth. And, of course, this way they don't have to *believe* the truth, right? So those who are moving forward to the *un-repentance* of the *un-acknowledging* of the truth can thus simply "rethink," "reimagine," and "rewrite" it *all*.

Everyone in this emerging faith is certainly free to self-regulate by making up their own new "truth" as they go along living by *life* rather than by the knowledge and faith of *God's Word*, if they want to. But the unchanging absolute truth of God is what it is.

Closed/Close -- "not open to question or debate;" "not open to new ideas;" "exclusive;"¹⁰ "[c]onfined within *narrow* limits;" "[t]o end; to finish; to conclude; to complete; to bring to a *period*;" "without" "motion."¹¹

The true God is not the "I AM THAT I AM BECOMING." He is the "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14). And, yes, there is a difference. God is not *becoming* anything. God is *Who He is* whether the world is willing to believe Who He is or not. And, likewise, the absolute truth that God has recorded for us in His inspired Word is *what it is* whether the world is willing to believe this truth or not. Despite today's absurd beliefs to the contrary, an unrepentant world that is not willing to believe the Word of God does not have the power to change absolute truth any more than it has the power to make the earth flat. The world does not have the power to change what is. And even using "science" to "reimagine" the truth that is with a new "truth" that is *ever becoming* changes *nothing*. The absolute truth of God is still the absolute truth of God no matter how many minds in the world ("scientific" minds or otherwise) align in the attempt to change the absolute truth of God into something that is ever becoming other than what it is.

Becoming -- “any process of change;” “any change involving realization of potentialities, as a movement from the lower level of potentiality to the higher level of actuality.”¹² *Become* -- “to come, change, or grow to be;” “to come into being;”¹³ “[t]o pass from one state to another; to enter into some state or condition, by a change from another state or condition, or by assuming or receiving new properties or qualities, additional matter, or a *new character*.”¹⁴

Again, God is not *becoming* anything. God is not receiving “a new character” that man is hell-bent on giving Him -- “*For I am the LORD, I change not; ...*” (Malachi 3:6). Despite the panentheistic teachings of the emerging faith of Oneness that man also exists within/inside God, man is actually without/outside God—or external/“extraneous” to Him—and has no power to change or control Who God is. All man can do is choose to either *believe* or *not believe* the absolute truth of Who God is.

Absolute -- “[n]ot relative;” “free, independent of any thing extraneous;” “[c]omplete in itself; positive;” “[u]nlimited by extraneous power or control.”¹⁵

There will never be a “butterfly effect” of *man’s thought waves* going out as ripples or vibrations through the true God to thus change *man’s Creator*. It is not in man’s future to either *be* or *change* God. The truth is, that despite man’s determined efforts, man will never be absolute himself—free and independent of God’s power and control, a state that man sees as “positive.” Neither will man ever be able to change the inevitable future of God’s judgment on the unrepentant, unbelieving world. God’s judgment is *not becoming other than what it is at all*, let alone because people today have simply decided to “think” it so.

Nevertheless, people are still rebelliously bound and determined to not only have the freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes, but to freely do so *without consequence*—i.e., with a *universal/unconditional salvation* to boot. And, utter futility notwithstanding, the only way to do so is to change the absolute truth of God. If there’s no absolute truth, or if absolute truth keeps *moving* and *changing* and *becoming* rather than staying *absolute*, then *knowledge* of absolute truth is thus rendered irrelevant, which, in turn, renders *believing* irrelevant, which, in turn, gives people their desired self-regulating freedom to believe and do whatever is right in their own eyes.

This emerging faith/New Spirituality is also summed up as follows:

“The New Spirituality is waking people up to the idea that by living more consciously they can live *their own truths* and **that *their own truths*, consciously lived, will set them free.**

“The New Spirituality reveals to us that **the largest truth is that we are all connected with our source; what most people** in the world **call God**. At our core, just like God, we are Love. We, as individuals and as societies, have bought into a belief system that is based in fear. We have been told, and we believe, that we are separate from each other and separate from God....

“The New Spirituality is waking people up to the idea of letting go of our fear-based belief that we are separate and opening ourselves up to the love-based belief that ***we are all one***....

“It is an ‘Evolution Revolution’ to change the belief system ...” (Richard D. Blackstone; emphasis added)¹⁶

It is indeed. A “belief system” that *believes what is* is just too closed for those who prefer the “open system” of “*their own truths*” that are *ever becoming*, or are ever being *created*. So who is Richard Blackstone? A man not unlike many other people who says that he had been “sleepwalking” and credits his new “way of looking at life” to Deepak Chopra, whose books then led him “to other spiritual mentors including Wayne Dyer, Gary Zukov, Marianne Williamson, and many, many more.”¹⁷ A man who, with the help of his “spiritual mentors,” “started waking up” from the “illusion” of “separation” and “found” that **“oneness lights the way to wholeness.”**¹⁸ He then discovered *Conversations with God* by Neale Donald Walsch, and quite favorably quotes “[t]he God character,” after which Blackstone responds with: “Wow! This was my missing knowledge.... the knowing of which could change my life forever.”¹⁹ Blackstone—who says he “speaks at churches and spiritual growth venues of every variety”²⁰—also writes that “[a] new belief system based on the idea that *we are all one* will be the *opening* to a new era of harmonious existence,” and he ends this webpage with the word “Namasté.”²¹

Incidentally, Blackstone describes writing a book titled, *Nuts & Bolts Spirituality: Waking Up the Sleepwalkers*, and states: “As I sat down to write the book the words and ideas seemed to flow to the paper effortlessly.”²² No doubt. The seducing spirit world will channel their teachings through anyone open to their new “light,” whether they are aware of them doing so or not. (Even physicist Fritjof Capra wrote that “sometimes, while writing *The Tao of Physics*, I even felt that it was being written through me, rather than by me.”²³) In any case, regarding the “butterfly effect” Blackstone writes:

“Mathematicians and physicists have revealed to us a phenomenon of nature called ‘**The Butterfly Effect.**’ In essence ‘The Butterfly Effect’ says that the flapping of a butterfly’s wings in one part of the world can set into motion a hurricane in another part of the world....

“You have the same power as a butterfly. You have the ability to **create a ‘hurricane of change’ that will take humanity from a fear-based way of life to a love-based paradigm ...**

“All it takes is a shift in one perspective about life:

“The only thing you need to change in your life to begin ‘The Butterfly Effect’ is to understand and ‘know’ that we, as humans, are not separate from each other and all of life.

“SIMPLE, YET COMPLEX ...

“... change your base belief system from the idea of ‘separation’ to the concept of ‘oneness’ ...

“The change starts with you.” (bold added)²⁴

A New Spirituality, quantum or otherwise, that “wakes” people up from a “fear-based belief that we are separate” to a “love-based belief that we are all one” will never change God accordingly. Rather, it will only cause a “hurricane of change” in the souls of those who participate. And the destructive consequences of this “hurricane” will persist throughout eternity in those who do not repent. There can only be a “butterfly effect” if all of life, including God, is a “unified field,” which of course is Oneness. And in the light of God’s Word it is perfectly clear that Oneness is not science, but “science falsely so called.” The true God is *Who He is* and is not a God of Oneness that is constantly changing according to *humanity’s “own truths.”*

It is in the book *Tomorrow’s God* that the seducing spirit calling itself “God” tells Neale Donald Walsch:

“It was **Yesterday’s God** whose total message was said to be found in one book, in **a single sacred text....**

“The New Spirituality is an open system, not a closed one, ever growing, **ever expanding, ever becoming what it is next going to be**, sourcing itself from Life Itself, and the cumulative experience of those living it.” (emphasis added)²⁵

And in this same book, Walsch says:

“So, you’re saying that **Tomorrow’s God** will be **larger** than we guessed, and that when we remove our “blindfolds,” we will discover that God actually **changes form**, appearing in a *multiplicity* of ways depending upon the time and the place and the events of the moment.” (emphasis added)²⁶

The seducing spirit calling itself “God” then replies:

“That is how humanity will allow itself to experience God on this most blessed future tomorrow. **Yesterday’s God ... is thought to be a Constant. That belief** will not change, but it **will expand....**

“God IS a Constant. God is that which is Constantly Present and **Constantly Changing**, suiting Itself to each moment, ...

“Yet you may often be unable to see God or to experience God **if you are expecting God to show up in a certain way—as do** so many of **those who believe in Yesterday’s God.**

“There is *no limit* to the ways in which God may show up. Many humans have attempted to **place limits on God** but have, as a result, only placed limits on themselves and on their ability to see and to experience God.

“On your yesterdays you have believed in a limited God. On **a blessed future tomorrow** you will begin to believe in

a limitless God, who can appear in any form, under any circumstances, to any person, and, indeed, to all people in all places all the time....

"You are in a sleep from which all of you will awaken." (bold & underline added)²⁷

A "limit" is of course *closed* and not *open*. **Limit** -- "a boundary or bound;" "to confine or keep within limits;" "[t]o fix **definitely; to specify**;" "[t]he point, edge, or line *beyond which* something *cannot* or *may not* proceed;" "a *boundary, embankment between fields, border*."²⁸ **Limited** -- "**narrow**;" "without fullness."²⁹

An *embankment* is also "a *wall*."³⁰ And there is indeed a *wall* between the "fields" of truth and falsehood. Or to put it another way, there is no "unified field" of Oneness that consists of *both* truth *and* falsehood. God is *Who He is* and His truth is *what it is*. The absolute truth of God is indeed "limited" to the absolute truth of God. The so-called "*fullness of truth*" that is all-encompassing of *falsehood* is not the truth of *God*. It is not *God* that is on a mission to tear down the walls/limits between truth and falsehood in order to "free" God from His "box" of truth so that God can then "limitlessly" include *falsehood*.

Falsehood is "the state of being *untrue*;" "a *lie*;" "*lying*,"³¹ and it is "**impossible for God to lie**" (Hebrews 6:18). This is indeed a "**limit**"—a "boundary or border *beyond which something ceases* to be or **to be possible**."³² Again, *become* is "to enter into some state or condition, by a change from another state or condition, or by assuming or receiving new properties or qualities, additional matter, or *a new character*."³³ God is "*the God of truth*" (Isaiah 65:16). And, as such, God is not *open* to entering a new state of *falsehood* and receiving from man a "new character" in order to *become* "the God of *truth and falsehood*" or "the God of *falsehood*." The character of God is *closed* in a state of *truth*; *period*.

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: **a God of truth** and without iniquity, just and right is he." (Deuteronomy 32:4; see also Psalm 31:5)

"Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; in hope of eternal life, which **God**, that **cannot lie**, promised before the world began, but hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour." (Titus 1:1-3)

Thus, according to God's Word:

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.... I have chosen **the way of truth**: thy judgments have I laid before me.... And take not **the word of truth** utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.... I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.... **For ever**, O LORD, thy word is **settled** in heaven.... Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.... I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.... Thy word is **true from the beginning**: and every one of thy righteous judgments **endureth for ever**." (Psalm 119:11, 30, 43, 46, 89, 155, 158, 160; see also entire chapter)

"But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason **of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of**." (2 Peter 2:1-2)

Damnable -- "that which subjects or renders liable to damnation."³⁴ **Damnation** -- "[s]entence or condemnation to everlasting punishment in the future state; or the state of eternal torments."³⁵

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life**, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

All who are following "damnable heresies" that aren't *the narrow way of truth* are following "heresies" that are "damnable." It simply is *what it is*. The absolute truth of God is **settled**. It is *closed*—it is "not open to question or debate" or "to new ideas" but has been brought "to a *period*."

Settled -- “established; fixed; determined.”³⁶ *Settle* -- “[t]o fix; to establish; to make *certain* or permanent.”³⁷ *Fix* -- “to set or establish *immovably*,” “to settle or remain permanently,” “[t]o withhold from *motion*,”³⁸ “make (something) permanent or *static* in *nature*.”³⁹ And just like *limit* means “[t]o fix definitely; to specify,”⁴⁰ *fix* also means “to settle definitely; determine.”⁴¹ *Definitely* -- “a way of emphasizing that something is true and that there is no doubt about it;”⁴² “without doubt; “in a definite manner; *clearly*.”⁴³ *Definite* -- “[h]aving *certain* limits; *bounded with precision*,” “[d]efining,” “certain,” “precise,” “exact,” “[t]hing *defined*,”⁴⁴ “precise and *clear* in *meaning*; explicit,” “limiting or specifying.”⁴⁵ *Specify* -- “to mention or *name* specifically or definitely,” “to give a specific *character* to;”⁴⁶ “to mention, *describe*, or *define* in detail.”⁴⁷ *Specifying* -- “[n]aming or designating *particularly*.”⁴⁸ *Specific* -- “clearly defined or *identified*,”⁴⁹ “*particular*, or definite;”⁵⁰ and, therefore, “limiting or limited.”⁵¹

Sadly, in the *darkness* of the emerging faith of *Oeness* details are irrelevant. Many people are shifting to *Oeness* and its “*limitless* God, who can appear in *any* form” because a *specific* God, Whose absolute truth is *settled*, is simply too “outdated” and “limited” for the connecting world today. *Oeness* is today’s mission, and in order for *Oeness* to even exist it must have a *generic* “God” that *cannot* be *specified*. That is, it must have a *generic* “God” that “*transcends*” (bypasses) *words*. Only in this way can the *Oeness* of all “*truths*”/“*Scriptures*”/“*faiths*”/“*religions*”/“*gods*” (i.e., all “*colors*”) become a “*reality*.” Once again, *limit* is “[t]o fix definitely; **to specify**,” “a *boundary*, *embankment between fields*, *border*.”⁵² And *specify* means “[t]o mention or **name**, as a **particular** thing; to designate in **words**, so as to **distinguish** a thing from every **other**.”⁵³

Every “*other*” is automatically “*transcended*” in the emerging faith of *Oeness*. Again, the “ultimate reality” of *Oeness* is that “[*it*] is all *One Thing*.”⁵⁴ And since there is thus no reason “to distinguish a thing from every *other*,” all *particular* “*truths*” are being assimilated into the *wave* of this “*fullness* of truth” of *Oeness*. As a result, describing the absolute truth of God in *words*, which includes the *name* of God, is not only becoming “irrelevant,” it is becoming anathema to those who are purposely *un-settling* and *un-knowing* and *un-acknowledging* the absolute truth of God. *Words* are “*walls*.” *Words* are simply too defining and too clear in their meaning, and are therefore definitely too *limiting* for *Oeness*. Take these words, for example:

“Thou shalt have no *other* gods before *me*.” (Exodus 20:3)

This commandment is simply too specific that *not all gods are God*. This definite *limit* regarding *Who God is* puts an immediate and *certain* end to seeing “a *limitless* God, who can appear in *any* form” as the same particular God explicitly described in the inspired words of the settled Word of God. So, to give one more example, take these words:

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)

The *walls* in these words are so *clear* that they leave *no doubt* that those who do not know God will be in dire straits when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. And, incredibly, not knowing God is what is *purposely* being sought after and celebrated in this emerging faith! Absolutely unbelievable.

Despite their choice to go *backward*—absurdly referred to by those in this emerging faith as moving “*forward*”—God is not joining them in their backward journey of moving forward into *un-knowing* Him. God will never *un-know* Himself—“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: *he cannot deny himself*” (2 Timothy 2:13). It is “*impossible* for God to *lie*” (Hebrews 6:18). And it is God Himself Who has recorded His absolute truth for us in the *words* of His *inspired* Word that is *settled forever* by God Himself. And, yes, *settled* is also “determined.” *Determined* -- “[e]nded; concluded; decided; limited; fixed; settled; resolved; directed.”⁵⁵

It is, of course, “science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith” (1 Timothy 6:20-21) that has given people their desired freedom of living by *life* rather than by *the Word of God*. And this, in turn, has freed today’s “new breed of theologians”—Sweet being one of them—to “work together in a new way” to facilitate the transformation of Christianity into today’s new kind of anti-Christian “Christianity” that is joining the world in

“humbly” moving outside the “box” of “arrogant” absolute truth recorded for us by God in the Word of God.

“T is for Theologians ...

“**[O]ur current systematic theologies ... seem pretty maxed out, used up, run down, and boxed in....**

“[M]odern systematic theologies will someday remind us of a bygone modern Christian rationalism that quaintly (or arrogantly) believed it was encoding the absolute and universal truth for all time in its fine print and footnotes.

“What new theologies will emerge to replace modern theologies, both liberal and conservative? No one knows. But this is almost certain: ... **postmodern theology will instead seek to restore a sense of the whole....**

“And it will be done by **a new breed of theologians who work together in a new way.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁶

“**Postmodern culture is an anti-Christian culture.**” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵⁷

“**[P]ostmoderns are ‘mosaic thinkers’ who process information in fields rather than furrowed lines.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁵⁸

Sounds familiar.

“**All the various truths form one Truth;** ... your little bit of truth forms part of **the group mosaic.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁹

“Understand and know at last that **We Are All One**. The human race, and **all of Life, is a unified field**. *It is all One Thing.*” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁶⁰

No, it isn’t. And neither is living by the “Life” of a “unified field” of Oneness living by “*God’s* life.” The true God is not in everyone and everything. The true God is not “to be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how *strange*)” as Sweet, McLaren, et al., write. But, sadly, the “postmodern” (post-truth) “mosaic, *multilane* thinkers” who are shifting to this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality see “a *one-lane* road” of “learning” as “boring.”⁶¹ They want *choices*, and thus prefer a road that is *broad*, not *narrow*.

“**Postmodern culture is a Choice Culture.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶²

“Too often, churches and ministries of the modern era spent endless hours ... defending *doctrinal* statements that sought to resolve paradoxes into clear, simple, *one-dimensional propositions*, thereby capturing *the truth* in *black and white*. For **postmodern** churches, paradoxes are **full-color** renderings of **truth in motion**.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶³

“**[T]ruth is participation in the life of God.**” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶⁴

“**Living by God’s life** is very different from living by *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*.” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola; emphasis added)⁶⁵

“Kitsch evidences **postmodern** subscription to **incarnational theology: God is to be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how strange)**.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁶

Again, this new “truth” of Oneness that opens the door to this new kind of “*God*” that is *ever becoming* also opens the door to a new kind of *future* that is *ever becoming* as well. And the two *must* go hand in hand. After all, if those in this emerging faith have a “God” that is *ever becoming* and a future judgment that is *what it is*, there would be a tremendous and sudden meltdown of their “God” that is ever becoming when this judgment hit. This, quite simply, would repudiate and obliterate their whole emerging faith of *Oneness*. And, therefore, to deal with this problematic little detail, those who are choosing to shift from *the God Who is* to a “*God*” that is *ever becoming* just need to likewise shift their thinking from *the future that is* to a *future that is ever becoming*, and poof!—no future meltdown of their “God” that is ever becoming, right?

Accordingly, McLaren writes in *A New Kind of Christianity*:

“... **God and the universe are in relationship**....

“Conventional eschatologies ... tend to argue about different arrangements or lengths of the lines in the Greco-Roman narrative. That’s what makes **this new approach** so different and difficult to label, because it **dispenses with the linear approach altogether**.... In a participatory eschatology, when we ask, ‘What does the future hold?’ the answer begins, ‘That depends. It depends on you and me. **God holds out to us at every moment a brighter future; the issue is whether we are willing to receive it** and work with God to help create it. **We are participating in the creation of what the future will be.**” (emphasis added, except italics to *in relationship*)⁶⁷

It is, of course, the panentheistic “God” that is “found in *both spirit and matter* (no matter how strange)” that is this “God” that supposedly “holds out to us at every moment a brighter future.” And it is those who are “willing to receive” this pagan/panentheistic “God” as if it is *God Himself* who are thus “participating in the creation” of a “brighter” future of *Oneness* that is to then bypass God’s coming judgment of souls for those who receive/worship this pagan/panentheistic “God” as God. Never mind that this is a *false god*, in this same book McLaren thus also writes of “a *better* vision of the future” in which “[w]e might say that in it, *the future is un-doomed* ... un-doomed from burning destruction and eternal conscious torment [*in hell*].”⁶⁸ So all people need to do is just be “willing to receive” this “better” and “brighter” future of this emerging false “God” of *Oneness* and they no longer need to fear hell. This new kind of *eschatology*—i.e., “the part of *theology* concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind”⁶⁹—that “dispenses with the *linear approach altogether*” is very convenient for today’s “‘lift anchor’ types” who are *rejecting God’s Word*. And this of course includes today’s “*new breed of theologians* who work together in a *new way*.”

Sweet writes:

“[F]aith is the creative movement of **self-organizing processes** that are **better understood as verbs than as nouns**....

“Faith makes a metanoized mulch of **all dichotomized selves** and heals **all discursive dualisms** (one of the *worst* of which was ‘*sacred*’ and ‘*profane*’), all disastrous separations that **threaten our existence**.” (Leonard Sweet; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁷⁰

“**Complexity theory** ... studies the **emergence of life from self-organization** ...

“Complex adaptive systems are **open systems**. And *open* systems have great advantages over *closed* systems.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁷¹

“**MRI theology is the only theology worth bothering with** ...” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷²

“**MRI** [Missional, Relational, **Incarnational**] is an embrace of **complexity theory**. Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition **self-organizing**, complex, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. An organic system **makes it up as it goes along**.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added, except to *organism*)⁷³

Those on a mission of *Oneness* clearly do not see that it is actually this *rejection of God’s Word* that “threaten[s] our existence.” They don’t see that the *rejection of God’s Word* is the reason that “the whole world lieth in wickedness” (1 John 5:19) and is ever becoming worse. Neither do they see that *God’s coming full wrath on the whole unrepentant, unbelieving world* that is *rejecting God’s Word* is something that “threaten[s] our existence.” This is just too “fear-based,” and not “love-based” enough, for them to be willing to ponder. Consequently, reading and believing *God’s Word* is absurdly being replaced with unrepentantly reading any “*signs*” of “*life*” of the emerging new “*God*” of *Oneness* that can “be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how strange).” In other words, the *hope* that is a *certainty*—a *certainty* that is “an *anchor of the soul*” because it is “*impossible for God to lie*”—is being replaced with a new kind of “hope.” In *The Seraph Seal*, Sweet and Wagner write:

“Well, it’s no mistake that **the only hope for humanity** lies in the unity of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, is it? It’s **the unity of everything**, all creation, all elements of the earth, an entire universe of *divine creativity* **that brings**

everything that exists into some kind of unified relationship. We're in a way perhaps a symbol of that unity, a living semiotic. We know that everything that exists does so in waves of movement. Perhaps our being here in Bashan is **the start of another wave.** One **that our unity will initiate.** A response of humankind to *the divine song of the universe.* To *God.*" (emphasis added)⁷⁴

And in *The Revelation*, Barbara Marx Hubbard likewise writes:

"We are radiating a new hope that we, as individuals and as a species, are evolving.... We can raise our consciousness to a level **of total unity**.... We can be born as a universal species.

"We can be the founding mothers and fathers of the positive future, co-creators of new worlds—literally!

"This is truly a *universal* community. It includes among its members all who desire to **evolve beyond the limits of the past**, in alignment with the patterns already being created through the will of *God*.

"[J]oin together now in spirit, in cooperation and *co-creation*, **so that a positive future may come true through us.**" (emphasis added)⁷⁵

The *unrepentant, unbelieving world* that is *rejecting God's Word* can align minds in the emerging "patterns" of man's new thoughts and ideas all it wants. But this unity will never succeed in bringing a new "positive" future into being that is an alternative to *God's judgment*, and that includes God's four horses of the Apocalypse (see Revelation chapter 6). The new and "only hope" for those who are *rejecting God's Word* is a *false* hope. There is no "unity of everything" and neither is one ever becoming. There will never be a "butterfly effect" of *man's thought waves* going out as ripples or vibrations through the true God that will change both God and the inevitable future of God's judgment on the unrepentant, unbelieving world.

Thus, those who are "radiating" this "new hope" must indeed "evolve beyond the *limits* of the past." In other words, they must move beyond the absolute truth of God that is what it is and embrace the relative "truth" of the emerging new "God" of Oneness that is *ever becoming*. As previously addressed, according to this emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality, the same underlying "Energy of God" *is/is in* everything, even *thought*, and thereby unites "All That Is" in both *mind* and *matter* together as one *with itself*. *All of it*—which includes truth and falsehood, right and wrong—becomes just different "*patterns*" of the same "energy," or "Energy of *God*." And, therefore, the world just needs to come together and align minds in the "forces" of these panentheistic/quantum "energies" of "God," and a new "positive" future of Oneness can be created by merely *thinking* it all "into being."

"The process of creation starts with thought—an idea, conception, visualization....

"Thoughts are ideas formed. **Ideas are energies** come together. **Energies are forces** released. **Forces are elements** existent. **Elements are particles of God**, portions of *All*, **the stuff of everything.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁷⁶

"Thought is pure energy....

"All thoughts congeal; **all thoughts meet other thoughts**, criss-crossing in an incredible maze of energy, **forming an ever-changing pattern** of unspeakable beauty and unbelievable complexity....

"You should now better understand how **people of like mind can work together to create a favored reality.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added, except italics to *like mind*)⁷⁷

"You think it into being." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" bold added)⁷⁸

"It is the sacred rhythm of all life, by which you move the Energy of God." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁷⁹

And, therefore, as the profane seducing spirit world also teaches:

"Your future is creatable. Create it as you want it." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁸⁰

"Yes, there is a One Great Truth; there is a Final Reality. But **you will always get what you choose**, regardless of that

reality—precisely because the reality is that you are a divine creature, **divinely creating your reality even as you are experiencing it.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)⁸¹

And, likewise, as Sweet fittingly writes in *SoulTsunami*:

“There are many futures out there. **The future** is not a ‘single state,’ but a **scenario of possibilities**. There is a struggle between opposing visions of the future. **It is not too late to choose which one we shall get. The future is a function of our choices and creations.**” (emphasis added)⁸²

And as Barbara Marx Hubbard likewise writes:

“We who are moved to **believe in these possibilities**, we who resonate with them at the deepest levels of our yet un-real-ized genius, are empowered to act as if it were true and make it so. As Robert Frost once said, ‘We **don’t believe in the future**, we **believe it in.**’...”

“Our vision of the possible is a self-fulfilling prophecy....

“**What we expect, we create....**

“This is truly a *universal* community. It includes among its members all who desire to **evolve beyond the limits of the past, in alignment with the patterns already being created** through the will of God.” (emphasis added)⁸³

In addition, Sweet also writes:

“Jesus comes to us from beyond and pulls us from the future more than pushes us from *the past*....

“Don’t expect God’s presence to be most visible at the centers or the obvious....

“Jesus comes to us *from the future*, and the future is on the fringe, especially the edges of the norm. **You see best the emerging patterns by your PeripheralVision**, yet being peripheral is seldom encouraged. The peripheral is important not only because it *widens* our perspective, but because in *being* peripheral, it enters our consciousness through a means that *bypasses* our processing....

“[W]e must notice *patterns* that are *taking shape* not just in the centers but *on the periphery*. **Abnormalities reveal the forces by which creative patterns form, and their recognition connects the work of the age to the patterns that will adjust our lives and futures.**” (emphasis added, except to *being*)⁸⁴

“If **truth is recognition**, the art of attention is more important than ever before.

“The art of attention *repivots* the focus of the church from hermeneutics to semiotics....

“Where hermeneutics is preoccupied with *meaning*, semiotics (or the art and science of **sign reading**) is preoccupied with dancing. Semiotics is the art and science of *paying attention*. A spiritual semiotics is paying attention to what the Holy Spirit is *up to* in our world today. **The future lies in those who can help others focus their attention and pay attention.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁸⁵

In a nutshell, the dance of *Oeness* is whirling and swirling the emerging *new* faith and “truth” into being as today’s *meaningless* pseudo-Christianity joins the world in passionately and determinedly dancing around *is* in the arms of *ever becoming*. There’s clearly no need to be “preoccupied with *meaning*” in an emerging faith of *Oeness* in which its *everything but holy* “Spirit indwells *all that exists.*”⁸⁶

So where are people to “see best” the emerging new “patterns” of “truth” that will adjust their lives and futures? As Sweet writes, “your PeripheralVision,” or “on the periphery.” *Peripheral vision* is “the area of vision lying just *outside the line* of direct sight,”⁸⁷ and *peripheral* is “only *slightly* connected with what is *essential* or important.”⁸⁸ *Peripheral* is also “of, belonging to, or forming a *periphery*”⁸⁹ which is “the outer limits or edge of an area or object.”⁹⁰ It is, of course, the *non-essentials* that become the *focus* in this emerging faith in order to unify everyone/everything in an all-encompassing *circle of Oeness*. So it is noteworthy that *periphery* also means “[t]he circumference of a circle.”⁹¹ The term *periphery* is from “*periphēria* ‘circumference, outer surface,’ ... from *periphēres* ‘rounded, moving round, revolving,’ ... from *peri-* ‘round about’ ...”⁹²

As mentioned earlier, the circle of Oneness also brings the *past, present, and future* together as one—into a “*nonlinear*” time. So, absurdities notwithstanding, as the past becomes irrelevant, the emerging new “pattern” of a new “truth” of a new “God” that people today are forming/shaping/creating with their thoughts and ideas in the *present* thus already becomes a “reality” in the *future*. And to continue this circle, this emerging faith needs more and more people to simply pay attention and observe and participate in today’s new “truth” of a new “God.” This way, this emerging new “pattern” that is already a “reality” in the *future* can emerge even faster as the “reality” of the *present*.

It therefore isn’t surprising that in this same book, which is *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, along with the above quotes that “[y]ou see best the *emerging patterns* by your PeripheralVision” and “*truth is recognition*,” Sweet also writes:

“We aren’t waiting for something to come; **we are waiting for the future that is already here to appear**. We are waiting for something to be revealed from a source beyond ourselves.” (emphasis added)⁹³

Remember, this is about “paying attention to what the Holy Spirit is *up to*,” and since in this emerging faith of Oneness “God is to be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how strange),” this is about paying attention to *life*. After all, this emerging faith/New Spirituality “is an *open* system” that is “*ever becoming* what it is *next* going to be, sourcing itself from *Life* Itself, and the *cumulative experience* of those living it.”⁹⁴ Hence, this is not about *Scripture* reading, but “*sign* reading.” This is not about paying attention to God’s Word of what is truth, but to *life*. This way, as people connect the “*God*” dots, or *thought* dots, of everyone’s own experience of “God,” the picture of today’s new “truth” of a new “God” and “future” can emerge as the present “reality.” So just lift anchor and set sail on a connect the dot journey and see what picture emerges . . .

In *So Beautiful*, Sweet writes:

“The kingdom of God *breaks free of religion* with Jesus ...

“If God’s hand is MRI-shaped—mission-shaped, relation-shaped, incarnation-shaped—then Jesus’ followers are **shapemiths of the Spirit**....

“The passion for *evangelism* is nothing other than a passion for **reading the signs of what God is up to, connecting the God-dots**, signing up, and then laying down our lives on God’s dotted lines. The French Jesuit Jean Danielou, writing on the theology of mission in the 1950s, said that **fruitful missionary efforts ‘stopped thinking of bringing Christ to India ... but rather started thinking about finding Christ already there.’**” (last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁹⁵

And in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet also writes:

“[T]he ultimate answer to that question ‘**Who do you say that I am?**’ is best forthcoming from another question: ‘What’s up?’ Or when translated theologically, ‘**What’s the I AM up to in your life?**’ We **find the living One in the midst of living**.” (emphasis added)⁹⁶

“[T]he *incarnation* goes all the way down, and **the Spirit indwells all that exists**.” (emphasis added)⁹⁷

“**Faith** is the gift of **reading the signs of the presence of God**.” (emphasis added)⁹⁸

“In a state of semiotic awareness, **all of life** is bathed in beauty and *sacredness*.” (emphasis added)⁹⁹

“**Signs of God’s manifest presence point me to Christ**.” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁰

“The ideal of monastic holiness and in fact any tradition of *holy living* is precisely this: an awareness of the presence of **Christ in all of life and in all things**.” (emphasis added)¹⁰¹

“Semiotics is the art and science of paying attention....

“**[P]aying attention changes** your brain, **your being, your future**. According to some scholars, the root *lig* in the

word **religion** means ‘to **pay attention**.’ If so, from its very definition, religion helps us learn to pay attention to people and **to life**.” (bold added)¹⁰²

“When **Christianity** restricts God’s presence to the sacred or **denies God’s presence outside the sacred**, it mirrors an Enlightenment culture that crudely separated life into the secular and the religious, thereby making the omnipresence of God hard to experience....

“Whatever you call it, **the Spirit of God is at work in all human beings, no matter what their religion, no matter what their morality or lack of it, no matter what they have done or haven’t done.**” (emphasis added)¹⁰³

“Semiotics ... is **the art of making connections, linking disparate dots, ...**” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁴

First, although Sweet writes that “[s]igns of God’s manifest presence point me to Christ,” Scripture makes it perfectly clear that it is the true Person of Christ Who points us to God. And, yes, there is a difference. To begin with, a “God” that can be relatively defined would clearly point to a “Christ” (“Messiah”) that can be relatively defined. And, of course, this is especially so when this “God” is *in everyone/everything* and points to a “Christ” (“Messiah”) *in everyone/everything*. In truth, *God’s* Christ (Messiah) is *His Son* Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Who alone points us to the true God Who is *the Father* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. It really is that simple.

Second, to confuse “omnipresence” with *immanence* is to confuse the true God with this false *panentheistic* “God” of the emerging faith of *Oneness*. Whatever anyone chooses to call it, neither the true God nor His Son are *in everyone/everything*. But, naturally, Scripture’s divisive *separations* are “disastrous separations that threaten our existence,” with “one of the *worst* of which was ‘*sacred*’ and ‘*profane*,’”¹⁰⁵ right? Hence, sadly enough, “our *very survival*” does not depend on reading and paying attention to *God’s Word*, but to “*signs*.” That is, to any “*signs*” of “*life*” of this emerging new “*God*” of *Oneness*. In this same book, Sweet writes:

“This book [*Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*] is your wireless card to pick up the signals of transcendence, **the immanent transcendent**, that are out there but not being downloaded....

“In fact, some *sign readers* are arguing that our *very survival* as a species depends on our ability to ‘**read the signs**.’” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁶

A CNN article titled, “**Meet the new God**,” writes of Neale Donald Walsch’s book *Tomorrow’s God* and states:

“For Walsch, that means letting go of ‘yesterday’s God’ -- as in an omnipotent and separate entity from humanity. For Walsch, **God represents Creation itself**. ‘**Tomorrow’s God**,’ ... is without the characteristics of an individual living being; separate from nothing; and ‘**the extraordinary process called Life**.’

“‘Tomorrow’s God says that **every church is ‘his church,’ and every faith is ‘her faith,’** and every soul is God’s soul, because it shares the same soul with God!’ Walsch writes. ‘And no person or living thing in the universe stands outside the community of God.’” (bold & underline added)¹⁰⁷

Naturally, regarding “*yesterday’s* God” that is a “*separate* entity,” which Walsch also describes as “a bearded, demanding *father* figure on a *throne*,” this CNN article states that Walsch “says getting *past* it is necessary for humanity’s survival.”¹⁰⁸

“‘Humanity can evolve in one of two ways,’ says Walsch. ‘We can be spectators, *tsk-tsking to annihilation*. Or we can engage in a process in which we *evolve* ...’” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁹

That would be to “evolve” “beyond the *limits* of the past, in alignment with the *patterns* already being created,”¹¹⁰ as Hubbard puts it. After all, those in this emerging faith of *Oneness* want “to make ‘Yesterday’s God’ go away,”¹¹¹ as Walsch admits, and thus:

“For those who are already converted [to ‘Tomorrow’s God’], I say, ‘Wake up and sing your song.’ If we wake up the choir, we’re talking about millions of people. It’s about rallying that *force*.” (Neale Donald Walsch; emphasis added)¹¹²

Regarding those who “defend Walsch and the tradition of inquiry he trumpets,” this same article also quotes John Shelby Spong, a retired Episcopal Bishop “known for his contrarian views,” who responded that “Religion is *closed-minded*,” and “No *new* definition of God will be ‘ruinous for religion,’ but clinging to a *dead* definition will be.”¹¹³

So just read the “signs” and connect the dots of the emerging picture, or “pattern,” of the *new* “truth” of the *new* “God” of today’s *new* thoughts and ideas and help bring into present “reality” this “positive” future of “hope.” Of course, absurdity to the *nth* degree notwithstanding, since *people* are always changing (and now *purposely* so), then their *ideas* are always changing as well. And, therefore, the future/present “energy patterns” are *always changing*. In other words, “reality” is always changing. This is another reason why *truth* can never be known with *certainty* in this emerging faith. Rather, “truth”/“reality” is always only *emerging -- endlessly*.

Neale Donald Walsch: “Are we on **an eternal journey to nowhere?**”

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “Yes. That’s the greatest truth. There is nowhere to go, nothing to do, and no one you have to ‘be’ except exactly who you’re being right now.” (emphasis added)¹¹⁴

“This is the path of evolution you are on, not the road to hell.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹¹⁵

“As you move around the Cosmic Wheel, there will be larger and larger realities—bigger and bigger truths.

“Yet if you can remember this truth—your perspective creates your thoughts, and your thoughts create everything ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹¹⁶

“Then you will keep traveling on the Cosmic Wheel, keep going, keep circling, keep on being, forever and ever, and even forever more.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹¹⁷

“The Cosmic Wheel simply describes the ultimate reality, or what you might call the cosmology of the universe....

“It is the sacred rhythm of all life, by which you move the Energy of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)¹¹⁸

Again, in this emerging faith, the “Energy of *God*” is the “energy” of “*All That Is*.” And it just keeps rearranging “forever and ever” into new “patterns” in an endless “cosmic dance” between “God” and “*All That Is*.” This is a dance in which everything is always only *emerging -- endlessly*. That is, nothing ever *emerges*. Rather, “truth”/“reality” never *is*, but is always only “*ever becoming*” what it is *next* going to be.”¹¹⁹ Thus, one can only ever know the “truth”/“reality” of *ever-emerging* “energy patterns” with *uncertainty* since everything is *ever changing*. Basically, this “eternal journey to *nowhere*” is simply attempting to replace hell with just a new kind of “hell”! But, of course, for those on this “journey” this is “heaven.”

“Now here is the Good News. *There is no other place to be*. **The challenge is not to ‘get to’ heaven, but to know that you are already there.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹²⁰

“The experience which I have described here ... I am calling **the Cosmic Wheel**, because there is *nothing of unworthiness, debt-repayment, punishment, or ‘purification.’*...”

“It is a picture phrase describing the no-beginning-and-no-end nature of things; **the continually connected path** to and from *the all of everything*, **on which the soul joyfully journeys throughout eternity.**

“It is the sacred rhythm of all life, **by which you move the Energy of God.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹²¹

“That is how humanity will allow itself to experience God on this most blessed future tomorrow. Yesterday’s God ... is thought to be a Constant. That belief will not change, but it will expand....

“**God IS** a Constant. God is that which is Constantly Present and **Constantly Changing.** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)¹²²

When thinking about the “spiritual journey” of this circle of Oneness, or “Cosmic Wheel,” think mice and hamsters. Mice and hamsters are on a fast-paced journey to *nowhere* on their wheel. And this is quite a fitting picture of the many people who are running in circles on this “Cosmic Wheel” to “move the Energy” of “God,” but never get to God. The

“God” of this emerging faith/journey of Oneness is constantly *moving* and *changing* and *becoming*, but never arrived at—an endless journey to *nowhere*. Hence, those on this journey only have what is *now here*, and what is *now here* is nothing more than the journey itself. In other words, this never-ending journey to *nowhere*, and thus what is *now here*, is their “*heaven*.” There is no destination to ever arrive at on the Wheel. Rather, *it’s all about the journey*. But even though this “Cosmic Wheel” of the emerging faith is a journey to *nowhere*, this is only *temporarily*, not eternally. Contrary to the seducing spirit world’s purposely deceptive claim that this is just a journey of “*evolution*” and “*not the road to hell*,” it is indeed the latter for those who are not willing to get *off* the Wheel and “*come to the knowledge of the truth*” and thus to “*the God of truth*,” Who alone is the true God.

Essentially, those who are on this Wheel are on a journey of “*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (2 Timothy 3:7). Since on the Wheel there is *no destination* to ever arrive at, those on this journey will keep running in circles, moving forward faster and faster around the Wheel—just like mice and hamsters. But, absurdly enough, moving forward round and round the Wheel is supposed to eventually create a new future that is “*positive*” for everyone/everything. After all, since this Wheel is specially designed to “*move the Energy of God*,” this Wheel/circle of Oneness and its whole new way of “*thinking*” is to thus give man the freedom and the power to change *everything*—including *God Himself*. And, of course, the seducing spirit world teaches that this is all just “*the path of evolution ... not the road to hell*,” so what’s there to fear in trying to change God into *other* than Who He *is*? Surely *all scientists* have been *immune* to falling for “*seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*” (1 Timothy 4:1), right? And, thus, why would “*evolution*” be anything other than just a new “*truth*” of “*science*”? So just think “*positive*,” and fearlessly move round and round the Wheel in its “*un-doomed*” journey of “*scientifically*” ever moving and changing and “*evolving*”—i.e., ever “*reimagining*”—the supposed “*Energy of God*” into new “*energy patterns*” of a new “*truth*”/“*reality*,” if you want to.

Never mind that it is because those in the emerging faith—i.e., the religious/science fiction—of Oneness/panentheism have already moved to *explode God* in a “*Big Bang*” that this “*Energy of God*” is even in everyone/everything to thereby be freely “*reimagined*” and re-formed. This (r)evolutionary freedom to move and change “*the Energy of God*,” and thus of “*All That Is*,” into new “*patterns*” is the unrepentant, unbelieving world’s “*new hope*.” And those on this journey can just thank “*God*” for this “*evolution*” . . .

In *A New Kind of Christianity*, Brian McLaren writes of “*believ[ing] that the same God who created an evolving universe is revealed in an evolving Bible*.”¹²³ He also writes that “*our ancestors’ images and understandings of God continually changed, evolved, and matured over the centuries*” and “*God, it seemed, kept initiating this evolution*.”¹²⁴ And, of course, it is in this same book that McLaren also writes of “*break[ing] free*” from the “*soul-sort narrative*” in which “*everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin*.”¹²⁵ Likewise, Barbara Marx Hubbard writes of “*radiating a new hope that we, as individuals and as a species, are evolving*” in “*a universal community*,” one in which people specifically “*desire to evolve beyond the limits of the past, in alignment with the patterns already being created through the will of God*.”¹²⁶ So, again, what do those who are trying to change God into *other* than Who He *is* have to fear? This is an “*Evolution Revolution*” that is nothing more than a journey round and round the Wheel, experiencing “*the Truth of Truths*” and “*Wisdom of Wisdoms*” of the all-encompassing “*Life*” of Oneness that is *now here*. Or should we say *nowhere*?

“**The New Spirituality** is ... a call to expanded consciousness....

“It will be **the Evolution Revolution**....

“A revolution is a ‘revolving.’ It is a coming full circle.... **You are on a circle ... to Oneness ...**

“It is **the Truth of Truths**, the Wisdom of Wisdoms, the Nature of All Things, the Wonder of Life.

“It IS **Life, expressing AS Life, THROUGH Life**, which process is circular and cyclical and circumferential. It encompasses All and it encloses All and **it includes All, because it IS All**....

“**All that will be asked of you is that you open your mind**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “*God*,” bold & underline added)¹²⁷

“*Evolutionize Your Life: Heaven Is Coming Home to Reality*”

In a fitting sign of the times, a book by “America’s *evolutionary evangelist*”¹ Michael Dowd, titled *Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World*, has been “endorsed by 6 Nobel laureates and other science luminaries, including noted skeptics, and by religious leaders across the theological spectrum.”² These numerous endorsements include from people who have been previously addressed, or mentioned, such as Barbara Marx Hubbard, Matthew Fox, Brian Swimme, and Frank Wilczek. Dowd himself gives positive recognition in his book, not only to New Age leaders such as Hubbard and Fox, but also to Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, John Shelby Spong,¹ Marcus Borg, and Brian McLaren.³

Michael Dowd not only openly says that “Reality is my God and integrity—honoring reality—is my religion,” but “the main program Michael is now delivering in all religious and non-religious settings is ‘*Evolutionize Your Life: Heaven Is Coming Home to Reality*.’”⁴ (Think mice and hamsters and their “eternal journey to nowhere.”)

In her endorsement of Dowd’s book, Barbara Marx Hubbard says:

“***Thank God for Evolution*** is a seminal work. It crosses the great divide between science and religion by offering a **new, all-inclusive, science-based, spirit-infused way for us to move together** as coevolutionary participants in the process of creation. It is a gift to all of us. I recommend it with all my heart.” (bold added)⁵

Brian McLaren participated in a Teleseminar Series in December 2010 called “The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity: Conversations at the Leading Edge of Faith” in which he was interviewed by Dowd, who hosted the Series.⁶ Along with McLaren, among the 38 participants listed are also Matthew Fox, John Shelby Spong, Philip Clayton, and Ursula King, as well as various leaders of the “Emerging Church” and “Evangelical” speakers.⁷ Dowd considers all the participants to be “leaders in the emerging Evolutionary Christianity movement.”⁸

On the webpage for this Teleseminar Series is the following quote:

As previously quoted, Spong is “known for his contrarian views,” which is a tremendous understatement. Spong’s “12 Theses” that he published in *The VOICE* are a good example. Spong writes that these are “the 12 Theses that I believe must be addressed as part of a New Reformation in Christianity,” which he says were drawn from his book *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*. Spong also writes: “We begin that Reformation with the recognition that we are post-Darwinian people. We know that creation is neither finished nor perfect. Human life is still in an *evolving* process. New galaxies are still being formed. So the definition of human beings as fallen from an original perfection becomes unreal. Reality for us is that we emerged from the darkness of our evolutionary struggle and we have been moving for billions of years into *higher and higher levels of consciousness*. Thus the tale of a savior who rescued us from a *fall that never happened* and who has restored us to a perfection we never possessed is not likely either to communicate or to appeal to modern minds. Equally unappealing will be a liturgy designed to reenact each Sunday that saving sacrifice of the cross which required the death of the divine Son as a ransom. The traditional view of Christology is thus no longer operative. These ancient explanations must now be seen not as the essence of Christianity, but as part of the *cocoon* of our *religious immaturity* that *must be abandoned*. They can never be the essence of our religious future.”

So if people abandon the truth of God’s Word as a “cocoon” of “religious immaturity,” then they can come forth as a “butterfly” that has the power to change God through the “butterfly effect,” right? Wrong. Those who are shifting from *the true God* to *the Oneness of all of life* are in for a future shock that will be the present reality sooner than they think. This is a “Reformation” that, rather than change God, will only cause an eternal “hurricane of change” in the souls of those who participate. But, sadly, they don’t see it that way (yet). Hence, along with the rest of the Gospel truth, what does Spong think of the death of God’s Son? In his Thesis #6, Spong states: “The view of the cross as the sacrifice for the sins of the world is a barbarian idea based on primitive concepts of God and must be dismissed.” And the warnings of God’s Word ever go unheeded: “For the preaching of the cross is *to them that perish* foolishness; but unto us which are *saved* it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18). Incidentally, not only does Dowd give positive recognition to Spong in *Thank God for Evolution*, Spong’s endorsement of Dowd’s book is on the back cover.

(This Thesis #6 is from Spong’s list of 12 Theses, which is in “A Call for a New Reformation,” May 1998, <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/vox20598.html>; and his other quotes are from “The New Reformation – Revisiting the Meaning of Christ,” June 1998, <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/vox20698.html>; emphasis added. Both articles are by John Shelby Spong and are from *The VOICE*, The Official Newspaper for the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.)

“Studying evolution is like following cosmic breadcrumbs home to God. Only by looking through evolutionary eyes can we see our way out of the current global integrity crisis that is destroying economies and ecosystems around the world.”⁹

Michael Dowd—a former United Church of Christ pastor, who graduated “with highest honors” from “Evangel University ... affiliated with the Assemblies of God” and “with honors” from “Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary”¹⁰—“has dedicated his life to proclaiming the ‘Great News’ of a sacred view of cosmic, biological, and human evolution.”¹¹ Dowd writes that he and his wife “love being part of what is now a fast-growing movement that unites people across the theological and philosophical spectrum.”¹² He also writes that they are “evolutionary evangelists”¹³ who are living “a proclamation” given by cosmologist Brian Swimme (think “*Green Dragon*”) who said:

“We are in the midst of a revelatory experience of the Universe that must be compared in its magnitude with those of the great religious revelations. And we need only wander about telling this Great Story to ignite a transformation of humanity.”¹⁴

Humanity is indeed being transformed by today’s fast-growing (r)evolutionary movement of Oneness. So, to begin with, as if not already obvious enough, what does “America’s *evolutionary* evangelist” think of God’s Word? In *Thank God for Evolution*, and in a statement quite reminiscent of Marcus Borg, Dowd writes:

“An irony of the 21st century is that for countless millions of people **the Bible** has become perhaps **the greatest religious stumbling block of all**.... Fortunately, this obstacle is likely to diminish rapidly in the coming decades because we now have a way of seeing ‘God’s Word’ in a *far more realistic* way than as the actual utterances of a Supernatural Being flawlessly transcribed and preserved in ancient texts.” (emphasis added)¹⁵

Dowd also writes:

“When a story becomes scripture, it ceases to evolve.”¹⁶

In other words, it becomes *closed* and ceases to be *open*. And since people today want it the other way around, they prefer today’s “far more realistic” way that sees “*science*” as the new “truth,” or “scripture,” of God. Accordingly, in September 2011 Dowd gave a lecture called “Thank God for Evolution – Science as Modern Day Scripture” at California Lutheran University.¹⁷ A press release announcing this lecture quotes Dowd as saying:

“‘I hope to help attendees celebrate facts as God’s native tongue and to truly get that **scientific, historic, and cross-cultural evidence reveal God’s word for today far more accurately than the Bible could ever hope to**,’ Dowd said. ‘And *if* Moses, Jesus, or the Apostle Paul were alive today, they’d be the first ones to shout ‘Amen!’ to this.’” [!] (emphasis added)¹⁸

“*If*” Jesus “were alive today”?? It’s amazing how determined people are to “reimagine” that the true Person of the living Word of God is no longer alive when they aren’t willing to believe and obey the truth of the written Word of God. Jesus will never “shout ‘Amen!’” to *lies*. Jesus is God, and God is “the God of *truth*.” God is not *becoming* “the God of *truth and falsehood*” or “the God of *falsehood*.” The character of God—whether Father, Son, or Holy Spirit—is *closed* in a state of *truth; period*. And, by the way, Moses and the apostle Paul are not only living in heaven (the *true* heaven) right now, they are praising *God*, not man’s *blasphemous thoughts and ideas* that are making God and His Son out to be liars. But man will find out, sooner or later, that despite man’s utterly absurd belief to the contrary, nothing whatsoever of *man* is more accurate than the Word of *God*. But this is just man being “humble,” right?

This press release continues with the following (and keep in mind that “the program” Dowd delivered to the United Nations is a version of Dowd’s “*Evolutionize Your Life: Heaven Is Coming Home to Reality*” program)¹⁹:

“Accessible to all faiths and non-believers, the program is geared for teens and adults and is similar to what Dowd delivered last year at the United Nations....

“He believes his upcoming talk is important because ‘**idolatry of the written word** has rendered the church deaf,

dumb, and blind to what God's been faithfully revealing through *evidence* the past 200 years,' Dowd said. '**Consequently billions of human beings** not only **don't appreciate the evolutionary significance of religion and religious differences**, their inner GPS is so wildly *out of date* that it's no wonder they suffer and struggle needlessly. Their views of history, death, and human nature are *not aligned with reality*.'" (emphasis added)²⁰

So, unlike those who believe the written Word of *God* who supposedly "are *not* aligned with reality," those who instead believe in a "Big Bang" and that they "evolved" "from goo to you by way of the zoo" *are* "aligned with reality"? This must be because there's just so much (r)evolutionary "evidence" for all this outside the "box" of the Word of *God* in the highly *imaginative* "science" of *man*. Never mind that God was actually there in the beginning when He created the heaven and the earth and recorded it accordingly. Man, who was not there, has the "evidence" that God is wrong about the reality of how God really brought the heaven and the earth into being. So how does the Word of God sum up man's "evidential" "reimaginings"? Along with referring to "science *falsely* so called," it also says that these people "*willingly* are *ignorant*" (1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Peter 3:5). But, of course, along with everything else today, this, too, is being flipped upside down. Incredibly, people who have placed their faith in today's "science *falsely* so called" actually claim that it is those of us who believe that we did *not* "evolve" from "ape-like" creatures who are "nonsensically" ignorant. No, we're only ignorant of man's nonsense.

After this lecture "Thank God for Evolution – Science as Modern Day Scripture" at California Lutheran University, a press release states:

"'We are going through what I call an evidential *reformation*,' Dowd said.

"**Evolution**, he said, **links us with the cosmos**. Billions of years ago, stars died and the periodic table of the elements was born, followed by atoms, cells, multicelled organisms, reptiles, animals, humans, family groups, tribes, and so forth — an awe-inspiring process.

"'If that's not God, I don't know what is,' Dowd said....

"'Tribal wisdom is not going to serve us anymore. **We need global wisdom**.'

"That global wisdom comes to us **in the form of science**, which is available to anyone who wants to learn. It is **not like the past when spiritual truth came from one enlightened or divine individual such as Jesus, Allah or Buddha, depending on your religious tradition**, Barlow [Dowd's wife, a 'science writer'] later explained." (emphasis added)²¹

Again, Jesus is the *Creator* Who simply *spoke* all of creation into existence. But those who don't believe that Jesus *alone* is the world's Lord and Saviour are thus trying to change the truth of creation as well. This emerging faith is, of course, an agenda to do away with *fear* for all who are unwilling to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. And, naturally, if they believed the truth that He is the Almighty Creator, then the thought of someday having to meet their Maker without having *believed* in Him first might generate some fear. Enter the new "gospel" of *Oneness*, with its new "gospel" of "*evolution*." This package neatly "transcends" (bypasses) both that Jesus is the *Lord/Saviour* and that He is the *Creator/Maker*, thereby doing away with *fear of any judgment* when meeting one's *Maker* Who is *not* one's Lord and Saviour. Diabolical genius.

Dowd, who has fittingly "served on the steering committe[e] of the International Network of Biblical *Storytellers*," has been "telling the history of everything and everyone in ways that inspire people of *all faiths* and philosophies to grow in evolutionary integrity and cooperate across ethnic and *religious* differences to create a thriving *future* for *all*."²² It therefore isn't surprising that in *Thank God for Evolution* Dowd writes:

"I *cannot* agree that 'Jesus as God's way, truth, and life' means that *only* those Christians who *believe* certain things about Jesus or the Bible get to go to a special otherworldly place called heaven when they die. I used to believe that, but I don't anymore. In hindsight, I see that my old belief cheapened, belittled, and impoverished the *universal* glory of the Gospel." (emphasis added)²³

"What I'm about to share with you I call **the gospel of evolution**. I call it the gospel of evolution because 'gospel' means 'good news' and this message is indeed good news. It's the good news of how you can **be free of judgment and guilt**, how you can *access the guiding wisdom of the Universe* on a daily basis, ... and how you can **find realistic**

hope when you look into the future.” (emphasis added)²⁴

First, the Word of God warns—“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be *accursed*” (Galatians 1:8). But since the “gospel of evolution” is based on today’s *new* “Scripture” of “Science,” it is thus “far more realistic” and “far more accurat[e]” than the written Word of God, which is, of course, “the greatest religious stumbling block of all” to man’s emerging whole new way of thinking, right? By the way, *accursed* means “under or subject to a curse; *doomed*,” “damnable;”²⁵ “[d]oomed to destruction or misery.”²⁶ Notice that to preach any other gospel is thus to be *doomed*, not “un-doomed.”

Second, take a wild guess on how Dowd suggests accessing the “wisdom” of this new kind of “good news.” Along with “contemplative prayer,”²⁷ he recommends meditation,²⁸ and yoga.²⁹ And shortly after writing about being “guided by *the divine within* and around us” and “periodically *silencing* the *thinking*, interpreting, *judging* part of our brain,” he even refers to “the *healthful* aspects of meditation.”³⁰ So maybe those who prefer this emerging whole new way of thinking should just follow Rick Warren’s “Daniel Plan.” This way, not only can they learn to “*silenc[e]* the *thinking*, interpreting, *judging* part of [their] brain” and thereby learn to bypass “the greatest religious stumbling block of all” to Oneness, they can even lose weight in the process. (See the earlier section titled, “The holistic ‘healing’ of the purpose-driven ‘Daniel Plan’ -- ‘We looked for ... health, and behold trouble!’”) Besides, it, too, is “scientific.” And since “*science*” is now “far more realistic” and “far more accurat[e]” than God’s Holy Scriptures, what’s there to fear? Dowd even includes Rick Warren as one of his many Resources.³¹

Regarding this emerging whole new way of thinking and its new “gospel,” Dowd writes in *Thank God for Evolution*:

“Accepting *life* on its own terms, just as it is ... is to remove oneself from the judgment throne of deciding which things are *good* and which things are *bad*. It’s letting **the Universe/God** play that role.

“To have a powerful relationship with your own *intuition* and instincts—and thus to have a clear channel of communication with **the creating, sustaining Life Force of the Universe (whatever you may choose to call It/Him/Her)**—one must cultivate *humility* ...” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³²

“**[T]he Universe/God has already forgiven us....**

“You see, as Christians claim—ultimately, we *are* ‘saved by grace through faith.’ Of course, this doesn’t mean that Jews and Buddhists and Muslims and Taoists and Confucians are wrong.... **Different religions** are like different flowers. **Each** one **has its own** special fragrance and beauty. **The Great Story embraces them all** for the simple reason that it’s the *Universe* story ...” (bold & underline added)³³

“[T]o think that ‘getting right’ or ‘being right’ with God requires one to hold **a particular set of beliefs** implies that God is beset with *human limitations*. If a person is expected to give *mental assent* to word-based propositions in order to be ‘saved,’ then God’s love is **hardly unconditional** ...” (emphasis added)³⁴

Sounds familiar. And after actually referring to an “*evolution revolution*,” Dowd also writes:

“[W]e can no longer in good conscience continue interpreting the story of Jesus’ birth, life, teachings, passion, death, and resurrection as primarily having to do with saving a select group of human beings from the fires of *a literal hell* when they die.

“Such *cannot possibly* be the truth of the Gospel for our time.... [I]t is in no way Good News for most of humanity....

“Salvation must be available here and now. And of course this is precisely what an *evolutionary* gospel proclaims.

“**Salvation must be available**, as well, **to those who cannot give their assent to literal** interpretations of the Christian doctrines of *virgin birth*, *resurrection*, *ascension*, and *so forth* ...” (emphasis added)³⁵

“Salvation must”? So those who “*cannot* give their *assent* to,” that is, those who *cannot believe* the doctrine/Gospel of God’s Son must be saved from the doom of hell when they die?? Or to put it another way, so God must save those who make God out to be “a *liar*”? (See 1 John 5:10-12; Romans 1:16; 10:9; 2 John 1:9.) Never mind that *God* doesn’t *have* to do anything whatsoever for anyone whatsoever. *Man* “humbly” thinks that *man* can simply declare to God what’s what in order to *reform God* into a “God” that recognizes the “*sovereignty*” of man. Again, incredibly enough, man

doesn't see this as a *delusion*. Even so, delusion it is, and no matter how many people believe that they can *demand their salvation* and simply *think* changes to *God* into being, the only thing changing is *which* "gospel," not to mention *which* "God," people are choosing to trust in for their salvation. The true God, Who does not change, *will never bow the knee to man and man's imaginations*. The salvation of God is *what it is* and His future judgment is *what it is*; period.

"O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God." (Jeremiah 5:3-4)

"Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone." (Jeremiah 5:21-23)

"For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." (Proverbs 1:29-31)

Dowd writes:

"Flat-earth religion has its *scripture*, its *words* revealed by *God*." (emphasis added)³⁶

"From an evolutionary perspective, 'idolatry' would entail any instance in which ultimate commitment is grounded in *anything less than the Whole*. Idolatry is putting one's primary allegiance or *loyalty* in anything less than Supreme Wholeness—that which transcends and includes all other realities." (emphasis added)³⁷

"A *holy* understanding of evolution will usher *the world's religions* into their greatness in the 21st century.... Nothing is more important for the *future* of the human species than the emergence of evolutionary forms of every religious tradition....

"[W]e must engage in the task of translating the symbols, metaphors, doctrines, and theology of each. Such *translations* will come from *within* the traditions....

"Moreover, **Jesus as 'the way, the truth, and the life' will be universalized**....

"... **Evolution is** a light illuminating all facts, **a curve that all lines must follow**.' –Pierre Teilhard de Chardin" (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)³⁸

This is, of course, because there's this certain *serpent* that's on a mission of *Oneness* . . .

"Creation is a *self-organizing*, nested, *emergent* process of divine creativity—creative wholes that are part of larger creative wholes within still larger wholes." (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)³⁹

"**Ultimate Reality, or God, is the One and Only Whole (Holy One)** that is not part of some larger, more comprehensive reality.

"Because we are a subset of the whole and cannot step outside to examine it, we shall never grasp the full nature of Ultimate Reality. Joel R. Primack and Nancy Ellen Abrams use the ancient metaphor of **an uroboros (a snake eating its tail)** to help us sense our necessarily restricted, yet exalted place, in the vast nestedness of the Cosmos:

"I stand here on **the Cosmic Uroboros**, midway between the largest and smallest things in the Universe. I can trace my lineage back fourteen billion years ... Billions of years of **cosmic evolution** have produced me.'" (Michael Dowd; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁰

Surely there's nothing to fear in standing on the "Cosmic" serpent that is eating its tail—forming a "Cosmic Wheel," if you will. So just think "positive," and fearlessly move "forward" to replace *is* with *ever becoming* in an "un-doomed" "Evolution Revolution." This (r)evolutionary journey around the *serpentine* circle is about choosing "*life*" . . .

“How do we choose life for our planet? . . . Life is the entire four-billion-year process of evolution on Earth. . . . To **choose life** is to **nurture and protect this great cosmic process**.” (Michael Dowd quoting Joel R. Primack and Nancy Ellen Abrams; all ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴¹

Although the serpent is leading the gullible world into the absurd belief that to journey around his serpentine circle is to “choose life”—i.e., “*Ye shall not surely die*”—let’s put this into perspective. What do serpents do with mice and hamsters? It isn’t a “joyful” Oneness, unless of course one chooses to view being assimilated into the serpent through a process of digestion as “joyful.” Absurdly enough, similar to digestion, Oneness is a “process” of breaking everything down into basic substances that can then be absorbed and assimilated into “*the whole body*” of the universe, which is fittingly symbolized by the Ouroboros/uroboros. But this serpentine Oneness/digestion is just “the path of *evolution* . . . not the road to hell,”⁴² right? Just “an amazing, challenging adventure” in this “worldwide *spiritual revival*” . . .

“This book [*Thank God for Evolution*] is itself an expression of faith and a call to action for the world’s religious peoples to *integrate* and celebrate an evolutionary, ecological worldview....

“A multitude of sacred ways of thinking about evolution will propel a **worldwide *spiritual revival*** unlike any that have come before.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁴³

“The Great Story is, quite simply, *the sacred story of everyone and everything*. It springs from the grand narrative of an evolving Universe **of emergent complexity** and breathtaking creativity.... The Great Story can thus help us ... **honor and embrace all religious traditions** and creation stories....

“The creation of the world did not occur ‘once upon a time’ in the distant past. Divine creation continues.... We are participants in an amazing, challenging adventure!” (Michael Dowd; bold & underline added)⁴⁴

In other words, this “Great Story” of “evolution” that is “the sacred story of everyone and everything” is a call for people to “honor and embrace” all gods and religions, which is to “honor and embrace” *falsehood*. And, as listed earlier, this *falsehood* of other gods and religions includes “creation stories” such as of a lizard god that created humans, and gods that created land out of the body of a crocodilian earth monster. Of course, no less absurd in these false religious “creation stories” is the one of the “Cosmic Egg” that expanded/exploded into the gradual formation of everything in the universe—a “creation” story that, although it was “initially met with skepticism,” later became accepted and better known as the “Big Bang” theory.⁴⁵ And then there’s the story about the fish that emerged from the water and kept ever becoming and ever becoming until it became an apelike creature that then became a human being who is still ever becoming . . . Amazing indeed.

There is only one account of creation that is true, and that would be the one of what really happened. God, not man, was actually there in the beginning when He created the heaven and the earth, and He recorded the account accordingly. Those who “willingly are ignorant” of this truth are simply participants in the *creation* of the diversity of man’s expanding “scientific” and religious “*reimaginings*” that are everything but *divine*. But, incredibly enough, man’s *imagination* is the foundational “truth” that people today *want*. This way, they can be “participants in an amazing, challenging adventure” of living by *life* rather than by *the Word of God* as they embark on an open journey that *purposely* moves “forward” from *knowing* to *not knowing* the absolute truth of *God*.

Dowd writes:

“... **The Great Story** ... **embraces and includes every other story** that has ever been told or ever will be told.... [I]t’s the *Universe* story ...

“The Universe, first and foremost, is a *Uni*-verse. It is a **singularity, a holy whole**. It started out as **undifferentiated energy** and has been **expanding and becoming more complex**, more aware ...” (bold & underline added)⁴⁶

“**God (the Whole) reveals truth** to each and every generation and culture **in ways that make sense at that time and place** ... In a *diverse, developmental* Cosmos there is ultimately *no* privileged position *theologically*—**no** place and time from which we can be *sure* to have God’s **Absolute Truth**....

“What I am saying is that we have *new ways* of understanding *truth*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁷

And what are these “*new* ways of understanding *truth*”? To lift the anchor of God’s Word of absolute truth and set sail on a journey to connect the dots of every other “story” of “God.” This way, they can see what whole new picture emerges. And, therefore, to create a “*positive*” future, the new campaign is “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own “truth” of “God.”* Sounding like Hubbard and Sweet, and so on, Dowd thus writes:

“Humanity is poised at the cusp of a great transformation. As we **awaken to the nature of the larger Creative Reality** that is our *source* and sustenance, we also awaken to our own fabulous—and frightening—powers to **set the future course**, not only for our own descendents [sic] but also **for the entire community of life**. Such powers can be exercised prudently only with *humility*....

“Our species emerged out of the naturally divine processes of this planet in the same way that apples grow out from an apple tree. That is how God made us. And this fact must now guide us as we move into the future. **Ignoring it will lead** inexorably to our estrangement from Earth and **quite possibly to our extinction**....

“Ever since Darwin, we have been learning how planetary, biological, and cultural evolution have produced the stunning *diversity* of life and the *complexity* of human societies. It is **only by coming to know and align with these patterns** and principles that our kind will not merely **persist into the future** but do so with gusto and grace.... [W]e must align ourselves with the ways of the Universe ...” (emphasis added)⁴⁸

And, as is therefore inevitable:

“A **REALIZED** understanding of salvation propels 21st-century Christians to **grow beyond** any residual fascination with **literalistic understandings of the so-called End Times**—a fascination that may have made sense in some communities of Christians in previous centuries but **which is now not only dated but dangerous**.” (bold & italics added)⁴⁹

Of course, the so-called “*dated*” literal judgment of God that is still *coming* is a “threat” to man’s desired “reality” of *Oneness*. Hence, believing that God literally said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth is seen as “dangerous.” After all, man’s new “hope” of an unconditional/universal “salvation,” not to mention of an “alternative to *Armageddon*,” and thus “*very survival*” both physically and spiritually, depends on a “reality” of *Oneness*. And, therefore, to create this new “positive” “reality” of *Oneness*, man is thus bound and determined to align minds in a connect-the-dot journey in order to bring the “patterns” of the new “truth” of the new “God” of man’s thoughts and ideas into present “reality.” Dowd writes:

“[A] sacred, meaningful view of evolution sanctifies science, **REALIZES** religion, and shows that **our way into the future**, God’s will, is obvious and universal. What is this way—perhaps our only way into a glorious future? Christ-centeredness! Evolutionary integrity!

“Once we **accept that God’s Word is not confined to ancient texts**, and that God is still speaking through the public revelations of *science*, how can we personally tap into that guidance for living joyful and on-purpose lives?” (bold & italics added)⁵⁰

“To grow in evolutionary *integrity* means getting right with **Reality (God/the Universe)** by growing in humility, authenticity, responsibility, and service to *the Whole*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵¹

“**Trust in the wisdom of the Whole** and the humility that emanates from such trust; *Authenticity*, **welcoming the fullness of whoever is present**; *Responsibility*, harnessing the wisdom of the whole; and purposeful *Service* and celebration, in honor of our relationship with all existence.” (bold & underline added)⁵²

Contrary to the absurd claims, this “evolutionary integrity” that is to be man’s universal “way” into the future is *everything but* “Christ-centeredness.” At least of the *true* Christ, that is. In his chapter “**REALIZING ‘Personal Salvation,’**” and in answer to a question on “Christ-centeredness,” Dowd refers to “the mythic, *Cosmic* Christ in all his glory.”⁵³ In this same chapter, Dowd also writes that “faith and *beliefs* are opposites” and that “[f]aith in *God* is trusting the wisdom of *the Whole*.”⁵⁴ Why? Because in this emerging faith of *Oneness*, its “God” is the thoughts and ideas of *the whole world*. Again, this “way” into the future is to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own “truth” (or “story”) of “God.”*

“We are entering a new phase of awareness and interdependence on a planetary scale, a human-made holon enveloping Earth. Catholic theologian Teilhard de Chardin used the term **noosphere** to signify this now emerging level ...”

As stated earlier, physicist Fritjof Capra writes that “Teilhard also postulated *the manifestation of mind* in larger systems and wrote that **in human evolution the planet is covered with a web of ideas**, for which he coined the term ‘mind-layer,’ or ‘noosphere.’”⁵⁶ A fitting illustration of this web is depicted on the cover of Barbara Marx Hubbard’s new book. Her book is titled *Birth 2012 and Beyond: Humanity’s Great Shift to the Age of Conscious Evolution* and has a publication date of May 1, 2012.⁵⁷ The cover design of this book is an image of the planet nearly surrounded by a grid-like web.⁵⁸ And given that this emerging faith is not the truth of God but is a web of man’s ideas, that the planet also looks like it has been caught in a net is most fitting.

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

In her book *The Revelation*, and shortly before writing that “[s]cience and technology are a vital part of the noosphere,” Hubbard writes:

“Teilhard described **a continuing, evolving pattern** in the process of nature which **leads to more complex whole systems** with higher consciousness and **freedom**. From molecule, to cell, to animal, to human, and now to us on planet Earth . . . the process is still going on. We are approaching a time when **the whole world will link up** in one interfeeling organism.

“Teilhard called this advent ‘Omega,’ the ‘Christification of the Earth.’ Each of us, being members of the one body, will be collectively lifted up in consciousness....

“Something new is coming.” (1st ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁹

Yes, something new is coming. It is the *serpentine*, i.e., *satanic*, kingdom of the beast in which the whole world will indeed “link up”—in the *worship* of this subtle serpent that will have transformed into a full-blown, fire-breathing *dragon* (e.g., see Revelation 12:9 & 13:1-9). And, sadly, the world as a whole is *ever becoming easier prey*.

Basically, man’s “*evolution*” is a story that, as Dowd puts it, “shifts focus from the individual to the collective;”⁶⁰ frees “[r]eligious insights and perspectives” from “*narrowness*;”⁶¹ and lets people “see that a relationship with the Cosmos awaits us,” which is specifically a ““oneness, with the Universe and all its powers”” in “our destiny as *Homo sapiens*, or wise humans.”⁶² In other words, “*evolution*” helps people “wisely” “honor and embrace all religious traditions.”⁶³ It should thus be obvious as to why the “scientific” lie of “*evolution*” is not found in God’s written Word of *absolute truth*.

*“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and **oppositions of science falsely so called**: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:20-21)*

Essentially, man’s religious/science fiction is all about choices for the far too many fearless people who “willingly are ignorant” of *God’s coming judgment* (see 2 Peter 3:3-7; see also 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12). *Many, many people* are thus *willingly* moving forward to “wisely” “honor and embrace all religious traditions.” With serpentine craftiness, they are rapidly being primed and readied to *choose “life”* by choosing to receive the quite literal *mark of the beast* which will likewise be *the present reality* sooner than they think. This mark is *a mark of irrevocable damnation* and is for those who have unrepentantly chosen “*damnable heresies*” over loving and believing *the truth*.

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, ... and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.... And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.” (Revelation 13:1-2, 8-9)

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without

mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:9-11)

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned** who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

“O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: **fear before him, all the earth**. Say among the heathen that **the LORD reigneth: the world** also shall be established that it **shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously**.... for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people **with his truth**.” (Psalm 96:9-10, 13)

Again, *all* who are following “damnable heresies” are following “heresies” that are “damnable.” It simply is *what it is*. To move forward away from the absolute truth of God’s Word is to simply move forward into *damnation*. The emerging faith of Oneness is not moving the world into a state of *universal salvation*. The absolute truth of God is *settled*. But, sadly, far too many people just aren’t willing to *repent* of their “*damnable* heresies.” For the many who prefer *choices*, the truth of God is simply too *narrow* for them to love and believe. As stated earlier, the term *heresy* is from the “Greek *haíresis*, literally, act of *choosing*, derivative of *haireîn to choose*.”⁶⁴ And this is precisely what people today *want*. Of course, they can certainly choose to see this as “sanity,” “health,” and “salvation,” if they want to . . .

“Sanity, health, and ecological sustainability (salvation!) all lie in the direction of faithfulness to **God** understood **not** as a **Supreme Being** outside the Universe, **but** as a **holy name for the Whole of Reality**.” (Michael Dowd; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁵

“From a *holy evolutionary* perspective, **God is no longer envisioned as a supreme landlord** residing off the planet and outside the Universe. **This ancient view of the divine is now much too small** to embrace the vast, intricate, and nuanced realities that have been revealed by *science* in the past few hundred years.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁶⁶

Today’s new “scientific” “God” is clearly *much* “bigger.” Along with being “*the Whole of Reality*,” Dowd also refers to this “God” as “**the Universe/God**”⁶⁷ and “**Reality (God/the Universe)**.”⁶⁸ And given that this “Universe/God” is much “*bigger*” than the truth of the true God, it is therefore inevitable that:

“The epic of evolution begins not with the origin of the first cell on Earth, but with **the origin of the entire Universe, the Big Bang** ... For the Universe story to become *our* story, however, amazement is not enough. We need to feel *relationship*. We must make a connection, *sprout an umbilical cord to the Cosmos*. What out there can offer us such relationship?” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁶⁹

Actually, *no* relationship can, or will, ever compare to a relationship with *the true God*. But, sadly, this isn’t the relationship that people today are seeking. And those who want a “connection” to “the Cosmos”—or to their “reimagined” exploded “God” that *is/is in* everyone and everything—must sprout, not an “umbilical cord,” but an *unbiblical* cord of unprecedented, *universal* magnitude. And, no, this “connection” “to the Cosmos” will never be “genuine,” no matter how many people are “positive” that *outside* the “box” of God’s Word is the “genuine” and *inside* the “box” of God’s Word is the “counterfeit.”

“Most people tend to identify themselves with fairly *narrow* categories—a nationality, a race, a *religion*—which leads not only to conflicts but also to a stunting of **imagination** and **potential**. The **wider** our sense of identity, the more likely we will be able to **experience our genuine connection to the universe**.” (Michael Dowd quoting Joel R. Primack and Nancy Ellen Abrams; emphasis added)⁷⁰

People today just do not want to know that the genuine is genuine and the counterfeits are counterfeit because the counterfeits are the “genuine” they are *willing* to accept. This emerging faith is thus about moving forward “beyond *thought*” and “*belief*” and “[*surrendering* to the wisdom of divine Wholeness.”⁷¹ In other words, as Dowd also puts it,

this is about “opening to the way of *the heart*” “in a state of radical openness and receptivity to *wider and deeper wisdom*.”⁷² Why? Because those in this emerging faith of Oneness are surrendering their hearts to the Mystery that is always only *becoming other than Who God is*. They are “awakening” to—and as—a spiritual harlot.

“**God is the Mystery** at the Center of our amazement that the Universe is here at all, that it is what it is, and that it is ***always becoming***, yet always somehow *whole*.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁷³

“‘**God**’ is nothing less than a *holy* name for **Ultimate Wholeness**, ... the one and only **Reality that transcends and includes everything else**.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁷⁴

“Different traditions, necessarily, **use different images and metaphors to describe Ultimate Reality** and our relationship with **Him/Her/It. All** such attempts to capture the essence of Supreme Wholeness **are legitimate**.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁷⁵

“We are on the verge of **the greatest spiritual awakening in history**.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁷⁶

“Feel the *energy*, feel the joy of *possibility*, **feel your intimate connection with the Way of Life**, with **Supreme Wholeness**, with **God**.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁷⁷

“When I accept without resistance or resentment, and when I move actively into the *future* with a trust-filled ‘What’s possible now?’ mindset, I dwell in the Kingdom of *Heaven*. And so does everyone else who walks the path of faith, *no matter their religion or beliefs*....

“**The Great Work of the Kingdom** in the 21st century, which is already emerging, is codesigning ways **to align** the self-interest of **individuals** ... **with the well-being of** the whole of society and **the whole of life**.” (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁷⁸

The “Great Work” of this “Kingdom” of today’s new kind of “God” of Oneness/wholeness is to simply work together to raise the anchor of the knowledge of the true God. This way, a New Humanity/Ark of Oneness can freely set sail in the sea of “possibility,” anchor-free, toward the *emerging “patterns”* of a “positive future” that those on board *hope* is ever becoming a *universal salvation*. Why? So that everyone can thus freely run round and round the Wheel as they ever “move the Energy of God” however they choose on the ride of their life.

Sounding like Bailey and Sweet, and so on, Dowd even writes:

“‘Sin’ ... *mistakenly supposes a separation in the fabric of the Whole*. Salvation is thus not merely an individual aspiration.” (underline added)⁷⁹

“In contrast, the new cosmology understands that *everything is evolving*, and that we are part of a vast time-developmental Universe. As time moves on, **Creation becomes more complex and more capable of realizing its spiritual potential**. ‘God’ is nothing less than a holy name for Ultimate Wholeness, the largest ‘nesting doll’—the one and only Reality that transcends and includes everything else.... Everything is interrelated and interdependent. **The entire process oozes divinity**.” (emphasis added)⁸⁰

First, Dowd also writes:

“**This understanding of the divine mocks the question, ‘Do you believe in God?’** Any ‘God’ that can be believed in or not believed in is a trivialized notion of the divine, and certainly not what we’re discussing here. Like life, reality simply is—no matter what beliefs one may hold.” (emphasis added)⁸¹

“What a magnificent time it will be when the question ‘**Do you believe in God?**’ makes no more sense than asking ‘**Do you believe in Life?**’ or ‘Do you believe in Reality?’” (emphasis added)⁸²

Sounds familiar.

The seducing spirit calling itself “God”: “It doesn’t matter whether people believe in God or not. All people have beliefs

about Life. And ... people's collective beliefs about Life pretty much reflect humanity's collective beliefs about God.... *God and Life are the same thing.* You may call these things by two different names, but they are the same thing. God is what Life is, and Life is what God is. God is the energy that you call Life, and Life is the energy that you call God. It is all the same thing. Life is God, *physicalized.*"

Neale Donald Walsch: "**So, if we believe in Life, we believe in God, is that what you're saying?**"

The seducing spirit calling itself "God": "**Yes.**" (bold added)⁸³

Second, rather than oozing "*divinity*," this entire process just oozes "primordial" nonsense that goes back to the beginning of Satan's lie in the Garden of Eden that "*ye shall be as gods.*" In *Thank God for Evolution*, Dowd even writes that this is about "usher[ing] in the *Reign of Reality* (Kingdom of God)." ⁸⁴ And since this is a "Reign" of that "Reality that transcends and *includes everything else*," this is clearly a "Reign" of *everyone/everything*. In other words, this is a "Kingdom" of "God" in which everyone/everything is "governed" by the "wisdom" in everyone/everything. Dowd writes:

"Faith in *God* is trusting the wisdom of *the Whole*." (emphasis added)⁸⁵

"The Kingdom of Heaven ... is that realm of Reality governed by the sacred, *immanent*, infinite *wisdom* of Supreme *Wholeness*." (emphasis added)⁸⁶

"... access the guiding wisdom of *the Universe* ..." (emphasis added)⁸⁷

"... be guided by *the divine within* and around us ..." (emphasis added)⁸⁸

This "Kingdom of God" is simply a "*Kingdom*" that brings man full circle in wanting to *become* man's own "*God*." And this "Kingdom of God"/Ark of Oneness is moving forward with an all-encompassing buffet of man's images/imaginings for "the good of the whole." It is, after all, an "ark of *safety*" with a smorgasbord of "*wisdom*"—courtesy of the new "light" of the serpent. And, again, that the "ouroboros" is a symbol of "*wholeness*"⁸⁹ is quite fitting since the serpent/dragon "*deceiveth the whole world*" (Revelation 12:9). Basically, this entire process of Oneness is simply *man's fall* ever becoming "more complex." Dowd absurdly writes:

"[Y]ou will see that I attribute great value to the biblical story of The Fall."⁹⁰

"Let us approach this inquiry by introducing a core insight: *The Fall and Original Sin* are both trivialized when we interpret the events in the Genesis story as historically factual." (underline added)⁹¹

And, thus, the inevitable:

"From a *science*-based, *evolutionary* perspective, there is no place for belief in a *literal Satan* ..." (emphasis added)⁹²

Naturally. By the way, this quote is from the chapter "REALizing 'Personal *Salvation*.'" Imagine that. This "*science*-based, *evolutionary* perspective" is a "new picture of reality" that is *diabolically* leading man into realizing that *he* "*shall not surely die*." Of course, it also comes as no surprise that *the fall of man* and *the serpent* are not "literal" or "historically factual" now that man has a "new picture" of a "God" that is "more magnificent" than God . . .

"I pray for the day when fundamentalists, pentecostals, evangelicals, and other conservative Christians *awaken* to *nonliteral* interpretations of scripture and a sacred appreciation of deep time that offers them **an even more magnificent and undeniable God** ..." (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁹³

"We are in the midst of a *great paradigm shift*. These are unsettling times. Discoveries in the natural sciences have led to a *new picture of reality*. Our traditional ways of understanding ourselves, our world, and our sense of the *divine* are all *shifting*. We must now *update* our inner *imagery* to fit the facts—to align with '*God's Word*' as revealed publicly through *science*." (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁹⁴

"To continue to insist on a *literal* interpretation of the Bible in this age of *science* is to make an idol of human language ..." (Michael Dowd; emphasis added)⁹⁵

First, man's "scientific" "new picture" of a "God" that is "more magnificent" than God obviously comes from questioning, "Yea, hath God said ...?" So, are you beginning to get the picture? There is a *reason* why God's Word warns against "science *falsely so called*." And it isn't because God is the one behind it. It isn't God that is on a mission to get man to *question* the Word of God with "Yea, hath God said ...?" Think about it.

Yea, God *hath* said. And whether man is willing to *believe* what He said or not, God said what He meant and meant what He said from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. The absolute truth of God is not "*evolving*." It is not *ever becoming* something else but is *what it is*. For man to try to *add information* (which is not unlike that which *life* is absurdly said to do in the "scientific" process of "*evolving*") to the absolute truth of God is for man to *become a liar*.

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6)

Along with man becoming a liar, to try to *add information* to God's Word is to also *lose information*. Anything that is *added* will automatically *replace* something. In just one simple example, to *add* "science's" new "truth" of "evolution" to God's Word is to actually *lose* the truth that *death* is the punishment for *sin*, which is to thus *lose* the truth of the Gospel of Christ (e.g., see Romans chapter 5, especially v. 12; 6:23; John 3:16). And, of course, this "scientific" *addition* is to also *lose* the truth that God simply *spoke* all of creation into a sudden and "*finished*" existence, and did so in six literal days of "the evening and the morning" (see Genesis 1:1–2:1). But, of course, a "*finished*" creation is taboo in an emerging faith that is purposely replacing *is* with *ever becoming*. *Is* is simply too *finished* for those who are trying to find a "more magnificent" "God" on this "eternal journey to *nowhere*."

Second, if it is believing the inspired Holy Scriptures of God that is the "idolatry," then obviously no one can be guilty of making an idol of either "science" or their "inner imagery." Very convenient. And Dowd, who writes of the "**immanence of God** (that God is the pulsing reality and emerging creativity **within everything**)" in a "nested emergent Cosmos,"⁹⁶ even states that:

"[W]e risk being branded as fools or charlatans if we question the veracity of well-tested discoveries born of the scientific endeavor."⁹⁷

"**The old** cosmology directed, '**Worship the Creator, not Creation.**' **The new** cosmology implores, 'if we don't **REALize worship by honoring the Creator's nested omnipresence**, our 'worship' will lead to *death*, rather than life.'" (bold & italics added)⁹⁸

So worshipping the *true* Creator Who neither *is* nor *is in* His creation will lead to "*death*"?? That sounds like Sweet. Along with writing that "the incarnation goes *all the way down*, and the Spirit indwells *all that exists*"⁹⁹ and "the *literal* reading of the Bible" is "*lethal* to the spirit,"¹⁰⁰ Sweet also writes that "the wages of APC is *death*," in which the "P"—representing "phenacetin" that can "*kill you*"—stands for "Propositional" that creates "*Believers*."¹⁰¹

Sorry, but our worship of the true *Creator* and not *creation* will not lead to "*death*" any more than their belief in *life* and not *God's doctrinal* ("*Propositional*") *truth of His Son* will lead to "*life*." Both of these are related and have been flipped upside down. To believe in *the Gospel and doctrine of Christ* is to worship the *Creator*. To believe in *life* is to worship *creation*. Only the first one leads to *eternal* life. The second one only leads to *this life now here*. Contrary to the false teachings of this emerging faith of Oneness, the true God is not *immanent*—He is neither *pantheistic* nor *panentheistic*. And it is far better to be branded a "fool" or "idolater" by *man* than by *God*.

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ... Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools**, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.... **Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.**" (Romans 1:18, 21-23, 25)*

An immanent “God” of Oneness that *is/is in everyone and everything* is not found in the inspired Word of God, and those in this emerging faith *know it*. That is why they see the Word of God as a “stumbling block” that is not to be taken literally. They “*willingly are ignorant*.” But, of course, they just see their emerging “scientific”/pagan faith that changes the truth of God into a lie as being “*wise*”—just as the ever-relevant, eternal truth of God’s Word warned that they would.

“A Native American elder, Black Elk, said this: ‘The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of men and women when **they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the Universe** and all its powers.’

“**Thanks to science**, we now can see that a relationship with the Cosmos awaits us. We begin to catch a glimpse of the awesome role of the human in the Universe process—and of our destiny as *Homo sapiens*, or **wise** humans.” (Michael Dowd; bold added)¹⁰²

“*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.*” (Romans 1:22)

“[N]ewstream communities will develop ritualized systems of **relationship** between the *human* journey and the **nature** of things. In the modern era **worship was demystified** and **denatured**. Postmoderns are driven by desire to explore and **celebrate an ever-deepening intimacy with the Great Mystery that is the universe**. Liturgies of the *earth*--fire, land, wind, and water--can restore the biological and physical rhythms of the planet to our computer-programmed consciousness. **Outdoor earth rituals can also provide worshipers with experiences of connectedness** to all earthlings: What the Sioux Indians call the creeping people, the standing people, the flying people, and the swimming people.... We must find ritual ways to make earthlings’ presence felt, their participation solicited, their voices heard, if the ideal of **ecological worship** is to be realized.” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹⁰³

“... and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 1:25)

Again, it is not without reason that the true Word of the true God warns to “*keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith*” (1 Timothy 6:20-21).

With the utmost of blind absurdity, Dowd, who—like Sweet and the other leaders of this emerging faith—writes of the “*immanence of God ... within everything*,”¹⁰⁴ also claims that, in contrast to the “literalist portrayals of the *biblical* God,” this *immanent* “God” that can be discovered in “*science*” is not only “more magnificent and undeniable,” it is “so much more awesome and worthy of worship” and “more powerful, too.”¹⁰⁵ He also writes that this “God” is “light-years more in line with the *moral stance appropriate* for globally interdependent cultures and for the cross-species interdependent *web of life*.”¹⁰⁶

If those who foolishly worship “the Universe/God” want to believe that this “God” that *is/is in everyone and everything*—including “in *excrement* and roses alike”¹⁰⁷—is “more magnificent” and “more awesome and worthy of worship” than the true God, then they are certainly free to do so. The seducing spirit world, which even trembles itself in its firsthand knowledge of Who God is, has certainly succeeded in making an open mockery of man and his gullibility. And only those *caught in its web* of “life” will see this “God” as more *morally* appropriate. Moreover, that this “God” of Oneness is seen as “more *powerful*” is no less absurd than seeing this “God” which is also in poop and gets flushed down the toilet as “more *magnificent*.” (*Think* about it!) This false “God’s” power will always be infinitely behind the matchless power of the Almighty Son of God Who simply *spoke* all of creation into existence and Who “is able even to subdue all things unto himself” because “by him all things consist” (Philippians 3:21; Colossians 1:17). The universe does not have more power than the Person Whose power gives it its existence and holds it together.

“*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*” (Colossians 1:16-17; see also 9-23)

Once again, Dowd writes:

“We are in the midst of a *great paradigm shift*. These are *unsettling* times. Discoveries in the natural sciences have led to a *new* picture of *reality*. Our traditional ways of understanding ourselves, our world, and **our sense of the divine are all shifting. We must now update our inner imagery** to fit the facts—to align with ‘God’s Word’ as revealed publicly through *science*.” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁸

People can shift their “sense of the divine” all they want, but *science* does not have the power to *unsettle* God’s inspired Word of absolute truth that has been *settled forever in heaven*. Those who are conceiving these “facts” that are leading to today’s emerging “*new* picture of reality” are simply those who “willingly are *ignorant*”—which includes in “science falsely so called.” And, basically, all they are doing is updating man’s dark chambers of imagery where “facts” of a *new* “truth”/“reality” have been conceived throughout man’s history. To choose to call this “science” changes *nothing*. Of course, those who choose to do so can freely “update” their own “inner imagery” accordingly. But this is all nothing more than just a journey round and round the Wheel/circle of man’s ever-emerging new imagery. As the saying goes, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.”

“All” images of “God” are “legitimate”

“And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.... with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.” (Ezekiel 8:9-12)

Although even people today think that the Lord God has forsaken the earth—e.g., in not giving everyone the freedom of an *unconditional/universal* salvation—it is *man* who has forsaken *God*, not the other way around. Sadly, man would rather follow man’s own *imagery*/“*truths*” that are *ever becoming* than believe and obey *God’s truth* of what is.

“The only true response to truth, the ancient Chinese suggested, was laughter. ‘If one does not laugh,’ they said, ‘it would not be the Tao.’... New Lights lead the world to new laughs and new truths.” (Leonard Sweet)¹

“The universe is engaged in ceaseless motion and activity, in a continual cosmic process that the Chinese called Tao—the Way.” (Fritjof Capra)²

“[T]he way—or Tao—of physics can be a path with a heart, a way to spiritual knowledge and self-realization.” (Fritjof Capra)³

“God’s Kingdom is the realm of divine presence and activity where the 14-billion-year ‘Way of Life’ (what the Chinese call the Tao) is celebrated....

“When we live in deep integrity and take on a life of higher purpose, we further the work of God’s Kingdom—no matter what our beliefs.” (Michael Dowd; parentheses in the original)⁴

A response of laughter to the truth will unarguably lead man to new “truths.” And today’s new “truths” are of a “Way of Life” that is not only a “cosmic process” of a “Cosmic Wheel” that is an “eternal journey to nowhere,” but is also a shift from *worshipping the Creator and not creation* to *worshipping creation as the “Creator.”* But it’s all “scientific,” right? By the way, Sweet’s quote here on leading the world to “new truths” comes from his book *Quantum Spirituality*, in which he writes of an “embodiment of God in the very *substance* of *creation*” and that “*New Light* pastors are what Arthur Peacocke calls ‘*priests of creation*’--earth ministers who can relate *the realm of nature* to God.”⁵

The blatant disregard for believing and obeying God’s Word by today’s “new breed of theologians” never ceases to amaze. But then, the emerging faith of Oneness is about replacing the knowledge of God’s Word of truth with man’s images/imaginings. And, therefore, today’s shifting Christianity has been gradually replacing preachers and teachers of

the truth of God's Word with fearless "imagineers," and *pagan* ones at that. But, this way, these "imagineers" can help everyone in today's shifting Christianity "update" their "inner *imagery*," right? After all, Dowd writes regarding "the world's religions" that "we *must* engage in the task of translating the symbols, metaphors, doctrines, and theology of each."⁶ And this is clearly the task for "imagineers," not preachers and teachers of God's Word.

"New lights' power will inhere in their ability to imprint images--to **offer people images for which they can live, by which they can die.** To use Aristotle's phrase, they must be 'masters of metaphor,' yoking ideas together more imaginatively, wit by wit, than logically, brick by brick. Or to adapt Walt Disney's charge to his 'Disneyoids,' **they must become 'imagineers,' engineers of the image and imagination.**" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁷

Now think about this one. Are people today really willing to "die" for -- are they really willing to entrust *their very souls* to -- man's imaginative "new truths" of a *spiritual "Disneyland"*?!? Sadly, this is precisely what people are doing in this emerging "make-it-up-as-you-go-along" faith, whether they realize it or not. And it's all just one big never-ending ride round and round the Wheel that ever moves the "Energy of God" into new images. But at least these "new truths" will lead to "new laughs," right?

Incredibly, this ride of "*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (2 Timothy 3:7) is what people in this emerging "faith" *want*. They just don't want to *know* the truth.

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ... they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, ..."
(Romans 1:22, 28)

Sweet writes:

"When we assume **to 'know,'** we rule out the *possibility* of receiving more from God. Three of the most important words in the universe are these: 'I *don't* know.'... Some forms of Christianity are built on a series of '**untouchable signs**' and thus **miss God's living presence in their closed perspectives** of those signs." (emphasis added)⁸

The *absolute truth* of the true God is indeed *untouchable*. And this unchangeable absolute truth is given to us by God in the Word of God so that we can "walk by *faith*," not by the "*sight*" of the images of man's imagination. There's just a tad bit of an eternal difference between the two. But, sadly, people today don't want to retain God *in their knowledge* for the simple reason that they want to see God *in everyone/everything*. Knowledge is just too *closed* for them to do so. In other words, it "place[s] *limits* on God" and "on their ability to see and to experience God" as "a *limitless God*, who can appear *in any form*,"⁹ as the seducing spirit world teaches. Sweet continues his quote on "miss[ing] God's living presence" with:

"For the Christ follower to **be open to the reality of the living God** in real time and real space, the person *must leave 'knowledge' open* to God *for shaping, reshaping, replacement, or removal*....

"But it is not just enough to **study and read emerging patterns**. We also are called to **nudge those patterns into shape and give form to spirit**." (emphasis added)¹⁰

Again, this emerging "faith is an act of surrender to **the living God, present in all people, ... and in all things**."¹¹ Moreover, regarding this supposed "Christ follower" who is "open" to this "reality," and is therefore leaving "'knowledge' open" to this "God" for "shaping, reshaping, replacement, or removal," Sweet likewise writes of a "Christ" that is "alive ... *in all of life and in all things*."¹²

It is without question that those of us who read and study God's Word rather than today's "emerging patterns" so that we can know and believe and worship the *Creator* rather than *creation* will indeed miss out on "seeing" and "experiencing" this "living presence" of a false "God" *in everyone/everything* in our "*closed perspectives*." Or to put it another way, we will miss out on worshipping *creation as the "Creator"*. So—*thank God!*—those of us who are thus closed-minded *believers* rather than open-minded *journeymen* will also miss out on the "*shaping, reshaping, replacement, or removal*" of our *knowledge* of the *true* God and Christ.

Contrary to the absurd claims, it isn't *God* Who is doing either the "removal" or the "replacement" of the *knowledge* of His absolute truth. Not only does the Word of God warn that it is "*the devil*" who "taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved" (Luke 8:12), but those in this emerging faith are *themselves* choosing to raise the anchor of God's absolute truth in order to embark on a journey that *purposely* moves "forward" from *knowing* to *not knowing* God and His Word.

It is, of course, *not knowing* God and His Word that frees people up for an anchor-free journey into "new truths." So, yes, those of us closed-minded believers who will not be joining those on this journey to *un-know* the God we *know* will thus—gladly and gratefully—miss out on the ultimate great "advantage" of a "God" in everyone/everything. And that would be the ultimate "advantage" in which all of the world's open-minded journeyers can freely imagine and define "that little word of three letters" however anyone and everyone chooses. But of course there's nothing to *fear* since this emerging faith of Oneness is designed to be just one endless ride on "the wheel of life, which has turned ceaselessly,"¹³ right? At least that's what the seducing spirit world would have everyone believe—and in this case Djwhal Khul. Sadly, more and more people are willingly becoming as mice and hamsters—or should we say prey?

Once again, Alice Bailey wrote:

"It is relatively *unimportant* what we mean in *detail* by **that little word of three letters ['God']**. It is **but a symbol of Reality**.... Let us regard God as that 'High and Unknown Purpose' which can be recognized as **the sumtotal of all forms which express the Life** ..." (emphasis added)¹⁴

In its October 2010 issue, the magazine *USA WEEKEND*, working together with PBS, asked America:

"How do you imagine God? Tell us!"¹⁵

The article then states:

"Each of us has a unique vision of **God — or Allah or Vishnu or HaShem**.

"Here in the USA, believers are **creating yet a 'new kind of story'** when it comes to how people see God, says religion professor Stephen Prothero in the new PBS-WGBH TV special *God In America*, ...

"Now, *USA WEEKEND*, together with PBS, wants to learn **your image** of God's personality and behavior....

"So, look up. Look in. Look around. Tell us **how you imagine God**." (bold & underline added)¹⁶

In other words, just participate in aligning your mind with everyone's minds in the "God" that can be imagined however anyone and everyone chooses—and it is all "*the same God*." Again, to create a "*positive*" future, the new campaign is "Just Say 'Yes!'" to *everyone's own "truth" of "God*." So just join the world in connecting the dots and see what whole new picture of "God" emerges. This is about observing and participating in the emerging "God" of *Oneness*. And, of course, don't *judge* between truth and *falsehood*, but just *imagine*. Since a "God" of *Oneness* is *ever becoming* whatever man fills in those three letters with, there are *no* "wrong" answers. As Michael Dowd puts it in *Thank God for Evolution*:

"Different traditions, necessarily, use **different images** and metaphors **to describe Ultimate Reality** and our relationship with *Him/Her/It*. **All** such attempts to capture the essence of Supreme Wholeness **are legitimate**." (emphasis added)¹⁷

Given the nature of today's emerging faith of Oneness/wholeness, it simply could not be any more fitting that when *USA WEEKEND* published America's answers to the question, each of the three letters were filled in with *parts* that had been taken from the many answers to thus form a *whole* picture of "G O D." And, not only so, but the filled-in letters of "that little word of three letters" were displayed on the front cover, above which the words *How Americans imagine* were placed inside an elongated circle that formed a *halo* over America's new whole "G O D."¹⁸ After all, this whole imaginative process just "*oozes divinity*," not to mention "*holiness*," right? And, incidentally, a *halo* is a "*circle of light*."¹⁹ In every way, this cover is the ideal image to summarize this emerging faith.

Again, Michael Dowd, in a quote quite reminiscent of Alice Bailey's, also writes that:

“‘God’ is nothing less than a *holy name for Ultimate Wholeness*, ... the one and only *Reality that transcends and includes everything else*.... Everything is interrelated and interdependent. *The entire process oozes divinity.*”
(emphasis added)²⁰

Regarding this filled-in “little word of three letters” in the cover image of *USA WEEKEND*, it is not surprising that along with “love,” “universal,” and “true,” and so on, the “G” is also filled in with “past present future,” “nature,” “limitless,” and “unknowable.” Along with “pantheistic” and “energy,” the “O” is also filled in with such things as “soul,” “consciousness,” “within,” “life,” “goddess,” “beauty,” “like me,” and “mirror.” And, along with “creator,” the “D” is also filled in with “cosmic energy,” “space,” “Jesus,” “multifold,” “complex,” “origin,” and so on. The numerous traits that fill “G O D”—that is, the numerous “God” dots, or thought dots, that make up this “God”—are mirrored in each of the three letters, but with differences. And, of course, it is to be expected that within this “G O D” there is also a merging of *both truth and falsehood*, without which no *Oneness* can emerge. Excluding *truth* would effectively defeat the whole purpose of today's mission to bring a “God” of *Oneness* into being.

This second article with America's answers, which was published in the December 2010 issue, states the following. It is titled “How Americans imagine God,” which they “hope inspires you”:

“We received hundreds of e-mails, letters and online submissions. *No two are the same*, and *each* is intensely personal and deeply passionate.

“Still, **one gleaming, common thread weaves throughout**: For Americans today, God, quite simply, is **love**. **Christians, Hindus, Jews and Buddhists alike describe a loving presence** who offers **a pathway to goodness, peace and brotherhood**. Some imagine **him, or her**, as *limitless energy*; others, a force of nature as great as the ocean and as dear as a baby's smile.

“On these pages are highlights from your outpouring of comments. We hope you read them with a sense of *wonderment and joy*, in keeping with the spirit of this holiday season.” (emphasis added)²¹

In other words, just be “inspired” and join the world in feeling “a sense of wonderment and joy” over man's new kind of “G O D.” This is a “G O D” that has been specially and diabolically designed with letters that have been emptied of absolute truth so that man can then fill them in with whatever description man “joyfully” imagines. And man's new kind of “G O D” with empty letters that is *ever becoming all* that anyone and everyone continues to fill in those “three little letters” with is not seen as a delusion . . .

So, never mind that this all-encompassing, interfaith “G O D” only exists in man's imagination, if people just come together to align their minds in its Oneness/wholeness, it will thus become a “reality” in the future that can then emerge even faster as the “reality” of the present. This imaginary “G O D” of Oneness, whose letters are being filled in by man, is an ever becoming, *emergent* “God.” *Emergent* is “in the process of coming into being,”²² and in this emerging faith of Oneness all man has to do is “*think it into being.*”²³

Of course, the growing number of people today who are joyfully choosing to *imagine their own “idea” of “God”* don't need to fear that they are becoming *idol* makers since their *images* are being formed and shaped with their *mind* rather than with their *hands*, right? Wrong. God is *Who He is* and is not *becoming*—i.e., *changing into*—man's new “ideas” of “God.” Even Sweet writes that “another form of the verb *to see* comes from the noun *eidos*, which means the shape of something visible, from which we get *idea* but also *idol*.”²⁴ Again, God is not receiving “a new character” that man is hell-bent on giving Him -- “*For I am the LORD, I change not; ...*” (Malachi 3:6).

“Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and **with all thy mind**.”
(Matthew 22:37)

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the

spirit that now worketh in **the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires** of the flesh and **of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” (Ephesians 2:2-3)

Although people today are choosing to imagine otherwise, loving man’s images/imaginings is not the same thing as loving God. Neither is make-believing the same thing as believing. False images of God are *false* images of God whether they are formed and shaped with the hands or with the mind. The only *true* image of God is *Christ*, the *truth* of Whom has been recorded for us by *God* in His Word.

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ**, who **is the image of God**, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

No man will ever come to God through a false image. We can only come to God through the only true image of God, and this is Christ, His Son, Who is the only Mediator between God and men. No false image can ever *become* a mediator between the true God and men.

“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**.” (1 Timothy 2:5)

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

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, ... This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:10-12)

Every *false image* serves as an utterly futile replacement of *Christ*. It is *Christ* “who is the image of God.” But, of course, since people today want a “bigger” “God,” the *Christ* “who is the image of God” is just too *narrow* for them. Hence the creation of a “bigger” “Christ” that is a “bigger” image of a “bigger” “God.” Basically, this is a creation in which *the image of God*—Who is *Christ*—is being replaced with “*limitless*” *other images* of both “God” and “Christ.” This way, rather than *closed* to only those Who believe in that particular “Christ, who is the image of God,” salvation becomes *open* to everyone, regardless of what image of what god they are choosing to believe in.

People are certainly free to replace Christ with whatever image of “God” they want. But *Who Christ is* is neither an open truth nor subject to man’s “reimaginings.” *Who Christ is* is indeed untouchable and closed to the work of today’s unbelieving and idolatrous “imagineers.” And *Who Christ is* is the “one mediator between God and men,” apart from Whom “no man cometh unto the Father.” Again, we can only come to God through the only true image of God, and this is Christ, His Son, Who is the only Mediator between God and men. And according to God’s inspired Word, a person who denies the Father and the Son “is *antichrist*” (see 1 John 2:22-23).

But, of course, people don’t see it that way, and therefore the world is moving forward to “link up” in feeling “a sense of wonderment and joy” over man’s new kind of *emergent* “God.” A “God” of Oneness/wholeness that is “in the process of coming into being” as man co-creatively and imaginatively connects the world’s thought dots of “God.” Man’s emerging faith in a “God” that is *in everyone/everything* is nothing more than a highly imaginative attempt to enlarge/stretch/force the Kingdom of God beyond the *limits* set by *God* in *His Word of absolute truth*. After all, man is bound and determined to *force* God to universally *include* all those who believe (or imagine) differently than the absolute truth of His Word. And, conveniently, according to the seducing spirit world:

“**Thoughts are ideas** formed. **Ideas are energies** come together. **Energies are forces** released. **Forces are elements** existent. **Elements are particles of God**, portions of *All*, the stuff of *everything*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)²⁵

“The Cosmic Wheel simply describes the ultimate reality, or what you might call the cosmology of the universe....

“It is the sacred rhythm of all life, by which **you move the Energy of God**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;”

As mentioned earlier, the attempt to take the Kingdom *by force* will take on a whole new dimension when Satan's kingdom of Oneness has fully emerged along with his coming Antichrist. Essentially, the emerging faith is an attempt to take the Kingdom of God by simply *thinking* it into a "*bigger*" "Kingdom" of a "*bigger*" "God" of Oneness by aligning minds in the emerging "pattern" of the "Thoughts"/"Ideas"/"Energies"/"Forces"/"Elements" of this new "God." It is therefore interesting, to say the least, that the Antichrist is going to "honour the God of *forces*" (Daniel 11:38).

But first, as Jesus pointed out:

*"And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven** suffereth violence, and **the violent take it by force.**" (Matthew 11:12)*

It is noteworthy that, along with acting with "force," **violent** also means "**tending to distort the meaning or intent: a violent interpretation of the text.**"²⁷ This is understatedly what those in this emerging faith of Oneness are doing to Scripture in their attempt to render God's Kingdom *all-inclusive*. Moreover, take a look at some of the definitions of **force** -- "*physics ... a **dynamic** influence that **changes a body from a state of rest to one of motion** or changes its rate of motion;*" "[a]ny of various factors that **cause a body to change its** speed, direction, or **shape**;"²⁸ "*mental or moral strength or power: **the force of popular opinion**;*"²⁹ "*strength; energy; power; intensity.*"³⁰ This is all just a tad bit fitting of today's emerging faith.

Basically, the emerging faith of Oneness is the attempt to produce *motion* in God by moving and aligning the world's "energies"/"forces"—or should we say the world's "imagineers"/"shapemiths"?—against Who God is for the simple reason that Who God is is *not* a God of Oneness. In other words, since Oneness is the mission, the emerging faith is the attempt to *force* God to move away from His position of absolute truth. To achieve a universal/unconditional salvation, and thus an all-inclusive Kingdom of God, man *must* move God forward from His position of *judging* truth and falsehood, right and wrong, into a new position of *Oneness*. And, sadly, man is determined to succeed, come hell or high water. This brings us to one more meaning of *force* -- "[s]trength or power for war; armament; troops."³¹ And, as previously addressed, the Antichrist—who is going to "honour the God of forces"—will also ultimately lead the world's military forces in a war against God's Mediator of His covenant, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (see Revelation 19:11-19).

As has been partially addressed, the coming Antichrist is going to be a real piece of work. He and his emerging kingdom are going to change everything in a way that can only be deemed "positive" by those who are against God and against God's people. God's Word warns:

*"After this I saw in the night visions, and **behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly**; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and **a mouth speaking great things**.... I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints, and prevailed against them**.... The fourth beast shall be **the fourth kingdom upon earth**, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and **shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces**. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are **ten kings** that shall arise: and **another shall rise after them**; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. **And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." (Daniel 7:7-8, 21, 23-25)*

*"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw **a beast rise up out of the sea**, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.... and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.... And there was given unto him **a mouth speaking great things** and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name**, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them**: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." (Revelation 13:1-2, 5-7)*

“... and **that man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition; **who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped**; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.... Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 9)

“**And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods**, ... Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But **in his estate shall he honour the God of forces**; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with **a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory** ...” (Daniel 11:36-39)

That’s right, “the God of forces” is “a strange god.” A *strange* god whom the Antichrist shall acknowledge as “God” with a capital “G”—man’s *new* idea of God.

“They provoked him to jealousy with **strange gods**, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, **to new gods that came newly up**, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, **and hast forgotten God** that formed thee.” (Deuteronomy 32:16-18)

Since Scripture warns both that the Antichrist will honor “the God of *forces*” and that man is also seeking to take God’s Kingdom “by *force*,” it isn’t surprising that the use of the terms *forces* and *force* is seen throughout today’s emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness. To reiterate a few quotes addressed earlier:

“... **a force that infused all creation, a sea of energy** and consciousness that we all swim in and are part of. I came to understand that our Western notions of **the divine** are perhaps a masculine version of this **life force** that infuses every cell in our bodies, that animates all living beings, and that even fuels stars.” (Alberto Villoldo; emphasis added)³²

“**God** is the Spirit of the universe, the consciousness of the cosmos: **its energy**, its information, **its thought**....

“The most powerful **forces** in the universe are spiritual: the **energies** of divine *unconditional* love. The Bible teaches that **God** is ‘spirit’ or ‘**energy**.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³³

“... **that great Life**, that all-embracing, **universal Mind**, that vibrant centre of **energy**, and that great enfolding consciousness **Whom we call God, or Force**, or the *Logos* ...” (Alice Bailey; emphasis added)³⁴

Of course, this emerging faith itself is even openly and commonly described as “**dynamic**”—i.e., “**concerned with energy or forces that produce motion**, as opposed to *static*;” “characterized **by force of** personality, ambition, energy, **new ideas**, etc.”³⁵ And, of course, this is a dynamic faith in which to “move the Energy of God,”³⁶ and thus take the Kingdom *by force*, all that is needed is a *shift* in “*consciousness*”—i.e., the “energy” of “new ideas.” A dynamic “butterfly effect,” if you will.

“Thought is pure energy....

“You should now better understand how people of *like mind* can work together to create a favored reality.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God”)³⁷

“**Thoughts** are ideas ... **Ideas** are energies ... **Energies** are forces ... **Forces** are elements ... **Elements** are particles of **God**, portions of *All*, **the stuff of everything**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)³⁸

Alice Bailey also wrote:

“When **the scientist**, for instance, speaks of **force**, or **energy**, and **the Christian** speaks of **God**, and the Hindu uses terms analogous to the ‘I am that I am,’ or the Self, they are all speaking of **one and the same great life** ...” (emphasis added)³⁹

In no way, shape, or form is this “same great life,” or “energy,” the *Christian* God. Only in the lie of *Oneness* are all gods “the same God.” And this “same great life” of *Oneness* that man is ever moving into new “patterns,” i.e., new gods,

with man's new ideas is nothing more than a *dynamic faith* that is moving man forward—away from the God Who is. But man's movement round and round the Wheel is just the "Evolution Revolution" of the "God" of "energies," or "forces," right? Here again, one quite helpful god of "forces" is *the Destroyer*—a fitting picture of this emerging faith in more ways than one. "**Shiva**," "the Cosmic Dancer," "embodies in himself and simultaneously **gives manifestation to Eternal Energy**," and "[t]he **forces gathered and projected in his** frantic, ever-enduring **gyration, are the powers of the evolution**, maintenance, and dissolution of the world."⁴⁰

Moreover, as Alice Bailey channeled, the "motion"/"force"/"energy" of this dynamic emerging faith is "*rotary-spiral-cyclic*," in which the spiral "which merges itself a little" with the other two "is the *Shiva* form of motion, and the *unified consciousness of all groups*" and "is the consciousness which proclaims 'I am That I am.'"⁴¹ And, of course, the Antichrist "*shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god*" as he shall simultaneously "*honour the God of forces ... whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory ...*"

The Antichrist's diabolical kingdom is rapidly approaching. Today's emerging faith is *already* about paying attention to, observing, and honoring a "God" in everyone/everything—i.e., a "God" that is the "*energies*," or "*forces*," in everyone/everything—in order to bring a "positive" future and new world of Oneness into being. The leaders of this emerging faith are thus *already* trying to align everyone's minds in honoring a "God" of "forces." You might even say that they are a diabolical counterfeit of John the Baptist as they prepare the way for the coming *Antichrist*. Rather than "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (see Matthew 3:3; & also Isaiah 40:3), these diabolical counterfeits are basically flipping this upside down to "The Voice of Oneness crying in everyone and everything, Prepare ye the way for the emerging pattern of the new kind of Lord and Christ, make his paths circular." Whether they *recognize* it or not, they are preparing the world not only for the Antichrist himself, but to also join the Antichrist in *honoring* "the God of forces ... whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory ..."

In *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*, Sweet writes:

"Don't expect God's presence to be most visible at the centers or the obvious....

"[W]e must notice patterns that are taking shape not just in the centers but **on the periphery. Abnormalities reveal the forces by which creative patterns form**, and their recognition connects the work of the age to the patterns that will adjust our lives and futures." (emphasis added)⁴²

"This book [*Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*] is designed to help you **pay attention to the variety of signs and signals** God gives us about what God's up to and what's up ahead.

"The concept of paying attention is related to the ancient notion of respect, which comes from the Latin *respicere*, meaning 'take account' or 'pay attention.' Key to this understanding of respect, however, is a form of **observing** that implies **honoring**. In the Latin meaning of respect, **by paying attention, you value and honor what you are observing**. When we don't pay attention to what God is doing, we dishonor and devalue him." (emphasis added, except to *respicere*)⁴³

"[T]he incarnation goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells **all that exists**." (emphasis added)⁴⁴

"[T]he Spirit of God is at work **in all human beings, no matter what their religion**, ..." (emphasis added)⁴⁵

"Semiotics ... is **the art of making connections, linking disparate dots**, ..." (emphasis added)⁴⁶

And, therefore, just join together and connect the world's thought dots of "God" and thus observe and honor a "God" that will even be "incarnated" in the Antichrist and at work in him. Obviously, "all that exists" and "all human beings" includes the Antichrist. And, clearly, with an "incarnation" that "goes all the way down" and a "Spirit" that "indwells all that exists," what anyone *believes* becomes completely irrelevant for *salvation*. So what's there to fear? The world can just fearlessly join together in connecting the dots and "Just Say 'Yes!'" to *everyone's own "truth" of "God"*. This way, the world will be observing and honoring the "God" in everyone/everything. That is, the world will be observing and honoring the "God" that is the "*energies*"/"*forces*" in everyone/everything.

People are certainly free to participate in running round and round the Wheel to observe and honor this “God” by co-creatively and imaginatively connecting everyone’s own thoughts and ideas of “God,” but this circle dance will never honor God. It simply honors the *false* “God” of Oneness. Those who are working to align everyone’s minds in this “God” that is in everyone/everything can even try to manipulate those of us closed-minded believers who aren’t cooperating in this alignment with the claim that by not participating “we dishonor and devalue him.” Good! To honor and value a panentheistic false “God” is to dishonor and devalue the *true* God. And it is irrelevant that the “God” they are working to align everyone’s minds in is being honored as “God” with a capital “G.” This doesn’t change the fact that both false gods and false “Gods” are still *false* and *not the true God*. As a wise six-year-old has succinctly put it, “True is true and not false, and false is false and not true.” And those in this emerging faith who believe otherwise can accuse us of dishonoring and devaluing “God” and of not being true followers of “Christ” until they’re blue in the face. But those of us who refuse to *un-know* the true God and true Christ will not be joining them in their adjusted futures.

Again, *the true God is not in everyone/everything*. Oneness only exists in man’s imagination. This is why the seducing spirit world would have everyone believe that “God is the energy you call imagination.”⁴⁷ This way, people won’t think twice about answering the question, “How do you imagine God?” It is, of course, the *imagination* that is indispensable to connecting the dots of a “God” in *everyone/everything*—unlike the *truth* that actually renders this circle dance *impossible*. Hence today’s “spiritual journey” of *the imagination*, a wide open journey of *possibilities* and “eternal journey to *nowhere*.” A journey in which people are “*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (2 Timothy 3:7). Sweet also writes in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*:

“Poet/critic Paul Mariani says **it is our lack of imagination that has closed us to an awareness of God in the world.**

‘If **the incarnation** has indeed occurred, as I believe it has, ... evidence of God’s **immanent** presence ought to be capable of breaking in on us each day the way air and light and sound do if only we know of what to look and listen for.’...

“God’s **creation is a revelation of divine presence**. This is the **genius** of Christian theology: It radically *reconfigures* the human conception of *the sacred*. **Nothing is inherently ‘profane.’**” (emphasis added)⁴⁸

Actually, this new kind of “theology” of a new kind of “God” is everything but *Christian*. And those who prefer this wide open journey can heed the “imagineers” and participate in becoming an *image nation* that is shifting from *worshipping the Creator and not creation to worshipping creation as the “Creator”* all they want. But the Word of God warns:

“Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth.” (Deuteronomy 16:22)

“But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in **the imagination** of their evil heart, and went **backward, and not forward**.... This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: **truth is perished**, and is cut off from their mouth.” (Jeremiah 7:24, 28)

“This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which **walk in the imagination** of their heart, and **walk after other gods**, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.” (Jeremiah 13:10)

“They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.... The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.... But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.” (Jeremiah 23:17, 20, 22)

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing **the word of truth.”** (2 Timothy 2:15)

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing **that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”** (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Yet the warnings of God’s Word ever go unheeded, and people today are defiantly “Casting down the knowledge of God, and every scriptural truth that exalteth itself against the imaginations of man.” And, therefore, preachers and teachers

of God's Word are being replaced with "imagineers" . . .

"When we assume **to 'know,'** we rule out the *possibility* of receiving more from God. Three of the most important words in the universe are these: 'I *don't* know.'... Some forms of Christianity are built on a series of '**untouchable signs**' and thus **miss God's living presence in their closed perspectives** of those signs.'" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁹

We can either listen to *man* and miss out on *knowing* God or we can listen to *God* and miss out on *not knowing* God. Think about it.

"*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ... they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, ...*" (Romans 1:22, 28)

"*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ...*" (Hosea 4:6)

"*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*" (Psalm 9:17)

Today's shifting Christianity and its "new breed of theologians" would be far better served if they were *Scripture* readers rather than imaginative "sign readers." Once again, Sweet, et al., write:

"[P]ostmodern theology will instead seek to restore a sense of the whole....

"And it will be done by a **new breed of theologians who work together in a new way.**" (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁰

"Kitsch evidences postmodern subscription to *incarnational theology*: **God is to be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how strange)**." (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵¹

"*They provoked him to jealousy with **strange gods**, ... to gods whom they knew not, **to new gods that came newly up**, ... and hast forgotten God that formed thee.*" (Deuteronomy 32:16-18)

And, thus, as Sweet writes:

"Postmodern culture is an **anti-Christian** culture." (emphasis added)⁵²

It is indeed, and this is because it is an **anti-Christ** culture (in more ways than one). True Christians are those who believe and obey the true Christ. The "Christ" of Oneness that those in today's post-truth ("postmodern") anti-Christian culture are following is not the true Christ. Again, Scripture makes it perfectly clear that the "Christ, who is the image of God" is not the image of a "God" that is in everyone/everything. And the "Christ, who is the image of God" is **only** Jesus Christ of Nazareth and no **other**. Even though man is made "in the image of God" (see Genesis 1:26-27), "the man *Christ Jesus*" "is the image of God" Who actually **is God**. And, yes, there is a difference. Those who are looking for God in everyone/everything have "changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man," as well as "to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things" (Romans 1:23). In other words, they have "changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator" (Romans 1:25). They are thus primed and readied to worship the Antichrist more than Christ. And, no, sadly enough, those who are already participating in becoming an *image nation* will not think twice about worshipping the *image* of the Antichrist.

"*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might **be damned**** who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

"***And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship***

the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:11)

“And all that dwell upon the earth **shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.” (Revelation 13:8-9)

“And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**... We have found **the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ**... We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, **Jesus of Nazareth**, the son of Joseph.” (John 1:36, 41, 45)

“How can we nudge each other to see the flames?”

Fittingly, Leonard Sweet has released another book (its publication date is January 3, 2012) titled, *I Am a Follower: The Way, Truth, and Life of Following Jesus*. (Did you catch the subtitle’s subtle, yet significant, flip?) Sadly, Sweet continues to teach essentially the same things, just in repackaged ways. The following list consists of snippets from this latest book which is actually quite different from the way, the truth, and the life that is recorded for us by God in His Word. Rather, Sweet’s book relates much more closely with Michael Dowd’s statement that “Jesus as ‘the way, the truth, and the life’ will be *universalized*,” and who shortly thereafter then quotes Teilhard de Chardin saying, “Evolution is a light illuminating all facts, a *curve* that *all lines* must follow.”¹ This is, after all, an “Evolution Revolution” that is just one big “cosmic” *circle dance*—a “Cosmic Wheel”—that ever moves this universal “Energy of God” into new forms to follow.

So never mind that the “Christ, who is the image of God” is only “the man *Christ Jesus*” Who is only Jesus Christ of Nazareth and no other. As stated earlier, everyone can thus freely run round and round the Wheel as they ever “move the Energy of God” however they choose, on the ride of their life. A ride in which as Dowd puts it, “the question ‘Do you believe in *God*?’ makes no more sense than asking ‘Do you believe in *Life*?’”² And, of course, in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, a book to which he refers his readers in *I Am a Follower*,³ Sweet writes of a “Christ” that is “in all of life and in all things”⁴ . . .

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:4)

In *I Am a Follower*, Sweet writes:

- **“The only GUIDance** is the *perichoresis* of God that allows us to sing with complete abandon: ‘**God, U and I dance**;’”⁵
- “Life with Jesus is a ticket to the ride of your life;”⁶
- “the interrelationship of Creator, creation, and life itself” is the “dance of God,” which is “a **circle dance**” of “*perichoresis*” that is “built upon a *verb*, ” “both transcendent and *immanent*, and flowing together in a joyful and harmonious, rhythmic and resonant celebration of *life*;”⁷
- “join in the music of the spheres” and “join in the dance,” “*Heaven is entering into the triune life of God, the circle dance of creation*;”⁸
- “join the Lord of the Dance” and “becom[e] a **whirling life force**” “**aligned with Christ and at one with God**;”⁹
- “God is immeasurable and without *limit*;”¹⁰
- “Hope-casting followers have minds of constancy that are constantly changing,” “[f]ollowership is lifelong learning,” “the ever-broadening expanse of what lies beyond our knowledge;”¹¹
- “life is not a blueprint but a blue sky of *possibility*;”¹²
- **“to think we can capture and tame Truth is a delusional trap;**”¹³
- “Our lives need to be moving with Jesus and *gyrating* in the winds of his gospel,” “[o]nly by untaming our minds can we hope to **see and hear the truth within the world**;”¹⁴
- **“There is no one gospel grid** or model map that everyone must follow—**no universal master plan that fits all**;”¹⁵
- “Followers” “**celebrate the manyness of the One**;”¹⁶

- “for Heraclitus” who “paved the way for its use in John’s gospel, **logos implies the joining of opposites**, and the sound that blared forth from that joining was ‘harmony;’”¹⁷
- “true harmony is surround sound, and **the sound of a living logos is harmony**,”¹⁸
- “Harmony is listening to those around me and finding my place in the music,” “harmony” “is knowing which way the wind is blowing or the music is modulating and moving with it;”¹⁹
- “*harmony* was ‘a means of joining, fastening . . . of a ship join, as between a ship’s planks,’” “in a literal sense, harmony means ‘to fit together,’ which is essentially the same thing the word *religion* means in its literal Latinate sense of *religare*, or ‘to bind together,’” “[t]he Greeks initially used the word to refer to *the reconciliation of opposites*,” and later “**the combining of diversity into one sound**,”²⁰
- “**Jesus’** garden burgeons with **followers** who are **diverse**” and “together **beautiful**,” “moving and growing together,” “**God is a ‘midst’ God**,” “followers **liquidate boundaries, transcend divisions**, and cross cultures,” “**form a circle of acceptance**, not a chain of command,” “cast out nets of mutuality, not *lines* of determinism;”²¹
- “Followers **celebrate** the joy of ‘**betweenness**,’” and “a betweenness faith is a faith that exists in fire and *flux*,” “[n]ot a faith that wants to walk a lonely path but a faith that delights in walking it with others, **with God in the midst**,” “followers” “see **God’s hyphen** as **extending to everyone they meet**,”²²
- “Part of **the ‘midstiness’** of the way comes from the Trinitarian component **that is in every relationship**,” “[w]hat keeps **two together is that third, that midst**,” “that tertium quid component of the space between/among/amidst,” “Christ followers know **the holiness of the hyphen**,”²³
- “this new way of living and relating is creating a *web* of strength and a *fortress* of freedom that won’t be broken or pulled asunder;”²⁴
- “To truly dance in *perichoresis* is *unthinkable*,” “[y]ou cease to *think*,”²⁵
- “‘Be fruitful and multiply’ is “a command” that “doesn’t just apply to having children,” “[t]he Genesis of God’s creation encompasses a plethora of genera—all kinds of people, **all kinds of followers, all kinds of churches**, all kinds of cultures, all working together for the glory and beauty of God’s *relational* vision in *the here and now*,”²⁶
- “To join the dance of the Spirit, we need to break out of our square lines and ballroom boxes;”²⁷
- “The dance of Christ is a world dance;”²⁸
- “It takes a world to dance the dance of life. It only takes one first follower to start a world dance.”²⁹

Regarding Sweet’s statement that “God is a ‘midst’ God,” Sweet wrote in his preceding sentence that “‘Where two or three are gathered together in My name,’ said Jesus, ‘I am there in the *midst* of them.’”³⁰ Again, according to the Word of God, Jesus, the Son of God, is only Jesus Christ of Nazareth and no other. This is why *salvation* is only by “*the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*” (Acts 4:10-12). Neither God nor His Son are in the “midst” of those who are gathering together in an emptied name of “Jesus” that everyone can then fill in diverse ways. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is Who He is. And, no, to believe God’s Word of truth and its recorded Gospel of Christ is not “a delusional trap.” Rather, it is to imagine that “Truth” can be *diverse* from what God has recorded in His inspired Word of truth that is delusional. But, of course, for those who prefer a *circle* dance, the “*box*” of God’s Word of absolute truth just has way too many *lines* in it.

In addition to writing that “[i]t only takes one first follower to start a world dance,” Sweet also writes: “No first follower, no movement.”³¹ And the question is, who will be the first follower of the Antichrist and start *that* world “dance”? It will be his first follower, who will then become the false prophet, that will of course successfully procure many other followers *for the Antichrist*, thereby creating a “movement” all over the world. But then, what’s wrong with that? According to Sweet, we are to “see God’s hyphen as extending to *everyone* [we] meet” in this “world dance.” That clearly includes the Antichrist. And the Antichrist will just be a first follower of the dancing “Christ” of Oneness that is *in everyone/everything*, right?

In this world gathering, no doubt the Antichrist, too, will name the name of “Jesus.” After all, it isn’t naming the name but *believing* in the right Person behind the name that is key. Even seducing spirits name the name of Jesus. And those who think that a “circle dance” with a “God” in everyone/everything need be their “only GUIDance” in shifting from leadership to followership are primed and readied to find their place in a world dance that will be to the music of a most *diabolical* Pied Piper.

Despite the perceived “holiness” of the hyphen of Oneness, the unholy and profane hyphen in the midst of *both-and* is not God’s hyphen. God’s Word makes it clear that God is not in the “midst” of the world as He was in the burning bush.

“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in **a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush**: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him out of the midst of the bush**, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: **put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground**. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.” (Exodus 3:2-6)

Yet in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet writes: “Every bush is burning. Can you see it?”³² And in *I Am a Follower: The Way, Truth, and Life of Following Jesus*, shortly after writing that “[o]nly by untaming our minds can we hope to see and hear the truth *within the world*,” Sweet likewise writes: “And if the world is indeed a burning bush of God’s presence, what blinds us to the glow? How can we nudge each other to see the flames?”³³

Not every bush is burning with the presence of God. Not all ground in the world is holy. Only the ground under the one particular bush was holy. In it was the presence of “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” But rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, people today prefer a “complex” “God” of *Oneness* that dances around the truth in a circle dance to join all opposites/dualities into a unified “both-and.” After all, in this emerging faith “the truth is in the complexity,” and “complex” systems “are open systems” which, naturally, have “great advantages over closed systems.”³⁴

Complex -- “consisting of **many different and connected parts**,”³⁵ “a whole comprised of parts;” “from L. *complexus* ‘surrounding, encompassing,’ pp. of *complecti* ‘to encircle, embrace;’”³⁶ “[l]ate Latin *complexus* **totality**,” “encompass, include;” and its synonyms include “network, **web**, tangle, labyrinth.”³⁷

So, since this is a journey in which “[t]he fear of the dark is a fear of *complexity*,” everyone can just fearlessly “turn the dark on” and “turn the lights out” on the *web* of this “‘complex way’ of *truth*.”³⁸ This way, the world can join together in co-creatively whirling and swirling the emerging new “*nondualistic*” faith and “truth” into being as everyone passionately and determinedly dances around *is* in the arms of *ever becoming*. And, of course, all who turn the dark off and the lights on will be greatly resented, to put it mildly, because people today really don’t want to *know* the truth. They would rather experience “wonderment and joy” as they connect the dots to see what whole new picture of “God” emerges in a celebration of a life, and thus a “Heaven,” that is *now here* on an “eternal journey to *nowhere*.”

Oneness is, of course, an emerging faith in which “the *incarnation* brought all dualities together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here,’”³⁹ as Sweet puts it in *So Beautiful*. So to embark upon this wide open journey that advantageously “*transcends*” the opposites/dualities of what *is* truth and falsehood and what *is* right and wrong, people just need to enter a circle dance of darkness—or a dance of a unified “both-and.” This way, they can enjoy the “great advantages” of becoming a “complex, adaptive, self-regulating” “organic system” that “makes it up as it goes along”⁴⁰ in an emerging faith of Oneness in which “[t]he *only* Guidance is the perichoresis of God that allows us to sing with complete abandon: ‘God, U and I dance.’”⁴¹

The front cover of Sweet’s book *I Am a Follower: The Way, Truth, and Life of Following Jesus* features in part the following endorsement by Shane Claiborne, who is one of the leaders of the emerging church movement:

“Leonard Sweet is a theological poet. And this is a book that makes you want to dance. It’s not about having all the right techniques; it’s about having the right ears to hear the music. Let yourself go.”⁴²

In his book, Sweet describes Claiborne as a “barefoot, dreadlocked, hemp-clothed urban monk,” and refers his readers to Claiborne’s website for more information about him.⁴³ As is Brian McLaren, Claiborne is a contributing editor for *Sojourners* magazine.⁴⁴ (Jim Wallis, who is also one of the many leaders of the emerging church movement, is president

and CEO of Sojourners and editor-in-chief of its magazine.⁴⁵) McLaren of course writes in *A New Kind of Christianity* that he “can breathe a little freer” now that he has been “freed from the literalistic and dualistic *straitjacket*.”⁴⁶ And given that this emerging faith is a *circle dance of Oneness/nondualism*, it is to be expected that Claiborne likewise criticizes “Dualism” as having “*infected the church*.” Claiborne writes in his book *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical*:

“[T]his is a book of *stories*. The things that transform us, especially us “*postmoderns*,” are people and experiences. Political ideologies and **religious doctrines just aren’t very compelling, even if they’re true**.... It’s hard to disagree with a *story* ...

“Nonetheless, I know this is a risky venture. **Dualism has infected the church** ... as if God had no *better* vision to offer this world.... The issues we will stir up can be volatile and gut-wrenching. But I think there are enough of us so discontented with the *old* answers and traditional camps ... that the risk is worth it. **The time has come for a new kind of conversation, a new kind of Christianity, a new kind of revolution.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁷

“There is **a new tribal confederacy of faith communities**, a community of communities, emerging and dreaming ancient visions. We are not a neo-denomination, because we are **not** trying to spread **a doctrine or theology**. We are not even trying to spread a model of community. We are just trying to discover a new (ancient) kind of Christianity. We are about spreading **a way of life that exists organically and relationally** and is marked by such a brilliant love and grace that no one could resist it. Now **we just get to connect the dots**. I always liked those stinking connect-the-dots things, **seeing a bunch of dots become a beautiful piece of art.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

In an interview titled, “On Evangelicals and *Interfaith* Cooperation,” Claiborne interviewed Tony Campolo, who is also a leader of the emerging church movement. Claiborne states:

“One of the barriers seems to be the assumption that we have *the truth* and folks who experience things *differently* will all go to *Hell*. How do we unashamedly maintain a *healthy* desire for others to experience the love of God as we have experienced it without condemning **others** who **experience God differently?**” (emphasis added)

And Campolo states in his response:

“I think there are *Muslim* brothers and sisters who are willing to say, ‘You live up to the truth as you understand it. I will live up to the truth as I understand it, and we will leave it up to God on judgment day.’

“There is much in Christianity that would suggest exactly the same thing, particularly Romans the 2nd chapter, where the apostle Paul says ‘**What do we say of those who do not accept the law of God,**’ and ***I would add* ‘as we understand it,’ ‘and are faithful to all the things that God calls us to do—will God not have to make room for them?’** He asks that as a rhetorical question, leaving the reader with the obvious sense—‘**but of course.**’” (emphasis added)⁴⁹

“*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found **a liar**.*” (Proverbs 30:5-6)

Campolo also states in his response that:

“I’ve got to believe that Jesus is the only Savior but being a Christian is *not* the *only* way to be saved.... Only Jesus Christ can serve as mediator to God.” (emphasis added)⁵⁰

So believing the truth of Jesus is not the only way to be saved? Again, as is perfectly clear in the Word of *God*—in which *God* has recorded for us the truth of His Son—the truth of *Who Jesus is* just so happens to be truth that is *Christian*, not Hindu or Muslim or any other religion for that matter.

“*If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**” (1 John 5:9-10)*

As is specified with perfect clarity in the record that God gave of His Son, *only* Jesus Christ of Nazareth can serve as our Mediator to God, and God is specifically the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Jesus Christ of Nazareth does not serve as a Mediator to the Muslim god Allah. The Muslim god Allah is not the father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The Muslim god Allah has *no son at all*, let alone a Son that is *Jewish*! Besides, even the Muslims adamantly deny that their god Allah is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And since Campolo chose Romans the 2nd chapter, let's take a look at what the apostle Paul stated in this chapter of the Word of God:

*"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish**, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; but glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God. **For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law**: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; ... in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." (Romans 2:5-12, 16)*

And Who, specifically, is "the truth"? As is perfectly clear in the Word of God—i.e., in the record that God gave of His Son—it is Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

*"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**." (1 Timothy 2:5)*

All who repent and believe in Jesus Christ of Nazareth will be saved. All who do not are "condemned *already*." God is not a God of *Oneness*. It is not that God is "already there" but, rather, condemnation. And the condemnation is not man's but God's. This is all perfectly clear in the Word of God. Those who are "apologizing" to the world for its supposed "condemnation" by Christians are merely ashamed of the Gospel of Christ that Christians believe and teach. And, no, their apologizing to the world for the truth isn't "*love*." To "love" people right into *hell* is everything but loving. And those who see it otherwise are filled with way too much "humility."

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:12)

*"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God**." (John 3:17-18)*

*"... the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, ... **Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:10, 12)*

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)

Again, the unholy and profane hyphen in the midst of *both-and* is not God's hyphen. Neither is it "beautiful." There is an either/or duality between the *true* God and *false* gods. The hyphen is simply man's imaginative attempt to move God forward from His position of *judging* truth and falsehood, right and wrong, into a new position of *Oneness*. In other words, the hyphen is simply man's idea that God is moving forward from *being* "the God of *truth*" to *become* a "God of *both truth and falsehood*." This way, God becomes *everyone's* thoughts and ideas, right? Wrong. To connect the dots of *everyone's own "truth" of "God"* is to connect the dots of a *false "God"*. Despite man's ideas, neither *the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob* nor *His Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth* are becoming a hyphen that is between *the truth* of Who God and His Son are and *the falsehood* of the world's "reimaginings." But, of course, those who are trying to "see and hear the truth *within the world*" rather than *within God's Word of truth* don't see it that way.

Nonetheless, to follow any other "Christ" and any other god—regardless of whether or not it is honored as "God" with

a capital “G”—is to follow a “*damnable*” heresy/choice. It is to be anti-Christ. And, to put it bluntly, to be anti-Christ is only “beautiful” to those who are anti-Christ.

*“But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.** For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”* (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

*“I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that **no lie is of the truth.** Who is a liar but he that denieth that **Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”* (1 John 2:21-23; brackets in the original)

*“**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**”* (Exodus 20:3)

*“And **thou shalt not go aside from any of the words** which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, **to go after other gods** to serve them.”* (Deuteronomy 28:14)

So pay attention to this “pattern” (keeping in mind Romans 3:23 which warns, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”):

*“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope ... This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief. Howbeit **for this cause I obtained mercy**, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, **for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.**”* (1 Timothy 1:1, 15-16)

Even though Sweet, et al., write:

“Jesus comes to us from beyond and pulls us from the future more than pushes us from the past....

“Don’t expect God’s presence to be most visible at the centers or the obvious....

*“**[W]e must notice patterns that are taking shape** not just in the centers but **on the periphery.**”* (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵¹

*“... **Christianity** restricts God’s presence to the sacred or **denies God’s presence outside the sacred**, ... thereby making the omnipresence of God hard to experience....*

*“**[T]he Spirit of God is at work in all human beings, no matter what their religion,** ...”* (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁵²

*“... **God is to be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how strange).**”* (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵³

God’s Word warns:

*“And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go **a whoring after the gods of the strangers** of the land, wither they go to be among them, **and will forsake me**, and break my covenant which I have made with them.... **And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.**”* (Deuteronomy 31:16, 18)

*“**Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you.**”* (Deuteronomy 6:13-14)

It is other gods, not God, that are found on the periphery. Again, the term periphery is “from peri- ‘round about.’”⁵⁴ Periphery also means “[t]he circumference of a circle.”⁵⁵ And it is a circle dance “of the gods of the people which are round about” that people today *want*. After all, without this circle dance there is no Oneness. And, of course, today’s

“complex” new “circle of light”—i.e., the “surrounding, encompassing” “totality” of *all of man’s images/imaginings of “God”*—is just man’s “holy” process that just pays attention to, observes, and *honors* the “God” in everyone/everything “no matter how strange,” right? As the seducing spirit world teaches:

“‘**We Are All One**’ is ... a precise description of the nature of **Ultimate Reality**....

“... heal the divisions between your religions, close the gap between your political parties, curb the conflicts between your nations.

“With one *word* you could end them.

“‘Namasté.’

“**God in me honors God in you.**

“How simple. **How beautiful.** How wondrous, indeed.

“Yet how difficult, when one is caught up in the Illusion [of ‘Superiority’], **to see God in every one and every thing.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁵⁶

According to the Word of the only true God—i.e., “the God of truth” Who is Who He is—we are to:

“Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: **Sing forth the honour of his name**: make his praise glorious.” (Psalm 66:1-2)

“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. **He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.**” (John 5:22-23)

But, sadly, people in today’s emerging antichrist culture clearly prefer to follow the advice of the seducing spirit world (see also 1 Timothy 4:1):

“The discussions at these important gatherings [‘of all the world’s religions’] will not focus on eliminating the differences between religions, for it will be recognized that diversity of spiritual expression is a *blessing*, not a problem. Rather, the focus will be on finding ways to honor those differences, seeing what they can further reveal to humanity about **the Totality of God**, and looking to **see whether the combination of all these different views might produce a Whole** that is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold & underline added)⁵⁷

In other words, the focus will be on connecting the dots of *everyone’s own “truth” of “God”* to see whether the combination of all these differences might produce a *whole new picture of “God.”* This is, after all, about the “Totality” of a “complex” “God” of Oneness. Remember, **complex** is “consisting of **many different and connected parts**,”⁵⁸ “**a whole** comprised of parts;”⁵⁹ “**totality**.”⁶⁰

Of course, since this emerging “complex” faith of Oneness is “scientific”—once again, Sweet, McLaren, et al., write that “Complexity theory is a new field of science” and “[i]n complexity sciences, an important incubator of scientific advances in the 21st century, *the truth is in the complexity*”⁶¹—no one need fear *honoring* “a strange god” that isn’t the true God, or even *honoring* an *Antichrist* that isn’t the true Christ. Rather, on this “web” of “life,” they, too, become just different “energy patterns,” or, as physicist Fritjof Capra also words it, “different manifestations of *the same ultimate reality*.”⁶² And as Sweet words it:

“... **God is ‘spirit’ or ‘energy.’**” (emphasis added)⁶³

“*Matter is the energy of Spirit. **Ultimately, all that exists is spirit.***” (emphasis added)⁶⁴

So what’s there to fear? Isn’t “all that exists” this “spirit,” or “energy,” of “God”? Well, actually, the following verse from the Word of God provides a succinct summary of *the truth*, which is *not* the “ultimate reality” of this emerging faith of Oneness:

“Now the Egyptians **are men, and not God**; and **their horses flesh, and not spirit**. When the LORD shall stretch out his

hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, **and they all shall fail together.**" (Isaiah 31:3)

These warnings are just as relevant today. And this is why we are to pay attention to *the Word of the true God*—so that we don't fall for the "strange gods"/"new gods" of today's "imagineers." Today's mission to align minds in *Oneness* in the attempt to move *God* into "a new character" and thus take His Kingdom "by force" will not at all result in the "positive" "reality" and future that man thinks it will.

"For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.... all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul." (Psalm 22:28-29)

"He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah." (Psalm 66:7)

If you don't want to join today's open-minded journeyers in their adjusted futures that will be *everything but* "positive," pay attention to this ever-relevant warning from God's Word:

*"If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; namely, **of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;** thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him ... because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God ..." (Deuteronomy 13:6-8, 10)*

Sadly, those who are aligning their minds in *Oneness* see *the Word of God* as the "stumbling block." But the Word of *God* warns several times in the book of Ezekiel of "*the stumblingblock of their iniquity*," or "*of his iniquity*." And this is in context of people wanting "*images*" and "*idols*." It is even specified that they "have set up their idols in their heart." God also warns in this passage that:

"... they are all estranged from me through their idols.... Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols ..." (Ezekiel 14:5-6; see also vv. 3-8; 7:19-20)

To give one's heart to *images* and *idols*, or to *strange gods*, is to be *estranged from God*. But those who think that it is the Word of God and not their iniquity that is the "stumbling block" don't see it that way. Consequently, the Word of God warns in the book of Revelation that, even after He begins to pour out His judgment, people "yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and *idols*" (Revelation 9:20).

The absolute truth of God and His Son is what it is. The "new ideas" of man are not ever becoming the "new character" of God and His Son. Rather, the "new ideas" of man are only ever becoming man's "new gods." Hence, God's Word also tells us that we are to:

*"**Study** to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing **the word of truth**." (2 Timothy 2:15)*

But, of course, this emerging faith of *Oneness*/panentheism is not about *Scripture* reading, but "*sign reading*." Hence, Sweet says:

*"[I]t is not just enough to **study and read emerging patterns**. We also are called to nudge those patterns into *shape and give form to spirit*.... Nudging is sign reading that *rewrites* the text of the sign *within the text of our lives*. Nudging is the reading of signs so that **the signs of the Spirit can be rewritten** within the sign of *our life* and the lives of those we nudge. This is what makes nudging so endlessly fascinating, difficult, and important." (emphasis added)⁶⁵*

Actually, this is what makes this emerging "faith" so *relative*. But then, a relative faith isn't wrong if it's based on the "scientific" "truth" of *Oneness* in which *everyone/everything* is a relative of *everyone/everything*, right? Hence, this is not about paying attention to God's Word of what is truth, but to *life*. And this way, as people connect the thought dots of *everyone's own "truth" of "God"*, the picture of today's "positive" new "truth" of a new "God" and "future" can

emerge as the present “reality.” But, again, to be “approved unto God” we must study and rightly divide *God’s Word of truth*. Hence, God’s Word also warns:

*“Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. **So are the paths of all that forget God**; and the hypocrite’s hope shall perish: **Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider’s web.**” (Job 8:11-14)*

Incredibly enough, for those in this emerging faith who are purposely trying to *un-know* God as they shift to today’s new “hope” of Oneness, a spider’s web is actually something to be desired. Why? Because its circles of “life” are “gluey with connections.” Again, never mind that this is to *catch and devour its prey*. Under “C is for Connectivity,” Sweet, et al., write:

“The experience of the self as a part of others—‘We are all related’—is one of the most spiritual of experiences. **Everything is related**. Nothing exists in isolation....

“The threads of a spider’s web are drawn out from within the spider’s very being. The threads in the web’s concentric circles are sticky. The threads leading to the center are smooth.

*“For the way to be made smooth to life’s only true center—Jesus the Christ—the **circles of life** must be **gluey with connections**.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁶⁶*

Sadly, their trust is indeed “a spider’s web,” just as God’s Word warns. Instead of studying and reading “the emerging patterns,” people really do need to study and read God’s Holy Scriptures before it’s too late. They can choose to read “signs” all they want but their “sign reading” will never “give form to spirit.” The “signs of the Spirit can [not] be rewritten within the sign of our life,” or of anyone else’s life for that matter. It is not *our lives* that are the key but, rather, the single life of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. This is what makes *Scripture reading*, and not only reading but *believing*, so vitally important.

When Jesus Christ of Nazareth comes in judgment, only those who *believe in Him* will be defended from His judgment. And Jesus Christ of Nazareth *Himself* is our defense, our Saviour. Today’s “sign” readers who are participating in today’s emerging “pattern” of trying to move Jesus Christ into a new universal, all-inclusive “cosmic Christ” that is in everyone/ everything will be ruing the day, *sooner than they think*, that they didn’t pay attention to the truth of God’s Word. When “the sign of the Son of man” appears in the sky, and they see that their mission to *rewrite* the signs with *their own lives* completely *failed*, they will find themselves utterly defenseless in the face of His holy wrath.

“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.... Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matthew 24:27, 29-30)

“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.” (Revelation 6:12-16)

So, as Sweet asks, “Are you ready for signs?”⁶⁷ Are you? Having spurned a reverential fear of God and His Son, the world will be so filled with fear that everyone will try to *hide*, just as Adam and Eve did when man’s fall began. Adam and Eve tried first to cover themselves with fig leaves. But when God appeared in the Garden, they became painfully aware that their chosen covering did not cover their sin. They were afraid, and thus tried to hide. (See Genesis 3:6-10.) History is about to repeat itself. But this time, in today’s culmination of man’s fall, man’s chosen covering and hiding place will be *rocks and mountains*, which will be just as futile and inadequate as fig leaves. And, by the way, so are the spun circles

of today's "web" of Oneness—whether this "web" is a "spider's" or "cosmic" or otherwise.

*"Behold the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.... None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: **they trust in vanity, and speak lies**; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, **and weave the spider's web**: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. **Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works**: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.... The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths ..." (Isaiah 59:1-2, 4-6, 8)*

No one, and this includes "the violent" who are trying to take "the kingdom of heaven" "by force" (Matthew 11:12), will ever be able to weave a suitable covering for themselves and their iniquities/sins that will grant them entrance into the presence of the holy God, the Maker of heaven and earth.

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

There is only one covering that God will accept, and that is true righteousness. His Word tells us quite plainly:

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.... thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities." (Isaiah 64:6-7)

True righteousness is only the righteousness of God Himself. And because only God Himself is God Himself and man is not ever becoming either righteous or God Himself, there is only one way to be covered with true righteousness. We must be washed clean by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And we are only washed clean by this blood if we *believe* in this same Person Who shed it.

*"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." (Isaiah 61:10)*

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." (Revelation 19:7-8)

*"**Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." (Romans 3:22-26)*

"I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker." (Job 36:3)

*"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, ... to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever**. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also, which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." (Revelation 1:5-7)*

"They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols." (Isaiah 45:16)

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

So how will you react to the sign of the Son of man? Will you stand in joy, rejoicing that you have been washed clean in His blood and covered with His righteousness? Or will you fall in terror, calling for the rocks and mountains to hide you?

Are you replacing *is* with *ever becoming*? *Salvation* is not *ever becoming universal*. When the Son of man comes, those who are on a journey trying to *become* saved won't be saved. And, yes, there is a difference. We either *are* saved or we *aren't* saved. And those who *aren't* saved are rapidly running out of time. Time is *linear*, not circular. Those who are running round and round the Wheel/circle of Oneness in a journey of "*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (2 Timothy 3:7)—and who haven't already entered eternity beforehand—will be among the many who call for the rocks and mountains to hide them. When the Son of man comes, they will instantly learn that their "eternal journey to nowhere" could not and did not save them. *The absolute truth of God is what it is*, and people had better start paying attention to *the absolute truth of God* before it's too late and they awaken in the unquenchable fire of hell. God said what He meant and meant what He said.

"... he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

"... how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matthew 23:33)

"... into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:43-44; 45-46; and see also 47-48)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:35-36)

Emergence from a cocoon of "light," a chrysalis of nonduality, as the Living Dead -- a new kind of "Second Coming" . . .

Left behind by "yesterday's" "limited God"

Michael Dowd, in his book *Thank God for Evolution*, writes that "the Bible ... in some places portray[s] God as a 'terrorist'" and "the image of God portrayed in scripture is sometimes terrifying."¹ The unwillingness of people to believe the truth of the true God and His Son will indeed cause terror, sooner or later. But, sadly, instead of repenting and believing the truth, more and more people today would rather have those of us who believe the truth join them in their unbelief. Why? So that they can then attempt to replace *is* with *ever becoming* through the "power" of aligned minds—i.e., through the "power" of *aligned unbelief*. In other words, God won't be "terrifying" if everyone refuses to believe in Him, right?

Dowd writes:

"A multitude of sacred ways of thinking about *evolution* will propel a worldwide *spiritual revival* unlike any that have come before.... I believe that the vast majority of Christians will *shed* a constricted interpretation of 'Christ's return' as a superhuman god-man descending from the clouds. They will regard that *old* way of thinking as a trivialization of a universally undeniable reality—a reality that we shall *all* participate in, whether or not we call ourselves Christian." (emphasis added)²

Sadly, many who call themselves “Christian” are indeed already shedding the “old” truth of Christ, as their new way of thinking propels them forward into the “mystery” of a “bigger” “God” and a new kind of “Christ.” But moving forward into unbelief changes *nothing* about Christ’s return. The only thing it will change is that those who have moved forward into unbelief will find themselves among all those who will be calling for the rocks and mountains to hide them. It is they who are going to wish that they had shed their unbelief when the universally undeniable reality of Who the Lord Jesus Christ is appears in the sky. Having left the truth behind in their move forward, they will find themselves left behind—a reality that they shall all participate in, whether or not they call themselves “Christian.” As Larry Norman sang in the song “I Wish We’d All Been Ready”—“There’s no time to change your mind, the Son has come and you’ve been left behind.”³

It is without question that the world is going to be in for a *terrifying* shock when the sudden judgment of the Almighty Son of God sweeps away its “positive,” “feel-good” refuge of lies. Those who do not change their mind ahead of time to *acknowledge* the truth—instead of falling for today’s *un-repentance* of the *un-acknowledging* of the truth—will suddenly find out too late that *the truth is not ever becoming but is what it is*.

“... the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.... Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.... And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” (Mark 13:24-27, 33, 37)

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.... And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with ... cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, (that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, ... And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (Revelation 6:12-13, 15-17)

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

In Neale Donald Walsch’s book *Tomorrow’s God*, the seducing spirit calling itself “God” says:

*“On your yesterdays you have believed in a limited God. On a blessed future tomorrow you will begin to believe in a limitless God, who can appear in any form ... You are in a *sleep* from which all of you will *awaken*.” (emphasis added)⁴*

Walsch then says:

“Yes, but if we awaken too late, it will be bad for us. We’ll be ‘left behind.’ We’ll be deserted by God, because we didn’t answer His call while we still had a chance.”⁵

To which the seducing spirit responds:

“That is not true.... That is the God in whom some people want you to believe, and those who want you to believe this have used Fear as their tool ...”⁶

Actually, those of us who believe in the true God are just using His Holy Scriptures, and it is His warnings in His Holy Scriptures that create the fear—as well they should. Moreover, according to His Holy Scriptures, “The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death” (Proverbs 14:27). But the warnings ever go unheeded, and people continue to fall for the wily devices of the seducing spirit world. It is those who are “awakening” to the *wrong god* of the broad way who will be *left behind* when the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, returns for those who *believe in Him* and are thus *looking for Him* (see also John 3:16; Hebrews 9:28). And as just seen in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, those who are “awakening” to the *wrong god* and to *un-knowing God* won’t simply be left behind.

So of course the seducing spirit world wants “all of you” to “awaken” to its “limitless” “God” of Oneness that is in everyone/everything. It is, after all, on a mission to take *as many people as possible* swimming with it. And no doubt it is rubbing its hands together in glee at the rapidly growing number of *possibilities* it sees—i.e., the growing number of people who, if they continue to reject the God of truth, will thus awaken at the end of this life in an eternal hell. But if the seducing spirit world for which hell was created says there’s nothing to fear, then there’s nothing to fear, right?

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels ... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” (Matthew 25:41, 46)

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, ... and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.... And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” (Revelation 20:10, 14)

Two sentences after the above quote that “those who want you to believe this have used Fear as their tool,” this seducing spirit says to Walsch:

“I tell you this: **ALL of you will awaken. It is not my plan** that some of you shall awaken and some of you shall not. What would be the good in that?...

“It is part of the process of evolution that you should awaken. It is part of the process of Life Itself.

“**Life IS the process of awakening. It is the process of Becoming.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” bold added)⁷

People can believe the diabolical lies of this emerging faith or they can believe the absolute truth of the Word of God.

“For I am the LORD, I change not; ...” (Malachi 3:6)

“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:34)

“Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.” (Job 21:14)

“Thus saith the LORD ... Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.... Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.” (Jeremiah 51:1, 6, 17-18)

“Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.... Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:20, 22)

A make-it-up-as-you-go-along “God” is not God. Those who are rejecting the knowledge of God are on a journey to a “God” that is *ever becoming* but never is. And it is without question that a journey to a “God” that never is is a journey of *freedom*—in more ways than one.

*“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in **departing from the living God**. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” (Hebrews 3:12-13)*

*“The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in **truth**.” (Psalm 145:17-18)*

For those who aren't willing to call upon the living God in *truth* but prefer instead to call on God according to *their own thoughts and ideas*, this emerging faith of Oneness “reimagines” a “Second Coming” that is “*peaceful*” and “*gentle*.” Very convenient.

To begin with, in *A New Kind of Christianity* and his chapter titled, “Can We Find a Better Way of Viewing the Future?,” Brian McLaren even writes:

“... **God and the universe are in relationship**....

“Conventional eschatologies ... tend to argue about different arrangements or lengths of the lines in the Greco-Roman narrative. That's what makes this new approach so different and difficult to label, because it dispenses with the linear approach altogether....

“Once that happens, I don't think you can ever go back. And maybe more disturbing, you'll realize that along with being taught *not* to see things that *are* there **in the biblical text**, you've been taught to see **things that aren't there at all**. We've already seen how this is the case with ‘**the Fall**,’ and when it comes to eschatology, we'll have to make a similar discovery regarding **the second coming of Christ**.” (bold & underline added)⁸

First, those in this emerging faith really should read God's inspired holy Bible instead of today's new holey versions. To name one example of many, Thomas Nelson's *The Voice* comes to mind, which of course is a holey version that McLaren himself helped “translate.” Or maybe those in this emerging faith simply need to uncover their eyes. All we have to do is open God's Word and read it to determine if today's teachings are actually in God's Word. (And, yes, sadly enough, *much* of today's teachings are *not* actually in God's Word because today's Christianity has chosen to blindly follow its leaders—more and more of whom are shifting to this emerging faith—into a ditch. Hence the urgent need for people to open God's Word and read it.)

For obvious reasons, those shifting to this emerging faith of Oneness just do not want to believe the truth of man's fallen nature. And they just do not want to believe the truth that Jesus Christ is *coming back* to judge an *unrepentant, fallen* world. But, their unbelief notwithstanding, just because some “labels” that Christianity uses—such as “the Fall” and “the second coming”—aren't in the inspired Word of God doesn't automatically mean that the *doctrine* isn't in the Word of God. But, of course, *doctrine* is anathema to those who are determined to “reimagine” an “*un-doomed*” future for everyone who is not willing to *believe the Word of God*.

Second, Jesus Himself said that people will “see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory” (Mark 13:26). But, as previously addressed, it is absurdly taught today that “*humanity*” is the “Son of Man.” This would be one of today's teachings that are not in the inspired holy Word of God. It is, however, found in *The Voice*. Again, a box inserted into Brian McLaren's “retranslated” book of “Luke” states the following:

“This phrase, ‘**Son of Man**,’ is very important in Luke's story, but scholars struggle to capture its many layers of meaning.... ‘Son of’ suggests ‘**new generation of**,’ and ‘Man’ suggests ‘**humanity**.’ **Jesus is Himself the new generation of humanity** (a second Adam, a new beginning) ...” (*The Voice*, a box inserted into “Luke” chapter 24; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁹

In addition, in *A New Kind of Christianity* after his above “discovery regarding the second coming of Christ,” McLaren continues with:

“Regarding the second coming, our best Bible scholars are largely united in realizing that the New Testament writers were **not** anticipating **the ‘end of the world’** and the destruction of the space-time universe. They were anticipating **the ‘end of the world as we know it’ and the beginning of a new spiritual-historical age** or era.” (emphasis

added)¹⁰

Sounds familiar. New Age leader Marianne Williamson also says that it is not “*the world*” that will “end” but “*history as we know it can end*”—when “[w]e find oneness,” of course.¹¹ And New Age leader Barbara Marx Hubbard likewise writes:

“**As the picture of the Jesus of our childhood dissolves**, we look into the mirror and see shining through an image of **ourselves revealed as Sons and Daughters of Man**.... We move beyond all labels and divisions of the past ...

“We are attempting to evolve ourselves to **whole-centered**, universal consciousness. We expect a radical **transformation** in our time . . . **the end of the world as we know it** today. We have to change our minds and our behavior to become aware that *we are all connected*, or we shall self-destruct.... We are co-creators of our future. Our new gospel is, ‘*We* are rising. *We* are evolving.’...”

“The problems we are facing actually drive **this evolutionary process**.... We can be born as a universal species.” (3rd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹²

According to Hubbard, this “end of the world as we know it” is the “Planetary Birth”—a new kind of “Second Coming” of a new kind of “Christ” of a new kind of “Humanity.” She writes:

“It [*The Revelation*] is written for new disciples of Christ who seek to work together for the Planetary Birth, **a peaceful Second Coming of the Christ within** and beyond—**the birth of Universal Humanity**.” (emphasis added)¹³

Of course, this way there’s nothing to fear, right? Hubbard writes that this “Second Coming”/“Planetary Birth” is what Teilhard de Chardin called the “*Christification* of the Earth”:

“Teilhard described **a continuing, evolving pattern** in the process of nature which leads to more complex *whole* systems with higher consciousness and freedom. From molecule, to cell, to animal, to human, and now to us on planet Earth . . . the process is still going on. We are approaching a time when **the whole world will link up** in one interfeeling organism.

“Teilhard called this advent ‘*Omega*,’ **the ‘Christification of the Earth.**’ Each of us, being members of the one body, will be collectively lifted up in consciousness....

“**Something new is coming.**” (1st ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴

Absurdly attempting to relate this “Christification” of man to the return of the true Christ, Hubbard writes in the next paragraph:

“‘Behold, I show you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed.**’ Is this mystical intuition of forthcoming great change **an actual evolutionary forecast?**” (emphasis added)¹⁵

She also writes:

“My intuition of something great and new coming had been affirmed.

“The meaning of our power is Universal life. **We are to become a co-creative species at one with each other, with nature, and with God.** We are to intend with all our hearts, souls, and bodies to become Universal Humans. We can reorient our great social and scientific capacities **in alignment with Christ consciousness to transform this Earth** from a place of pain and sorrow **to a Kingdom of Heaven**....

“In it [this ‘commentary on *The Revelation to John*’] the Christ voice takes over and offers us a new scenario of **a gentle Second Coming, a natural birth of ourselves as a universal species** co-creative with God.” (emphasis added)¹⁶

“In the twinkling of an eye, we are all changed by this experience. It is **a mass metanoia**, a shared spiritual experience for the human race, **a peaceful second coming of the divine in us as us.**” (bold added)¹⁷

This new kind of “Second Coming” “of the divine in us as us” is indeed just a “Second Coming” “of *ourselves*.” And this “Second Coming” is back to man’s *fall* in the Garden of Eden; man is simply coming full circle. This new kind of “Second

Coming” of “Christ” is nothing more than the “birth” of man’s own “Christification.” A “Second Coming”/“birth” in which man thinks that man can be his own way to God as his own “Christ” (“Messiah”) and choose for himself what is truth and falsehood, right and wrong, good and evil. Barbara Marx Hubbard writes:

“In each person on Earth there is **an inner being in a chrysalis**, ready to be born.... It is growing rapidly now. **The signal for its birth en masse** is the gathering of the attracted people by the sound of **the voice of God—the ‘trumpet’ that shall surely sound**. Then we shall surely be changed, in the twinkling of an eye.

“At that Quantum Instant, **Christ-consciousness will emerge at once in many who are prepared**, transcending self-consciousness just as self-consciousness transcended animal consciousness, and animal consciousness transcended single-cellular consciousness.” (emphasis added, except italics to *en masse*)¹⁸

This (r)evolutionary transformation of “transcending self-consciousness” in order to emerge with “*Christ-consciousness*” (the “higher consciousness and freedom” of *wholeness*) is everything *but* the “Second Coming” of *Christ*. It will, however, unarguably transform the true Lord Jesus Christ’s coming into a *terrifying* experience for those who are participating in this transformation.

In *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, in which Leonard Sweet writes that people are “to **study and read emerging patterns**”¹⁹ because “Jesus comes to us *from the future*, and ... [y]ou see best the emerging patterns by your *Peripheral Vision*,”²⁰ Sweet also writes that people are to thus “**pay attention to the variety of signs and signals God gives us** about what God’s up to and what’s up ahead.”²¹ And, likewise, Barbara Marx Hubbard writes that “**God’s communication signals are intensified to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.**”²² So just be sure to pay attention if you want to participate in this transformation. Since this is about “awakening” to an emerging “God” of Oneness that is in *everyone and everything*, there’s clearly no need to worry about *seducing* “signs” and “signals” from a *profane spirit world* that might be on a mission to take humanity swimming with it. Rather, this is simply about paying attention to the emerging “pattern” of *self-organization*, or *self-regulation*. Or should we say the pattern in which “ye shall be *as gods*”? But then, this is just the “higher consciousness and freedom” of *wholeness*, right? Indeed. And this is the (r)evolutionary transformation of the emerging “*Christ-consciousness*.” Michael Dowd writes:

“Humanity is poised at the cusp of **a great transformation**. As we **awaken to the nature of the larger Creative Reality** that is our *source* and sustenance, we also awaken to our own fabulous—and frightening—powers **to set the future course**, ...

“It is only by coming to know and **align with these patterns** and principles that our kind will not merely persist into the future but do so with gusto and grace.” (emphasis added)²³

“Creation is **a self-organizing**, nested, **emergent process of** divine creativity—**creative wholes** that are part of larger creative *wholes* **within still larger wholes**.” (emphasis added)²⁴

And Leonard Sweet writes:

“Your life and your community are living organisms: That word *organism* means they are by definition **self-organizing**, complex, adaptive, **self-regulating** systems. An organic system **makes it up as it goes along**.” (emphasis added)²⁵

“[F]aith is **the creative movement of self-organizing processes** that are better understood as *verbs* than as *nouns*.

“Faith is the state of excitation of a set of **metanoia-inducing**, space-pervading fields--a consuming-fire **transformation of consciousness** that reorients one’s ambitions, motives, presumptions, and energies.... In a metanoized self, a pilot light becomes a consuming flame. Theologian/feminist Sharon Welch describes it as a ‘epistemic *shift*’ of consciousness. Metanoia totally transforms one’s life. It **totally transforms the course of history**....

“Faith is the **synergy** of the most powerful united fields in the universe--reason and emotion, **mind and body**, ... **spirit and matter**, spiritual and physical senses--working together **to form Christ consciousness** experiences. Faith **makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves** and heals **all discursive dualisms** (one of the *worst* of which was ‘*sacred*’ and ‘*profane*’), all *disastrous* separations that *threaten our existence*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁶

And to sum up this “radical transformation in our time” which is “the end of the world as we know it,”²⁷ Barbara Marx Hubbard and the false “Christ” that channeled its teachings through her write:

“We are discovering **the pattern of self-organization**, which is based on co-operation. Humans working together **to overcome limits** establish the pattern from which the co-creative human emerges. We do not emerge in isolation amidst self-centered patterns. We emerge in unison among **whole-centered, synergizing patterns** of co-operation....

“We are at **the stage of proto-Christ, just before the flowering of the new pattern**: co-creative humans co-operating with other co-creative humans to co-evolve a new Earth ... The self-transcenders are self-electing, volunteering for the new tasks, finding each other, preparing themselves for the Quantum Transformation—the great period of *selection* when the self-transcenders will transcend and the non-transcenders will descend, devolve, and die to this particular planetary experience. Self-centered beings *cannot survive* in a synergistic world.

“At moments of Quantum Transformation, when a system is preparing to ‘leap’ from one order to the new order, God’s communication signals are intensified to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

“We are in such a period now.” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)²⁸

“The transformation is about to begin....

“Be aware they [‘your bodies’] are composed of energy and information in *motion*. The appearance of solid flesh is an abstraction produced by your animal senses, suitable for the phase of evolution now passing. The disappearance of solid flesh occurs through a slight change in the frequency at which atoms vibrate. Have you seen water become steam? Have you seen water become ice? So will you see water become as burning glass. Your body is made up largely of water. The water in you will change to resonate with **the sound vibrations of the ‘trumpet,’ or voice, or signal of the God-force**, which is **directed intentionally upon you.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹

That’s right, it is “the sound vibrations” of the “voice, or signal of the God-force” that are behind this “transformation”/“birth”/emergence. It simply cannot be overstated that *even people in today’s shifting Christianity are as primed and readied as it gets* to fall for the *culmination of the serpent’s “Plan.”* And in no way, shape, or form will its “voice, or signal of the God-force” ever be the trumpet that will sound when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back. Rather, this counterfeit “trumpet” is simply the “voice”/“signal” behind a new kind of “Second Coming” that is the so-called “Quantum Transformation” of this New Quantum Spirituality/emerging faith. And this is a transformation in which those who are falling for the seducing spirit world’s “open system” of Oneness/panentheism are being prepared to make that *final “leap”* out of the “closed system,” or “box,” of God’s Word of absolute truth. Sadly, yes, “[w]e are in such a period *now.*” The “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of the serpent’s seducing spirit world have indeed intensified to those “who have eyes to see and ears to hear” its lies. *Many* are being prepared for “the great period of selection,” which is the previously addressed “selection process.” And, yes, “signals” are key to its success. (More on this shortly.)

So why does this emerging faith teach that the so-called “self-centered”—i.e., those who refuse to “transcend” *truth and falsehood, right and wrong*, in order to become “whole-centered”—“cannot survive in a synergistic world”? Because we will soon not be allowed to. We will soon *literally* be given the choice to “Change or Die”³⁰—as Sweet, McLaren, et al., and even many other leaders of this emerging faith, have already put it. In other words, as also put by Sweet and Viola: “Those who insist on flying life *solo* will be brought to earth with a crash.”³¹ And by Blavatsky: “Everyone fanatically clinging to an idea *isolating him* from the universal axiom--‘There is no Religion higher than Truth’--will find himself separated like a rotten plank from the new *ark* called *Humanity*.”³²

But then, “the great period of selection” will all be for “the good of the whole,” right? After all, the world will need every *individual’s* participation in “transcending” the truth of God’s Word in order to be “*at one with each other, with nature, and with God*”—a Oneness that is to give this whole new kind of Humanity the “synergistic” power to save the world from “doom” . . .

In *A Is for Abductive: The Language of the Emerging Church*, when Sweet, McLaren, and Haselmayer write that “[t]he threads of a *spider’s web* are drawn out from *within the spider’s very being*,” they also write here under “C is for Connectivity” that:

“The experience of the self as a part of others—‘We are all related’—is one of the most spiritual of experiences. Everything is related. Nothing exists in isolation....

“For the way to be made smooth to life’s only true center—Jesus the Christ—the **circles of life must be gluey with connections.** In the word **consciousness** is hidden **this mystery of connectivity:** To be conscious means to ‘know with’ (*sei + con*). Christian leaders must increasingly remind people of what a *wise* Midwestern pastor repeatedly *wakes up* his congregation with: ‘*Individual* Christian, the Bible takes no notice of you.’” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³³

And which “Bible” would that be? It certainly isn’t a Bible that includes the book of Revelation. God chose to write that book through John, an *individual* Christian who was an exiled prisoner on the island of Patmos. (But, of course, Revelation is a book that people today would rather forget. It is, after all, about *the end of the world*, not the “end of the world *as we know it*.”) And don’t forget the meaning of the word “*thou*.” Again, *thou*, as well as *thee*, *thy*, and *thine*, are all a “singular” “*you*,” whereas “[t]he forms *you* and *ye*, on the other hand, were at one time reserved for *plural* uses.”³⁴ The suffixes *-eth* and *-est* are also “singular.”³⁵ And as people are *well aware*, the “old” “outdated” Holy Scriptures (known as the King James Bible) just so happens to be filled with all these singular forms. Yes, God’s Word does indeed take notice of the “Individual Christian.” These “outdated” words and suffixes set forth *precious promises* from God to every *individual* (or *singular*) believer.

It is the new versions (*new for a reason*) that have chosen to delete these words in order to bring themselves *up to date*—or should we say in order to *align*?—with *today’s way of thinking* that increasingly take no notice of the “*Individual* Christian.” After all, today’s way of thinking has been shifting to *Oneness/wholeness*. And since today’s new versions are *purposely* trying to keep themselves *up to date* with *today’s way of thinking*—for “greater understanding” of course—people can thus be kept *moving forward* with *today’s way of thinking and understanding*. Hence, the never-ending *changes* in today’s never-ending *new versions* are not at all surprising.^M This is indeed a “*sea change*” (in more ways than one). It is no wonder that this emerging faith of *Oneness* and its new way of thinking is sweeping into Christianity like a flood—a *tidal wave* to be exact. But it’s all “in the Bible,” right? Not in God’s “outdated” *inspired* Holy Scriptures it isn’t. But these new “Bible versions” are “*easier to understand*” is the outcry. *Of course they are!* Why

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There are literally *thousands of changes* that the *many* new versions have made, and they are quite eye-opening, to say the least. But then, isn’t *change* what people today *want*? These changes in the Old Testament and New Testament, which go *far beyond* simply removing “Old English” and enter into “*playing*” with *the very nature of God and His Son*, are easily seen by simply comparing the new versions to the Authorized King James Bible. (And this isn’t just the more *blatantly off* versions such as *The Message* and *The Voice*, these changes are also seen in the popular *English Standard* and all the way through to versions such as the *New American Standard* and *New King James*.) But then, it is *the very nature of God and His Son* that is now seen by people as *irrelevant* and in need of being brought “*up to date*” with *today’s way of thinking*. So why would they be concerned if their new version of God’s truth is already beginning to “*rethink*” a new version of God for them? Besides, isn’t an *un-sharp sword* also what people today *want*? After all, a sharp sword doesn’t just *divide truth and falsehood, right and wrong*, which is anathema in today’s *Oneness* way of thinking, it also *discerns “the thoughts and intents of the heart”*—“*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (Hebrews 4:12).

Of course, in the shift to *Oneness* there is no need for the Word of God’s sharp division between *truth and falsehood, right and wrong*, nor any need for its discernment of “*the heart*.” What difference does it all make in this new kind of eternal scheme of things in which everyone and everything are already “*One with God*”? In fact, with this *Oneness*, there is clearly *no need for any armor whatsoever*. It thus becomes irrelevant that *new swords* that are *not sharp* are not the best *protection* against an adversary who is “*seeking whom he may devour*” (1 Peter 5:8) . . . “*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, . . . and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*” (Ephesians 6:11-14, 17).

Now think about this. Basically, *today’s new armor* that is Christianity’s defense against *today’s new way of thinking* is today’s “*new Bible versions*” that are continually and *purposely* being “updated” according to *today’s new way of thinking*. And the unsuspecting readers of these versions have *no clue* as to what has been changed and what hasn’t, unless they compare it to what people are being led to “*resent*” as God’s “outdated” Holy Scriptures. And then throw in *today’s new way of thinking* that is *praising* the existence of today’s many “*new Bible versions*” because *together their differences* help give a “*bigger picture*” of the “*meaning*” of the truth of God’s Word . . . Does anyone see a problem with any of this?? Those who do need to carefully ask yourselves this question as if your soul depended on it -- now that we are entering into the time of *the strongest delusion in man’s history*, “How sharp is your sword?”

wouldn't versions that are written according to today's understanding be easier to understand?! Think about it.

At any rate, along with the above quote that "the *circles of life* must be *gluey* with connections" and "[i]n the word *consciousness* is hidden this *mystery* of connectivity," Sweet, McLaren, and Haselmayer also write in this same book (and keep in mind that Sweet and McLaren are two of today's "Bible translators"):

"The postmodern **consciousness** involves a **sea change** in human cognition. Postmoderns are beginning to **think in brand new ways** that are creating new *creative* experiences. How we experience **meaning** and how we evaluate life are undergoing a **cognitive metamorphosis**." (emphasis added)³⁶

Indeed. It is also in this same book that they write of "postmodern subscription to *incarnational* theology: *God* is to be found in *both spirit and matter* (no matter how *strange*)."³⁷ This is the "consciousness" that glues and "heals"—or connects—all opposites/dualities. And, obviously, a "consciousness" that "reimagines" *God* in *everyone and everything* is a "consciousness" in which everyone and everything automatically become *their own way to God*. And, therefore, this "consciousness" is a "*Christ* consciousness" (or "*Messiah*" "consciousness"). This is why today's shift from "*self-centered*" to "*whole-centered*" is a shift from the so-called "*selfish*" salvation of the believing *individual* to the emerging *universal* "salvation" of *the whole*.

Again, this "consciousness" that is the "mystery" of "connectivity" is nothing more than a mindset of spiritual harlotry. And it is this "consciousness," which is *connecting all opposites/dualities*, that is a cocoon of "*light*," or chrysalis of *nonduality*, from which a new "Universal Humanity" is to emerge in a new kind of "Second Coming." As Hubbard puts it, this is "the Planetary Birth, a peaceful Second Coming of *the Christ within* and beyond—the birth of Universal Humanity."³⁸

"In each person on Earth **there is an inner being in a chrysalis, ready to be born**.... It is growing rapidly now. The signal for its birth *en masse* is the gathering of the attracted people by the sound of the voice of God ... Then we shall surely be changed, in the twinkling of an eye." (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)³⁹

"The Book of Revelation ... is not inevitable....

"**If enough of you act for the good of the whole**, right now, **the Christ within each person will be born**. The world will be changed, in a twinkling of an eye....

"The Planetary Birth can be a natural, graceful, planetary transition....

"There is still time to make this a gentle rather than a violent birth....

"You are heirs of God on Earth who **have faith to go the Whole Way**, who have the genius to attract others with **the good news**, that they are born into a universe **of infinite possibilities** ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁴⁰

These "infinite possibilities" come from "reimagining" a "God" and "Christ" in *everyone and everything*, which of course automatically connects all opposites/dualities. These "*infinite possibilities*" of this "good news" of Oneness is diabolical genius. After all, for a "Planetary Birth" there needs to be "Planetary" *conceptions*. And people are not only *conceiving* their own "truth" of "God" left and right, they are also cooperatively learning to "Just Say 'Yes!'" to everyone else's own "truth" of "God." They are quite cooperatively learning to "have faith to go the Whole Way" in this "good news" of "*infinite possibilities*." Again, this ultimate lady of the night that has "faith" to choose *Oneness with everyone and everything* is not being prepared for *Christ's* coming, but for the diabolical coming of the *Antichrist*. The bride of *Christ* is "a chaste *virgin*," *sanctified* and *cleansed* "with the washing of water by the word," "glorious," "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing," but "*holy* and without blemish" (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:26-27). The *virgin bride of Christ*, who does *not* value "all relationship" as "*holy*," is the *antithesis* of the emerging harlot of the *Antichrist*—a harlot that is ever becoming more *profane* as she continues to move forward in her all-encompassing Oneness of "the Whole Way."

Incidentally, Dowd absurdly writes that this is "reincarnating *Christ-like values* at all levels of society" and is "the only hope I see for ushering in God's Kingdom 'on Earth as it is in Heaven,'" and he then writes:

“Surely, **the ‘second coming of Christ’** cannot mean less than this....

“Speaking mythically (in *night* language), if *Christ* can be seen as the embodiment of Divine *Integrity*, **the incarnation of ‘The Only Way to Wholeness,’** then individuals and organizations that use their power to promote fear, hatred, conformity, dishonesty, control, and irresponsibility can be said to be doing the work of the *AntiChrist*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴¹

This emerging faith flips *everything* upside down. But then, since the “Christ” of this emerging faith of Oneness *is/is in everyone and everything*, it is to be expected that teaching Jesus Christ of Nazareth as the only way to God and heaven will inevitably be seen as “doing the work of the *AntiChrist*.” After all, *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is *not* this emerging faith’s “Christ” of *Oneness/wholeness*. And it is this emerging “Christ” of *Oneness/wholeness* that people today *want*. The Word of God is just too sharply “closed” for today’s emerging faith of a *universal* “salvation” of a “*Universal Humanity*” that is “*at one with each other, with nature, and with God.*” And, sadly, those in this emerging faith are hell-bent on “transcending” (bypassing) Jesus Christ of Nazareth in order to heed the “signals” of a “God” in everyone and everything. Hubbard writes in *The Revelation*:

“**We are not in a closed system.**” (emphasis added)⁴²

“We do not emerge in *isolation* amidst *self-centered* patterns. We **emerge in unison among whole-centered**, synergizing patterns of co-operation....

“[W]hen a system is preparing to ‘leap’ from one order to the new order, **God’s communication signals are intensified to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.**” (emphasis added)⁴³

“**This alignment** of the elect creates a magnetic field conducive to attunement with the will of God, which emanates from the ‘throne’—**the Seat of the God-force that exists at the core of all being.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁴

And Sweet writes in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*:

“**Only the breath of God can neutralize the closed system of death**, also known as the second law of thermodynamics, with the open system of life and the theodynamics of grace....

“**Evangelists nudge people to take deep breaths.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁵

“**[T]he incarnation** goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells **all that exists.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁶

“In **limiting God’s voice to certain ‘sanctified’ media**, we betray the **dualistic tendencies** we’ve inherited in our Western tradition....

“You can’t separate the secular and the sacred; **you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane.** The doctrine of **the incarnation ... won’t allow it.**” (emphasis added)⁴⁷

“This book is your wireless card to **pick up the signals of transcendence, the immanent transcendent, ...**” (emphasis added)⁴⁸

So what is “**the closed system of death**” that is to be neutralized with the “breath” of “God”? A “closed system” in “thermodynamics” has been defined as “[a] system which is isolated so that it cannot exchange matter or energy with its surroundings.”⁴⁹ And, of course, those in the emerging faith of Oneness are determined not to lose any information from “all that exists.” They need this information for their reformation. A “closed system” is also defined as “a *complete* and seemingly *unchangeable* set of doctrines, ideas, or things; a self-contained system that is *unaffected* by outside influences.”⁵⁰ And this brings us to “the second law of thermodynamics” which “says that *entropy* always increases with time.”⁵¹ Along with being a “**lack of pattern**,” *entropy* is also “a measure of **the loss of information in a transmitted signal** or message.”⁵²

So just “open your mind,” “tune” in to the “signals” of the “God” (or “God-force”) that is imagined to be in all that exists “at the core of all being,” and “transcend” the truth and faith of God given to us by God in the Word of God. Why? So that you can leave the “limited God” behind . . .

“Paradigm change ... a sudden shift of pattern, a spiral, and sometimes a cataclysm”

Barbara Marx Hubbard has endorsed a 2005 book titled *The Translucent Revolution: How People Just Like You Are WAKING UP and CHANGING the World*, written by Arjuna Ardagh who has won “critical acclaim from many of today’s most eminent authorities on the *transformation of consciousness*.”¹ *The Translucent Revolution* “was a national bestseller, and was featured in ‘O’ Magazine as well as on radio, TV and print media.”² Ardagh, “an *awakening coach*,” “began to practice meditation and yoga” and “trained as a meditation teacher” as a teen, and then later followed “the call he felt inside him” and “studied with a number of the world’s greatest spiritual teachers, in India, Europe and the U.S.”³ In his journey, Ardagh inevitably “found” “a *limitless presence*,” was asked by a guru in India “to return to the West to ‘share this *secret* with his friends,’” and has since been “traveling, both in the U.S. and Europe” “facilitating this kind of *shift*.”⁴ Not surprisingly, Ardagh “has experienced that the shift is becoming progressively easier for ordinary people” and has also “met with many other teachers and writers who have come to the same discovery.”⁵ (This is because the diabolical “signals” are being intensified for a *reason* . . .) Incidentally, Ardagh also has a 2007 book titled *Awakening into Oneness* “about the Oneness University in India” and a 2008 book titled *Leap Before You Look*.⁶ And, of course, the “Oneness University in India” is the same University that Sweet and Wagner tell their readers to “Check out” for “signs of spiritual revival” of “a Global Generic Spirituality (GGS) great awakening”⁷ in their 2011 book *The Seraph Seal*.

In her endorsement, part of which is featured on the back cover, Hubbard states:

“Arjuna has given us the most comprehensive, elegant, and vital guide to the current stage of human transformation that I have read since Marilyn Ferguson’s *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. It is must reading for all of us working toward a more positive future.”⁸

On the back cover of *The Translucent Revolution*, the description reads:

“A radical change is occurring in our collective consciousness today. More and more of us all over the world are **awakening** and experiencing what Arjuna Ardagh calls ‘translucence’—a **deeper presence** and purpose, ...

“*The Translucent Revolution* is a ... blend of observations, stories, research, and in-depth interviews with many of the pioneers of human consciousness and spirituality, including Eckhart Tolle, ... Jean Houston, Neale Donald Walsch, ... and many others....

“Exercises throughout the book help us **to transform the way we see the world** ...” (bold added)⁹

Each of these transforming exercises scattered throughout the book are called a “**NUDGE**.” (A term that is used nearly a hundred times in this book.) And, again, Ardagh is “an *awakening coach*.” Sounds familiar. And given that the nature of today’s “Awakening” is “to the God Who’s Already There,” as Sweet puts it in *Nudge*, it is to be expected that Ardagh’s “translucence” is “*awakening*” to “a *deeper presence* ...”¹⁰ After asking several questions, the last one being, “How can we *nudge* our lives in the direction of translucence?,” Ardagh then says, “Let’s meet the modern *mystic*.”¹¹ This then brings us back to the purpose, which, of course, is to “wake up” as “one humanity”:

“So how could we best prepare ourselves for a **quantum leap in collective consciousness**, in which we learn, just in the nick of time, to **wake up** and live **as one humanity**? By living translucently.” (Arjuna Ardagh; emphasis added)¹²

In his chapter “**The Wisdom of Not Knowing**: Translucent Education,” Ardagh refers to CIIS (the California Institute for Integral Studies) and writes that its president Joseph Subbiondo says the following about its “integral vision”:

“It is a vision that seeks to **integrate opposites**: ‘There is a **middle path**—it’s **not either/or**. We are interested in *moving away from dualism* ...’” (emphasis added)¹³

Its “integral vision,” which also includes the “*holistic*” “integration of mind, body, and spirit,” thus puts “a great value

on inner life,” or “*meditation*.”¹⁴ Ardagh, who refers to this “integral vision” as a “highly translucent vision,”¹⁵ also writes:

“Artistic honesty walks **right down the middle** of the tightrope, without leaning too far one way or the other. It discovers a humor and a stillness in the midst **of the chaos of opposites**.” (emphasis added)¹⁶

The Foreword to *The Translucent Revolution* is written by New Age leader Ken Wilber. (When reading the following, keep in mind that Wilber is one of the New Age leaders whom Sweet includes in his list of “personal role models”/“heroes”/“teachers”¹⁷—which will be addressed shortly.) Wilber, the founder of the Integral Institute, is praised as “the world’s leading ‘integral’ philosopher” and “the ‘Einstein of consciousness.’”¹⁸ The website for his Institute states that “Integral theory is an *all-inclusive* framework” and “[t]he awareness gained from drawing on *all truths and perspectives* allows the Integral thinker to bring new *depth* ... from unlocking individual potential to finding new approaches to global-scale problems.”¹⁹ In his Foreword to Ardagh’s book, Wilber writes that “[t]here are many different states of consciousness,” including a “**non-dual (unity)**” state,²⁰ and that:

“[T]he type of world that you perceive depends in large measure on the state of consciousness you are in. Different states not only perceive different worlds, they bring them forth, they co-create them ... **Change your consciousness and you change your world**....

“In addition to *states* of consciousness, there are *stages* of consciousness. What’s the difference? States are *temporary*, stages are *permanent*.... Stages are the way that **evolution catapults over chaos** and into increasing spheres of organization and inclusion. A simple, typical example: atoms to molecules to cells to organisms. Each of those is a stage, and each stage transcends and includes its predecessor, so that evolution is indeed a series of nested spheres or *holons* — **wholes that are parts of larger wholes, indefinitely it seems**....

“[T]here is thus **greater and greater wholeness and inclusion** in each stage ...” (bold & underline added)²¹

“[T]he more you are dunked into altered or nonordinary or meditative states, the more quickly you actually move through any stage sequence ... In other words, if you take up **meditation**, for example, which **repeatedly exposes you to awakened states**, ... *you will move through those stages at a profoundly accelerated rate*....

“So what does that mean? Very simply, **the more you are dunked, or simply nudged, into awakened states, the more translucent you will become**.” (bold & underline added)²²

Wilber ends his Foreword with “the *secret*” “that you can indeed begin to change the world by changing your deepest consciousness,” as then “the translucent revolution will reach ignition in the only place it could possibly ever begin: with the one and only Spirit” who he then blasphemously says is:

“you ... **a you that goes out of you and into infinity, with a wink wink, nudge nudge, if you get my evolutionary drift, with waves** and streams, and waking and dreams, **rushing to the ever-present ocean of I AMness**.” (bold & underline added)²³

Incidentally, Wilber also says that “reborn Christians” are “fascists” who are “still at an ethnocentric stage, and, bless them, think that Jesus is the one and only way.”²⁴ Those in this emerging faith just don’t see the need to believe that Jesus is indeed the one and only way to God. Why would they? As Sweet himself writes in **Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There**, “the incarnation goes *all the way down*, and the Spirit indwells *all that exists*.”²⁵ With a “Spirit” that “*already*” “indwells *all that exists*,” believing in Jesus is rendered irrelevant . . .

Ardagh’s book *Awakening into Oneness* states on its back cover regarding “the Oneness Blessing”:

“Writes author Arjuna Ardagh: ‘The Blessing can precipitate a shift toward a completely different state of consciousness, where the sense of ‘**me**’ as a **separate entity dissolves**. **What remains is** a simple and direct realization of **Oneness**, unclouded by the conceptual mind ...’” (emphasis added)²⁶

And in *The Translucent Revolution*, Ardagh writes:

“**Nudging** is not for the ‘me’ but rather **a way to loosen and melt this sense of separate ‘me’** so that inherent translucence can glow more brightly.

“Most nudging is best done with *co-conspirators*.” (emphasis added)²⁷

Sadly, today’s “co-conspirators” just don’t see the need to *believe the truth of God’s Word*. But, again, why would they? After all, this emerging faith of Oneness/nonduality changes everything, right? Sweet writes:

“Christ is in the Church in the same way as the sun is before our eyes. We see the same sun as our fathers saw, and yet *we understand it in a much more magnificent way*.” (Leonard Sweet quoting Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who is known as the “Father” of the New Age Movement; emphasis added)²⁸

This quote is from Sweet’s book *AquaChurch 2.0*, and in Marilyn Ferguson’s book *The Aquarian Conspiracy*—which is known as a “New Age Bible” (e.g., even *The New York Times* writes that “‘The Aquarian Conspiracy’ became a bible of the New Age movement”²⁹)—she said this of Teilhard de Chardin:

“Teilhard prophesied the phenomenon central to this book: a conspiracy of men and women whose new perspective would trigger a critical contagion of change.”³⁰

Ferguson also sent out questionnaires “to check out my own assessment of the conspiracy and the views of its adherents,”³¹ and wrote that “[w]hen respondents were asked to name individuals whose ideas had influenced them,” the one “most often named” was “Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.”³² And, of course, Teilhard de Chardin is described by Leonard Sweet as “Twentieth-century Christianity’s major voice.”³³ Barbara Marx Hubbard, who, along with Sweet, is a “futurist,” describes Teilhard de Chardin as “a spiritual godfather of conscious evolution.”³⁴

In *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, and under the heading “Holism and Systems Theory,” Ferguson wrote:

“The Greek prefix **syn** (**‘together with’**), as in **synthesis, synergy, syntropy**, becomes increasingly meaningful. **When things come together something new happens**. In relationship there is novelty, creativity, richer complexity....

“Wholeness, [Jan] Smuts said [‘in *Holism and Evolution*’], is a fundamental characteristic of the universe ... ‘Holism is self-creative, and its final structures are *more* holistic than its initial structures.’ **These wholes** — in effect, **these unions** — **are dynamic, evolutionary, creative**. They thrust toward **ever-higher** orders of complexity and integration. ‘Evolution,’ Smuts said, ‘has an ever deepening, inward spiritual character.’

“[M]odern science has verified the quality of **whole-making**, the characteristic of nature to put things together in an ever-more synergistic, meaningful pattern....

“**Relationship is everything**.” (parentheses in the original; bold & underline added)³⁵

After writing that “scientist-priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin urged a ‘conspiracy of love,’” Ferguson wrote:

“**Conspire**, in its literal sense, means **‘to breathe together**.’ It is **an intimate joining**.” (emphasis added)³⁶

First, as Hubbard (who includes *The Aquarian Conspiracy* in her list of recommended books that support “Conscious Evolution”³⁷) also writes:

“We always desired to know God. **Now we live and breathe in God** as a continual state of co-knowing, co-creating, **co-existing** with the whole universal creation.” (emphasis added)³⁸

“The period of separate sects and dogmas gives way to the period of co-creative consciousness when **everyone is attuning to the same pattern** ...

“**Churches, mosques, temples, and spiritual centers of all kinds** have been preservers of the new seed of *the future human*. They **shall all be honored** ...” (emphasis added)³⁹

And, second, as Sweet likewise writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“New Light embodiment means to be ‘in *connection*’ and ‘**in-formation**’ with **other faiths**.” (emphasis added)⁴⁰

“God imparts truths that breathe and thoughts that burn **within the totality of experience**.” (emphasis added)⁴¹

“This book is nothing more than an attempt to **let this one word breathe--spirituality**.” (emphasis added)⁴²

“Spirituality refers first of all to the universal gift of **aliveness that exists within all religions** and outside of religions. It breathes out the air that ‘inspires.’ Those who have been in-spired with aliveness by the kiss of God will ‘con-spire’ to kiss others into coming alive to the spiritual dimensions of existence. ‘In-spire’ means to breathe in. ‘**Con-spire**’ means **to breathe together**. ‘Conspiracy’ enters by the same door as ‘spirituality.’... **The New Light movement begins as a fresh air conspiracy of ‘aliveness.’**...

“For too long the church has warned its members, ‘Don’t breathe in,’ highlighting the dangers of aliveness.” (emphasis added)⁴³

In other words, this is a “conspiracy” to bring people together to “breathe in” the “aliveness” “within all religions.” Why? Because “[o]nly the *breath of God* can neutralize the *closed system of death*,” and therefore “[e]vangelists *nudge* people to take *deep breaths*,”⁴⁴ as Sweet writes in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*. And therefore the “old” light is being replaced with the new “light.” In *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, Ferguson wrote of “the ‘new light’” as well. In the context of writing that an “*awakening*” begins with “individuals” and “results in the *shift* of the whole worldview of a culture,”⁴⁵ she wrote:

“Periodically, according to [Anthony C.W.] Wallace, the people in a given culture find that they can no longer travel its ‘mazes,’ the orienting patterns and paths that have guided their predecessors. **The ‘old lights’ or customary beliefs do not fit current experience**. Nothing is working because the *solutions* lie *outside* the accepted patterns of thought....

“As controversy grows, **the traditionalists** or ‘nativists,’ those who have most at stake in the old culture or **who are most rigid in their beliefs, try to summon the people back to the ‘old lights.’**... Eventually, however, as [William] McLoughlin described it, ‘accumulated pressures for change produce such acute personal and social stress that the whole culture must break the crust of custom, crash through the blocks in the mazes, and find new socially structured avenues.’

“Then **the ‘new light’ is the consensus**; it is first expressed in the more flexible members of the society who are willing to experiment with new mazes or new lifestyles....

“Our present cultural transformation alarms conservatives and liberals alike **with its radical new premises**....

“Someone is always trying to summon us back to a dead allegiance: Back to God, the simple-minded religion of an earlier day.” (emphasis added)⁴⁶

Sounds familiar. Sweet likewise writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“Today’s Old Lights are the valedictorians of culture, their lives an elegy for an expiring or moribund mental world. Protecting the old from the new, the forces of order from the irruptions of the Spirit, Old Lights come in both fundamentalist and New Age varieties. They are known by their almost despairing end-of-an-era exercises in hand wringing, nail biting, whistleblowing, red flag waving.... **Their response to change is narrow** and dogmatic. **Their moral panic would return us to ancient beliefs** ... That is why **the Old Light vision of the future is rigid with old stuff** ...

“Old Lights are revivalists of the old.... Old Lights include the resurgent **fundamentalists** in every religion who put a freeze on history and fortify their adherents **against the ‘new dark age’** in which they are forced to live. **‘Back to the Bible,’ Old Lights shout**; ‘back to the Koran,’ Old Lights thunder.” (emphasis added)⁴⁷

And, of course, Sweet, McLaren, and Haselmayer write in *A Is for Abductive: The Language of the Emerging Church*:

“T is for Theologians ...

“[O]ur current systematic theologies ... seem pretty maxed out, used up, run down, and boxed in....

“[M]odern systematic theologies will someday remind us of a bygone modern Christian rationalism that quaintly (or

arrogantly) believed it was encoding the *absolute* and universal truth *for all time* in its fine print and footnotes.

“What **new theologies will emerge** to replace modern theologies, both liberal and conservative? No one knows. But this is almost certain: ... **postmodern theology** will instead seek to restore a sense of **the whole**....

“**And it will be done by a new breed of theologians who work together in a new way.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

It is in this same book that Sweet, et al., contrast “the foundationalist world” to “the *post-foundationalist postmodern world*” in which everyone is supposedly “‘better off’ **repudiating foundationalism**.”⁴⁹ Of course, there is *no other way* to achieve Oneness than by “*repudiating foundationalism*.” *Repudiate* -- “a casting off;” “to reject, refuse;”⁵⁰ “deny the validity or authority of;” “to deny the truth of;” “to refuse to acknowledge.”⁵¹ *Foundation* -- “the *fundamental* principle on which something is founded.”⁵² *Fundamental* -- “of or forming a foundation;” “basic;” “most important;” “*essential*.”⁵³ Today’s “new breed of theologians” shouldn’t be too quick to congratulate themselves on their successful “conspiracy” to turn those in today’s Christianity away from the “old” light to today’s new “light.”

First, Charles Spurgeon warned:

“A great inventor is to make bread without flour, and he is preparing the plan of a house which is to have no foundations. Wonderful! Isn’t it?... When this comes about, we shall still be found sticking to the unchanged and unchangeable Word of God. There will be no new God, nor a new devil, and we shall never have a new Savior, nor a new atonement: why should we then be either attracted or alarmed by the error and nonsense which everywhere plead for a hearing because they are new? What is their newness to us; we are not children, nor frequenters of playhouses? Truly, to such a new toy or a new play has immense attractions, but *men* care less about the age of a thing than about its intrinsic value. **To suppose that theology can be new is to imagine that the Lord himself is of yesterday.** A doctrine which is said to have lately become true must of necessity be a lie. Falsehood has no beard, but truth is hoary with an age immeasurable. The old gospel is the only gospel. Pity is our only feeling towards those young preachers who cry, ‘See my new theology,’ in just the same spirit as little Mary says, ‘See my pretty new frock.’” (bold added)⁵⁴

Second, that it is the “Old Lights” that “shout” “Back to the Bible” clearly *speaks volumes* about the “New Lights”! And, of course, Sweet writes that the “Old Lights,” who are trying to get people “Back to the Bible,” “include the resurgent *fundamentalists*.”⁵⁵ Once again, not only is a *foundation* “the *fundamental* principle on which something is *founded*,”⁵⁶ *fundamental* means “*essential*.”⁵⁷ And, yet, there is a growing number of people in today’s shifting Christianity who are choosing to openly criticize “*fundamentalist*” Christians. In other words, these people are simply choosing to openly criticize *believing what is essential*. Sorry, but this *speaks volumes* about *those who are doing the criticizing*.

“**Woe** unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **Woe** unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!... they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.” (Isaiah 5:20-21, 23-24)

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)

By the way, included in the definition of *repudiate* is “[t]o cast away; to reject; to discard.”⁵⁸ And this isn’t just about casting away the foundations of the *written* Word of God. God’s Word also tells us that our *foundation* is Jesus Christ, and along with “to *deny the truth of*,” *repudiate* also means “divorce.”⁵⁹ So, no, today’s “new breed of theologians” shouldn’t be too quick to congratulate themselves on their success.

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.” (Isaiah 28:16; see also 1 Peter 2:5-8)

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)

The Word of God warns:

“**Woe** be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.... if they had stood in my

counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.” (Jeremiah 23:1, 22)

“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:8-9)

There is a whole lot to be said, and yet there is nothing to say. The falling away continues as the foundations of the faith are *purposely bulldozed* beneath today’s fearless Christianity.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” (Isaiah 8:20)

It is without question that the new “light” movement of today’s emerging faith of Oneness is a “conspiracy”—but not of “aliveness.” It is a “conspiracy” to “shift,” or “move,” the world into “‘awakening’ to the ‘Christ *within*’ and the ‘God *within*.’”⁶⁰ Warren B. Smith writes:

“[W]hen launching the New Age movement publicly with her book *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, Marilyn Ferguson introduced this concept of the ‘shift,’ connecting it to the mystical ideas of Teilhard de Chardin – the father of the New Age movement – ‘whose new perspective would trigger a critical contagion of change’ which would result in the ‘rapid transformation of the human species, beginning with a vanguard’ of emerging leaders. She explained how scientist-philosopher Thomas Kuhn coined the term ‘paradigm shift’ to describe ‘a distinctly new way of thinking’ which entailed accepting *new truths*. When ‘the new paradigm gains ascendancy’ and ‘a critical number of thinkers has accepted the new idea, a collective paradigm shift has occurred.’ Ferguson said the ‘shift’ would result in a ‘new knowing’ of the occult world called an ‘awakening’ of ‘deep inner shifts.’” (emphasis added)⁶¹

“Her book [*The Aquarian Conspiracy*] was a 1980 trumpet blast announcing that the coming New Age—the Age of Aquarius—would eventually supplant biblical Christianity with its ‘heretical’ New Age worldview that God is ‘in’ everything....

“Ferguson believes in a benevolent ‘Aquarian Conspiracy’—a conspiracy she taught would eventually convert the world and the church to a postmodern New Age worldview.”⁶²

“In *Quantum Spirituality*, it is clear that even with all of Leonard Sweet’s postmodern vernacular and Evangelical language, he is still a New Age sympathizer to the nth degree. Sweet’s affection for New Age teachers and for the Cosmic Christ is right in his book *Quantum Spirituality* ... One church poll describes Sweet as one of the most influential Christian leaders today, but the late Aquarian Conspiracy author Marilyn Ferguson would have identified someone with his beliefs as a fellow Aquarian Conspirator.”⁶³

This “postmodern New Age worldview,” to which, sadly enough, far too many people in today’s Christianity are indeed shifting and moving—i.e., *converting*—is a *post-truth* “paradigm change.” In *The Aquarian Conspiracy* which, again, is also known as a “*New Age Bible*,” Ferguson not only wrote that man has “shifted ... to an *uncertainty* paradigm, from the *absolute* to the *relative*,”⁶⁴ she also wrote:

“**We are free not to know the answer**, we are free to change our position, we are free not to have a position....

“A sense of **freedom requires uncertainty** ... Uncertainty is the necessary companion of all explorers.” (emphasis added)⁶⁵

“**Paradigm change attempts to heal the delusion of either-or** ...

“... **it relinquishes certainty**....

“Paradigm change is not a simple linear effect, like the ten little Indians in the nursery rhyme who vanish one by one. **It is a sudden shift of pattern, a spiral, and sometimes a cataclysm.**” (emphasis added)⁶⁶

But, of course, this conspired new “light” is “so beautiful,” right? As Sweet likewise writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“**The postmodern world being *born* is not** a bipolar worldview of **either/or’s but** a double helix, Möbius-strip culture of **both-and’s ...**” (emphasis added)⁶⁷

And in *So Beautiful*:

“In fact, the *incarnation* brought **all dualities together**, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here.’” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁶⁸

“The MRI as the *Double-Helix* Design for Life ...

“The secret of life is ‘helixal,’ two strands that run in opposite directions creating a reproductive Möbius strip and slingshot....

“It’s time to call and/alsos ... ‘so beautiful.’

“**Dualism, either/or** exclusionism is ... **plug ugly**.

“**Nondualism, both/and** nonlocalism is ... **so beautiful**.” (Leonard Sweet; last two ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁹

So, basically, it is the “postmodern world” of “*both-and’s*” being “*born*” that is “so beautiful,” which is, of course, “the *post-foundationalist* postmodern world.”⁷⁰ A world in which everyone is supposedly “‘better off’ repudiating *foundationalism*.”⁷¹ Why? To thereby cataclysmically “heal” the “delusion” of the *certainty* of *either-or*. This way, as the seducing spirit world channeled through Hubbard, “*the Christ within* each person will be *born*” and “[t]he world will be changed, in a twinkling of an eye.”⁷² To bring about this new kind of “Second Coming”/“birth,” all people have to do is pay attention to “the sound of the voice”⁷³ that is calling them to “the good news” of “a universe of *infinite possibilities*,”⁷⁴ which is simply “the good news” of *self-regulation*. Cataclysmic “good news” that, according to the seducing spirit world, is “for the good of the whole”⁷⁵ . . .

*“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like **a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth**; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and **immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**” (Luke 6:46-49)*

Falling for the “beauty” and “harmony” of a “cosmic” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ”

Sadly, Leonard Sweet, about whom it has been said, “I can’t imagine a Christian leader in America who hasn’t read one or more of Leonard Sweet’s books,”¹ is clearly paying attention to the emerging “signals” of Oneness. And yet, incredibly enough, his influence throughout Christianity continues to not only spread, but to be openly embraced. Sweet is listed as one of the speakers at the Synergize 3! Pastors Conference for January 2012. Are these pastors learning that those who don’t “transcend” opposites “cannot survive in a synergistic world”? The title for Sweet’s talk is “We Are The Church.”² And, of course, *So Beautiful*, in which Sweet writes that it is “**Nondualism**” that is “**so beautiful**,” is about “becom[ing]” “a So Beautiful or MRI church,”³ which he also refers to as “***the church of the future***”⁴ or “*the future church*.”⁵

By an amazing coincidence, the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ” that says, “**The *union of opposites*** is the way to *transcendence*,”⁶ likewise refers to its “church” as “the church of the future.” In Hubbard’s book *The Revelation*—in which she writes that the “[s]elf-centered,” which are “the *non-transcenders*,” “cannot survive in a synergistic world”⁷—this false “Christ” channels through her:

“This text is written as a guide for those who wish to become the eyes and ears of the *whole* body of Christ—***the church of the future***, those who see ahead, ***the discoverers of my design*** so that it may unfold perfectly without defect.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸

This “*design*,” or “*pattern*,” which is a “union of opposites” that stems from “the *oneness* of humanity and God,”⁹ is thus to “Be *whole*.”¹⁰ Oneness is, of course, *nondualism*, and according to this false “Christ”: “Only the *beautiful* continues. Only the *whole* evolves.”¹¹ And, therefore, this false “Christ” wants people to “*Expand my church, evolve my church, transform my church*”¹² according to this “*so beautiful*” “*design*”/“*pattern*” . . .

“Be willing to **lift your imagination enough** to see that which you have never seen before....

“Prepare **to see yourselves in the future**—that which you already potentially are right now.

“A door in Heaven is opening for those who have eyes to see. The door is the passageway from self-centered to **whole-centered** consciousness....

“The purpose of this revelation is to encourage you to grow naturally, to relieve you from fear of your power, to give you a vision of your self **so beautiful** that you will happily turn your attention from the pain of *birth* to the glory that is being revealed through you who are to become **universal beings**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)¹³

Again, the title for Sweet’s talk at this Conference is “We Are The Church.” And regarding Sweet’s “so beautiful” “church” of “*nondualism*,” or the *Oneness/union of opposites*, pastors merely have to be “nudged” to “pick up the *signals* of *transcendence*, the *immanent transcendent*”¹⁴—as Sweet also teaches—and they will thus “notice *patterns* that are *taking shape* not just in the centers but on the *periphery*.”¹⁵ And, therefore, as already addressed, they just need to shift from being *preachers of God’s Word* to becoming “*imagineers*.” This way, they can participate in bringing this “so beautiful” both/and “church” of the future into reality even faster as the “church” of the present. And this shift to the conspired new “light” of Oneness—which is a shift from God’s Word of *either/or* absolute truth to a *both/and* circle dance—will, of course, “expand,” “evolve,” and “transform” the churches . . .

As Ferguson wrote in *The Aquarian Conspiracy*: “Paradigm change attempts to *heal* the delusion of *either-or* ... It is a sudden shift of *pattern*, a spiral, and sometimes a *cataclysm*.”¹⁶ It is indeed.

So how influential is this Pastors Conference? It’s host, Billion Soul Network, “now has leaders involved that represent more than 400,000 churches worldwide,” and it “has become the largest pastors network in the world, where presidents, general superintendents and overseers of the Christian denominations and fellowships gather to share relationships, research, reports, recommendations and resources.”¹⁷

A November 2011 press release for this Pastors Conference, hosted by the Assembly of God church in Orlando, includes the following quote of Sweet: “Dr. Leonard Sweet states, ‘There is no finer venue anywhere in North America where a Church leader or a local pastor can attend and return with a greater understanding of the global Church than the Synergize 3! Pastors Conference.’”¹⁸ And from the Southern Baptist Convention to the Assemblies of God, and everything in between and then some, all are learning this “greater understanding”—“[m]ore than 50 denominations and parachurch organizations are participating in the Conference.”¹⁹

It shouldn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out why today’s *pastors* and *churches*, and thus *congregants*, are *changing* and becoming so primed and readied for the rapidly emerging faith of Oneness. There is a *reason* why *God’s Word of truth* warns that we are to “*withdraw*” from those who “*teach otherwise*” (e.g., see 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 John 1:9-11). But since Sweet, and some of the other leaders—i.e., followers—of this emerging faith of Oneness, can “sound” so “Christian” when they speak, what’s the big deal, right? *Of course* they can “sound” “Christian.” So can New Agers at times, for that matter. This will only be no big deal to those who think it is irrelevant as to whether or not they are being taught about *God and His Word* by holy men of God or by “*imagineers*” who are on a mission to *change everything—including God and His Word*. Again, not only is this a mission of *Oneness*, which must by its very nature include *truth* in order to bring *both truth and falsehood* together in *Oneness/nonduality*, this emerging faith is also based on “*sound*” not *beliefs*. And anyone can “sound” “Christian” with enough effort. How do you think the “angel of light” deceives so many, especially in today’s shifting Christianity?

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers

First, in *So Beautiful*, in which Sweet writes that “the incarnation brought all dualities together, whether it be the clean and the profane, the sacred and the secular, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here,’”²⁰ he also writes that “I can speak Christian as a second language” (a second language??), and that one’s “public voice” is to be “the language of the culture.”²¹ So when Sweet is in public in Christianity today, does he make sure that his “public voice” is the language of this particular “culture”?

Second, it is the meanings/definitions/beliefs behind the sound that matters. With the utmost of serpentine subtility, this emerging faith is teaching people to take Christian terminology and empty it, leaving just the sound. The sound can then be filled with any meaning/definition/belief that anyone chooses. Therein lies the Oneness. This is no different than the earlier example of emptying the three letters of “G O D” so that this “little word” can be filled however anyone chooses. Again, therein lies the Oneness. And this way, it “sounds” like everyone believes in God, right? A great “spiritual revival”—of *emptiness*. Empty “truth” brings no one to God. Yes, this is a big deal.

Incidentally, Billion Soul Network is also conducting 50 “leadership roundtables ... across the United States.”²² The first one—“the Greater Cincinnati Roundtable” with “Elmer Towns and Len Sweet”—was held in November 2011, and was attended by pastors “from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.”²³ Sweet reportedly “challenged all attendees to return to the original operating system of their lives and to reboot their minds for fresh revival and awakening throughout North America.”²⁴ No doubt. This report continues: “The original operating system is a return to Christ as our leader and we are the follower for rest of our lives [sic].”²⁵ Make that a “fresh revival and awakening” that is a “return” to the “Christ” that is “in all of life and in all things.”²⁶ And this is a false “cosmic” “Christ” that can be followed for the rest of *this life only*. But, sadly, details are irrelevant in the darkness. If they were relevant, Sweet would not be one of the primary teachers of pastors and leaders today. Think about it.

Again, in the midst of today’s epidemics of scriptural illiteracy, light intolerance, and itching ears, Sweet is a “[r]enowned professor and theologian”²⁷ with “increasing global influence”²⁸ who “serves as a consultant to many of America’s denominational leaders and agencies;”²⁹ has worked for “years as a mentor to pastors;”³⁰ “is increasingly being asked to lecture around the world;”³¹ “is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, state conventions, pastors’ schools, retreats;”³² has been praised as “One of the church’s most important and provocative thinkers;”³³ and “has recently been recognized with his 2010 listing in the ‘Top 10 Most Influential Christian Leaders in the World.’”³⁴ Along with being one of the “Bible translators” for Thomas Nelson’s *The Voice*,³⁵ Sweet has also written “more than two hundred articles, over twelve hundred published sermons,”³⁶ and “close to fifty books.”³⁷

As addressed in the previous section “Replacing is with *ever becoming*,” a 2012 book by Leonard Sweet has been published titled *I Am a Follower: The Way, Truth, and Life of Following Jesus*. (So have you caught the subtitle’s subtle, yet significant, flip yet?) Its publication date of January 3, 2012 puts it just in time for the Synergize 3! Pastors Conference. And, yes, in this latest book Sweet still perpetuates the ongoing new “light” “conspiracy” to shift today’s Christianity to this emerging faith’s both/and “spirituality,” as well as to its new kind of both/and “Christ.” But because details are irrelevant in the darkness and he can “sound” so “Christian,” he continues to be one of the primary teachers of today’s pastors and leaders.

Sweet even has a “a textbook on preaching” due to be released in 2012 titled, *Giving Blood: The Art and Craft of Abductive Preaching*.³⁸ Of course, this title brings to mind the book *A Is for Abductive: The Language of the Emerging Church*, by Sweet, McLaren, et al., in which, for example, they write of “postmodern subscription to incarnational theology: God is to be found in both spirit and matter (no matter how strange)”³⁹ and thus also of “the post-foundationalist postmodern world” in which everyone is supposedly “‘better off’ repudiating foundationalism.”⁴⁰ Moreover, in this same book, and under the heading “A is for Abductive Method,” is the following:

“Abductive Method: Seize people by the imagination and transport them from their current world to another world, where they gain a new perspective.” (Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, & Jerry Haselmayer; emphasis added)⁴¹

Crafty indeed. In fact, this is a craft that would do the seducing spirit world proud. Shortly thereafter, they continue with:

“To go abductive, get rid of your inductive/deductive outlines and points and make your sermons pointless!... Instead of asking yourself before creating a sermon [note: we didn’t say ‘writing a sermon’], ‘What’s my point?’ **ask yourself, ‘What’s my image?’** or in more musical terms, ‘What experience do I want to compose?’” (brackets in the original; emphasis added)⁴²

In other words, the pastors, who are themselves being abducted by Sweet’s method of “*Abductive Preaching*,” just need to shift from being *preachers of God’s Word* to becoming “*imagineers*.” This will indeed “expand,” “evolve,” and “transform” the churches . . .

Keeping in mind that Sweet is one of the primary teachers of the pastors and leaders of today’s Christianity, let’s look again at some of the previously listed snippets from *I Am a Follower*, along with some additional ones:

- “**Triune God is a sphere whose center is everywhere but whose circumference is nowhere;**”⁴³
- “First followers” “dream a Jesus world and help launch it into being” and “show others” “how to sail the winds of the Spirit;”⁴⁴
- “**The only GUIDance** is the *perichoresis* of God that allows us to sing with complete abandon: ‘**God, U and I dance;**’”⁴⁵
- “The *choreia* or dance of God is the choreography of the cosmos, the interrelationship of Creator, creation, and life itself,” which is “**a circle dance**” “both transcendent and **immanent**, and flowing together in a joyful and *harmonious*, rhythmic and resonant celebration of life;”⁴⁶
- “to **be fully alive** is to **breathe the breath of God;**”⁴⁷
- “True followers of *the way of Jesus* are always aware of their *breathing*,” are “in *tune* with the *internal sounds of life* breathing around them and inside of them,” and “are tuning forks for others to *follow their respiration*;”⁴⁸
- “First followers” are “the carriers of Jesus’ mission,” “the dreamers of his vision,” “**nudgers of others** to recognize the *signs* of Christ at work all around them,” and “**see the beauty of Christ in everyone they meet;**”⁴⁹
- “**There is no one gospel grid** or model map that everyone must follow—**no universal master plan that fits all;**”⁵⁰
- “Followers” “**celebrate the manyness of the One;**”⁵¹
- “**to think we can capture and tame Truth is a delusional trap;**”⁵²
- “Only by **untaming our minds** can we hope to **see and hear the truth within the world;**”⁵³
- “all kinds of people, **all kinds of followers, all kinds of churches**, all kinds of cultures, all working together for the glory and **beauty** of God’s *relational vision* in *the here and now*;”⁵⁴
- “To join the *dance* of the Spirit, we need to break out of our square *lines* and ballroom *boxes*,” “[t]he dance of the *perichoresis* is a unity of *sound* and *sight*, a unity of followers in Jesus, and **a unity of God and world;**”⁵⁵
- “The dance of Christ is a world dance;”⁵⁶
- “true harmony is surround sound, and **the sound of a living logos is harmony;**”⁵⁷
- “**logos implies the joining of opposites**, and the sound that blared forth from that joining was ‘**harmony**,’” “**the combining of diversity into one sound,**” “**to bind together,**” “*harmony* was ‘a means of joining, fastening . . . of a ship join, as between a ship’s planks;’”⁵⁸
- “It takes a world to dance the dance of life. It only takes one first follower to start a world dance.”⁵⁹

Along with creating “the church of the future,” a “conspiracy” to *harmonize opposites* into one “*sound*”—i.e., to shift, or “nudge,” people to the new both/and “light” of *Oneness (nonduality)*—is indeed an “*Aquarian*” “conspiracy.”

“*Harmony* is the central idea in *Aquarian* thought.” (emphasis added)⁶⁰

This statement begins an article titled “*Aquarian Harmony*” from *Hermes* magazine, posted on the website of Theosophy Trust Memorial Library. “Theosophy” of course being the “faith” of the occultist Blavatsky. This article is said to have been “Authored by the Avatar,” which means that it has been channeled. But then, that the true source behind

channeling is actually *seducing spirits* becomes irrelevant in *Oneness*. According to this article:

“The therapeutic *Aquarian* standpoint depends upon a fundamental appreciation, through *meditation*, of **the metaphysical structure of all reality** and Nature, of **God and Man**.

“The idea of **cosmic harmony** and human solidarity is as old as the Vedas and is vital to every *authentic* spiritual tradition.” (emphasis added)⁶¹

This article also states that “It is an ultimate and irreducible metaphysical fact that **the world is already one**,” that “*All* beings are one, and *all* Being is One,” and:

“Whether it is called **the Logos** or *Vach* or *Brahma Vach*, it is the primordial **latent sound and light** in *Parabrahm*. That latent sound and light ... is beyond both manifestation and non-manifestation. It is the Great *Breath* beyond the cosmos that vitalizes root matter, the eternally self-existent vibration of eternal motion.” (bold & underline added)⁶²

The word **latent** is “from Latin *latent*— ‘being **hidden**,’”⁶³ “‘concealed, **secret**,’ ... ‘lying hid, secret, **unknown**.’”⁶⁴ And “*Parabrahm*,” in which “the Logos” is “latent sound and light,” is described by Blavatsky as “the ‘Supreme ALL,’ the ever invisible spirit and Soul of Nature;”⁶⁵ “the One Life,” which “[t]he *Occultists*” call “the Great *Breath* and the Whirlwind;”⁶⁶ and “the ‘Unknown Darkness’”⁶⁷ that “cannot be known except through the luminous Point (the Logos).”⁶⁸ And, according to Blavatsky, this “Logos” “is equivalent to the ‘Unconscious *Universal Mind*,’ etc., of Western Pantheists” and “is the source of all manifestations of individual consciousness.”⁶⁹ Hence the need to connect the dots of *everyone’s* own thoughts and ideas of “God” in order to “know” this “Unknown Darkness” of *Oneness*. After all, this “Logos” is just an unknown hidden secret in *everyone*, right?

And what specifically is this “Logos” that is the “source” of “all manifestations of individual consciousness”? Blavatsky referred to “the Logos” as “a centre of energy,”⁷⁰ which is basically a center of “ideational energy.” She wrote that this “**Logos**” is a “Universal Mind” that is “**Cosmic Ideation**,”⁷¹ and that “[e]ven to speak of Cosmic Ideation” “is like trying to bottle up primordial *Chaos*.”⁷² In addition, the article “*Aquarian Harmony*,” which writes that “the Logos” is “primordial latent sound and *light*,” refers to “the *ideational energy* of the *Logos*,”⁷³ and Blavatsky also referred to this “latent *light*” as simply “the *ideation* of the Logos.”⁷⁴

Ideation/Ideate -- “**the process of forming ideas or images;**” “**to imagine or conceive;**” “from Medieval Latin *ideat*- formed as an idea, ... from Greek *idea* model, pattern, notion.”⁷⁵

Basically, this “Logos”—or “light”—in everyone that brings “*Aquarian*” *harmony* is simply everyone’s own “ideas” and “images” of “God.” And, no, this harmonious “light” is not the “Logos,” or “Word,” of *Christianity*. In the first chapter of John and verses 1 and 14, *Word* comes from the Greek term *logos*⁷⁶:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (**and we beheld his glory**, the glory as of **the only begotten of the Father**.) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)

God’s Word of truth makes it perfectly clear that the living Word is only *Jesus Christ of Nazareth*, not some generic *unknown hidden “secret”* in *everyone’s* own “ideas” and “images.” In other words, *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is the only living Word. And, no, the “harmony” of *joining opposites* is not *Jesus Christ of Nazareth*. *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is not a “both-and” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ” that is a pool of “*ideational energy*.” *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* never has been and never will be “primordial” ooze/goop or a center of “energy.” As stated previously, it is without question that the new “light” movement of today’s emerging faith of *Oneness* is a “conspiracy,” but not of “*aliveness*.” The living Word is only *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* and no other. But, of course, Sweet writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“In every epoch, however, **the Word is made flesh differently**. *Energymatter* is a *dynamic* process, a time continuum that interacts with and occupies space. But **Logos materializes** in *Pathos* [‘Flesh’/‘matter’] in **forms fundamental to, shapes revelatory of, the age**.” (emphasis added, except italics to *Logos* and *Pathos*)⁷⁷

And, of course, since the emerging *quantum* age is today's *new* age (in more ways than one), "[t]he purpose of the church is to *give form to, to put into form and shape, the energymatter known as Jesus Christ*" and "*New Light* leaders, therefore, are *in-formational connectors*"⁷⁸—as Sweet also writes. In other words, as he writes in *So Beautiful*, "*ideas*" of "*pagan cultures*" are seen as "'seeds' of the divine Word that become *enfleshed* in Christ."⁷⁹ Of course, the seducing spirit calling itself "*Christ*" that wants people to "*Expand my church, evolve my church, transform my church*"⁸⁰ likewise sees this "whole-centered consciousness" as "*so beautiful*."⁸¹ And Sweet even adds to his quote from *So Beautiful* that these "*ideas*" of "*pagan cultures*" "*become enfleshed*" "*in the church*" as well.⁸² An expanded "*church*" of "*harmony*" and "*wholeness*" . . .

"The **ultimate reality** of the universe appears to be **consciousness**, out of which *energymatter* arises.... Human *minds* are individual, but *not singular or separated*. They *connect* at some *mysterious* level not accessible to ordinary conscious awareness. **God** is the Spirit of the universe, **the consciousness of the cosmos**: its **energy**, its information, its thought.

"Metanoia can mean, literally, 'after thought.' What **metanoia** does is turn our minds after *the mind of God*, *transform our consciousness* so that it is **connected to the divine consciousness**, tune us into a *logos* logic.... Metanoia bestows on the believer a **Logos-Christ consciousness**, a *logos* logic that is based not on dialectic and struggle, but on **harmony and wholeness**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁸³

Again, it is perfectly clear in the light of the true God's Word that the living Word is *only* Jesus Christ of Nazareth and no *other*. But, of course, this simply isn't facilitative of "*harmony*" and "*wholeness*." To the contrary, Jesus Christ of Nazareth is "*a rock of offence*" and "*stumblingstone*," or "*stone of stumbling*," (e.g., 1 Peter 2:8; Romans 9:33). And, therefore, those who prefer "*harmony*" and "*wholeness*"—over which no person can stumble or be offended—are moving forward into the new "*light*" of *Oneness* to *connect minds* to their heart's content. Unlike the "*old*" light of the true God's inspired Word that is just too *foundational*, the new "*light*" of a "*God*" that is "*in the very substance of creation*"⁸⁴ is quite facilitative of "*harmony*" and "*wholeness*." Hence, this very *New Age* faith of *Oneness*—or very *New Age* "*conspiracy*" of "*Aquarian Harmony*"—is about shifting to this "*reality of a cosmic incarnation*" and leaving *God's* Word behind.

"*The five elements ... The five sense organs ... The five organs of action ... The mind....* These sixteen means of perception and activity in the phenomenal world are channels for the real thinking man; ... [I]n their cosmic connotation, they are **the sum total of the facts demonstrating the reality of a cosmic incarnation**. '**The Word is made flesh**' both **individually and in a cosmic sense**." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold & underline added)⁸⁵

Since this "*reality*" is a new kind of "*incarnation*" that is "*both individually and in a cosmic sense*," *all minds* are being aligned in order to connect the dots of this new kind of "*Word*"/"*Logos*"/"*Christ*" that is "*incarnate*" ("*made flesh*") *in everyone*. Why? Because it is the "*harmony*" of connecting *all dots*—which requires joining *all opposites*—that allows the hidden picture to *emerge* of this whole "*Christ*" of *Oneness* that is an unknown hidden "*secret*" *in everyone*. (Or as this seducing spirit also puts it in this new kind of "*sense*"—*in "every incarnated son of God"*.⁸⁶) And it is the *emergence* of this hidden picture that is to be the new kind of "*Second Coming*" that is the "*birth*" of a new kind of "*Christ*."

Naturally, "*the reality of a cosmic incarnation*" is the "*reality*" of a "*Cosmic Christ*." And, conveniently, the *Oneness/immanence* of a "*Cosmic Christ*" is a new kind of "*atonement*" for those who want a "*Word*" "*made flesh*" that is *different* than Jesus Christ of Nazareth. That is, for those who want their *own* "*ideas*" of a "*God*" and "*Word*." Alice Bailey wrote:

"This is the doctrine of **the At-one-ment; God, immanent in the universe - the cosmic Christ**. God, immanent in humanity, revealed through the historical Christ. God, immanent in the individual, the indwelling Christ, the soul....

"**Hidden in every human being is the 'Word incarnate,' the Son of God made flesh**. This is 'Christ in us, the hope of Glory,' but as yet only a hope for the mass of men. **Christ is not yet made manifest**. He is hidden and veiled by *the form*....

"**We are summoned to the new birth.... The hour is upon us.**" (emphasis added)⁸⁷

It is perfectly clear in the "*old*" light of the true God's inspired Word that God is not *immanent*—i.e., in everyone/

everything. Those who heed the summons and join this all-inclusive “circle dance” of a “God” in everyone/everything and think that they are simply giving heed to the “communication signals” of the “sound”/“vibration”/“voice” of the Word of God are gravely mistaken. Remember this quote from Alice Bailey’s channeled writings?:

“**The vibration** initiated by **the Sound**, which is the expression of the Law of *Synthesis*, is succeeded by **the Voice or Word**, and that Word **as it progresses outward from the center to the periphery** (for, *occultly understood*, the Word is ‘spoken from the Heart’) **becomes**

“a. A phrase. b. Phrases. c. Sentences. d. Speech. e. **The myriad sounds of nature....**

“‘God speaks and the forms are made.’” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁸⁸

It isn’t the *true* God that is “occultly understood.” Remember Sweet’s call in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There* to pay attention to “*the periphery*”? This is also the book in which he writes that “**the incarnation** goes all the way down, and the Spirit indwells **all that exists**”⁸⁹ and that we are to thus “pick up the *signals of transcendence*, the *immanent transcendent*.”⁹⁰ Sweet writes:

“**Jesus comes to us from the future**, and the future is on the fringe, especially the edges of the norm. **You see best the emerging patterns by your Peripheral Vision**, yet being peripheral is seldom encouraged. The peripheral is important not only because it *widens* our perspective, but because in *being* peripheral, it enters our *consciousness* through a means that *bypasses* our processing....

“**[W]e must notice patterns that are taking shape** not just in the centers but **on the periphery**.” (emphasis added, except to *being*)⁹¹

Likewise, it isn’t the *true* Jesus that is “occultly understood.” Remember the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul’s quote above that “[t]he five sense organs,” etc., demonstrate “the reality of a *cosmic incarnation*”? Along with “the *incarnation*” being in “*all that exists*,” Sweet also writes in *Nudge*:

“It is *Jesus* who is knocking at our door, saying, ‘Can’t you hear me? Touch me? Smell me? Taste me? See me?’ Are you finding **Christ** in the **people** you meet? Are you finding **Christ** in the **things** you handle? Are you finding **Christ** in the **food you eat**? Finding **Christ** in the **voices** you hear? Finding **Christ** in the **smells** you breathe?...

“**Jesus is saying**, ‘Enjoy your *senses*, ... Come, let me guide you into finding life through your *senses*, because **it is through your senses that I will reveal myself**.’” (emphasis added)⁹²

Sorry, but it isn’t *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* that is “conspiring” to guide people to open the door wide to a “*cosmic incarnation*” of a “*Cosmic Christ*”! This is an example of the “abductive” “creativity” of those who, like Teilhard de Chardin, have joined a “both-and” circle dance of an “occultly understood” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ.” And it is indeed an “abductive” “conspiracy.” **Abduct** -- “from Latin *abduct*- ‘**led away**’, from *abducere*, from *ab*- ‘away, from’ + *ducere* ‘to lead.’”⁹³ Sadly, many in today’s Christianity are being seized by their imagination and led away from the *truth of God’s Word*.

“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being **led away with the error of the wicked**, fall from your own steadfastness.” (2 Peter 3:17)

“For the leaders of this people cause them to **err**; **and they that are led of them are destroyed**.” (Isaiah 9:16)

“My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ... they set their **heart** on their **iniquity**.... they have left off to take heed to the LORD.... for **the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God**.... the people that doth not understand shall fall.” (Hosea 4:6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

In the article “Aquarian Harmony,” Blavatsky is quoted from her occult work *The Secret Doctrine*:

“Pythagoras esteemed the Deity (**the Logos**) to be **the centre of unity and ‘Source of Harmony**.’ We say this

Deity was the *Logos*, ... because Pythagoras taught that UNITY being indivisible is *no number*.” (parentheses in the original; bold added)⁹⁴

The article “Aquarian Harmony” also states that “All beings are one, and ***all Being is One***” and “That which is No Number” is “the source of ***dynamic harmony*** that ***lies behind all the spheres and circles*** of the metaphysical and physical universes.”⁹⁵ And in *The Secret Doctrine*, Blavatsky referred to the “Logos” as “***the Cosmic LOGOS***,”⁹⁶ “***the unifying Circle***,”⁹⁷ “SOUND,”⁹⁸ “wisdom,”⁹⁹ and “the Word,”¹⁰⁰ and wrote in her chapter titled “On the Hidden Deity, Its Symbols and Glyphs”:

“***THE Logos or Creative deity, the ‘Word made Flesh,’ of every religion***, has to be traced to its ultimate source and Essence.” (bold & italics added)¹⁰¹

Again, not only did Blavatsky refer to the “Logos” as “a centre of energy,”¹⁰² she also wrote that this “Logos” is a “*Universal Mind*” that is “***Cosmic Ideation***,”¹⁰³ and “is the source of *all* manifestations of individual consciousness.”¹⁰⁴ And this “Logos”—i.e., this center of “ideational energy” and, thus, “Word made Flesh” of “every religion”—that brings “Aquarian” *harmony* is indeed “creative.” All people have to do to join its circle dance is to simply create their own “ideas” and “images” of “God.” And its circle dance to bring both truth and falsehood together in a harmonious relationship is unarguably a new “pattern” of “truth.” *Ideation* -- “the process of forming ideas or images;” “from Greek *idea* model, pattern, notion.”¹⁰⁵

Like Blavatsky who referred to the “**Logos**” as a “**Universal Mind**” and “centre of **energy**,” in *The Consciousness Of The Atom* Alice Bailey also wrote of “that all-embracing, **universal Mind**, that vibrant centre of **energy**, and that great enfolding **consciousness** Whom we call **God, or Force, or the Logos**.”¹⁰⁶ And Sweet likewise writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“In short, **Logos** stands in the *Jewish* and *Christian* traditions for **the mind of God**, the thought of God....

“**God** is the Spirit of the universe, **the consciousness of the cosmos**: its **energy**, its information, its thought.” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁷

And it is shortly thereafter that Sweet continues with:

“What **metanoia** does is turn our minds after *the mind of God*, transform our *consciousness* so that it is **connected to the divine consciousness**, tune us into a *logos* logic.... Metanoia bestows on the believer a **Logos-Christ consciousness**, a *logos* logic that is based ... on **harmony and wholeness**.” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁸

The “harmony” and “wholeness” of this “Logos-Christ consciousness” is succinctly summed up by Sweet in this same book:

“Faith is the *synergy* of the most powerful united fields in the universe--reason and emotion, mind and body, ... spirit and matter, spiritual and physical senses--working together to form **Christ consciousness** experiences. Faith **makes a metanoized mulch of all dichotomized selves** and heals **all discursive dualisms (one of the worst of which was ‘sacred’ and ‘profane’)**, all disastrous separations that *threaten our existence*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁰⁹

In *So Beautiful*, Sweet likewise writes that “**the incarnation brought all dualities together**, whether it be the clean and *the profane*, the sacred and the secular, or the ‘out there’ and the ‘in here.’”¹¹⁰ And in *I Am a Follower*, Sweet not only writes that “true harmony is **surround sound**, and **the sound of a living logos is harmony**,”¹¹¹ he also writes that “**logos implies the joining of opposites**, and the sound that blared forth from that joining was ‘harmony.’”¹¹²

A new kind of “logos logic” that conveniently joins all opposites/dualities does indeed change things. And this is a “logic” that comes from today’s “both-and” “consciousness” of a new kind of “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ” that is “incarnate”—“made flesh”—in everyone and everything. So those who want to can thus fearlessly “tune” in to this new kind of “living logos” that is “surround sound”—or as Blavatsky put it, that is a “unifying Circle or LOGOS.”¹¹³ In *I Am*

a *Follower*, in which he writes that the “dance of God” is “**a circle dance**” that is “both transcendent and **immanent**,”¹¹⁴ Leonard Sweet also writes:

“**Triune God is a sphere whose center is everywhere but whose circumference is nowhere.**” (emphasis added)¹¹⁵

With such a “God,” what does anyone have to fear? In *The Secret Doctrine*, Blavatsky wrote that “the Eastern Occultists” “agree entirely” with this “God”:

“It is not, then, in the Bible that we have to search for the origin of the Cross and Circle, but beyond the Flood. Therefore, returning to Eliphaz Levi and the Zohar, we answer for **the Eastern Occultists** and say that, applying practice to principle, they **agree entirely** with Pascal, who says **that ‘God is a circle, the centre of which is everywhere and the circumference nowhere,’** ...

“Something of **the divine and the mysterious** has ever been ascribed, in the minds of the ancient philosophers, to **the shape of the circle.**” (emphasis added)¹¹⁶

So, again, “tune” in to “the unifying *Circle* or LOGOS” and join the “circle dance,” if you want to . . .

No matter how many people are harmoniously led away from the truth to believe otherwise, this “unifying *Circle* or LOGOS” is neither a “dance” nor a “light” of *Christianity*—i.e., of *the truth and faith of God’s Word*. Rather, the article “Aquarian Harmony,” which writes that “the primordial latent sound and light” is called “**the Logos or Vach or Brahma Vach**,” refers to “Brahma Vach” as “**a synonym for Theosophia**”¹¹⁷—*theosophia* being the Greek word from which the term *Theosophy* comes. Again, Theosophy is the “light” that Blavatsky followed. She even founded the magazine *Lucifer* to help spread this “light.”¹¹⁸ In the first issue of this magazine is the article “What’s in a Name?: Why the Magazine Is Called ‘Lucifer,’” which states that “no better title could ever be found than the one chosen,” and “the name of the present magazine” “arose in consequence of much thinking over its fitness, and was adopted as the best symbol to express that object and the results in view.”¹¹⁹ It is indeed the “best symbol” for such, as the late Blavatsky is now only too fully aware.

The Theosophical Society in America writes:

“The term ‘**Theosophy**’ comes from the Greek *theosophia*, which is composed of two words: *theos* (‘god,’ ‘gods,’ or ‘divine’) and *sophia* (‘wisdom’). *Theosophia*, therefore, may be translated as the ‘wisdom of the gods,’ ‘wisdom in things divine,’ or ‘divine wisdom.’...

“It [‘the word ‘Theosophy’] is also used to refer to **the universal Ancient Wisdom underlying all religions**, which can be found at their core when they are stripped of accretions, deletions, and superstitions. This is sometimes referred to as ‘ancient’ or ‘timeless’ theosophy....

“[T]heosophia refers to **a Divine Wisdom, that is, a state of consciousness** in which the sage or mystic goes beyond his or her mind and gets a direct, supra-conceptual, perception of Truth. This is the primary meaning of Theosophy.” (bold & underline added)¹²⁰

And as Blavatsky also put it, “Theosophy” is “**the archaic Wisdom-Religion.**”¹²¹ On the title page of Blavatsky’s *Lucifer* magazine for Volume I is “LUCIFER,” “A Theosophical Magazine,” “DESIGNED TO ‘BRING TO LIGHT THE HIDDEN THINGS OF DARKNESS.’” This title page also states:

“**THE LIGHT-BEARER IS THE MORNING STAR OR LUCIFER**, AND ‘LUCIFER IS NO PROFANE OR SATANIC TITLE. IT IS THE LATIN LUCIFERUS. THE LIGHT-BRINGER, THE MORNING STAR, ... THE NAME OF THE PURE PALE HERALD OF DAYLIGHT.’” (bold added)¹²²

As is made perfectly clear in God’s inspired Holy Scriptures, the “morning star” is not *Lucifer*, but *Jesus*. But, sadly, the true light of the world, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, is not the light that people want. They want a new kind of “light” of the world that is in everyone as a new kind of “Logos,” or “Word.” And it is not Jesus, but the “angel of light”—or “light-bringer”—that brings this new kind of “light.”

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

weaken the nations!... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell ...” (Isaiah 14:12-15)

In the book of Revelation, Jesus says:

*“I **Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and **the bright and morning star.**” (Revelation 22:16)*

To refer to Lucifer as the “morning star” is to blasphemously equate *Lucifer* with *Jesus*. And, by the way, those who use the new versions might want to check to see if you are using a “Bible” that agrees with Blavatsky. Believe it or not, some new versions—using the “*best*” manuscripts, of course—have changed “Lucifer” into “morning star”/“star of the morning” in Isaiah 14:12. Others have also changed “Lucifer” to “day star”/“daystar,” and so forth—a change that is just as uninspired, or unscriptural. God’s Word warns:

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:19-21)

The “day star” is not *Lucifer*! God’s Word is obviously not warning us to “take heed” to a “word”—and, incidentally, *word* in this verse here also comes from the Greek term *logos*¹²³—that is the “light” of a being that has “fallen from heaven”! (So, again, now that we are entering into the time of *the strongest delusion in man’s history*, shouldn’t you ask yourself the question, “How sharp is your sword?”)

Basically, what this all boils down to is that the “Word,” or “Logos,” of this emerging faith of *Oneness* is not Jesus Christ of Nazareth but, rather, the serpentine “universal Ancient Wisdom” or “Wisdom-Religion” of Theosophy—the “Wisdom” that is the world’s new “light.” And, specifically, this new kind of “light” of the world is simply the dance of *everyone’s own “ideas” and “images” (a.k.a. “truth”) of “God.”* In other words, the “Word,” or “Logos,” of this emerging faith of *Oneness* is simply the dance of everyone “wisely” following the serpent’s lie. An ancient “wisdom” that craftily brings “harmony” to the unrepentant, unbelieving world. A world that is easy prey for the simple reason that it is not willing to *acknowledge the truth* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

*“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God**, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*

Again, Jesus Christ of Nazareth alone is the “Christ, who is the image of God.” But those who are in the emerging faith of *Oneness* are choosing to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own “truth” of “God.”* In doing so, they are choosing to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to the “*Cosmic Christ*.” The “*Cosmic Christ*” is not Jesus Christ of Nazareth but is a “*cosmic incarnation*” of an “*immanent*” “God.”

In *I Am a Follower*, Sweet writes:

“The notion that ‘Jesus is the center’ is contradicted on every page of the Gospels, although we are driven to center thinking because we are looking for the one right answer, the one bull’s-eye solution. A journey to the center is a journey away from **Jesus**, who **is found** on the margins and in the edges and **around the periphery. The cornerstone is not the center.** To find and follow Jesus, we must decentralize our thinking and decenter everything....

“**Triune God is a sphere whose center is everywhere but whose circumference is nowhere.**” (emphasis added, except italics to not)¹²⁴

In other words, just turn the light off to look for “truth” in the corner of a dark round room. In *Jesus Manifesto* (to which Sweet, in *I Am a Follower*, directs his readers “[f]or more on Jesus as Truth”¹²⁵), Sweet and Viola write:

“The center and the circumference of the Christian life is none other than the person of Christ.”¹²⁶

“We implore you: Make Christ the center. Make Him the circumference. And fill in the difference with Him as well.”¹²⁷

Again, the only true image of the only true God is the only true Person of Christ—the Son of God, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the corner stone. And there is obviously no *corner* in a *circle*. There is no *corner stone* in the circle of Oneness. Nevertheless, those in this emerging faith are determined to look for “truth” in the corner of the circle of Oneness. Hence, “Jesus” is “found” “around the periphery.” As previously stated, *periphery* also means “[t]he circumference of a circle.”¹²⁸

Of course, with this new kind of “truth”—i.e., new kind of circular corner stone—the world can thus freely replace the true God that *is* with “*limitless*” images of “God” and “Christ.” Conveniently, this emerging faith’s “reimagined” “God” that is a “sphere”/“circle” has no *limits*—no *bounds*, no *line*. The *all-encompassing* circle of Oneness of this emerging faith has *no line whatsoever*. *Circumference* -- “[t]he line that bounds a circle.”¹²⁹ And it is without question that a “reimagined” “God” “whose center is *everywhere*” and a “reimagined” “Christ” “whose circumference is *nowhere*” is a never-ending “journey to *nowhere*”—or to *now here*. That is, sadly enough, this “circle dance” is indeed the “heaven” of those who join in.

“Heaven is entering *into the triune life of God, the circle dance of creation.*” (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)¹³⁰

The British Teilhard Association “promotes the work and vision of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin,” which is “of a universe in movement towards its ultimate consummation or completion in a ‘**universal cosmic centre**’ or ‘centre of centres.’”¹³¹ On their website is an article titled “The Cosmo Mystic,” which states:

“Teilhard shows an awareness of the teachings of the Greek Fathers that suggests an early introduction to **the Cosmic Christ tradition** that found expression in the Fathers like St Maximus the Confessor.... Teilhard puts it in the context of an evolutionary universe: ‘**Christ,**’ he says, ‘**has a cosmic body that extends throughout the universe.**’” (emphasis added)¹³²

And, of course, Alice Bailey wrote:

“This is the doctrine of the At-one-ment; **God, immanent in the universe - the cosmic Christ.**” (emphasis added)¹³³

And, likewise, in *Quantum Spirituality*, in which Sweet also writes of a “radical doctrine of embodiment of **God in the very substance of creation**,”¹³⁴ he states:

“The world of nature has an identity and purpose apart from human benefit. But we constitute together **a cosmic body of Christ.**”⁶⁶ (emphasis added)¹³⁵

First, both of Sweet’s quotes here are under the heading, “With All of Nature: Priests of Creation.” And immediately following “a cosmic body of Christ,” Sweet writes, “In an ecological model of *the church*, the earth is not separate from us.”¹³⁶ Remember, the title for Sweet’s talk at the January 2012 Synergize 3! Pastors Conference is “We Are *The Church*.” This “We” being *who* and *what* exactly? So are these pastors also learning to become “Priests of Creation”? This would, of course, bring them into relationship with all the *pagan* priests and their “ideas.” At any rate, from Alice Bailey to Teilhard de Chardin to Leonard Sweet, and so forth, the tradition to “reimagine” “Christ” as “cosmic” continues unabated. And, by the way, Helena Blavatsky similarly taught in *The Secret Doctrine*: “Above, the Son is the whole KOSMOS; below, he is MANKIND.”¹³⁷

Second, Sweet even refers his readers here to New Age leader Matthew Fox’s book. His endnote #66 for “a cosmic body of Christ” states in its entirety:

“See Matthew Fox, *The Cosmic Christ*: [sic] *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ: The Healing of Mother Earth and the Birth of a Global Renaissance* (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1988).” (parentheses in the original)¹³⁸

According to the website of Matthew Fox, he started the University of Creation Spirituality (UCS) which “housed both a Doctor of Ministry program and a master’s degree program,” with the latter “accredited through Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado which was a Buddhist school.”¹³⁹ And, of course, along with the “Oneness University in India,” the “Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado” is the other place that Sweet and Wagner tell their readers to “Check out” for “signs of spiritual revival” of “a Global Generic Spirituality (GGS) great awakening” in their 2011 book *The Seraph Seal*.¹⁴⁰ Fox’s website states next that “[t]he alignment between Naropa and UCS was especially appreciated for its bringing together engaged *mysticism* or spiritual activism, that is, the training of *mystics* and prophets in the spirit of Christian and Buddhist lineages.”¹⁴¹

Matthew Fox, who—along with Ken Wilber—is one of the New Age leaders that Sweet includes in his list of “personal role models”/“heroes”/“teachers,”¹⁴² writes in his book *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*:

“The coming together of *the historical Jesus* and *the Cosmic Christ* will make Christianity *whole* at last. Christianity has been out of touch with its ‘core,’ its center, its sense of *mystical* practice and cosmic awareness.... **an ancient but forgotten doctrine: the Cosmic Christ, the ‘pattern that connects’ all the atoms and galaxies of the universe,** a *pattern* of divine love and justice that *all* creatures and *all* humans bear within them.... the Cosmic Christ who lives and breathes in Jesus and in *all* God’s children, in *all* the prophets of religions everywhere, in *all* creatures of the universe.” (emphasis added)¹⁴³

“Wendell Berry *wisely* declares, ‘Perhaps the great **disaster** of human history is one that happened to or within religion: that is, the conceptual **division between the holy and the world**, the excerpting of **the Creator from the creation.**’ *Mysticism* is the cure to this **religious dualism** ...” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁴

“[Catholic mystic] John of the Cross advised his listeners to ‘**launch out into the deep.**’ It is time the human race did that....

“**A true awakening to the Cosmic Christ** will effect genuine results. The most basic of these will be an awakening **to the sacred.**

“This book is about the sacred and our response to it: reverence. **The sacred what? The sacred everything.** The sacred *creation*: stars, galaxies, whales, soil, water, trees, humans, *thoughts*, bodies, *images*. The holy omnipresence of the Divine One *in all things*. The Western term for **this image of God present in all things is ‘the Cosmic Christ.’**” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁵

And, of course, in his book *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet likewise writes about a “**Christ**” that is “*in all of life* and **in all things**”¹⁴⁶ and that “**you can’t polarize the sacred and the profane**” because “[t]he doctrine of the *incarnation* ... won’t allow it.”¹⁴⁷ Nudging today’s Christianity to a “cosmic incarnation” of a “Cosmic Christ” in order to “awaken” people into “aliveness” is a “conspiracy” that will indeed *change everything*. In *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, Fox also writes:

“**This Cosmic Christ** will lead the way to a...deep worship; deep ecumenism and interaction among all religions of the planet.” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁸

“Deep ecumenism is the movement that **will unleash the wisdom of all world religions**—Hinduism and Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, Taoism, and Shintoism, Christianity in all its forms, and native religions and goddess religions throughout the world. This unleashing of wisdom holds the last hope for the survival of the planet we call home.” (bold & underline added)¹⁴⁹

So if you aren’t worried about dooming your *soul*, “take *deep breaths*” and “save” the *planet* . . .

No matter how many people fall for the serpentine “wisdom” that says otherwise, the only true image of the only true God is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Who is not the image of a “God” that is in all things. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the image of His Father, Who is not “cosmic.” God’s true Christ is only His Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth and no other. This is all perfectly clear in God’s inspired Holy Scriptures. But Jesus Christ of Nazareth is just too *narrow* for people today who want a “bigger” image of a “bigger” “God.” Enter the “Cosmic Christ,” the image of a “cosmic” “God.” People can

embrace the “Cosmic Christ” if they want to, but the “Cosmic Christ” is not the image of the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and, therefore, the “Cosmic Christ” is not the image of the only true God. The bottom line is that “*there is **one God**, and **one mediator between God and men**, the **man Christ Jesus**”* (1 Timothy 2:5). The “Cosmic Christ” is not Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and the man Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not the “Cosmic Christ.” The “Cosmic Christ” is not the “*one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*” It really is that simple.

Again, Matthew Fox even admits in *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* that the mission is to bring “the historical Jesus and the Cosmic Christ” “*together*” in order to “make Christianity *whole*.”¹⁵⁰ A “both-and” “conspiracy” that is unarguably a “shift from the quest for the historical Jesus to the quest for the Cosmic Christ,”¹⁵¹ as he also states. This book of Fox’s is described by the publisher as “[a] comprehensive description of the transformation of Christianity, by the bestselling theologian who has defined this spiritual renaissance.”¹⁵² It is without question that this shift from Jesus Christ of Nazareth to the “Cosmic Christ” is transforming today’s Christianity. And to sum up this eternal change, Sweet, who is one of the primary teachers of the pastors and leaders of today’s Christianity, writes in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*:

“How we **discern the present tense of Jesus** is the overarching theme of semiotic awareness. Every **awakening** of the Spirit in history **comes when the church no longer ‘remembers’ Jesus as someone out of the past, but ‘re-members’ and reattaches itself to Christ as a living presence** and gets to know him afresh as a *resurrection* force....

“... an awareness of the presence of Christ **in all of life and in all things.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵³

A “cosmic” “resurrection” is not the resurrection of “the man Christ Jesus.” The *man*—the *true Person*—Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not in all of life and in all things. But, sadly, rather than the risen Son of God, what people today *want* is a “*cosmic* incarnation” of a “Cosmic Christ,” which is a “Christ” that is *in everyone and everything*. Fox writes that “Theologian and scientist Teilhard de Chardin complained that he could not find either theologians or lay people interested in the Cosmic Christ.”¹⁵⁴ Teilhard de Chardin sure wouldn’t complain about this today!

So, let’s take a look at the meaning of the term “cosmic.” **Cosmic** in “meaning ‘*of the universe*’ is from 1846,” and before this it was “[o]riginally ‘*of this world*’ (which was the sense of Gk. *kosmikos*).”¹⁵⁵ And despite man’s expansion of the meaning to thus move forward from “of this world” to “of the universe,” man’s emerging “cosmic” faith is still “of this world.” And as is ever perfectly clear in God’s inspired Holy Scriptures, the “truth” and faith of a “cosmic”—i.e., “of this world”—“Word”/“Logos”/“Christ” is not the truth and faith of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

*“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because **ye are not of the world**, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.... But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me.”* (John 15:18-19, 21)

*“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.... I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world ... **I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; ... **I have given them thy word**; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.... **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**”* (John 17:3, 6, 8, 14, 16-17)

Obviously, Jesus is not talking about having given His disciples a “word” that is “cosmic”—i.e., “of this world”! And neither is Jesus talking about having given His disciples “the words” of a “word” that is “of the universe”! When Jesus says “thy word,” both instances here are also from the Greek term *logos*. Sorry, but the *written* Word of God is neither “of this world” nor “of the universe,” and neither is the *living* Word of God. To be “cosmic” is to be “of this world” which is to not be *holy*. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is neither a “*cosmic* incarnation” nor a “Cosmic Christ.”

Regarding *cosmic*, the term also happens to mean “*harmonious*.”¹⁵⁶ And the meaning of its origins in the “Greek *kosmikos*” is also simply “worldly, universal.”¹⁵⁷ Simply put, the “Cosmic Christ” is the “Universal Christ”—a “Christ” that is indeed “*worldly*,” and thus “*harmonious*.” But, of course, for all those who prefer the “harmony” of being worldly, there is conveniently nothing to fear. Since “‘The Word is *made flesh*’ both individually and in a cosmic sense,”¹⁵⁸ this

is thus a “Christ” that is “*made flesh*” in a universal sense. In other words, this is a “Christ” that offers a *universal* “salvation.” A “cosmic” “salvation” of a “cosmic” “Christ” that is courtesy of a “cosmic” “God.”

Given that “*cosmic*” means “*of this world*,” let’s put this into perspective. A “cosmic” “salvation” of a “cosmic” “Christ” that is courtesy of a “cosmic” “God” is simply a “salvation” “*of this world*” through a “Christ” “*of this world*” courtesy of “the god of *this world*.”

*“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*

Yes, for those who don’t believe in God’s Christ—Jesus Christ of Nazareth—“*who is the image of God*,” “the god of this world” offers them a “Christ” “of this world” that is his *own* image. And, of course, a “Christ” that offers a *universal* “salvation” is a “Christ” by whom the world “shall not surely die” . . .

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast ... And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said ...? ... 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.” (Genesis 3:1, 4-5)

*“... **that old serpent**, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth the whole world** ...” (Revelation 12:9)*

Basically, the “Cosmic Christ” is simply a new way of thinking—or new “consciousness.” And this new way of thinking is simply a new kind of *un*-repentance of the *un*-acknowledging of the truth in order to embrace this new kind of *un*-Christ of *the whole world*. A harmonious wholeness, if you will, courtesy of “that old serpent” which is indeed deceiving *the whole world*. Not surprisingly, in *The Secret Doctrine* Blavatsky was not only critical that “the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge,” or what she referred to as “the ‘plants of life,’” “were denounced as the *forbidden* fruit,” but also that “the ‘Serpent of Wisdom’” “remained identified for ages with the Fallen Angel, which is the old Dragon, the Devil.”¹⁵⁹ And why did Blavatsky criticize this? Because according to *The Secret Doctrine*, “**the ‘Serpent of Wisdom’**” is “**the Voice of reason and *conscience***.”¹⁶⁰ In addition, Blavatsky also wrote:

*“**The Logos**, or both the unmanifested and the manifested WORD, is called by the Hindus, Iswara, ‘the Lord,’ though the Occultists give it another name. Iswara, say the Vedantins, **is the highest consciousness in nature**.” (bold added)¹⁶¹*

And, of course, along with the “Logos” being “**Cosmic Ideation**,”¹⁶² Blavatsky also wrote that the “Logos is equivalent to the ‘Unconscious *Universal Mind*,’ ... and is the source of *all* manifestations of individual *consciousness*.”¹⁶³ In other words, for everyone to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own* “*truth*” (i.e., “*ideas*” and “*images*”) of “*God*”—and thus to everyone’s own “knowing” of “good and evil”—is the “highest consciousness.” And given that “the ‘Serpent of Wisdom’” is “the Voice” of this “consciousness,” what name did Blavatsky give this “Logos”? “*Lucifer*,” what else? She wrote:

*“There is no *devil* or the utterly depraved, as there are no Angels absolutely perfect, though there may be spirits of Light and of Darkness; thus **LUCIFER — the spirit of Intellectual Enlightenment and Freedom of Thought** — is metaphorically **the guiding beacon**, which helps man to find his way through the rocks and sandbanks of Life, for Lucifer **is the LOGOS in his highest**, and the ‘Adversary’ in his lowest aspect ...” (bold added)¹⁶⁴*

In a nutshell, this “Serpent of Wisdom” is the “Voice” of a “LOGOS” “consciousness”—a circular, both/and “consciousness” to be exact. Blavatsky also wrote:

“‘The Circle is the THOUGHT; the diameter (or the line) is the WORD; and their union is LIFE.’” (parentheses in the original)¹⁶⁵

Again, as the late Blavatsky is now only too fully aware, this circle dance of Oneness, in which “the Light of the Logos

is *awakened*¹⁶⁶ and gives man the Freedom to “transcend” (bypass) *all lines*, does not lead to “LIFE.” Sadly, many are falling for and “awakening” to “Mystery,” the serpent’s harlot of Oneness—his new “light” of “harmony” and “wholeness.” Again, the article “Aquarian Harmony” writes that “the primordial latent sound and light” is called “the Logos or Vach or *Brahma Vach*.”¹⁶⁷ And Blavatsky, who also referred to the “LOGOS” as “the unifying *Circle*,”¹⁶⁸ wrote in the above quote shortly after “their union is LIFE” that “Vach (the Voice) is the *female* Logos of *Brahma*.”¹⁶⁹ She also wrote here that this “Divine Voice, or primordial light,” is “*Shekinah*.”¹⁷⁰ Sorry, but no matter how many people fall for the “reality” in which this “Light of the Logos is awakened,” *in no way, shape, or form is any of this the light and glory of God*. And, by the way, regarding Blavatsky’s statement that “LUCIFER” is “the guiding beacon,” a *beacon* is not only a “light,”¹⁷¹ it is also a “sign” and “signal.”¹⁷²

People are certainly free to “tune” in to the “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” and “awaken” to the new “light” of this “highest” “consciousness,” or way of thinking, all they want. But this luciferian “Freedom of Thought” to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own “truth” of “God”*—and thus to *the “Cosmic Christ”*—is only “the Lord” of those who are rejecting Jesus Christ of Nazareth as their Lord.

*“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**” (2 Corinthians 10:5)*

Contrary to 2 Corinthians 10:5, today’s new kind of “cosmic” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ” of Oneness is the “harmony” and “wholeness” of all “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods. Thus, according to the profane seducing spirit world:

*“[L]et me make something clear. **The era of the Single Savior is over. What is needed now is joint action, combined effort, collective co-creation.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁷³*

*“**You are, quite literally, the Word of God, made flesh.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “God;” emphasis added)¹⁷⁴*

This way, it obviously doesn’t matter what anyone believes. With a “cosmic” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ” that is “incarnate” (“made flesh”) *in everyone/everything*, all the different thoughts and ideas and images and beliefs become just different manifestations of the same “Word.” So what is this emerging faith collectively co-creating? A diabolical *symphony* of all “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods. A *symphony* of “lights” in “the ‘circle of the Mind of God.’”

To begin with, although this emerging faith claims to be all about “love,” this is not at all about the love of God. Again, God’s Word *repeatedly* warns that to follow after *other* gods is to “**go a whoring**.” So to put it bluntly, the circle dance of a harmonious *whole* is simply a circle dance of a harmonious *whore*. (For more on the ultimate lady of the night, see the earlier section titled “‘MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS.’”) To join opposites in a both/and circle dance of Oneness is diabolical to the core. This dance of Oneness is paving the road to hell with unholy “love” that is damnable. The seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul teaches that “the divine will” includes an “intense **love** of reality and of **that ‘persistent One’ who exists behind all phenomena**,” and then states:

“In the Old Commentary this type of will - the will-to-love - is spoken of in the following terms:

*“‘The Transcendent One said: I am alone. I must arise and seek with ceaseless urge, that which produces completion, **round out my circle whole**, intensify My life and **make Me truly One**, and this because I **recognize the Two**. I must have union with my *other* self, the self I dimly sense. Unto My heart I drew that other One and drawing thus I gave **enlightenment**; ...’*

*“This embodies ... the will aspect of the planetary **Logos**, ...” (emphasis added)¹⁷⁵*

This seducing spirit goes on to state here that “[i]t is the Lord of Sacrifice Who speaks” and that “[t]he keynote of sacrifice” is “**the ‘process of making whole,’**” which is “*the will of God*.” According to this seducing spirit Djwhal Khul, which channeled *the serpent’s “Plan”* through Alice Bailey: “The whole theme of revelation is the revelation of light,” which “concerns the discovery of the lighted areas” that “otherwise remain unknown, and therefore hidden;” this “process of revelation” is ushered in by “brighter lights” that “the guiding light within us” “eventually reveals;” and these “brighter lights” are “**greater lights which serve to reveal to us the Unknown God.**”¹⁷⁶

What is this “Unknown God”? According to this seducing spirit, it is “**God Immanent** within the planetary sphere;” and the “revelation” of this “Unknown God” is the “revelation” of “**the ‘circle of the Mind of God,’**” which is a “‘great lighted area’” that “expresses itself in the living, active state of **the planetary consciousness.**”¹⁷⁷ In other words, “this unknown God” “expresses himself through the planet **as a whole.**”¹⁷⁸ And, thus, the “Plan” concerns a revelation of a circle dance that is new “light”—new “light” that is a totality of *all minds*. And, by the way, this seducing spirit refers to “the planetary Logos” as “the great *informing* life.”¹⁷⁹ Information that is, of course, the harmonious wholeness of everyone’s own “ideas” and “images” of “God.” This is, after all, about embracing the serpent’s new “light”—the “Enlightenment” of man’s “Freedom of Thought”—and, thus, dancing in circles to the “music” of the “spheres.”

Again, the article “Aquarian Harmony” states that “All beings are one, and **all Being is One**” and “That which is No Number” is “the source of **dynamic harmony** that **lies behind all the spheres and circles** of the metaphysical and physical universes.”¹⁸⁰ And in *The Secret Doctrine*, along with writing that “the *centre of unity* and ‘**Source of Harmony**’” is “**the Logos**, ... because Pythagoras taught that UNITY being indivisible is *no number*,” Blavatsky also wrote that “[t]he Pythagoreans asserted ... that the world had been called forth out of Chaos by Sound or Harmony, and constructed according to the principles of musical proportion.”¹⁸¹ Likewise, in the book *Esoteric Healing*, and under the subheading “*The Sound goes forth*,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul not only refers to this “Sound” as “creative,” he teaches:

“**The Sound** which was the first indication of the activity **of the planetary Logos** is not a word, but a **full reverberating sound, holding within itself all other sounds**, all chords and certain musical tones (which have been given the name of **the ‘music of the spheres’**) ... It is this Sound which the ‘Rising One’ must learn to *recognize*, and to which he must *respond* ...” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁸²

This seducing spirit also teaches:

“Forget not that **sound permeates all forms**; the planet itself has its own note or sound; each minute atom also has its sound; each form can be evoked into music and **each human being has his peculiar chord and all chords contribute to the great symphony** which the Hierarchy [i.e., the seducing spirit world] and Humanity are playing, and playing now. **Every spiritual group has its own tune** ... This rhythm of sound and this myriad of chords and notes blend with the music of the Hierarchy itself and this is **a steadily enriching symphony ... the result of right breathing**, of controlled and organized rhythm, of true pure thought **and of the correct relation between all parts of the chorus.**” (emphasis added)¹⁸³

To give an example of this symphony of Oneness that is being repeated everywhere, this month a local ecumenical/interfaith Community Choir was hosted by a Lutheran church and held at a Mormon church, with a Bethel AME church, United Methodist church, New Age New Thought Center, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Baptist church as the other participating churches. Yes, despite the fact that other religions *worship other gods*, even a Baptist church joined together with them in this “combined choir” that had come together to sing in harmonious wholeness. (By the way, this same Baptist church also holds the monthly meetings of the area’s *Interfaith Council*.) Of course, those in this combined both/and Community Choir can sing “Beautiful Savior” all they want, but these empty sounds from *worshippers of other gods* are just a symphony that is not reality. *Reality* is being told the following words of Jesus Christ of Nazareth on judgment day:

“*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*” (Matthew 7:23)

Jesus Christ of Nazareth is *not* a “cosmic”/universal/harmonious “incarnation” of God. Jesus Christ of Nazareth does not offer a *universal* salvation to *worshippers of other gods*. That would be the offer of the “Cosmic Christ”—a “Universal Christ” that is *not* the “*one mediator between God and men.*” In fact, this “Universal Christ” offers a *universal* “salvation” that is purposely *not* based on *believing or obeying* the “*one mediator between God and men.*” This “Christ” has been specially designed to fulfill the seducing mission of the serpent/“god of this world”—the same god of whom this “Christ” is the image. And what is his mission? To bring man full circle in his lie in order to take as much of the whole world *swimming with him* as possible. And, sadly, far too many people are falling for the serpent’s wiles.

“*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.... Stand therefore, having your*

loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.” (Ephesians 6:11, 14-17, 24)

Regarding the *symphonic* “harmony” of Oneness, *phonic* is “from Gk. *phone* ‘sound, voice’”¹⁸⁴ and *sym-* is the “same as SYN-,”¹⁸⁵ about which Marilyn Ferguson wrote in *The Aquarian Conspiracy* that “[t]he Greek prefix *syn* (‘together with’), as in synthesis, synergy, syntropy, becomes increasingly meaningful” because “[w]hen things come together something new happens.”¹⁸⁶ **Symphony** is “from L. *symphonia* ‘a unison of sounds, harmony,’ from Gk. *symphonia* ‘harmony, concert,’ from *symphonos* ‘harmonious,’ from *syn-* ‘together’ (see *syn-*) + *phone* ‘voice, sound.’”¹⁸⁷ Fittingly, *symphony* is also “harmony of sounds, agreeable to the ear.”¹⁸⁸ Sounds like itching ears . . .

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Basically, today’s all-encompassing *symphonic* “harmony” is just a new kind of “sound” “doctrine” for today’s ears that are itching for the togetherness of Oneness. *Phonics*, along with fittingly being “[t]he *doctrine* or *science* of sounds,” is also “the *art* of *combining* musical sounds.”¹⁸⁹ And, of course, the emerging faith of Oneness is the “art” of combining *opposites*, which sounds like “music” to their ears. Even though a symphony of Oneness may sound “harmonious” to itching ears, this is still a symphony that has been *emptied* of truth, leaving just the *sound*. Simply put, a *symphony* of Oneness is just “a unison of sounds” that is *phony* -- “not real;” “counterfeit,” “not genuine;” “false or deceiving.”¹⁹⁰ But this phony Oneness is the symphony that people today *want*.

The following is a fitting description of Hong Kong’s show, “A Symphony of Lights,” which “has been awarded the world’s ‘Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show’ by Guinness World Records.”¹⁹¹ This “Symphony of Lights” has “five major themes,” and is “a unique journey celebrating the energy, spirit and diversity ...” These five themes are, respectively, “Awakening,” “Energy,” “Heritage,” “Partnership,” and “Celebration.”¹⁹² As is to be expected given Hong Kong’s Eastern religions, the themes of this “Symphony of Lights” also describe the path of the emerging faith/symphony of Oneness. From “Awakening,” which “begins with flashes” of “lights that give life to a nucleus of light-energy,” to the “Energy” of “the display of rising colour patterns,” to the “colourful” “Heritage” of “rich cultural traditions,” to the “Partnership” that is “an illuminated connection with the opposite side,” to the “Celebration” finale that “brings out a powerful rhythmic display of swirling, kaleidoscopic patterns of lights and beams dancing lively” that “signifies the celebration of the close partnership between the two sides” and “represents an even brighter future”¹⁹³—this Symphony does indeed describe the emerging faith/symphony.

Of course, the emerging faith/symphony is expected to soon be celebrating its finale—i.e., the “birth,” or emergence, that is to be a new kind of “Second Coming” of “Christ.” And all that is needed to bring this “end of the world as we know it”—which is seen as a finale that is to bring a “new beginning”—is for the world to heed the call to participate in this symphony . . .

Again, in *I Am a Follower*, Sweet writes that “*harmony*” “is knowing which *way* the wind is blowing or the music is modulating and *moving* with it,” and that “for Heraclitus” who “paved the way for its use in John’s gospel, *logos* implies the *joining of opposites*, and the *sound* that blared forth from *that joining* was ‘harmony.’”¹⁹⁴ And, therefore, “true harmony is *surround sound*, and the sound of a living *logos* is harmony,” and “Harmony is listening to those *around me* and finding my place in the music.”¹⁹⁵ This is, after all, about “the *combining of diversity* into *one sound*.”¹⁹⁶ That is, into *one* “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ.” A new “light” and “sound” of “harmony” and “wholeness” for a new world of Oneness. Of course, this way, *everyone* can say they are a follower of “Christ,” right?

“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:6-7)

“Nondual insights,” “the beginning of a fuller, freer, happier life”

In May 2010, Sweet posted “A Response to Recent Misunderstandings”¹ on his website. Although much could be said about his Response, suffice it to say that it is quite reminiscent of his absurd claim in *So Beautiful* that he is “not attacking or opposing the propositional.”² To refresh your memory, see the earlier section titled “For ‘the wages’ of believing doctrine (‘propositions’) is ‘death?’” for some examples on how he does “not” attack and oppose “the propositional.” In the same vein, Sweet tries to “sound” like he is distancing himself from the beliefs of the “New Age” and the “emerging church” in his Response. But there are many examples throughout his own teachings that reveal quite the opposite. He also tries to distance himself (just a smidge) from *Quantum Spirituality*, but two years later after posting his Response, *Quantum Spirituality* is still offered on his website as “a spirituality classic.”³

“Quantum spirituality ... entails a radical doctrine of embodiment of God in the very substance of creation.” (Leonard Sweet, in *Quantum Spirituality*; emphasis added)⁴

“Spirituality refers first of all to the universal gift of *aliveness* that exists *within all religions* and outside of religions.” (Leonard Sweet, in *Quantum Spirituality*; emphasis added)⁵

A “spirituality classic”?? *Classic* -- “judged over a period of time to be of the highest quality and outstanding of its kind;” “excellent as an example, timeless;”⁶ “serving as a standard, model, or guide;” “a creation or work considered as definitive.”⁷

It is therefore not surprising that Sweet’s “Response to Recent Misunderstandings” was subsequently followed with the publication of *Jesus Manifesto* (June 2010) and *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There* (August 2010). Sweet’s latest books, along with *So Beautiful* (April 2009) and *I Am a Follower* (January 2012), continue to perpetuate the same underlying false teachings of the emerging faith/“spirituality,” just in a more “Christianized” shape or form—or should we say just more couched in “Christian” language?—than was *Quantum Spirituality*. And then, of course, there’s his book *The Seraph Seal* (June 2011). Its false teachings have likewise only been barely addressed and are just as pervasive.

In his “Response to Recent Misunderstandings,” Sweet also offers reasons—about which much could be said as well, and in which he even absurdly likens himself to “Peter, Paul and Jesus himself”—regarding his choosing to quote “New Age thinkers” and “people outside the faith.”⁸ But Sweet neither addresses his own New Age thinking/teaching nor the rest of his own false teachings that are outside the faith. Rather than repenting and renouncing his own false teachings, Sweet tries to excuse them away as *our* misunderstandings. *Teachings that do not line up with the truth of God’s Word are not “misunderstandings.”* They are what they are. Although Sweet is clearly under the impression that his issue is with those whom he claims “misunderstand” *him*, his issue is actually with *God Himself* because he obviously misunderstands the Word of God. And his degrees and status are *irrelevant*. The truth of God is written in simplicity so that even a child can understand it. We just have to be *willing* to understand it. And *over and over and over* in his writings, Sweet denies the teachings of God’s Word and teaches *the opposite*. And *over and over and over* in his writings, Sweet agrees with the teachings of the New Age and teaches *the same*. As previously addressed, going “within” to find “truth” is designed to ultimately lead all people to *the same “God.”* It is therefore not surprising that they all begin to *sound the same* in their false teachings.

New Age leaders are even acknowledged by Sweet as his “personal role models” and “heroes” and “teachers” in his “spirituality classic.”⁹ And he also thanks New Age leader “David Spangler for his help in formulating this ‘new cell’ understanding of New Light leadership.”¹⁰ He even does all this in the very book that, in his Response, he absurdly claims to have written in order to “evangeliz[e]” “New Agers.”¹¹ First of all, a book on “Quantum Spirituality” that essentially “evangelizes” those in today’s Christianity to the New Age is not going to “evangelize” New Agers to Christianity. So, to *what* is he trying to “evangelize” them, their own religion? And, second of all, in the Acknowledgments of *Quantum Spirituality*, Sweet even says of these included New Age leaders that they are “my teachers on how to translate, without compromising content, *the gospel* into the indigenous context of the postmodern vernacular”¹²—a statement that should pretty much speak for itself by now.

Along with New Age leaders Ken Wilber and Matthew Fox, included in Sweet's list of his "personal role models"/"heroes"/"teachers" is also M. Scott Peck, whose book *The Different Drum: Community Making and Peace* features Marilyn Ferguson's endorsement on the back cover: "Scott Peck has done it again. The Different Drum could mobilize groups the way *The Road Less Traveled* inspired individuals."¹³ So why does the New Age author of *The Aquarian Conspiracy* endorse Peck and his books, a man whom even leaders of today's shifting Christianity absurdly refer to as a "Christian" resource?

First, in *The Road Less Traveled*, Peck wrote that "[i]f you desire wisdom greater than your own, you can find it inside you" because "our unconscious is God."¹⁴ Thus, according to Peck, "we may further define the goal of spiritual growth to be the attainment of *godhood* by the conscious self"—that is, "[i]t is for the individual to become totally, wholly God."¹⁵ And why is this "the goal"? Because according to Peck, this "God *wants* us to become Himself (or *Herself* or *Itself*)."¹⁶ Moreover, Peck then stated: "We are growing toward godhood. God is the goal of evolution."¹⁷ So why wouldn't a New Age author endorse Peck?

Second, in *The Different Drum*, Peck wrote of "a giant leap forward in the evolution of the human race, a leap toward not only *mystical* but global *consciousness* and world community" and that "[p]erhaps the greatest prophet of this leap was *Teilhard de Chardin*."¹⁸ And, of course, Ferguson wrote in *The Aquarian Conspiracy* that "*Teilhard* prophesied the phenomenon central to this book"¹⁹—a book that became known as a "New Age Bible." And yet, Peck wrote *The Different Drum* in 1987, four years *after* his 1983 announcement that he had "made a firm *Christian* commitment."²⁰ But it shouldn't be too surprising that Peck wrote of this "giant leap" *after* his "conversion." After all, Teilhard de Chardin was "Twentieth-century *Christianity's* major voice"²¹—at least according to Leonard Sweet, who lists New Age leaders as his "teachers." And, by the way, Peck's own endorsement of Matthew Fox's 1988 book *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* is featured on *its* back cover. Peck wrote: "Fox's most daring, pioneering work yet, stimulating us to the kind of resurrection of values and practice required for planetary salvation."²² Birds of a feather . . .

In the article "M. Scott Peck: Community and the Cosmic Christ," in which he addresses the false teachings of Peck and Fox, Warren B. Smith writes that "[i]t was in 1983, in his second book, *People of the Lie*, that M. Scott Peck announced that he had become a 'Christian' and that Jesus was now his 'Lord.'"²³ Smith also writes that "*after* his 'conversion' to Christianity," Peck claimed to have written *The Road Less Traveled* with "God's help."²⁴ Given Peck's "conversion" to *Christianity*, it is only natural to expect one's converted beliefs to be in the God of *Christianity*. But, sadly enough, now that everything is being flipped upside down, this expectation is obviously too high. Jesus warned:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

It is perfectly clear in the Word of God that it is not the God of Christianity that "wants us to *become* Himself (or *Herself* or *Itself*)." And it is not the God of Christianity that wants us to attain the "goal" of "*godhood*." So why did the late Peck fall for *the serpent's lie* that "ye shall be as gods"? Because he, like people today, wanted to change "the rules." Sadly, people simply aren't willing to believe and obey the Word of God. Hence, they inevitably wise up too late that God said what He meant and meant what He said. In *The Different Drum*, Peck wrote: "In and through community lies the salvation of the world;" "the human race today stands at the brink of self-annihilation;" "I want to save my skin" and "I need you, and you me, for salvation;" "It is not impractical to consider seriously changing the rules of the game when the game is clearly killing you;" and "I will call for the rules to be changed...If humankind is to survive, the matter of changing the rules is not optional."²⁵ One year later, Peck endorsed Matthew Fox's book *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*. And three years after that, Sweet acknowledged both men in his list of "personal role models" and "heroes" and "teachers on how to translate ... the gospel."

New Age leader Willis Harman, who wrote the book *Global Mind Change: The New Age Revolution in How We Think*, is "listed as one of the most influential Aquarian/New Age conspirators"²⁶ in New Age author Marilyn Ferguson's book *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. Along with Wilber, Fox, and Peck, Harman is also included by Sweet as one of his "personal role models"/"heroes"/"teachers." Warren B. Smith, who is a former New Ager, addresses some of the New Age leaders in Sweet's list in his book *A "Wonderful" Deception*.²⁷ And, by the way, also included as one of Sweet's "teachers on

how to translate ... the *gospel*” is Michael Dowd,²⁸ “America’s evolutionary evangelist” of “the *gospel* of evolution.”²⁹ (For Dowd’s teachings, see the previous section “Replacing *is* with *ever becoming*” and its subsection “‘*Evolutionize Your Life: Heaven Is Coming Home to Reality.*’”)

In *Quantum Spirituality*, Sweet refers to those whom he acknowledges as his “personal role models”/“heroes”/“teachers” as “*New Light* leaders” that “are among the most creative religious leaders in America today” and “the ones carving out channels for *new ideas* to flow.”³⁰ Then, contradicting his Response as to why he wrote *Quantum Spirituality*, Sweet continues with: “In a way this book was written to guide myself through their channels and chart their progress. *The book’s best ideas come from them.*”³¹ And as of today, this book is *still offered* on Sweet’s website as “a *spirituality classic*.” And, by the way, his website’s description of *Quantum Spirituality* also states that “[t]his was Len’s ‘coming out’ book.”³²

Today’s pastors and leaders and churches and congregants are indeed being taught a New Age revolution in how we think—by their heaped teachers who have fallen for New Age lies. And, yes, this is a big deal. But, sadly, too many people in today’s shifting Christianity don’t see it that way. Aside from the sheep’s clothing of the growing number of wolves who can “sound” so “Christian” when they teach, everything else is ever becoming “irrelevant.” And, indeed, even the *sheep’s clothing itself* is becoming “irrelevant”—as many move forward to openly defend the wolf pack. And not only so, but *the sheep*—whom the wolves are trying to devour—are also being absurdly castigated as the “bullies” for sounding the alarm. The sheep simply have no “humility” towards these devouring wolves . . .

Absurdly, along with defending the wolf pack, those who prefer man’s word over God’s Word typically pull the delusive “all truth is God’s truth”-no-matter-where-it-is-found-or-who-says-it argument. But using this argument is simply a vain attempt to pass off false teachings as the truth.

Accordingly, in *So Beautiful*, while again *avoiding the issue of the falseness of his own teachings*, Sweet writes the following regarding those whom he quotes, which are outside the faith:

“... I am deemed guilty by association because I quote certain people....

“There is a small segment of the Christian community today that subscribes to the notion that you cannot quote anyone unless you agree with everything that person has ever said. I quote someone because I like his or her quote. That person’s quote either provides a counterargument to my position, which I feel may contribute to the conversation, or his or her quote animates something I am trying to say. I quote Nietzsche frequently, but that does not make me a God-is-dead theologian. I quote Ken Wilber, but that does not make me a new-age advocate. In my lexicon, new age rhymes with sewage. But there is more than one Web site out there denouncing my ‘new-age’ identity based on this premise: Len Sweet quotes so-and-so; in this other book (which I may have never read or which may have not yet been published when I used the quote), this person says this-and-that; therefore, Len Sweet believes this-and-that, which makes him a blankety-blank.

“This approach would have been a surprise to Saint Ambrose and Saint Thomas Aquinas, who repeated this saying over and over again: *omne verum a quocumque dictatur a Spiritu Sancto est*; that is, **any statement of truth is from the Holy Spirit, no matter who utters it.**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³³

It is quite incredible to watch today’s leaders backpedal, sidepedal, and pedal in circles in their attempts to simultaneously deny and justify their inclusion of false teachings in their own teachings. It is even more incredible when their justification for quoting a New Age or other false teaching is that it is *God’s truth*! Moreover, what Catholic *mystics* say about truth is not surprising and is irrelevant. The Lord Jesus Christ said, “*thy word* is truth” (John 17:17). The Word of God is the truth of God, and any statement of “truth” that does not line up with the truth of God’s Word is not truth, no matter who utters it.

Yet *ever avoiding the issue of the falseness of his own teachings*, Sweet tries to make the issue those whom he quotes and, thus, “guilt by association.” In his Response, Sweet writes: “Because I quote someone does not mean I agree with everything that person ever wrote.... The key consideration to whether I quoted someone was not ‘Do I agree with them?’ but ‘Does this quote energize the conversation?’ ‘Guilt by association’ is intellectually disreputable and injurious to the whole body of Christ.”³⁴

False teachings are false teachings whether people are guilty in their associations or not. (And, just out of curiosity, what's the supposed "justification" for the fact that one of the primary teachers of today's pastors and leaders of Christianity is a "theologian" who started out with New Age leaders being his "personal role models," "heroes," and "teachers"? Would this be "all truth is God's truth" or "guilt by association"? *Association* is "[a] connection of persons, things, or ideas by some common factor; union;"³⁵ and *associate* is "to join together; connect;" "unite;"³⁶ "to bring together or into relationship;"³⁷ "connected, paired."³⁸ Absurdly, even though the emerging faith teaches connectedness with everyone and everything including *all faiths/religions* (which obviously includes the New Age faith/religion), its various leaders still keep trying to claim *innocence* through "guilt by association." Nice try.

When reading the following warning in the Word of God, keep in mind that included in the definition of *separate* is "to remove or sever from association;"³⁹ "cease to associate."⁴⁰

*"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate, saith the Lord**, and touch not the unclean thing; **and I will receive you**, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)*

Yet the emerging faith of Oneness—in which its "Christian" adherents absurdly decry "guilt by association"—is *all about associating/connecting*. And not only so, but it is about *connecting everyone and everything*. In other words, it is about *not separating anyone or anything whatsoever*. And, yes, this "guilt by association"—i.e., guilt by *connecting*, or guilt by *not separating*—is unarguably injurious to the true body of Christ. This guiltiness also *profanes God*.

"... they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, ... and I am profaned among them." (Ezekiel 22:26)

But, absurdly, Oneness—i.e., profaning God—is justified as "scientific." As stated in just one quote in Sweet's 2011 book, *The Seraph Seal*:

"The omnipresent attribute of God is mathematically demonstrated in M-theory by physicists. Omnipresence is now a quantifiable *scientific fact*, although not necessarily attributed to God by the scientists. M-theory ... is **the successor to string theory** ... One of the things M-theory states is that **there is a group of thin membranes that connect all the matter in the universe**. They exist in the eleventh dimension, *the unifying dimension* of the first ten dimensions. Thus some of the more mysterious attributes of *theology* are becoming measurable and quantifiable." (Leonard Sweet & Lori Wagner; emphasis added)⁴¹

Again, the true God, Who is *separate* from His creation, will never be found by science. His presence cannot be put in a "test tube," so to speak, or on a chalkboard for that matter, and thus "proven" by science—mathematically or otherwise. And M-theory is not "*fact*," but just a *theory*. There was a time when the world used to know the difference. But today's whole new way of thinking is so upside down that theories are now the "truth" and the truth is now a "theory." Nevertheless, whether people believe that connecting everyone/everything in this emerging "scientific" faith/New Quantum Spirituality is "fact" or not, theory is theory.

A *theory* is "a supposition or a system of ideas."⁴² And as Sweet and Viola write in *Jesus Manifesto*, "Every attempt to capture God and cram and ram Him in a system will ultimately fail."⁴³ Of course, they were applying this to "[t]he Christian religion" that they claim "is built on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" because of its "profoundly grievous misuse of *the Bible*" that "makes its adherents think that they have now found the *real* knowledge of good and evil."⁴⁴ Never mind that the Bible is the Word of God. The written Word of God is now seen as a system that is doomed to fail. People today are turning instead to "*science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith*" because "science" makes its adherents think that they have now found the *real* knowledge of *God*. Even so, it is without question that it is the "evolving" false "system of ideas" of man's emerging faith/"science" of Oneness that will ultimately fail. The truth and faith of God's Word is not a "theory." The written Word of God is neither a "system" nor

a book of “ideas.” It is God’s inspired Scripture of *absolute truth*. And *every* attempt to capture God and cram and ram Him into Oneness with everyone/everything—and *especially* into the “very substance” of creation, and from there into man’s “cosmic” “ideas” and “images”—is a “system” that will ultimately *fail*. And that is an understatement.

Today’s new *both/and* “light” of Oneness (*nonduality*) is a “system” that is built on sand. And all who have built their faith on it are “without a *foundation*” and doomed to experience “the *ruin*” of a great *fall*:

“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26-27)

“But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.” (Luke 6:49)

In October 2011, SAND (the self-chosen acronym of *Science and Nonduality* that simply could not be any more fitting) held a Conference titled “On the Edge of Time...”⁴⁵ Its website states:

“Science and Nonduality (SAND) brings together preeminent scientists, philosophers, spiritual teachers, and mystics for an exploration of the new paradigm emerging in spirituality that is grounded in **cutting-edge science** and consistent **with the ancient wisdom of nonduality** -- the deep understanding of **the interconnectedness of life...**” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; parentheses & ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁶

Listed among the many speakers is the previously addressed New Age leader Ken Wilber, one of Sweet’s listed “personal role models”/“heroes”/“teachers,”⁴⁷ and whose “philosophy integrates body, mind, soul, and Spirit with self, culture, and nature.”⁴⁸ Also listed as a speaker is Richard Rohr, who “has been featured on NPR and with Dr. Mehmet Oz on Oprah Radio” and is “a regular contributor to Sojourners magazine.”⁴⁹ (As previously mentioned, Jim Wallis, one of the many leaders of the emerging church movement, is editor-in-chief of this magazine.⁵⁰ And along with Brian McLaren and Shane Claiborne, Richard Rohr is one of its contributing editors.⁵¹) Moreover, along with Brian McLaren, Rohr was also one of the 38 participants of Michael Dowd’s aforementioned Teleseminar Series, “The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity: Conversations at the Leading Edge of Faith,” in December 2010.⁵² (By the way, of these 38 participants, Dowd says, “we collectively honor *all truth as God’s truth*.”⁵³) Richard Rohr also endorsed Brian McLaren’s book *A New Kind of Christianity* which is featured on the back cover: “Now and then gifted people emerge who see the situation from a higher and more helpful level. Brian McLaren is one of those seers.”⁵⁴ In this same book, McLaren also writes that “Nondual (or beyond-dual) thinking is a powerful theme of my Franciscan friend Fr. Richard Rohr,” and “[s]ee especially his upcoming book *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*.”⁵⁵

Sadly, today’s many, many “seers”—who absurdly see “all truth as God’s truth”—just don’t see the words of *God’s Word of truth* as the words of *God’s Word of truth*. Hence their mission of Oneness—a mission to raise the anchor of God’s absolute truth that divides *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*. After all, the “seers” are determined to freely sail a sea of Oneness in which there is *no duality*—i.e., *no opposites*. A journey of *infinite “choices”*—or should we say *infinite “possibilities”*? And since the Oneness/nonduality of all opposites is an Ark “of safety,” what’s there to fear? Only “the *ruin*” of a great *fall*. But the “seers” don’t see it that way. Under its Mission, the Science and Nonduality (SAND) website thus states:

“To see the turnings [of ‘life’] from the perspective of these nondual insights is the beginning of a fuller, freer, happier life. It is the beginning of awakening....

“Philosophers speak of nonduality as the insight that reality lacks true multiplicity, suggesting that **reality is actually free of the dualistic opposites** so often attributed to it. That is, reality lacks such distinctions as mind/matter, subject/object, reality/appearance, self/other, substance/attribute, essentialism/nihilism, past/future, here/there, **truth/falsity, good/evil**, and other pairs of opposites.

“In spite of having successfully used analysis (i.e. ‘taking things apart’) as a powerful tool for centuries, *science is converging on the nondual*.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁵⁶

And as Leonard Sweet sees it, “**Dualism**” is “**plug ugly**” and “Nondualism” is “so beautiful.”⁵⁷ People can imagine that they are “*scientifically*” abandoning the “old” “dualistic opposites” all they want, but it is the *forked-tongue* of the serpent—“the god of this world”—that *unites opposites* into a lie of *Oneness*. And all who are heeding the “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of his seducing spirit world rather than the absolute truth of the Word of God are easy prey. Many are “awakening,” and are thus opening their eyes to become “seers” of Oneness/nonduality—a *whole new kind of “reality.”*

“For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.” (Zechariah 10:2)

As previously addressed, in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*, Sweet also writes: “Nudgers **listen for** that background hum of **the Creator built into the universe**.... Voice is the pleasure and privilege of the bodyless God.”^{40–58} And in his endnote #40 of this quote, Sweet writes: “Hence the Bible translation, *The Voice* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, upcoming) of which my contribution is the book of Genesis.”⁵⁹ Well, on April 10, 2012—which, quite fittingly, is 100 years to the day that the *Titanic* lifted anchor and set sail⁶⁰—*The Voice* as a whole “Bible” is being released.⁶¹ Thomas Nelson promotes this completed rewrite as “A new kind of translation.”⁶² It is indeed. (For detailed coverage, see the earlier section titled, “A ‘Holistic Beautiful Sensitive Balanced’ ‘storyteller’s Bible’ -- *The Voice*.”) And according to the website, “The Voice draws you in like no other Bible.”⁶³ In fact, maybe *The Voice Bible: Step Into the Story of Scripture* should have been more openly subtitled, *The Art and Craft of Abductive Translating*. Again, this is indeed an “abductive” “conspiracy,” and many in today’s Christianity are being seized by their imagination and led away from *the truth of God’s Word*—even by today’s new “Bibles.”

Listed in this “Bible” as one of its “Contributing Writers”⁶⁴ is, of course, Leonard Sweet. But then, a “theologian”⁶⁵ who acknowledges New Age leaders as “New Light leaders” and as his “personal role models”/“heroes”/“teachers”⁶⁶ and who believes, for example, that “Triune God is a *sphere* whose center is *everywhere* but whose circumference is *nowhere*”⁶⁷ would know best how to rewrite the Word of God, right? This, of course, would depend on what kind of “Word” of “God” is the goal in the rewrite. And this “new kind of translation” is a new kind of “Bible” that is also said to be “a new voice for a new millennium.” Make that a “*new voice*” for a *new age*—or should we say for a new kind of new age? On Thomas Nelson’s website for *The Voice* is a September 2011 article titled, “**Logos - ‘The Voice,’**” which states the following:

*“**The Voice, the very God** through whom all was created, is **called logos in Greek** and has been translated as the ‘Word,’ but truly is **the expression of God**: the logic, the verbalization, the speaking, the Voice....*

*“While the ancient term *logos* does mean the Word, there is much more held in that expression than what we, in our time, immediately think of. In ancient Greek it literally meant **the expression of an idea**. The concept and the **fullness** of its expression is the point here and **not the unique arrangement of letters**....*

“‘Voice’ gives us a more complete picture ...

“We deeply believe in this new translation, a new voice for a new millennium.” (bold & underline added)⁶⁸

People are certainly free to “deeply believe” in a new “Voice” that gives them “a more complete picture” of the “logos” if they want to. But the true Word of God has been given to us by God through “*holy men of God*” who “*spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*” (2 Peter 1:21). To the contrary, *The Voice* has been given to us by *man*—at *best*—and through people who not only *profane God* by seeing no difference between *the holy and profane* but who speak as they are moved by their imagination. This is simply man’s “*new kind of translation*” that is *not inspired* for all those who want to move forward *past God’s “old” inspired kind*. And to move forward past “the unique arrangement of letters”—i.e., past the *words*—of God’s inspired Holy Scriptures in order to “Step Into the Story” of man’s new kind of non-inspired “Scripture” is indeed “the expression of an *idea*.” A “fullness” of a new kind of “truth” that is not the expression of *the absolute truth* of God but, rather, of an “*idea*” that can be uniquely formed into any arrangement of letters that man is *willing* to accept. A “Cosmic Ideation”⁶⁹ of the “ideational energy of the Logos,”⁷⁰ if you will. And this, of course, would be that “Logos”/“Deity” through which “the world had been called forth out of *Chaos* by Sound or Harmony”⁷¹—as Blavatsky wrote. And how does this new kind of “Bible”/“Word”/“Logos”/“Voice” begin? At the very beginning of Sweet’s “Genesis” rewrite is the following commentary:

“Out of nowhere, time, space, and all the living whirl forth as God speaks the universe into existence. With the utterance of His voice, creation takes form, *chaos* yields to order, ...” (*The Voice*, just before “Genesis 1” begins; emphasis added)⁷²

Sorry, but chaos exists in this emerging whirling and swirling dance of (*r*)*evolutionary* faithlessness, not in God simply *speaking* creation into a *finished* existence. Again, given his beliefs, that Sweet has been chosen to rewrite God’s Word *at all*, let alone the book of *Genesis*, is sheer mockery of God and His Word. But then, new versions are *new* for a *reason*.

As has already been addressed in detail, people are being openly led by Sweet, McLaren, and all the other leaders of the emerging faith of Oneness to “awaken” to the “wisdom” that comes from the “beauty” of *all things* and thus to a “reality” not “known” before. And even though “awakening” to this whole new kind of “reality” of a “so beautiful,” “fuller, freer, happier life” of Oneness/nonduality is being justified as “*scientific*,” this doesn’t change the fact that this is an “awakening” that is *serpentine* and comes from desiring the forbidden fruit. And, by the way, believe it or not, Sweet even openly writes this into his “Genesis” rewrite:

“Serpent (*to the woman*): Is it true that God has forbidden you to eat *fruits* from the trees of the garden?

“Eve: *No, serpent.... We are granted access to any variety and all amounts of fruit* with one exception: the fruit from the tree found in the center of the garden. God instructed us not to eat or touch the fruit of that tree or we would die.

“**Serpent:** *Die? No, you’ll not die. God is playing games with you. The truth is that God knows the day you eat the fruit from that tree **you will awaken something powerful in you** and become like Him: possessing knowledge of both good and evil.*

“The woman *approached the tree*, eyed its fruit, and coveted its *mouth-watering, **wisdom-granting beauty***. She plucked a fruit from the tree and ate. She then offered *the fruit* to her husband who was close by, and he ate as well. **Suddenly their eyes were opened to a reality previously unknown.**” (“Genesis 3:1b-7a;” *The Voice*, parentheses in the original; bold added)⁷³

Even in their own per-version, the handwriting is on the wall regarding this emerging *serpentine* faith. The serpent is successfully playing games with far too many people who just don’t want to believe that Yea, God *hath* said. They would rather “rethink” and “reimagine” and “rewrite” the Word of God into a form that they are *willing* to accept. And why wouldn’t they fearlessly do so? After all, “awakening” to this emerging serpentine faith of Oneness/nonduality is opening eyes everywhere to see the whole new “reality” of a “wisdom-granting beauty” of *both/and*. This is a whole new “reality” that is to be a *universal* salvation. In other words, this is a whole new “reality” in which “you’ll not die” but, rather, “you will *awaken*.” All people have to do is simply “nudge” each other to “awaken” “to the God who is *already* there,” which is a “reality previously unknown” to them until they are nudged into “awakening.” This is, of course, an “awakening” to the “reality” of a “cosmic incarnation.” As Sweet puts it in *Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who’s Already There*:

“[T]he incarnation goes all the way down, and **the Spirit indwells all that exists.**” (emphasis added)⁷⁴

“Evangelism is **awakening each other to the God who is already there.**” (emphasis added)⁷⁵

“Evangelists always nudge.... Their words when spoken are *not* so much ‘You are *lost in sin*’ as ‘You *belong to God*.’...

“[N]udgers are not smudgers of **the divine in people.**” (emphasis added)⁷⁶

“Nudge is *not* bringing God to people or taking Jesus to the *unsaved*....

“Nudge is introducing people to the ‘Jesus *in them*,’ to **the God they already know but don’t know it.**” (emphasis added)⁷⁷

So, again, just nudge each other to “awaken” to this “reality previously unknown” and “you’ll not die.” In other words, just nudge each other to partake of the “wisdom-granting beauty” of this fruit and “you will awaken” to this emerging serpentine faith.

Conveniently, this emerging faith’s “harmony” and “wholeness” of the “cosmic” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ” “will awaken

something powerful in you”—a new way of thinking, or “consciousness,” that has the “power” to create a whole new world of Oneness. All people have to do is “awaken” to the “reality” that gives the world the “Freedom of Thought” to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to everyone’s own “truth” (i.e., “ideas” and “images”) of “God.” Of course, by doing so, they will be “awakening” to a both/and “reality” that leads them to also “Just say ‘No!’” to the truth of the Word of God. A “Freedom of Thought” that is indeed both/and. There is no “Yes!” to everyone’s “truth” without a “No!” to God’s truth. And, therefore, those who are opening their eyes to this both/and “reality” are becoming “seers” who see the true knowledge of good and evil that is given to us by God in the Word of God as the “forbidden” fruit. Nevertheless, even if the whole world becomes “seers,” Yea, God hath said.

Of course, the world is not just becoming a world of “seers,” but of “hearers.” And the symphonic “music” of the “spheres” that people are falling for is simply the “siren song” of the serpent’s harlot. Despite Blavatsky’s *Secret Doctrine* that “Vach, Shekinah, or the ‘music of the spheres’ of Pythagoras, are one,”⁷⁸ it is not the “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of God that all those who are “awakening” to this “reality” of Oneness are following.

No matter how “beautiful” Oneness looks and sounds, it is perfectly clear in the Word of God that the call to participate in this symphony of a both/and “light” and “harmony” of Oneness is not the call of God and His Son. It is not the call of that same Jesus Christ of Nazareth Whom God made “*both Lord and Christ*.” Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not the both/and Oneness of all opposites (i.e., of all either/or’s). He is simply both Lord and Christ.

*“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ**. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” (Acts 2:36-39)*

*“For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**.” (1 Timothy 2:5)*

Again, when Jesus Christ of Nazareth rose from the dead, the same Jesus Christ of Nazareth was *bodily/physically* resurrected. Jesus Christ of Nazareth was not “resurrected” into “all of life and in all things.” Those who choose to no longer remember Jesus Christ of Nazareth will soon face a *terrifying* judgment. And choosing to “re-member”—or “glue” together—a “Cosmic Christ” in everyone/everything will change *nothing*. The “Cosmic Christ” of the emerging faith of Oneness is neither the true Christ nor the true Word (a.k.a. “Logos”). Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the *eternal* Word that was made flesh—i.e., took on a human body—in order to die for our sins (e.g., see Hebrews 2:9; Romans 6:23). And it is this same eternal Word—Jesus Christ of Nazareth—that is coming back to judge the *unrepentant* world that refuses to believe Who He is.

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (**and we beheld his glory**, the glory as of the **only begotten of the Father**,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)*

*“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.... **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee**. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron**; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.... Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little**. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” (Psalm 2:6-9, 11-12)*

*“**And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **His eyes were as a flame of fire**, ... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: **and his name is called The Word of God**.... **And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: **and he shall rule them with a rod of iron**: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.” (Revelation 19:11-13, 15-16)*

*“... **These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire**, ... **And he that overcometh**, and*

keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he **shall rule them with a rod of iron**; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: **even as I received of my Father.**" (Revelation 2:18, 26-27)

Obviously, the "Cosmic Christ" of the emerging faith of *Oneness* is not the Son of God Whose name is called The Word of God. Rather, the Son of God is the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS Who is coming back in wrathful judgment against all who refuse to believe in Him. This KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God's true Christ and Word, Who is neither worldly nor universal nor harmonious.

But, sadly, no doubt all the *many, many ways* that this emerging faith is going *against* the truth of the living Word of God that God has recorded for us in the written Word of God were all just supposed to remain an *unknown hidden secret*. After all, if people were to emerge from today's purposely-facilitated *scriptural illiteracy* and actually *know* the truth of God's Word instead of being led to "*rethink*" and "*reimagine*" it all, they might just discerningly connect the dots of all the *heresies* of today's emerging faith. And this would reveal a hidden picture that is quite *anti-God*, *anti-Christ*, and *anti-truth* . . .

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, ... **Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:10, 12)

"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that **no lie is of the truth**. Who is a liar but he that denieth that **Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.**" (1 John 2:21-22)

"**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**" (Exodus 20:3)

"**For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**" (1 John 5:7)^N

"**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ..." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Sadly, instead of teaching all the nations all the things that the Lord Jesus Christ has commanded all of us, today's shifting Christianity is joining the mission to help the world "shift from the quest for the historical *Jesus* to the quest for the *Cosmic Christ*."⁷⁹ And the many change agents have been quite successful. Even so, we can either choose Jesus Christ of Nazareth or we can choose the "cosmic" freedom of man's own "ideas"—a "cosmic" "Christ" that can save no one. This "fuller, freer, happier life" will be short-lived. Although the emerging faith of *Oneness* attempts to create a "coming together of the historical *Jesus* and the *Cosmic Christ*,"⁸⁰ in truth, these opposites cannot be joined. There is no *Oneness* of the *corner stone* and "the unifying *Circle* or *LOGOS*."⁸¹ Man's "ideas" are not Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Man's "ideas" are not "the man Christ *Jesus*," the "one mediator between *God* and *men*" (1 Timothy 2:5).

"... If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23)

All who will be told by the "one mediator between *God* and *men*" to depart from Him, and thus from God, for all eternity are in for a rude awakening. And that is an understatement.

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

"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:23)

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1 John 5:7 is a verse that has been conveniently deleted—for a *reason*—from most of today's new holey versions which, in choosing to follow the "best" manuscripts, have shrunk and combined vv. 6-8.

“Welcome” to “Presence” . . . “you are being prepared”

Key to helping the world make this “shift from the quest for the historical Jesus to the quest for the *Cosmic Christ*”¹ is *meditation*. Along with this quote, Matthew Fox also writes in *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*:

“The promise of ecumenism, the coming together of religions, has been *thwarted* because world religions have not been relating at the level of *mysticism*.” (emphasis added)²

“The *Cosmic Christ* educes power and responsibility from those who dare to allow the *mystic* to be born in and through them.” (emphasis added)³

And, of course, Alice Bailey wrote in her book *From Intellect to Intuition* that a key “result of *meditation* is that we *find God*,” but since this is a “God” that is nothing “but a symbol of Reality” they aren’t finding *God* but, rather, they are finding that “[i]t is relatively unimportant what we mean in detail by that little word of three letters.”⁴ Hence, we see this “coming together of religions” in today’s “birth” of the *mystic* that, sadly enough, *many, many* people around the world now do indeed “dare to allow.” To understand why meditation/mysticism is so key to the emergence of this faith of Oneness (or what Baily referred to as the “new world religion”), it is necessary to take a more in-depth look at meditation. And we are going to start with “the fourth dimension.”

Leonard Sweet writes in *Quantum Spirituality* that “New-Light mindedness *nudges* postmoderns off the sidewalks” because “‘Where the Concrete Ends’ is the beginning of what physicists call the ‘*fourth dimension*.’”⁵ He also writes in this same book:

“The fourth dimension stretches the domain of theology ... The fourth dimensional fusion between outer space and inner space can yield energy of the *highest Theos*.” (emphasis added, except to *Theos*)⁶

Even though people today are determined to believe otherwise, *stretching “the domain of theology” is not “scientific.”* Stretching the truth of God to include man’s falsehood—and, yes, this means to also include “science falsely so called”—is actually quite *serpentine*. And this yielded “energy” of the *highest “Theos”* is nothing more than simply a “fourth dimensional” change to the *highest “consciousness.”* Shortly before writing that a “Paradigm change” “is a sudden shift of *pattern*, a spiral, and sometimes a *cataclysm*,” Marilyn Ferguson also wrote in *The Aquarian Conspiracy*:

“It is **the fourth dimension of change**: the *new* perspective, the insight that allows the information to come together in a *new form* or structure. Paradigm change refines and *integrates*. Paradigm change attempts **to heal the delusion of either-or** ...

“It allows for different interpretations from different perspectives at different times.” (emphasis added)⁷

It is without question that the “fourth dimension” is a “dimension” of *change*. This journey into “the fourth dimension of change” is a *mystical* journey. It is a “dimensional” shift that takes place in meditation. And today’s “birth” of the *mystic* is resulting in “the coming together of religions” because meditation/mysticism is designed to open people’s minds, not to the truth of *either-or* but to the true delusion of *both-and*. Both-and is, of course, a *stretched* “theology” that is all-inclusive of both truth and falsehood. And whether those who meditate are purposely seeking to journey to the “fourth dimension” or not, meditation is designed to *open minds* to the “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of the *serpent and his seducing spirit world* and thus to their *stretched “truth.”*

So where does this leave people who don’t meditate? Sadly, even those who don’t meditate themselves are still falling for this *stretched “domain of theology”* of *both-and*. Why? Because *many* are following the teachings of leaders who do meditate, and *these teachings are inextricably based on these leaders’ mystical journeys*. This is the case even in today’s Christianity. As addressed earlier, Sweet, for example, admits in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“Mysticism begins in experience; it ends in theology.” (emphasis added)⁸

And keep in mind that this is said by a “*theologian*” who is *one of the primary teachers of the pastors and leaders of today’s Christianity*. Sweet also states: “For the common sense to be the common good in the postmodern era, it *must* come to respect the *authority of intuitive* modes of knowing.”⁹ And given that Sweet describes “intuition” as “a *mystical* quality,”¹⁰ it is therefore not surprising that he also writes that “the church needs to hear the words of” “Nobel Laureate Henri Bergson” who said, “A truly *intuitive* philosophy would realize the much-desired union of science and *metaphysics*.”¹¹ Shortly after “the *authority of intuitive* modes of knowing,” Sweet also writes that whereas “Modernity dismissed ‘intuition’ ... Postmodernity, on the other hand, thrives on *intuitional experience*, elevating its attributes to the status of a true leader.”¹²

So, keeping in mind that mysticism “ends in theology,” let’s take a look at the “fourth dimension” and this “intuitional experience” of today’s so-called “true” leaders. In this same book and under the heading “**The Second Threshold of Angelic Thinking**,” Sweet writes that “**New Light leadership** must facilitate a second threshold experience into the imaginary realms of the fourth dimension.”¹³ He then follows this by saying that others refer to this as “**the ‘Angelic Mind’**” and “**an openness to** letting the organism ‘come to you’ and **hearing ‘what [it] has to say to you.’**”¹⁴ Sweet also writes that:

“New Light leadership helps a community uncover and trust the meaning and language of this fourth dimension for their everyday lives. It revs up the spiritual *frequencies* so that the doors of perception **open to admit messages from the fourth dimension that cannot be greeted in rational ways.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵

And therefore:

“New Light leadership must be **open to a sea change in thinking**--to threshold experiences that contradict Western ways of reasoning, **to new ranges of reality that call us to nonscientific forms of angelic thinking**. Postmoderns already have generous appetites for learning from sources at which most scholars turn up their noses.” (emphasis added)¹⁶

And what does God’s Word have to say about these “generous appetites”?

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Today’s heaped teachers include those bearing “messages” from the “fourth dimension.” And, no, these teachers are not from God. After referring to “an openness to letting the organism ‘come to you’ and hearing ‘what [it] has to say to you,’” Sweet even writes next: “Indeed, sometimes the only way to think scientifically is to think organismically, nonlinearly, intuitively, imagistically, and artistically.”¹⁷ In other words, *fables*.

Again, Sweet writes that “[t]he fourth dimension *stretches* the domain of *theology*” and “can yield energy of the *highest Theos*.”¹⁸ Well, he also absurdly writes in this same book that “**the fourth dimension of Theos** which physicists call *space-time*” is the phrase “and we beheld his **[God’s] glory**” from John 1:14 (the brackets are Sweet’s).¹⁹ And as if it isn’t already obvious enough that this emerging faith is not at all about either God or His glory, Sweet also writes that “*Space-time* is the fourth dimension of a quantum spirituality” and that “[i]n *space-time* there is no before or after, no past or future.”²⁰ In other words, in this “fourth dimension” there is no beginning and no end. This in itself completely eliminates this from being the glory of either God or His Son, both of Whom are the beginning and the end (see Revelation 21:4-7, along with the verses below from chapter 22). And besides, God’s Word is perfectly clear that the glory referred to in John 1:14 is the glory of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God’s only begotten Son.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and

Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.... I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches...." (Revelation 22:12-13, 16)

Obviously, any "Angelic Thinking" and "Angelic Mind" that is contrary to what Jesus said in His Word does not come from an angel sent by *Jesus*. And only an angel not sent by Jesus—and that would be a *fallen* angel—will try to get man to fall for the new kind of "glory" of the new kind of "God" of the "fourth dimension." The "fourth dimensional fusion between outer space and inner space,"²¹ as Sweet puts it, is nothing more than everyone's own "knowing." Sorry, but this "fourth dimension" and its "highest *Theos*" are not "[God's] glory."

In *The Consciousness of the Atom*, and her chapter "The Goal of Evolution," Alice Bailey wrote: "When we can **contact our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. We shall **be Knowers**." She then went on to write that "this is a positive, not a negative thing," and is "not the throwing open of one's personality to any passing entity or spook."²² And keep in mind that this was said by a *channeler* of a seducing spirit—i.e., an angel that has not been sent by *Jesus*. But then, what's there to fear in an emerging faith of *Oneness*, right? Bailey wrote shortly thereafter that "some day we shall govern our entire lives, not from the personal, selfish point of view, but from the point of view of **the God within, Who is a direct revelation of Spirit on the highest plane**."²³ In addition, the seducing spirit—i.e., *fallen* angel—Djwhal Khul, which Bailey channeled, repeatedly refers to both "**the Dweller on the Threshold**" and "**the Angel of the Presence**."²⁴

Once again, under the heading "**The Second Threshold of Angelic Thinking**," Sweet writes that "New Light leadership *must* facilitate a second threshold experience into the imaginary realms of **the fourth dimension**."²⁵ And be forewarned that this is a new "light" experience that is facilitated by "*serpent fire*." In other words, by the "*angel of light*." The seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states that when "*kundalini*, or the *serpent fire*," "**blends with mind**" and they "**are perfectly united, the centers become fourth-dimensional**."²⁶

Of course, it is without question that this leads to "a sea change in *thinking*"! And before jumping into this experience, you might want to *think about* this *fiery* new "*light*" experience from *the serpent* that takes place through the various forms of *meditation* which are proliferating throughout the world for a *reason*. In January 1944, Alice Bailey wrote:

"The esoteric truths of the past are the exoteric fundamental truths of the present. During the past one hundred years, **the esoteric doctrines and the secret teaching of the Ageless Wisdom ... have become public property**. The nature of man as taught in the mystery schools of the past has - under other names - become **recognizable as modern psychology**. **The mystery of the astral body, of the etheric body and the mental body** are now dealt with in our universities, in our psychological courses, ... The way of *meditation* and its techniques were closely guarded subjects and the public was taught that such teachings were dangerous; today, this idea is exploded and scores of people throughout the world meditate, make alignment and arrive at soul contact and knowledge." (emphasis added)²⁷

So, regarding the "esoteric truths" of this Ageless Wisdom and the "fourth dimension," let's start by taking a look at the teachings of one of today's Clinical Psychologists, who has herself arrived at this "soul contact and knowledge." In her article "Dimensional Consciousness," Dr. Suzan Carroll, Ph.D., writes that "[t]he fourth dimension is also known as the Astral Plane."²⁸ She also writes that "the primary consciousness of this dimension is the Astral Body" which "is of a higher vibration known as etheric" and that "fourth dimensional perception of past, present, and future is more fluid, as the laws of time and space change."²⁹ Like Bailey who wrote that "the God within" "is a direct revelation of Spirit on the highest plane," Dr. Carroll also writes that "[t]he Spiritual Plane connects us to the higher guidance of our I AM Presence."³⁰ And about this "spiritual or astral plane," Blavatsky also wrote the following in *The Secret Doctrine*:

"It is a law of occult dynamics that 'a given amount of energy expended on the spiritual or astral plane is productive of far greater results than the same amount expended on the physical objective plane of existence.'

"This state will last till man's spiritual intuitions are fully opened, which will not happen before we fairly cast off our thick coats of matter; until we begin acting from within, ..." (underline added)³¹

In her article "Traveling the Fourth Dimension"—and, by the way, Leonard Sweet also refers to "New Light travelers in the fourth dimension"³²—Dr. Carroll also writes:

“The inner worlds of the fourth dimension are as vast and limitless as our imagination. However, the fourth dimension is NOT just our imagination, it is very real. Within us is the latent power to perceive, respond to and travel through this dimension. We all have ‘bodies’ upon each of the fourth dimensional sub-planes in which we travel.”³³

She also writes that “[e]ach sub-plane resonates to a different *frequency*” and “within each sub-plane there are different frequency realities that are of gradually ascending vibratory rates” and:

“**Moving from one sub-plane to another**, it is not like moving on 3D Earth. Instead, we need to **think in terms of transferring our consciousness from one reality to another**. When we transfer our consciousness to another reality, we gradually become less responsive to the perceptions of the reality we are in and more responsive to the perceptions of the reality to which we are traveling....

“**Through meditation we can raise our consciousness to a higher vibration** by focusing our awareness on the higher dimensions.”

“The transformation of our consciousness can be likened the [sic] transformation of water boiling in a pan....

“Metaphorically, the pan is like our body, the fire is like **our rising Kundalini**, and the water is like our consciousness.” (emphasis added)³⁴

This transformation is more like the proverbial *frog* in the pot. Shortly after stating that when “kundalini, or the serpent fire,” “blends with mind” and they “are perfectly united, the centers become fourth-dimensional,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul goes on to channel through Bailey that “Kundalini, as it is aroused, steadily increases the vibratory action, not only of the centers, but of every atom of matter in all the bodies - etheric, astral, and mental.”³⁵ And, as is not at all surprising, Dr. Carroll writes that “fear limits the vibratory rate” and that “raising our consciousness to the higher fourth dimensional realities ... requires much training, discipline, and most of all, LOVE.”³⁶ This is, of course, because meditation has been diabolically designed to reprogram one’s thinking from “fear” to the “love” of Oneness. She also elaborates:

“There is ... less fear and more love in the higher *frequencies* of the fourth dimension. Therefore, in order to travel to the higher planes of the fourth dimension, we must be able to fill ourselves with love.”

“Love is the antidote to the fear that lowers our vibration and limits our consciousness.”

“[O]n the fourth dimension it becomes apparent that ALL ‘objects’ have a life force.” (italics added)³⁷

And, therefore, she also writes in her article “Dimensional Consciousness”:

“If we wish to journey to the higher planes of the fourth dimension we must keep our thoughts *harmonious* and our feelings centered in the infinite balance of love.” (emphasis added)³⁸

So, let’s take a closer look at this “journey” that teaches its “travelers” the “harmonious” “love” and new “light” of Oneness.

Regarding “the astral plane,” which Djwhal Khul describes as “the etheric world,” this seducing spirit also states that “[w]hen contact is made ... the first impression given is always of a starry light, of brilliance, of scintillation.” He also goes on to say here that “the effect of the astral plane upon the human brain” “in its *uninformed* condition reverses the reality and sees things in an *upside down* state.”³⁹

First, given that the “travelers” are then taught to see this upside-down state of their meditative “reality” as right-side up, it is not surprising that they have thus helped create an emerging faith in which they have flipped everything upside down. After all, to learn to see upside-down unreality as “right-side up” “true” “reality” is to also learn to see right-side up true reality as “upside-down” “unreality.” And since these “seers” see upside-down as “right-side up” and right-side up as “upside down,” their mission to flip our “upside-down” right-side up reality into their “right-side up” upside-down “reality” is not at all surprising. And since their mission has been quite successful, everything is indeed changing.

Second, this seducing spirit Djwhal Khul goes on to describe what is first “seen” by “the ‘opened eye’” as “dense fog, confusion, changing forms, interpenetrating and intermingling colors” of “a kaleidoscopic appearance.” He also describes this as “the meeting ground of *forces*” that is “apparently impenetrable disorder,” and a place in which “the aspirant” “blends in with the surrounding chaos” of “*the astral mechanism of humanity as a whole*.”⁴⁰ Hence, “the astral plane is the plane of *illusion*” since “there is a building of the *temporary forms*” by “*every individual* in the world” which is thus “a constant changing and shifting of the substance of the plane.”⁴¹ In other words, this “fourth dimensional” “astral plane” is simply a “playground” of the “Cosmic Christ”—i.e., of all the “ideas” and “images” of everyone’s own “truths” of “God.” And people are free to “go within” and enter this broad “playing” “field” to “disport themselves.” According to this seducing spirit:

“‘**Enter the field** where children **play** and join their game.’ **Awakened** to the game of life, the soul passes the gate. “The field is green and **on its broad expanse** the many forms of the one moving Life **disport themselves**; they **weave the dance of life, the many patterned forms God takes**. The soul enters ‘the playground of the Lord’ and plays thereon ...” (emphasis added)⁴²

Of course, people can believe this is about “love,” and even “God’s” glory, all they want. But this “fourth dimensional” “playground,” which is clearly the luciferian “Freedom of Thought” and does indeed stretch the domain of theology, is not at all a “playing” “field” of *God and His Son*.

*“The righteous ... shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. But draw near hither, ye **sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. Against whom do ye sport yourselves?** against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not **children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, ...?** Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them ... and didst debase thyself even unto hell.... and he went on frowardly in **the way of his heart**.... the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”* (Isaiah 57:1-5, 7-9, 17, 20-21)

Again, regarding the “playing” “field” of the “astral plane,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states that this place “of a starry light, of brilliance, of scintillation” “when first definitely seen by the ‘opened eye’ of the aspirant” is “not light, or starry or clear” but, rather, is “*apparently impenetrable disorder*”—i.e., “of dense fog, confusion, changing forms, interpenetrating and intermingling colors, and is of such a kaleidoscopic appearance that the hopelessness of the enterprise seems overwhelming.”⁴³ And this vision is given for a reason. Again, this is thus a place in which *much “learning”* occurs.⁴⁴ As Dr. Carroll writes: “If we wish to journey to the higher planes of the fourth dimension we must keep our thoughts *harmonious* and our feelings *centered* in the infinite *balance of love*.”⁴⁵ In other words, this “journey” is about learning to be “*centered*” between *all opposites* in the “loving” “harmony” of *Oneness*. And how do people efficiently learn this new “balanced” way of thinking in order to ascend higher and higher in this journey? By taking hold of the serpent’s tail. So just be sure to listen for his “*sound*.” The seducing spirit Djwhal Khul also channeled the following through Bailey:

“Through this illusory panorama, the aspirant has to make his way, finding the clue or thread which will lead him out of the maze, and holding fast to each tiny fragment of reality as it presents itself to him, learning to distinguish truth from glamor, the permanent from the impermanent and the certainty from the unreal. As the *Old Commentary* puts it:

“‘Let the disciple **seize hold of the tail of the serpent of wisdom, and** having with firmness grasped it, let him **follow it into the deepest center of the Hall of Wisdom**.... Let him discern the jewel, set in the forehead of the serpent whose tail he holds, and by its radiance traverse the miry halls of maya.’

“No glamor, no illusion can long hold the man who has set himself **the task of treading the razor-edged Path** ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold & underline added)⁴⁶

And what is this “razor-edged Path”? A new kind of “narrow” way between opposites. According to this seducing spirit:

“This balance and this relation of the great opposites, spirit and matter, is symbolized for us in the personality situation of **balancing the pairs of opposites on the astral plane, and finding between them the ‘narrow razor-edged path’** which leads the man into the kingdom of the soul.” (emphasis added)⁴⁷

In other words, as this seducing spirit also puts it, “a balance between the pairs of opposites ... is brought about upon the astral plane” where man learns to “discriminate between the pairs of opposites and find the narrow razor-edged path which passes between them and keep his balance upon it.”⁴⁸ After all, “the goal of expression upon the astral plane” is “the beauty of peace.”⁴⁹ And that would be the “beauty” and “peace” of “the playground of the Gods” (or rather “*gods, knowing good and evil*”):

“Again, **the astral plane is that whereon the pairs of opposites act and interact**, and whereon the pull of the great dualities is most potently felt....

“Light and darkness interact, as do pleasure and pain; **good and evil meet and form the playground of the Gods**, ...

“**[T]he secret of liberation** lies in the balancing of the forces and **the equilibrising of the pairs of opposites**. The Path is the narrow line between these pairs which the aspirant finds and treads, turning neither to the right nor to the left.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁰

Remember, this is a “reality” that flips everything upside down. And in this “fourth dimension of *change*,” its new kind of “narrow line” of “turning neither to the right nor to the left” is simply a *both-and* dance of Oneness in which people learn *not* to turn to “the delusion of *either-or*” in “the pairs of opposites.” After all, choosing one or the other would be “*foundationalism*.” And this emerging faith of “*liberation*” is a dance of “*repudiating foundationalism*”—or of “*stretch[ing] the domain of theology*.”

Remember “the razor edge of truth”⁵¹ from Sweet and Viola’s *Jesus Manifesto*? It is this book that “provides an alternative path that is neither left nor right, but *forward*.”⁵² And as addressed earlier, their razor-edged “forward” path of “truth” is a path of *not* turning into the “*ditch*” of “the correct description of God,” or “the correct belief system.”⁵³ They also write in this book *Jesus Manifesto* that “[t]o faithfully represent Jesus in our time requires *re-presenting* Him.”⁵⁴ Clearly, this is about “*re-presenting* Him” incorrectly. And in *So Beautiful*, Sweet of course not only writes that “all opposites” are “transcended” in “Christ”⁵⁵—which in the light of Scripture is unarguably a “Christ” that is being “*re-presented*” incorrectly—he also openly asks, “What if we were to think *connectness* rather than *correctness*?”⁵⁶

It is the *seducing spirit world*—not *Christ*—that wants man to “transcend” all opposites. And this is because it is the *seducing spirit world*—not *Christ*—that wants man to:

“**Relinquish** the pride of mind which sees its way and its interpretations to be **correct and true**, and others’ false and wrong. This is the way of *separation*. Adhere to the way of *integration* which is of the soul and not of the mind.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁵⁷

And, as just seen, according to this seducing spirit it is “the ‘narrow razor-edged path’” between “the pairs of opposites” “which leads the man into the kingdom of *the soul*.” In other words, it is this path between opposites that leads man into relinquishing what is correct and true. And this path is simply a “playground” of “*liberation*” for the souls that aren’t willing to believe and obey God’s Word of absolute truth—a “playground” that is *liberation* from the Kingdom of *God*. But for those who don’t see it that way and want to cooperatively tread this “narrow razor-edged path” *between opposites*, just listen for the serpent and take hold of his tail. This way, he can guide you to find this path of his that is a new kind of quite *broad* “narrow” way of *Oneness*. And, naturally, rather than a *rock-solid foundation*, this is a path of *sand*—a path of *Oneness* that continually “loops” back and forth in a dance between all pairs of opposites. In other words, the path of a sidwinder.

A sidwinder is, of course, a *serpent*—and not just any serpent, but one that has its own “*sound*.” A “sound” by which it “signals” where it is on the path. A “sound” that rightly serves as a *warning* to those who have the *knowledge* of what it means. And a “sound” that is being *followed* by those who are *scorning* the warnings because they just don’t want to *know*. Rather than a foundation of *knowledge*, they have chosen a journey that is blazing a trail of *new* “light”

between opposites. And those who are following the “sound” that is leading them on this path of Oneness are following a *rattlesnake*. But, sadly, they neither “see” nor “hear” it that way. Rather, this “serpent of wisdom”—or sidwinding Pied Piper—is leading them on a path where they instead “see” and “hear” a “beautiful” and “harmonious” symphony of the “lights” and “sounds” of Oneness.

So why is a sidwinder a *sidwinder*? Because “[t]his mode of progression ... enables it to move over *sand*, which offers little traction.”⁵⁸ It’s just nigh unto impossible to get traction when there’s no solid *foundation*. Hence, this serpent “is named for its curious method of locomotion.”⁵⁹ The descriptions of this “locomotion” are all quite fitting of Oneness. They include: “moves over *shifting sand* by *looping* its body sideways;”⁶⁰ “throws out *successive loops* at *oblique* angles, which gives it the appearance of moving sideways;”⁶¹ and “moves sideways over sand by throwing its body into *S-shaped curves*.”⁶² (The *serpent* who is leading the whole world in a path of *sand* is, of course, *Satan*.) And, by the way, given that this path of shifting sand between opposites is a “*razor-edged* path,” it is interesting to note that “*edge*” as a verb also means “[t]o move *sideways*.”⁶³ So just take hold of the serpent’s tail to find this path that is fit for a sidwinder . . .

Regarding this path, let’s also take a look at the *winder* aspect of this serpent that moves *sideways* over *shifting sand* in “oblique” loops. A *winder* is “a person or thing that *winds*,”⁶⁴ and to *wind* is “to change direction;” “turn;” “to have a circular or spiral course or direction;” “to coil or twine about something;”⁶⁵ “to enfold; to encircle;” “[t]o put in a state of renovated or continued motion;” “to put in *tune*;” “[t]o *crook*; to bend;” “to change;”⁶⁶ “repeatedly *twist* or *coil*.”⁶⁷

This is all just a tad bit fitting of the emerging faith of Oneness. And never mind that this is a faith in which people are taking hold of the tail of the *Master Scripture twister* and following in his path to enfold everyone/everything into his circle of Oneness. This serpentine dance is for “the good of the whole,” right? After all, this dance that is back and forth, turning both to the left and to the right, in loops between all pairs of opposites is a state of motion that is to “renovate” the “old” straightforward, divisive, absolute truth of God. And this is a “renovation” that is to make a new world.

Renovate -- “restore (something old, ...) to a good state of repair;”⁶⁸ “from Latin *renovare*, from re- + *novare* to make new, from *novus* new.”⁶⁹ As Marianne Williamson said it best, this mission is about helping “to re-pair the world.” And that would be a mission to “re-pair” opposites to make a new world of Oneness. Of course, this mission to “re-pair” opposites is getting the world ready for the serpent’s coming kingdom of the beast. And as the world continues to be put in “tune” with his sidwinding symphony of Oneness, everything is changing. And, by the way, *repair* is “from Latin *reparare*, from re- + *parare* to make ready.”⁷⁰

“**Heaven on Earth...** We will **enter two by two, to re-pair the world**, just as the animals entered Noah’s ark, two by two. **I forgive you, I join with you. We find oneness between us**, that’s one link in the *circle of atonement*. Ultimately everybody will be in *love* with everybody **and then I think history as we know it can end.**” (Marianne Williamson; emphasis added)⁷¹

This brings us to our next fitting definition, which is of *oblique*. But first, let’s take another look at these verses from the Word of the true God Who is in the true heaven. His warnings are quite relevant to the *oblique* loops of the *sidwinder*. Although those in this emerging faith absurdly imagine that they are “co-creators” with God in weaving a Oneness “*web*” of “*life*,” this mission will indeed break out into—or should we say give “birth” to?—a *viper*.

“Behold the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.... None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: **they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.** They hatch cockatrice’ eggs, **and weave the spider’s web**: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, **and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.** Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.... The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.” (Isaiah 59:1-2, 4-6, 8)

Remember, to *wind* is “[t]o *crook*,”⁷² which gives us crooked -- “[b]ent; curved; curving; *winding*;” “[w]inding in moral conduct;” “*froward*; perverse; going out of the path of rectitude; given to obliquity.”⁷³ *Oblique* -- “diverging from a given

straight line;" "indirect or evasive;" "to move forward at an angle."⁷⁴ (And, by the way, given that the sidewinder's path is a "playground" of "liberation," it is interesting to note that to "play the angles" is "to use every available means to reach one's goal."⁷⁵) *Obliquity* -- "a turning aside from moral conduct or sound thinking;"⁷⁶ "[d]eviation from a right line;" "deviation from ordinary rules."⁷⁷

Those who are following the path of the sidewinder in his *oblique* loops between opposites "have made them *crooked* paths" in which "there is *no judgment* in their goings." And, sadly, *many* are following the sidewinder's path. Why? Because *many* want to change the *rules*. *Crooked* also means "*froward*." And lest anyone has forgotten, God's Word warns that "the way of man is *froward* and *strange*;" "and he went on *frowardly* in the way of his heart" (Proverbs 21:8; Isaiah 57:17). But, of course, the emerging faith of *Oneness* openly and positively pushes "the way of the *heart*." This is because it is "the way of the *heart*" that follows the sidewinder's crooked/froward path of the *Oneness* of all opposites. And since "there is *no judgment*" in this "way of the *heart*" that brings all opposites together in *relationship*, this "way of the *heart*" is thus seen as the way of "*peace*"—a "*peace*" that is to make a "new world."

So never mind that God's Word clearly warns that "crooked paths" in which "there is no judgment" are *not* the "way of peace" and that "whosoever goeth therein shall *not* know peace." And never mind that God's Word also warns that "they that are of a *froward heart* are *abomination* to the LORD" (Proverbs 11:20). What's there to fear in an emerging faith that changes the rules? Just follow the crooked/froward path of the *Oneness* of all opposites and you will be following the sidewinder in a path that is meant to "*renovate*" the "old" absolute truth of God. That is, you will be following the sidewinder in a path that is to make a "new world" in which *Oneness* is the "new world religion." And surely there's nothing to fear in a new religion of a new world—especially when this new world religion is *Oneness*, right?

Again, a *sidewinder* is a *viper* and, specifically, a *rattlesnake*. And a *rattlesnake* just so happens to be defined as "any of several *New World* pit vipers."⁷⁸ How fitting. And its source of "sound" just so happens to be composed of "horny *interlocking* elements at the end of the tail"⁷⁹—interlocking elements that specifically are "horny *rings* on the tail that, when *vibrated*, produce a characteristic rattling *sound*."⁸⁰

So, never mind that this "sound" is to be taken "as a *warning*."⁸¹ If you prefer to be fearless, just ignore that man's common image of the devil is with horns; and just ignore that this serpent is on a mission to co-create a new world of *Oneness* with man; and just ignore that *Oneness* is all about *interlocking rings* that create a "web" of "life;" and just ignore that *Oneness* is about tuning in to its *vibrations*; and just move forward to take hold of the serpent's tail of vibrating, interlocking rings—if you want to. This way, you can follow its sidewinding path through the shifting sand between opposites "into the deepest center of the Hall of *Wisdom*." And if this is your goal, then you can even thank the serpent for the "sound" of his "signals" that are leading you there.

The "Ophites" did so—who are mentioned by Blavatsky in *The Secret Doctrine*. They were an early "Gnostic sect" from the 2nd century, and their name "was derived from the Greek *ophis*, meaning 'serpent, and relates to the great reverence which the Ophites had toward the serpent."⁸² Keep in mind that *gnostic* means "of or relating to knowledge, especially esoteric *mystical* knowledge;"⁸³ *gnosis* thus means "positive, *intuitive* knowledge in spiritual matters;"⁸⁴ and both terms come from the Greek, meaning "to KNOW."⁸⁵ Regarding the "Ophites," Blavatsky wrote:

"[T]hey maintained that **the serpent** had to be constantly called upon and **to be thanked for the signal service it had rendered humanity**. For it taught Adam that if he ate of **the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil**, he would *raise his being immensely* by the *learning* and *wisdom* he would thus acquire. Such was the exoteric reason given." (emphasis added)⁸⁶

Today's "signals" render the same "service." The only difference is that everything is now being flipped upside down. Now, the "signals" are believed to be from God and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is believed to be God's Word (in more ways than one). And, yes, man is falling for it.

But, again, since the serpent's "signals" are leading man in his sidewinding path of "Wisdom" that is meant to "renovate" the "old" absolute truth of God, what's there to fear? Just "go within" and "tune" in. This way, you will be

able to hear the “renovating” sound of these “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of the serpent’s realm much more clearly . . .

When reading the next quote, keep in mind that the *seducing spirit* whom Alice Bailey *channeled* refers to himself as “*the Master Djwhal Khul*.”⁸⁷ And when referring to the “group the Masters can contact,” this “Master”—i.e., *fallen angel*—then channels through Bailey that:

“**One of the primary conditions** that a disciple has to cultivate, in order **to sense the plan and be used** by the Master, **is solitude**. In solitude ... the Master can approach and *impress upon* the quiescent soul *the knowledge that He [sic] seeks to impart*, the lesson that must be learnt, the method and plan for work that the disciple must grasp. **In solitude the sound is heard.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁸

And, sadly, in the extremely popular “*discipline*” of “solitude” that today’s many “*disciples*” are practicing, this “sound” is not recognized as a *rattle*.

This brings us to Richard Foster, author of the bestseller *Celebration of Discipline* and founder of Renovaré. Once again, “*renovate*” is “from Latin *renovare*.”⁸⁹ And, of course, Foster is one of today’s very popular *mystics* who pushes “*solitude*.” In *Celebration of Discipline* and his chapter titled “Solitude,” Foster writes the following:

“Thomas Merton observes, ‘It is in deep solitude that I find the gentleness with which I can truly *love* my brothers.... Solitude and silence teach me to *love* my brothers for what they are, not for what they say.’

“Don’t you feel a tug, a yearning to sink down into the silence and solitude of God? Don’t you long for something more? Doesn’t every breath crave a deeper, fuller exposure to his **Presence**? **It is the Discipline of solitude that will open the door.**” (emphasis added)⁹⁰

“To take seriously **the Discipline of solitude will mean** that at some point or points along the pilgrimage we will enter what St. John of the Cross vividly describes as ‘**the dark night of the soul**.’ The ‘dark night’ to which he calls us ... is an experience to be welcomed ... **The purpose of the darkness is** not to punish or to afflict us. It is **to set us free**. It is a divine appointment, **a privileged opportunity to draw close to the divine Center.**” (emphasis added)⁹¹

For starters, the Word of God is perfectly clear that God sent His Son to set us free *from* the darkness, not *by* the darkness. People really do need to get their wisdom from *the Word of God* rather than from *Catholic mystics*. Of course, people can pursue a “divine Center” if they want to. But no matter how many people are set free by the darkness to believe otherwise, it is not the “Presence” of *God* that this will open the door to. There is a *reason* why God’s inspired written Word, which is God’s recorded truth of *Who He is* does not say one word about a “Center,” “divine” or otherwise.

In his chapter titled “Meditation,” Foster writes that “Christian meditation” involves “no esoteric flights into the cosmic consciousness” and “no hidden mysteries” but “very simply, is the ability to hear God’s voice and obey his word.”⁹² Yet regarding meditation, Foster repeatedly and favorably refers to mystic Thomas Merton who also said, for example, as quoted by Leonard Sweet:

“We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity.” (Thomas Merton; emphasis added)⁹³

And not only so, but under Foster’s “Vision and Mission” for Renovaré is a “Balanced Vision” under which at the top of his list of Websites in his Additional Resources for “Sacramental Life” is the “Center for Action and Contemplation.”⁹⁴ This just so happens to be the website of the aforementioned mystic Richard Rohr, of whom Brian McLaren writes that “[n]ondual (or *beyond-dual*) thinking is a powerful theme of my Franciscan friend Fr. Richard Rohr.”⁹⁵ And Rohr’s website—which Foster’s Renovaré recommends as “a faith alternative to the dominant *dualistic consciousness* that divorces the active life and the life of Christian devotion”⁹⁶—is designed to lead people to the “*Cosmic Christ*.” It is without question that the “Cosmic Christ” is “a *faith* alternative.” Under its own “Mission & Vision,” Rohr’s website

states:

“The Center for Action and Contemplation supports a new reformation—from the inside—

“~In the spirit of a Cosmic Christ”⁹⁷

For this “new reformation,” Rohr’s website also goes on to list here after this “Cosmic Christ”: “~Confirming people’s *deeper spiritual intuitions*,” and “~With a new appreciation for, and cooperation with, *other denominations, religions, and cultures*.”⁹⁸ ^o

Sounds like a “vision” that is “balanced” on the sidewinder’s path—a “‘narrow razor-edged path’” that is about “balancing the pairs of opposites,”⁹⁹ as the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul puts it. A path that is, of course, a dance back and forth, turning both to the left and to the right, in “loops” between all pairs of opposites. Speaking of which, Rohr’s website also states that “[t]he following contemplative opportunities” are offered by “Stillpoint,” which “houses the Outreach and Curriculum offices of the CAC” (Center for Action and Contemplation). Along with a “Meditation Garden,” the “Labyrinth of the Dancing Christ” is also offered.¹⁰⁰ Have you taken a good look at the path of a labyrinth? A labyrinth, which *many* people in the world and in today’s shifting Christianity now walk—including Sweet, who writes in *So Beautiful* that “[p]art of the appeal of the *labyrinth*” “is that it is a *nonlinear* maze where one experiences the *glory* of the ‘new and living way’ only by walking the path”¹⁰¹—just so happens to be constructed with sideways “loops” that go back and forth, turning both to the left and to the right in a path that fills a circle . . .

For those who haven’t seen one, take a good look at the labyrinths on the website of “Unity Center,” for instance.¹⁰² But then, as this website states, a labyrinth is just a “journey of contemplation, healing, wholeness, and transformation,”¹⁰³ right? Indeed, and it is a sidwinding journey “for people of all different backgrounds and faiths.”¹⁰⁴

In its “Mission & Vision” of a “new reformation” that leads people to the “*Cosmic Christ*” and “a new appreciation for, and cooperation with, *other denominations, religions, and cultures*,” Rohr’s website also states here: “We do not think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into a new way of thinking.”¹⁰⁵ In “**The Indwelling Presence**,” the October 2011 posting for “Richard’s daily meditations,” the following is stated:

“The essential religious experience is that you are being ‘known through’ more than knowing anything in particular yourself. Despite this difference, it will feel like a true kind of knowing. But it is also a freedom *not* to have to know!

“We call this **new way of knowing contemplation, non-dualistic thinking, or ‘third-eye’ seeing**....

“At this point, **God becomes more a verb than a noun**, ...” (bold & underline added)¹⁰⁶

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Rohr’s website has also announced an inaugural Webcast with Rohr for July 21, 2012: “**Are you ready to conspire for change?** Conspire: from Latin *conspirare*, ‘to **breathe together**’”^a His website states, “On July 21, find out what the conspiracy is all about.” And, by the way, it is the “Wolf Room” in which Rohr speaks.^b How fitting. This webcast “feature[s] his teaching on the themes of the much anticipated Rohr Institute Living School for Action and Contemplation”—which is about “challeng[ing] us to look beyond systems, sects, gender and dogma, into a place of *universal truth* that invites us all to *re-awaken* to our union with God.” This is, of course, because “[i]t is from that awareness that we can serve as *co-creators* of the world, *breathing together* so ‘That all may be one.’ (John 17:21)”^c Sorry, but this sidwinding path of Oneness is *not scriptural*. To use this verse here is to simply do the serpentine Master *Scripture twister* proud. And, yes, this “awakening” to the “universal truth” of the sidwinding path is a “*conspiracy*.”

Incidentally, included in the list of the “Invited Master Teachers” to “lead in-depth sessions” at Rohr’s Living School are Marcus Borg and Rob Bell.^d Bell is also one of the many leaders of the emerging church movement and basically teaches what has already been discussed. Suffice it to say that Bell, upon referring to what he calls the “great statement” that “‘All truth is God’s truth,’” writes, “I live with the understanding that truth is bigger than any religion.”^e This is quite reminiscent of Blavatsky’s “There is no Religion higher than truth”—a belief that is the boarding pass to “the new ark called Humanity.”^f And like Borg, Bell also “reimagines” John 14:6, and says that it is “as wide and expansive a claim as a person can make.”^g Why? Because Bell absurdly believes regarding this verse that “[f]or Jesus then, the point of religion is to help us connect with ultimate reality, God,”^h and since “God is the ultimate reality,” “[t]here is nothing more beyond God.”ⁱ

(For this footnote’s citation information, see endnote #98.)

This is said to have been “[a]dapted from *The Naked Now: Learning to **See as the Mystics See***,” a book which Brian McLaren recommends.¹⁰⁷ Of course, those who want to learn to “See as the Mystics See” just need to engage in mystical practices. And Richard Rohr, for example, is a “gifted” teacher “in the ancient wisdom ways of **contemplative prayer**, particularly as it **supports the emergence of non-dualistic thinking and action**.”¹⁰⁸ By the way, don’t forget that “the serpent of wisdom,” of which “the disciple” is to “seize hold of the tail,” has a “jewel, set in the forehead”¹⁰⁹ which, of course, symbolizes “third-eye” “seeing” . . .

Incidentally, along with descriptions of the sidewinder’s path, such as that it “moves sideways over sand by throwing its body into *S-shaped curves*,”¹¹⁰ there’s even a description of this serpent that says “[i]t moves by looping itself obliquely across the sand, leaving a characteristic *J-shaped* trail.”¹¹¹ And although even in today’s shifting Christianity *many* are falling for the *role playing* of the serpent’s seducing realm, the serpent’s sideways loops of “locomotion” between opposites—and, of course, that would be the “center” that is between opposites—will never be a “dance” of *Jesus*. Sadly, in today’s meditation pandemic *many* are learning to take hold of the serpent’s tail for guidance. And whether they “see” it that way or not is irrelevant. Today’s mass departure from the faith that is recorded in the written Word of God speaks for itself.

It is incredible that people in today’s shifting Christianity just don’t see that the various forms of meditation which are being practiced in like manner by people of *all different kinds of religions/gods* are not of *God*! The obvious just isn’t obvious to those who prefer to see with a “Balanced” vision. Nevertheless, “Christianizing” meditation no more changes the true nature and goal of meditation than dressing up a wolf in sheep’s clothing changes the wolf. As Alice Bailey (who was a “Christian” and Sunday School teacher¹¹² before she became an occultist and channeler) pointed out in *From Intellect to Intuition* in her chapter titled “The Universality of Meditation”:

“It is, of course, easy to find many passages which link **the way of the Christian Knower with that of his brother in the East**. They bear witness to **the same** efficacy of method and they too use the intellect just as far as it will go and then suspend all effort whilst a **new condition of being** is instituted and a **new state of awareness** supervenes....

“Thus, the great schools of **intellectual meditation** (devoid in the final stages of feeling and emotion) **all lead to the same point**. From the standpoint of **Buddhism**, of **Hinduism**, of **Sufism**, and of **Christianity**, there is **the same** basic goal: Unification with Deity; there is **the same** transcendence of the senses, **the same** focusing of the mind at its highest point, **the same** apparent futility of the mind beyond that point to carry the aspirant to his objective; there is **the same** entering into the state of contemplation of Reality, **the same** assimilation into God, and awareness of identity with God, and **the same** subsequent Illumination.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹¹³

And in her chapter titled “Stages in Meditation,” Bailey wrote:

“The meditation process is divided into five parts, one part leading sequentially to another....

“1. *Concentration*. This is the act of concentrating the mind, learning to focus it and so use it.

“2. *Meditation*. The prolonged focusing of the attention in any direction and the steady holding of the mind on any desired idea.

“3. *Contemplation*. An activity of the soul, detached from the mind, which is held in a state of quiescence.

“4. *Illumination*. This is the result of the three preceding processes, and involves the carrying down into the brain consciousness of the knowledge achieved.

“5. *Inspiration*. The result of illumination, as it demonstrates in the life of service.” (underline added)¹¹⁴

And the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul also channeled through her:

“**[F]or meditation is the one means whereby the sense of separateness is transcended, and unity with one’s kind occultly comprehended.**” (emphasis added)¹¹⁵

“It might therefore be said that **revelation concerns Oneness** and nothing else.” (emphasis added)¹¹⁶

Incidentally, this seducing spirit also spoke of “the chakras of the palms.”¹¹⁷ Along with the “seven *major* centers” of

“energy”—or “chakras,” of which the “third eye” is one—there are also “twenty-one *minor* centers” that include “one each in the palms of the hands.”¹¹⁸ And regarding meditation, Foster writes in his 2011 book *Sanctuary of the Soul: Journey into Meditative Prayer* that “[t]he hands outstretched or placed on the knees palms up gently nudges the inner mind into a stance of *receptivity*.”¹¹⁹ No doubt.

“We are simply learning to develop a conversational relationship with God—us talking with God and God talking with us.” (Richard Foster)¹²⁰

“Meditative prayer in particular is the *listening* side of this communication.” (Richard Foster; emphasis added)¹²¹

Once again, those who are listening just might want to keep in mind that according to the *seducing spirit*—the “Master” Djwhal Khul:

“**One of the primary conditions** that a disciple has to cultivate, in order **to sense the plan and be used** by the Master, **is solitude**. In solitude ... **the Master can approach and impress upon the quiescent soul the knowledge that He [sic] seeks to impart**, the lesson that must be learnt, the method and plan for work that the disciple must grasp. In solitude the *sound* is heard.” (emphasis added)¹²²

And what is the knowledge imparted to those who are listening? *Oneness. Nonduality. Centering between opposites.*

Again, Richard Foster writes in *Celebration of Discipline* that “Christian meditation, very simply, is the ability to hear God’s voice and obey his word.”¹²³ But this is clearly about hearing the *inner* “voice” for “God.” And the “word” of this “voice” is obviously not the inspired *written* Word of God. Accordingly, Foster writes in this same book:

“[T]hose who go into the deserts of silence and **solitude** do so for others. They are to **bring back any word they receive from God and share it with others**. This is a gracious *service* to be rendered for no individual can hear all that God wants to say. We are dependent upon one another **to receive the full counsel of God**.” (emphasis added)¹²⁴

Although much could be said about this absurdity, suffice it to say that the apostle Paul—an individual—addresses this in a warning that is quite relevant:

“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, ... For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:27-31)

For more on Richard Foster and his mysticism, see Ray Yungen’s book *A Time of Departing: How Ancient Mystical Practices are Uniting Christians with the World’s Religions*, especially chapter four – “Evangelical Hybrids,” and chapter seven – “Seducing Spirits.”

The “revelation” that occurs in mystical practices, whether in “vision” or in “word,” will indeed “renovate” the “old” absolute truth of God by leading the meditator into the “new way of thinking” of *Oneness/nonduality*. As addressed previously, Ken Wilber wrote the Foreword to Ardagh’s book, *The Translucent Revolution: How People Just Like You Are WAKING UP and CHANGING the World*. And in his Foreword, Wilber writes that “[t]here are many different states of consciousness,” including a “**non-dual (unity)**” state,¹²⁵ and that “[d]ifferent states not only perceive different worlds, they bring them forth, they *co-create* them.”¹²⁶ And how do people arrive at the “consciousness,” or “new way of thinking,” that has the “power” to “co-create” a whole new world of Oneness? By being “dunked” or “nudged” into “awakened states”¹²⁷—as Wilber puts it. And as he also admits, “if you take up **meditation**, for example, which **repeatedly exposes you to awakened states**, ... *you will move through those stages at a profoundly accelerated rate*.”¹²⁸ Indeed. This is because *meditation*, in its various forms, is diabolically designed to *open minds up to being reprogrammed to this whole new way of thinking and “seeing.”* In other words, the various forms of *meditation* have been designed for the *seducing spirit* world’s mission to dunk an awakened humanity in the lake of fire.

All the seducing spirit world needs is for humanity to pay attention to its “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice,” which is precisely what humanity is doing. Sadly, *many* are being prepared for “the great period of selection,” or “selection process,” to which “signals” are indeed key to its success. As Barbara Marx Hubbard and the false “Christ” that channeled its teachings through her write in *The Revelation*:

“At moments of Quantum Transformation, when a system is preparing to ‘leap’ from one order to the new order, God’s communication signals are intensified to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear....

“**These signals** are now intensifying to those electing to hear **the inner voice for God.**” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)¹²⁹

“As the *selection process* intensifies, dearly beloved, you must create a holy place within you and practice every day listening to your *inner voice*. *I will be communicating to you*, as the tribulations intensify, so strengthen that inner place.

“Align yourself with everyone else hearing the same signals, worldwide.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)¹³⁰

And, therefore, “response-ability” also becomes key. That is, one’s ability to respond in meditation to the “call” “within you” becomes key.

“This is a *new stage of consciousness* for humanity that you are growing toward, suitable for this age of response-ability.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)¹³¹

“In each of you I am. To each of you I *call*. Within each of you I await your response to my *call*. I am your inner voice, that still, small voice ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)¹³²

And all people need is some “solitude” and “silence” to be able to hear this role-playing “voice” and “the knowledge” that it “seeks to impart” . . .

Basically, those who “go within” and end up with a “Presence”/“voice” have simply ended up with a *spirit guide*, which is *not* just their own “*intuition*.” In other words, those who “go within” can end up becoming *channelers* like those in the occult/New Age, such as Helena Blavatsky, Alice Bailey, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Neale Donald Walsch, David Spangler, and all the others. And, of course, using the same universal methods of meditation, people of any and all belief systems/religions/gods can “go within” and begin to hear their own particular “inner voice.” People can even choose to refer to this “Presence”/“voice” as “God,” “Jesus,” “Christ,” “Jesus Christ,” “Spirit,” or “Holy Spirit,” just as those in the occult/New Age even do.

In Oneness, what difference does it make what anyone calls their own personal “Presence”? In *Oneness*, it’s *all the same* “*Presence*.” Rather than referring to it as “God,” etc., Alice Bailey called her spirit guide/“Presence” “Djwhal Khul;” Carl Jung called his “Philemon;”¹³³ JZ Knight calls hers “Ramtha;”¹³⁴ Bernie Siegel calls his “George;”¹³⁵ David Spangler calls his “John;”¹³⁶ and the list goes on and on, *ad infinitum*, *ad nauseam*. The point here is that the seducing spirit world is adept at role playing. And seducing spirits will play any role that will give them the most success at seducing their prey. Hence, the Word of God warns that even Satan himself appears as “an angel of light.” And, sadly, along with the world, people in today’s Christianity are falling for this role playing in great numbers.

As meditators respond to the “signals” and the “call,” the seducing spirits not only *reprogram* their thinking to Oneness/nonduality, they also craftily *preprogram* their thinking to make the final metamorphosis/transformation that is to take place when the final “signal”/“call” is given—i.e., at “the ‘trumpet’ that shall surely sound” and “we shall surely be changed, in the twinkling of an eye,”¹³⁷ as Hubbard puts it. This new kind of “Second Coming” is, of course, about “the *birth of the Universal Human*,” “the Planetary *Pentecost*” (or “Planetary Birth”) that is to be the “alternative to Armageddon.”¹³⁸ (See also the earlier section “‘A new kind of human’ is rising up out of the sea -- ‘gathered together to make war against’ ‘The Word of God.’”)

Obviously, “response-ability” makes this mission much easier—and, thus, also “a gentle rather than a violent birth.”¹³⁹ Hence the tremendous drive in the world to get everyone to “go *within*” through the practice of meditation in its many

methods (and, yes, this includes *yoga*). Again, this is all about being “dunked” or “nudged” into “awakened” states. And as Ken Wilber also puts it, since “*meditation*” “repeatedly exposes you to *awakened states*, ... you will move through those stages at a *profoundly accelerated rate*.”

In the previous section “Replacing is with *ever becoming*” and its subsection “*Evolutionize Your Life: Heaven Is Coming Home to Reality*,” it was mentioned that Barbara Marx Hubbard has a new book published in May 2012 titled, *Birth 2012 and Beyond: Humanity’s Great Shift to the Age of Conscious Evolution*. As also stated, the cover design of this book is an image of the planet nearly surrounded by a grid-like web,¹⁴⁰ and given that this emerging faith is not the truth of God but is a web of man’s ideas, that the planet also looks like it has been caught in a net is most fitting. Not surprisingly, *Birth 2012* pushes *meditation*—and Hubbard even writes that “[t]he inner shifting is vital for the outer shifting.”¹⁴¹ And not only does her book push meditation, but featured on the back cover is Ken Wilber’s endorsement. Wilber states: “Conscious evolution, a concept that Hubbard has championed for decades, is one of the best two or three ideas of modern times.”¹⁴²

Claudia Welss, “director for both the Foundation for Conscious Evolution and also for the Global Coherence Initiative at the Institute of HeartMath,”¹⁴³ writes of “the mind of the cosmos”¹⁴⁴ in the “Special Essays” section of Hubbard’s *Birth 2012 and Beyond*. Welss also writes:

“Entropy is the loss of information, or order, in a system. **Coherence promotes** negentropy, **the gaining of information** in a system, fostering more complex order and benefitting a system’s positive evolution.” (bold added)¹⁴⁵

“We act on our ability to be causal by *in-forming* the field with our own coherence ... We proceed with the confidence that through *heart coherence*, we repattern ourselves for *inner synergy*, which helps guide synergy in our lives and our world **toward a repatterning of the whole** in harmony with nature’s intelligence.” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁶

According to Welss, this “worldview” “describes the universe as both *holographic* and *holonic*—that is, innately coherent, with the whole reflected in each part and each whole a part of a greater whole.”¹⁴⁷ And after writing that “any positive redesign of our world will not hold until our internal patterns change” because “[t]he inner shift and the outer shift are the same,” she also writes:

“During an interview for a recent Agents of Conscious Evolution teleseminar, philosopher Ken Wilber said he believes certain patterns of invisible form will accompany **the emergence of Homo universalis**, and added that the way humanity will know we’re making the Shift is through a **palpable intensification of the feeling of love**.” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁸

Remember, this “love” is learned in *meditation*. As Dr. Carroll writes in her article “Dimensional Consciousness”: “If we wish to journey to the higher planes of the fourth dimension we must keep our thoughts *harmonious* and our feelings centered in the infinite *balance* of love.”¹⁴⁹ This is, of course, a “loving” *balance between opposites*—a “balance of love” that is “the antidote to the *fear* that lowers our vibration and limits our *consciousness*.”¹⁵⁰ In other words, it is this “loving” balance between opposites that “*raises*” man’s “consciousness” to *Oneness/non-duality*. And this is then “the *gaining of information*” through the “*coherence*,” or “unified whole,”¹⁵¹ of *all opposites*—a “*coherence*” that, for obvious reasons, comes from the *heart*, not the *mind*.

In *Birth 2012 and Beyond*, Hubbard writes:

“The word ‘**coherence**’ refers to **the creative heart impulse** in each of us that is connecting with the same impulse in others around the world. This field of coherence and *love* is a vital contribution to *gentling the Birth* ...” (emphasis added)¹⁵²

A “Birth” that, as she writes in *The Revelation*, is to be a new kind of “*gentle Second Coming*, a natural birth of *ourselves* as a universal species co-creative with God.”¹⁵³ In *Birth 2012*, after writing that “the timing is so urgent” and that “we face the real possibility of devolution and destruction of our life support system and of much of life on Earth,”¹⁵⁴ Hubbard writes:

“It’s like the birth of a baby. You might not be ready, but if the baby is ready, it’s coming out *now* for better or for worse. It can either be a disastrous birth, or a gentle one....

“Joining together, we can **‘gentle the birth’ of a Universal Humanity connected through the heart to the whole of life**—and guide our Earth community into its next evolutionary stage.” (emphasis added, except to *now*)¹⁵⁵

Never mind that the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s true Son, is coming back whether people are ready or not, in a coming that for each individual will either be disastrous or gentle—disastrous for those who do not believe in Him. Rather than believing in Him, “Birth 2012” is about each individual joining together to “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own “truth” of “God.”* First, Hubbard writes in *The Revelation*:

“We say ‘Yes’ to God. We are heirs, we are joint heirs with Christ. We *humbly* commit to evolving our consciousness from the separated to the unified state. We are willing to surrender to **the higher knowledge within us.**” (emphasis added, except to *are*)¹⁵⁶

And now in *Birth 2012 and Beyond*, Hubbard writes:

“When anyone says **‘Yes! I want to give my Gift to the Shift. Yes! I want to help gentle humanity’s birth,’** this ‘yes’ mobilizes spirit-in-action within each of us and opens us to the Impulse of Evolution.” (emphasis added)¹⁵⁷

So “Just say ‘Yes!’” and “gift” the world with a shift to Oneness/nonduality—which is simply a shift to everyone’s own “truth” of “God”—and you will “help gentle humanity’s birth.” In the section “Special Essays,” Jan Phillips, who is one of Hubbard’s “cocreators in writing this book,”¹⁵⁸ writes the following:

“We are looking at the tipping point our planet is facing and **nudging** it toward life. **We are saying YES to the future.** ... Dualities are giving way to the singular. **Polarities are dissolving into unity.** Earth is **giving birth to** a species that celebrates its **oneness with All That Is.** Yes, we are evolving, and the light is on its way!” (bold & underline added)¹⁵⁹

Sadly, many are saying “Yes!” to the new “light” and “consciousness” of Oneness/nonduality. That is, many are taking hold of the serpent’s tail. And although to “gift” the world with this shift might “gentle” humanity’s (r)evolutionary “birth,” it will inevitably mean a disastrous, or *terrifying*, coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for all who embrace this new “light.” In this same book, Hubbard writes:

“The urgency of our global crisis is causing people to wake up all over the planet. It’s dawning on us that something creative—something new—is pressing within us to emerge.”¹⁶⁰

She also writes here that “[w]hat is now being born” “is helping to create a new world” and is “offering a *better* future,” “a future that has been *mystically* realized by great visionaries.”¹⁶¹ And, naturally, this planetary “awakening” “includes all believers in *any* faith tradition on the planet who are able to go beyond the limits of their *beliefs* and see what resonates as true in their hearts.”¹⁶²

The Foreword to *Birth 2012 and Beyond* is written by Stephen Dinan, CEO and founder of The Shift Network. Hubbard says of Dinan that he “has agreed to produce Birth 2012” and “asked me to do this book.”¹⁶³ Basically, as Dinan writes in his Foreword, this book is about how Hubbard and “the Welcoming Committee,” “a circle of twelve leaders, teachers, and pioneers, *beacons of light*,” “envision the nine months from Conception Day (March 22, 2012) to the Planetary Birth Day (December 22, 2012)” and how they want the world to “get involved in the Shift.”¹⁶⁴ Naturally, they want the world to shift because “the *old* consciousness is no longer working”¹⁶⁵ and, therefore, we are to “each declare our world as *sacred*.”¹⁶⁶ (Of course, if the world is “sacred” then this justifies all the spiritual whoredoms of an unholy “love” that says “Yes!” to “oneness with All That Is,” right?)

Hubbard describes the “Welcoming Committee” as “twelve evolutionary pioneers and global cocreators” who “are now leading the way in welcoming humanity toward the next stage of our evolution”¹⁶⁷ and whose “widespread popularity give all of us hope.”¹⁶⁸ She also writes:

“From an evolutionary point of view, they may be *signals* for the noosphere that we are ready to be born—or rather that we are being born!

“The kinds of *signals* that we now receive in our *collective consciousness* can be a decisive factor as to whether we have a gentle birth or experience a more violent transition.” (emphasis added)¹⁶⁹

Of *Birth 2012*’s included essays of these “wise guides,” Hubbard writes that “you will see that each expresses an aspect of the new life and *new consciousness* now arising on Earth” and “offers a vision for the *organic* growth potential of the new human and new humanity.”¹⁷⁰

The first of “The Welcoming Committee Essays” is “Living on the Eve of the New Story” by Jean Houston, who “helped pioneer and motivate the human potential movement.”¹⁷¹ Houston writes:

“So, here we are in the year of 2012, the mythic year of *what?* Radical transition? Kingdom of Heaven? Ninth Circle of Hell? Opening Times coming close on the heels of Closing Times? Or could we be **awakening from the chrysalis and emerging into new ways of being?**” (bold added)¹⁷²

“As old forms break down [i.e., ‘of every old way of being, knowing, relating, governing, and believing’], a more *complex* and *inclusive* global organism comes into being. **We are the living cells within this new organism ...**” (emphasis added)¹⁷³

The next essay is “The Overhaul of Humanity” by Neale Donald Walsch, in which he writes:

“We understand that **We Are All One**. We understand that as billions of individual cells are a part of our body, so, too, are we **cells in the Body of God**.

“This understanding, is, *in fact*, changing everything....

“Yet this is not the End Times. Just the opposite.” (bold added)¹⁷⁴

In the essay “**A Shamanic Re-Membering of Universal Humanity**” by Oscar Miro-Quesada, whose “work has been featured on CNN, Univision, A&E, and the Discovery Channel.”¹⁷⁵ He writes:

“The often-quoted Hopi expression ‘**We are the ones we’ve been waiting for,**’ is an irrefutable claim that we are naturally endowed with imaginative and physical resources for catalyzing the evolutionary ascension of *a universal humanity*.” (emphasis added)¹⁷⁶

“As we transition ... to a deeply feminine, relational embrace of eco-spiritual animism, today is the ideal liminal moment for shamanism to guide us forward in becoming **Homo universalis** ...” (bold added)¹⁷⁷

“It is impossible for any earnest practitioner of shamanism today to deny the phenomenology of a soul-animated cosmos in which all phenomena **coexist in a balanced harmony of relatedness**.... They are true visionary disciples of *Anima mundi* (the World Soul), who after many moons of deep apprenticeship in the sacred mysteries, ... have learned the sacred art of in-forming our world with healing grace and inspired beauty.” (parentheses in the original; bold added)¹⁷⁸

“I trust all people on our good Earth shall soon be able to **Tune-In** to these same graces.” (emphasis added)¹⁷⁹

“This is the living dream of our Re-Membering, the long-anticipated coming together after the separation.” (underline added)¹⁸⁰

Sadly, instead of choosing to remember God’s Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth, more and more people today are choosing to “re-member” the new kind of “God” of Oneness that *is/is in* everyone and everything. As the seducing spirit world channels through Neale Donald Walsch in *Tomorrow’s God*, “no person or living thing in the universe stands outside of the community of God,” rather, “every soul is God’s soul, because it shares the same soul with God.”¹⁸¹ And, therefore, instead of remembering God’s Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth, anyone in any religion/faith can just “go within” and “tune” in.

As Matthew Fox writes in *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, “The promise of ecumenism, the coming together of religions, has been *thwarted* because world religions have not been relating at the level of *mysticism*.”¹⁸² And this is because, as the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul channeled through Bailey, “revelation concerns *Oneness* and nothing else.”¹⁸³ It is therefore not surprising that in *Birth 2012 and Beyond* Hubbard exclaims that when “we awaken this ever-expanding creativity and potentiality within ourselves ... our ‘inner Big Bang’ turns on!”¹⁸⁴ Indeed.

Again, *Oneness* only exists if a “Big Bang” explodes God into *immanent* bits. And since meditation/mysticism is about revealing *Oneness*, meditation must “turn on” an “inner Big Bang.” No “inner Big Bang,” no revelation of *Oneness*. Those who seek to “go within” and “tune” in are therefore opening up their minds to a *reprogramming* that “turns on” the hapless meditator’s own “inner Big Bang.” That is, they are opening up their minds to the whole new way of thinking of *Oneness/nonduality* which explodes the God of truth into a new kind of “God” of *Oneness* that is a “cosmic” “Christ consciousness,” or “consciousness” of a “Cosmic Christ.” And as Hubbard writes, “[t]he inner shifting is vital for the outer shifting.”¹⁸⁵ In other words, the “inner Big Bang” is vital for “the coming together of religions.” A shift that “has been *thwarted* because world religions have not been *relating* at the level of *mysticism*.”

Of course, that man is now “awakening” to an “inner Big Bang” shouldn’t be surprising. After all, since “the old consciousness is no longer working,”¹⁸⁶ the “call” is for all who heed the “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of *Oneness* to “each declare our world as sacred.”¹⁸⁷ And only a “Big Bang” that explodes the God of truth can “declare our world as *sacred*.” According to God’s Word of truth, “*the whole world lieth in wickedness*” (1 John 5:19). But, sadly, instead of repenting and acknowledging the truth, this wicked world would rather explode the God of truth so that it can then “Just Say ‘Yes!’” to *everyone’s own “truth” of “God.”*

And this brings us back to everyone’s own personal “Presence.” A “God” that is “*present* in all things” is obviously a “*Presence*” of “*God*” in all things. *Presence* is simply “the state or fact of being *present*.”¹⁸⁸ And, as previously addressed, a “*God present in all things*”¹⁸⁹ is the world’s new kind of “cosmic” “God”/“Word”/“Logos”/“Christ”/“consciousness.” An all-encompassing “Presence” of *Oneness* that is *all the same “Presence”* in everyone and everything. And, therefore, not only can people of any and all belief systems/religions/gods thus all “go within” and “tune” in to their own particular “Presence” and “inner voice” using *the same universal methods of meditation*, but it clearly makes no difference at all what anyone calls their own personal “Presence.”

So, last but not least, in *Birth 2012 and Beyond* is also an essay by Ashok K. Gangadean, another member of the Welcoming Committee. He is “cochair of the World Wisdom Council” (which “has been convened by the Club of Budapest in cooperation with the World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality”¹⁹⁰) and his “most recent book” is “Meditations of Global First Philosophy: Quest for the Missing Grammar of Logos.”¹⁹¹ In his essay “Dear Planetary Family,” he writes:

“**Welcome to ((PRESENCE)).** Welcome ((HOME)). Our arrival in ((Presence)) is a climax of our great evolutionary journey over millennia and through the ages.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁹²

“Our diverse evolutionary pioneers such as Abraham, Buddha, Socrates, Lao Tzu, Moses, Krishna, *Jesus*, Mohammed, countless Sophias who embody this wisdom, and many, many others through the ages have been *calling* us to make a profound evolutionary shift in our form of life for the sake of the maturation of our species.” (emphasis added)¹⁹³

“[I]f and when we stand back from our more *localized* cultural lens and **dilate our heart-minds into a more expansive and evolved global lens**, we can begin to see striking evolutionary *patterns* and witness a global *consensus* emergent from our diverse enlightened teachers. When we dilate our minds, allow the power of our script to ignite and enter this expanded global space, we are able to **connect the hitherto scattered ‘dots,’ scattered ‘scriptures,’ teachings, narratives—and astounding patterns come into relief** that could not be clearly seen before.” (emphasis added)¹⁹⁴

“There is a striking *consensus* that ego-mental ‘minding’ with its ‘*monocentric*’ level of script or language coproduces abysmal *fragmentation, polarization, objectification, and alienation* ...” (emphasis added)¹⁹⁵

“This ego-mental stage of our human development ... remains severed from **the Primal Source, the Holistic Unified**

Field of Reality that flows in boundless ((Presence)).... We urgently need to mature into this global *awakening* ...” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁹⁶

So to avoid the “fragmentation” and “polarization” of the “ego-mental” separation/division of *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*, humanity just needs to “mature” into a “global lens” which is simply today’s whole new way of “seeing” all “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods as One “*Holistic Unified Field of Reality*.” A “maturation” that is a (r)evolutionary “awakening” to an *unlimited*, boundless “*Presence*” in everyone/everything. A “maturation” that embraces the “Enlightened Literacy” and “*evolved form*” of “Script” of the “*Logos*.” Gangadean writes:

“[T]he *mindful* life of ((Presence)) is a *dimensional* shift and comes now with our crossing into an *evolved* form of ((Script)) an ((*Enlightened Literacy*)) and our maturation into our ((Global Lens)).” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁹⁷

“The *emergence* of this ((Logos)), and our arrival in ((Presence)), is thus the leading headline event of all *evolutionary* stories.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁹⁸

This is, of course, the “emergence” of the “Christ Consciousness” of a harmonious whole. Hence, Gangadean also wants us to “see” that “the essence of **Jesus’s call** to humanity” is to “**arrive in ((Presence))**” which is to “cross into **the rebirth of ((Christ Consciousness))**.”¹⁹⁹ And, therefore, he writes next that “[t]he teachings of ((Jesus)) had to *evolve* and mature over the centuries to be truly appreciated in their full ((Global Gospel Power)).”²⁰⁰ Of course, this “evolution” of these teachings is *indispensable* to being able to “see” “Christ Consciousness” and this arrival in “Presence” as “*Jesus’s call*.” And *in no way, shape, or form* is this “*evolutionary*” shift to “**the ((Living Script of Logos))**” which is a “*dimensional* shift to **the ((Script of Presence))**” a “shift” that “*Jesus lived and embodied*.”²⁰¹

Gangadean also writes that this is a “shift” to “Life” and to “Logos Beings,” an “evolutionary maturation” to “Holistic Script” that is “Global Enlightenment.”²⁰² Sorry, but these “beacons of light” who are the “Welcoming Committee” are following the same “guiding beacon” that Blavatsky rightly referred to as “LUCIFER — the spirit of Intellectual Enlightenment and Freedom of Thought,” and who wrote that as “the guiding beacon” “Lucifer is the LOGOS in his highest, and the ‘Adversary’ in his lowest aspect.”²⁰³ Again, a *beacon* is not only a “light,” it is also a “sign” and “signal.” And those who are following the “signs” and “signals” and “light” of this emerging faith are following the Adversary’s serpentine “signal service” into his *circle of Oneness*—a circle that is a new kind of “God” “whose *center* is *everywhere* but whose *circumference* is *nowhere*.”²⁰⁴ In other words, a circle that is the “*boundless Diversity*” of *nonduality*. Gangadean writes:

“So here, too, as we arrive in ((Presence)), we can see that the depth of ((*Christ Consciousness*)) meets the Energy field of ((Compassionate Buddha)) in the ((Life of Presence)). Here we find **boundless Diversity in the Space of Infinite Unity**.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁰⁵

By the way, after writing of “the *higher* ((literacy)) of ((Yoga Science and Technology))” and about entering “the ((Yoga Zone)), to ((Be Here Now)) in the sacred space of ((Presence)),” Gangadean then writes that:

“Here we see the art-science of ((Yoga)) is the quieting of the /ego-mental mind/ and patterns of /life/ and **enables us to make the evolutionary shift into the higher non-dual**, integral or ((**holistic literacy**)) of ((Integral Life)).” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁰⁶

Of course, those who still want to blindly believe that yoga is “not religious” but is just about “exercise,” “health,” and “stress management” are certainly free to continue practicing it. This way, they can continue to be *stretched* into the “alignment,” “balance,” and “flexibility” of a *spiritual* Oneness/nonduality with everyone and everything. Again, the beliefs of people everywhere are *changing for a reason*. The many methods of meditation are doing what they were *diabolically designed to do*. And given that meditation plays such a key role in the world’s emergence/“birth” from a cocoon of “light,” or chrysalis of nonduality, in a new kind of “Second Coming,” it is not surprising that Gangadean also writes:

“[[T]he heart of our evolutionary journey and the ((shift)) we now celebrate in **our unprecedented arrival in ((Presence)) is our shift** from /ego sapiens/ to ((LogoSapiens)), **from /ego pillars/ to ((Buddhaflies))**.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁰⁷

Again, this arrival in “Presence” is to “cross into the *rebirth* of ((Christ Consciousness))”²⁰⁸ and results in the “Global Wisdom” of the “Global Lens” of a “Holistic Script.”²⁰⁹ And, therefore, this “Life in Presence” results in “the *literacy* and rational competence to *honor* ((diversity)).”²¹⁰ In other words, this is an interfaith “literacy” for the scripturally illiterate. God’s inspired Scriptures are *Holy*, not “*Holistic*.” And, yes, there is a difference—the difference of two *opposites*, to be exact. No matter how many people see it as “sacred,” to be “*Holistic*” is to be *profane*. In truth, *there is no “Holistic” Oneness of all “truths”/“Scriptures”/faiths/religions/gods*. A “*Holistic*” “Unified Field of Reality” no more exists than does a *Wholistic* “Unified Field of Reality.” Neither the true God nor His Son are a “Field” in everyone/everything. Those who want to “play the field” and embrace a different “truth” of a different faith/religion/god are not “playing” the “Field” of the true God and His Son but of the serpent’s harlot “*Mystery*”—a “*consciousness*” that is a “mystery” of “*connectivity*.” A “*Logosophia*,” if you will. Gangadean writes:

“One of the astounding findings of the ages is that the deepest impulse in cultural evolution across the planet is to cross over, through a *dimensional* shift, from the ego-mental stage of literacy to **the awakened holistic script of the ((Unified Field of Logosophia))**, or what I call **the shift into ((Presence))**.” (all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²¹¹

Actually, this finding isn’t “astounding” at all. Man’s fall that began in the Garden of Eden is an ongoing fall for the serpent’s guidance to man’s *own “knowing”* and is thus an ongoing fall for man’s own “truth” of man’s own “ideas” and “images” of “God.” Basically, the harlot of the serpent with which the world as a whole has been falling in “love” is simply the “*Mystery*” (a.k.a. “*Logos*”/“*Logosophia*”) of the world’s *own “knowing*.” And this ongoing fall leads to a whole new kind of “Presence”—not just imaginary, but also diabolical—that is a replacement for the presence of God that man left behind when man’s desire began to be for man’s *own “knowing*.” A “knowing” that has been “evolving” throughout man’s history into what it is today.

“Now ((Individuals)) can celebrate our natural inner multiplicity without inner fragmentation and polarization and disintegration. With this literacy of ((Presence)), we can find personal ((Integrity)) and ((Inner Peace)). Our Inter-personal relations can flow in ((deep dialogue)) across all borders. We can celebrate the sacred ((diversity)) of our multiple ((religious worlds)) and ((scriptures)) in the ((Global Spirituality)) of ((Presence)).” (Ashok K. Gangadean; all parentheses in the original)²¹²

“As widely diverse as our worldviews, cultures, religions, ideologies may be, it is vital to realize that they nevertheless exist in the same dimensional boat.” (Ashok K. Gangadean)²¹³

In other words, just “coexist” in an Ark of Oneness—the “dimension” of “Presence.” A “dimensional” shift that includes “the fourth dimension.” Sorry, but the “call” to this “awakened” “dimension” of “Presence” is not “*Jesus’s call*.” It is simply the “call” of the role-playing seducing spirit world. And those who believe that they can “hear the inner voice for *God*” by simply “tuning” in through universal meditation methods are *easy prey*.

Sadly, along with the world, even people in today’s shifting Christianity are “hearing” from “God” left and right. Does anyone question what they hear? No, why would they? Since they’ve been craftily taught to question God’s written Word, they see no need to compare what they hear to God’s written Word. Here again, *easy prey*. And along with those in the New Age, such as Neale Donald Walsch that heard from “God,” Barbara Marx Hubbard that heard from “Christ”/“Jesus”/“Jesus Christ,” Helen Schucman that heard *A Course in Miracles* from “the Voice”/“Jesus,” and so on and so forth, people in today’s shifting Christianity are as well.

To give one example, best-selling author Sarah Young “heard” from “Jesus” and penned *Jesus Calling*. And, incredibly enough, *Jesus Calling* is now also a “Devotional Bible,” a *NKJV Jesus Calling Devotional Bible*, which is advertised by Christian Book Distributors with the following: “Open the door to dialogue with Christ as you meditate on words ‘heard’ by missionary and best-selling author Sarah Young! Special Features: 260 real-life scenarios linked with meditations

designed to increase your intimacy with God ...”²¹⁴

In *Jesus Calling*, Young writes of becoming “aware of a lovely Presence” that was “as if a warm mist enveloped me” and “was far more than the intellectual answers for which I’d been searching”—“a relationship with the Creator of the universe,” an “encounter with the Presence of Jesus.”²¹⁵ She writes: “I knew that God communicated with me through the Bible, but I yearned for more.”²¹⁶ So “**with pen in hand**” she began a “**new way of communicating with God**” and writes that “I have continued to receive personal messages from God as I *meditate* on Him.”²¹⁷ Young also writes that her “*journaling*” “changed from monologue to dialogue” and the “messages began to flow more freely.”²¹⁸ She also writes:

“This practice of listening to God has increased my intimacy with Him more than any other *spiritual discipline*, so I want to share **some of the messages I have received**.... I have written them **from Jesus’ point of view**: i.e., the first-person singular (**I, Me, Mine**) **always refer to Christ**.” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²¹⁹

This is all quite reminiscent of Barbara Marx Hubbard who likewise writes in *The Revelation* that she “felt a presence”—a “presence” that “continued to communicate an inner stream of ideas” which she wrote in her “*journal*.”²²⁰ Along with writing that “[t]he presence was the Christ,” Hubbard even writes that “the presence I had experienced was Jesus Christ,” and she also refers to it as “the Christ presence” and “the Presence.”²²¹ And in *Birth 2012 and Beyond*, Hubbard writes that her “practice for many years has been to sit in silence, to do a meditation, and then to feel the impulse of creativity coming up ...”²²² And this includes in “journal writing” in which she “allow[s] the inner voice to write.”²²³ Hubbard also writes that in the “safe inner space” of “*silence and solitude*,” and the “Inner Sanctuary” of “meditation,” “the wise and beloved inner voice” became her “guidance” and “agent of transformation.”²²⁴

Not surprisingly, Young says, “As I listened to God, Bible verses or fragments of verses often came to mind” (which are said to be indicated in italics).²²⁵ Likewise, the “Presence” that appeared to Hubbard also brought the Bible to mind—“The Book of Revelation,”²²⁶ in fact. Hence its *rewrite* in Hubbard’s book *The Revelation*—a book that Hubbard describes as “inspired” by her “direct experience of Christ” in which she “experienced the Christ as a living presence.”²²⁷ Hubbard even writes: “As my Bible commentary proceeded, I realized that I was being uplifted into a new pattern of thought.”²²⁸ She also writes at one point that “[t]here seemed to be a beautiful dance between my own higher knowing, the scripture, and the Christ voice.”²²⁹

Of course, since Satan used verses when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness, that he and his seducing spirit realm use verses today is no surprise at all. Our Adversary is on a mission “seeking whom he may devour,” and when the goal is to seduce people in Christianity, his realm will especially use Scripture. What better way to get people in Christianity to *open their minds* enough to *trust* the “Presence”? And do they notice that these “Bible verses or fragments of verses” have been *mixed with falsehood* by this seducing spirit realm of the Master Scripture twister? Again, no, why would they?

So, let’s take a look at some examples of what this “Presence” of “Jesus” communicated with Young. And keep in mind that in *Birth 2012*, Gangadean, one of the Welcoming Committee’s “beacons of light,” likewise wants us to “see” that “the essence of **Jesus’s call** to humanity” is to “**arrive in ((Presence))**.”²³⁰ In Young’s book *Jesus Calling* (a book of “Devotions for Every Day of the Year”), which contains much that is quite reminiscent of the emerging faith of Oneness, the messages from Young’s “Presence” of “Jesus” include the following:

“**Do not cling to old ways** as you step into a new year. Instead, **seek My Face with an open mind**, knowing that your journey with Me involves being *transformed by the renewing of your mind*.... **Give yourself fully to this adventure of increasing attentiveness to My Presence**.” (bold & underline added)²³¹

“When you view events from this perspective—through **the Light of My universal Presence**—fear loses its grip on you.” (emphasis added)²³²

“Softly I announce **My Presence**. Shimmering hues of radiance tap gently **at your consciousness, seeking entrance**.” (emphasis added)²³³

“Keep your eyes and your mind wide open to all that I am doing in your life.” (emphasis added)²³⁴

“You would like to see a map, showing all the twists and turns of your journey.... However, **there is a better way** ...

“**My abiding Presence is the best road map available.**” (emphasis added)²³⁵

“What I search for in My children is **an awakened soul** ...” (emphasis added)²³⁶

“In addition to the three dimensions of space, and the one of time, there is **the dimension of openness to My Presence.**” (emphasis added)²³⁷

“**Here and Now** comprise the coordinates of your daily life.” (emphasis added)²³⁸

“**Breathe Me in with each breath.**” (emphasis added)²³⁹

“**Signs of My Presence** brighten even the dullest day **when you have eyes that really see.**” (emphasis added)²⁴⁰

“**Ask Me to open your eyes, so that you can find Me everywhere.** The more aware you are of My Presence, the safer you feel. This is not some sort of escape from reality; **it is tuning in to ultimate reality.**” (bold & underline added)²⁴¹

“**Do not fear change,** ... When you cling to old ways and sameness, you resist My work within you.” (emphasis added)²⁴²

“**I, the Creator** of the universe, **have deigned to co-create with you.**” (emphasis added)²⁴³

“When you make **that quantum leap into eternity,** you will find Me awaiting you in heaven.” (bold added)²⁴⁴

Question, to which “Bible” is Young referring when she says that “*Bible* verses or fragments of verses often came to mind”? They are said to be indicated in italics. It used to be obvious that “*ultimate reality*” and “*quantum leap*” are not “[w]ords from *the Scriptures*”—at least not from the *Holy* Scriptures inspired by *God*, anyway—regardless of whether they are “paraphrased” or “quoted.”²⁴⁵ And regarding this “tuning in to *ultimate reality*” and the request of this “Presence” of “Jesus” to “Ask Me to open your eyes, so that you can find Me everywhere,” remember what happened when *The Shack*’s female false “Spirit” said the following?:

“Mackenzie, if you would allow me, I would like to give you a gift for this evening. **May I touch your eyes and heal them,** just for tonight?” (emphasis added)²⁴⁶

The result was that “[w]hen Mack **opened his eyes** he had to immediately shield them from a **blinding light** that overwhelmed him,”²⁴⁷ and after which he heard the false “Spirit” say:

“You will find it very difficult to look at me directly ... But as **your mind becomes accustomed to the changes,** it will be *easier.*” (emphasis added)²⁴⁸

Again, the minds of those who are blinded by this new “light” of a new “truth” will gradually become accustomed to its many changes just as eyes become accustomed to *the dark*. And, of course, after the “blinding light,” Mack’s eyes and mind were opened to a revelation of Oneness—a “seeming chaotic,” “dynamic” “flowing dance,” with “beautiful” “patterns” of “all colors” “sewn into a garment of *light*” for this *female* false “Spirit.”²⁴⁹

Reminiscent of Marilyn Ferguson in *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, the messages of this “Presence” of “Jesus” in *Jesus Calling* also state that “[t]his is a **paradigm shift** that will revolutionize your life,”²⁵⁰ but “[y]ou can feel secure, even in the midst **of cataclysmic changes,** through awareness of My continual Presence.”²⁵¹ And how does this “better way” of “Presence”—which is “the best road map available”—create this ability to “feel secure” in the midst of all these changes? By beginning with the initial cataclysmic changes to the meditator’s *thinking*. In other words, by “being uplifted

into a new pattern of thought,” as Hubbard puts it. Never mind that this is an “inner Big Bang.” Just “[l]earn to tune in,”²⁵² as Young’s “Presence” of “Jesus” that gives the following messages wants you to do. Oh, and one more thing—don’t forget to *relax* . . .

“**Come to Me with your defenses down**, ready to be blessed and filled with My Presence. **Relax**, ...” (emphasis added)²⁵³

“Focus your entire being on My living Presence.... While you relax in My Presence, **I am molding your mind** ...” (emphasis added)²⁵⁴

“**Open wide** your heart and mind to receive more and more of Me.” (emphasis added)²⁵⁵

“Sit quietly in My Presence, **letting My thoughts reprogram your thinking**.” (emphasis added)²⁵⁶

“Make your mind like a still pool of water, **ready to receive whatever thoughts I drop into it**.” (emphasis added)²⁵⁷

Of course, these thoughts will then send ripples of change that “reprogram your thinking” in a diabolical “butterfly” effect in which “you are being *transformed* from the inside out.”²⁵⁸ In other words, as Sweet, McLaren, et al., put it in *A is for Abductive*, you will indeed undergo “a cognitive metamorphosis,” “a sea change” in “consciousness” in which you will begin “to think in brand new ways.”²⁵⁹ A “mystical consciousness” with “mystical enlightenment.”²⁶⁰ According to Young’s “Presence” of “Jesus”:

“**I am all around you, like a cocoon of Light**.” (emphasis added)²⁶¹

“**One of the worst** consequences of the Fall **is the elaborate barriers** people erect between themselves and others.” (emphasis added)²⁶²

“I have called each of My children to a different path, distinctly designed for that one. **Do not let anyone convince you that his path is the only right way**. And be careful not to extol your path as **superior to another’s way**. What I require of you is *to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Me—wherever I lead*.” (bold & underline added)²⁶³

In other words, trust a “Presence” that wants to lead you on a path that is *not* “the only right way.” And, therefore, “humbly” just “Say yes” to its leading in which there is “no *limit*” to “the variety of *ways*” its “messages” come.

“**Say yes** to the ways I work in your life. **Trust Me**, and don’t be afraid.” (bold added)²⁶⁴

“I speak to you continually: through sights, sounds, thoughts, impressions, Scripture. **There is no limit to the variety of ways I can communicate with you**. Your part is to **be attentive to My messages, in whatever form they come**.” (emphasis added)²⁶⁵

No limit is no limit. So anything and everything, as well as anyone and everyone, becomes a possible way of communication—or “communication signals.” So just be sure to pay attention and “tune” in to this “*better way*” that is “the *Light*” of a “*universal Presence*.” And as mentioned earlier, *universal* means “All;” “Total; whole;” and “Comprising *all the particulars*.”²⁶⁶ Of course, in “the *Light*” of a “*universal Presence*,” it simply isn’t possible that “the whole world lieth in *wickedness*,” right? And, therefore, instead of “*wickedness*,” isn’t this “*better way*” of “[c]omprising *all the particulars*” a broad way of “*Glory*”? According to Young’s “universal Presence” of “Jesus”:

“**As you seek My Presence above all else**, ... While you journey through life in My Presence, **My Glory brightens the world around you**.” (bold & underline added)²⁶⁷

“I am with you and all around you, **encircling you in golden rays of Light**.” (emphasis added)²⁶⁸

“**This is the way of Peace**, living in the Light of My Presence.” (emphasis added)²⁶⁹

“... **the Light of My universal Presence** ...” (emphasis added)²⁷⁰

People are certainly free to shift to “the Light” of a “*universal* Presence” and even call it “Jesus” if they want to. But the Jesus Who is the Son of God is the *physical/bodily* resurrected Jesus Christ of Nazareth. First, regarding “our Lord Jesus Christ,” God’s Word states that he is “the King of kings, and Lord of lords ... dwelling in *the light which no man can approach unto*; whom no man hath seen, *nor can see*” (1 Timothy 6:14-16). And, therefore, “we walk by faith, *not by sight*” (2 Corinthians 5:7). Of course, that would be by the “faith” which “cometh by hearing, and hearing by *the word of God*”—“*the record that God gave of his Son*” (see Romans 10:17 & 1 John 5:10). And, second, it is this same *physical/bodily* resurrected “King of kings, and Lord of lords” Who is our *peace*. Although people today prefer a “Presence” that is *universal*—“All;” “Total; whole;” and “Comprising *all the particulars*”—this is neither the way of true peace nor the glory of the true God. “Comprising *all the particulars*” is simply the sidewinder’s path between all opposites. And along with warning that “*The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace*” (Isaiah 59:8), God’s Word also tells us:

*“They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips ... And **the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.**”* (Romans 3:12-13, 17-18)

Basically, man’s fall in the Garden of Eden began man’s ongoing fall for the serpent’s guidance to *man’s own “knowing.”* A fall in which “all have sinned, and *come short of the glory of God*” (v. 23). Hence the need to be saved from our sin—from our own “knowing” in which we *come short of the glory of God*—by *repenting*. And this is a “*repentance to the acknowledging of the truth*” (2 Timothy 2:25). Why? Because God, “*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth*,” is “*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9).

Yes, “[t]he heavens declare the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1), but God’s glory is not today’s new kind of “glory” of a new kind of “God” whose new kind of “Presence” is “ultimate reality.” God is not in everyone/everything. A “Presence” that wants “to open your eyes, so that you can find Me everywhere” is a “Presence” that wants you to do the opposite of *the acknowledging of the truth*. This is a “Presence” with a rattle.

A “Presence” that wants you to “find Me everywhere” is obviously a “Presence” that wants you to shift from *worshipping the Creator and not creation to worshipping creation as the “Creator.”*

*“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and **changed the glory of the uncorruptible God** into an image made **like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**”* (Romans 1:22-23)

*“Ask Me to open your eyes, **so that you can find Me everywhere**.... it is tuning in to **ultimate reality.**”* (the “universal Presence” in *Jesus Calling*; bold & underline added)²⁷¹

And a “Presence” that wants “to open your eyes” to this new “glory” is a “Presence” that wants to lead you into *changing the truth of God into a lie*. This will indeed “*reprogram your thinking.*” This passage in Romans also goes on to state:

“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 1:25)

Moreover, a “Presence” that wants “to open your eyes” to “*find Me everywhere*” is obviously a “Presence” that wants “to open your eyes” to *your own “knowing.”* The two go hand in hand. And to lead you into *your own “knowing”* is to lead you into *un-repentance*.

So, why do we need to “*come to repentance*” in order to *not perish*? Because the consequence (or fruit) of Adam and Eve’s fall is that we are all born into *sin*. That is, we are all born into *our own “knowing.”* Our own “knowing” is not *the truth* of God and is thus not *the glory of God*. And, therefore, we either “*come unto the knowledge of the truth*” or we continue

to “come short of the glory of God” in our own “knowing.” And, yes, this is sin that leads to death. So we can either believe the truth or we can perish in our own “knowing.” The choice is ours. The truth of God leads to life, and our own “knowing” leads to death—the first consequences of death being *physical*, the second being *eternal*. Hence, God’s Word refers to the eternal lake of fire as “the second death.”

*“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**.... 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 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**.” (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1, 4-5)*

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.... He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:16, 36)

*“And death and hell were cast into **the lake of fire**. This is the **second death**. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:14-15; see also 21:8)*

Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not a “universal Presence” “[c]omprising all the particulars.”²⁷² And He is our peace. God’s Word tells us:

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.... That at that time ye were **without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and **without God** in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. **For he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and **that he might reconcile both unto God** in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” (Ephesians 2:8-9, 12-18)*

To be *without Christ* is to be *without God*. To be without God is to be *without His peace*. Contrarily, the emerging faith of Oneness is an *all-encompassing circle* of a universal “Presence” of God in everyone/everything in what is thereby both a *universal peace* and a *universal salvation* and, thus, a universal “new man” (a.k.a. “Homo universalis,” or “Universal Humanity”). But even though this circle of Oneness is absurdly being related to the cross of Jesus Christ, the circle of Oneness is neither the *faith* nor the *peace* of God. Quite the contrary. As is fittingly exemplified in the popular peace sign, the circle of Oneness seeks to bring peace on earth by *flipping the cross of Jesus Christ upside down and breaking it*. And while this may bring warm fuzzy Oneness to the wicked world, it is the *antithesis* of peace with God and His Son.

*“Grace and **peace** be multiplied unto you **through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord**.” (2 Peter 1:2)*

*“Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**.” (Romans 5:1)*

Sadly, since man prefers *man’s own “knowing,”* instead of “yea, let God be true, but *every man a liar*” (Romans 3:4), man flips this upside down to “yea, *let every man be true*, but God a liar.” And, of course, God’s Word warns that man has “*changed the truth of God into a lie*” (Romans 1:25). Man has even gone so far as to change the truth of God into the lie of “evolution” which conveniently *justifies* man’s preference for man’s own “knowing.” Why? Because *death* is thus no longer the consequence of man’s fall for the serpent’s guidance into man’s own “knowing” but is simply the natural result of “*evolution*.”

This obviously opens the door wide to man’s desired “Freedom of Thought” in which no one’s own “knowing” will receive the consequences of death. In other words, thanks to “evolution,” death is no longer the consequence of what

anyone chooses to acknowledge in any of man's "truths"/"Scriptures"/faiths/religions/gods. Rather, since *death* is now simply the natural result of "*evolution*," there is conveniently no more need for man to "come unto the knowledge of the truth" to "be saved." Or to put it another way, there is no more need for man to "come to repentance" to not "perish." So never mind that, along with "*For the wages of sin is death*," God's Word clearly states: "*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned*" (Romans 5:12). "Evolution" is a convenient freedom in which every man is "true" and God's recorded truth of Romans 5:12, 6:23, 1:16, and John 3:16, 14:6—as well as the rest of God's Word—becomes "a lie."

After Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit, the Word of God tells us:

"And the eyes of both of them 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." (Genesis 3:7-8)

For man to know his *physical* nakedness is symbolic of man's *spiritual* nakedness. Man has no covering for man's sin. Sin is only covered with the righteousness of God—a *rightness* that we must *believe* in order to be *covered* and thus *saved*. Man has no way to cover the sin of man's own "*knowing*"—sin that leads to death. Apart from believing *the truth of God*, man can only attempt to cover himself with man's own "*knowing*." This will save no one! Covering the sin of man's own "*knowing*" with the sin of man's own "*knowing*" does not restore man to "*the presence*" of God. But, sadly, because man is choosing such a covering he no longer sees himself as *spiritually* naked. And, not only so, but man's preferred covering of man's own "*knowing*" has also opened man up to a *counterfeit* "Presence." That is, man's preference has opened man up to becoming "Knowers" of a "Presence" that is not God. Alice Bailey wrote:

"Truth lies *within* ourselves. When we can **contact our own inner God** all truth will be revealed to us. We shall be *Knowers*." (emphasis added)²⁷³

Of course, the serpent's role-playing seducing spirit world knows full well that man's "own inner God" is not God. It also knows full well that their seducing "signs," "signals," "vibrations," and "voice" are quite successfully guiding people to open up to *their* "Presence" (in more ways than one). The serpent's seducing spirit world is, after all, on a mission. And it is therefore determined to get people to "go within" and "launch out into *the deep*" so that *they* can make contact with the meditator. Young's "Presence" of "Jesus" also gives the following messages:

"Learn to **tune in** to My living Presence by seeking Me **in silence**." (emphasis added)²⁷⁴

"Learn to live **from your true Center** in Me." (emphasis added)²⁷⁵

"... **I am training you to think My thoughts**.... Take time to **listen to My voice**." (emphasis added)²⁷⁶

"**I am preparing you for what is on the road ahead, just around the bend**." (emphasis added)²⁷⁷

It is indeed.

"[T]here are **sparkling surprises** just around the bend. Stay on the path I have selected for you. It is truly the path of Life." (emphasis added)²⁷⁸

"**[Y]ou don't need to be afraid of anything—not even cataclysmic circumstances**." (bold & underline added)²⁷⁹

"**[T]here is a cushion of calm at the center** of your life, where you live in union with Me. **Return to this soothing Center as often as you can**, for this is where you are energized: filled with My Love, Joy, and Peace." (emphasis added)²⁸⁰

By an amazing coincidence, in Hubbard's book *Birth 2012 and Beyond*, in which Stephen Dinan also wrote the Afterword, he writes under the heading "Navigating the Turbulence":

“Throughout **this nine months of gestation**, I suspect that we will continue to see social unrest the likes of which **will make the year 2011 seem calm**....

“Our nine-month collective birthing will, I suspect, take place concurrently with economic malaise, environmental calamity, social unrest, and more....

“As we navigate through this time of deep challenge, **it will be key for us to find our calm center**, the part of us that knows it is all in divine hands **as the outdated structures crumble and fall away**. Something magnificent will be taking shape. A golden future awaits us.” (emphasis added)²⁸¹

Whether 2012 is the year of “birth” pains or not—and that would be the pains that will “birth” the Antichrist’s kingdom—when these pains are in full force, no doubt the world will be fervently led into “going within” to find their “calm” and “soothing” “center.” After all, according to the seducing spirit world:

“As the *selection process* intensifies, ... practice every day listening to your *inner voice*. **I will be communicating to you, as the tribulations intensify**, so strengthen that inner place.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁸²

Why? Because the seducing spirit world is on a mission to *dunk* its aligned humanity in the lake of *fire*. And it knows full well that a “calm” and “soothing” “center” of *mystical “knowing” and “Presence”* in the midst of the world’s cataclysmic changes is not a “center” that will guide the masses of meditators into knowing *the truth* of the *mark of the beast*—one of the “sparkling” surprises that are coming just around the bend. Quite the contrary, meditation is designed to “reprogram your thinking” for *a reason*. And that would be a reprogramming into taking the *center* path between opposites. In other words, the sidwinding *serpent’s* path. And, sadly, *many* are *already* learning to take hold of the serpent’s tail. *Many* are *already* being guided by “the authority” of their mystical “intuition.” And, therefore, *many* are *already* being “nudged” toward a *dunking*.

In her chapter “Rekindling the Flames of Intuition,” Marilyn Ferguson wrote in *Aquarius Now* that “[i]ntuition” “becomes a guide, lighting our way,” and “*nudging* us toward opportunities.”²⁸³ And in *Quantum Spirituality*, along with writing that “intuition” is “a *mystical quality*,”²⁸⁴ Sweet also writes that “[p]ostmodern destinies” are “governed” “by intuitional guidance, by inner promptings.”²⁸⁵ People would be far better served if, rather than by the “authority” of their “intuition” (mystical or otherwise), they were willing instead to be governed and guided by the authority of *the Word of God*.

When absurdly attempting to relate the “Christification” of man to the return of the true Christ, Hubbard writes: “‘Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed.’ Is this *mystical intuition* of forthcoming great change an actual evolutionary forecast?” And shortly thereafter, Hubbard writes that “something new and great is coming” and “[t]he planet itself is evolving toward a quantum leap, wherein all of its members will experience themselves as part of one body.”²⁸⁶

This will not be one body of *Christ* but of the *Antichrist*, and all will be *marked* as such in their *foreheads* or *right hands*. The planet is simply moving rapidly toward a (r)evolutionary “quantum leap” of *faith*. And when all is said and done, they will not be thanking the serpent for “the signal service it had rendered humanity.”²⁸⁷

“Each shall be ‘sealed’ with the seal of the living God. This means that **they shall be marked**, visibly identified, first to themselves, then to others. This means that **their inner eye in the forehead will be fully opened by this touch**, henceforth awakening them from the womb of self-centeredness.

“It is **those of you who are now hearing an inner voice telling you to put this purpose first**, to put the love of the Kingdom first, to put the love of evolution first; you are now being visibly touched by the animating hand of God.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁸⁸

“You see the people listening within, aligning with the same pattern in the process of evolution, breaking the barriers of pre-universal nationalism, ideologies, creeds, and dogmas, as they join together to explore the universe, within and without.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ”)²⁸⁹

“Listen carefully to your inner calling and follow it to completion. For you are to sing a new song with me,
...

“This is **the birth song of humanity awakening** as heirs to the Kingdom, *co-creators* with Christ, ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹⁰

“Those with the seal of the living God on their foreheads will be with Christ at the time of the Transformation. They will serve as *beacons of light*, educators and emancipators, ...

“These humans will ‘sing a new song’ ... they are the ‘first fruits’ of your belief in the power to transform from Homo sapiens **to Homo universalis.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹¹

“It is obvious—so obvious. The way you will know what is coming next is to encounter those who have already *matured* in the *universal* phase of development. They are multitudinous....

“Your task is to **wake up!**... Unblock your womb-stopped ears **and hear together for the first time the music of the spheres.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹²

“In every mind sealed with the seal of the living God, the message is exactly the same. It requires the right signal to turn on....

“The *co-creative* systems, which are lying psychologically dormant in humanity will be activated. **From within**, all sensitive persons will feel the joy of the force, ... **It is pre-programmed in you.** The programming has been abnormally repressed in you because of the illusion of separation.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹³

“Do you feel an inner radiation? Do you sense a quantum change? Do you have a flame of expectation exciting you from within?

“If so, **you are being prepared**, or rather, you are preparing yourselves **to be ready when the selection process comes.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹⁴

“... **Do you hear an inner voice?**

“Do you believe that other people hear an inner voice?

“Do you believe that there is one God, and therefore you and all other created creatures are from the same Source and share the possibility of a common destiny?

“If the answers are ‘yes,’ you are ready, dearly beloved. Prepare.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹⁵

Sadly, far too many people *are ready*. They are *pre-programmed* for the diabolical success of the mark of the beast. This “one God,” or “Source,” which is “an inner voice” in *everyone* regardless of their *religion/god* is not the one true God. To believe otherwise is to be ready for the mark—a.k.a. “the selection process.” This seducing spirit also says that “the illusion of separation” “from God” is “the missing of the mark.”²⁹⁶ In other words, those of us who know that the world is *not* “One with God”—and who are thus *not* “aligning” with “breaking the barriers of pre-universal nationalism, ideologies, creeds, and dogmas”—will *not* be taking *the mark of the beast*.

In addition, this seducing spirit and false “*Christ*” would also have you know that “[i]f you intend to **be like me**, it means **you have** recorded or **elected the program of transformation to be triggered in your system.**”²⁹⁷ And the intention “**to be like me**” is described as wanting to be “**at one with God**” and “**a co-creator in the image of God.**”²⁹⁸ And according to this seducing spirit:

“If a critical mass of the human population were to choose a godlike future, the devastation could be avoided, the birth could be graceful, the attractors could attract the vast majority of humanity.

“This critical mass represents **those marked with the seal of the living God on their foreheads.** They are all now sensing a total urgency to communicate the good news in every language, in all tongues, in a variety of symbols....

“**Yes! Yes! We will go forward to a future of unlimited possibilities!**” (emphasis added)²⁹⁹

“Those of you who happen to be alive at the time of the actual Quantum Instant, will be changed while still alive....

"Your co-creative system will turn on. It is being prepared now." (emphasis added)³⁰⁰

Regarding this "quantum" transformation in which humanity is to "be changed while still alive," this seducing spirit also wants you to know—for obvious reasons—that "[d]uring quantum transformations, the new is not immediately apparent."³⁰¹ Of course, as God's Word warns, what *will* be apparent are the "signs" and "wonders" that accompany the Antichrist's coming:

*"Even him, whose coming is after **the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.**"* (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

"Signs" and "wonders" performed in the power of *Satan*, who is *the serpent* (see Revelation 12:9). And "signs" and "wonders" that will no doubt be seen as "proof" that man's so-called "co-creative system" has successfully turned on. Under the heading "We Will Be Transformed Visibly" in *The Revelation*, this seducing spirit also channeled through Hubbard:

"Just before the end shall come, those who are to be saved will be quickened....

"I will go on to the uttermost creative limits of the universe with those of you who will put your mind in tune with mine." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)³⁰²

And shortly thereafter, under this same heading, this seducing spirit says:

"This consciousness is the guide through the transition. It **is legion. It manifests by the billions....**

"Open your eyes and see the *glory* of your future with me....

"The transformation is about to begin." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)³⁰³

And quite a transformation it will be, too. Remember "him that was possessed with the devil, and had the *legion*" (Mark 5:15)? God's Word also tells us that the name of this devil that possessed him was "Legion: because *many devils* were entered into him" (Luke 8:30).

Of course, this "consciousness" that is "legion" and "manifests by the billions" is quite a "signal service" for the serpent. But those who are "awakening" and are thus already being guided by this "signal service" into opening their eyes to this "glorious" future of "co-creation" can see all of this as of *God* instead, if they want to . . .

"We too *shall* all be changed.... **the next stage of evolution, the shift from creature to co-creative human....**

"We draw from all great avatars and paths, but we know that our challenge is to **be the co-creative human** ourselves. There is no outside person or power that can do this for us. Each of us chooses the disciplines and practices that are most compatible with our temperament. We **become faithful to those practices, whether they be meditation, yoga, prayer, contemplation**—whatever inner work *works*, we do faithfully." (Barbara Marx Hubbard; bold added)³⁰⁴

"As your co-creative potential is aroused, you unite *with me*, who is a real being beyond you....

"We shall demonstrate the powers of co-creation through you, at the threshold of the Tree of Life, so that you will be *empowered* to lead the children of Earth to the promised land." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)³⁰⁵

And that would be to the new world of Oneness. A new world of "breaking the barriers." A new world (religion) that is to save the earth from all its cataclysmic problems. And the "powers" of "co-creation"—i.e., "*the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders*"—will come in most handy for its creation. Never mind that this new world will be the marked kingdom of the beast. This new kind of "promised land" is to also be the "New Jerusalem." So just "go within," take hold of the serpent's tail, and maybe you, too, will become endowed with these "powers" of "co-creation" . . .

"The New Jerusalem is the Second Garden....

"The New Jerusalem is *us* in synergetic, empathetic attunement to the voice within, self-organizing for the tasks of building the New Jerusalem." (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)³⁰⁶

"Through you the promise will be kept. You have been faithful to the flame within.... You are the culmination of the evolutionary history of planet Earth." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ")³⁰⁷

"The promise that I shall return and that you shall be transformed, is to be kept through you, dearly beloved. Thank God for those of you who have kept the faith through the dark night of the soul." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ")³⁰⁸

"The New Jerusalem is the next stage of evolution. It is a community of natural Christs, co-operating with each other and God, *endowed with the capacity* to overcome hunger, planet-boundedness, death and separation from the *universal community of life ...*" (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)³⁰⁹

"Welcome on Board!"

It is Jesus Christ of Nazareth—and He alone is Christ—that is one with God. Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). And it is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Who alone is Christ, that is the Father's ("co-") Creator. God's Word also tells us: "God, who created all things by Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:9). Man is neither one with God nor God's "co-creator." Man never has been and never will be a "natural Christ." Man is indeed absolutely *separate* from God. There is no "Christ" that will emerge from "within" man as a "butterfly effect" that will change God's covenant with man into a universal salvation. Nevertheless, Hubbard and her spirit guide write in *The Revelation*:

"We *shall* all be changed.

"Those of us who are attracted to this perception of reality are like **the 'imaginal cells' in the body of a caterpillar when it is turning into a butterfly**. As the caterpillar disintegrates, the imaginal cells hold the picture of the emerging butterfly, and guide the formation of the new being. Similarly each of us who knows it is possible for the human race to evolve holds a vital facet of the picture of our metamorphosis. Like the butterfly, the emerging Whole Body of our planet is calling to us to offer our gifts freely now.

"In our dormant untapped creativity we shall find all the energy and knowledge required to *co-create* a new world. This is Christ's *call* to all of us. To BE as he is. To do as he did. This is not a dogma, it is a *liberation of humanity from the age-old trauma of separation from God. This is the very essence of co-creation.*" (Barbara Marx Hubbard; bold & italics added)¹

"You who are intending to follow me the Whole Way will do so and experience yourselves as **natural Christs—little butterflies finally emerged** from the *chrysalis* of self-consciousness to the universe of God-conscious beings ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)²

"This is a moment of cosmic choice for the people of Earth.... We stand at the threshold of Universal Humanity . . . or at the brink of Armageddon....

"There are alternatives to the tribulations. There are graceful births toward universal life.... new disciples of Christ who seek to work together for **the Planetary Birth, a peaceful Second Coming of the Christ within** and beyond—**the birth of Universal Humanity.**" (Barbara Marx Hubbard; 2nd ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)³

It is perfectly clear in God's inspired Holy Scriptures that God's salvation comes only from believing in God's Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5)

Those in this emerging faith that "transcends" the one true God and His one true Mediator/Christ are following a "call" that is not a "call" to salvation. Quite the opposite. This "call" is to the Oneness of false gods and false mediators/"Christs," which is simply a "call" to "*liberation*" from God and His salvation.

Fittingly, a *chrysalis* is defined as “the case or cocoon”⁴ and is “[t]he particular form which butterflies, moths, and some other insects assume, before they arrive at *their winged or perfect state*.”⁵ Moreover, regarding their “*particular form*,” “[t]he name is taken from the yellow color of certain species: but *they are of different colors*.”⁶ Sounds like this emerging faith.

Basically, as individuals around the world heed the call to “go within” and shift to the new kind of “*Script*”—or rather “*Scripture*”—of “*Presence*,” they eventually emerge from their own *particular* form of “monocentric”/“self-centered”/“self-conscious” beliefs into the “awakened” “God-conscious”/“Christ-conscious” state of *nonduality*—or *no duality*—which, of course, is *Oneness*. This emergence has already been taking place and will soon be ready to shift from the micro to the macro.

First, as more and more individuals enter into the “awakened” state of nonduality, they are thereby entering into the state of “consciousness” or “mystery” of “connectivity” that is a universal, all-inclusive chrysalis of *all colors*. In other words, each individual that emerges from their own *particular* form of beliefs, or their own *particular* chrysalis, then becomes one of the growing number of “awakened” “imaginal cells” in the “butterfly” within a *universal, all-inclusive chrysalis of nonduality*. And it is from this all-inclusive *cocoon of “light”*—i.e., this *new “light”* of a new kind of “Christ”—that a new “Universal Humanity” is to then emerge when all of the “imaginal cells” have “awakened.”

Hubbard and her spirit guide write in *The Revelation*:

“We hear Christ’s words echoing through the cosmos, the perfect imaginal cell, encouraging us to believe in our own metamorphosis....

“[W]e are awakening cells in the larger body. Our function is to awaken ourselves and others. We exist in every race, nation, culture, and religion ... By knowing that we are evolving, and by finding each other and joining in support of one another, we are fulfilling our mission.” (Barbara Marx Hubbard)⁷

“[V]isualize yourselves entering **the cocoon**, and placing your body in **my body of light**, giving it *permission* to become a new body like mine. It is already *preprogrammed* to change.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸

This seducing spirit then goes on to point out that it simply wants you to be “willing to practice the disciplines of *self-transcendence*.”⁹ “*Disciplines*” that are, of course, the various forms of *meditative* experiences. Upon referring to India, this seducing spirit even points out that “[t]here you established the inner technologies of *transcendence* through the great science of *yoga*, or *union with the All*.”¹⁰ And, of course, it is people’s *minds* that are being “*preprogrammed* to change” as they are *reprogrammed* in their meditation.

Hence the tremendous drive in the world to get everyone to use the many methods of meditation (including yoga) *for any and every reason that works*, such as—physical well-being, stress management, fitness, general health, high blood pressure, heart disease, cholesterol, immune system, cancer recovery, asthma, hot flashes, drug abuse, emotional well-being, depression, increased happiness, inner peace, anxiety, ADHD, nail biting (yes, you read it right—just think of it as a meditation manicure in which you can just “go *within*” for healthy nails), spiritual well-being, conversing with “God,” mental well-being, clarity, increased productivity at work, and the list goes on and on and on . . .

Regarding “the shift from creature to co-creative human,” Hubbard writes: “Each of us chooses the disciplines and practices that are most compatible with our temperament. We become faithful to those practices, whether they be meditation, yoga, prayer, contemplation—whatever inner work *works*, we do faithfully.”¹¹ And, of course, this “inner work” opens people’s minds right up to a *reprogramming* and *preprogramming* that are taking place for a reason . . .

“**You will be guided from within as to the design of the Planetary Birth and your roles in it.** From every race, nation, and religion you will prophesy that the transition from *Homo sapiens* to *Homo universalis* is now occurring.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” bold added)¹²

As previously addressed, in *Jesus Calling*, Young’s “Presence” of “Jesus” that wants to “reprogram your thinking”¹³ looks

for “an *awakened soul*”¹⁴ in order “to *co-create* with you.”¹⁵ Young’s “Presence” that also says, “I am all around you, like a *cocoon of Light*,”¹⁶ wants you to “[l]earn to tune in to My living Presence by seeking Me in silence,”¹⁷ “[a]ttune yourself to My voice,”¹⁸ and “do not relinquish your attentiveness to Me.”¹⁹ Likewise, in *The Revelation*, Hubbard’s “Christ presence” that refers to “humanity *awakening*” as “*co-creators* with Christ”²⁰ wants you to: “Create the *cocoon of light*. Materialize *my body of light* in your mind’s eye.”²¹ And also: “Keep your attention on me at all times. Practice continually tuning in.”²² This way:

“As your *co-creative potential* is aroused, you unite *with me*, who is a real being beyond you....

“We shall demonstrate the powers of co-creation through you ... so that you will be *empowered* to lead the children of Earth to the *promised land*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²³

To put it mildly, those who “go within” for physical/emotional/spiritual well-being will end up with a whole lot more than they bargained for.

So, before taking a final, closer look at how *meditation* plays a key role in the “Renunciation Initiation” and is designed to be “a *guarantee* of the return of Christ”—i.e., the *Antichrist*—“into *public recognition*,”²⁴ let’s first take a look at these “powers” of “co-creation.” They and the belief that *separation from God* is an “*illusion*” (which, of course, is the belief in *Oneness*) are the fruit of meditation and are likewise key to the emerging kingdom of the *Antichrist* and its mark of the beast—both of which the meditating public is being *preprogrammed to embrace*.

It is in this same book that Hubbard writes:

“The New Jerusalem is **the next stage of evolution**. It is a community of natural Christs, co-operating with each other and God, ***endowed with the capacity to overcome*** hunger, planet-boundedness, death and **separation from the universal community of life** ...” (emphasis added)²⁵

Moreover, in the chapter “**The Goal of Evolution**,” and shortly after referring to the “great vibratory sphere, or plane, ... called in some occult books the *intuitional plane*,”²⁶ Alice Bailey wrote that “the time is rapidly approaching when the *great fundamental unity that underlies all the different religions*, and the fact that *each faith* is a necessary part of one *great whole*, will be *recognised* by men everywhere.”²⁷ It is also in this chapter that she wrote, “When we can *contact our own inner God* all truth will be revealed to us.”²⁸ Shortly thereafter, Bailey then went on to write about “**the development of the powers of the soul, or of the psyche**” which “means that you and I are going to be *psychics*.”²⁹ After defining “psyche” as “the soul within, or the higher self, who emerges from out of the threefold lower self, **as the butterfly emerges out of the chrysalis**,” she went on to write that this “is **that beautiful reality**,” and that “**true psychic powers** are those **which put us in contact with the group**.”³⁰ Keep in mind that “psychics” are now commonly referred to as “*intuitives*.” And, of course, Leonard Sweet also writes that “*intuition*” is “a *mystical quality*”³¹ and “[i]t is through *creative intuition* that postmoderns continue the work of *divine creation*.”³²

As previously addressed, this emerging (co-)creative faith is about trying to create a new world (i.e., new world *religion*) of *Oneness* in order to save the earth from all its cataclysmic problems—which, of course, includes God’s coming judgment. Hence, this is not only about trying to create a new “*God*” of *Oneness*, but a new “*Heaven*” of *Oneness* as well. As Hubbard’s spirit guide puts it—“the New Earth, the New Heaven, the new body and the New Jerusalem.”³³ And, by the way, speaking of this new “Heaven,” Barbara Marx Hubbard writes that “[t]he ‘new’ Heaven is Heaven normalized, naturalized, humanized, democratized, and become available to all who choose to become natural Christs.”³⁴ To say that those in this emerging faith are in for a rude awakening is a *tremendous understatement*!

At any rate, the “fourth dimension” is where man is given the revelatory “proof” of *Oneness* and then often endowed with “powers” to help create it in our “dimension.” Remember, in *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* Matthew Fox writes that “[t]he promise of ecumenism, the *coming together of religions*, has been *thwarted* because world religions have not been relating at the level of *mysticism*”³⁵ and that “[t]he Cosmic Christ educes *power* and responsibility from those who dare to allow the *mystic* to be born in and through them.”³⁶

Sadly enough, meditation has already been included by many teachers in public education from kindergarten through college for decades now. And the seducing spirit world channeled through Walsch in *Tomorrow's God* that "much time will be spent in *Creation Education opening children* to their natural abilities, including their *psychic abilities* and their manifestation abilities."³⁷ This abominable new kind of "Creation" education is obviously for the world's new kind of "God" that is not the Creator of all creation. And according to this seducing spirit in *Tomorrow's God*:

"The effort and the focus of Creation Education will be to bring children to this threshold, and to gently invite them to cross it." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God")³⁸

"Your society will expand its thinking in the future and explore new possibilities. It won't always be caught up in the fears and restrictions of Yesterday's God.

"*Meditation* will soon be a part of the regular school day (it is in some schools right now), and early training in the *psychic arts* will follow. Young children will be encouraged to get in touch with their 'sixth sense,' and to train, use, and expand their *psychic power*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁹

To Walsch's comment next that "[i]n the past this would have been condemned as being of the 'occult,' or 'trafficking with the Devil,'" his spirit guide even tells him that, unlike "Yesterday's God," "Tomorrow's God" "will make it clear to humanity that *God* gave you these abilities, that they were given to you to be used, and that there is nothing sinful in them."⁴⁰

"[Y]ou are *Pure Energy*, with *the power of Creation*, expressing as a source of Infinite Wisdom and Unconditional Love....

"[Y]ou have forgotten Who You Are. You imagine you are *separate* from me, *separate* from Life, and *separate* from each other." (the seducing spirit calling itself "God;" emphasis added)⁴¹

Of course, if people believe that the "Energy" behind these powers is from *God*, then the manifestation of these powers "proves" that *separation from God* is an "illusion" right? *Wrong*. And even if the whole world "tunes" in and is led to believe that they are all becoming "co-creators" with *God*, this simply could not be any further from the truth. The late Blavatsky, who was likewise quite thoroughly deceived by the serpent's realm, wrote in *The Secret Doctrine*:

"So little have the first Christians (who despoiled the Jews of their Bible) understood **the first four chapters of Genesis in their esoteric meaning**, that they never perceived that not only was no sin intended in this disobedience, but that actually **the 'Serpent' was 'the Lord God' himself, who, as the Ophis, the Logos, or the bearer of divine creative wisdom, taught mankind to become creators in their turn.**" (Helena P. Blavatsky; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴²

So, after asking the question, "Now what are those *powers*?" Alice Bailey then proceeded to answer by listing "a few out of the *many*."⁴³ Beginning with "the conscious control of matter," she wrote:

"*Time* will then not exist for us at all. We shall have that *continuity of consciousness* upon the three planes of being—physical, emotional, and mental—which will enable us to **live as does the Logos, in that very metaphysical abstraction, the Eternal Now.**" (emphasis added)⁴⁴

She then went on to also list "psychometry;" "clairaudient and clairvoyant;" "Healing by touch;" "manipulation of the magnetic fluids;" and "conscious creation by means of *colour* and *sound*."⁴⁵ Bailey's list of "a few out of the many" is expanded by Sweet and the "Christ" that channeled its teachings through Hubbard. But, first, in the article "Dimensional Consciousness," Clinical Psychologist Dr. Suzan Carroll writes:

"Through the expanded perception of our *fourth dimensional self* we can **create great changes in our physical world.**"

"**Our fourth dimensional Astral Body possesses** advanced dreaming, imagination, **psychic ability, intuition, magic, and creativity.** As we expand our mind to frequency [sic] of the fourth dimension, we can experience more and more of these qualities while in our physical form." (emphasis added)⁴⁶

Sweet's expanded list is what follows. In his book that is understatedly quite a "'coming out' book,"⁴⁷ Sweet writes:

"[F]or the most part, Christians keep in good repair *prejudices* against what may be **God's other sign languages of the fourth dimension**. Also known as a 'Fourth Psychology,' transpersonal, transhuman, *transcendent* states of consciousness include most predominantly extrasensory perception (ESP), the mind's ability to acquire nonsensate information) and psychokinesis (PK), the mind's ability to alter matter. But there are also the familiar out-of-body experiences (OBEs), near death experiences (NDEs), altered states of consciousness (ASCs), and precognitive remote perception (PRP), not to mention remote viewing (a variant version of ESP and for some a more precise name than ESP), precognition (time-displaced future information), retrocognition (knowledge of the past through no known means), telepathy (ESP of someone else's thoughts), clairvoyance (ESP of events or objects), and other paranormal, or what are preferably called 'anomalous' or '**psi,**' **phenomena**....

"The names of the hundred or so scientists currently conducting research in parapsychology, or transpersonal psychology, **or the 'consciousness disciplines,'** never appear in the church's continuing education brochures. Dreams are about as far as the church is willing to go into this twilight world of '**angelic thinking**' and '**spiritual senses.**'

"We have only gone this far into the supranormal because *science* has given us *permission*, ...

"What **psychic interactions between human consciousness and physical environment** substantiate, as Austrian/American physicist Wolfgang Pauli perceived, are *the traceable connections* that exist between ourselves and others or objects, and *the underlying holism* of the *uni-verse*. *Transcendent* states of consciousness, ... are not those that are most 'outside' the community, but those most 'inside,' most connecting of the self to the cosmos." (Leonard Sweet, in *Quantum Spirituality*; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁸

Sorry, but *occult activities are not* "*other sign languages*" of God! It simply *cannot be overstated* that Leonard Sweet, who still promotes paying attention to "*signs*," is *one of the primary teachers of today's pastors and leaders of Christianity*. The many "*sign languages*" of this "*fourth dimension*" are *not to be embraced*. Christians who believe and obey the true Word of the true God choose to keep a good distance from what are known as "*abominations*"—and this includes all forms of "*divination*" (e.g., Deuteronomy 18:9-14). Those who believe that "*science*"—as well as everything else for that matter—has given them "*permission*" to *disobey the Word of God* can criticize our *obedience* as "*prejudice*" until they're blue in the face. The powers of the *occult* are *Satan's* realm. And these "*signs*" will be quite prevalent in the *satanic* kingdom of the *Antichrist*. There is a *reason* why God's Word warns: "Even him, whose coming is after *the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders*" (2 Thessalonians 2:9).

A phrase of warning that Warren B. Smith has recently begun saying is quite telling: "A major sign of the times is that the signs of the times are no longer the signs of the times."⁴⁹ Sadly enough, the blindness of people today really has progressed this far. But then, this shouldn't be too surprising. After all, why would people see the signs of the times for what they are now that the signs of the times are just today's "*new physics*"? And, therefore, why would anyone fear the end times now that even *the satanic signs* can all be explained away by "*science*"? Think about it.

"**The laws of the new physics apply to the New Earth, the New Heaven, the new body and the New Jerusalem. They are the laws of the physics of consciousness.** They are the laws of **how co-creative intelligence manifests itself by the power of thought, as God does**, and as you do, to an infantlike degree, **in the psi-phenomena** of telepathy, clairvoyance, clairaudience, psychokinesis, and other capacities **known to psychics, mediums, spiritualists, and healers**. These people ... flicker in and out of the awareness of the 'other' side, which is *co-creative consciousness*, the ability to *create* by thought." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁵⁰

"**This consciousness** is the guide through the transition. It **is legion. It manifests by the billions**....

"Open your eyes and see the *glory* of your future with me....

"**The transformation is about to begin.**" (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁵¹

In this same book, *The Revelation*, Hubbard also writes: "We do have powers of the *gods*."⁵² Actually, these are all just the powers of *devils* working through gullible humanity which is *easy prey*. And this seducing spirit that says "[*w*]e shall demonstrate the powers of co-creation through you"⁵³ likewise channeled through Hubbard that "they who are 'sealed' by God on their foreheads and who will evolve" are to "have the capacities of a natural Christ" and "will be capable of self-healing, telepathy, clairvoyance, clairaudience, levitation, materialization, and dematerialization."⁵⁴

If those who are eternally “sealed” on their foreheads with the mark of the beast are endowed with these “powers,” this will all simply be part of Satan’s “*signs and lying wonders*,” which, sadly enough, will no doubt entice many more people to receive the mark of the beast. After all, since these “co-creative” “powers” are about saving the world, those who get them will just be transforming into real life “super heroes,” right? (Their prevalence on the big screen now is, of course, for a reason . . .) And, surely, the more people who have these “co-creative” “powers”—i.e., who are “super heroes”—the more likely the world will be able to save itself from doom, beginning with the cataclysmic changes that will take place during “the beginning of sorrows” that usher in God’s judgment, right? (See Matthew 24:3-8 & Mark 13:3-8.)

Again, all people need to do is just “go *within*,” take hold of the serpent’s tail, and maybe they, too, will become endowed with these “powers” of “co-creation.” This is about *empowering* people to lead the world to the new kind of “promised land” of a new “*Universal Humanity*” that is to emerge from the cocoon of this “light” when every person—or every “*imaginal*” cell—has “awakened” “in the larger body.”

Imaginal means “of or relating to an *image*,” “of, relating to, or resembling an *imago*.”⁵⁵ And even though mystics and today’s “new breed of theologians”—not to mention seducing spirits—are teaching otherwise, *in no way, shape, or form* are the “awakening cells” of *Oneness* becoming “*imago Dei*”—or “the image of *God*.” Rather, this “awakening” is simply joining the late Blavatsky who was deceived into *blasphemously* believing that “the ‘*Serpent*’ was ‘the Lord God’ *himself*.”

Sweet, for instance, writes in *I Am a Follower*:

“A Jesus community is a *world community*....

“To dance with the Lord of the Dance is to put *both* feet forward....

“When Jesus invites us into the dance, he asks us to **embrace our *creative* and *whole* selves** and then to share those selves with others in the circle. To be in the Jesus dance of life is to **be a part of the *imago dei*—the image of God—in the universe**....

“It takes a world to dance the dance of life. It only takes one first follower to start a world dance.” (emphasis added)⁵⁶

Moreover, in *So Beautiful* he writes:

“We weren’t so much created *imago Dei* as created to become *imago Dei*. **We become *imago Dei* by participating in *missio Dei*.**” (bold & underline added)⁵⁷

Actually, God’s Word states: “So *God* created man in his own image, in the image of *God* created he him; ...” and “in the image of *God* made he man” (Genesis 1:27; 9:6). But never mind what the Word of God says, today’s emerging faith is about *participating* in a mission of *Oneness* to *become* a whole *new* kind of “image of God.” It is, of course, in this same book that Sweet teaches that “the incarnation brought all dualities together”⁵⁸ and that “*Nondualism*” is “so beautiful.”⁵⁹ Sorry, but *nonduality/Oneness* is not the *mission of God* but the mission of *the serpent*. And participating in this mission will only lead to becoming the image of *the serpent*, not *God*. Contrary to the blasphemies of this emerging faith of *Oneness*, rather than emerging as “co-creators” in the image of *God*, the world is indeed “trafficking with *the Devil*.” *This is all perfectly clear in God’s inspired Word. A “Jesus community” is not a “world community” that puts “both feet forward” in a “world dance.” This is the dance and mission of “the god of this world.”*

Along with writing that “[w]e hear *Christ*’s words echoing through the cosmos, the perfect *imaginal* cell, encouraging us to believe in our *own* metamorphosis,” Hubbard, who like Sweet is a “futurist,” also writes:

“It is my deep intuition that **there are millions of us ‘popping’ into *unitive consciousness* and *co-creative purpose***.... [W]e are **awakening cells in the larger body**. Our function is to awaken ourselves and others. We exist in every race, nation, culture, and religion ... By knowing that we are evolving, and by finding each other and joining in support of one another, **we are fulfilling our mission**....

“We are becoming members of a family of *universal humans*—humans becoming fully human, accepting in faith

and humility that we are **participants in the process of creation, partners with universal intelligence, or God.**" (emphasis added)⁶⁰

And never mind that this emergence of a "*Homo universalis*"—or global/world "community"—will be nothing more than *the serpent's kingdom of the Antichrist*. Those who don't cooperate in this "awakening" will be seen as hindrances to this metamorphosis of the world and will therefore be deemed "cancer cells" that need to be eradicated in order for this emergence from the cocoon of the serpent's "light" to move forward. Again, as Hubbard also writes in *The Revelation*, "the self-transcenders [or 'co-creative humans'] will *transcend* and the non-transcenders will descend, devolve, and *die* to this particular planetary experience."⁶¹ And, of course, the "*non-transcenders*" who will "die" are simply those who choose *not to transcend* their own *particular* form (or "chrysalis") of "monocentric"/"self-centered" *beliefs*. Hubbard's channeled teachings in *The Revelation* state:

"At the co-creative stage of evolution, one self-centered soul is like a lethal cancer cell in a body: deadly to itself and to *the whole*. The more complex and interrelated an organism, the more lethal a single cancer cell becomes." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁶²

"All entities have the choice of aligning with the design, or of disintegrating." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁶³

"After the selection process, you will be born to the next stage of evolution. There will be a New Heaven, a New Earth, a new body and a new consciousness for all who *survive*." (the seducing spirit calling itself "Christ;" emphasis added)⁶⁴

And Hubbard also writes in her 2012 book, *Birth 2012 and Beyond*:

"The crises of our time are evolutionary drivers that spur us to **evolve** beyond where we are today—**or *die!***" (emphasis added)⁶⁵

"Any act, intention, or belief that expands our consciousness toward **a more unitive, spiritual, loving, and whole-centered stage is favored**.... Acts that value *synergistic* ('win-win-win') order, or that help bring *separate* parts together into greater *wholeness* and cooperation are also favored. Remember that **nature selects for what cooperates best.**" (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁶

In other words, any "act, intention, or belief" that is not "*whole-centered*" is *not* "favored" and therefore "selected" out to "*die*." So, basically, either become an "imaginal" cell that has "awakened" to the nonduality of everyone's own image and idea of "God," which is the nonduality of the "Cosmic Christ," or *die*. Remember, this is a faith in which, as Hubbard writes in *The Revelation*, "[w]e do not emerge in isolation amidst *self-centered* patterns" but "emerge in unison among *whole-centered, synergizing* patterns of co-operation"—"*co-creative* humans co-operating with other *co-creative* humans to co-evolve a *new Earth*."⁶⁷ And, therefore, Hubbard writes in *Birth 2012 and Beyond* that "the universe" "*calls* us to be receptive to what is *within* us" and "to cooperate with the process of creation in *alignment* with nature's tendency to evolve to *higher consciousness, greater freedom, and more complex and synergistic* order."⁶⁸ After all, "*nature selects* for what cooperates best," and this "*selection process*" to eradicate the "lethal cancer cells" is emerging rapidly on the horizon . . .

Remember, what is *already* seen as "*lethal*" (by those who are already quite cooperative in this emerging faith of Oneness/wholeness) is believing that God's inspired Holy Scriptures are God's *literal* and *absolute* truth. And, therefore, as Hubbard and her "Christ presence" write in *The Revelation*:

"The period of **separate sects and dogmas gives way to** the period of **co-creative consciousness** when everyone is *attuning* to the same *pattern* and is attracted to fulfilling their unique capacities to be *Universal Humans*."

"Churches, mosques, temples, and spiritual centers of all kinds ... shall all be honored ..." (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)⁶⁹

"Dearly beloved, let us do away, once and for all, with this childish threat of hellfire and brimstone for those who do

not believe in me. **The end is near.** The old play is almost over. **Suffice it to say, that if you do not choose to evolve into a wholesome, co-creative human, then you shall not....**

“The only pity is that **you are missing the mark and choosing to die unfulfilled.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁷⁰

So just shift from “self-centered” to “whole-centered” and you won’t miss the mark. And, naturally, the mark will be “for the good of the whole,” right? Hubbard also defines “self-centeredness” as “the *illusion of separateness.*”⁷¹ And, of course, according to this seducing spirit that channeled the plan through her, “the *illusion of separation*” “from God” is “the *missing of the mark.*”⁷² And since the mark of the beast is the seducing spirit world’s most sure-fire way to take humanity swimming, it is not surprising that it also channeled through Neale Donald Walsch: “This is your work. You are to destroy the *illusion of separation.*”⁷³

Basically, to say that “separation” or “separateness” is an “illusion” is to say that *duality* is an “illusion.” And to say that *duality* is an “illusion” is to say that the difference between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* is an “illusion.” And those who are falling for this “liberation” are simply taking hold of the serpent’s tail in his sidwinding path *between opposites*—a serpentine path *that will indeed lead to the mark of the beast.* There is a difference between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong.* There is a difference between the *true* God and *false* gods. There is a difference between the *right* narrow way and the *wrong* broad way. Today’s “love” of Oneness/nonduality is the love of the serpent’s broad way. And those who do not believe and love *the truth* will believe a *lie*—a lie that will not save them but will be a *damnable heresy* that will be the “foundation” of the Antichrist’s marked kingdom.

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

“And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.... And all that dwell upon the earth **shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.”** (Revelation 13:6, 8-9)

The rapidly emerging “Universal Humanity”/“*Homo universalis*” is nothing more than the serpent’s rapidly emerging kingdom of the Antichrist—a soon-to-be marked kingdom of “awakened” “*imaginal cells*” that will be walking by the faith of man’s *imagination* rather than by the faith of *the Word of God.* And even though his sidwinding path *between opposites* is his *broad way* of destruction, the serpent’s marked “*imaginal cells*” will absurdly believe that the faith of their imagination is powerful enough to bypass God’s judgment. After all, thanks to the “sight” that the serpent is giving man in the “fourth dimension,” his sidwinding path is blindly seen by his prey as a path of *ascension* into the “kingdom of God” and “Heaven.” A “‘new’ Heaven” that is, of course, as so aptly described by Hubbard, “Heaven normalized, naturalized, humanized, democratized, and become available to all who choose to become natural Christs.”⁷⁴

In *Quantum Spirituality*, Leonard Sweet writes:

“In the fourth dimension of space-time, all circular movements become a *spiral*.... The spiral path is life’s fundamental locomotion in the fourth dimension.” (emphasis added)⁷⁵

No doubt. And that would be thanks to the sideways loops of “locomotion” of *the serpent.* Again, the *sidwinder* “is named for its curious method of *locomotion.*”⁷⁶ And a *winder* is “[o]ne who *winds*,”⁷⁷ and to *wind* is to “repeatedly twist or *coil*”⁷⁸ in “a *circular or spiral* course or direction.”⁷⁹ And, of course, the direction of the “spiral” path of this sidwinder is *up.* After all, this serpent and “angel of *light*” intends to “*ascend* into heaven” and “be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:13-14). Accordingly, Paramahansa Yogananda—who described “kundalini” as the “*serpent* force (from Sanskrit *kundala*, ‘coiled’)”⁸⁰—also wrote:

“One who is able to **awaken the kundalini** fast approaches the state of **Christhood.** *Ascension through that coiled pathway opens* the spiritual eye of **spherical vision**, revealing the whole universe surrounding the body, supported

by the vibratory light of heavenly powers.” (emphasis added)⁸¹

And in *Everything Must Change*, Brian McLaren writes:

“If we believe, we can be transformed into agents of **something beautiful** that is **trying to be born** in our world. We can be caught up in **the unfolding, emergent, spiraling process of God giving birth to a beautiful whole**, the **kingdom** of God.” (emphasis added)⁸²

This is a statement that would do Barbara Marx Hubbard proud. And, of course, in *A New Kind of Christianity*, McLaren elaborates on the “beautiful whole” and “kingdom” of this “*spiraling process*.” Or should we say “*method of locomotion*”? This “beautiful whole” is, after all, a “kingdom” of a new kind of “God” that would clearly have people believe that “*Ye shall not surely die*”:

“If we could **break free from the** Greco-Roman **soul-sort** narrative [in which ‘everyone will be sorted into either the destruction/damnation or the redemption/salvation bin’], think of what could *change*.... We would **stop seeing the line that separates good and evil running between our religion and all others**....

“Evangelism would *cease* to be a matter of *saving souls* from a bad ending in the Greco-Roman *soul-sort* narrative. It would cease to be a proclamation of the superiority of the Christian religion....

“This kind of evangelism would celebrate the good in the Christian religion and lament the bad, just as it would in *every* other religion, **calling people to a way of life in a kingdom (or beautiful whole) that transcends and includes all religions**.” (Brian McLaren; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁸³

And, of course, it is in this same book that McLaren writes that he “can breathe a little freer” now that he has been “*freed from the literalistic and dualistic straitjacket*” of the so-called “Greco-Roman and constitutional approaches.”⁸⁴ A “straitjacket” of a “dualistic” “mind” that, as McLaren puts it, “would always see the world *divided in two*, the profane physical world of matter, stuff, and change on the low side and the sacred metaphysical world of ideals, ideas, spirit, and changelessness on the high side.”⁸⁵

Sorry, but this spiraling path between opposites is not the “locomotion” of *God*. It is not *God’s Holy Scriptures* but the *seducing spirit world* that teaches:

“**Be whole**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁶

“**The union of opposites is the way to transcendence**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁷

“**Only the beautiful continues**. Only the *whole* evolves.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁸⁸

“**The Transcendent One said**: I am alone. I must arise and seek with ceaseless urge, that which produces completion, **round out my circle whole**, intensify My life and **make Me truly One**, and this because I **recognize the Two**....” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁸⁹

It is not the “sound” and “signals” of *God* that those on this “coiled pathway” are heeding. And neither is it “the kingdom of *God*” that those on this path are giving “birth” to but, rather, *the serpent’s kingdom of the Antichrist*. And, yes, “[t]he poison of the rattlesnake is *deadly*.”⁹⁰ The only antidote to his damnable poison is to *believe* in the only Mediator of the only “covenant”/“testament” between God and man. And God’s risen Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, is *not* a “*universal Presence*” “[c]omprising *all the particulars*”⁹¹—i.e., that “*transcends and includes all religions*.” But, sadly, people in this emerging faith of Oneness—or emerging kingdom of the Antichrist—don’t see it that way.

Sadly, through the practice of meditation the “kundalini” “*serpent fire*” has been “*awakened*” in many—whether they *recognize* it or not. And people the world over have “*seen*”—or follow the “*awakened*” teachings of those who have “*seen*”—not only “the fourth dimension,” but even “the *fifth dimension*.” In her article “Traveling the Fourth Dimension,” Dr. Caroll writes regarding “fourth dimensional journeys” that:

"It is from the Causal/Spiritual Plane that **the Rainbow Bridge can lift our vibration into the fifth dimension** and into our fifth dimensional Lightbody. **Our 'I AM Presence' guards the threshold of this Bridge, waiting to guide us across it when we are ready.**" (bold & italics added)⁹²

And in her article "Dimensional Consciousness" she writes: "My *fearful* thoughts create frightening situations ... However, if I follow *love*, I see a Rainbow Bridge of *Light*." She then follows this with the subheading "Fifth Dimensional Consciousness," which she states is "fifth dimensional *Unconditional Love*," and writes:

"The primary consciousness of this dimension is androgynous, stellar beings living in Lightbodies....

"[F]ear cannot survive the higher vibration of the fifth dimension. If we were to experience fear while in the fifth dimension, our vibration would drop and our consciousness would instantly be lowered to the lower sub-planes of the fourth dimension....

"**The fifth dimension is the beginning of ascension.** Hence, all consciousness there is naturally *multidimensional*.... **[T]here is no sense of separation.** ...

"**Love and fear, beauty and ugliness, are only polarities of a single concept.**... I have *learned* to Unconditionally Love, Unconditionally Accept, and Unconditionally Forgive *all life* ... and my body of Light lives *forever* in the NOW."

"All life upon the fifth dimension lives in the *Unity Consciousness of Spirit* ... **Linear time and space do not bind consciousness here, and there is NO illusion of separation or limitations.** Instead, there is **a constant experience of the Oness [sic] of God/Goddess/All That Is.**" (caps in the original; other emphases added)⁹³

And, of course, "the *illusion of separation*" is "the missing of the mark"⁹⁴ . . . In *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, Matthew Fox writes:

"**Deep ecumenical possibilities emerge** when we shift from the quest for the historical Jesus to the quest for the Cosmic Christ. This shift requires making *mysticism* central to our faith once again. What the human race needs today is **mystical solidarity.**" (emphasis added)⁹⁵

Again, this emerging faith of a "beautiful" whole is a "conspiracy" of "*Aquarian*" harmony. And it was the group "The 5th Dimension" that sang the song "Aquarius." The song's lyrics include: "This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius," "*Harmony and understanding*," "*Mystic crystal revelation*," "And the mind's true *liberation*"⁹⁶ . . .

Mystical "*solidarity*" is not what the world needs. What the world needs is *salvation* from its sins. What the world needs is to *believe* in the Son of the true God Whom "*the Father sent ... to be the Saviour of the world*" (1 John 4:14). And He is *not in everyone/everything*. People can believe in the interfaith Oneness of "mystical solidarity" and teach the world to sing in this "perfect harmony" all they want. They can even believe that this "harmony" is the "love" the world needs now. But whether this "harmony" stems from mysticism or from going into all the world and giving out Coca-Cola, "*harmony*" *will never save the world from its sins*. The whole world can even learn to mystically "*see*" today's emerging "God" of Oneness in "the very *substance*" of Coca-Cola itself. But *the true God is not in everyone/everything*. And no matter how many people don't "see" it this way, this "mystical solidarity" was not sent by God to be the "savior" of the world. Quite the opposite.

Sadly, since the world's growing number of "seers" have "seen" the serpent's "light" of this whole new "reality" of Oneness in meditation, only a miracle from God will convince them that what they have "seen" is a *damnable lie*. May God have mercy on these "seers." There is a *reason* why God's Word warns us that we "walk by faith, not by *sight*" (2 Corinthians 5:7). These "seers" are, of course, "seeing" this new "reality" in their minds—a.k.a. "consciousness"—and God's Word also warns that "*the god of this world* hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (2 Corinthians 4:4). And, yes, "*the god of this world*" is the *serpent*.

But all this "co-creative" emergence into Oneness and its "liberation" from the "illusion" of separation/duality is just "science," right? And, of course, "science" makes its adherents think that they have now found the *real* knowledge of God. The Science and Nonduality (SAND) website states the following:

“Nonduality is the philosophical, spiritual, and scientific understanding of non-separation and fundamental intrinsic oneness....

“This realization has ontological implications for humanity: fundamentally we are individual expressions of a single entity, inextricably *connected* to one another, **we are all drops of the same ocean....**

“Welcome on board!...

“‘[W]e are all one,’ ... at the deepest level of existence. *Duality ... is an illusion* that the **Eastern mystics have long recognized and Western science has more recently come to understand **through quantum mechanics.****

“Dualities are usually seen in terms of *opposites*: Mind/Matter, Self/Other, Conscious/Unconscious, Illusion/Reality, Quantum/Classical, Wave/Particle, Spiritual/Material, Beginning/End, Male/Female, Living/Dead and Good/Evil. *Nonduality* is the understanding that identification with common dualisms avoids recognition of a *deeper* reality.” (emphasis added)⁹⁷

“Dualisms shape our worldview. They include Mind/Matter, ... **Living/Dead and Good/Evil.**

“Wisdom gained through *meditation, yoga and mystical experiences* suggest these dichotomies **are illusory....**

“[D]iscoveries in quantum physics, brain sciences, consciousness studies, biology, cosmology, psychology and other fields have *revealed nonduality in science* as well, suggesting **mysticism and science share a common source.**” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; emphasis added)⁹⁸

Indeed. But then, a Oneness/nonduality of *all opposites* is obviously “an ark of *safety*,” so what’s there to fear in boarding this new “understanding” of “God” that is being brought to the world courtesy of a “common source”? Hence, today’s “‘lift anchor’ types” can fearlessly set sail, heeding the mystical *call* to be “carried away into the *deep*”⁹⁹ where “*Duality*” “is an *illusion*” and “*Nonduality*” is the “*deeper reality*.” (But then, since “the *illusion of separation*” is “the *missing of the mark*,” those who want to miss out on *receiving the mark* might want to fearfully rethink being carried away by this *mystical call* . . .) According to the seducing spirit world—i.e., the “common source” of nonduality in both “mysticism and science”:

“The beautiful relationship you have with all your brothers is a part of you because it **is a part of God Himself.** Are you not sick, if you deny yourself your **wholeness** and ... **the Call to healing and the Call to heal?**... For healing will be one or not at all, its **oneness being where the healing is. What could correct for separation but its opposite?**...

“It is an ark of safety ... What gap can interpose itself between the safety of this shelter and its Source?” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Jesus,” *A Course in Miracles*, “The Ark of Safety;” emphasis added)¹⁰⁰

“The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.” (Ezekiel 34:4)

“... we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!” (Jeremiah 14:19)

“For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Acts 28:27)

Question: Since the dualism/dichotomy/separation between “Living/Dead” is now “illusory,” do those on board this emerging “scientific” mystical faith of Oneness want to be known as the Living Dead or the Dead Living?

This is, of course, what people are in this emerging faith that is as much “an ark of safety” as was the *Titanic*. Since Oneness is the nonduality of *all opposites*, all opposites *automatically* become “illusory” in this emerging faith—not the least of which is holy/profane, truth/falsehood, right/wrong, and good/evil. And sooner or later people will wake up to the truth that this Oneness actually leaves them *spiritually dead*, or still *dead in their sins* (e.g., see Ephesians 2:1, 5). In other words, they will wake up to the truth that the “reality” of Oneness really is the illusion and that they have *fallen* for the greatest, most diabolical scam in the history of mankind. They really do need to wake up and smell the fire and brimstone before it’s too late and they become the serpent’s prey eternally. (And, by the way, *prey* is from the Latin

praedari “seize as plunder” and *praeda* “booty.”¹⁰¹) God’s Word is clear that we can either be dead to sins or dead in sins. And, yes, there is a difference.

But, sadly, the Living Dead, or Dead Living, don’t see the “life” of Oneness as being *spiritually dead* and the way to *hell* because they are too busy falling for the “call” of the “signs,” “signals,” “vibrations,” and “voice” of the seducing spirit world. A “call” that is preparing them to make that *final shift*—or “leap”—out of the absolute truth of God’s Word into the serpent’s marked kingdom. And this is a shift/“leap” out of “the *illusion of separation*” that is being greatly facilitated by “Western science” and its “*quantum mechanics*,” which, sadly enough, even people in today’s Christianity are falling for in large numbers. After all, since *Oneness* has been “proven” to be the “true” and “real” “reality” through “quantum mechanics,” “*separation*” thus becomes the “*illusion*,” right?

Chuck Missler, along with being an author and speaker, is the founder of Koinonia House which is his well-known “publishing ministry.”¹⁰² In the 1970’s, Missler “began leading weekly Bible Studies at the 30,000-member Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, in California”¹⁰³—the church of pastor Chuck Smith—which Missler continued leading “[f]or twenty years.”¹⁰⁴ The motto of Missler’s Koinonia House website is: “Bringing the world into focus through the lens of Scripture.”¹⁰⁵ But, sadly enough, it should say instead: “Bringing Scripture into focus through the lens of the world.” In his article “Quantum Teleporting, Part 2: Our Holographic Universe,” an article that he excerpted from his book *Cosmic Codes: Hidden Messages From the Edge of Eternity*, Missler writes:

“There seems to be evidence to suggest that our world and everything in it are only ghostly images, projections from a level of reality so beyond our own that **the real reality** is literally beyond both space and time. The main architect of this astonishing idea includes one of the world’s most eminent thinkers: University of London physicist David Bohm, a protg [sic] of Einstein’s and one of the world’s most respected quantum physicists....

“Bohm’s interpretation of quantum physics indicated that at the subquantum level *location ceased to exist*. All points in space become equal to all other points in space, and **it was meaningless to speak of anything as being separate from anything else**. Physicists call this property ‘*nonlocality*.’” (emphasis added)¹⁰⁶

Once again, Leonard Sweet describes “*nonlocalism*” as meaning “that **everything**, in some way that is so mysterious that we cannot even begin to wrap our minds around it, **is connected to one another**.”¹⁰⁷ And physicist Fritjof Capra writes that “*nonlocal* connections are **the essence of quantum reality**,”¹⁰⁸ and refers to them as “**instantaneous connections to the universe as a whole**.”^{109, p}

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Question: So does the “quantum reality” of “nonlocalism,” or “nonlocality,” in which “everything” in the whole universe is “*connected*,” justify necromancy? It is believed to justify the psychic “sign languages” of “the fourth dimension,” and this includes the “energetic sign language”—as psychic John Edward puts it—of communicating with the “*dead*.” (Regarding this “sign language” and the “scientific” “fourth dimension”—the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul refers to “the astral plane” as the place of “the activities of the discarnate lives which are passing through.”) Two months after Rick Warren launched his year-long “Daniel Plan” that Dr. Oz, et al., designed for him, Dr. Oz aired a program on talking to the dead. This 2011 program was described by Dr. Oz’s website as follows: “Can talking to lost loved ones heal your grief? Hear why psychic John Edward believes you can talk to the dead.” During this show, Edward refers to “*connection*,” “*paying attention to the energy that’s there*,” “*give yourself permission to recognize the energy*,” “*intuition*,” “*meditate in prayer*,” “*You’re sending out an invitation to say I’m open*,” “*It’s all about changing your programming to saying now the potentiality is there*,” and “*being able to connect*.”

Necromancy is quite a popular practice today—even though it is expressly forbidden by the Word of God as an *abomination*: “*There shall not be found among you ... a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD ...*” (Deuteronomy 18:10-12). Even so, it isn’t just the world that is paying attention to the psychic “signs”—or “energetic sign language”—of necromancy. Incredibly enough, it is also quite popular and accepted in today’s shifting Christianity. Chuck Missler even endorsed the 2010 book *Have Heart: Bridging the Gap between Heaven and Earth* as having “biblical depth” and “a ‘must read.’” Yet this “must read” that he says has “biblical depth” is a book in which pastor Steve Berger and his wife describe how they and members of their church and people “across America” have been in communication with their “recently *deceased* son, Josiah.” Even pastor/evangelist Greg Laurie (Harvest Crusades) has endorsed *Have Heart*, as has William Paul Young. Young, of course, is the author of *The Shack*, a book that Steve Berger sees as “theologically enlightening.” This is all just one more thing that is quite effectively seducing the masses into becoming *easy prey* for the “*communication signals*” of the seducing spirit world which is having a heyday on many fronts.

(For more information, see the Appendix “Talking to the Dead: Are Seducing Spirits the New Therapists?” This Appendix expands the

This “scientific” shift to universal *connectness/wholeness*—i.e., to “instantaneous *connections to the universe as a whole*”—is a shift to *Oneness*. And this shift to *Oneness* is a “shift from *local* self-centered consciousness to *nonlocal* God-centered consciousness” which Hubbard states is the shift to “**Universal Consciousness**.”¹¹⁰ A shift that is, of course, the emerging “birth” of a “*Universal Humanity*.” In *Quantum Spirituality*, Sweet even quotes physicist David Bohm, whom Missler is referencing, as saying, “‘The individual is *universal* and the *universal* is individual.’”¹¹¹ And when referring to “consciousness,” Sweet writes: “Physicist David Bohm formulates the question this way: ‘Whether *matter* is rather crude and mechanical or whether it gets more and more subtle and becomes *indistinguishable* from what people have called *mind*.’ [sic]”¹¹² And, of course, along with “Living/Dead,” SAND’s website states that the dualism/dichotomy between “*Mind/Matter*” is “illusory” as well. In other words, in this “*nonlocal* God-centered” shift to “Universal Consciousness”:

“Everything is One and nothing can be separated from anything else. All is completely intertwined, infinitely.... The continuum is descriptive of the Nature of Reality, by contemporary physicist David Bohm... ‘a single unbroken wholeness in flowing movement.’” (a New Age website; last ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹¹³

So, again, since *Oneness* has been “proven” to be the “*true*” and “*real*” “reality” by “Western science” and its “*quantum* mechanics,” “*separation*” thus becomes the “*illusion*,” right? In his above similar quote in which he references Bohm and it being “**meaningless to speak of anything as being *separate* from anything else,**” Missler continues shortly after “[p]hysicists call this property ‘*nonlocality*’” with the following, which is under the heading “The Nature of Reality”:

“One of Bohm’s most startling suggestions is that **the tangible reality of our everyday lives is really a kind of *illusion*, like a holographic image**. Underlying it is a deeper order of existence, a vast and more primary level of reality that gives birth to all the objects and appearances of our physical world ...

“The holographic paradigm is still a developing concept and riddled with controversies.... However, **the volume of evidence has now reached the point that *denial is no longer a viable option***.” (emphasis added)¹¹⁴

To the contrary, denial of “science falsely so called” is most certainly a “viable option,” and indeed *must* be exercised by those who do not want to *err from the faith*—“avoiding profane and vain babblings, and *oppositions of science falsely so called*: Which some professing *have erred concerning the faith*” (1 Timothy 6:20-21). And today’s “science falsely so called” *thoroughly* errs from the faith. Nevertheless, in his Introduction to the book *God’s Ghostbusters* (which Thomas Horn wrote in collaboration with Chuck Missler and others¹¹⁵), Missler writes of “**“non-locality”: being connected to everywhere at once!**” (exclamation point his), and then states:

“It **has now been *proven*** that all ‘non-local’ particles throughout our apparent universe are somehow intimately, directly, connected simultaneously: negligible ‘travel time’ is involved between them!

“*Everything* we encounter: length, mass, energy, even time—are all composed of *indivisible* units, commonly designated ‘quanta.’ This field of study is called ‘**Quantum Physics**’ and its philosophical implications can be **shattering to our presuppositions about our ‘reality.’** We now discover that the physical reality that surrounds us is only a ***virtual simulated* reality**—made up of indivisible, electrically charged particles: in fact, we exist within a *digital electrical simulation!*” (emphasis added, except italics to *indivisible*, *simulated*, and *digital electrical simulation!*)¹¹⁶

Let’s put this into perspective. So, the physical body of the man Christ Jesus was only “a *virtual simulated* reality”?? Or to put it another way, that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh was only “a *virtual simulated* reality”?? And what about His physically resurrected body? That, too, is only “a *virtual simulated* reality”?? Think about it!

Virtual -- “Opposite of real or physical.”¹¹⁷

Simulate -- “to assume the mere appearance of something without the reality.”¹¹⁸

subject in this footnote and also contains all the endnote documentation throughout.)

Real -- “being an actual thing;” “not imaginary;” “**not artificial or simulated; genuine;**” “not counterfeit;” “true;” “not false;” “existing or occurring in the physical world;”¹¹⁹ “not fictitious;” “[a]ctually being or existing;”¹²⁰ “absolute;” “not relative;”¹²¹ “**from L.L. *realis* ‘actual.’**”¹²²

Actual -- “**opposed to that, which is *virtual* or *potential*;**” “that exists truly and absolutely;” “[***r***]**real.**”¹²³

The truth that Jesus Christ is come in *the flesh* and then rose again in a *physical/bodily* resurrection is *absolutely essential to salvation*. So to shift to “science falsely so called” in which this “*physical reality*” of the Lord Jesus Christ becomes “only a *virtual simulated reality*” is as dangerous an error as it gets! Just because mystics are becoming scientists and scientists are becoming mystics doesn’t suddenly transform the *mystical lies of Oneness* into “*proven*” reality. This will only *shatter reality* for those whose faith is shifting away from the *solid-rock certainty* of God’s Word of *absolute truth*. Hence, along with warning against “oppositions of science falsely so called,” God’s Word also warns:

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” (1 John 4:1-3)

*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”* (Romans 10:9)

And regarding His being raised from the dead *physically*, God’s Word also tells us:

*“Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre ... and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.... **The Lord is risen indeed**, ... Behold my hands and my feet, that **it is I myself**: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”* (Luke 24:1, 3, 34, 39)

The “*physical*” reality that surrounds us” obviously includes *the flesh*. And this might be seen as just an “illusion” to physicists such as David Bohm, but not to those who actually *believe* the Word of God. To the contrary, the Word of God is quite shattering to these “presuppositions” about “reality” in “Quantum Physics.”

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

Obviously, if the body of Jesus Christ isn’t *real and physical* then believing in the *real and physical* Person of Jesus Christ becomes “*irrelevant*”—which is precisely what people believe today. And, obviously, if the body of Jesus Christ isn’t *real and physical* then this gives people the freedom to emerge from their own *particular* form of beliefs, or their own *particular* chrysalis, as “awakened” “imaginal cells” within a universal, all-inclusive chrysalis of *nonduality*—the new “light” of a *new kind* of “Christ.”

Sorry, but the *physical reality* of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not “a *virtual simulated reality*,” or an “*illusion*.” To believe that “science” “proves” otherwise clearly opens the door wide to “reimagining” Christ as the “Cosmic Christ”—today’s new kind of “Christ” that has a “*cosmic body*” and is the “*virtual simulated reality*” of the “truth” of *everyone’s* own “ideas” and “images” of “God”/“Jesus”/“Christ.” But, of course, even though *virtual* and *simulated* are *opposites* of *real* and *actual*, today’s “higher consciousness” of *nonduality* just brings them together in a new kind of “real reality,” the “*real* reality” of “a *virtual simulated* reality”—that is not seen as the *true illusion* . . .

Fittingly, the definition of *virtual* also includes -- “*Optics relating to the points at which rays would meet if produced backward.*”¹²⁴

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.” (Jeremiah 7:23-24)

Food for thought: Which do you deem to be a pearl of great price -- the real reality of a genuine pearl, or the new kind of “real reality” of a “virtual simulated” pearl? Regarding “the kingdom of heaven,” Jesus Christ of Nazareth told the parable of a man “who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it” (Matthew 13:45-46). The ultimate “pearl of great price” is Jesus Christ of Nazareth Himself—Who came *physically* in *the flesh* and Whose *same body of flesh* was *physically* resurrected in “*flesh and bones*.” And He *alone* is the way into “the kingdom of heaven.” Again, which do you deem to be the “one pearl of great price” -- this genuine pearl or a simulated pearl? The genuine Jesus Christ of Nazareth or a simulated “Christ” of everyone’s own “ideas”? For which are you giving up all you have?

A 2012 series of articles on “Cosms, Codes, and Cryptologies,” which includes “Quantum Mysticism in the Church,” by researcher Gaylene Goodroad has been posted on the website of Discernment Ministries’ Herescope. And Goodroad points out in her segment on “Quantum Mysticism” that physicist David Bohm, whom Missler references, “was greatly influenced through extensive dialogues with Indian (Hindu) *mystic*, J. Krishnamurti.”¹²⁵ Moreover, the website of F. David Peat—who co-wrote *Science, Order and Creativity* with Bohm and also a biography on Bohm after his death¹²⁶—states that the “continuing dialogues” between Bohm and Krishnamurti were “published as a book, *The Ending of Time*” and “helped the physicist clarify his ideas about wholeness and order.” And shortly thereafter, Peat’s website goes on to state that “Bohm’s universe is a strange, *mystical* place in which *past, present, and future coexist*.”¹²⁷ In an interview conducted by Peat and John Briggs, Bohm also stated: “Since space-time may be *curved*, the *lines* may be curved as well;” and “In quantum mechanics I came closer to my *intuitive* sense of nature.”¹²⁸

In her Part 2, Goodroad also states the following regarding Chuck Missler’s book *Cosmic Codes: Hidden Messages From the Edge of Eternity*:

“In the Preface to *Cosmic Codes* one can find occult methodologies—and the tenets of New Age physics.”¹²⁹

She then quotes from Missler’s Preface, in which Missler says that in his look at “secret codes” he will be “exploring” such things as “the attempts to discern *signals* from outside of our space-time,” and “some of the deeply disturbing insights of quantum physics which are confronting our very concepts of reality.”¹³⁰ Never mind that these “insights” come from physicists like Bohm whose “ideas” were clarified in his dialogues with *mystic* Krishnamurti.¹³¹ Not surprisingly, Missler also writes in this Preface: “It will however, be of *paramount importance* to first ‘*blindfold your prejudices*’ and *presuppositions*.”¹³² Sounds like Sweet. And, of course, Missler writes accordingly that “Quantum Physics” “can be shattering to our *presuppositions about our ‘reality’*” since “the *physical* reality that surrounds us is only a *virtual simulated* reality.”¹³³ Sorry, but when we *believe* God’s Word of absolute truth, we get our “presuppositions” about reality from God’s Word of absolute truth—“presuppositions” that we are not about to “*blindfold*.”

“... *Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?*” (Luke 6:39)

Regarding God’s Word, Missler also writes that “[t]here are actually many types of hidden codes *in the Bible*.”¹³⁴ So in her detailed series, Goodroad asks what is indeed what she refers to as “an additional important question”:

“Is this teaching on hidden cosmic codes a way to expand beyond the plain text of the Bible in order to accommodate new messages, new meanings, new ‘words’ from God? Will this open the Canon to new eschatologies? New end-time scenarios?” (underline added)¹³⁵

As today’s emerging faith/New Quantum Spirituality of Oneness is making quite clear, the answer is, sadly enough, a resounding “Yes!”—to all of the above. But then, all this *newness* is just “*divine creativity*,” right? Goodroad also addresses a 2007 Quantum Leap Conference “co-sponsored by the NAR-affiliated Elijah List”—NAR is the heretical New Apostolic Reformation—at which “Missler was one of the featured speakers.” She writes:

“An online poster advertising the Quantum Leap 2 Conference announced:

“‘We plan to go into uncharted territory. We will **embark on a journey** to explore the *mystery of color, light, and sound*. This road has been **traversed by scientists and mystics alike**. This conference will *blend science and theology*, and is **designed to release divine creativity**.” (emphasis added)¹³⁶

Along with Chuck Missler, one of the other speakers at this Conference was New Apostolic Reformation teacher and quantum physicist David van Koevering whose “teachings include ‘The *Physics of Worship*’ and ‘The *Science of God Sounds*.’”¹³⁷ Of course, people are certainly free to participate in today’s “Quantum Leap” of faith into Oneness if they want to. But as this above announcement for this Quantum Leap Conference also goes on to exclaim: “Remember to travel light and leave all religious baggage behind!”¹³⁸

“**Welcome on board!**...

“**Duality ... is an illusion** that the **Eastern mystics** have long recognized and **Western science** has more recently come to understand **through quantum mechanics**.” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; emphasis added)¹³⁹

“‘[W]e are all one,’ ... **at the deepest level of existence**.” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; emphasis added)¹⁴⁰

“[D]ualisms obscure **a deeper reality of non-separation and fundamental oneness**.” (Science and Nonduality--SAND; emphasis added)¹⁴¹

By the way, along with “Nonduality/Quantum Theory” and “Holographic Universe,” also among Topics listed on SAND’s website are “Deconstruction of belief systems” and “Meditation, a portal to nonduality.”¹⁴² Moreover, SAND’s Conference for October 2012, titled “The Nature of the Self,”¹⁴³ is scheduled with the following: “A Cellular Dance Of Oneness;” “The Self as a Creative, Embodied Process;” “Transformation and Transcendence;” “Creativity and Nonduality;” “Seeing Who You Really Are;” “Selfless Knowing;” “The Phantom Self;” and “Fullness In Emptiness: From The Quantum Vacuum To The Infinite Self.”¹⁴⁴ And among the scheduled speakers for this conference are Nancy Ellen Abrams and Joel Primack—“one of the world’s leading cosmologists” and “a creator of the foundational theory of Cold Dark Matter, which is the basis of the standard modern theory of the universe.”¹⁴⁵ Primack and Abrams are whom Michael Dowd quotes in *Thank God for Evolution* regarding “the Cosmic Uroboros” which, of course, as Dowd points out, is “a snake eating its tail.”¹⁴⁶

Interestingly, SAND quotes Albert Einstein as having said:

“**A human being is a part of a *whole***, called by us ‘universe’, a part limited in time and space. **He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest... a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness**.” (ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴⁷

And, of course, Sweet writes:

“**With Einstein’s 1905 equation $E=mc^2$** , we began the twentieth-century learning that **matter and energy are essentially the same thing**.” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁸

Sweet also writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“**Matter** is the energy of *Spirit*. Ultimately, *all that exists is spirit*.” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁹

Sounds like Missler’s reference to “*physical reality*” being “only a *virtual simulated reality*,” as well as SAND’s reference to the “Dualisms” of “Mind/Matter,” “Self/Other,” and “*Spiritual/Material*”—and thus “*Good/Evil*” and “*Living/Dead*”—being “*illusory*.”¹⁵⁰ And regarding Missler’s statement that “[i]t has now been proven” by “Quantum Physics,” even Albert Einstein himself wrote that “the truth of a theory can never be proven.” The following quotes from Einstein are from the Einstein Archives Online (which is a “joint project of Albert Einstein Archives, The Library Authority, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem” and “Einstein Papers Project at the California Institute of Technology with the support of Princeton University Press”¹⁵¹). Einstein wrote:

“The supreme task of the physicist is to arrive at those universal elementary laws from which the cosmos can be built up by pure deduction. There is no logical path to these laws; only intuition, resting on sympathetic understanding of experience, can reach them.” (emphasis added)¹⁵²

“Thus, a theory can very well be found to be incorrect if there is a logical error in its deduction, or found to be off the mark if a fact is not in consonance with one of its conclusions. But ***the truth of a theory can never be proven***.” (bold & underline added)¹⁵³

And regarding his own theory of relativity, Einstein wrote:

“The special theory of relativity finally succeeded ... by a modification of kinematics—i.e., of the doctrine of the laws relating to space and time (from the point of view of physics).” (parentheses in the original)¹⁵⁴

“From the latest results of the theory of relativity it is probable that our three-dimensional space is also approximately *spherical*, ...” (emphasis added)¹⁵⁵

“The chief attraction of the theory lies in its logical completeness. If a single one of the conclusions drawn from it proves wrong, it must be given up; to modify it without destroying the whole structure seems to be impossible.”¹⁵⁶

As addressed earlier, even physicist Fritjof Capra writes:

“The argument is correct in that **there is no absolute truth in science.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵⁷

So, the fact that even people in today’s shifting Christianity are betting their *soul* on the non-existent “absolute truth” of *science* rather than the existent absolute truth of God’s inspired Word is understatedly the opposite of wisdom. But, of course, Capra also writes:

“This is the scientific method; **all scientific theories and models are approximations** to the true nature of things, **but the error involved in the approximation is often small enough to make such an approach meaningful.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵⁸

Remember this quote? So, how about Einstein’s statement that “space is also *approximately* spherical”? Is such an approach still “meaningful” enough to lead to changing one’s faith in God accordingly? Of course, today’s faithless shift from the linear absolute to the spherical relative is an error that people may find “meaningful,” but only until they discover that their spherical faith in a spherical “God” and spherical “Jesus”/“Christ” of *fuzzy Oneness* just so happens to be the “spherical vision” on a “*coiled pathway*”¹⁵⁹ to a spherical “salvation.” A “salvation” that comes full circle with the serpent to “*Ye shall not surely die*” . . . (Again, so is this getting any better, or hotter, yet?)

Obviously, if “the *physical* reality that surrounds us is only a *virtual simulated* reality” and it is thus “*meaningless* to speak of anything as being *separate* from anything else,” then this is indeed a “leap” into Oneness. And not only so, but this new kind of *illusional* “physical reality” that is not “real or physical” is obviously a “reality” of Oneness that *transcends* everyone’s physical *self* . . . From “The Phantom Self” to “The Infinite Self” of a *Universal Humanity*—a new kind of *transcendent* “wisdom” found on a sidwinding path of sand “traversed by *scientists and mystics* alike.” A path that is indeed designed to release “*divine creativity*” . . .

“The *self-transcenders* are ... preparing themselves for the Quantum Transformation—the great period of *selection* when the *self-transcenders* will *transcend* and the non-transcenders will ... *die* ... *Self-centered* beings cannot survive in a synergistic world.

“At moments of Quantum Transformation, ... a system is preparing to ‘leap’ from one order to the new order, ...” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)¹⁶⁰

“In our dormant untapped *creativity* we shall find all the energy and knowledge required to *co-create* a new world.... [I]t is a **liberation of humanity from the age-old trauma of separation from God**. *This is the very essence of co-creation.*” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)¹⁶¹

“Those of us who are attracted to **this perception of reality** are like the ‘*imaginal* cells’ in the body of a caterpillar when it is turning into a butterfly.” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; emphasis added)¹⁶²

“**The transformation is about to begin.**” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)¹⁶³

“Magnetically” aligned to the Antichrist through the “heart center”

So, let’s now take a final, closer look at how *meditation* plays a key role in the serpent’s “*Renunciation Initiation*” and is designed to be “a *guarantee* of the return of Christ”—i.e., the *Antichrist*—“into *public recognition*.”¹ Sadly, *the world as a whole* is indeed being primed and readied, and reprogrammed and preprogrammed, to embrace the Antichrist and the mark of the beast—an embrace that includes bowing down to the image of the beast. This is an image that will be the *ultimate idol* for the new world’s religion of *ultimate idolatry* -- *Oneness*. But the Antichrist will just be “politics,” the mark of the beast will just be “economics,” and the image of the beast will just be a “statue” of “art,” right? Those who believe this will find themselves *eternally wrong*. Or to put it another way, those who fall for this will find themselves in *eternal damnation*. Sadly, many will no doubt also *damnably* see this serpentine kingdom of a new kind of “God” as consisting of an image of “beauty,” a mark of “goodness,” and an Antichrist of “truth.” Think about it.

Those who “come to respect the *authority of intuitive* modes of knowing”² will inevitably wish that they had instead come to respect the authority of *God’s Word of absolute truth*. God said what He meant and meant what He said no matter how many people in the world have a “Presence” that “authoritatively” leads them to believe otherwise. And, incidentally, regarding these “Presences” (i.e., seducing spirits) being able to “help” the world enact “the positive alternative to Armageddon,” Hubbard’s “Christ presence” (i.e., spirit guide) points out: “The answer is yes, we can.”³ And, naturally, since their diabolical “help” and “alternative” is for the world to shift to the *Antichrist*’s side who has the power of Satan instead of to *Christ*’s side Who has the power of God, this is a “*positive* alternative” that is guaranteed to win the battle against the Lord Jesus Christ, right? Again, those who shift will find themselves *eternally wrong*. But it’s not too late to repent (*yet*).

Regarding “*mystical perception*,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul channeled through Alice Bailey that he “would have you regard” it “as inclusive of” “[t]he power to sense, register and record the good, the beautiful and the true.”⁴ Why? Because as he also states through Bailey regarding “*illusion*”:

“**Behind** these words of *illusion*, *glamor* and *maya*, **lies TRUTH**. This truth is the clear consciousness of Being, of Existence and of **essential, initial Reality**....

“**It is the intuition** which reveals true Being and which induces a state of **spiritual perception**. Then the technique of the **PRESENCE** becomes an established habit.

“*Glamor*, ... can only be dissipated by **the inflow of clear, directed light**; this is true of the life of the individual or of humanity as a whole.... **Men see things then as they are - a facade hiding the good, the beautiful and true. The opposites are then resolved** and consciousness is superseded by a condition of realization - a realization of Being for which we have no adequate term.” (bold & italics added)⁵

Moreover, after referring to “[m]an’s *inner* realization of his own *innate* spiritual potency and the unfoldment of his sense of *relationship*” and “true progress towards the good, the true and the beautiful,” Bailey’s spirit guide also states:

“It has therefore become possible to synchronize the Approach of the divine to the human and to instruct the masses of men in the technique of thus invoking the Approach. **This attitude of humanity will lead to a new revelation, to the new world religion and to new attitudes in the relation of man to God (religion) and of man to man (government or social relationships).**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶

This, of course, opens the door wide to the serpent’s *Antichrist* (about whom God’s Word warns that the “*spirit of antichrist*” is “even now already” “in the world”—1 John 4:3; see also 2:18):

“The main objective and the immediate task of the Christ is to bring to an end the separateness which exists between man and man, family and family, community and community, and nation and nation. This is a simple statement, and one that can be understood easily by the most ignorant; ... It is nevertheless a task which has required the mobilizing of the entire planetary Hierarchy, and the assistance also of a great Being ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold & underline added)⁷

And why is this a task of the entire seducing spirit world and their head? As this seducing spirit states next:

“To stimulate the aspiration in the hearts of men so that human receptivity to the good, the beautiful and the true may be greatly increased. These energies will bring in the new creative era, ... then they will bring into manifestation in words, in color, in music and in sculptured forms the new revelation and the new world which the coming of Christ will inaugurate.” (emphasis added)⁸

(This *music* that is designed to facilitate the world’s embrace of this Antichrist and his “new revelation” and “new world” will be addressed shortly.) Regarding this “coming of Christ,” this seducing spirit Djwhal Khul then states next:

“It will be obvious (if you have considered my words with care) that a great spiritual movement is under way - perhaps the greatest of all time ... because the minds of men - for the first time on a worldwide scale - are sensitive to spiritual impression ...” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁹

And along with “Humanity is sound and rapidly awakening,” he also states:

“There must be no pessimism as to the future of mankind or distress over the disappearance of the old order. The good, the true and the beautiful is on its way ...” (bold & underline added)¹⁰

It is indeed, and is in fact emerging quite rapidly on the horizon; *however*, keep in mind that this emerging faith *flips everything upside down*.

This arrival of the Antichrist and his serpentine kingdom (global government) will achieve resounding planetary success—thanks in no small part to the world’s *meditation* and resultant “*Logos*”/“*Christ*” “*consciousness*.” The following is from Alice Bailey’s channeled book *The Reappearance of the Christ*, and is under the heading “Christ as the Forerunner of the Aquarian Age.” Referring to the “Triangle” of “the energy” of “the Buddha”/“Light” and “the Spirit of Peace”/“Love” and “the Avatar of Synthesis”/“Power,” her spirit guide states:

“At the center of this Triangle the Christ took His stand; from that point His Aquarian work began ... and, upon the inner spiritual planes, the new world religion began to take form. The word ‘religion’ concerns relationship, and the era of right human relations and of a right relation to the Kingdom of God began. Such a statement as this is easily made but its implications are far-reaching and stupendous....

“Over the masses, light, love and power are being poured forth and the growth of the Christ-consciousness is, therefore, being constantly stimulated.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹¹

“[T]he full impact of the energies which Aquarius will set loose has not yet been felt. Nevertheless, each year carries us closer to the center of power, the major effect of which will be to induce recognition of man’s essential unity, of the processes of sharing and of cooperation and of the emergence of that new world religion whose keynote will be universality and initiation. If the word ‘initiation’ signifies the processes of ‘entering into,’ then it is indeed true today that humanity is undergoing a true initiation as it enters into the new age of Aquarius; it will then be subjected to those energies and forces which will break down the barriers of separation, and which will blend and fuse the consciousness of all men into that unity which is distinctive of the Christ consciousness.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹²

Sadly, “the masses” are already being quite successfully “stimulated” into the “*harmonious*” wholeness of a “*Christ consciousness*.” And, therefore, this is indeed “the dawning of the [new] age of Aquarius,”¹³ which is simply the “dawning” of the “*new world religion*” or kingdom of the Antichrist—a.k.a. “*Kingdom of God*.”

Absurdly, Leonard Sweet writes in *Quantum Spirituality*:

“The New Age movement tells postmodern culture that all people have within them what it takes to get them through life--their mind power, their higher consciousness, their ‘getting in touch with themselves’ is going to do it for them. ‘Wrong!’ ... **It is Christ’s power, *the Christ consciousness*, our getting in touch with *who Christ is, that is going to do it for us.*”** (emphasis added)¹⁴

“As postmodern science reorients itself toward **wholeness**, the possibility opens for a fresh synthesis in which **religion, science**, philosophy, and aesthetics can **synergize** a hermeneutical vision of **spirituality**.... The **New Light** apologetic represents **a Christian alternative to the largely Old Light ‘New Age’ movement.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵

Once again, “*the Christ consciousness*” is “*who Christ is*” in the New Age, not in Christianity! And what exactly is this New Age “Christ consciousness”? When teaching about “**the light**” and “revelation of the *oneness* of all life” and “the call” “to see **the Christ as He is**,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states regarding “the nature of **the Christ consciousness**” that it “**knows no separation**.”¹⁶ That’s right. It is the New Age “Christ consciousness” that knows “no separation.” Likewise, in his so-called “Christian” “New Light” “alternative” to this very New Age “light” of “the *oneness* of all life,” Sweet writes that “Faith is the *synergy* of the most powerful united fields in the universe” such as “*mind and body*” and “*spirit and matter*” which are all “working together to form **Christ consciousness** experiences” and that “Faith” therefore “makes a *metanoized* mulch of all dichotomized selves and heals all discursive dualisms (one of the worst of which was ‘*sacred*’ and ‘*profane*’), **all disastrous separations that threaten our existence.**”¹⁷

In other words, Sweet’s so-called “Christian” “alternative” to the New Age “Christ consciousness” that “*knows no separation*” is a “Christ consciousness” that *does away with “separations.”* And, don’t forget, this is from Sweet’s “‘coming out’ book.”¹⁸ This “New Light” is simply the new “light” of the New Age that is being re-presented as an alternative to the old “light” of the New Age. A “light” that has quietly left the old “box” of the New Age to embark on a very successful journey into *every walk of life* . . .

Consequently, this emerging faith isn’t just the faith of people in the New Age anymore. Even those in today’s shifting Christianity have clearly fallen for it. (And, don’t forget, Sweet even includes well-known New Age leaders in his list of “New Lights.”) As a result, along with the New Age not seeming very “New Agey” anymore, neither is today’s changing Christianity very Christian anymore. *Every walk of life* is emerging in new forms that are conducive to the world merging as One.

After Sweet absurdly writes that his “New Light apologetic represents a *Christian* alternative to the largely Old Light ‘New Age’ movement,” he continues with:

“**The emergence of this New Light apologetic is a harbinger and hope that a new, age-old world is aborning** in the church, even that the church may now be on the edge of another **awakening**.... The New Light movement is characterized by bizarre, sometimes anxious alliances of a ragbag assortment of preachers, theologians, pastors, professors, artists, scientists, business leaders, and scholars. What ties their *creative* piracy together is a radical faith commitment that is **willing to dance to a new rhythm.**”

“To be sure, the dance of multidisciplinary studies and holistic methodologies requires some of the trickiest steps going....

“**Everything that exists** is an integrated component of **an indivisible whole**. The unity of Truth resident in the oneness of the Trinity **requires the restoration to this planet of an integrated, unified interpretation of reality.**” (emphasis added)¹⁹

To begin with, along with a *harbinger* being “a person or thing that announces or indicates” (“or *signals*”²⁰) “the approach of something,”²¹ it can also be “[a] forerunner; a precursor.”²² And a *precursor* can also be “a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind,”²³ “or someone or something *similar*,” and not only so, but also “that *leads to or influences* its development.”²⁴ So a *harbinger*, which is also a “*sign*,”²⁵ is not always a good thing—and especially when it is of “New Light.” And, of course, the new “light” of the emerging faith of Oneness is about trying to bring the whole world together in a “restoration” that is the *un-acknowledging of the truth* in an *upside-down repentance*.

A *beacon*—which is likewise not always a good thing—is not only a “light,”²⁶ it is also a “sign” and “signal.”²⁷ And, along with writing that “LUCIFER — the spirit of Intellectual Enlightenment and Freedom of Thought — is metaphorically *the guiding beacon*, which helps man to find his way through the rocks and *sandbanks* of Life” and “is *the Logos* in his highest,”²⁸ Blavatsky also wrote that it is “Satan, **the Serpent** of Genesis,” “who **was the ‘Harbinger of Light,’** bright radiant Lucifer, who ... still remains in esoteric truth the ever-loving ‘*Messenger*’ (the angel), the Seraphim and Cherubim ... who conferred on us *spiritual*, instead of physical *immortality*”²⁹ . . .

Of course, as previously addressed, Sweet also writes that “*the fourth dimension*” is the “glory” of God and the dimension of God’s “Light” and “sign languages.” And he writes this in his so-called “*Christian alternative*” to the “Old Light ‘New Age’ movement.” Well, Blavatsky not only wrote that Lucifer, the serpent, is the “Harbinger of Light,” she also wrote that “*astral light*” “is that which the Church calls *Lucifer*” and quoted Eliphas Levi—“the most learned, if not the greatest of modern Kabalists”—from *Histoire de la Magie*: “*Lucifer, the Astral Light ...*”³⁰

Why is this important? Because this brings us back to the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul’s channeled teachings that it is “upon the *inner* spiritual planes, the *new world religion* began to take form” and that “[t]he word ‘religion’ concerns *relationship*,” and “[o]ver the masses, light, love and power are being poured forth and the growth of the Christ-consciousness is, therefore, being constantly stimulated.”³¹ Hence, what *kind* of “*relationship*” underlies this “new world religion” that is taking place “upon the *inner* spiritual planes”? That would be a “*web*” of “*relationship*.” When reading the next quote, keep in mind that this seducing spirit describes “the *astral plane*” as “the *etheric world*”³²:

“Aquarius - is eventually connected with the physical permanent atom which is, as you know, upon the etheric level. It is this individual web which is the medium of the relationship to the whole. The universal consciousness of Aquarius becomes expressive just in so far as the individual etheric body is in *conscious relation* with the etheric body of humanity, the solar system and - of course - the planet.” (emphasis added)³³

In other words, this “new world religion” concerns a “relationship” of *mystical* proportions. And that would be a “relationship” of “mystical solidarity” in which people have taken hold of the serpent’s tail on a sidwinding/spiraling path of “locomotion” *between opposites*—a “web” designed to catch *prey*. Whether people see themselves as *prey* or not, this is the path to the kingdom of the *Antichrist*. And as this seducing spirit states regarding “the emergence of that *new world religion*,” its “keynote will be *universality* and *initiation*.” The first, “*universality*,” has already been thoroughly addressed. The second, “*initiation*,” has to do with the “selection process” of *the mark of the beast*. Basically, the “*universality*” of the kingdom of the beast requires “*initiation*”—or an “*entering into*.”³⁴ And the mark will simply be the *culmination* of this “*initiation*” process that has *already begun* for those who blindly and foolishly “go *within*.”

To take a closer look at the seducing spirit world’s “Plan” for this “*initiation*”—or “*entering into*”—its serpentine kingdom, we must also look at the “seven Rays.” But even though these “Rays” are the “seven Rays” of the *occult*, this fact will no doubt be seen as “*irrelevant*” given that today’s very popular emerging faith of Oneness is *already in a close relationship with the occult*. Besides, isn’t the *occult* just *hidden secret knowledge*?³⁵ And since the emerging faith is about the *unknown hidden secret* of an *all-encompassing/all-inclusive* “cosmic” “Word”/“Logos”/“Christ,” then what’s the big deal if people today are turning to the *occult* for their new “*light*”? Surely there’s nothing to fear in this hidden secret of all-inclusiveness, right?

In *The Secret Doctrine*, occultist Blavatsky wrote that “[t]he names of the Seven Rays” “are all *mystical*, and each has its distinct application in a distinct *state of consciousness*, for *occult purposes*.”³⁶ Moreover, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul channeled through Bailey about the need for man to be “*responsive to vibration*”—“a form of realization” that he refers to as “*knowledge through vibration*.”³⁷ And, of course, this is already practiced and taught today in the emerging faith of Oneness. This seducing spirit refers to this as *the “Ray Path”*—the path of “the seven Rays” that also “leads to the next cosmic plane with great facility and is therefore called ‘the outer door of *entry*.’”³⁸

This seducing spirit states that “the seven Rays” “are but the seven subrays of one great ray, that of Love-Wisdom.”³⁹ He also describes this “great fundamental ray” as “the Ray of Love and Wisdom” that “divides itself, for purposes of manifestation, into seven subrays.”⁴⁰ To begin with, he also describes this “great fundamental ray” as “indigo, or a deep

blue,” and each of its “seven subrays” as having two colors, with indigo being one of them.⁴¹ In Neale Donald Walsch’s book *Tomorrow’s God* is likewise the following, which is in the context of the new kind of “*Creation Education*.” Shortly after Walsch’s spirit guide states that he wants “to bring children to this threshold, and to gently invite them to cross it,” Walsch comments:

“More and more children today seem to have a greater sense of ‘*presence*’ in the moment and a greater *openness* to all the possibilities resident in it. Some adults have taken to calling these young people Indigo Children. In fact, I had a lead role in a movie about this, called *Indigo*, which I cowrote with James Twyman, ...”⁴²

And, by the way, Walsch’s name in this lead role was “Ray”⁴³. Q . . .

The “subray” that we will primarily be looking at is the fourth one. Referred to as “the fourth ray” and “Ray 4,” it presents quite a succinct picture of the emerging faith of Oneness (not to mention of “the fourth dimension”). This “Ray” is described by Bailey’s spirit guide as “**Indigo-yellow... The Harmony-Ray**,” with the following elaboration:

“Yellow harmonizes, it marks completion and fruition.... **The at-one-ment, or the harmonizing** has been made, and the goal has been reached. **Blue and yellow blended result in green**, and the synthetic blue or indigo (the love and wisdom aspect) dominates when the plane of harmony is reached.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses & ellipsis dots after “Indigo-yellow” in the original; emphasis added)⁴⁴

Moreover, as addressed earlier, this seducing spirit states that “**the field**” of “**play**” for those who have “[a]wakened” “**is green**,” and “on its *broad* expanse the many forms of the one moving Life *disport* themselves; they weave the dance of life, **the many patterned forms God takes**.”⁴⁵ A harmonious field of “play” between opposites for a new kind of dance of “life.” Fittingly, “Ray 4” is also referred to in Bailey’s channeled writings as the “Ray of Harmony through Conflict.”⁴⁶ And according to her spirit guide it is expressed in the following:

“**Harmonizing the cosmos and the individual** through conflict, producing unity and beauty. The birth pangs of the second birth.”

“*The Cosmic and Individual Christ*” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold & underline added)⁴⁷

Again, not only does physicist Fritjof Capra write of the “consciousness in which the individual feels connected to the cosmos as a whole,”⁴⁸ but Leonard Sweet likewise writes that “[t]ranscendent states of consciousness” are those “most connecting of the self to the cosmos.”⁴⁹ And never mind that this “Harmonizing” of “the cosmos and the individual” is about the “birth” of “*The Cosmic and Individual Christ*” that will culminate in the emergence of a quite *unifying* Antichrist, mark, and image. The latter will simply be a “beautiful” “statue” of one of “the *many patterned forms* God takes” in “the cosmos,” right?

This seducing spirit also states that the “energy” of “this fourth ray” “is that of at-one-ment” and “is essentially a *healing* force which brings all forms to an ultimate perfection through the power of the indwelling life, with which it becomes perfectly at-oned.”⁵⁰ Hence, this is a “healing force” of “at-one-ment” that stands *midway* between opposites. Under the heading “**Ray Four**” is the following:

“**Midway I stand** between the forces which *oppose* each other. Longing am I for *harmony and peace*, and for the beauty which results from unity. **I see the two**. I see naught else but forces ranged **opposing, and I, the one, who stands within the circle at the center**.... **Oneness with all I seek, yet form divides**. War upon every side I find, and separation. Alone I stand and am. **I know too much**.’...”

“*The word goes forth from soul to form. ‘Both sides are one. There is no war, no difference and no isolation.... See truly with the opened eye of inner vision and you will find, not two but one; not war but peace; not isolation but a heart which rests upon the center*. Thus shall the beauty of the Lord shine forth. The hour is now.’” (the

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For more on this, see the detailed article “Indigo Children and *Conversations with ‘God’*” by Berit Kjos, February 2005, (<http://www.crossroad.to/articles2/05/indigo.htm>).

This brings us to the “*Renunciation Initiation*.” This same “Ray Four”—i.e., this same “*Harmony-Ray*” that stands at the *center* between opposites—is the “Ray” that is associated with “*Renunciation*.” Those who are trying to harmonize opposites cannot stand at the *center between opposites* without first *renouncing* that they are taking a stand on either *side*. It really is that simple. And this is a *renunciation* that has *already begun* for many in meditation and its “fourth dimension.” Remember, meditation is *diabolically designed* to open people’s minds right up to the *reprogramming* and *preprogramming* of the seducing spirit world. All the seducing spirits (or “Presences”) have to do is simply drop their thoughts right into all these relaxed and waiting minds that are wide open. *Easy prey*. And since “[u]pon the astral plane there must come the *resolution* of the pairs of *opposites*,”⁵² this is thus a *reprogramming* that turns on an “inner *Big Bang*”⁵³ that explodes God into a “God” of *Oneness*.

In a section titled “The Battleground of the Astral Plane,” this seducing spirit Djwhal Khul describes “the astral plane” as follows: “1. The plane of dual forces;” “2. The plane of the two paths;” “3. The plane whereon the vital power is sought;” “4. The plane of the *vibrating poles*;” and “5. The plane whereon a *choice is made*.” And in the next paragraph he states that “the moment a man can ‘see’ on the astral plane, and can achieve equilibrium and hold steady in the *midst* of its vibrating forces, that moment he is ready for *initiation*.”⁵⁴ That is, once a person achieves this “sight” and can “hold steady” between the pairs of opposites, this person is ready for “*initiation*.”

Under the heading “Initiation IV - *The Renunciation* - Ray IV,” and regarding this “fourth Ray of *Harmony through Conflict*,” this seducing spirit states: “**The ‘Renunciation Initiation’** is an expression of the *result* of the activity of this Principle.”⁵⁵ In other words, it is this *Harmony through Conflict* that results in *Renunciation*.

Renunciation -- “the formal *rejection* of something, typically a *belief*, claim, or course of action;”⁵⁶ “an act or instance of relinquishing, abandoning, *repudiating*, or sacrificing something.”⁵⁷ Sound familiar?

Fundamentally, this “*harmony*” at the center between the opposites of *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong* is the serpent’s question, “Yea, hath God said ...?” It is *this question* that is bringing “*harmony*” to the world. This “fourth ray” is nothing more than simply the *Harmony* of “Yea, hath God said ...?” in *Conflict* with Yea, God *hath said*. And it is through choosing *this Conflict* that the world achieves *Harmony*. This “*Harmony through Conflict*” is thus a “*Renunciation*”—a *Renunciation* that comes through a *choice*, and, namely, the *choice* to be in *Conflict* with Yea, God *hath said* rather than with the world. In other words, this is a *choice* to be in *Conflict with God* rather than with man. And this *choice* is a *renunciation* that is now largely being made in “the fourth dimension.” Why? Because this is where “*sight*” is achieved that “*proves*” the “*reality*” of *Oneness*. And since “[t]he major keynote of every single planetary *initiation*, even to the very highest, is *Relationship*,”⁵⁸ this is thus the *heart’s Renunciation*.

Accordingly, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states that this “fourth Ray of *Harmony through Conflict*,” which governs the “*Initiation of Renunciation*,” “works (where the initiatory process is concerned) through the *heart*.”⁵⁹ And, sadly, as this seducing spirit also points out, this “*Principle of Conflict* has worked so effectively that all men are desiring *harmony*, peace, equilibrium, right adjustment to life and circumstances, and right and balanced human relations.”⁶⁰ As a result:

“The balance is ... swinging over to the side of the *spirit* aspect of the [‘spirit-matter’] duality; ... and the indications are that man will eventually *decide correctly* ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁶¹

This *Renunciation* process doesn’t stop with this “*Initiation IV*” of “*Ray IV*” but continues to move man forward to the “*6th Initiation*,” which is the “*Initiation of Decision*.”⁶² And since the *Renunciation* has *already begun* before this “*Initiation of Decision*” is reached, this “*6th Initiation*” will simply be a *Decision* to *finalize* one’s *Renunciation*. A finalization that will be a “No!” to Yea, God *hath said* (seen as a “cancerous” belief system of “*death*” and separation) and a “Yes!” to “Yea, hath God said ...?” (seen as a “healing” belief system of “*life*” and *Oneness*). In other words, a finalization that will be a “No!” to the *truth of God’s Word* and a “Yes!” to the *serpent’s mark of the beast*. Hence, according to the seducing spirit world:

“Put forth the word. Sound the trumpet....

“The word you are to put forth is that every person on Earth has **the choice of life-ever-evolving** through the activation of *the full individual potential*. The word you are to put forth is that every person on Earth has the innate capacity to be a *co-creator*. The word you are to put out is that the time for *decision* is ending.

“You are to provide the opportunity for a planetary signal wherein each person who chooses life over death can register that decision visibly—a coming to witness before the world....

“In every country there is a sound which means ‘yes.’ In every culture there is a gesture which means ‘yes.’

“The sounds and the gestures of ‘yes’ **must now rise from the body of Earth** so we may know that the danger of the violent path has been avoided by **the free choice of humankind**.

“Who chooses ‘yes’ shall evolve. Who chooses ‘no’ shall not evolve. Then behold, I will come quickly, my reward with me....

“The *Kingdom* is the awareness that *all is one*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁶³

Again, those who are meditating are already being *reprogrammed* to choose “Yes!” to *everyone’s own “truth” of “God.”* And, obviously, there is no “Yes!” to *everyone’s “truth”* (i.e., “Yea, hath God said ...?”) without a “No!” to *God’s truth* (i.e., Yea, God hath said). And this “No!” to Yea, God hath said is, of course, a *Renunciation* of what God hath said. A *Renunciation* that is being *preprogrammed* in the meditating world so that man will “decide correctly”—*as the seducing spirit world sees it*—in choosing to receive the mark of the beast/*Antichrist*. Accordingly, *meditation* is also designed to be “a guarantee of the return of Christ”—i.e., the *Antichrist*—“into public recognition.”⁶⁴

Under the heading, “The Factor of the Ray of Love-Wisdom as it controls the Ray of Harmony through Conflict and implements the Return of the Christ,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul lists “three modes of His appearing, of His coming, His advent and of His physical recognition by humanity”:

- “1. By His over-shadowing of all initiates and disciples” which “involves His influencing their minds telepathically” and which “will constitute one of His most effective methods in His proposed spiritual interference in world affairs;”
- “2. By the pouring out of the Christ life or consciousness upon the masses” which “brings the astral plane within the active sphere of His influence,” and is a “spiritual inflow” that makes “[t]he masses everywhere” “responsive to the work and the message of the Christ” and “will evoke the emotional reaction to His Presence;” and
- “3. By His physical appearance among men.” (underline added)⁶⁵

This “Plan” of the seducing spirit world was channeled through Alice Bailey 52 years ago in 1960 and has been steadily progressing until the public/physical “recognition” of the *Antichrist* is basically all that remains. After listing these three modes, or methods, Bailey’s spirit guide then states:

“The first of the methods which will lead to the eventual physical reappearance of the Christ has already been set in motion; disciples and initiates in all lands are starting the work preparatory to the outpouring of the Christ spiritual force, leading to the awakening of the Christ consciousness (as it is usually called) in the *hearts* of men. This outpouring will come as the result of three activities ...”

And, interestingly, the third activity mentioned here is:

“The demand or prayer or outgoing desire of the masses for the appearance of **a Liberator** and for the establishing of right human relations, plus the work of all the spiritually-minded people in all nations and of all faiths.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)⁶⁶

This, of course, brings to mind *The Voice* “New Testament.” As addressed earlier, its many text changes include: from *salvation* to “liberation;” and from *Christ* to “the Liberator” or “the Liberating King.” (For more on this desired “Liberator,” see the earlier section titled, “A ‘Holistic Beautiful Sensitive Balanced’ ‘storyteller’s Bible’ -- *The Voice*.”)

Regarding the “desire of the masses” to follow this “Liberator,” people will be able to “register that decision visibly” when he has made his “physical appearance among men.” (By the way, the “among men” part will be a dead give away

that this “Liberator” is not Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God’s Son Who will be making His appearance “in the clouds of heaven”—see Matthew 24:30; 26:64; Mark 14:62. Obviously, there are no “men” in the sky for Jesus to appear “among.”)

According to Hubbard’s channeled teachings in *The Revelation*:

“Each shall be ‘sealed’ with the seal of the living God. This means that **they shall be marked, visibly identified**, first to themselves, then to others. This means that *their inner eye in the forehead* will be fully opened by this touch, henceforth *awakening* them from the womb of *self-centeredness*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁶⁷

“**After the selection process, you will be born to the next stage of evolution.** There will be a New Heaven, a New Earth, a new body and a *new consciousness* for all who survive.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)⁶⁸

And, likewise, according to Bailey’s channeled teachings:

“The sixth Initiation of *Decision* is preparatory to the true Initiation of the *Resurrection*, the seventh initiation.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)⁶⁹

This is simply the new kind of “Resurrection” that is to be a new kind of “Second Coming” which is to basically “crown” humanity as its own “Christ.” A “Resurrection” that is to be the “birth” of “a new consciousness” from a chrysalis of nonduality. And a “crowning” of humanity in a “Christification of the Earth” that—as Hubbard channeled—can either be “a gentle” or “a violent birth.”⁷⁰

So, regarding this “birth” into “a *new consciousness*,” think “seventh chakra”—also called the “*Crown Chakra*.” It follows the 6th which, of course, is in the *forehead*. An M.D., who “is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology,” describes these two “chakras” in an interview that has been published in the *Alternative Journal of Nursing*. And, not surprisingly, this “physician at a psychiatric hospital in Southern California” also wrote a book “comparing the ancient *chakra* systems of Tantric yoga with *contemporary developmental psychology*.”⁷¹ This M.D., Dr. John Nelson, describes the 6th “chakra” as follows:

“The sixth, or Ajna chakra, has been called the ‘*shamanic*’ chakra ... This is the level of benign *sorcery*, visionary *power*, and prophesy. [sic] ...

“The person at this level of consciousness recognizes that *everything* is a manifestation of a single *universal Spirit*. A sixth chakra *seer* ...” (emphasis added)⁷²

And regarding the seventh, “the most elusive of the chakras, the Sahasrara, or unity chakra,” Dr. Nelson states:

“**The seventh and final chakra represents the crowning evolutionary goal of humanity**, the culmination of our long and painful exile from, **and triumphant return to, our Source**. It is ... the fulfillment of *humankind’s highest potential*. The hallmark of this chakra is **the mystical experience**, which has been described with remarkable similarity by saints, sages, yogis, and contemplatives throughout the ages as an overwhelming recognition **of absolute unity of Self with the divine presence**.” (emphasis added)⁷³

Infinite Light Yoga describes this “crowning” as follows:

“The seventh chakra is called Sahasrara, meaning crown, **our crowning achievement**. It is located at the crown of the head ... It is all things everywhere. It is **all color and sound**. **The full spectrum of light, the white light of consciousness**. In the beginning there was a *vibration*, a sound that began in the void, ... and all of creation emanates from it. **It is cosmic consciousness, union with the source**, pure awareness, *transformation, enlightenment*, self-realization and samadhi. The integration of *all*, total union, peace.” (emphasis added)⁷⁴

And as “an internationally accomplished Reiki Karuna Master, medical intuitive, psychic, and spiritual counselor”⁷⁵

describes it on her website Ancient Healing:

“The seventh chakra is the power of consciousness....

“The seventh chakra is **the center for our highest spiritual consciousness**. It focuses the attention on the spiritual meaning of life and ... is associated with a more profound *spiritual connectedness* than the other six chakras are. This chakra is **the seat of higher wisdom** ...

“The seventh chakra is associated with the higher mind, *knowing*, and ... is also **our direct link to the God force** or Universal force....

“The seventh chakra is the ‘*crowning*’ point of the chakra system. If we manage to open this center during our lives, we have reached *the highest state of consciousness* one can obtain ...

“We feel *connected to the Universe/God*, our *life source*, opening a way to a world of *calm*, and of quiet strength, and confidence.” (Zeffi Kefala; emphasis added)⁷⁶

And, of course, Barbara Marx Hubbard writes in *The Revelation*:

“This *alignment* of the elect creates a magnetic field conducive to *attunement* with the will of God, which emanates from **the ‘throne’—the Seat of the God-force** that exists **at the core of all being**.” (emphasis added)⁷⁷

“The Seat of the *God-force*”—“the seat of *higher wisdom*” and “crowning achievement” of man’s own “knowing” in this “Harmonizing” of “the cosmos and the individual.” A “crowning” that is to “birth” “The Cosmic and Individual Christ.” And all to “validate” and “prove” that man’s own “knowing” is the “*truth*.” So, as one more description of the 6th and 7th “chakras” states:

“The sixth chakra is located **at the forehead—the ‘third eye’** often pictured on the forehead of representations of *Buddha*. This is the eye that sees inward—**the center of intuition** and understanding.

“The culminating chakra is the sahasrara, the thousand-petaled lotus **at the top of the head**. This **is the chakra of spiritual maturity, exploding upward and outward** into understanding and enlightenment.” (emphasis added)⁷⁸

A “spiritual maturity” that is bursting forth from this cocoon of new “light” in a new kind of “Second Coming”/ “Resurrection” that is to be the “birth” of “a new consciousness.” Of course, given that this “crowning achievement” of “spiritual maturity” is “the *highest* state of consciousness one can obtain,” don’t forget that the “highest consciousness” is the “Logos,” which Blavatsky referred to as “LUCIFER — the spirit of Intellectual Enlightenment and Freedom of Thought.”⁷⁹ And, by the way, Infinite Light Yoga also describes this “crowning” as “I am that I am.”⁸⁰ Humanity will simply be “crowned” with the new kind of “light” of *darkness*. The new “light” of the serpent’s “Kingdom” of the *Antichrist*.

Remember, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states that “initiation” is “*entering into*,”⁸¹ and this “crowning achievement” is about humanity entering into the “greater light” of *inclusiveness*—a “greater *light*” that is “*darkness* in its purest purity.” *Pure darkness* is, after all, essential to “see” that “*all is one*.” In Bailey’s channeled book *The Rays and the Initiations*, and under the heading “The Aspirant and the Mysteries of Initiation,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states the following:

“Inclusiveness is the supreme key to the understanding of **consciousness**....

“Initiation is in truth the name given to the *revelation* or *new vision* which ever draws the disciple onward **into greater light**; ... It is a process of *light* recognition and of *light* utilization in order to *enter into* ever clearer *light*. Progress from a dimly lighted area in the divine manifestation into one of supernal *glory* is the story of the Path of Evolution.” (emphasis added)⁸²

Shortly thereafter, and referring to the progressive journey of meditation, this seducing spirit quotes from “*Rules for Disciples* of very ancient origin” in “the Masters’ Archives”:

“... A light is seen ... a light of warmth and heat. It pierces to the *heart* and in that light all forms are seen pervaded

by a glowing light. The world of lighted forms is now perceived, linked each to each by light. This light is *blue*, and *flaming* is its nature. Between the warm and reddish light and this clear light there burns a glow of flame - a *flame* which must be *entered*, ere the light of blue is entered and is used.

“Another light is then perceived, the clear cold light which is not light but darkness in its purest purity - the Light of God Himself. It renders dark all else beside Itself; all forms fade out and yet the whole of life is there. It is not light as we know light. It is *that pure essential essence* of that Light which reveals Itself through light.” (emphasis added, except italics to *Light*)⁸³

It simply *cannot be overstated* that those who “go within” are *literally playing with fire*! Instead of going within *oneself* in meditation for “light” and “truth,” people really do need to go within *the pages of God’s Word* for light and truth. *In no way, shape, or form* is the new kind of “light” that is “darkness” “the Light of God Himself.” Again, to fall for this is to simply join the late Blavatsky who was deceived into *blasphemously* believing that “the ‘Serpent’ was ‘the Lord God’ himself.”⁸⁴ Darkness is not the “pure essential essence” of “the Light of God”!

*“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.”* (1 John 1:5-6)

Darkness is the “light” of Satan, the “angel of light” and “god of this world.”

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” (Colossians 1:12-13)

“Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.” (Acts 26:17-18)

*“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded** the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”* (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

*“And no marvel; for **Satan** himself is transformed into **an angel of light**.”* (2 Corinthians 11:14)

Whether people “see” it this way or not, the “highest consciousness” of the “Freedom of Thought” is indeed an “Enlightenment” of pure darkness that is the “light” of *Lucifer*. As Jesus warned:

*“... If therefore **the light** that is in thee **be darkness**, how **great is that darkness!**”* (Matthew 6:23)

The seducing spirit Djwhal Khul even also clarifies that this “darkness in its purest purity” is “**the Light of God Himself, the Lord of the Worlds**.”⁸⁵ This is a title of “*the planetary Logos*.” The same “planetary Logos” “Who is the Life of our planet” and whose “heart center” is “situated on the fourth cosmic etheric plane (our buddhic plane).”⁸⁶ The same “planetary Logos” about which this seducing spirit states: “Humanity, having lost the consciousness which permits contact with the spirit of the planet ... and having not yet developed the consciousness which permits him to enter into the *Life and Mind* of the planetary Logos,” is now “rapidly responding to the higher spiritual influences.”⁸⁷ And the same “planetary Logos” about which this seducing spirit also states that ““conscious *inbreathing and outbreathing*” “describe more accurately” the “cosmic process” of “*rebirth*”—the understanding of which “necessitates the ability to identify oneself with the One *Who thus breathes* - the planetary Logos.”⁸⁸

First, regarding this “buddhic plane”—upon which the “heart center” of this “planetary Logos” is “situated”—Bailey also wrote:

“There is a great vibratory sphere, or plane, ... called in some occult books the intuitional plane; it is called in the Eastern literature the Buddhic plane, and its symbol is the air.” (emphasis added)⁸⁹

Remember “the prince of the *power of the air*”?

“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” (Ephesians 2:2)

This is the same “prince” and “spirit” that is “*the god of this world*.” So, regarding “the One Who thus breathes”—“the spirit” who claims to be “the Life of our planet” and with whom “Humanity” is now being led to develop “the consciousness which permits him to *enter into*” his “Life and Mind”—the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul also states:

“This great Life, the Ancient of Days, *the Lord of the world*, Sanat Kumara, the Eternal Youth, *the planetary Logos* - His many names are of relative unimportance ...” (emphasis added)⁹⁰

This would, of course, be names such as *Satan* and *Lucifer* . . . and who *in no way, shape, or form is the Ancient of Days*. That is a name that belongs to God—“*the most High*” Whom Satan (“the Lord of the world,” or rather “the god of this world”) is determined to “*be like*.” First, as Warren B. Smith points out in *False Christ Coming – Does Anybody Care?*, “Sanat happens to be an anagram for *Satan*.”⁹¹ Second, as even Blavatsky pointed out, “the LOGOS,” “guiding beacon,” and “Harbinger of Light” of this emerging faith is “*Lucifer*.”⁹² And, third, even the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states that “the Council Chamber of Sanat Kumara” is “the ‘secret Place of the Most High.’”⁹³

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell ...” (Isaiah 14:12-15)

So those who are “going *within*” and meditatively accessing his “heart center” might want to rethink that move . . .

No matter how many people choose to continue meditating—and *regardless of their reason for doing so*—making contact with a luciferian/satanic “heart center” is *not* a move that is *wise*. And that is an *eternal understatement*. The seducing spirit Djwhal Khul, who also refers to “The Lord of the World” as “the *Light of Life Itself*,” states that “Sanat Kumara” “is carrying His whole creation along the path of evolution to its consummation - a consummation of which we have not as yet the faintest idea.”⁹⁴ Actually, “the god of this world” is quite clearly carrying the world along his lying path of “evolution”—his sidewinding, spiraling path of uncoiling “ascension”—to a consummation in the lake of fire. And he knows that full well. But just as God’s Word warns, this “angel of light”—i.e., “the ‘Serpent’” who *was not, is not, and never will be* “‘the Lord God’ himself”—is quite successfully *deceiving* “the whole world” with his *blinding* “light” of “darkness.”

“Sanat Kumara” is not “the *Light of Life Itself*”—at least not the light that, rather than being *pure darkness*, is actually *true light*. And, yes, his new kind of “Light of Life” that is “darkness in its purest purity” does indeed *change everything*. After all, darkness has a way of changing people’s thinking from *Yea, God hath said* to “*Yea, hath God said ...?*”

Although even people in today’s *shifting Christianity* blindly believe otherwise, *this emerging kingdom of darkness never will be the Kingdom of God*. To the contrary, this emerging kingdom of “Harmony” will be a kingdom of those “*whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb*” (Revelation 13:8). And for all those who therefore trust in a *different* kind of “savior,” here’s one more relevant description for you: “Sanat Kumara is the prototype of all world saviors.”⁹⁵ He is indeed—at least of “all world saviors” *who are not Jesus Christ of Nazareth*. It is Jesus Christ of Nazareth Whom “the Father sent ... to be the Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14). And it is Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who is “the light of life.”

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Today’s emerging new kind of “Light of Life Itself” that is not *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* is “the *Universal Mind*.” And this “Light of Life” that is indeed *pure darkness* is *in no way, shape, or form* “the true Light of the World.” When referring to “the Universal Mind,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul writes of the “*pure energy*” which “is drawn” by “the *initiate*”

“from the *heart* center of the planetary Logos”⁹⁶—and, specifically, that would be “the energy of the *intuition*” “which is increasingly employed by the *higher initiates*.”⁹⁷ And, don’t forget, “the planetary Logos” is “Sanat Kumara”—also referred to as “the true Light of the World.”⁹⁸ So, again, those who are shifting from the true flesh and bones Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to the emerging “Universal Mind” of Oneness might want to rethink that move . . .

Entering into this “Universal Mind” of the *serpent* is an *entering into* the all-encompassing circle of man’s own “*knowing*,” which is an *entering into* the *Harmony of darkness*. But, sadly, this emerging “harmonious” circle of Oneness is quite popular because it gives people their desired “Freedom of Thought”—i.e., their desired freedom to “think *outside the box*” of the *absolute truth of God’s Word*. And those who think that this emerging “harmonious” circle of Oneness is about “*knowing*” the “Unknown God” in his “*fullness of truth*” are just blindly following the serpent’s *vibrating* rattle on his sidwinding path of destruction. They would see this if they weren’t so hell-bent on seeking freedom to think outside the truth of God’s Word. So, think about the following. This seducing spirit also channeled through Bailey that “[t]he whole theme of revelation is the revelation of light” which is a “process of revelation” in which “*greater lights*” “serve to reveal to us *the Unknown God*.”⁹⁹ Moreover, the “revelation” of this “Unknown God” is the “revelation” of “**the ‘circle of the Mind of God,’ a “great lighted area”**” which “expresses itself in the living, active state of **the planetary consciousness**,”¹⁰⁰ and “[a]ll the qualities, the love and the purpose of a supreme Entity, referred to in The New Testament as **the ‘Unknown God,’ are focused in Sanat Kumara**.”¹⁰¹

As Dr. John Nelson states regarding the “consciousness” of “[t]he sixth, or **Ajna chakra**,” it “**recognizes** that everything is a manifestation of **a single universal Spirit**,” and “[t]he person at this level” is “[a] sixth chakra *seer*.”¹⁰² And shortly after stating that “[a]ll the qualities” of “the ‘Unknown God,’ are focused in Sanat Kumara,” the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul also states: “**The ajna center of the Lord of the World** is just beginning to express itself in a recognizable manner ...”¹⁰³

So, as if it isn’t obvious enough as to *the source* of “kundalini” “*serpent fire*” that “awakens” in meditation and rises up through the “chakras,” *the “sixth chakra”*—which is “the third eye” that “sees” Oneness and this new kind of “Unknown God”—is also *the center of “Sanat Kumara.”* But, sadly, since this quite serpentine “god of this world” is a “Mind” that is a “Circle of Liberation,” this is the “Mind”—i.e., “consciousness” or way of thinking—that the world *wants*. All humanity has to do is simply access the serpent’s “*heart center*” and learn to develop “the consciousness” of “*inclusiveness*”—the “consciousness” that permits it to “*enter into*” this “liberating” “Life and Mind” of the serpent. And, of course, as humanity blindly worships the serpent as “the ‘Unknown God,’” this also fulfills the serpent’s desire of his *own* “heart” to “ascend into heaven” and “be like the most High.”

“**This ‘Circle of Liberation’** is ever entered by the individual initiate, and has been down the ages, but now, *for the first time, it is being entered by humanity itself and as a whole....* Humanity, *entering this circle*, will be confronted by the first major lesson: *the Unity of the One Life*.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁰⁴

Just think Ouroboros for this “Circle of Liberation.” As previously addressed, the Ouroboros is “a serpent or dragon swallowing its own tail and forming a circle.”¹⁰⁵ It also happens to represent the “*harmony of opposites*”¹⁰⁶ and “is one of the oldest *mystical* symbols in the world.”¹⁰⁷

It simply cannot be emphasized enough that *especially* those who meditate are *already* undergoing this “initiation.” Again, “*initiation*” is an “*entering into*,” and specifically “*into greater light*.” And according to this seducing spirit, “[i]nclusiveness is the supreme key to the understanding of *consciousness*”¹⁰⁸ and “*initiation* is a process of developing *inclusiveness*.”¹⁰⁹ He also states that “**the technique of meditation governs all expansions of consciousness**, all registration of *Plan* or *Purpose* and, in fact, *the entire process of evolutionary unfoldment*.” And, shortly thereafter, he also states:

“It is therefore **meditation** which **produces individual, group and planetary alignment**, and **this alignment is always the first stage of the meditation objective and the final or permanent stage attained**. Think on this.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹¹⁰

Do indeed think on this because this alignment is being implemented for a *reason*. This alignment through meditation's "heart center" and "Harmony through Conflict" is swinging the door wide open to "*magnetically*" *aligning with the coming Antichrist*.

"We have now reached a point where the inevitability of **Christ's return is established**, scientifically and under law; ... **This fourth Ray of Harmony through Conflict works** (where the initiatory process is concerned) through the *heart*, or **through what esotericists call 'the heart center** - the focal point through which the *energy* of love can flow.... **The harmony** (which the Principle of Conflict produces) **causes an alignment, so that the love** - streaming forth from the Heart of God - **enters the hearts of men; ...**" (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; all parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹¹¹

"**The heart center of humanity** is created by the sum total of the *hearts* ... working for the establishing of right human relations, and constantly *offsetting the separativeness of the human mind* **through the inclusiveness of the divine love** nature. You have, therefore, **as a guarantee of the return of Christ into public recognition**, an implementing of a great alignment. **This alignment**, when effectively concluded, **will bring about** a clear channel or pathway of return or line of light or **magnetic power** ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹¹²

This "energy of love" is not "streaming forth from the Heart of God" any more than pure darkness is the "Light of God." But, naturally, the seducing spirit realm would have its prey believe that this "alignment" and what "enters the hearts of men" is an "energy" that is just about the "love" of "God." Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, according to this seducing spirit, this "clear channel or pathway" of "magnetic power" is "between" "[t]he center where the will of God is known," "[t]he Hierarchy," and "[t]he Christ."¹¹³ In other words, "a guarantee" of "public recognition" of the Antichrist is "magnetic power" between the "center" of those who "go within," the seducing spirit world, and the Antichrist. And this "magnetic power" between these three then flows through "[t]he initiates, disciples and aspirants who form the New Group of World Servers" (i.e., the "seers" who "[s]ee truly with the opened eye of inner vision" and thus "render" the "service" "of producing unity, harmony, and beauty"¹¹⁴), and from them to "[t]he hearts of the men of goodwill in all lands who are responsive."¹¹⁵

Second, regarding making "men's hearts responsive to and receptive of the love of God," this seducing spirit Djwhal Khul then states that "this is another way of saying receptive to the consciousness of the Christ,"¹¹⁶ which of course is a "consciousness" of "no separation"¹¹⁷—or "inclusiveness." He also states that "[t]he *ajna center of the Lord of the World* is just beginning to express itself in a recognizable manner *through the New Group of World Servers*."¹¹⁸

And, third, as Hubbard likewise writes in *The Revelation*:

"**This alignment** of the elect **creates a magnetic field** conducive to *attunement* with the will of God, **which emanates from** the 'throne'—**the Seat of the God-force** that exists at the core of all being." (emphasis added)¹¹⁹

So, in a nutshell, this alignment will draw people to the Antichrist like pins to a magnet. Or to put it another way, those who are "going within" and accessing "the seat of higher wisdom," which is "[t]he Seat of the God-force," are being *diabolically* "magnetized" to be drawn—like bugs to a zapper light—to the "seat" of the Antichrist that will be given to him by Satan, the *serpent* who will have transformed into a full-blown, *fire-breathing dragon*:

"... the great dragon ... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ..." (Revelation 12:9)

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, ... and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." (Revelation 13:1-2)

God's Word warns that, in this satanic kingdom of the beast, people will be unwilling to repent of both *the worship of devils* and *sorcery*:

*“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not** of the works of their hands, **that they should not worship devils**, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: **Neither repented they** of their murders, nor **of their sorceries**, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”*
(Revelation 9:20-21)

This includes the devils that people the world over are forming a worshipful relationship with in meditation. But these devils that are coming to people when they meditate are just the “Presence” of “God,” etc., right? Wrong. They are no more the “Presence” of God or His Son than are idols. And “[t]he sixth, or *Ajna chakra*”—which is the “center of the Lord of the World,” or “Sanat Kumara,” and is “awakened” through *meditation*—“has been called the ‘shamanic’ chakra” and “is the level of benign sorcery ...”¹²⁰

So, not only has the Ouroboros, a *serpent circle*, been “used to describe Kundalini energy,”¹²¹ each of the “chakras” that this “kundalini” “*serpent fire*” (“energy”) rises up through are also a “wheel, *circle*”¹²² and “a *force center*.”¹²³ And just as there are “seven centers, or chakras,”¹²⁴ there are also “seven Rays” which according to the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul are “the seven great *lights*” and “the seven streams of *force* of the Logos.”¹²⁵ In other words, this is a new kind of “Unknown God” that is clearly a “God” of *forces*. Coincidence? Again, it is very interesting, to say the least, that the serpent’s Antichrist is going to “honour the God of *forces*” (Daniel 11:38).

Any way you look at it, to engage in the practice of meditation, *which is designed to “awaken” these forces of “serpent fire,”* is understatedly *the opposite of wisdom*. The “*playing*” of those who “go within” is literally with *fire*—“*serpent fire*” that knowingly seeks to “seat” the “God” of these *forces* on a throne “*within*” the head and mind of those who unwisely choose to journey into the deep “*within*.”

Under “Seven Centers of *Force*,” Alice Bailey wrote that “rational spiritual consciousness is ‘seated on the throne between the eyebrows,’” which she points out is the “*ajna chakra*”¹²⁶—the same “chakra,” or “*throne*,” that her spirit guide says is “of the Lord of the World.” And Hubbard, when writing of the “alignment” that “creates a magnetic field,” refers to “the ‘*throne*’” as “the Seat of the God-force.” Keep this in mind when choosing to embark on meditative journeys. And since “initiation” is about “entering into” the “greater light” of the “consciousness” of “*inclusiveness*,” also keep this in mind: Blavatsky wrote in *The Secret Doctrine* that “the ‘*Serpent of Wisdom*’” is “the Voice of reason and *consciousness*.”¹²⁷ And his would be a “Voice” of “consciousness” that intends to be “seated on the *throne* between the eyebrows,” and a “Voice” that intends to put his mark of the beast on foreheads in order to visibly identify this obtained worship . . .

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, ... But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.”
(Jeremiah 7:23-24)

It doesn’t get any more *backward* than humanity’s move “*forward*” to the serpent. But since the emerging faith of Oneness is a journey of the heart that is just about the “*love*” of “God,” there’s nothing to *fear*, right? And, after all, the serpent’s “Voice” of the “consciousness” of “*inclusiveness*” is also “the Voice of *reason*.”

This isn’t the *reasoning* that is according to *Scripture*, in which God tells us: “*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool*” (Isaiah 1:18). To the contrary, humanity is moving “forward” to heed the “Voice” of a *new kind* of “reason.” And as the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul points out, this “pure reason” is “*true love*” and just so happens to “manifest itself” through “*the rays*.”¹²⁸ Those who think that the Harmony of humanity’s journey of the heart is about the “love” of “God” might want to keep in mind that, as he also states here, “each *ray* quality will serve to implement the expression of pure love, which is the essential and - at this time - the primary quality of the Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara.”¹²⁹ In other words, this “pure reason” is “pure love” that is “darkness in its purest purity.”¹³⁰

After naming each of the “seven Rays”—i.e., “seven great *lights*”/“seven streams of *force*”—the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul then states that the “names are simply some chosen from among many, and *embody* the different aspects of *force* by means of which the Logos manifests.”¹³¹ The fourth “Ray” of “Harmony through Conflict”—which, remember, “works (where the *initiatory* process is concerned)” through “the heart center” and “causes an *alignment*”¹³²—is referred to here

as “The Ray of Harmony, *Beauty*, Art, or Unity.”¹³³ And, not surprisingly, *sorcery* is also included in the manifestations of this “Logos.” “Ceremonial *Magic*” is the seventh “Ray.”¹³⁴ From “Beauty” to “Magic,” this “Logos” and “Unknown” “God” of *forces* covers the gamut in this harmonious unity of the emerging all-encompassing faith of Oneness. Seven “great lights” or *forces* of “darkness in its purest purity” that *in no way, shape, or form* is “the Light of God Himself.”¹³⁵ And seven “great lights” or *forces of pure darkness* harmoniously *deceiving the world as a whole* into taking hold of the serpent’s tail and paying attention to his “Voice.”

“... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ...” (Revelation 12:9)

The “Voice” of the “Serpent” is bringing man *full circle* in a *fall* that was initiated by heeding the serpent’s voice . . .

“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.” (Genesis 3:4-5)

But this time around, if you are joining the world in being brought full circle and choose to take the serpent’s mark, “Ye shall not surely die,” right? After all, “your eyes shall be opened” . . .

“Each shall be ‘sealed’ with the seal of the living God. This means that **they shall be marked**, visibly identified, ... **their inner eye in the forehead will be fully opened by this touch** ...

“It is those of you who are now hearing **an inner voice telling you to put this purpose first**, to put the love of the Kingdom first, to put the love of evolution first; ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)¹³⁶

The serpent’s Rod of Initiation, and “At what time ye hear the sound ... and all kinds of music ... fall down and worship the image”

In *The Revelation*, Hubbard writes that “something new and great is coming” and that “[t]he planet itself is evolving toward a quantum leap, wherein all of its members will experience themselves as part of one body.”¹ This will not be one body of *Christ* but of the *Antichrist*, and, no, when all is said and done, the world will not be thanking the serpent for “the signal service it had rendered humanity.”² This is a “signal service” that is leading the world as a whole to take hold of the serpent by the tail and follow him into his “*promised land*.” Of course, the ultimate leader who will *himself* take the serpent by the tail will be *the Antichrist*. This is not at all a move to take hold of the rod of God that was used by Moses and Aaron. It is, however, a move forward to take hold of the Rod of Initiation of the serpent of “wisdom.” And as the Antichrist takes hold, the serpent will then become a Rod in his hand by which the world as a whole will follow him into the serpent’s new kind of “promised land” of *Oneness*. A counterfeit “Moses” that will be quite the picture of a counterfeit “Christ,” not to mention of a counterfeit “God”—a “God” by which “every bush is burning.”

As Sweet writes in *Nudge*: “Every bush is burning. Can you see it?”³ And shortly after writing in *I Am a Follower* that “[o]nly by untaming our *minds* can we hope to see and hear the truth *within the world*,” Sweet likewise writes:

“And if **the world is indeed a burning bush of God’s presence**, what blinds us to the glow? How can we nudge each other to **see the flames?**” (emphasis added)⁴

Again, in truth, only *one particular bush* was burning, and in it was simply the presence of “*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*” Who is not a presence in *every bush in the world*. But, sadly, since people today are shifting from the God of *Israel* to a “complex” “God” of Oneness—i.e., of *the world*—who dances around the *simple* truth in a circling, spiraling dance of “both-and,” *everything* is indeed *changing*. And as Sweet writes in *I Am a Follower*, “It only takes one first follower to start a world dance,” and “No first follower, no movement.”⁵ So, again, the question is: Who will be the first follower of the Antichrist and start *that* world “dance”? It was Aaron, the true prophet of the true God, who was the “first follower” of Moses. Conversely, the Antichrist’s “first follower” will be the false prophet of the world’s false “God.”

“And the LORD said unto Moses, ... Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.” (Exodus 7:1)

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.” (Revelation 16:13)

*“And the beast was taken, and with him **the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he had deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.** These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” (Revelation 19:20)*

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and asked him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the promised land that would become Israel, Moses told God that the people wouldn't believe that God had sent him. Hence, one of the proofs that God gave to Moses that He had indeed appeared unto him was the following:

*“And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, **A rod.** And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it **became a serpent**; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and **take it by the tail.** And he put forth his hand, and caught it, **and it became a rod in his hand:** That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.... **And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.**... and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.” (Exodus 4:2-5, 17, 20; see also v. 1)*

As is stated here, Moses was indeed able to do signs with the rod of God. And, yes, through using sorcery/magic, Satan's own “signs and lying wonders” are able to counterfeit God's signs and wonders—to a point. God's Word tells us:

“And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.” (Exodus 7:10-12)

And, of course, regarding the Antichrist, God's Word also warns:

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

These “signs and lying wonders” will successfully seduce humanity into following the Antichrist and false prophet into the new kind of “promised land” of Oneness—which, not surprisingly, is to be a new kind of “Israel.” For instance, in Hubbard's book *The Revelation*, the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ” states:

*“The ‘bride’ of Christ is the twelve tribes of the children of **Israel, those people of Earth who have believed in the idea of the oneness of humanity and God.**” (emphasis added)⁶*

“This text is written for those of you who are prepared to lead your brothers and sisters out of ‘the valley of the shadow of death,’ just as Moses led the Jews out of the land of Egypt.

“Your Exodus is from the creature/human condition. Your Promised Land is the New Jerusalem.”⁷

“In the New Jerusalem, humanity and God are one.”⁸

In addition, Hubbard and this seducing spirit also state:

*“**Israel is the idea of humanity and God as One.** It is the idea of the transformation of this world to a New Earth. It is the idea of the transformation of this body to a new body. It is the idea of the selection of the God-centered from the self-centered. It is the idea of the evolution of humanity ... from *Homo sapiens* to **Homo universalis.**” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; bold added)⁹*

“Remember, Israel is not a blood-type nor a geographical location. Israel is the idea that God and humanity are joined together for the transformation of this world, and new worlds beyond.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ”)¹⁰

More on this absurdity in the next section when we look at Israel and the God of Israel in the light of God's Word of absolute truth. And, by the way, this seducing spirit also points out in *The Revelation* that it is those who are being led to this new kind of "Israel" that "shall be *marked*, visibly identified ..."¹¹ So, back to the Antichrist, the serpent's counterfeit "Moses" who with the help of his false prophet and "signs and lying wonders" will *easily* seduce a humanity that is *already* falling for his new kind of "promised land" of *Oneness*. *Easy prey*.

First, when leading God's people into the true promised land of the true Israel, "the law was given by Moses" (John 1:17; see also Exodus 24:12; Joshua 22:5). It therefore isn't surprising that the Antichrist will do likewise and "think to change times and laws." God's Word tells us: "*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, ...*" (Daniel 7:25-26). The many changes against God which the Antichrist will bring in order to lead the whole world into the serpent's new kind of "promised land" will, in the end, change *nothing*. But, even so, the world will still be seduced into following him.

Second, included in the "signs" that will successfully seduce humanity will be the satanic counterfeiting of Elijah's call for fire to come down from heaven. As addressed earlier, Elijah, a true prophet of the true God, said, "If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven" (2 Kings 1:10, 12; see also 1 Kings 18). And, likewise, the false prophet of the Antichrist and dragon—who, unlike Elijah, will not at all be "a man of God"—also "maketh fire come down from heaven" (Revelation 13:13). Yet, despite God's Word mercifully warning us ahead of time about these "signs and *lying* wonders" which will even be "*great wonders*" and "*miracles*," the world will still fall for them (see Revelation 13:13-14; 19:20). And no doubt so much so that *the false prophet* will be seen by the deceived world as "*a man of God*." Hence, it will not at all be surprising if Scripture's accounts of Elijah are even used as "proof" texts. Neither will it be surprising if Scripture's accounts of Moses are also used as "proof" texts—and this includes the account of Moses' fiery serpent on a pole (stay tuned).

Sadly, even if Elijah and Moses themselves happen to be the "two witnesses" sent by God to prophesy in Jerusalem against the Antichrist throughout his 42 month or 3½ year reign (see Revelation 11:2-10 and 13:5-7), the world will *still* remain obstinately determined to heed the Antichrist and his false prophet. We shall see the identity of God's "two witnesses" soon enough, but, interestingly, it was Elijah and Moses who appeared on earth with Jesus when He was transfigured and His disciples heard "*a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him*" (see Matthew 17:1-5 & Mark 9:2-7). In any case, despite the warnings of God's two witnesses, the world as a whole will remain unrepentantly hell-bent on taking the serpent by the tail. Rather than "*the fear of the LORD*," the world prefers a *different* kind of "wisdom."

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." (Proverbs 9:10)

"... Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." (Job 28:28)

"A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." (Proverbs 14:16)

Regarding the *Rod of Initiation*, which in no way, shape, or form is the rod of *God*, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states:

"The Rod of Initiation known as the 'Flaming Diamond' and **used by Sanat Kumara**, the One Initiator, ... **lies hidden 'in the East' and holds the fire latent which irradiates the Wisdom Religion**. This Rod was brought by the Lord of the World when He took form and came to our planet eighteen million years ago." (emphasis added)¹²

Make that about 6,000 years ago when Satan, "the god of this world," took the form of a *serpent* in the Garden of Eden. This seducing spirit also states that at "the final initiations (the sixth and seventh)" this "'Flaming Diamond'" "transmits *force*, via the Logos," and that:

"The location of **this Rod** is known only to the Lord of the World, and to the Chohans of *the Rays*, ... It is produced only at stated times when specific work has to be done. It **is used** not only **at the initiating of men**, but at certain planetary functions, ..." (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹³

This “initiating” of men also includes of the Antichrist himself. According to this seducing spirit, which channeled the serpent’s Plan through Alice Bailey, “The Rod of Initiation” that is “wielded by” “the Christ, the World Teacher” (i.e., the Antichrist) “is magnetized by application of the ‘Flaming Diamond’” when he “takes office.” He then states next that:

“There is a wonderful ceremony performed at the time that a new World Teacher takes up His work. During the ceremony He receives His Rod of Power ... and holds it forth to the Lord of the World Who touches it with His *own mighty Rod*, causing a fresh recharging of its electric capacity.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁴

Remember, according to the Word of God, the Antichrist is given “his power, and his *seat*, and *great authority*” by *Satan*, who of course is *the serpent* (see Revelation 13:1-2 & 12:9). And therefore his Rod is most fitting. This seducing spirit also states that “[t]he Rod most frequently recognized by men is that of the Hierophant, the Bodhisattva, which consists of the straight central *serpent* with the two others entwined around it.”¹⁵ He also states shortly thereafter:

“**The Rod of Sanat Kumara** is far more intricate, and instead of the central Rod, or Serpent, standing on the tip of its tail, all the **three serpents are interwoven in a spiral fashion**, and the Flaming Diamond which surmounts it is of such radiance that the effect is produced of **a spheroidal aura, cast around the interlaced serpents**, ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)¹⁶

Interestingly enough, a 2,489 year-old Serpent Column that was next to the altar in the temple of Apollo in Greece (and later brought to Turkey) is a column of “three serpents twisted into one pillar of brass.”¹⁷ And the drawing of this Serpent Column as it appeared before its three heads broke off looks amazingly like a *pitchfork*.¹⁸

At any rate, a Rod of *serpents* is most fitting, especially since the emerging faith of Oneness and its sidewinding path between opposites is openly seen as “*healing*.” For more on this serpentine “healing,” let’s start with Pergamos. According to the Word of God, “*Pergamos*” is “where *Satan’s seat* is” (Revelation 2:12-13). Although now a town in modern Turkey, *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Dictionary* states that in 133 B.C. it “became the chief town of the new Roman province of ASIA.”¹⁹ It is thus interesting that the spirit world’s plans for “the ceremony” in which the new “World Teacher”—i.e., Antichrist—“receives His Rod of Power” is that it “takes place at Shamballa,” about which it is stated:

“*Shamballa* - The Sacred Island in the Gobi desert. The center in central Asia where the Lord of the World ... has His Headquarters. H. P. B. [i.e., Blavatsky] says it is ‘a very mysterious locality on account of its future associations.’” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²⁰

Of course, regardless of what map the seducing spirit world uses (ancient or modern), the Word of God tells us that Satan’s seat is in *Pergamos*. It therefore isn’t surprising that this entry in *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Dictionary* refers to “**Pergamum’s obsession with the serpent-image**” and also states the following:

“**Pergamum.... Gk. Pergamos ... A city in the region of MYSIA ... The name is also applied to a kingdom that had this city as its capital and that for a time covered most of ASIA MINOR. Pergamum was an ancient seat of culture and possessed a library that rivaled ALEXANDRIA’s....** When the last of the Pergamenian kings bequeathed his realm to Rome in 133 B.C., Pergamum became the chief town of the new Roman province of ASIA and was **the site of the first temple of the CAESAR cult**, erected to ROME and AUGUSTUS in 29 B.C.... **In addition to EMPEROR WORSHIP, the cults to Asclepius and ZEUS were also endemic.** The **symbol** of the former was **a serpent**, ... Pergamenian **coins** illustrate the importance that the community attached to this cult. Caracalla is shown on one coin, saluting **a serpent twined round a bending sapling.**” (bold added)²¹

In many ways, Pergamos is a fitting picture of the serpent’s emerging kingdom in which the Antichrist will be worshipped. And it is important to note that “**the Rod of Asclepius**” “**is a serpent-entwined rod wielded by** the Greek god Asclepius”²² (also “Asklepios”/“Aesculapius”/“Asclepios”), **the “god of healing.”**²³ Moreover, “the Rod of Asclepius” is a “Rod” of “*healing*” that is *already accepted* and well known. It is “the official insignia of the American Medical Association.”²⁴ In addition, along with the Rod of Asclepius which has *one* serpent, the other well-known and

accepted symbol used by our healthcare system is the caduceus—which, for instance, is the symbol for registered nurses.²⁵ The caduceus has *two* intertwined serpents on a “winged” rod, or staff, and was “carried by Hermes.”²⁶ *Both* have ties to *Apollo*, who is “a *healer*” himself.²⁷

Not only is *Apollo* “the father of *Asclepius*,”²⁸ he is the one who gave *Hermes* his caduceus.²⁹ *Apollo*, “connected with *light*,” “which in Greek” can also “be translated *illumination*,”³⁰ is also the “*Sun god*.”³¹ Remember, in *Lucifer* magazine and the article “What Is Truth?,” *Blavatsky* wrote: “There is no room for *absolute truth* upon any subject whatsoever ... But there are *relative truths* ... The *sun* is *one*, but its beams are *numberless* ...”³² Hence, “thought to be the most *beautiful* of gods,” *Apollo* also “personified the *perfect man*.”³³ In addition, this “beautiful” “healer” also happens to be the god of “*music*,”³⁴ which, naturally, brings the diabolical symphony of *Oneness* to mind. And, by the way, in the Greek he is “*Apollon*.”³⁵ Sound familiar?

“And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, ... And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.” (Revelation 9:2-3, 11)

Incidentally, the caduceus that *Apollo/Apollon* gave *Hermes* is said to have “helped *Hermes* to charm the gods or to *wake up* those who were tamed by the god of *sleep*.”³⁶ And in another interesting side note, an “*apollo*” also happens to be “a large *butterfly*.”³⁷

So, back to healthcare. And keep in mind that this caduceus, a “winged” rod with serpents, is also associated with “*kundalini*,” which, as the seducing spirit *Djwhal Khul* states, is “*serpent fire*.”³⁸ And, of course, he also states that the “Rod of Initiation” itself “lies hidden ‘in the *East*’ and holds the *fire* latent which irradiates the *Wisdom Religion*.”³⁹ According to one description:

“In India, **the caduceus** became **associated with the kundalini or serpent power**, the latent *power* believed to lie as a **coiled serpent** at the base of the spine. As *spiritual consciousness awakens*, the energy **travels** up the spine **to the top of the head**....

“Over the centuries, **the caduceus** was brought into the esoteric Gnostic tradition and reappears as **symbolic of power and the balance between positive and negative or darkness and light.... a symbol of enlightenment and acquisition of the ancient wisdom**.” (emphasis added)⁴⁰

“*Kundalini*” -- an energy/power/force/fire that as “a coiled serpent” travels “to the top of the head” in order to irradiate (i.e., “shed rays of light upon”⁴¹) “the *Wisdom Religion*.” But this is all “*healing*” because the *caduceus*—which is a rod with two intertwined *serpents* that was given to *Hermes* by *Apollo/Apollon*, the god of “*light*,”⁴² and helped *Hermes* “wake up those who were tamed by the god of *sleep*”—goes back to *Moses*, right? Absurdly, *Hermes’ caduceus* is often compared to *Moses’ “brazen serpent*.”⁴³ (For the “*fiery serpent*” of brass that *Moses* put on a pole, continue to stay tuned.)

It is also noteworthy that the Hippocratic Oath originally began with the following: “I swear by *Apollo* the physician, and *Asclepius*, and *Hygieia* and *Panacea* and all the gods and goddesses ...”⁴⁴ And, don’t forget, next to the altar in the temple of *Apollo/Apollon* in Greece was the “Serpent Column” of “three serpents twisted into one pillar of brass.” And today the world is being prepared to move forward from *Asclepius’ Rod* with one serpent and *Hermes’ caduceus* with two intertwined serpents to “*Sanat Kumara’s “Rod of Initiation”* with three intertwined serpents. A Rod that is to be the ultimate “Rod” of “*healing*.” After all, this is a Rod that is to be an “initiation” into “*inclusiveness*,” which is to thereby bring the “healing” of the “wisdom” of *Oneness* to the whole world. And quite relevant to this Rod of Initiation and its “healing” of *Oneness* is *music/sound “healing*.”

It isn’t a coincidence that *Apollo/Apollon* who gave *Hermes* his caduceus that helped him “wake up” people from “*sleep*” is the god of “*healing*” and the god of “*music*.”⁴⁵ Neither is it a coincidence that *music* is now being used as a method of “*healing*” in today’s healthcare system. Remember, the seducing spirit *Djwhal Khul* points out that “[t]he main objective and the immediate task of the Christ is to bring to an end the separateness which exists between man and man, family and family, community and community, and nation and nation” and that this is “a task which has required the

mobilizing of the *entire planetary Hierarchy*, and the assistance also of a *great Being*.” Moreover, as this seducing spirit also states here, “[t]hese energies will bring in the new *creative era*” and “will bring into manifestation in words, in color, in *music* and in sculptured forms the *new revelation* and the *new world* which the coming of Christ will inaugurate.”⁴⁶ And, don’t forget, Alice Bailey also included “conscious *creation* by means of colour and *sound*” in her list of “*psychic powers*.”⁴⁷

So let’s take a look at today’s “healing” music that is now part of today’s healthcare system. Certified Music Practitioners (CMPs), for instance, are trained to become part of the healthcare team in hospitals and other healthcare facilities. The Music for Healing & Transition Program (MHTP) is a “National Education Certification Program” that “professionally trains and certifies musicians to provide live therapeutic music at the bedside to create a healing environment.”⁴⁸ So what’s the big deal? Well, for starters, according to MHTP, a CMP in “Patient Interaction” “[u]ses Unitative Listening or other suitable transpersonal process to be *centered* in oneself.” And, therefore, “Music Practitioner Competencies for Certification” include being able to “[d]emonstrate an understanding of the importance of and regularly practice some form of self-care such as *meditation, yoga, contemplation, journaling, Tai Chi, etc.*”⁴⁹

Not surprisingly, “*spiritual wholeness*” is included by MHTP in its definition of “*healing*.”⁵⁰ This “*wholeness*” is, of course, the fruit of being “*centered*.” The teachers of this Music for Healing & Transition Program include “a Reiki Master and Teacher” who has also “taught meditation techniques and Reiki ... for local hospitals,” and another teacher who, along with having “conducted workshops and retreats *integrating* spirituality and music,” has also “taught Therapeutic Touch and other holistic therapeutic modalities.”⁵¹ (Keep in mind that “Healing by touch” was also included in Alice Bailey’s list of “*psychic powers*.”⁵²) Then there’s even another teacher who is “a trainer for Godly Play” and whose “credentials” include having taught “master-level classes in music, spirituality and the arts” “at Holy Names College Sophia Center, Oakland, CA.”⁵³

Remember, this “*healing*” includes “*spiritual wholeness*.” First, in “Godly Play,” “children *discover* who God is” rather than being “*told* who God is” because the teacher “fully accepts that each child has his or her relationship with God *already*.” And, therefore, “[t]he heart of Godly Play is that it does not depend on *knowledge*.” Why? So that those who are not being “told *who God is*” can learn to be “*creative*” and thus depend on “*storytelling*.”⁵⁴ Sounds familiar.

Second, the Sophia Center is “[a] *wisdom school* celebrating Earth, Art and Spirituality” at which people can “Study the Divine *Mystery*” under a “faculty dedicated to fostering a greater understanding of the unfolding *Universe*.”⁵⁵ And under the heading “Creation Spirituality/*Universe Story*,” it is also stated that “[t]he Sophia Center” “undertakes with integrity and depth the redeeming work of our time and the historical mission to which all humanity is called: the ‘*Great Work*’ of our generation of *transforming* the entire cultural paradigm to protect humanity and the planet from *destruction* while encouraging a *new era* of well-being for the entire *Earth Community*.”⁵⁶ Again, sounds familiar. And shortly thereafter it is stated that its “highly respected international faculty” draws “on sources as diverse as the medieval *mysticism* of Hildegard of Bingen, the contemporary prophecies of *Teilhard de Chardin*, the quantum physics of *Fritjof Capra*, the *cosmological* vision of Thomas Berry, the insights of *indigenous* cultures, the work of *eco-feminism* and the *spiritual practices* of classical traditions of *world religions*.”⁵⁷

So, basically, the various aspects of the emerging faith of Oneness are included in the “credentials” of the teachers who are training CMPs to go into hospitals and administer “healing” music to the sick and dying. And *why* are these “credentials” behind this training? For deeper understanding, we are going to take another look at Reiki. It isn’t a coincidence that one of the teachers of today’s CMPs is “a Reiki Master and Teacher.” Neither is it a coincidence that there are many Reiki practitioners, and even some Wiccans, who are also CMPs.

First, for MHTP’s CMP program, its Module 3, which is taught by the program’s “Reiki Master and Teacher,” has two classes which are titled “Paradigms of Healing” and “Music, Sound and Healing.”⁵⁸ In the description of the latter, it is stated that “[s]tudents will learn the uses of **music as a healing art through the ages**, review the basic elements of music, and how these elements can be used **for healing body, mind, spirit, and soul**.”⁵⁹ And keep in mind that “[i]n order to be certified as a CMP, a graduate of MHTP *must agree* to refrain from proselytizing religious *beliefs* through *choice of music or speech* during a therapeutic music session.”⁶⁰ So, given that God’s Son the Lord Jesus Christ is thereby

obviously excluded, *how* exactly is this to bring “*healing*” to “*body, mind, spirit, and soul*”?

To begin with, Dave Watson, a “Reiki Teaching Master, Composer, Artist” who offers “**Reiki Healing Through Music**,”⁶¹ writes:

“Reiki can be used to reduce stress, upsets, nervousness and many other mental concerns. Reiki is also used extensively to help with many physical conditions and there are many testimonials from people who have received benefit from regular Reiki treatments.

“But as I said earlier, **Reiki is a form of *spiritual* healing and the main goal of Reiki is to heal *conflict* between the spirit, mind and body.**”

Watson also writes here regarding the word Reiki that:

“**Rei:** which means, **Life, Spirit, Soul, Divine.**

“and

“**Ki:** which means, **energy, life force, mood.**

“The popular definition in the West is ‘**Universal Life Force Energy**’

“**A Reiki practitioner is trained to channel life force or spirit and direct it towards the person receiving the treatment.**” (emphasis added)⁶²

And that would be channeling the “life force” “ki” that is also known as “chi,” “prana,” “shakti,” “mana,” and “*kundalini*” “towards the person receiving the treatment.” In other words, Reiki is about channeling “*serpent fire*” towards people to “heal” them. And, as we shall see, just as the practice of Reiki is about channeling this “healing” “energy” through the practitioner’s palms, Music/Sound Therapy is now about channeling this “healing” “energy” through the practitioner’s voice and/or instruments.

The following is from Seattle Energy Medicine—which was founded by Ruth Stender, a Reiki Master, Certified Meditation Teacher, and Yoga Instructor who also specializes in “*intuitive* guidance” and “*chakra* balancing”/“energy balancing”⁶³:

“**Reiki translates to ‘Universal Life Energy’....**

“This ancient healing system was practiced in Tibet more than 3000 years ago and was re-discovered by **Dr. Mikao Usui** in April of 1921. He **meditated** and prayed for three weeks on Mt. Kurama **when he received the power to heal with Reiki**. Reiki came to the Western World in the 1930s and has been growing in popularity ever since.” (emphasis added)⁶⁴

“**Energy Medicine** is a broad term encompassing a variety of *Energy Healing* modalities **such as Acupuncture, Qi Gong, Reiki, Meditation, Yoga, and Therapeutic Touch**. It **works by unblocking and rebalancing the subtle energies centers, called *chakras*, in the body**. The chakras are *connected* in some way to every aspect of our Being; *mind, body, and spirit*. Finding the root of the energy imbalance ... unleashes the power to heal!...

“Energy Medicine is ... **facilitating the movement of energy to promote cellular-level healing throughout the entire being: *mind, body, and spirit***.” (emphasis added)⁶⁵

Providing another description of Reiki is Total Body Solutions which was founded by Denys Morgan—LMT (Licensed Massage Therapist), CYT (Certified Yoga Teacher), RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher)—in order “to offer her clients a *holistic* approach to *physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well being*.”⁶⁶ On her website is the article “Energy and Sound Therapy” which states:

“Reiki is a spiritual practice ... that uses a technique commonly called *palm healing* as a form of complementary and alternative medicine ... Through the use of this technique, practitioners believe that they are transferring healing energy in the form of ‘*Ki*’ through the palms.”⁶⁷

(Remember “the chakras of the palms”?⁶⁸) This article also states:

“The knowledge **that unseen energy flows through all living things and directly corresponds to one’s quality of health is part of the wisdom of many cultures since ancient times.** The existence of ‘*life force energy*’ has been **verified** by recent scientific experiments. This energy can be **found in everything from rocks to God.**” (emphasis added)⁶⁹

(Speaking of “verification” by “scientific experiments,” first, have you heard that the previously addressed “God Particle” was recently “found” by CERN’s Large Hadron Collider?⁷⁰ And, second, *how*, prey tell, does *anyone*—let alone “science”—“verify” that this “life force energy” is “found” in God? Think about it. And, no, its “verified” “existence” is not verified by God’s inspired Word of absolute truth.)

This article “Energy and Sound Therapy” also states that “*Chakras* are ‘Entry Gates’” that “absorb and transmit energies to and from the universe, nature, celestial entities, from people even from things.” That is, they are “Entry Gates” “that receive, assimilate and express *life force energy*,” and are “located in the *ethereal* body” and “express the embodiment of *spiritual energy* on the physical plane.” Moreover, along with stating that Reiki practitioners “are *transferring healing energy*,” this article states:

“**The word Reiki** is made of two Japanese words - **Rei which means ‘God’s Wisdom or the Higher Power’ and Ki which is ‘life force energy’.** Reiki is actually ‘*spiritually guided life force energy*’....

“When the flow of the ‘Life Force Energy’ is disrupted, weakened or blocked, emotional or health problems tend to occur.... Reiki has is [sic] **a subtle yet powerful way to balance the chakras and release any negativity to create optimal health and harmony.**” (emphasis added)⁷¹

And in one more description of Reiki from Pamela Arwine—a Reiki Master Teacher who is the Founder of Lemurian Light Healing and Quantum Healing Energetics⁷²:

“**Reiki**, the ancient Tibetan healing art of spiritually guided universal life force energy **feels like a wonderful flow of love radiating throughout your body** as it clears and balances energy pathways, moving you to a *new level of awareness and service.*” (emphasis added)⁷³

“**Reiki does not adhere to any particular faith or religion but complements and enhances your path, whatever that may be** as it gives you a direct experience of your Higher Power. Reiki feels magical, spiritual, even mystical, but is simply unimpeded Divine Order.” (emphasis added)⁷⁴

It is this same Reiki “healing,” as we have seen described, that can also flow through *music*. Regarding “**Reiki Music**,” the website Reiki Symbols states that “[a]fter the right amount of study” an “artist” can “learn how **to influence the music to actually act as a Reiki healing agent.**”^{75, R} And after then pointing out that “finding the right music can be tough,” this website links to “one of the best Reiki Musical Artists on the web” which takes you to the website of Dave Watson.⁷⁶ This Reiki Master offers “Reiki Healing, Training Courses, Music and Information,”⁷⁷ which, as previously mentioned, includes “**Reiki Healing Through Music.**”⁷⁸ The description of his CD “Reiki Reflections” states the following under the heading “The Sound of Reiki Healing”:

“**The beautiful melodies of Reiki Reflections transmit the same healing power** which is found in the reiki symbols.

“Each track represents one of the symbols and embodies its true essence.” (emphasis added)⁷⁹

And in his expanded description of this CD, it states that this “music has been composed and recorded by Dave Watson Reiki Teaching Master, Composer, Artist,” and that:

“Reiki Reflections is much more than a beautiful collection of unique Reiki inspired music.

“It is the embodiment of each of the Reiki symbols into musical form.

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This website also states: “Good *Massage* therapists and Bowen specialists automatically work in *Reiki* into their treatments.” Let the buyer beware. (See “Welcome to Reiki Symbols,” <http://reikisymbols.net/home.html>.)

“Traditionally **the Reiki symbols** are drawn in the air by the hand or finger, visualized, or the name of the symbol is spoken.....**now they can also be heard....**

“**It brings a new dimension to Reiki healing....**

“[E]ach note represents one of the strokes used to draw the Reiki symbols. And then the combination of those notes creates **a beautiful melody which is actually empowering Reiki as it plays.**” (1st ellipsis dots in the original; emphasis added)⁸⁰

And where did these Reiki “symbols” come from? Reiki Master Teacher Pamela Arwine writes:

“**Dr. Mikau Usui ... was a devout Buddhist** who, for many years, pursued a quest to discover, as both Buddha and Jesus had promised, how we could learn to heal.

“As the quest progressed, A Buddhist priest in Kyoto gave him access to their archives in which were stored Tibetan Sutras, sacred ancient texts. There the beginning of the answer began to unfold. This led him to make a pilgrimage to Mount Kuriyama, a Japanese holy mountain. **After fasting and meditating for 21 days, his third eye chakra was struck by a powerful light. Out of this light came bubbles of light energy in white, blue, purple, and gold which contained symbols of the Reiki Ray.** And the light had a consciousness; he heard a voice which said to him, ‘these are the keys to healing; learn them; do not forget them; do not allow them to be lost.’ **He was then initiated into the path of Reiki.**” (emphasis added)⁸¹

The Globe Sound and Consciousness Institute in San Francisco, which offers Sound Healing and Sound Therapy Certificate and Degree Programs taught by faculty that are among the “top researchers and educators in the field,” takes its students on a journey of “the known science available in the field” along with “ancient *esoteric* and powerful techniques.” Its website states:

“Perhaps most exciting is **the use of sound and music to transform consciousness** - First, to release deep emotional issues; then, **to more consistently resonate the vibrations of love and light** -- including gratitude, compassion, joy and **Universal Love**. Ultimately, to use sound **to bring us into a state of oneness with everyone and everything in the Universe.**” (emphasis added)⁸²

And, yes, this Sound Healing/Therapy which is being used “to transform consciousness” and “bring us into a state of oneness with everyone and everything” is being applied in a variety of ways in the *medical* field.⁸³ Moreover, the Institute’s website also states the following:

“The law of resonance, where a strong vibration will cause a weaker vibration to vibrate at the same frequency, is the core concept of all sound healing.”⁸⁴

“We particularly focus on how to use the voice for healing others and how to set sacred space.”⁸⁵

“**Voice Healing** - You will learn a detailed technique using the voice for assessing what is going on in a person at multiple levels, then **connecting to source, and using the voice to affect resonant changes in the person.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁶

“**We look at how everything is connected at the quantum level, mathematically, and spiritually** -- sound, music, color, light, geometries, chemistry, physics, *consciousness* and *spirituality* -- and how you can add these components to a Sound Healing session. By studying the correspondences between all of these areas we see the *interconnectedness of all human beings to each other, to nature and to the universe*. Understanding things at a *deeper* level helps you to be more in alignment with the *true* nature of reality. **The more you are in alignment with reality of nature, and the natural flow of spirit, the more powerful your sound work will be.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁷

“**The program is designed to assist you ... to feel more grounded, ... and heart centered....** [Y]ou will be able to draw upon a variety of sound techniques **to bring your self back to a calm and centered place.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁸

Accordingly, included in the Course Descriptions of its Core Courses are:

- “[O]pens the way for spirit healing in the *Shamanic* tradition;”
- “Finding the frequencies and pitches of *chakras*;”
- “**With toning techniques**, we will experience where sound resonates and how to use that vibration to massage from the inside out, clearing the chakras, **relaxing the body and releasing old outdated imprinting**;”
- “**How to use your voice to heal and raise consciousness** - your own and others;”
- “Living in Unity Field Consciousness;” and
- “**Integration of earth & celestial energies/body & voice.**” (emphasis added)⁸⁹

It therefore isn’t surprising that in these Course Descriptions, and under “The Healing Voice,” is also the following:

“**[M]ost importantly, you will learn how to connect to spirit and trust that spirit will create the sounds in your voice that are most needed.**” (emphasis added)⁹⁰

Regarding the “spiritual” aspect of Sound Healing, the Institute likewise states that “**Sound can** also be used as an avenue to **connect us to the higher energies of Universal Love, or Spirit and Source.**” And the “Skills Learned” in this Sound Healing and Therapy Program therefore include “Performance and **Channeling Techniques for Singers**”—a skill that includes “a wide range of subtle techniques for making sounds with your voice to help yourself and others.”⁹¹ So, regarding “The Healing Voice,” or this “Voice Healing,” just think “siren song”—a song that is diabolically designed to shipwreck you in the waves of Oneness.

Jennifer McLean is “a vibrational healer” with “renowned Sound Healing and Body Dialoging Techniques.”⁹² Her “channeled music” contains “Transformational Chakra Sound Vibration.”⁹³ Why? To “nudge your cells” and “create balance and harmony in your body at the cellular level.”⁹⁴ And her new “Audio series” even contains “a special prayer version with chakra balancing words in the background.”⁹⁵ She offers this “powerful sound vibration healing in a musical concert-like atmosphere that will energetically change you to a higher tuned frequency.”⁹⁶ And her blog states: “Life is a Playground! What a perfect metaphor for what takes place here at MasterWorks Healing, the home of Healing With The Masters.”⁹⁷ McLean also writes on her blog that her “Transformational Healing Music”—which has been “LAUNCHED!” with “Sound Vibration Therapist and Master Musician” Mark Romero, both of whom “channel healing sound vibrational music”—is a “healing tool” that “gets into your cells” by “simply listening” to it, a “tool” that creates a “resonance” “within your body as it shifts into new levels of balance.”⁹⁸

Regarding the “22 Tracks of Healing Energies” that are “all completely channeled,” her website states that she “used her healing disciplines and applied it to this music-- it is found in each note.”⁹⁹ And, naturally, it is “transformational sound vibrations offered in this channeled music.”¹⁰⁰ But, not to worry, this “channeled healing music” “has been scientifically proven to strengthen the body,” and “realigns the body’s energy shifting it into rejuvenation and vitality.”¹⁰¹ And how does it accomplish this “healing”?:

“When the systems of the body are disrupted through energetic obstacles, old beliefs and caked on trauma, the body cannot come into alignment and is weakened. However, when it is aligned, the body’s natural healing abilities are sparked and take over revitalizing and creating strength and vibrancy.” (emphasis added)¹⁰²

And, therefore, McLean’s MasterWorks Healing includes Resources for “Creating Better Relationships full of deep love and understanding” and for “Eliminating limiting beliefs.”¹⁰³ Of course, today’s music that “heals” the “body, mind, spirit, and soul” by excluding/eliminating one’s “old,” “outdated,” and “limiting” beliefs is a “healing” “alignment” that is also an exclusion/elimination of God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. But, not to worry, because McLean also wants you to “KNOW that there is both harmony AND dis-harmony in this music” (emphasis hers).¹⁰⁴ So what’s there to fear?

Along with offering this “channeled transformational healing music,” McLean is also founder and host of the “Healing With The Masters” Teleseminar, which is described as “the most massive transformational online workshop on the planet.”¹⁰⁵ She writes that “On September 11th [2012], we begin our 10th season” that will consist of “soul changing insights from more than 24 of the most renowned leaders in transformational thought and wellness; from New York

Times Best Selling Authors to Oprah's favorites."¹⁰⁶ She also writes:

"We think that **now is the time to access the new guidance** for what we can do **to prepare for the 'shift of the ages'** on December 21, 2012." (emphasis added)¹⁰⁷

She is thus "delivering a set of speakers that will help you to embrace the future, and be prepared for what's next."¹⁰⁸ And, as is to be expected, that would be speakers who follow "sign" languages that, contrary to man's absurd imagination, are not at all *God's* "sign languages." Regarding her "Special 2012 Workshop Series," McLean writes: "On this special series we are inviting our favorite psychics, intuitive counselors, astrologers and channelers" who will be giving "astrological, intuitive and channeled guidance."¹⁰⁹ She therefore wants you to "Join Us" so that you can "Join the Evolution into Love, Abundance & Peace."¹¹⁰ About this series and "each remarkable speaker," McLean also writes:

"Discover **the divine wave of information and energy** that lovingly guides you to *shift, expand and move in alignment* with a *global community* that is changing our planet. Be inspired to operate at a *higher frequency and vibration*. To grow more and more and shift to the *limitless you*." (emphasis added)¹¹¹

She also writes on her blog:

"Do you feel READY to **take the LEAP** with us to **begin the NEXT phase of a new process of BEING?** ... then JOIN US for a life-empowering, frequency raising, *heart* opening series, to truly make THE ENERGETIC shift into and through this huge year of 2012 leading to the big date of Dec 2012....

"You will be shown **powerful vibrational healing** tools, techniques and processes **to assist you in clearing old limiting overlays and opening you to the truth of who you are as the brightest being of love and light**... the brightest emanation of the *divine*, **the grandest co-creator of your universe**." (1st & last ellipsis dots in the original; bold & italics added)¹¹²

During her different seasons of "Healing With The Masters," McLean has interviewed people such as the previously addressed Bruce Lipton and Arjuna Ardagh, as well as Neale Donald Walsch whom she has interviewed repeatedly throughout multiple seasons.¹¹³ Jack Canfield, who "is the cocreator of the *New York Times* bestselling *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series,"¹¹⁴ has also been interviewed by McLean. She quotes him on her website as saying that "[t]he most important spiritual lesson is getting that we are truly *all one*, there is *no separation* between me and anyone else."¹¹⁵ It therefore isn't surprising that Canfield not only wants people "to meditate" and "learn to trust their own intuitive inner guidance" and thus "transcend" their "limiting beliefs," he is also on Barbara Marx Hubbard's Welcoming Committee for *Birth 2012 and Beyond*.¹¹⁶ McLean has also interviewed Gregg Braden, the "New York Times Bestselling Author" who "is internationally renowned as a pioneer in bridging science and spirituality," and whose "discoveries have led to such paradigm-shattering books" as "The God Code," "Fractal Time: The Secret of 2012 and a New World Age," and "Deep Truth."¹¹⁷ And, by the way, in this book *Fractal Time*, Braden writes in his chapter titled, "Choice Point 2012: Armageddon or the Second Eden?":

"Today the changing landscape of the earth is forcing us to a new way of *thinking*, a new way of *being*, and a new way of *life*." (emphasis added)¹¹⁸

"To the people who understand that the repeating patterns of a seed event also show us the best times to change unwanted patterns, the 2012 transition appears as a mixed blessing. They will be experiencing **the birth of a beautiful new world, and at the same time** they will be experiencing **the death of everything that does not support that new world**." (emphasis added)¹¹⁹

"Can we recognize that the greatest threats to our familiar way of life are really nature's '*nudge*' toward a new way of being? [i.e., 'a *heart*-based way of living?'] ... Now is the time for us to live what we've chosen as we **emerge from the mystery of 2012 into a new world age**. The stage is set. The choice is ours. The cosmos is waiting." (emphasis added)¹²⁰

And, of course, this is a "nudge" to a *choice* that is quite facilitated by *channeled* music. But, not to worry, because as McLean writes, her channeled "healing music" is also said to beckon you—or should we say is a "guiding beacon"?—to

“Vibrant Health”:

“The interesting thing about **channeled transformational healing music** is it **delivers both clear harmonies and dissonance**. Within these channeled pieces comes the dissonance **that reflect the dissonance we find in life**. This is a vital component, **the dis-harmony nudges the body and prompts it to move to a place of balance and wholeness**. A true *realignment* follows and a deepening is experienced. Then the harmonious notes and rhythms *take over*, beckoning your cells to even more profound levels of *Boundless Prosperity, Harmonious Relationships* and **Vibrant Health**.

“And, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LISTEN.” (bold & italics added)¹²¹

Of course, given that this “healing music”—as well as this whole emerging faith—is about “Life” being “a Playground,” its resultant “Vibrant Health” is quite interesting when we consider some of the definitions of the term *vibrant*. And, remember, Alice Bailey wrote of “**that vibrant centre of energy**” that is an “**all-embracing, universal Mind**.”¹²²

Vibrant -- “full of energy;” “strong or resonating;”¹²³ “produced by vibration;” “L. *vibrans*, prp. of *vibrare*, **to VIBRATE**.”¹²⁴ **Vibrate** -- “to give off (light or sound) by vibration;” “to set in to-and-fro motion;” “**to waver** or vacillate, as **between two choices**;”¹²⁵ “to move between alternatives **or extremes**;” “to cause to move rhythmically and steadily to and fro.”¹²⁶ And last but not least, *vibrate* -- “L. *vibro*; It. *vibrare*. This word belongs to the root of Eng. *wabble*; W. *gwibiaw*, to wander, to move in **a circular or serpentine direction**;” “to move **one way and the other; to play to and fro**.”¹²⁷

This *serpentine* “health” is clearly the “balance” and “wholeness” of *both-and*. So, let’s also take a look at **dissonance** -- “**a tension or clash resulting from the combination of two disharmonious or unsuitable elements**;”¹²⁸ “a simultaneous combination of tones conventionally accepted as being in a state of *unrest* and *needing completion*;”¹²⁹ “a chord that sounds incomplete or unfulfilled until resolved to a *harmonious* chord.”¹³⁰ **Dissonant** -- “unharmonious;” “[d]isagreeing;” “**as, he advanced propositions very dissonant from truth**.”¹³¹

“If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.” (1 Timothy 6:3-5)

We are not to move “one way and the other.” We are not to embrace *dissonance*.

“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ ... that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.” (Philippians 1:27-28)

“That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:6)

It is not *either-or* that brings the *dissonance*—“a mixture or union of harsh, unharmonious sounds, which are grating or displeasing to the ear.”¹³² The *dissonance* is in *both-and*. In *either-or* there is no *dissonance* because it simply *is what it is*—*either . . . or*. But according to this emerging faith of Oneness, *the dissonance of both-and* is also *the harmony of Oneness*. A quite unharmonious harmony of Oneness that sounds like music to itching ears. *Harmony* -- “The just adaptation of parts to each other, in any system or composition of things, intended to form a connected whole;” “that union of *different* sounds which pleases the ear;”¹³³ “lit. ‘means of joining,’ used of *ship-planks*, etc.”¹³⁴ And this is a *Oneness* that is even being *channeled* through today’s music. Why? Because as the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul states, the coming “Christ is to bring to an end the *separateness* which exists,” and this is “a task which has required the mobilizing of the entire planetary Hierarchy, and the assistance also of a *great Being*”—“energies” that even *including through “music” “will bring into manifestation” “the new world which the coming of Christ will inaugurate.”*¹³⁵

Basically, the dissonant harmony of Oneness is a “healing” that is simply about “nudging” the “*body, mind, spirit, and soul*” to follow the “playful” *vibrating rattle* of the *sidewinder* in his rhythmic, “circular or *serpentine direction*.” A path

that shifts the “*body, mind, spirit, and soul*” into the “healing” freedom of wavering between opposites. (And if you missed it, stop and take a closer look at the word *wavering*.)

Like *vibrate*, to *waver* is also “[t]o play or move to *and* fro; to move one way *and* the other.”¹³⁶ And, don’t forget, even the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul refers to the path between opposites as a “playground.” So if you are being “vibrationally” “nudged” into choosing this path, you might want to keep in mind that to *waver* is also “[t]o totter; to reel; to be in danger of *falling*.”¹³⁷ And it is *completely irrelevant* as to how much “health,” or even “balance” and “wholeness” between “body, mind, spirit, and soul,” you are now enjoying.

Just think of this “healing” path as *wavering on the wave-ring of Oneness*—or should we say surfing the “soul tsunami”? And, yes, this is all related to the serpent’s *Rod of Initiation*. In *SoulTsunami*, and under the subheading “Double-Ring Ministries,” Leonard Sweet writes:

“**Where the modern age was predominantly either-or, the postmodern world is and/also.** Or phrased more memorably, ‘the postmodernist always rings twice.’...”

“In the *cosmic* and *quantum* worlds, there are always *two sides* or parts to all the *wholes*....

“**Given the oneness of matter and spirit, not to hit the double ring is to sound a *half-truth*....**

“The church sounds the double ring, not to *eliminate* the polarities, but **to sound both notes in a dynamic embrace....**

“To survive in postmodern culture, ***one has to learn to speak out of both sides of the mouth*....** Biblical theological [sic] is not circular with a fixed center, but elliptical, **revolving around the double foci of God’s immanence and God’s transcendence.**” (emphasis added)¹³⁸

In other words, one must learn to disbelieve and disobey God’s Word of truth—which, for instance, warns us that “*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways*,” “*For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed*,” “*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering*,” “*not doubletongued*” (James 1:8, 6; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Timothy 3:8). And not only so, but one must also learn to sound what is known as “the *devil’s chord*,” the tritone, which is a musical sound of “*dissonance*.”¹³⁹ Why? So one can attempt to embrace *both* truth *and* “propositions very *dissonant* from truth”—i.e., that “*differ in sound*”¹⁴⁰ from the *truth*. A new kind of dissonant “sound” doctrine for a new kind of faith in a new kind of “God.” This way, people can openly “speak out of both sides of the mouth” and get away with it. And so much so that they can even become one of the primary teachers of today’s pastors and leaders of Christianity.

So never mind that God’s Word warns us *not* to be “*like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed*.” Today’s new kind of “sound” doctrine is, of course, all about “nudging” people to surf the wave-ring of Oneness. *Wave* -- “a moving one way *and* the other;” “a *swell* raised and *driven by wind*.”¹⁴¹ *Swell* -- “to dilate or extend the exterior surface or dimensions;”¹⁴² “to become *larger* at a *particular* point; curve out;” “to cause (a tone, chord, etc.) to increase in loudness.”¹⁴³ *Ring* -- “a circle;” “[a] sound;” “to strain or *stretch*;”¹⁴⁴ “any of the *turns* in a *helix* or *spiral*;” “a circular course;” “to give forth a clear, resonant sound when struck or otherwise caused to *vibrate*.”¹⁴⁵ And, of course, as just seen, *vibrate* is also “to move in a circular or *serpentine* direction.”

This “**double ring**” path of “revolving around the double foci **of God’s immanence and God’s transcendence**” is everything but “*Biblical* theology.” After all, it relates to the serpent’s “Rod of Initiation.” First, as quoted earlier, Warren B. Smith warns in *Deceived on Purpose* that “a book written and published by the editors of the *New Age Journal*” “entitled *As Above, So Below*” states the following:

“‘Thousands of years ago in ancient *Egypt*, the great master alchemist **Hermes Trismegistus** ... proclaimed this fundamental truth about the universe: ‘***As above, so below; as below, so above.***’ This maxim implies **that the transcendent God** beyond the physical universe **and the immanent God** within ourselves **are one.**” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁶

And, second, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul channeled through Bailey that:

“The symbolism of **the Rod of Initiation** teaches us that (during the initiatory process) this Rod, **directed by the Christ or by the Lord of the World**, as the case may be, is used to stabilize the higher ethers within the personality by an access of **applied energy which enables the initiate to retain that which is from above, in order that ‘as above, so below.’**” (parentheses in the original; emphasis added)¹⁴⁷

That’s right, the ultimate Plan for “the Rod of Initiation” of Satan and his (*Anti*-)“Christ” is “as above, so below”—or to bring “the *transcendent* God” and “the *immanent* God” together as “one.” So, are you one of the growing number that is already on his sidwinding path to this final “Initiation” which will eternally mark those on his path? If so, it isn’t too late to repent. But keep in mind, time is running out. To believe that time is *circular* rather than *linear* is to likewise follow the vibrating rattle of the serpent who is determined to lead man in his “*circular or serpentine direction*.” And why wouldn’t the serpent want people to believe this? After all, since circular time gives man all the time in the world “to play to and fro,” there’s no urgency to *repent*, right? “Yea, hath God said ...?” (Can you hear the hiss in this question?)

Again, taking hold of the serpent by the tail is not a move to take hold of *the rod of God* but *the Rod of Initiation*. And those who are heeding the serpent’s “signal service” are being led into his new kind of “promised land” of Oneness—a journey that moves “forward” back to Egypt. In other words, although Moses and Aaron used the rod of God to lead God’s people out of Egypt and into God’s promised land, the Rod of Initiation is the Rod of the serpent of “wisdom” who has been leading *many* away from God’s promised land and back to Egypt. But, of course, this is to be expected since the emerging faith—and new kind of “promised land”—of Oneness flip *everything* upside down.

“I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:2-3)

Quite relevant to the world’s preferred “wisdom” that is a serpentine journey back to Egypt is “Hermes Trismegistus,” who, as mentioned in the previous quote, proclaimed “As above, so below.” *The Kybalion: Hermetic Philosophy*, written by “Three Initiates” in the early 1900s, is a book of “the occult teachings” of “the ‘scribe of the gods’”—“Hermes Trismegistus.”¹⁴⁸ The Three Initiates wrote:

“From old Egypt have come **the fundamental esoteric and occult teachings** which have so strongly influenced the philosophies of all races, nations and peoples, for several thousand years. Egypt, the home of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, was the birthplace **of the Hidden Wisdom and Mystic Teachings. From her Secret Doctrine all nations have borrowed.** India, Persia, Chaldea, Medea, China, Japan, Assyria, ancient Greece and Rome, and other ancient countries partook liberally at the feast of knowledge which the Hierophants and Masters of the Land of Isis so freely provided for those who came prepared to partake of the great store of Mystic and Occult Lore which the masterminds of that ancient land had gathered together.” (emphasis added)¹⁴⁹

It is, of course, no secret that Egypt has been attached to the serpent. All one has to do is look at the crown of their pharaohs—King Tut, for instance. Yes, Egypt’s history includes pharaohs who ruled with a *serpent* crowning their head.¹⁵⁰ And regarding the pharaohs, Tour Egypt’s website states: “On his brow were the symbols of divinity, most prominent being the Uraeus Cobra. It represented the Eye of Ra that saw all that the pharaoh saw, both good and evil.”¹⁵¹ And who is “Ra” (also “Re”)? The “Sun God.”¹⁵² And in the Egyptian “Hymn to Osiris-Sokar” is the following: “Hail, thou soul of Ra, in the adored boat ... Behold the mysterious one, lie who is unknown to mankind! ... Hail, Amen-Ra, King of the Gods, ... Hail, thou who placest the Uraeus crown upon the head of its lord!... Hail, protector of Pharaoh, ...”¹⁵³

Moreover, in a quite interesting October 1893 article in the New York Times titled, “Sacred Serpent, Egypt,” it states:

“A general belief in the divine character and healing powers of the sacred serpent is to be met with all over Egypt. Even the myths which the old Egyptians associated with the snake are still prevalent. **Egyptians of all classes still believe that when ‘a serpent grows old, wings grow out of its body,’** and that there are serpents which kill by darting *flames* in the victim’s face. How old such beliefs are in this country need not be repeated to those who have seen the pictures **in the Tombs of the Kings** at Thebes. **The seref, or ‘flying serpent,’ and the snake from whose mouth flames issue are among the commonest of the figures painted on their walls.**” (emphasis added)¹⁵⁴

This brings to mind Satan's transformation into a *fire-breathing dragon*—a *fiery serpent* who has grown *wings*.

Regarding Hermes, “who dwelt in old Egypt,” the Three Initiates also stated in *The Kybalion* that he “was, and is, the Great Central Sun of *Occultism*, whose rays have served to illumine the countless teachings which have been promulgated since his time.”¹⁵⁵ They wrote that “many advanced occultists wandered to the land of Egypt” and “[f]rom him they obtained the Master-Key which explained and reconciled their divergent views, and thus the Secret Doctrine was firmly established.”¹⁵⁶ Moreover, along with writing that “[t]he Egyptians revered his memory ... bestowing upon him, distinctively, his ancient title, ‘Trismegistus,’ which means ‘the thrice-great’; ‘the great-great’; ‘the greatest-great’; etc.,” and that “[i]n all the ancient lands, the name of Hermes Trismegistus was revered” as “synonymous with the ‘Fount of Wisdom,’” they also wrote here that:

“[T]he Egyptians *deified* Hermes, and made him one of their gods, under the name of Thoth. Years after, the people of Ancient *Greece* also made him one of their many gods — calling him ‘**Hermes, the god of Wisdom.**’” (emphasis added)¹⁵⁷

Remember how strikingly Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine resembles today's emerging faith of Oneness? Well, the “Hermetic Principles” do so even more. According to the Three Initiates, “Hermes Trismegistus,” “‘The Master of Masters,’” was “the *father* of the Occult Wisdom,” as well as “the founder of Astrology” and “the discoverer of Alchemy.”¹⁵⁸ And there are “Seven Hermetic Principles, upon which the entire Hermetic Philosophy is based.”¹⁵⁹ In other words, *the entire Philosophy* of “the father of *the Occult wisdom*” is based on these seven Principles, so keep this in mind when reading them. We are going to briefly look at the first four, which as listed by the Three Initiates are as follows: “The Principle of Mentalism;” “The Principle of Correspondence;” “The Principle of Vibration;” and “The Principle of Polarity.”¹⁶⁰ But, first, regarding the seven Principles, the Initiates wrote:

“‘**The Principles of Truth are Seven**; he who knows these, understandingly, possesses **the Magic Key before whose touch all the Doors of the Temple fly open.**’ — *The Kybalion*.” (emphasis added)¹⁶¹

It isn't “all the Doors” of the “Temple” of *God* that will fly open. God only has *one door; period*. And that is His Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Who said “*I am the door*” and “*no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*” (John 10:7, 9; 14:6). Rather, these seven “Principles” are a “Magic Key” that will only open the door to Satan and his Antichrist—a false shepherd who will lead the world in his example of being a “*man of sin*” “*who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God*” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). Not surprisingly, the Three Initiates also exclaimed that “the Hermetic Philosophy is the only Master Key which will open *all the doors of the Occult Teachings!*”¹⁶² And, by the way, they also wrote that this “Master-Key” will “open the many inner doors in the Temple of *Mystery*.”¹⁶³

The first of the seven Principles of this “Magic Key”/“Master Key” is:

“‘**THE ALL is MIND**; The Universe is Mental.’ — *The Kybalion*.” (bold added)¹⁶⁴

About this Principle, the Three Initiates wrote:

“This Principle ... explains that **THE ALL** (which is the Substantial Reality underlying *all* the outward manifestations and appearances which we know under the terms of ‘The Material Universe’; the ‘Phenomena of Life’; ‘Matter’; ‘Energy’; and, in short, all that is apparent to our material senses) **is SPIRIT**, which in itself is **UNKNOWABLE and UNDEFINABLE**, but which may be considered and thought of as **AN UNIVERSAL, INFINITE, LIVING MIND**.” (all parentheses in the original; bold & italics added)¹⁶⁵

And, naturally, just as people do today, these Three Initiates also twisted Scripture and claimed that “we ‘live and move and have our being’” “in the Mind of **THE ALL**.”¹⁶⁶ They also wrote that it is this “Principle” that “explains all of the varied mental and *psychic* phenomena,” as well as “the true nature of ‘Energy,’ ‘Power,’ and ‘Matter,’ and why and how all these are subordinate to the *Mastery of Mind*.”¹⁶⁷ And, therefore, they wrote that the “Master-Key” will also “unlock the many doors of the mental and *psychic* temple of knowledge.”¹⁶⁸ (Lest anyone has forgotten, the seducing spirit—i.e.,

fallen angel/devil—Djwhal Khul refers to himself as a “Master.” This gives a whole new meaning to “Master-Key.” Basically, the “Master” is the “Key” . . . And, of course, *Mastery of Mind* is the primary reason why people today choose to meditate. *Think about it.*)

The second Principle of this “Magic Key”/“Master Key” is:

“**As above, so below**; as below so above.’ — *The Kybalion*.” (bold added)¹⁶⁹

About this one, the Three Initiates wrote: “The ancient Hermeticists considered this Principle as one of the most important mental instruments by which man was able to pry aside the obstacles which hid from view the Unknown.”¹⁷⁰ And people today who know this Principle as *both* “transcendence” and “immanence” likewise see it as rendering the invisible “visible” and thus also the means of bringing into view the “hidden” “Unknown God.”

Now for the third Principle of this “Magic Key”/“Master Key”:

“**Nothing rests; everything moves; everything vibrates.**’ — *The Kybalion*.” (emphasis added)¹⁷¹

Regarding this third one, the Three Initiates wrote:

“This Principle explains that **the differences between different manifestations of Matter, Energy, Mind, and even Spirit**, result largely from **varying rates of Vibration**.... [T]he higher the *vibration*, the higher the *position* in the scale.” (emphasis added)¹⁷²

“**He who understands the Principle of Vibration, has grasped the sceptre of Power**,’ says one of the old writers.” (emphasis added)¹⁷³

Later in the book, when also addressing this Principle, the Three Initiates also stated that “Motion is manifest in everything in the Universe ... everything moves, vibrates, and *circles*.”¹⁷⁴ They also wrote that the “*Fourth Dimension* may be called ‘the Dimension of *Vibration*’” and that “[t]he degrees of the ‘rate’ of vibrations [of ‘everything and all things’] constitute the degrees of measurement on the Scale of Vibrations — in other words the degrees of the Fourth Dimension.” They then stated next: “And these degrees form what occultists call ‘Planes.’ The higher the degree of rate of vibration, the higher the plane, and the higher the manifestation of Life occupying that plane.”¹⁷⁵ And, naturally, they also mentioned “meditation” and “Angelic Helpers.”¹⁷⁶

Of course, given that it is this “fourth dimension” where fallen angels most easily help mankind learn to take hold of the serpent’s tail in order to find his sidwinding, circular path between opposites, it is not at all surprising that the fourth Principle of this “Magic Key”/“Master Key” that will “open” “all the Doors of the Temple” is:

“**Everything is Dual; everything has poles; everything has its pair of opposites; like and unlike are the same; opposites are identical in nature, but different in degree; extremes meet; all truths are but half-truths; all paradoxes may be reconciled.**’ — *The Kybalion*.” (emphasis added)¹⁷⁷

Sounds familiar. And, remember, these are the teachings of “The Master of Masters” and “father of *the Occult Wisdom*.” But this Secret Doctrine—which is even openly taught by leaders of today’s shifting Christianity—is now just “science,” right?

Again, Sweet, for example, says that we have “to learn to speak out of *both sides* of the mouth” in “a dynamic embrace” of “the *polarities*” or we will only be speaking “a *half-truth*.”¹⁷⁸ And he also writes in *So Beautiful*: “Paradox is the *midwife of truth*.... Nondualism, *both/and* ... The cross brings into *relationship opposites*, ... In Christ all opposites are not so much *reconciled* as *transcended* in the *Oneness* of Twoness that becomes Threeness.... a *tertium quid*, a ‘third somewhat,’ that is *born* from the coming together of *two opposites*.”¹⁷⁹ And despite his statement of “not so much *reconciled* as *transcended*,” he is still likewise teaching here that *all opposites/paradoxes may be reconciled*—just as this Principle states. *Reconcile* means “restore friendly *relations* between”¹⁸⁰ and, of course, Sweet also writes that it “brings

into *relationship* opposites.” And, by the way, *reconcile* also means “bring into *harmony*”¹⁸¹ and “to call back into *union*.”¹⁸² It also means “cause to *coexist* in harmony,”¹⁸³ as well as “to make good again, *repair*.”¹⁸⁴ Remember “re-pair”? Regarding this “Principle of Polarity,” the Three Initiates stated that:

“This Principle ... explains the old paradoxes ... ‘Thesis and anti-thesis are identical in nature, but different in degree’; ... ‘**the pairs of opposites may be reconciled**’; ... ‘everything is and isn’t, at the same time’; ... ‘**all truths are but half-truths**’; ‘every truth is **half-false**’; ‘**there are two sides to everything**,’ etc., ... It explains ... that ‘opposites’ are really only the two *extremes of the same thing*, with many varying degrees between them.” (emphasis added)¹⁸⁵

“**Spirit and Matter are but the two poles of the same thing**, the intermediate planes being merely degrees of *vibration*.” (emphasis added)¹⁸⁶

“The same Principle manifests in the case of ‘**Light and Darkness**,’ which **are the same thing**, ... What is the difference between ‘Large and Small’? ... Between ‘Black and White’? Between ‘Sharp and Dull’? ... Between ‘Positive and Negative’?” (emphasis added)¹⁸⁷

Here’s another one: What is the difference between Living and Dead? And, of course, between Truth and Falsehood, and between Right and Wrong . . .

“‘**Good and Evil**’ are but the poles of the same thing, and the Hermeticist understands **the art of transmuting Evil into Good**, by means of an application of **the Principle of Polarity**. In short, the ‘Art of Polarization’ becomes a phase of ‘Mental Alchemy’ known and practiced by the ancient and modern Hermetic Masters.” (The Three Initiates; emphasis added)¹⁸⁸

Sadly, this “art” of “transmuting Evil into Good” is also understood by people in today’s shifting Christianity. Interestingly, the Three Initiates wrote that:

“The Hermetic Teachings are to be found in all lands, among all religions, but never identified with any *particular* country, nor with any *particular* religious sect. This because of the warning of the ancient teachers against allowing the Secret Doctrine to become crystallized into a creed.” (emphasis added)¹⁸⁹

And later in this same paragraph, they wrote that even “the Christian Church” “is now struggling to get back to its ancient mystic teachings.”¹⁹⁰ It is indeed, but these teachings are everything but *Christian*. Again, the Three Initiates wrote that it is “old *Egypt*” that “was the birthplace of the Hidden Wisdom and *Mystic Teachings*.”¹⁹¹

First, *where* exactly do you think the mystical “Desert Fathers” lived who have become quite popular in today’s Christianity? That would be “the *Egyptian* desert.”¹⁹² And as is pointed out by *Contemplative Life*, for instance, which is an “Independent Bookstore for the World Community for Christian Meditation,” “[t]he Desert Fathers and Mothers were *Hermits, Ascetics and Monks* who lived mainly in the Scetes desert of *Egypt*, beginning around the third century CE.”¹⁹³ But, not to worry, because these mystics were just trying to “follow God’s *call*,” and “wishing to live in *solitude*” “developed a reputation for *holiness* and *wisdom*.”¹⁹⁴ Naturally. And that would be the *Oneness* kind of “holiness” and “wisdom” that is now leading people into the serpent’s emerging kingdom of the *Antichrist*. In his book *A Time of Departing*, Ray Yungen addresses the Desert Fathers and quotes a “meditation scholar” who said:

“The meditation practices and rules for living of these earliest Christian monks bear strong similarity to those of their Hindu and Buddhist renunciate brethren several kingdoms to the East ... the meditative techniques they adopted for finding their God suggest either a borrowing from the East or a spontaneous rediscovery.” (ellipsis dots in the original)¹⁹⁵

Moreover, along with writing that “the Desert Fathers believed as long as the desire for God was sincere—anything could be utilized to reach God,”¹⁹⁶ Yungen also writes: “When you borrow methods from Eastern religion, you get their understanding of God. There is no other way to put it.”¹⁹⁷ And that includes Egyptian religion. People would be far better served if they would simply pay attention to and follow *God’s Word*.

Second, remember Sweet's teaching in his 2012 book *I Am a Follower* that "**Triune God is a sphere whose center is everywhere but whose circumference is nowhere**"?¹⁹⁸ Well, according to Jean Chevalier and Alain Gheerbrant's *Dictionary of Symbols*, this teaching goes all the way back to "*Hermes Trismegistus*." In other words, this teaching goes back to Egypt and "the father of the *Occult* Wisdom":

"The centre of centres can be none other than God. Nicholas of Cusa states that 'the poles of the spheres meet together with the centre which is God. He is both circumference and centre, who is both everywhere and nowhere.' One is immediately reminded of Pascal quoting **Hermes Trismegistus: 'God is a sphere whose centre is everywhere and circumference nowhere.'** This means that his *presence* is *boundless* and *universal* and that it is therefore at the invisible centre of being, unaffected by time or space." (emphasis added)¹⁹⁹

The serpent is indeed having a heyday in the world, and this includes in today's *shifting* Christianity that prefers to think outside the "box" of the truth of the Word of God.

By the way, remember the Ophites? In *The Secret Doctrine*, in which she acknowledged Hermes Trismegistus, Blavatsky also wrote that "[t]he Ophites adopted their rites from Hermes Trismegistus."²⁰⁰ And, of course, it was the Ophites—whose name "was derived from the Greek *ophis*, meaning 'serpent'"²⁰¹—who "maintained that the serpent" was "to be thanked for the *signal service* it had rendered humanity."²⁰²

Fittingly, in Chevalier and Gheerbrant's *Dictionary of Symbols*, it also states that there are "some examples in which the *ouroboros* is part *black* and part *white*."²⁰³ And in *The Kybalion*, along with asking, "What is the difference between ... 'Black and White'?", the Three Initiates later wrote the following regarding the "*relation*" of "the *black* keys on the piano" "to the *white* keys": "The white keys are sufficient to produce music, but there are certain scales, melodies, and harmonies, in which the black keys play their part, and in which their presence is necessary." They then went on to write that the black keys are "necessary" "as 'connecting links' of soul-condition" and that there are "certain forms of development being attained therein"—which gives "a *new light* upon the processes of Evolution, and a *new key* to the secret door of the 'leaps of life' between kingdom and kingdom."²⁰⁴

First, remember "the *devil's chord*," the tritone? Well, it just so happens that this musical sound of "*dissonance*" is produced by playing two notes—both a white key and a black key. But, of course, this dissonance is "healing," right? After all, this Oneness of black and white is conveniently "*grey*." As is stated in the entry for "*grey*" in this *Dictionary of Symbols*, it is "[c]omposed equally of black and white."²⁰⁵ So just think of this Oneness/dissonance as "*the grey area*" of *uncertainty*—or of "*Yea, hath God said ...?*" The serpent's new kind of "black and white." And, naturally, this is the "*balanced*" "center" of quite a *colorful sphere* in which all "*the pairs of opposites* may be reconciled." This entry for "*grey*" also states:

"Human beings are grey in the middle of the world of colour, which may stand by analogy for the celestial sphere in the chromatic sphere.... **and, if they stand in the grey centre between the opposing colours which make up a harmonious chromatic sphere, all the pairs of colour-opposites will be in perfect balance....**

"... the passage from one to the other of these countless pairs of colour-opposites always leading through a grey mid-point." (emphasis added)²⁰⁶

A "grey mid-point" of *uncertainty* that is a *sidewinding* path between opposites . . .

Second, even though Sweet teaches that "[t]he cross brings into relationship opposites" and that it is "[i]n *Christ* all opposites are not so much reconciled as transcended in the Oneness of Twoness,"²⁰⁷ it is not the cross of *Christ* that brings *all opposites* into *relationship*, thus *reconciling* them. Remember, the emerging faith/"light"/"key" of Oneness is a journey back to Egypt. And not only will the "Master-Key" of the "Hermetic Principles" "open the many inner doors in the Temple of *Mystery*,"²⁰⁸ but, as also pointed out by the Three Initiates, this "Secret Doctrine" of "the Hidden Wisdom and Mystic Teachings" of "old Egypt" was "the Land of *Isis*."²⁰⁹ In Chevalier and Gheerbrant's *Dictionary of Symbols* is the following about **Isis**:

"[A]ccording to legend, she '**obtained the secret NAME of the all-powerful god', Ra ['the Sun-god']**, and became

his equal in power, spreading her influence across the universe. Every living being was a drop of Isis' blood. In fact, Isis was worshipped as **the all-powerful universal goddess** all round the Mediterranean Basin, as devoutly in Greece and Rome as in the Near East: 'I am the mother of the whole of Nature, mistress of the elements, the origin and principle of the ages, **the supreme divinity**, queen of the shades, the first of the dwellers in the sky, the **unrivalled model of all the gods and goddesses....**' All esoteric groups regarded her as **the mystagogue who held the secrets of life and death and resurrection. The ANKH was the symbol of her boundless power.**" (bold & italics added)²¹⁰

And what is the ankh? Think "Magic Key"/"Master Key." According to this *Dictionary of Symbols*, **the ankh** is "[t]he Egyptian *crux ansata*, or **looped tau-cross**" that is a "**magic** knot or cross" and "'the **key of life**,'" and not just any life, but of "**eternal life**." And, therefore, the ankh is a "key" that "was often used in the iconography of opposites" and "is generally interpreted as **a symbol which expresses the reconciliation of opposites.**"²¹¹

Sorry, but no matter how many people choose to believe otherwise, it is not the cross of *Christ* that brings *all opposites* into *relationship*, thus *reconciling* them. Rather, it is the *Egyptian* cross—the *ankh*. And in no way, shape, or form is this "magic" Egyptian cross *that brings all opposites together* the cross of *Christ*. Neither is this magic cross that is the Egyptian key of "eternal life" a reconciliation with *God*. Rather, this is a reconciliation that simply brings together all the "relative truths" of the "Sun God." Whether the "Sun God" is known as Ra or Apollo or anything else, as Blavatsky's article in *Lucifer* magazine states: "The sun is one, but its beams are numberless ..." ²¹² And along with stating that "[t]he loop over the tau-cross could stand for the Sun," the *Dictionary of Symbols* also has the following about the ankh's loop:

"The loop is the perfect symbol of what has *neither beginning nor end* and stands for the soul which is eternal because it has sprung from the *spiritual essence* of the gods.... The possessor of **the geometric key to the hidden mysteries**, of which the symbol was **this very looped cross**, was able to open the gates of the Kingdom of the Dead and penetrate **the hidden meaning of eternal life.**" (emphasis added)²¹³

Hence, all that people need is this key—"this very looped cross"—and they have the key to "the hidden mysteries" of an "eternal life" that is a *universal salvation* through the bringing together of all opposites. Interestingly, regarding the significance of carrying the ankh, the *Dictionary of Symbols* even states:

"Gods, kings and ISIS (almost invariably) are depicted holding the ankh to show that they command the powers of life and death and that they are immortal. **The dead also carry it** at the time their souls are weighed ... or **when they are aboard the BOAT of the Sun God, as a sign that they seek this same immortality from the gods....** It was sometimes held upside down by the loop – especially in funeral rites when it suggested *the shape of a key* and in reality was the key which opened the gateway of the tomb into the Fields of Aalu, the realm of eternity." (parentheses in the original; bold & italics added)²¹⁴

As previously addressed, today's new Ark of Oneness is a boat with the *Living Dead*. So the question is, will those aboard also carry the ankh? It is, after all, the cross of their faith, whether they are aware of it or not. And given that this is the emerging faith of the Antichrist and his mark, it is interesting that Chevalier and Gheerbrant's *Dictionary* also states that "[s]ometimes the ankh is placed on the *forehead*, between the eyes, and then it symbolizes the duty of the adept to keep secret *the mystery* into which he has been *initiated*."²¹⁵ The serpent is, of course, determined for his "Mystery" of Oneness to now become a *global* "secret" so that the whole world will be "initiated" into the inclusiveness of his all-encompassing circle of relationship. Hence, an Ouroboros would make a most fitting loop to this cross if it just so happens to become a mark of man's final initiation. But *the cross* part of the ankh symbol makes all this "Christian," right? No, just *anti-Christian* and *anti-Christ*. And with or without an Ouroboros, it would thus be a most fitting mark of the Antichrist—a mark that will indeed be a key that opens the gateway to the *serpent's* "realm of eternity" in which "Ye shall not surely die" . . .

Of course, the ankh "key of life" is also referred to as a "magic *knot* or cross," and according to this *Dictionary of Symbols*:

"The Ancient Egyptians considered the knot to be the emblem of life, the Knot or Girdle of Isis being a symbol of immortality."²¹⁶

“The ankh is often set in the same category as the ‘GIRDLE of Isis’, as a symbol of eternity. This is not because its straight lines may be lengthened in the imagination to infinity, but because they *converge* upon and meet in a closed loop. **This loop symbolizes the inexhaustible essence of the life force identified with Isis, from whom life flows in all its forms.**” (emphasis added)²¹⁷

Sounds like “the life force” of “*kundalini*”—of which the *Ouroboros* is a symbol.²¹⁸ Any way you look at it, the Egyptian “magic knot or cross” is indeed a most fitting “key” to the serpent’s “salvation” of “Ye shall not surely die.” (And, by the way, don’t forget God’s warning: “*This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing*”—Jeremiah 13:10.) Interestingly, this *Dictionary of Symbols* states regarding “alpha and omega”:

“The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet: since they are taken to hold **the key to the universe in its entirety** locked between these two poles, **alpha and omega symbolize the totality of knowledge, of being, of space and of time.**” (emphasis added)²¹⁹

Shortly thereafter, and after stating that “[t]hese two letters are often set on Christ’s CROSS,” this entry also states:

“More recently, **Teilhard de Chardin has used these two letters to express a new theory of universal evolution** which moves towards the creation of a ‘noosphere’ through the gradual *spiritualization* of human beings and human thought.... The pole **omega symbolizes** the end of this evolution towards the ‘noosphere’, **the sphere of the spirit towards which all thoughts converge** and where **the human being will in some sense become deified in Christ.**” (emphasis added)²²⁰

Remember, it was Teilhard de Chardin who wrote that “**the Cross** still stands” “*on one condition, and one only*: that it expand itself to **the dimensions of a new age**, and cease to present itself to us as primarily (or even exclusively) the sign of a victory over *sin*.”²²¹ It is the *Egyptian cross*, the *ankh*, that is “the dimensions of a *new age*.” This “very looped cross” that “*expresses the reconciliation of opposites*” is obviously a cross of “*no separation*.” This thereby makes it a cross of the “*Christ consciousness*”—a “consciousness” that as we have seen is quite *New Age* and in which “*all thoughts*” do indeed “*converge*.”

Leonard Sweet, who describes him as “Twentieth-century *Christianity*’s major voice,”²²² writes that “Pierre Teilhard de Chardin accorded the awe-inspiring phenomenon of consciousness *the deepest religious significance*.”²²³ And in Teilhard de Chardin’s book *The Phenomenon of Man*—a book that Barbara Marx Hubbard refers to as a “life-saver”²²⁴ and includes in her recommended “Core Library for Conscious Evolution”²²⁵—this “major voice” of *everything but Christianity* said that “[w]e are faced with a *harmonised* collectivity of consciousnesses equivalent to a sort of *super-consciousness*.”²²⁶

Moreover, on the website of the British Teilhard Association, its article titled “The Cosmo Mystic” states that Teilhard de Chardin “abandon[ed] what he calls the old static *dualism*” and “came to see *matter* as ‘the matrix of *spirit*’” and that “‘*Spirit* is the higher state of *matter*.’” And in this same article under the heading “Cosmic Christ,” along with quoting “Teilhard the evolutionist” as saying that “*Christic consciousness*” “keeps pace with and is *required* by the growing consciousness of *humanity*,” this article also states that “*Omega* is identified with *the Cosmic Christ who is the ‘Logos’ or ‘Word.’*” And not only so, but also that “Teilhard understands” “the *Parousia*” to be “the presence of the Cosmic Christ in glory at the end of time *bringing together the ‘centre of centres,’ ... ‘Christ-Omega,’* who consummates the totality of creation in the completion of his *Mystical Body*.”²²⁷

Likewise, in a similar and equally absurd “understanding,” McLean—whose “channeled transformational healing music” with “*dissonance*” “nudges the body” “to a place of *balance* and *wholeness*”²²⁸—writes the following about 2012 and “what is up with that date”:

“It shows up in too many ancient and modern texts to ignore... so what is it and who will we be when it is done? To me it is the divine *consciousness* coming into our *hearts* and truly blossoming.... This is a time of *awakening* ...

“I even think **the Christian notion of The Rapture** could be relevant. But to me instead of Christ coming down and taking all the true believers, it **is the Christ consciousness that is awakening within us AND, that may lead us**

into a new dimension, a new vibrational reality.” (1st ellipsis dots in the original; bold & italics added)²²⁹

Sorry, but only those who are falling for the seducing spirit world’s *channeled* “signals,” “vibrations,” “voice,” and “music” are going to fall for the utter absurdity that “The Rapture”—or “the Parousia”—is the emerging global “awakening” to this “consciousness” of a new kind of “Christ” that is “*no separation*.”

Again, the seducing spirit Djwhal Khul *channeled* through Alice Bailey that to make “men’s hearts responsive to and receptive of *the love of God*” “is another way of saying receptive to *the consciousness of the Christ*”²³⁰—which he also states is “*no separation*.”²³¹ Yes, the *seducing realm of the serpent* wants people to believe that “*the love of God*” is “*no separation*.” Why? Because the serpent is on a mission to present his *Rod of Initiation* to the whole world at man’s final Renunciation. Hence, his mission is to also guide people to believe that their *Renunciation* is really about “*the love of God*.” After all, there would be no greater deception. “Yea, hath God said ...?”

“*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

“*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

Naturally, since the serpent’s seducing realm wants man to believe instead that “*no separation*” is “the love of God,” their mission is all about getting man to *relinquish* what is *correct and true*:

“*Relinquish* the pride of mind which sees its way and its interpretations to be *correct and true*, and others’ false and wrong. **This is the way of separation. Adhere to the way of integration** which is **of the soul and not of the mind**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)²³²

A *relinquishing* that is, of course, a **Renunciation** -- “an act or instance of *relinquishing*, abandoning, repudiating, or sacrificing something.”²³³ And that would be a *Renunciation* of what is *correct and true* based on having fallen for the *channeled* “wisdom” that “the love of God” is “*no separation*.” And, no, this *Renunciation* is not “the Christian notion of *The Rapture*.” It is, however, the “awakening” of “the Christ consciousness” into “a new vibrational reality” that “is of the *soul* and not of the *mind*”—a new “reality” that will be quite short-lived. McLean, who of course is “a vibrational healer,”²³⁴ conducted one of her interviews of Neale Donald Walsch on “Healing With The Masters” in May 2011, about which she states on her blog that “his latest book, *The Mother of Invention*” “not only tells the remarkable story of Barbara Marx Hubbard, but also the story of all humanity.” She writes:

“Interestingly enough, Barbara’s birthday is **December 22nd, the day after our birthing into the cosmic community of highly evolved beings**. It would seem that we will have many wonderful things to celebrate on the **first day of our new dispensation**....

“As a species, we have invented the relative experiences of time and space, [!] but **the only thing that is truly absolute is love**. It is when we know ourselves as the light amidst the Light, and even in darkness, that others will also know themselves *through* us. **We are being prompted to reconnect with awareness to who we really are, Life in form/God in form**, even during moments of challenge, into **the system of the soul**.” (bold & underline added)

She then goes on to state:

“We create our reality based on our experiences, and we shouldn’t rely solely on the data of the mind which feeds us only those things that will keep us in limitation. Within the system of the soul is all data, from every timeframe and dimension, and it is there to assist us in shifting from limited to limitlessness.

“**Be OUT of your mind, and into the soul....**

“Now is the time for us to **become a Fully Embodied Universal Humans** [sic], ... **transcending every limiting**

definition.” (bold & underline added)²³⁵

Those who are peddling the “new light” of Oneness are modern-day snake oil salesmen who are just doing so more literally. They’re trying to sell the world as a whole the actual snake himself. And, yes, they are out of their mind.

In one more quote from the “major voice” of *everything but* Christianity, in his book *The Future of Man* and in the context of “awakening” “to a sense of universal solidarity” that is “evolutionary in its nature and purpose,” Teilhard de Chardin also wrote:

“[T]he planetization of Mankind, if it is to come properly into effect, presupposes, in addition to the enclosing Earth, and to the organization and *condensation of human thought*, ... the rise on our *inward horizon of a cosmic spiritual center, a supreme pole of consciousness, upon which all the separate consciousnesses of the world may converge* and within which they may *love* one another: **the rise of a God**.”

“It is here that reason may discern, conforming to and **in harmony with the law of complexity, an acceptable way of envisaging ‘the end of the world.’**” (emphasis added)²³⁶

“Acceptable” for whom? For those who aren’t willing to believe in the God and Christ of the Holy Scriptures? For those who prefer the serpent’s path of nondualism/Oneness/reconciliation of opposites? For those who want to expand the cross to a magic looped cross with the dimensions of today’s emerging New Age? For those who are going back to Egypt because they want a “Magic Key”/“Master Key” that will “open” “all the Doors of the Temple”? And what about the rise of *this* “God”—is he an “acceptable” “end of the world” for those who are trading the Lord Jesus Christ in for a “cosmic” “convergence” of “all the separate consciousnesses of the world”?:

“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.... Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 9-10)

So, “the rise of a God” and “supreme pole of consciousness” now brings us to the “fiery serpent” that Moses put on a pole.

First, keep in mind that according to Reiki Master Dave Watson, music now “brings a new dimension to Reiki healing.”²³⁷ Moreover, interestingly enough, one of the tracks on his aforementioned CD that is “the embodiment of each of the Reiki symbols into musical form” is called “**Tibetan Master**.”²³⁸ Not only is Reiki said to have been “practiced in Tibet more than 3000 years ago,” but in their book *Esoteric Healing*, Alice Bailey’s spirit guide also channeled through her:

“I sign myself, because it has been given out **who I am**, as **the Master Djwhal Khul**.”

“**The Tibetan**” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold added)²³⁹

That’s right, you could say that this seducing spirit—i.e., fallen angel/devil—is a “Tibetan” Master. And, by the way, the Reiki music track “Tibetan Master” is followed by the track “**Fire Serpent**.”²⁴⁰ And, remember, these “healing” tracks are described as “a beautiful melody which is actually *empowering* Reiki as it plays”²⁴¹ . . .

Likewise, Reiki Master Bill Austin also writes that “[o]ne of the aspects of my energy healing practice is to encode healing and enlightenment energies *into art and music*,”²⁴² and he has “Reiki music encoded with healing energies for the 7 chakras, meridians and kundalini as well as *angelic healing frequencies*.” Why? For “optimal health and well being on all levels.”²⁴³ And, don’t forget, the fallen *angel*/devil Djwhal Khul refers to “kundalini” as “**the serpent fire**.”²⁴⁴ It is also interesting that Austin writes in the article “*Angelic* Vibrational Healing Music & Sound Healing” that he feels “the largest waves of *mass healing* on the planet will occur through art and music - which are universal to every culture on the planet.”²⁴⁵ We will come back to this shortly regarding the image of the beast and the *largest* wave of “mass

healing.”

Second, keep in mind that the *caduceus*, which Apollo/Apollon gave to Hermes and is a popular symbol of “healing” used in our healthcare system, is *not* Moses’ “brazen serpent”—which, as we shall see, is actually a *warning*. Regarding the caduceus, Chevalier and Gheerbrant’s *Dictionary of Symbols* also states that in “esoteric Buddhist doctrine” “the rod of the caduceus corresponds to the World AXIS and the serpents to *kundalini*, the power which lies coiled at the base of the spine” and “rises.”²⁴⁶ And before referring to “the axis joining Heaven and Earth” as “the COLUMN,” their *Dictionary* also states: “The axis round which the world revolves, links the dominions or hierarchical levels together by their mid-points. If the junction of Heaven and Earth is taken, then it is the *precise CENTRE* of Earth to the *precise centre* of Heaven, ... Those who have reached the mid-point, that is the *edenic* or primordial state, may rise along this axis to *higher states*.”²⁴⁷ So, think coiled ascension up the Serpent Column—or the ascension of “kundalini” “serpent fire” up the spinal column—a Column that could be referred to as “a supreme pole of consciousness, upon which *all* the separate consciousnesses of the world may *converge*.” That is, upon which *all* “the pairs of opposites may be *reconciled*” and thus “healed.”

This *Dictionary of Symbols* also states that, along with Hermes, “the caduceus” has even been attributed to “*Asclepios*” and “he was able to use *poisons* to cure diseases and restore the *dead to life*.”²⁴⁸ Why? Because “[t]he serpents entwine around the staff – symbolizing the Tree of Life – to show *egotism* tamed and brought under control, their *venom* transformed to *healing*, the *corruption of the life force* brought back to its *proper channel*.”²⁴⁹ So never mind that *poison* is “something that *destroys, corrupts*, etc.”²⁵⁰ And never mind that *poison* is also “[t]hat which taints or destroys *moral purity or health*”²⁵¹—*moral* of course being concerned with “the *distinction between good and bad or right and wrong*.”²⁵² No one need fear this *poison* that “*heals*.” It thus becomes irrelevant that to *poison* is not only “[t]o infect with any thing *fatal to life*”²⁵³ but includes “*to turn (a person’s mind) against*”²⁵⁴ and can therefore even be an “*idea*.”²⁵⁵ No one need fear being *poisoned* and having their *mind* turned *against the truth* of what is “right and wrong;” “good or evil.”²⁵⁶ With the serpent’s *poison* restoring “the *dead to life*,” what’s there to fear? Doesn’t *venom* that is “transformed to *healing*” change everything?

Accordingly, this *Dictionary* also states that the caduceus is “a wand around which **two SERPENTS are threaded in opposite directions**.”²⁵⁷ And it therefore “remains **the symbol of** human ambiguity and **complexity** and of the *infinite potential* of human development”—a symbol in which these “two serpents are symmetrically wreathed in a *figure of eight*.”²⁵⁸ Sound familiar? And, remember, the figure eight is also a *Möbius strip*, and one that is specifically a symbol of *infinity*.”²⁵⁹ But, of course, this all-inclusive *both-and* “healing” that comes from the serpent’s *poison* is all about the “love” of “God,” right? Hence, no one need fear that *venom* is “from L. *venenum* ‘poison’” because, after all, *venom* is “probably originally ‘*love potion*’” from “*wenes-no-*, and thus connected to *venus* ‘erotic love.’”²⁶⁰ (Remember this from the earlier section “‘MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS’”? And, by the way, *Venus* is “the goddess of *beauty* and *love*.”²⁶¹) Since the serpent’s *venom* is simply the ultimate “*love potion*” that “heals” by bringing *Oneness*, no one need worry about this *poison* being lethal to their soul. So just think of it all as a *transformational* venomous “healing” that occurs as this “*life force*”—a.k.a. “*serpent fire*”—rises up the “proper channel” of the spinal column, or “pole,” if you will, in the now *Living Dead* . . .

So, regarding the “fiery serpent” that Moses put on a pole, the Word of God tells us:

“And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and **our soul loatheth this light bread**.” (Numbers 21:5)

This “light bread” is, of course, “manna”—of which “Moses said unto them, *This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat*” (Exodus 16:15). And “God ... opened the doors of heaven, and had rained down manna upon them to eat,” “as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat*” (Psalm 78:22-24; John 6:31). But they rebelled and didn’t want this bread from heaven that God gave them—so much so that they even said, “*our soul loatheth this light bread*.” And the consequence?

“**And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people**, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore

the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” (Numbers 21:6-7)

After “Moses prayed for the people” (v. 7), the Word of God then tells us:

*“And the LORD said unto Moses, **Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole**: and it shall come to pass, that **every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live**. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.” (Numbers 21:8-9)*

God had given them “bread from heaven” as a picture of God’s Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom He would send “to be the Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14). And the judgment for loathing the “bread from heaven” was lethal “fiery serpents”—a picture of God’s judgment that He would send for loathing His Son. First, God’s Word tells us:

*“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven**, and giveth life unto the world.... **I am the bread of life**: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.... **I am the living bread which came down from heaven**: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” (John 6:29-33, 35, 51)*

But, sadly, God’s Son isn’t the bread that people wanted. So God’s Word also tells us:

“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.” (John 6:66)

Yes, John 6:66 is a rejection of God’s bread from heaven. And now, people today are being led to the mark of the beast’s final rejection—or Renunciation—of God’s bread from heaven. Why? Because the rebellious world has been “bitten” by lethal “serpent fire.” And this rising “kundalini” in the world’s meditating masses is now thoroughly “awakening” the world to the “truth” of the damnable heresies of Oneness. Sadly enough, people today would far rather have Oneness than God’s bread from heaven, and so much so that no doubt they, too, would say, “our soul loatheth this light bread.” The consequence is that they are dying from a lethal serpent bite. But, of course, they don’t see it that way because they see this as the bite of the serpent of “wisdom.” And not only so, but this bite is also blinding them with the “wisdom” that it is those of us who do not have this “serpent fire” who are under the “illusion.”

“Through this illusory panorama, the aspirant has to make his way, ... learning to distinguish truth from glamor, the permanent from the impermanent and the certainty from the unreal. As the Old Commentary puts it:

*“Let the disciple **seize hold of the tail of the serpent of wisdom**, and having with firmness grasped it, let him follow it into the deepest center of the Hall of Wisdom. Let him **not be betrayed into the trap set for him by the serpent of illusion**, ... Let him discern the jewel, set in the forehead of the serpent whose tail he holds, and by its radiance traverse the miry halls of maya.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; bold & underline added)²⁶²*

In a nutshell, it is those of us who do not take hold of the serpent’s tail who have supposedly been bitten by “the serpent of illusion” and are therefore “suffering” from the “illusion” of separateness. An “illusion” that the world is being led to believe is causing all the problems in the world and is a “threat” to its very “existence.” And, therefore, what is the world being told to do for its “survival”? To “go within.” Why? Because to do so is to look upon “the serpent of wisdom,” and it is by becoming “seers” of the “serpent fire”—or the “wisdom” of Oneness—that the world will then “live.” After all, it is this “serpent fire” that is the unrepentant, unbelieving world’s “life force.” And scores throughout the world are already quite willingly allowing this “kundalini” “serpent fire” to rise up their spine to their forehead and then on up to the crown of their head . . .

Just think of this “wisdom” that is needed for the world’s “survival” as snake charming. First, this “wisdom” of Oneness is, of course, a journey back to Egypt. And God’s Word warns:

“Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!... into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, ... to a people that shall not profit them. For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose ... Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.... Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.” (Isaiah 30:1-2, 6-7, 12-13, 27-28)

Moreover, interestingly enough, it is said that “[t]he earliest evidence for snake charming comes from Ancient Egyptian sources” and that “[c]harmers there mainly acted as magicians and *healers*.”²⁶³

Second, regarding the “wisdom” of snake charming, don’t forget that “[i]n early India, snake charmers were considered to be *holy men*.”²⁶⁴ And, as one description fittingly puts it, a snake charmer “sits cross-legged on the ground in front of a closed pot or basket” and after opening it “begins playing a flute-like instrument,” upon which, “[a]s if drawn by the tune, a snake eventually emerges from the container.”²⁶⁵ A fitting picture of the emerging faith of Oneness. In addition, snake charming is a practice that uses a *wind* instrument such as India’s “*pungi* or *bin*”—a “precursor to clarinets and bagpipes” that “consists of two reeds or bamboo tubes,” also called “pipes.”²⁶⁶ This instrument of double pipes, which is said to be similar to “the Egyptian *midjweh*” of two pipes “bound together,” uses “circular breathing.”²⁶⁷ And this breathing that is “*circular*” is designed “to create a continuous flow of air”—and thus a “continuous sound” or “tone”—by both “inhaling and exhaling at the same time.”²⁶⁸ Sounds familiar.

Snake charming is also a fitting picture of the emerging faith of Oneness because of the snake itself that is used. In North Africa—along with “the Egyptian cobra” and others—the “horned desert viper” is said to be one of those “commonly featured.”²⁶⁹ Moreover, in India “the snake used by snake charmers” is said to be “[t]he Indian cobra, or spectacled cobra *Naja naja*,” which “has a unique pattern on the back of its hood: two circular patterns connected by a curved line.” A “unique pattern” that just so happens to look like “glasses, or spectacles.” And why does it have “markings” that “are meant to look like eyes”? To “fool a potential enemy.”²⁷⁰ So it is quite fitting that according to another description, “[t]he yellow blotch at the back of a cobra’s neck, shaped like a pair of spectacles, is exactly in the shape of the letter P in Sinhala.”²⁷¹ And since those in the emerging faith of Oneness who think they are charming the serpent are, in reality, only charming themselves, just think “P” for “Perspective.” A *charmed* Perspective that is the consequence of not having ears to hear the truth of God’s Word. And, therefore, this is the Perspective that spectacles/lenses—or eyes—which have been *charmed (or fooled) by the serpent* provide.

Those who blindly think that they are not being *charmed themselves* in today’s absurd attempt to *charm the serpent* would do well to pay attention to these definitions of *charm* -- “[t]hat which has power to subdue opposition, and gain the affections;” “that which delights and attracts the heart,” “[t]o sound harmonically;”²⁷² “a power of pleasing or *attracting*, as through personality or *beauty*.”²⁷³

Pay attention to the following as well: “The snake does not really dance to the tune of the charmer’s flute. All snakes have a very poor sense of hearing since they have no external ear ...”²⁷⁴ But “the *inner* ear is well developed”²⁷⁵ and “[s]cientists say that cobras ... are very sensitive to *vibrations* ...”²⁷⁶ In other words, a serpent has no ears to hear but with an “inner” ear can respond to “vibrations” ... Sounds like the serpent’s *followers* in the emerging faith of Oneness. Sorry, but it isn’t *the serpent* that is being charmed. The rising up of the serpent to the charmer’s music is its “natural defensive posture” and is a “warning signal”²⁷⁷—and this applies to “kundalini” as well (which, by the way, is also said to be “a name for a cobra”²⁷⁸). And, therefore, God’s Word warns of “the deaf adder” “which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely” (Psalm 58:4-5).

Not to be excluded in all this are those who practice yoga. Just think of *yoga* as another form of *snake charming*. Caryl Matrisciana, producer of the previously addressed DVD “Wide is the Gate,” has also produced and hosted the DVD “Yoga Uncoiled.” A fitting title that should be remembered and *heeded*.

Dr. George Alexander, Ph.D., “an insider” “who grew up in India,”²⁷⁹ wrote the book *Yoga: The Truth Behind the Posture*. He states in his interview for “Yoga Uncoiled”:

“Today in the West about 35 million Americans are into yoga, just seeing yoga as a *physical* fitness. **Yoga is a Hindu word, yoga is a Hindu discipline—to become One with the Universal Consciousness**, which means become One with God.”

“By practicing **yoga**, that **awakes that kundalini power in you**.”²⁸⁰

Author Vail Carruth, a former teacher of Transcendental Meditation (TM) and follower of “the Beatle’s mystic teacher Maharishi Mahesh Yogi” (the founder of TM), states in “Yoga Uncoiled”:

“The Hatha yoga—I always regarded it as **simply physical exercise**. I never saw it as a spiritual exercise. **But Maharishi used to tell us that if all we did was the yoga, that we would eventually get to cosmic consciousness because of the kundalini**.”²⁸¹

Dr. Victor Choudhrie, “a leading cancer surgeon in India” and “well-known lecturer and author of many books,” states in his interview for “Yoga Uncoiled”:

“**The word yoga** in the Indian language **means union**, as simple as that. And the purpose of this union is—they think there is a power called *kundalini* ... at the base of the spine, which is a kind of coiled serpent. And the idea is **when this union takes place, this serpent is uncoiled and then travels into their minds** ...”²⁸²

Matrisciana, “who was born and raised in India,”²⁸³ states:

“**Yoga practitioners must first master the physical postures and movements** of yoga meditation **to experience the stilling of the mind**. The *physical* technique, itself a Hindu ritual, triggers the supernatural entrance of so-called ‘God presence.’”

“**Yoga positions facilitate altered states for the mind to experience a mystical presence**.”²⁸⁴

So remember, just “Relax” your mind and “open wide” . . . and you, too, can experience the “Mastery of Mind.” Accordingly, Dr. George Alexander also states that “when the kundalini power is awakened, that goes up to the brain and awakens *the psychic power*.”²⁸⁵ Keep this “Mastery” in mind when reading the next quote. Jean Lim, author and lecturer from Malaysia and “authority on the supernatural,” states in “Yoga Uncoiled”:

“Yoga is actually a form of *spiritual* exercise, and **those who practice yoga, they will be filled now with the spirit of yoga that is the spirit of the serpent**.”²⁸⁶

(In more ways than one.) And, by the way, as addressed in “Yoga Uncoiled,” yoga also consists of “serpent-like movements” and poses—which include a “Cobra Pose.” So, yes, yoga is more than just “*physical* exercise.”

Regarding the serpentine nature of yoga, also consider the following. In his lecture series “The New Face of Mystical Spirituality,” author and speaker Ray Yungen displays the following quote from the *Yoga Journal* in his presentation: “‘Namaste,’ the traditional expression of greeting and farewell practiced among yogis, is performed with the hands placed in *prayer* position at the heart center.”²⁸⁷ Think about this. “Namaste” is a term of *Oneness*, and this is a *prayer* position at the “heart center” . . . Who exactly is this a *prayer* to? In addition, the website Real Magick—which is “dedicated to fostering research and sharing of knowledge on topics such as magick, wicca, paganism, religion, philosophy, occult, parapsychology, esoteric knowledge and the paranormal”²⁸⁸—states:

“The term *Namaste* is commonly used within *new-age, yoga and reiki* circles....

“Traditionally *Namaste* is said while bringing together both palms of the hands before the heart in *prayer* position, and lightly *bowing* the head and shoulders....

“In Namaste you pay *honor* to the *sacredness of all*.... the separation between you and me crumbles ... there is only One.” (emphasis added)²⁸⁹

And this particular practice of “*new-age, yoga and reiki circles*” that is neither praying to nor honoring *God* is just *one little aspect of yoga*.

Consider also Ray Yungen’s following statement in this same lecture series:

“The basis for yoga is Reiki.... You’d think that witchcraft and yoga had nothing in common, right?...

“*Yoga, Reiki, and witchcraft are all based on the chakra system.*”²⁹⁰

Again, the “*chakra system*” is a system of *circular* “centers” through which the “*serpent fire*” flows. And, don’t forget, the seducing spirit—a.k.a. “*Master*”—Djwhal Khul states of “*kundalini, or the serpent fire,*” that “*it blends with mind.*”²⁹¹

And, finally, regarding yoga’s quite serpentine nature, Lim even states in “Yoga Uncoiled”:

“I don’t think we can separate yoga, the practice of yoga, from the spiritual into just a form of exercise because **every form of the yoga movement derives from the serpent**. And there’s a root behind it, so **when a person practices yoga, he’s actually invariably bowing down to the god of the serpent**.”²⁹²

So think of yoga as *bowing down to the serpent fire*—or should we say *fiery serpent*?—that is thus rising up the pole of your spinal column to your *mind*, thereby making it a serpent column of *transformational venomous “healing.”* Today’s global pandemic of the serpent’s venomous “healing” of Oneness is spreading like wildfire throughout the whole world for a *reason*. This venom is *charming* the minds of a world *immersed in serpent charming practices*. And, by the way, yes, yoga is indeed a “*physical*” exercise. It is a most popular exercise that is physically priming and readying people to physically bow down to the serpent—*via the image of the beast*.

It will therefore not at all be surprising if several things happen in Satan’s kingdom of the beast. First, regarding “the image of the beast,” the preposition “of” is also “used to indicate possession.”²⁹³ It doesn’t necessarily mean a *likeness* of the beast. And the very first time God’s Word refers to this image, it is worded as “an image to the beast” (Revelation 13:14). It then subsequently says “the image of the beast” in the next verse, and then only “his image” throughout the rest of the book of Revelation. And even though the Antichrist is a man, God’s Word tells us that both he and his kingdom are powered by *Satan*, who is *the serpent and dragon*. Just think of the dragon as a *flying fiery serpent*, about which God’s Word also warns—“for out of *the serpent’s root* shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a *fiery flying serpent*” (Isaiah 14:29).

The point is that although it is commonly believed that “the image of the beast” will be an image of a man as was Nebuchadnezzar’s image, this isn’t necessarily going to be the case. Given the key role of the serpent in the kingdom of the beast, there is a very real likelihood that the image will be of the serpent himself. And since this *serpent* will have transformed into a full-blown, fire-breathing *dragon*, an image of “a *fiery flying serpent*” would be most fitting. With such an image, not only will the serpent/dragon *be worshipped himself* every time anyone bows down to the image to/of the beast, but this will greatly increase *the magnitude of this whole delusion*. How? All the false prophet and Antichrist have to do is point out that God’s Word tells us that it was *God Himself* Who told Moses to make “a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole” so that people can “*live*” when they look upon it (Numbers 21:8). And, therefore, if the “image to the beast” is some kind of serpent or serpents on a pole—like the intertwining “Rod of Sanat Kumara” or “Serpent Column” for instance—then to “choose life” and look upon it is of *God*, right? *Wrong!*

Again, *this will no more be of God than will the false prophet who “maketh fire come down from heaven.”* And even if the false prophet and Antichrist go so far as to claim that the image is of God because even *Jesus Himself* said, “And as Moses *lifted up* the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be *lifted up*” (John 3:14), in no way, shape, or form will this *lifting up of the “image of the beast” be the worship of Jesus, the Son of man*.

Rather, *Jesus* was referring here to being lifted up on *the cross* to *die for our sins* and then stated in the next verse, “*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life*” (John 3:15). And, no, the cross of *Jesus* is not the Egyptian *ankh*. The lifting up of the “image of the beast”—*regardless* of whether or not it contains a *serpent* or an *ankh*—will simply represent the “*Christification* of the Earth” which is about *humanity* being “*lifted up*” into a new “*consciousness*.” A “*Christification*” in which *HUMANITY* is lifted up *AS* a new kind of “*Son of Man*”—a new “*consciousness*” that comes from having been “bitten” by the “*serpent fire*.” Think about it. *All the pieces are being put in place for the greatest delusion in the history of mankind.*

Under the heading “Serpent Force,” Yogananda not surprisingly quoted these verses, even from the King James, and then proceeded to twist them:

“‘And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life’ (John 3:13-15).”

Yogananda then followed this with:

“This passage is very important, and little understood.... Every symbol has a hidden meaning that must be rightly interpreted.

“The word ‘*serpent*’ here refers metaphorically to man’s ***consciousness and life force*** in the subtle ***coiled*** passageway **at the base of the spine**, the matterward flow of which is to be reversed **for man to reascend** from body attachment **to superconscious freedom.**” (emphasis added)²⁹⁴

And it is later in this same article that Yogananda wrote that “[o]ne who is able to awaken the *kundalini* fast approaches the state of *Christhood*” and that “[a]scension through that *coiled pathway* opens the spiritual eye of ***spherical vision***” which is “supported by the *vibratory light* of heavenly powers.”²⁹⁵ And, by the way, it just so happens that this article is excerpted from Yogananda’s book ***The Second Coming of Christ: The Resurrection of the Christ Within You.***²⁹⁶

Barbara Marx Hubbard likewise writes:

“Teilhard called this advent ‘*Omega*,’ the ‘***Christification of the Earth.***’ Each of us, being members of the one body, will be **collectively lifted up in consciousness.**....

“**Something new is coming.**” (emphasis added)²⁹⁷

And, once again, according to Thomas Nelson’s *The Voice*:

“This phrase, ‘**Son of Man,**’ is very important in Luke’s story, but scholars struggle to capture its many layers of meaning.... ‘*Son of*’ suggests ‘**new generation of,**’ and ‘*Man*’ suggests ‘**humanity.**’ *Jesus* is *Himself the new generation of humanity* (a second Adam, **a new beginning**) ...” (*The Voice*, a box inserted into Brian McLaren’s “Luke” chapter 24; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)²⁹⁸

This sounds like Hubbard’s seducing spirit guide who likewise writes:

“**I, Jesus Christ, am humanity fulfilled.** Humanity fulfilled is inheritor of the Kingdom.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)²⁹⁹

Jesus Himself is the Son of man, and *humanity* is not *Jesus Himself*. Those who are *already* being “lifted up” in this new “consciousness” are simply the beginning of a new kind of “Second Coming” of a new kind of “Son of Man” that as described by Yogananda “is *lifted up* when this *serpentine* force [i.e., ‘the *life force*’ or ‘*Kundalini Force*’] is *uplifted*.”³⁰⁰ In other words, those who are *already* being “lifted up” in this new “consciousness” are the beginning of a New Humanity that is *lifting up the serpent*. And to lift up *the serpent* is to also thereby *lift up man himself*.

Obviously, if “Jesus is Himself” “humanity,” as *The Voice* teaches, then that means:

“You are the truth. You are the way. You are the light.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ”)³⁰¹

“You are Alpha and Omega. You are the beginning and end. You are the first and the last. You are me.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ”)³⁰²

This damnable blasphemy of man’s “Christification” is indeed “a new beginning” of “[s]omething new.” *Jesus* is not *humanity* and *humanity* is not *Jesus*; *period*. And for all who choose “*life*” by looking on (worshipping) the image to/of the serpent’s beast, it will be a new beginning of an *eternity* without *Jesus Himself*.

Again, those who are rejecting God’s *bread from heaven* and are “going *within*” are being bit by the “*serpent fire*” of “*kundalini*”—a fiery “*Presence*” that then works to *purposely* “*reprogram*” *their thinking* so that they *will choose* to look on the image to/of the beast in order to “*live*.” This is why the seducing spirit world wants humanity to do the following:

“As the selection process intensifies, dearly beloved, you must create a holy place within you and practice every day listening to your inner voice. I will be communicating to you, as the tribulations intensify, so strengthen that inner place.

“Align yourself with everyone else hearing the same signals, worldwide.

“Communicate what you hear, in every possible medium. Reach out to as many as possible. The more quickly people *know their choice*, the more quickly the tribulations will be over....

“The alternative to Armageddon is **the Planetary Pentecost**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)³⁰³

In other words, if people choose to heed these “signals” of unholy, false, seducing spirits (a.k.a. “*Presences*”) they can choose more quickly to receive the mark of the beast, bow down to the image of the beast, and thus *live*. After all, those who don’t choose to heed and “*transcend*” are going to be selected out to “*die*.” And, therefore, Satan’s *Antichrist* and *false prophet* will be offering the world the ultimate *image* for which people will *live* and by which people will *die*—the *image to/of the beast*. It is therefore incredible, on *many levels*, that Leonard Sweet writes:

“New lights’ power will inhere in their ability to imprint images--to offer people images for which they can live, by which they can die.” (emphasis added)³⁰⁴

“... saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast ... And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that **the image of the beast should both speak, and cause** that as **many** as would not worship the image of the beast should be **killed**.” (Revelation 13:14-15)

It is those who—like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—refuse to bow down and worship the image who will be choosing *life* even though it will mean their *death*.

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (John 11:25-26)

And it is those who worship the image who will be choosing *death* even though it will save their *life*.

“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:11)

Those who choose this *final rejection/Renunciation* of God’s *bread from heaven*, will be like those in John 6:66—“*From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*” They just won’t recognize that this is indeed what they are doing because this will be a “strong delusion” *from God* that guarantees “*that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, ...*” (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12).

In other words, this will all be God's *judgment* on those who are rejecting His *bread from heaven*. And, yes, the account of the serpent on the pole in the book of Numbers is a *warning*! God sent the *fiery serpents* as His *judgment* for those who were rejecting His bread from heaven. People today who have been "bitten" by the "*serpent fire*" and are looking to this serpent of "wisdom" that is rising on the "pole" of their "spine" as their "*life force*" need to repent and receive God's bread from heaven before it is too late. In Numbers, the people were forgiven when they looked on the image of the fiery serpent, but that will not be the case for those who worship the image to/of the beast when the Antichrist receives his power. And the serpent of "wisdom" has sent his "serpent fire" up the "pole" of their "spine" on a sure-fire mission. They gave him permission when their soul wanted *more* than God's *bread from heaven*.

We shall soon see if either the image of the beast or the mark of the beast (or both/and) will at all resemble this Rod of Initiation. And if it does, the world will no doubt just see it as another "symbol" of "health" and "healing" that began with Moses' fiery serpent on a pole. But even though, along with the caduceus, the "Rod of Asclepius" has also been linked by some "to the Nehushtan, a *sacred* object consisting of a serpent wrapped around a pole mentioned in the Bible in the Book of Numbers (Numbers 21:6-9)," ³⁰⁵ God does not view this serpent on the pole as "*sacred*." Again, what happened to Israel with the serpent on the pole in the book of Numbers is a *warning*. And in the book of 2 Kings, God's Word tells us that king Hezekiah, "who did that which was right in the sight of the LORD," "removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and *brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made*: for in those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it *Nehushtan*" (2 Kings 18:1-4).

Along with the image possibly being of "a *fiery flying serpent*," it will also not at all be surprising if the mark of the beast includes a "serpent circle"—an Ouroboros—in it. After all, whatever it looks like, the mark of the beast will be *the serpent's* "crowning achievement" in bringing man *full circle* in falling for "Yea, hath God said ...?"

Those who receive the mark will no longer be *the "possibilities"* for the eternal fiery swimming hole, but will be thereby marked/sealed as *the definites*. So if you are one who damnably chooses to "*transcend*" rather than "*die*," ³⁰⁶ be sure to enjoy the journey. This is, after all, your "heaven." And to also put it another way, if you choose to heed today's leaders such as Sweet who want to *Nudge* you to "pick up the signals of transcendence, the *immanent* transcendent," and heed a "God" that is imagined to be in "all that exists," ³⁰⁷ and thus choose to "transcend" the truth and faith of God literally given to us by God in His inspired Word, be sure to hang on *for the ride of your life*. Obviously, a "God" that is in "all that exists" includes the Antichrist, the false prophet, the *image* of the beast, and even the serpent/dragon, *Satan himself*. *Think about it*. And, no, this is not a ride/journey to *heaven*. Quite the opposite.

*"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**"*
(Revelation 14:9-11)

Humanity is obviously not the Lamb, *Jesus Himself*. And God is obviously not immanent in *all that exists*. Choosing to heed "imagineers" over God's Word of absolute truth is to literally "play" with *fire*. There will be no new "truths" and no new "God" that will change the future of the *unrepentant, unbelieving world that is rejecting God's Word*. Today's "new breed of theologians" that teach otherwise are wolves that will be answering to God. And their sheep's clothing will prove to be a covering that is no less futile and inadequate than fig leaves, the spun circles of the "web" of Oneness, and rocks and mountains. They, too, need to repent and believe before it is too late.

So, the question is, do people have to meditate and "go within" in order to fall for the mark and the image of the beast? The answer is a resounding *no*. The delusion will cover all who do not *believe* and *love* the truth and who are therefore not written in the book of life of the Lamb (e.g., see 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 & Revelation 13:8). To meditate is not essential, it is simply the seducing spirit world's *most sure-fire way to guarantee its success*. Don't forget that "meditative" states can also be induced through *music* and *sound*—which people are *already* doing. The Globe Sound and Consciousness Institute points out that:

“There are a wide range of techniques that utilize sound as a tool for change. **The most common and basic use of sound is for meditation and relaxation.**” (emphasis added)³⁰⁸

The Institute goes on to say that “some of the most powerful methods for resonating sound throughout the body” include “Chanting, toning, and overtone singing.” And it also lists “nature sounds,” “natural instruments, such as crystal bowls and tuning forks,” “Drumming and rhythm,” “Shamanic drumming,” and “Binaural beat frequencies” in this transformative “sound and music.”³⁰⁹

Moreover, the article “Healing With Sound” from *Massage & Bodywork magazine* (and don’t forget about the drum of Shiva) states the following:

“In the same way that the frequencies of the body seek to coordinate together to form a harmony, so the body ideally is **in harmony with the vibrations of the surrounding world of which it is a part.**”

“Existence is a song. Everything vibrates, ... Where there is vibration, there is sound.

“The human auditory system is limited in its perception of **the ‘cosmic symphony.’**...”

“[T]he earth’s ‘sound,’ ... is in the range of the alpha wave rhythms of the human brain.... associated with *meditative* states.”

“In every shamanic culture throughout the world, **the shaman has a drum.** Drumming is used **to alter consciousness**, to entrain the shaman’s brain waves to the alpha state ... In many African traditions, **drummers are healers.** There is **no separation between music and medicine**, or between music and any aspect of life. According to writer and ceremonial drummer Michael Drake, **‘The sound waves** produced by the drum **impart their energy to the resonating systems of the body, mind, and spirit, making them vibrate in sympathy.** When we drum, our living flesh, brainwaves, and *spiritual energy centers* begin to vibrate in response.... **forming new harmonic alignments.**”

“Sound is a powerful tool. Different frequencies, tones, and sounds -- through **drumming, chanting, or toning, or the use of pure sounds or healing music** -- **can induce different states to promote healing for the body, mind, emotions, and spirit.**”

“There is a natural tendency in nature toward harmony and **it requires less energy to entrain and vibrate harmoniously, than it does to remain out of step. Put another way, it is easier to cooperate than to oppose.**” (emphasis added)³¹⁰

Remember, the Antichrist’s emerging faith of Oneness is not *charming the serpent* but, rather, *the world*. Along with *charm* being “[t]o sound *harmonically*” and “[t]hat which has *power to subdue opposition*, and gain the affections,”³¹¹ **charm** is also “to recite or cast a magic spell”³¹² and is “from Old French *charme*, from Latin *carmen* **song, incantation**, from *canere* **to sing.**”³¹³ And **incantation**, which is “**sorcery**” and a “ritual recitation of magic *words or sounds*,”³¹⁴ is “from L. *incantationem* (nom. *incantatio*) ‘art of enchanting,’ noun of action from pp. stem of *incantare* ‘bewitch, charm,’ lit. ‘sing spells.’”³¹⁵

In *A Time of Departing*, Ray Yungen quotes from an American woman’s account of her encounter with a New Age healer. She states that her “body felt as though it were filled with white light,” she “started swaying” and “became unable to stand,” and her “body was filled with waves of ecstasy.”³¹⁶ Yungen then writes:

“If this healer could do something of this nature on one woman, could not someone, such as **the Antichrist**, who really had the power of occultism behind him, do the same thing on a much grander scale? He **could in essence Reiki the entire world.**” (emphasis added)³¹⁷

He could indeed. And so could the false prophet who “exerciseth *all the power* of the first beast before him, and *causeth* the earth and them which dwell therein to *worship* the first beast, whose deadly wound was *healed*” (Revelation 13:12).

Of course, included in the false prophet’s induced global “worship” is “that they should *make an image* to the beast” (v. 14). So we are going to look again at Scripture’s account of Nebuchadnezzar and his image. Nebuchadnezzar, the

king of Babylon, told Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:

*“Now if ye be ready that **at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music**, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; ...” (Daniel 3:15)*

Likewise, with the image in the kingdom of the beast, the false prophet will “cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (Revelation 13:15). No doubt, there will also be “sound” and “music” to let the world know that it is time for people to either bow down or be killed—that is, to either “*transcend*” the truth and faith of God’s Word or “*die*.” This is, of course, *the serpent’s* kingdom of the beast. And, along with Reiki, “sound” and “music” are also being used to bring about the rise of the “serpent fire”—or fiery serpent. It will therefore not at all be surprising if this “music” is “a beautiful melody which is actually *empowering Reiki* as it plays,” thus triggering “the largest waves of *mass healing on the planet*” that thereby occurs through the music and “art” of the “image” of the beast.

So, to put it another way, no doubt along with the Antichrist and false prophet themselves, “sound” and “music” will also be employed in casting *the biggest spell ever*—on the world as a whole. And it will have one purpose—to get the whole world to *bow down* before the serpent’s image. *Charm* is also “[t]o *summon by incantation*,”³¹⁸ the latter of course being “sorcery” that is “lit. ‘sing spells.’” So think of this sorcerous summons as two-fold—a summons to *bow down*, and a summons of the serpent and his fiery realm. And, therefore, keep in mind that snake charming involves playing music and then *the serpent rises* . . .

Remember *beacon*? Quite significantly, *beacon* is also “**a fire or light set up in a high or prominent position as a warning, signal, or celebration**;³¹⁹ “[a] **signal erected on a long pole**, upon an eminence, consisting of a pitch barrel, or some combustible matter, **to be fired** at night, or to cause a smoke by day;”³²⁰ “**a signal fire, esp. one on a hill, pole, etc.**”³²¹ And given that “**LUCIFER**”—“an angel of *light*”—is indeed “**the guiding beacon**”³²² in the world’s emerging faith of Oneness, a *fiery serpent* erected on a long *pole* as an image of the beast—an image upon which *all* the separate “consciousnesses” of the world will indeed *converge*—would be most fitting. It would be the *ultimate idol* of this “guiding beacon” of the whole world. And his “light” of Oneness is a “*healing*” beacon that is a “guide” and “inspiration”³²³ to be *celebrated*, right? . . .

“... a supreme pole of consciousness, upon which all the separate consciousnesses of the world may converge and within which they may love one another: the rise of a God.” (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin; emphasis added)³²⁴

“... the great dragon ... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ...” (Revelation 12:9)

“For thou hast said in thine heart ... I will be like the most High.” (Isaiah 14:13-14)

Incidentally, for those who are inspired by the serpent’s emerging faith of Oneness that is openly a new kind of “Way” to “God” that is a verb and not a *noun*, you might want to keep in mind that, along with these other definitions, *beacon* as a verb is “to furnish or mark with beacons.”³²⁵

This marked kingdom will consist of the *sidewinder’s* prey who have fallen for his emerging faith of Oneness that is a *verb* moving and dancing through the *shifting sand* between opposites. To the contrary, God’s Word is perfectly clear that the way to God is a quite *narrow* path of believing and loving the *noun* of God’s *absolute truth*, which is God’s record of His Son. It takes a backbone to stand fast and strong on the side of truth. But, of course, *Oneness* is about *not taking sides*. Hence, no backbone is needed. So if you are in this emerging faith, just keep in mind that you will indeed need a strong backbone to stand straight and *not bow* before the serpent’s image of the beast . . .

In the verse regarding Nebuchadnezzar’s image, the “dulcimer” is included in the call to worship. Interestingly, Strong’s Concordance translates the word for *dulcimer* as “a *bagpipe* (with a *double pipe*).”³²⁶ Sounds like the snake charmer’s “pungi.” And Easton’s 1897 Bible Dictionary states:

“Dulcimer

“(Heb. *sumphoniah*), a musical instrument mentioned in Dan. 3:5, 15, along with other instruments there named, as sounded before the golden image. It was not a Jewish instrument. In the margin of the Revised Version it is styled **the ‘bag-pipe.’** Luther translated it ‘lute,’ and Grotius **the ‘crooked trumpet.’** It is probable that it was introduced into Babylon by some Greek or Western-Asiatic musician.” (parenthesis in the original; emphasis added)³²⁷

And, interestingly, the term *beacon* is also “[p]erhaps borrowed from L. *bucina* ‘a crooked horn or trumpet, signal horn.’”³²⁸ A “*crooked*” trumpet for those who prefer the “*no judgment*” of “*crooked paths*” and are thus about to break out “into a *viper*” (see Isaiah 59:5, 8).

“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” (1 Corinthians 14:8)

It is without question that “the Antichrist, who really had the power of occultism behind him”—and, as God’s Word makes perfectly clear, that would be the power of Satan, the serpent—“could in essence Reiki the entire world.” Just think of it as a *transformational* venomous “healing” of the world . . .

“The signal for its birth en masse is the gathering of the attracted people by the sound of the voice of God—the ‘trumpet’ that shall surely sound. Then we shall surely be changed, in the twinkling of an eye.” (Barbara Marx Hubbard; bold & underline added)³²⁹

“The transformation is about to begin....

“... **you will change to resonate with the sound vibrations** of the ‘trumpet,’ or voice, or **signal of the God-force**, which is **directed intentionally upon you**.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)³³⁰

This transformational “healing”—or should we say ultimate “*love potion*”—would, of course, give the world its desired warm fuzzies, which, sadly enough, will *quite easily* seduce it to bow down. First, once again, the Globe Sound and Consciousness Institute states:

“Perhaps most exciting is the use of sound and music to transform consciousness - First, to release deep emotional issues; then, **to more consistently resonate the vibrations of love and light** -- including gratitude, compassion, joy and *Universal Love*. Ultimately, to use sound **to bring us into a state of oneness with everyone and everything in the Universe**.” (emphasis added)³³¹

And, second, the following is a list of descriptions of Reiki’s *effects*. You might feel “a warm tingling sensation,” “like a wonderful glowing radiance that flows through and around you and fully enhances relaxation;”³³² “a warm, tingling sensation, or perhaps a cool relief,” “feeling a relaxed state of alertness,” “a sense of calm rest gently wash over you,” “or have visions and spiritual experiences.”³³³ And then there’s also the following:

“Some don’t directly feel anything and just rest in *the pleasant atmosphere* with trust that it’s working for them.” (emphasis added)³³⁴

“Some simply sense that something special is happening. One student [of Reiki] reported that he simply felt a *smile* on his face when the energy began to flow.” (emphasis added)³³⁵

How fitting. In *False Christ Coming – Does Anybody Care?*, Warren B. Smith has warned about the “Planetary Smile,” which is the “Planetary Pentecost” taught by Hubbard in her channeled teachings.³³⁶ Remember the *true* Pentecost? The disciples were “endued with *power* from on high” when “suddenly there came a *sound* from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,” and “they were all *filled with the Holy Ghost*” (Luke 24:49; Acts 2:1-4). So with *everything* being flipped upside down now, think about what an *upside-down* “Pentecost” would mean that has been orchestrated for the planet by the serpent and his devils/seducing spirits. It won’t be a “sound” from *heaven*, and even if “cloven tongues like as of fire ... sat upon each of them” (v. 3), it won’t be the *Holy Spirit* that fills people and endues them with “power.”

“This is my dream, this is my passion, this is my desire—to have all of you paying attention to me at once through the activation of your own inner experience of your potential to be me, rather than relying on priests, mystics, or

saints, beloved though they are. Their work is done. Yours has begun.

“As the Planetary Smile ripples through the nervous systems of earth and the Instant of Co-operation begins, ... I appear to all of you at once. I appear to you from within as a voice, ... I appear to you from beyond as the light being that I now am. Your electronic media will pulse with light—the same light your mystics see....

“You will all feel, hear, and see my presence at one instant in time, each in your own way.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)³³⁷

Although Satan isn’t omnipresent, he has plenty of fallen angels/devils/seducing *spirits* to help stretch his “Presence.” The seducing spirit Djwhal Khul repeatedly refers to “the Angel of the Presence,” as well as to “the Presence” and “the Presence of the planetary Logos”³³⁸—which, of course, is “Sanat Kumara,” or *Satan*. And, remember, the diabolical “consciousness” is “legion” and “manifests by the billions.”³³⁹ So even if humanity finds itself with a “smile” on its face, this will be very temporary . . .

“An uncontrollable joy will ripple through the thinking layer of Earth.... **From within, all sensitive persons will feel the joy of the force,** flooding their systems with love and attraction.... **It is pre-programmed in you.”** (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)³⁴⁰

“Do you feel an inner radiation? Do you sense a quantum change? Do you have a flame of expectation exciting you from within?

“If so, you are being prepared ... to be ready when the selection process comes.” (the seducing spirit calling itself “Christ;” emphasis added)³⁴¹

In this same book, *The Revelation*, Hubbard describes a 1966 vision that she saw as though she “were viewing a technicolor movie.”³⁴² In this description, and under the heading **“The Planetary Smile,”** she writes:

“I saw **something new**. A flash of extraordinary light more radiant than the sun surrounded the planet. Instantly, *all of us were attracted to the light*.... Wave upon wave of love flowed through all people. **A magnetic field of love aligned us....**

“With each wave of harmony, the glowing light that surrounded us intensified. We were being coordinated by an invisible design. The light became brighter and seemed to fuse with the light that is within us. Each of us was a point of light, growing brighter as we joined with other points of light.” (emphasis added)³⁴³

Once again, this is all about the world being “magnetized” to be drawn—like bugs to a zapper light—to *the Antichrist and his planetary kingdom*. Shortly thereafter, and under this same heading, Hubbard writes:

“Then I heard the inner words clearly:

“Our story is a birth. It is the birth of humankind as one body....

“In response to those words, which had seemed to come from deep within the universe, billions of us opened our collective eyes and smiled. It was a Planetary Smile—like the first smile of a newborn baby ... Ecstatic joy rippled through the planetary body ...

“I saw that it was true.... We are the generation born when the whole planetary body is being born....

“‘Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed.’ Omega! The planetary birth is a real event in cosmic time.”³⁴⁴

So is the “bug zapper.” And those of us who are not attracted to this “light” will therefore miss out on the “joy of the force”—*thank God!* Of course, for obvious reasons, as Hubbard’s seducing spirit guide also points out: “You will not at first encounter the whole God force. You will encounter aspects that your young mind can comprehend.”³⁴⁵ Basically, you will first encounter the seducing *counterfeit* aspects of this “God force,” such as of “love,” “peace,” and “joy.” And, later, when the seduction is complete, the unmasked genuine aspects of this quite *satanic* “God force” will be encountered. An encounter that will indeed feel just like a bug zapper.

In the meantime, this “sound” that won’t be from *heaven* will be busy transforming the world into a “healed” world of

Oneness that worships the beast and his image.

“The Sound ... of the planetary Logos is not a word, but a full reverberating sound, holding within itself all other sounds, all chords and certain musical tones (which have been given the name of the ‘music of the spheres’) and dissonances, unknown as yet to the modern ear. It is this Sound which the ‘Rising One’ must learn to recognize, and to which he must respond ...

“[I]t will be the heart center which responds to the sound, and from thence the whole body; ...” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³⁴⁶

“Forget not that sound permeates all forms ... and all chords contribute to the great symphony which the Hierarchy [i.e., the seducing spirit world] and Humanity are playing, and playing now.... This rhythm of sound and this myriad of chords and notes blend with the music of the Hierarchy itself and this is a steadily enriching symphony; as the centuries slip away, all these sounds slowly unite and are resolved into each other until some day the planetary symphony which Sanat Kumara is composing will be completed ... and this is a part, intrinsic and real, of the music of the spheres.” (the seducing spirit calling itself Djwhal Khul; emphasis added)³⁴⁷

It isn't God that is composing the “planetary symphony” of Oneness.

“Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.... thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness ...” (Ezekiel 28:11-17)

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell ...” (Isaiah 14:12-15)

An “angel of light” with “beauty” and “wisdom” and “pipes” that he now uses to deceive the world . . .

While finishing this subsection (“The serpent’s Rod of Initiation, and ‘At what time ye hear the sound ... and all kinds of music ... fall down and worship the image’”), a new book of Brian McLaren’s has come out and is being released, titled, *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?: Christian Identity in a Multi-faith World*. His September 2012 book contains the following “Summary” by his publisher: “Brian McLaren, one of the established leaders of the emerging church movement, invites interfaith dialogue, suggesting tolerance and respect between religions.”³⁴⁸ In this book, McLaren rejects “a universe of duality” and writes of an alternative that is “a relational universe,” about which he states:

“To draw from the world of music, this vision invites us to imagine the universe as a wild and wonderful symphony, full of polyphony and surprise, expansive in themes, each movement inspiring the possibility of more movements as yet unimagined, all woven together with coherent motifs and morphing rhythms, where even dissonance has a place within higher, more comprehensive patterns of harmony and wholeness.” (emphasis added)³⁴⁹

In other words, a “harmonious” dissonance of wholeness in which, as the Three Initiates wrote in *The Kybalion* regarding the “relation” of “the black keys on the piano” “to the white keys”: “The white keys are sufficient to produce music, but there are certain scales, melodies, and harmonies, in which the black keys play their part, and in which their presence is necessary” “as ‘connecting links’ of soul-condition.”³⁵⁰ And, of course, “the devil’s chord,” the tritone, is a musical sound of “dissonance” that is produced by playing two notes—both a white key and a black key. A “higher” and more inclusive “harmony” that stems from the serpent’s “heart center” and new kind of “black and white” of “Yea, hath God

said ...?” And, by the way, the cover of McLaren’s book just so happens to consist of people walking amidst alternating broad horizontal stripes of black and white.³⁵¹ A fitting cover for a book that peddles a path of “harmonious” purposeful dissonance. Regarding the different religions, McLaren writes:

“Our varied histories have brought us to a crossroads. We can *stand our ground* here on our *opposite corners* and defend the frigid distance between us. Or we can cross the road. With outstretched hands, *smiling faces*, and open hearts, we can move toward one another, *meet in the middle*, and walk side by side beyond the *limits* of our *old* suspicious, segregated spaces.... and inject *fresh hope* into the global human equation through the unexpected factor of human-kindness. Walking together, we can face our common threats and seek the common good, forging a future that would have been impossible any other way. In so doing, as Farid Esack said, we will all feel like *beginners*, for **we will all have to acknowledge how little we know.**” (emphasis added)³⁵²

So are we to all acknowledge “*Yea, hath God said ...?*” Sorry, but *Yea, God hath said.* And those who choose to be in Conflict with this in order to achieve Harmony are *already choosing* the serpent’s *Renunciation*. But they don’t see it that way because they have “opened” eyes that instead “see” the serpent’s faithless question as the foundation of “*truth.*” A foundation that is, of course, in *Conflict with God Himself*. It is indeed “a new beginning” of “[s]omething new.”

We are not to have “tolerance and respect” for *false gods*. Not only is *respect* “the state of being *honored* or *esteemed*,” it is also “to look back, pay attention to.”³⁵³ Remember Lot’s wife? When she “looked back,” it wasn’t a pillar of *truth* that she became (Genesis 19:26). So pay attention to this: We can either have respect for *God and His Word* or we can have respect for *false gods* and their *false religions*. There is no *both-and*. Those who believe that they can have it both ways will be bowing down to the serpent’s image of the beast—barring *true* “*repentance to the acknowledging of the truth*” (2 Timothy 2:25). We can either stand our ground on the corner stone, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, or we can bow down to the serpent’s image amidst his symphony of Oneness. There is no both-and. Likewise, we can either stand our ground and not take the mark of the beast or we can take the mark of the beast. There is no both-and.

Regarding the title of his book, McLaren writes:

“So, why is it funny to ask about Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed crossing the road? Before looking for a punch line, just for fun try to imagine the scene: four of history’s greatest religious leaders ... walking together, moving together, leading together.”³⁵⁴

Just for “fun” try to imagine *this* scene: many of *today’s* “greatest” religious leaders ... walking together, moving together, leading together in the punch line to get the spiritually lethal mark of the beast. Are you laughing? And, by the way, *Jesus*—the Creator of the universe, Lord from heaven, and Son of God—does not *co-lead* with *anyone whatsoever*, let alone with *spiritual leaders/followers of false gods*.

“That the God of **our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him ... and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet ...**” (Ephesians 1:17, 19-22)

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

No, “*Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed*” will never be “*leading together.*” McLaren also writes that “rather than surrendering my identity as a Christian, I’ve redefined it” and then goes on to refer to the “profound emergence” of “a worldwide spiritual awakening” and “healing” that “will require some profound rethinking—repentance, in the sturdiest and *best* sense of the word.”³⁵⁵ Naturally, today’s “*best sense*” of “repentance” is the “*humble*” *un*-repentance of the *un*-acknowledging of the truth of the Word of God. It therefore isn’t surprising that McLaren even admits that the “persuasive, coherent, and beautiful” “integrated vision” presented in his book “proposes *not minor changes* within the

existing paradigm of Christian identity, and *not even major changes*, but rather *a different paradigm altogether*.”³⁵⁶ Indeed. *There can be no changes to either-or* because it simply *is what it is*—either . . . or. This necessitates “a different paradigm altogether”—the “different paradigm” of *both-and*. Moreover, it is *both-and*, not *either-or*, that creates the *dissonance* (i.e., “a mixture or union of harsh, unharmonious sounds”³⁵⁷). And as New Age author Marilyn Ferguson wrote in *The Aquarian Conspiracy*:

“**We are free not to know** the answer, we are free to change our position, we are free not to have a position.” (emphasis added)³⁵⁸

“**Paradigm change attempts to heal the delusion of either-or** ...

“... **it relinquishes certainty**....

“Paradigm change ... is a sudden *shift* of pattern, a *spiral*, and sometimes **a cataclysm**.” (emphasis added)³⁵⁹

Don’t forget, “relinquishing” is in the definition of *Renunciation*. And this is a *Renunciation* of what is *correct* and *true* based on having fallen for the *channeled* “wisdom” that “the love of God” is “*no separation*.” In other words, that “the love of God” is not “*either-or*” . . .

Later in this same paragraph regarding the “persuasive, coherent, and beautiful” “integrated vision” of “*a different paradigm altogether*,” McLaren writes:

“We are increasingly faced with **a *choice***, I believe, not between kindness and hostility, but **between kindness and nonexistence**.

“**That is the choice we must make, the road we must cross**.” (emphasis added)³⁶⁰

Those who cross the road to “a different paradigm altogether” will be crossing the road to choose *life*—*life* that will result in *eternal death*. Across this road will be a “persuasive, coherent, and beautiful” *image* of an “integrated vision” of Oneness. An image that—like Nebuchadnezzar’s—will no doubt be accompanied by “persuasive, coherent, and beautiful” sound and music. Sound that will be diabolically designed to charm humanity with the “joyful” warm fuzzies of Oneness in order to manipulate everyone into choosing to *bow down*.

So, given the diabolical powers and sounds that will be (and are already) poured out on the world in a massive hell-bent determination to cunningly and sorcerously get every person to bow down to the image and take the mark, what is our defense against all this mind-blinding deception? First and foremost, our protection is to have our name written in the Lamb’s book of life. God’s Word warns regarding the Antichrist:

“**And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.... And all that dwell upon the earth **shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.” (Revelation 13:6, 8-9)**

There is no protection apart from this. And we do not have our names written in the Lamb’s book of life if we do not believe and love the truth. It really is that simple. *Those who do not believe and love the truth*, which includes those who are “*falling away*” in today’s shifting Christianity, *will fall for the Antichrist*:

“**Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; *because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth*, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Therefore, brethren, stand fast**, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-15; “falling away” is in v. 3)

So how do we stand fast against all the mind-blinding deception of the serpent?

*“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore **take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore,** having your loins girt about **with truth**, and having on the breastplate of **righteousness**; and your feet shod with the preparation of **the gospel of peace**; above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of God**: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” (Ephesians 6:10-18)*

Having our name written in the Lord Jesus Christ’s book of life does not mean that we won’t still be oppressed—and even quite severely. The serpent is on a mission to devour, so we need to be deeply rooted in the truth of God’s Word. It is this truth that we hang on to and wield with authority against all diabolical attacks. God’s Word is an *indispensable* part of His whole *indispensable* armor.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

Those who are laying down God’s sword are waving a white flag of surrender to the serpent’s mind-blinding deception. And even in today’s Christianity many, many people are not only laying down God’s sword, they are carelessly neglecting, disregarding, avoiding, rejecting, rebuffing, or outright casting aside and discarding the rest of the armor of God. Why? Because, incredibly enough, the emerging “wisdom” of becoming armorless in order to bring about Oneness is man’s chosen defense against the emerging “wisdom” of Oneness. So never mind that Oneness is a defenseless emerging “wisdom” that will not stand before the image of the beast, but will bow down. And never mind that Oneness is not a defense against all the mind-blinding deception of Oneness. Man has absurdly chosen to defenselessly enter the darkness in order to “rethink” and “reimagine” man’s defense against the darkness. And man has chosen to do so to bring about a new world of Oneness. Bowing down and receiving the mark will be man’s crowning achievement of self-destruction.

God’s Word warns that we are to “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11). And *wile(s)* means “to beguile, entice, or lure (usually followed by *away, from, into, etc.*);” “deceitful cunning; trickery;”³⁶¹ “craftiness;” “an artful or seductive trick or ploy;”³⁶² “devious or cunning stratagems employed in manipulating or persuading someone to do what one wants.”³⁶³ And this includes the use of magic, by which spells, charms, sorcery, etc., are cast. *Wile* is “from Old Norse *vel* craft; probably related to Old French *wile*, Old English *wigle* magic;”³⁶⁴ “[p]erhaps ultimately related to O.E. *wicca* ‘wizard.’”³⁶⁵ But, of course, now that wizards, witches, and magic (i.e., powers that all come from *Satan*) are today’s *heroes*, why would people see the need for any armor to protect them against these very wiles that will be employed to manipulate them to bow down to the satanic image and receive the mark? *Think about it.*

God’s Word also warns us: “Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked” (Ephesians 6:16). And a *shield* is “a broad piece of protective armor,”³⁶⁶ with *broad* being “[w]ide; extended in breadth, or from side to side.”³⁶⁷ Since this is a shield against *all* the fiery darts, it must be broad enough to protect us from the serpent’s broad way. In other words, our shield must extend from side to side in order to protect us from all the darts coming at us from the serpent’s sidwinding path—a path that goes back and forth *between opposites*, or side to side in a path of Oneness. Oneness is, of course, *relationship*. And not just any relationship, but an all-encompassing relationship of *all* opposites, not the least of which is *truth and falsehood, right and wrong*. And, yes, our *protection* against this damnable Oneness that brings *the true God and false gods* into relationship is the shield of *faith*.

First, *obviously*, it is not today’s *new kind of faith* that comes by this *relationship of Oneness* that is our *protection* against this *relationship of Oneness* but, rather, the faith that comes “by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). And, of course, with this faith we are specifically “Looking unto *Jesus* the author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2), and that would be the *true Person* of Jesus, God’s Son, *Jesus Christ of Nazareth*. It is not today’s new kind of *make-it-up-as-you-go-along* “*Jesus*” that is the author and finisher of our *faith*.

Second, since the faith of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is quite the opposite of the all-encompassing relationship of *Oneness*, it is therefore quite fitting that the word *shield* is from “Old English *scild* ... related to Dutch *schild* and German *Schild*, from a base meaning ‘*divide, separate*.’”³⁶⁸ Obviously, *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* and *truth and falsehood, right and wrong*, do indeed divide and separate. (And, yes, wizards, witches, and magic—or sorcery—would fall under the category of *wrong*. It used to be obvious that what God calls “*abominations*” are not in the category of what is *right*. But God’s warnings of abominations, which are *an essential part of our protective shield*, are now blindly and carelessly cast aside as legalistic “rules.” And, besides, according to today’s new kind of “wisdom,” they’re just *fictitious* abominations, right?)

The faith that comes by *the Word of God* is indeed a *shield* designed “to protect,” “to separate,” “to cover,” and “to defend against.”³⁶⁹ And given that today’s new “light” is the all-encompassing relationship of *Oneness*, it is quite relevant that a *shield* also provides protection from “*the emission of light*.”³⁷⁰ For obvious reasons, the faith that comes by *relationship* has no need to accomplish any of this. It thus fits the definition of *shield* that is “varying widely in *form and size*” and is even “somewhat *heart-shaped*.”³⁷¹

Those who are shifting from *faith in God’s Word* to *faith in man’s heart* are shifting to a *man-made faith that cannot stand* but will *bow down* when faced with the coming *all-out assault on hearts and minds* by the *sorcerous wiles* of Satan and his entire seducing spirit realm. Again, God’s Word warns us:

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” (Ephesians 6:13)

We will *stand* and not *bow down*—*if* we are wearing the armor of *God*. Along with “the shield of faith”—that comes by *the Word of God* and not by *relationship*—the armor of God also includes “the helmet of salvation.” And that would likewise be a salvation that is not *universal* but is *personal*:

“... by the name of *Jesus Christ of Nazareth* ... which is become the head of the corner. *Neither is there salvation in any other*: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:10-12)

“And they said, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved*, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.” (Acts 16:31-32)

The armor of God’s protection also includes “the breastplate of righteousness,” *righteousness* being *right* and not *both right and wrong*, and “your loins girt about with truth,” *truth* likewise being *truth* and not *both truth and falsehood*. Moreover, “the gospel of peace” is “the gospel of Christ”—by whom we have peace with God and salvation—and not the new kind of “gospel” of the new kind of “peace” of *Oneness*.

“For I am not ashamed of *the gospel of Christ*: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that *believeth*: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, *The just shall live by faith*. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.” (Romans 1:16-18)

“Therefore being justified by faith, *we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert *the gospel of Christ*. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach *any other gospel* unto you than that which we have preached unto you, *let him be accursed*. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach *any other gospel* unto you than that ye have received, *let him be accursed*. *For do I now persuade men, or God?* or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” (Galatians 1:6-10)

And, finally, we are to take “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” And this is not referring to today’s new kind of “Word of God” that is conducive to the all-encompassing relationship of *Oneness*. Obviously, God’s Word that

is “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16), is not a sword that is today’s new kind of “Word” that is found wherever anyone chooses to look. Rather, the sword of the Spirit is quite *specifically* and *only* God’s Holy Scriptures that are inspired by God’s Holy Spirit. In other words, the sword of the Spirit is the 66 books that begin with Genesis and end with Revelation.

This inspired Word that is of God’s inerrant, literal, absolute truth “*is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (Hebrews 4:12). Obviously, a sword that is “sharper than any twoedged sword” is sharp and not *both sharp and dull*. As addressed earlier, the Three Initiates wrote in *The Kybalion: Hermetic Philosophy* that:

“... ‘**the pairs of opposites may be reconciled**’; ... ‘everything is and isn’t, at the same time’; ... ‘**all truths are but half-truths**’; ‘every truth is half-false’; ‘**there are two sides to everything**,’ ... The same Principle manifests in the case of ‘**Light and Darkness**,’ which **are the same thing**, ... **What is the difference** between ‘Large and Small’? ... Between ‘Black and White’? **Between ‘Sharp and Dull?’**” (emphasis added)³⁷²

What’s the difference between “Sharp and Dull”? Sharp is light, dull is darkness. Sharp is truth, dull is falsehood. What’s the difference? By sharp we stand, and by dull we bow down. So, how sharp is *your* sword? And are you wielding it with authority against all diabolical attacks? If not, you had better start immediately. The serpent’s kingdom of mind-blinding deception is rapidly rising into full force, and the time to familiarize oneself with one’s sword is not in the heat of battle. And, by the way, those who think that they are immune to deception are obviously not familiar with their sword—or else they have a sword that is extremely dull. This perceived immunity is quite the opposite of what God’s inspired Word repeatedly warns. In just one example, when asked by His disciples about “the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world,” God’s Word tells us that “Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:3-4).

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” (Ephesians 6:13)

Withstand -- “Old English *withstandan*, from the prefix *with-* ‘against’ + the verb *STAND*,”³⁷³ “to stand or hold out against; resist or oppose, especially successfully,” “to remain firm in endurance or opposition,” “to stand in opposition.”³⁷⁴

When the hordes of hell are unleashed against you on a mission to manipulate you into bowing down and receiving the mark of the beast, will you stand? Are you standing in opposition now? Or are you already bowing to their wiles of Oneness that are bringing all opposites/opposition together in relationship? Are you already bowing to the “beautiful” lights and sounds of the serpent’s nearly completed symphony of Oneness? If so, then why do you think you will stand when his sound and music plays with the image of the beast? It is those who *stand now* who will *stand then*, and it is those who *bow now* who will *bow then*. Make your choice now very carefully because *now* is rapidly becoming *then*. And, therefore, also carefully think about this: Are you wearing the armor of God *now*?

“*The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*” (Romans 13:12)

“*Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*” (Jude 1:21-23)

To be in *harmony* is obviously the opposite of to *stand in opposition*. Those who are already in harmony with the serpent’s symphony of Oneness *now* will not be standing in opposition to it *then*. And, no, they won’t think twice about it. After all, what’s the difference between light and darkness, truth and falsehood, right and wrong? All who are in harmony with this symphony of Oneness *now* are already harmonizing in the emerging global Renunciation.

Remember, *renunciation* is “an act or instance of relinquishing, abandoning, repudiating, or *sacrificing* something.”³⁷⁵ The emerging faith of Oneness, and its culmination in the mark of the beast, is all about *sacrificing truth* on the altar of *unity*. And the ultimate sacrifice of this emerging unity of the world? *Sacrificing Jesus Christ of Nazareth* on the altar of *Oneness* . . .

**Shifting from the God of *Israel* to “the god of this world” --
“because they received not the love of the truth”**

There is only *one* true and living God; *period*. And the only true and living God is the God of *Israel*.⁵ That’s right, *the God of Israel*, specifically, *the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*.[†] All other gods are false gods. Shiva is not the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Allah is not the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Neither is Baal, Molech, Zeus, Brahman, Kali, Krishna, or any of man’s millions of other gods. *None of them* are the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. *None of them* are the true and living God. And this applies to every god and goddess throughout the history of mankind.

Likewise, neither is the “God” of Oneness the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew no such “God” of Oneness. As has been addressed, the “God” of Oneness that is absurdly immanent in “*all things*” is a god that is revealed in ways as “limitless” as man’s imagination. In other words, it is a god that is *any god and every god that man has ever imagined or ever will imagine* as it brings the past, present, and future together as one. This all-inclusive “God” of Oneness is the sun gods; moon gods; rain gods; the gods and goddesses in any and every religion, culture, country, and civilization; Egyptian gods; Babylonian gods; Roman gods; Greek gods; Wiccan gods; Hindu gods; pagan gods; Incan gods; Mayan gods; Aztec gods; Celtic gods; tribal gods; Native American gods; African gods; European gods; Middle Eastern gods; Eastern gods; Western gods; Mesopotamian gods; gods in Old Testament times; gods in New Testament times; voodoo gods; occult gods; the gods in any video game; the gods in any book; the gods in any movie; the gods in *anyone’s* and *everyone’s* imagination . . . (For the examples of these gods and goddesses, see the lists in the last section of Part Two titled “The immanent ‘God’ of Oneness, imagined and defined in *limitless* ways.” And don’t forget about the cow goddess of the sky . . .)

“There is only One God. What God is this? Is it Adonai? Allah? Elohim? God? Hari? Jehovah? Krishna? Lord? Rama? Vishnu? Yahweh?

“It’s All of Them.” (Neale Donald Walsch; bold added)[†]

No, it isn’t. The true and living God is not revealed to man in “limitless” ways. The true and living God does not humor a rebellious unbelieving world that is not willing to accept that He is Who He is and said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth. Let’s look at this again. The God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is

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For example, see Exodus 5:1; 24:10; 32:27; 34:23; Numbers 16:9; Joshua 7:13, 19, 20; 8:30; 9:18, 19; 10:42; 13:14, 33; 14:14; 22:16, 24; 24:2, 23; Judges 4:6; 5:3, 5; 6:8; 11:21, 23; 21:3; Ruth 2:12; 1 Samuel 1:17; 2:30; 5:7, 8, 10, 11; 6:3, 5; 10:18; 14:41; 20:12; 23:10, 11; 25:32, 34; 2 Samuel 7:27; 12:7; 23:3; 1 Kings 1:30, 48; 8:15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 26; 11:9, 31; 14:7, 13; 15:30; 16:13, 26, 33; 17:1, 14; 18:36; 22:53; 2 Kings 9:6; 10:31; 14:25; 18:5; 19:15, 20; 21:12; 22:15, 18; 1 Chronicles 4:10; 5:26; 15:12, 14; 16:4, 36; 17:24; 22:6; 23:25; 24:19; 28:4; 29:10, 18; 2 Chronicles 2:12; 6:4, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17; 11:16; 13:5; 15:4, 13; 20:19; 29:7, 10; 30:1, 6; 32:17; 33:16, 18; 34:23, 26; 36:13; Ezra 1:3; 3:2; 4:1, 3; 5:1; 6:14, 21, 22; 7:6, 15; 8:35; 9:4, 15; Psalm 41:13; 59:5; 68:8, 35; 69:6; 72:18; 106:48; Isaiah 17:6; 21:10, 17; 24:15; 29:23; 30:15; 37:16, 21; 41:17; 44:6; 45:3, 15; 48:1, 2; 52:12; Jeremiah 7:3, 21; 9:15; 11:3; 13:12; 16:9; 19:3, 15; 21:4; 23:2; 24:5; 25:15, 27; 27:4, 21; 28:2, 14; 29:4, 8, 21, 25; 30:2; 31:23; 32:14, 15, 36; 33:4; 34:2, 13; 35:13, 17, 18, 19; 37:7; 38:17; 39:16; 42:9, 15, 18; 43:10; 44:2, 7, 11, 25; 45:2; 46:25; 48:1; 50:18; 51:33; Ezekiel 8:4; 9:3; 10:19, 20; 11:22; 43:2; 44:2; Zephaniah 2:9; Malachi 2:16; Matthew 15:31; Luke 1:68; Acts 13:17.

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For example, see Exodus 3:6, 15, 16; 4:5; Matthew 22:32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 3:13; 7:32.

not revealed to man in “limitless” ways. The God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, does not humor a rebellious unbelieving world that is not willing to accept that He is Who He is and said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of truth. There is no “God” of Oneness. Man’s “God” of Oneness is no more the true and living God than is Baal.

The God of Israel is real. All other gods are false.

“O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.” (Isaiah 37:16)

“The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.” (Psalm 68:8)

“Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory: Amen, and Amen.” (Psalm 72:18-19)

“... I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.... I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me ... there is none beside me, I am the LORD, and there is none else.... Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!... I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.” (Isaiah 45:3, 5-6, 9, 12)

“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.” (Isaiah 42:8)

“... Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel ...” (2 Kings 5:15)

The God of Israel is real. All other gods are false. It really is that simple.

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

God is as specific as it gets in telling us Who He is. God is not the God of Abraham and *Ishmael*. He is the God of Abraham and *Isaac*. God is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and *Esau*. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and *Jacob*. And God chose to change Jacob’s name to *Israel*.

“And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but *Israel* shall be thy name: and he called his name *Israel*.” (Genesis 35:10)

God is the God of *Jacob*, and thus the God of *Israel*.

“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.” (Psalm 146:5-6)

In the above passage of Genesis 35, the Word of God then tells us after “he called his name *Israel*”:

“And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; and the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.” (Genesis 35:11-12)

It is the 12 sons of *Jacob/Israel* who became the 12 tribes of Israel. And the land of *Israel* is called *Israel* for the simple reason that God gave it to the descendants/children of *Israel*—the name God gave to *Jacob*. To say that God is the God of *Israel* thus refers to both *Jacob* and the land. And, yes, this same land is the “promised land”—i.e., “the land” that God “promised” the children of *Jacob/Israel* and to which God told Moses to lead them when bringing them out of *Egypt* (e.g., see also Exodus 12:25).

*“And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto **the land** which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as **the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.**” (Deuteronomy 27:1-3)*

***“And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?”** (2 Samuel 7:23)*

Of course, the serpent and his seducing spirit realm, who are leading the world *back to Egypt* and to the serpent’s new kind of “promised land” of Oneness, would have people believe that “Israel is not a blood-type nor a geographical location.”² But this absurdity is simply a diabolical lie from the father of lies. It isn’t God that is trying to replace the true Israel. God’s Word clearly states, for example:

“And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.” (1 Chronicles 17:21-22)

“I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew....” (Romans 11:1-2; see also the rest of the chapter)

“For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name’s sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.” (1 Samuel 12:22)

“For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.” (Jeremiah 51:5)

God is the God of Israel. The God of Israel is not trying replace Israel for any reason, let alone to become the God of Oneness. Not even the true Christian church—i.e., all the individuals who believe in God’s true Son—replaces Israel. Romans 11, for example, makes this perfectly clear. When we believe in God’s Jewish Son and Messiah, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we are simply grafted in.

“God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.... I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.... Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith.... And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers’ sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.” (Romans 11:2-5, 11, 19-20, 23-29; see also the whole chapter)

In no way, shape, or form does anyone ever replace Israel as God’s chosen people. This belief is as unscriptural as the emerging belief in Oneness—and, in fact, they are related. *Both* are trying to move God away from being *the God of Israel*.

No one will ever succeed in moving God away from being Who He is. Those who try will only succeed in moving *themselves* away from the God of Israel. In other words, they will only succeed in *departing from the living God*.

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12)

*“The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in **truth**.” (Psalm 145:18)*

So, what are we to believe since the God of Israel grafts us in by faith? Simply the faith that comes by the Word of the God of Israel. Yes, the Word of God is the Word of the God of Israel. So, to put it another way, we are to simply believe the faith that is given to us in the Holy Scriptures that are inspired by the God of Israel. And, of course, this faith would specifically be the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of the God of Israel—an inspired scriptural faith that is, quite clearly, a faith in the God of Israel and His Jewish Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

“Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.... He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.” (Psalm 147:12, 19-20)

Yes, those who are choosing to move away from the God of Israel are choosing to depart from the living God.

“O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.” (Jeremiah 17:13)

God’s Word—i.e., the God of Israel’s Word—is quite clear that the world is to look to Israel for light and salvation. And as Jesus Himself said:

“Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.” (John 4:22)

This is for the simple reason that the only true and living God is the God of Israel, and He sent His Son “to be the Saviour of the world” and the “one mediator between God and men” (1 John 4:14; 1 Timothy 2:5). There is “one mediator” and “one God” (1 Timothy 2:5); period.

“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.” (Isaiah 44:6)

*“Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of **the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel**; for he hath glorified thee. **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found**, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways my ways, saith the LORD.” (Isaiah 55:5-8)*

“For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour ... Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may **know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” (Isaiah 43:3, 8-10)**

“... I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.... I am the LORD, and there is none else, **there is no God beside me ... They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols. But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. **Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else**. I have sworn by myself, the word is**

gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow**, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; **and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed**. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.” (Isaiah 45:3, 5, 16-25)

The God of Israel is real. All other gods are false. Those who are looking to the world for whatever idea of “God”—i.e., whatever god—that they are *willing* to accept are looking for false gods/“ideas” that cannot save them from their sins *against the God of Israel*. There is none else. And there is no “God” of Oneness that brings man’s ideas/false gods together as one with the God of Israel. There is *none else*.

“Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you.” (Deuteronomy 6:13-14)

Read this warning as well, and wisely heed it:

“And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.” (Judges 10:6)

There is no “God” of Oneness. Know and believe God, and understand that beside the God of Israel there is no God. No other god is real.

“... The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel ...” (1 Chronicles 17:24)

“But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.... They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.” (Jeremiah 10:10-11, 15)

“Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” (Habakkuk 2:19-20)

Let all the earth keep silence before the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

As quoted earlier, Mike Morrell states in his blog that “things that Zeus or the Vishnu decreed can give me an altogether fresh perspective on an obscure passage of Scripture or way that I reach God.”³ False gods cannot *teach* man about the true God. And to put it another way, these gods of other countries cannot teach man about the God of Israel. But, of course, people are determined to move God away from being the God of Israel. So in this article on “Panentheism & Interspirituality,” Morrell also states:

“The Third Way, advocated most notably by CS Lewis, is the one I want to believe most—that God has not just communicated in symbols and shadows **not just to the Hebrew people**, but to all times and cultures ...” (emphasis added)⁴

Of course this is what people who want the freedom to think outside the “box” of God’s Word “want to believe most.” Nonetheless, the true and living God makes it perfectly clear in the absolute truth of His Word that He is indeed “The LORD God of the Hebrews” (Exodus 3:18) and that the world is to look to *Israel* for light and salvation. But, sadly, the truth of God is resented. After all, isn’t the truth of God quite *narrow*? It is indeed. And the *narrow land* of Israel is quite a fitting picture of the *narrow way* to God—the God of Israel.

Anyone and everyone anywhere in the world can receive God’s salvation and have eternal life. All they need to do is simply believe in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of the God of Israel. He alone is the “one mediator” of the “one God.”

“The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; ...” (Acts 3:13)

We cannot “reach God” apart from God’s Son. And, obviously, Who God is is known by God’s Son. Hence, Jesus, God’s Son, tells us:

*“And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush **God** spake unto him, saying, **I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?**” (Mark 12:26)*

“And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 8:11; see also Luke 13:27-29)

God’s Word is perfectly clear.

*“Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in **a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush**: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: **put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground**. Moreover he said, **I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob**. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.” (Exodus 3:1-6)*

God’s Word then goes on to state:

*“And the LORD said, ... Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.... And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? **And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever**, and this is my memorial unto all generations.” (Exodus 3:7, 10, 13-15)*

As stated previously, the great “I AM” is the “I AM THAT I AM”—not a “reimaginable” “Mystery” of darkness but, specifically, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (see also Acts 7:32). A specification which Jesus Himself stated.

*“... have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, **I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?**” (Matthew 22:31-32)*

God is the “I AM THAT I AM.” God is not becoming anything. God can and does still say that “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” because “God is not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Matthew 22:32). And Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are *living* with God in Heaven. Not only so, but God has not *changed* Who He is. God is still *the exact same God* as when Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were still living on earth. God is “*the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*.” God simply could not have been any more specific in telling Moses Who He is.

Openly teaching the opposite of what the Word of the God of Israel clearly states, Leonard Sweet writes:

*“Do you remember the first thing Moses hears at the burning bush? **He is told to take off his shoes**. According to the ancient interpreters of this text, this was not because he has just stepped on holy ground. No, *all* ground is holy where God dwells....*

*“**Every bush is burning. Can you see it?**” (emphasis added)⁵*

So, in just this one verse of God’s Word, think about how many bushes you can see burning:

*“And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served **Baalim**, and **Ashtaroth**, and **the gods of Syria**, and **the gods of Zidon**, and **the gods of Moab**, and **the gods of the children of Ammon**, and **the gods of the Philistines**, and forsook the LORD, and served **not him**.” (Judges 10:6)*

Did you see more than one? If you did, then uncover your eyes and read it again. *Your soul depends on it.* Shortly before he flipped the reason *upside down* as to why Moses “is told to take off his shoes,” Sweet also writes:

“When Moses stands before the burning bush and asks, ‘If I go to the Israelites and tell them that the **God** of their forefathers has sent me to them, and they ask me **his name**, what I shall say?’ [sic] he receives an answer that more or less boils down to: **‘Mind your own business.’**” (emphasis added)⁶

And yet, as is perfectly clear throughout the Word of God:

*“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel ... And they shall **put my name upon the children of Israel**; and I will bless them.” (Numbers 6:22-23, 27)*

The name of God is neither irrelevant nor none of our business, as those in the emerging faith of Oneness would have everyone believe. Knowing Who God is—and that this God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—is as relevant as it gets, *eternally*. But since people are simply not willing to be limited to the truth of Who God is—i.e., *the God of Israel*—but want a “God” of Oneness instead, it is not at all surprising that they want to believe that God *cannot be named*. This way, they can have a “God” of *every name*, right?

*“If **we have forgotten the name of our God**, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.” (Psalm 44:20-21)*

“LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.” (Psalm 15:1-2)

“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalm 100:5)

Neale Donald Walsch, who writes, “There is only One God,” and “*It’s All of Them*,”⁷ wants people to “see” the following:

*“... **God and Allah and all the other names** that we have for That Which Is Divine **are the same thing** ... **This One Divine Being** loves all of us, and would never want to see ANY of us hurt or damaged or punished in any way if we do not belong to a certain religion. **All religions** are individual paths to paradise, and each path will take us there. There is no path to paradise that is better than any other path. This is the great secret, ...” (caps in the original; other emphases added)⁸*

So are you one who can see that *every* bush is burning? Have you “awakened” to this “great secret”? Of course, since “God is not the God of the *dead*,” this includes the Living *Dead* who are following the “God” of Oneness rather than the God of Israel. *Think about it . . .*

This brings to mind the warning that Jesus gave in Revelation:

“... I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent... He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life ...” (Revelation 3:1-3, 5)

If you want your name included in God’s book of life—which is essential for salvation—then you had better not forget God’s name. Don’t listen to the serpentine lies that His name is none of your business.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Although the world is anti-Israel, God is not. And, in fact, it is because the true and living God is the God of Israel that the world is anti-Israel. Satan, “the god of this world,” is bound and determined to take the world swimming with him in the lake of fire and therefore obviously does not want the world to believe in the true God. What better way to accomplish this than to deceive the world into turning against the people of the true God? If people turn against Israel, then this will naturally lead to turning against the *God* of Israel. And, yes, there will be a showdown. It’s called the battle of Armageddon.

The world and its god can try with all their might to move God away from the truth of Who He is, but the true and living God will never be moved from Israel to the world. God’s Word also tells us that “Jerusalem” is “the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, *to put his name there*” (2 Chronicles 12:13; see also 6:6; 1 Kings 11:36; 2 Kings 21:4). So the world and its god can even work to “free” Jerusalem from God’s name so that it can belong to the world—or should we say to “the god of this world”? God’s Word does warn that Jerusalem will be “tread under foot” by “the Gentiles” for 42 months, which of course is the length of the Antichrist’s reign (e.g., see Revelation 11:2; 13:5). But try as they might, God’s name will never be moved from Jerusalem to the world. God’s Word also specifies that “the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be *for ever*” (2 Chronicles 33:4; see also v. 7; 2 Kings 21:7). And, once again, yes, there will be a showdown—the created versus the Creator at the battle of Armageddon. And, by the way, the Creator, the God of Israel’s Son, wins.

Even if the Antichrist moves “forward” to refer to the nation of Israel as “Palestine,” the world will never succeed in wiping the God of Israel out of existence. Obviously, to refer to the nation as “Palestine” doesn’t just remove the specification of who the land belongs to, which is the descendants of *Jacob/Israel*. It also conveniently *removes the specification of Who God is*. No *Israel*, no *God of Israel*, right? Think about it. Of course, removing this specification conveniently broadens God from the narrow way/land of Israel into the God of the world . . .

“Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee ... Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.” (Psalm 83:1-5, 16-18)

The world and its god are completely powerless to ever move God away from the truth of Who He is.

God is the God of Israel. And, yes, the Son of the God of Israel is *Jewish*. He is “made of the seed of *David* according to the flesh” and He is “the Lion of the tribe of *Judah*” (Romans 1:3; Revelation 5:5). His thoroughly Jewish body that was “made of the seed of David” is *the same body* that was raised from the dead.

In *AquaChurch 2.0*, Sweet’s chapter one is titled, “Orienting by the North Star: Jesus the Christ.” Although he writes in this chapter that “Jesus of Nazareth is our North Star,”⁹ it is in this same chapter that Sweet quotes the following from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin:

“Christ is in the Church in the same way as the sun is before our eyes. We see the same sun as our fathers saw, and yet we understand it **in a much more magnificent way**.” (emphasis added)¹⁰

And in this same chapter, under the heading “Sighting Jesus in Every Culture,” Sweet also writes:

“When Jesus rose from the dead and ascended, he became the exalted Christ, a universalized presence and power. **He did not take his Jewishness with him** into heaven.” (emphasis added)¹¹

In no way, shape, or form is a non-Jewish “Christ” “a much more magnificent” “Christ.”

God is the God of Israel. The Son of the God of Israel is Jewish. Jesus Christ of Nazareth was physically/bodily raised from the dead as the exact same Jewish Son of the exact same God of Israel. The Son of the God of Israel was not resurrected as a non-Jewish Christ of a "God" of Oneness. In other words, the God of Israel, who raised His Son from the dead, did not resurrect His Son as the non-Jewish Christ of *another god*. Think about it! Today's move forward *past the Jewishness of Jesus* is a move forward *past the God of Israel*.

It was the Son of the God of Israel Who was born of the virgin Mary. It was the Son of the God of Israel Who died on the cross for our sins. It was the Son of the God of Israel Who was physically raised from the dead on the third day. It is the Son of the God of Israel that we must believe in for salvation. It is the Son of the God of Israel Who is coming back for those who look for Him. And it is the Son of the God of Israel Who warned that when He comes, "*shall he find faith on the earth?*" (Luke 18:8). He didn't ask this because faith would be readily found wherever He looks. Contrary to what people in the emerging faith of Oneness absurdly believe, He is not a "universalized presence."

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.... And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:23-25, 30)

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36)

"Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead ..." (2 Timothy 2:8)

So that same Jesus didn't take His Jewishness into heaven?? This isn't what God's Word tells us. And in the book of Revelation—in chapter 5 which is about God's throne room in heaven—we are told, "*behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David,*" and "in the midst of the throne" "stood a Lamb as it had been slain" (Revelation 5:5-6). In heaven, *that same Jesus* still is quite Jewish.

God's Word also tells us that "The *sceptre* shall not depart from *Judah*" (Genesis 49:10; this is the tribe of David--see Ruth 4:12, 18-22).

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:30-33)

"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established ... His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.... My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David." (Psalm 89:20-21, 29, 34-35)

"The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.... he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus." (Acts 13:17, 22-23)

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.... Jesus of Nazareth ... Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, ... being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." (Acts 2:21-22, 24-25, 30-32)

And just a mere six verses from the very end of God's Word, Jesus Himself tells us:

*"I **Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I **am the root and the offspring of David**, and the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22:16)*

Obviously, "[w]hen Jesus rose from the dead and ascended," He most certainly did "take his Jewishness with him."

*"Concerning his Son **Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was **made of the seed of David according to the flesh**; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead**: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name ... For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.... **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.**" (Romans 1:3-5, 16, 18)*

A "Jesus" that is not Jewish is "another Jesus" that is not God's corner stone of His Kingdom. God's corner stone has been laid in Zion.

*"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation** ..." (Isaiah 28:16)*

*"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, **Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone**, ... Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and **a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence**, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." (1 Peter 2:6-8)*

And, of course, the corner stone that has been laid in Zion is specifically "Jesus Christ of Nazareth" "whom God raised from the dead": "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner" (Acts 4:10-11). The one and only Jewish Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is just too foundational and offensive for a world that is stumbling at the Word of the God of Israel. Hence, the offensive knowledge of this foundation is seen as something to be left behind. And as God's Word warns, "He is *antichrist*, that denieth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22).

Salvation is in Zion. Yet, sadly, even many, many Jews are rejecting their own salvation and are not following the God of Israel and His Son. Barbara Marx Hubbard is a prime example. In *Birth 2012 and Beyond*, she writes: "I had come from a Jewish agnostic family—and had grown up with no religion. My father didn't even tell us we were Jewish!" Why? Because, as she writes here, he wanted them to move "*forward toward a new world*," not "*back toward the old world*."¹² And many, many Jews have been moving forward away from the "old" God of Israel and thus away from their own true light.^u

God is the God of Israel. But, even so, God allows horrific things to happen to His people.

*"But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it: so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? And it shall be answered, **Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods**, and worshipped them, and served them: **therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.**" (2 Chronicles 7:19-22)*

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The Kabbalah is not the light of the God of Israel and His Son. The light of the God of Israel and His Son is found in God's inspired Word, which states: "*To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them*" (Isaiah 8:20). Barbara Marx Hubbard includes the following "quote from the Kabbalah" in *Birth 2012 and Beyond*: "'We receive the light, then we impart the light. Thus we repair the world.'"¹ And in *The Seraph Seal*, by Leonard Sweet and Lori Wagner, the Kabbalah is repeatedly utilized as a key reference tool, and is also described as follows: it "is a form of mystical Judaism" and "emphasizes universal salvation;"² "it teaches one to see the inner meanings of things;"³ it "tells us that everything in the world is one;"⁴ and "[t]he labyrinth of the Kabbalah was similar to the Indian medicine wheels—it offered a way to wholeness" and "is the journey of the heart."⁵ No, the Kabbalah is not the light of God.

(¹ *Birth 2012 and Beyond*, p. 29; and *The Seraph Seal*, pp. ² 434, ³ 280, ⁴ 305, ⁵ 323.)

And as is pointed out in Isaiah:

“... they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them ...” (Isaiah 5:24-25)

Think about this. If God brings horrific judgment on His own people for despising His Word and turning to false gods, what will the judgment be on those who are *not* His people? Read the final book of the Word of the God of Israel, which is *Revelation*. If you have not been grafted in by faith in His Son—and, yes, this faith comes “by the word of God” (see Romans 10:9-17)—you face a dreadful judgment that will climax in the eternal lake of fire.

The throne room of God is not a *pantheon*—“[a] circular temple” “dedicated to *all the gods*.”¹³ God is not *ever becoming* all of man’s gods. The God of Israel is the God that is and the God that is is the God of Israel; *period*. *The world will never be able to move God away from the truth of Who He is.*

*“**The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.** The LORD of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our refuge.** Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.” (Psalm 46:6-8)^v*

The definition of **heathen**, which is made clear in God’s Word as well, is “one who worships idols, or is unacquainted with the true God,”¹⁴ and therefore is specifically “**a member of any nation or people not worshipping the God of Israel.**”¹⁵ And, yes, a *pagan*—“an idolater; one who worships false gods”¹⁶—is “a heathen.”¹⁷ *In no way, shape, or form does the Son of the God of Israel become “enfleshed” with the “ideas” of those who are “not worshipping the God of Israel”!*^w No matter how many people prefer to believe heathen/pagan “ideas,” God and His Son are of Israel.

*“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.... **Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion....** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.** Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” (Psalm 2:1-3, 6, 11-12)*

“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.... For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.... And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:8-9, 26, 29)

True faith in the true God must be built upon this “precious corner stone” that God has laid “in Zion.” *Any other faith*

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Although people in today’s Christianity have been led to believe otherwise, the Psalms are not just “poetry.” God’s Word also warns in the New Testament: “*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up*” (2 Peter 3:10). The Psalms are songs, and before today’s new way of thinking changed everything, songs were actually filled with *truth*. (For one example, see Deuteronomy 31:15–32:46.) The Psalms are also *prophecy*, which we are not to dismiss as just “poetry.” (For example, see Acts 1:16-20; 13:32-37; Luke 20:42-43; 24:44). The Word of God tells us to “*Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works*” (Psalm 105:2 & 1 Chronicles 16:9), and to “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs ...*” (Colossians 3:16). In truth, the Psalms are not just “poetry” any more than God’s Word is just “metaphor” and “story.” God’s Word is *truth* from beginning to end.

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As addressed earlier, Leonard Sweet writes in *So Beautiful*: “Incarnational energies are what make the restless intelligence of the Christian tradition so eager to embrace the new, so open to change the old, so free to be creative in its engagement with the world.... Early Christians drew upon **ideas**, phrases, metaphors, and customs of **pagan** cultures as ‘seeds’ of the divine Word that **become enfleshed in Christ** and in the church.” This is unarguably a “Christ” that is *non-Jewish*. (See pp. 165-167; emphasis added)

is not true faith in the true God.

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)

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

But, sadly, the one and only Jewish Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is seen as a *foundation* that must be *ripped up* and *cast aside*. Why? To lay a new “foundation” of Oneness that is quite *sandy*. And how better to rip up and cast aside the foundation of true faith in the true God than to be *in the path* of the powerful *circular winds* of Oneness? *Many, many people* are choosing to stay in the path of Oneness for a variety of reasons—not the least of which is that many openly *want* to be *windblown*. To reiterate just one example, look at *The Shack*. This extremely popular book was published by Windblown Media. Indeed, *In no way, shape, or form* is the God of Israel—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—*The Shack’s* “Father” goddess and “Spirit” goddess. Likewise, *in no way, shape, or form* is the Son of the God of Israel—the Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—*The Shack’s* “Jesus” that is the son of a “Father” goddess. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew no such “God.” Those who believe otherwise need to take a good look at the destruction of hurricane *Sandy*. This week’s hurricane is a fitting picture of what is taking place *spiritually*. Along with destroying foundations and toppling homes, *Sandy* also deposited a hefty layer of sand throughout neighborhoods. But this is what people today *want*, right? A *sandy* “foundation” rather than a *sure* foundation?

“... like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth ...” (Luke 6:49)

“... a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26-27)

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation ...” (Isaiah 28:16; see also 1 Peter 2:6-8)

Don’t forget, a hurricane’s quite destructive “high-powered *circular winds*” also rotate around “a calm center” called “the ‘eye.’”¹⁸ And if you are one of the world’s meditative “seers,” a massive storm to your soul is forming with apocalyptic proportions . . .

Sadly, many are choosing to stay *in the path* of the powerful circular winds of Oneness. Consequently, *The Shack’s* “God” that consists of two goddesses and their son, is merely one example of the growing number of new gods in today’s increasingly *heathen* “Christianity.” That’s right, *heathen*. And, yes, the “God” of *The Shack* is *fictitious*. Every false god/goddess throughout the history of mankind has been *fictitious*—“that which is invented by the imagination and is therefore not real, true, or actually existent;”¹⁹ “[c]ounterfeit; false; not genuine.”²⁰ Only the God of Israel is real. All other gods are false.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)

Fiction has absurdly become today’s justification for *many sins*. But there is no escape clause in God’s Word that states “Thou shalt have no other gods before me—except those that are *fictitious*.” No. It states “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”—period.

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

Heed God’s Word before it is too late. Get out of the path of the circular winds of Oneness. Their resultant *sandy* “foundation” cannot bring Oneness between the *true God* and *false gods*. And the destruction of this spiritual hurricane is *eternal*. We can either depart from *iniquity* or we can depart from *God* for all eternity. The choice is ours.

Remember the “no judgment” of “*crooked paths*”? It is in this same passage that God’s Word warns that “your *iniquities* have separated between you and your God” (Isaiah 59:2, 8). *Crooked*, which is “[b]ent; curved; curving; *winding*,” “given to *obliquity*,” is also “going out of the path of *rectitude*.”²¹ And *rectitude* is “correctness of judgment;”²² “rightness,”

“literally straightness.”²³ Iniquity, which is likewise “a deviation from rectitude,” is thus “unrighteousness.”²⁴ And God’s Word warns that it is those “who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness,” that shall be given “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned” (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12). Yes, this is a warning to be heeded!

“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee ...” (Isaiah 64:4-7)

*“**Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!** saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel ... I will visit upon you the evil of your doings ... Hearken not unto the words of the prophets ... they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. **They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace;** and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.... **Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind:** it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.... in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.... **But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way,** and from the evil of their doings.”* (Jeremiah 23:1-2, 16-17, 19-20, 22)

*“For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; in **transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God,** speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.”* (Isaiah 59:12-13)

This latter warning is just a few verses after the “no judgment” of “crooked paths.” Paths that are a *departure* from God. And later in this same passage we are told:

*“**And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.**”* (Isaiah 59:20)

Are you grafted in by faith in this Jewish Redeemer? Have you turned from the paths of unrighteousness to the righteous God of Israel? Remember, “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,” and this Jewish Redeemer—the Son of the God of Israel—is “the Lion of the tribe of Judah” (Genesis 49:10; Revelation 5:5). God’s Word also tells us that “unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is *for ever and ever*: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom” (Hebrews 1:8).

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.... According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.... For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.” (Psalm 48:1-2, 10, 14)

Is this God your God? Remember, God’s Jewish Redeemer, the foundation that God has laid “in Zion,” is the only “*sure foundation*.” And this Redeemer specifically brings us the salvation of the God of Israel. He was not raised from the dead by the God of Israel to be the way to another god. Think about it! God’s Word is perfectly clear that those who do not depart from iniquity will depart from God for all eternity.

“And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.” (Deuteronomy 8:19)

*“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, **The Lord knoweth them that are his.** And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ **depart from iniquity.**”* (2 Timothy 2:19)

*“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:***

depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7:21-23)

“Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool ... but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” (Isaiah 66:1-2)

“To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?... Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: ... yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.” (Isaiah 46:5, 9-13)

“The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.” (Psalm 50:1-6)

Do you tremble at God’s Word? Or are you fearlessly embracing the iniquity of being un-right? Are the paths of your feet straight? Or crooked and curving?

“For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.” (Psalm 33:4)

“O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous ...” (Ezra 9:15)

“Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.” (Daniel 9:14)

Those who think that they can just go “within” themselves and know God and what is right are gravely mistaken. They are indeed “ignorant of God’s righteousness.”

“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” (Romans 10:3)

But to seek God “within” oneself validates one’s own righteousness as the righteousness of God, right? If God is “within” then God’s righteousness is “within.” And if God’s righteousness is “within” then the right God is “within.” And, therefore, everyone who goes “within,” regardless of their beliefs, has the right God “within,” right? Wrong.

“... O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments.” (Nehemiah 1:5)

Let’s look at this self-validation another way. Oneness is the belief that God is “within” everyone and everything and that people thus simply need to know that God is “within” everyone and everything to be righteous. In other words, knowing that God is already “within” them is what makes people right. This simply could not be further from the truth.

Read the passage of Psalm 46:6-8 again, as well as its next verse:

“The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.” (Psalm 46:6-9)

Do these verses in any way, shape, or form tell us to go “within” ourselves to know God and His righteousness? Obviously not. Nevertheless, this is the context from which Psalm 46:10, the next verse, has been removed in order to justify the heathen practice of meditation (the pinnacle of man’s journey “within” himself) which is so popular:

“Be still, and know that I am God”

Not only has this popular verse been diabolically removed from the context of the surrounding verses, it has also been removed from the context of this very verse itself. How? There is more to this verse than what people typically, or ever, state:

“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” (Psalm 46:10)

Psalm 46 then goes on to end with the next verse, and let’s look at these two verses together:

“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.” (Psalm 46:10-11)

Using the first part of verse 10 to meditate on a “God” of Oneness that is “within” everyone and everything is to invite upon oneself the judgment of the last part of verse 10—a judgment that includes “he uttered his voice, the earth melted.” Those who are going “within” to the “God” of Oneness need to heed this passage and “Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.” It is the God of Jacob that is God. The God of Jacob is not in everyone and everything. And the God of Jacob *will* be exalted among the heathen and in the earth. The only refuge from this judgment is the God of Jacob.

“Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.” (Isaiah 51:6)

There is no refuge in the world.

It basically boils down to only two choices—the *God of Israel* or “the god of this world.” Those who do not choose the God of *Israel* are, by default, automatically choosing “the god of this world.” And, yes, this includes atheists. But all that the world needs to do is just “rethink” and “reimagine” “the god of this world” and his existence—which is already being done—and problem solved, right? This way, the world can still see it all as simply “reimagining” *God* however anyone chooses. That’s right, the world may think that they are “reimagining” *God* with all their ideas/gods, but, in reality, the world is only “reimagining” “the god of this world.” *God* cannot be re-imagined because *God* was never imagined in the first place. God is the *God of truth*. God *never* changes. The “I AM THAT I AM” simply is Who He is. He always has been Who He is, and He always will be Who He is. From beginning to end throughout eternity, God is Who He is.

To the contrary, “the god of this world” is the *father of lies*. This one “which *deceiveth* the whole world” is *always changing*. And, as already addressed, God’s Word tells us that it is the *devils* who are represented in the world’s idols/false gods. Although devils were likewise never imagined in the first place, they are more than willing to have their *lies*—which *all* stem from the *foundational lie* of “Yea, hath God said ...?”—“reimagined” into the world’s ever-changing idols/false gods. They are, after all, on a mission. Of course, the ultimate idol/false god is the “God” of Oneness, which brings *any god and every god that man has ever imagined or ever will imagine* together in Oneness. It is this ultimate idol/false god—which represents all the idols/false gods of the world—that is itself represented by “the god of this world.” And he, of course, is the serpent. And if you have chosen this god of the world as your god and aren’t willing to believe that he is your choice, all you have to do is simply “reimagine” him and his existence—and problem solved, right? This way, you can still see all your “reimaginings” of “the god of this world” as just “reimagining” *God* however you choose.

It is “the god of this world” that is *complex*. It is the God of *Israel* that is *simple*.

Shortly before the release of Leonard Sweet’s 2012 book *I Am a Follower* in which he writes that “to think we can capture and tame Truth is a delusional trap,”²⁵ “see and hear the truth *within the world*,”²⁶ and “celebrate the *manyness* of the One,”²⁷ etc., a news story was posted by Fox News that provides a fitting summary of man’s desire to “reimagine” *God*—and thus of man’s shift from the God of *Israel* to “the god of this world.” When reading the following, keep in

mind that Nathan Lang, the film director of “God in the Box,” is Jewish.²⁸ Even though the film title sounds okay, Lang is not at all referring to the “box” of God’s Word. Sadly, Lang is simply another example of the many Jews who have been shifting away from the God of *Israel* because they, too, prefer to look for “truth within *the world*.”

Quite reminiscent of *USA WEEKEND* and PBS having asked America the question, “How do you imagine God? Tell us!,”²⁹ Fox News titled its story, “‘God in the Box’ Wonders What Does God Look Like?,” and states:

“Who or what do people see in their mind’s eye when they picture God?”

“That’s what Nathan Lang, the director of the film ‘God in the Box,’ wanted to find out....

“[W]hat I’ve come to realize is that no two people have exactly the same description of *God*,” director Nathan Lang, who is offering community screenings through organizations to incite lively discussions, told FOX411’s Pop Tarts column. **‘In the end, all we have is our own opinions....’**” (emphasis added)³⁰

Actually, in the end, the absolute truth of the God of Israel and His Son will still be the absolute truth regardless of man’s “opinions” in the matter. And those who *do not believe and love the truth* and thus stand before the God of Israel and His Son on judgment day with only their own opinions will find themselves facing *the wrath of their Maker*. God’s Word is perfectly clear that it is only those who call upon the God of Israel and His Son for salvation who will be saved by the God of Israel and His Son. *We cannot call upon a different god and expect to be saved by God!*

“If you’ve ever been curious about **God, Jesus Christ, Adonai, Allah, Buddha**, something spiritual you can’t describe, what agnostics question, or why atheists don’t believe, then see *God In The Box*. It’s is [sic] a documentary film that follows filmmaker Nathan Lang and his crew, as they **explore the diverse and curious ways we see God**, in our mind’s eye ...” (“God in the Box” website; emphasis added)³¹

“God in the Box is a documentary film, which **explores the mystery and controversy behind** what God looks like and means to us as Americans in the 21st century. In the midst of **today’s fractured** and confusing claims on **God**, the film asserts two basic questions: What does God mean to you? What does God look like, to you?

“The filmmakers embark on a cross-country journey with their small, mobile studio (and main character), *The Box*. They invite people to step inside and share what they see in their mind’s eye, and if possible, draw what God looks like to them.” (“God in the Box” website; parentheses in the original; emphasis added)³²

“We have the **Christian perspective** from God-fearing people, as you might imagine; we have **Hindus**; we have **Muslims**; we have **Jews**; we have **nonbelievers**; and so there’s just **amazing diversity**.” (Nathan Lang; emphasis added)³³

“A remarkable collection of scholars, archeologists and religious leaders help examine the material and put it into a historical and *relevant* context. The surprises and revelations about our current interpretations of **God** come to light, as small glimpses inside the minds of others helps illuminate **a much bigger picture**.” (“God in the Box” website; emphasis added)³⁴

“[F]or me **it’s about open-mindedness**. It’s about not judging other people. We tend to put a lot of *prejudice* and prejudgment into our thoughts about God and religion.” (Nathan Lang; emphasis added)³⁵

“The prospect of right and wrong seems absurd yet, many of us continue **to define God in ways which naturally create conflict**....

“Is there any way for us all to **coexist, with our different definitions**? And is there **an emerging, ‘un-organized’ religion or faith developing today**?” (Nathan Lang; emphasis added)³⁶

There is indeed, and this emerging faith of Oneness will culminate soon in the mark of the beast. *Of course* there will naturally be conflict between *right and wrong*. Although people today clearly resent the truth and prefer to be right in their own eyes, there is only one right God. To remove the conflict between *the right God and wrong gods* is to bow down to *“the god of this world.”* And it is on his *broad* way that the world will coexist as a whole in the kingdom of his Antichrist.

Scripture's warnings are dire and absolute. God said what He meant and meant what He said. We either *believe* what He said or we do not. *Man's opinions* on *what God has said* are eternally irrelevant. No, *God's Word* is not the *opinion* of those who believe it; it is our faith. And it is the faith of God given to us by God in the Word of God. But, sadly, people just do not have ears to hear the truth because they *want* the “crooked paths” of unrighteousness. So when true Christians, who *believe* and *obey* the Word of God, thereby judge between *truth and falsehood* and *right and wrong*, the world then judges us to be in the wrong and even “prejudiced.” Even so, the world's own “ideas” and “images” of “God” will *never* be the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. No matter how righteous the world thinks its “open-mindedness” is, *only* the God of Israel is real. *All* other gods are false.

“... the LORD God of Israel ... his judgments are in all the earth.... Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.” (1 Chronicles 16:4, 14, 24-26)

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” (Deuteronomy 32:4)

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

Again, even on His own people God brings horrific judgment. Why? For “a *whoring*” after false gods.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, wither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.... And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.” (Deuteronomy 31:16, 18)

“... I will judge you in the border of Israel: And ye shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.” (Ezekiel 11:11-12)

“I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols.” (Ezekiel 23:30)

Think about this! God's judgment is severely executed against Israel for becoming like *the heathen*. So why on earth do *the heathen*—i.e., those who are not worshipping the God of Israel (and, yes, this includes those who are in the emerging faith of Oneness, a faith that encompasses all of the heathen)—think that they will not be judged by God themselves but will be given a universal salvation?!?

“Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.” (Psalm 10:13)

“The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:16-17)

“... I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.... there is no God beside me ... Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!” (Isaiah 45:3, 5, 9)

“The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: ... the God of Israel.” (Psalm 68:8)

“And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.” (Ezekiel 39:21)

“For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.” (Obadiah 1:15)

“And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.” (Micah 5:15)

*"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.... for he cometh to judge the earth: **he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**" (Psalm 96:9-10, 13)*

Again, those who do not believe and love the truth will find themselves facing the wrath of their Maker. In no way, shape, or form is everyone's own drawing, or image, of "God" in their own "box" a "bigger picture" of the truth. There is no "bigger picture" of the truth of the God of Israel. Neither is there a "bigger picture" of Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who is Himself "the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

*"God ... hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.... a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. **Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity**..." (Hebrews 1:1-3, 8-9)*

The Son of the God of Israel is not a "Cosmic Christ"—i.e., "cosmic" "ideas" and "images" of "God." Lest anyone has forgotten, "cosmic" means "of this world."³⁷ It is the false "Christ" of "the god of this world" that is "of this world." The Christ of the God of Israel is Jewish.

The world's "much bigger picture" that comes from "inside the minds of others" is a picture of "the god of this world." The same one who is *blinding minds* . . .

"... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ..." (Revelation 12:9)

*"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world** hath **blinded** the **minds** of them which believe not, **lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**" (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*

Hence today's new "light":

*"**New Light** embodiment means to be 'in connection' and 'in-formation' with other faiths.... to enlarge the community to include those whose conceptions of God differ from ours in form....*

*"Without knowing one another's 'colors,' our spiritual journey is little more than monochromatic busywork, an attention to the isolated and ephemeral designed to distract the believer from **the height of faith's vision**." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁸*

*"What if we were to **think connectness rather than correctness**?" (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)³⁹*

Truth -- "**correctness**; accuracy;" "that which is true;"⁴⁰ "purity from falsehood."⁴¹ **Crooked** -- "going out of the path of rectitude."⁴² **Rectitude** -- "**correctness** of judgment;"⁴³ "**rightness**;" "literally straightness."⁴⁴ **Correctness/correct** -- "[c]onformity to truth;"⁴⁵ "**right**;" "made straight."⁴⁶ **Iniquity** -- "**a deviation from rectitude**;" "**unrighteousness**."⁴⁷

Today's emerging new "light" of man's "conceptions of God" that differ in form from the God of Israel is the vision of an unrighteous faith—the "height" of which is an "ascension" into the eternal damnation of hell. And, no, blinded minds don't see it that way.

*"... **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, **but had pleasure in unrighteousness**." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)*

*"When we think together, feel together ... our world opens up to a whole different picture. A different reality." (Leonard Sweet & Lori Wagner, in *The Seraph Seal*; emphasis added)⁴⁸*

*"Just as physicists cannot understand truth by one model alone ... so one model may not suffice to understand **God***

completely.... One can be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ without denying the flickers of the sacred in followers of **Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna**....

"It will take a decolonized *theology* for Christians to appreciate the *genuineness* of others' *faiths*, and to **see and celebrate what is good, beautiful, and true in their beliefs** ..." (Leonard Sweet; emphasis added)⁴⁹

"**Everything** is somehow *interrelated, interconnected, interdependent*.'...

"**[I]f people in our world spent more time looking for love, goodness, truth, and beauty, or maybe even God, we probably wouldn't be worried about apocalyptic prophecies.**" (Leonard Sweet & Lori Wagner, in *The Seraph Seal*; emphasis added)⁵⁰

Indeed, why worry about the apocalyptic prophecies in the Word of *the God of Israel* when people can spend their time looking for the "love, goodness, truth, and beauty," and "even God," that connects everything *in the world*? It is without question that this is "a whole different picture" and "reality." And, sadly, *many* are making this **shift from the God of Israel to "the god of this world."** A shift in which it is deemed more important "to **think connectness rather than correctness**"⁵¹ because man sees "**the correct description of God**, found in the *right doctrinal system*" or "*correct belief system*," as "a ditch" "of *heresy*."⁵² And therefore:

"We've in a sense come to a place where we may be ready to **embrace the mystery** of life, **rather than** trying to insist on **defining it**." (Leonard Sweet & Lori Wagner, in *The Seraph Seal*; emphasis added)⁵³

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work ... And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2 Thessalonians 2:7-10)

To "celebrate what is good, beautiful, and true" in the "*beliefs*" of "followers of Yahweh, or Kali, or Krishna," etc., is to celebrate the *unrighteousness of iniquity*. In no way, shape, or form is this being "a faithful disciple" of the Son of the God of Israel. It is only the God of Israel—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—Who is genuine. Those who follow a false god have only a genuinely false faith, a *damnable idolatry* that is *not to be celebrated*! Even if *the whole world* falls for its emerging storytelling "faith" of "scientific" fictitiousness, it is perfectly clear in the Word of God that it isn't God that gives *the world* the freedom to believe and do whatever is right in man's own eyes. *There is no Oneness of truth and falsehood and right and wrong.*

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, ... **Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?**" (Jeremiah 7:3, 8-10)

God is *the God of Israel*. We, the created, are to submit to the righteousness of God, the Creator. And it is the apocalyptic prophecies in *His Word that will come to pass without fail in their entirety*. It is "*impossible* for God to lie;" "hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Hebrews 6:18; Numbers 23:19). When God's judgment is poured out on an unrepentant, unbelieving world, all who have joined its rebellion will greatly rue the day that they fearlessly cast aside His Word and its apocalyptic prophecies.

"But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.... **Woe** unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because **they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**" (Isaiah 5:16, 20-21, 23-24)

What He has said, He *shall* do it. What He has spoken, He *shall* make it good.

“... **the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel** ... Ah Lord GOD! behold, **thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power** and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee ... the Great, **the Mighty God**, the LORD of hosts, is his name. Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings ... Behold, I am the LORD, **the God of all flesh**: is there any thing too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:15, 17-19, 27)

Salvation is only in the God of Israel. Only the God of Israel is *real*. People need to get down on their knees and repent before it is too late.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and **denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ**. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed **them that believed not**.... But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. **Woe unto them!**... Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, **to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever**.... **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all**, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” (Jude 1:3-5, 10-11, 13-15)

“Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, and **saying, Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise**, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**” (2 Peter 3:3-9)

“And Jesus answering said unto them, ... but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:2-3; see also v. 5)

That would be true “repentance to the acknowledging of the truth” (2 Timothy 2:25). And, no, contrary to today’s upside-down and backward thinking, acknowledging false gods as “God” is not true repentance. This used to be obvious before the correct light of God’s Word of absolute truth was replaced with today’s new incorrect “light” of darkness.

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ... To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding it in ... I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.... Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.... Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.” (Jeremiah 6:9-12, 16, 19)

The Word of God tells us that “the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth” (Ephesians 5:9). It does not say “goodness, beauty, and truth.” Yet it shouldn’t be surprising that man has quite popularly replaced this righteousness with “beauty.” Not only does this do away with what is *right*, but *beauty* is in the eye of the beholder. Replacing righteousness with beauty thus gives everyone the freedom to *believe* and do whatever is “right” in *their own eyes*. Nevertheless, the fruit of God’s Spirit is righteousness. Unlike beauty, righteousness is what is right; *period*. It is not about how we see it, but about how God sees it. And, yes, there is a difference.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 16:25; see also 14:12)

“... thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.” (Deuteronomy 13:18)

"Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God." (Deuteronomy 12:28)

Sadly, people the world over are going about to establish what is right in their own eyes rather than submitting to what is right in God's eyes. As God's Word warns, "they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3). And choosing to look for a new kind of "truth" that replaces righteousness with "beauty" in a new kind of "goodness" changes nothing. It is the righteousness of God that is forever right.

***"When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah."* (Psalm 39:11)**

***"Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?"* (Job 35:2)**

*"Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. For the work of a man shall he render unto him ... If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.... For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.... **Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.**" (Job 34:10-11, 14-15, 21-22, 31-32)*

It is God Who is righteous—"all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6). And therefore:

***"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* (2 Timothy 3:16)**

"... If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23)

***"For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth."* (Psalm 33:4)**

There is no greater darkness than to turn one's back on the Word of God. And even in today's Christianity believing the very words of God's Word and believing in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God's only begotten Son, are being cast aside as unnecessary. There is no greater falling away. There is nothing left to fall away from! This falling away from both the written Word of God and the living Word of God will be everything but a universal salvation. And, no, eternal damnation is not "for the good of the whole."

"Jesus said unto them, ... He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:42, 47)

"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, ... Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.... But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee." (Psalm 50: 2-3, 5, 16-17)

"Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts." (Jeremiah 2:19)

If you are among the many on the broad way who have been fearlessly trying to bring truth and falsehood and right and wrong together through the "no judgment" of "crooked paths" but you don't want to be damned by God, then simply righteously think correctness. Unlike the "mystery of iniquity" which is unrighteous untruth found in the world, the "mystery of godliness" is righteous truth found in Israel. A right and correct truth that we must believe and love to be

saved.

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16)

Yes, God Who “was manifest in the flesh” is the God of Israel. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- the God of Israel. Jesus is God, and God is the God of Israel.

Not surprisingly, many of today’s new holey versions have deleted this mystery and truth of Who Jesus is and simply say that “He was manifest in the flesh.” Of course, deleting that “God was manifest in the flesh” also opens the door wide to the mystery of iniquity—i.e., a mystery of “unrighteousness” that is a “deviation” from “correctness of judgment” and in which man’s un-right gods are all incorrectly judged to be God.

Whereas the “mystery of godliness” is the mystery of “the faith which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 3:13), the “mystery of iniquity” is the mystery of a faith which is in the Antichrist (see 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10). The first is the faith of the God of Israel, and the second is the faith of “the god of this world.” Which mystery are you embracing?

Do you prefer the truth or unrighteousness? Which one gives you pleasure? Those who have “pleasure in unrighteousness” rather than believe and love the truth will embrace the Antichrist (see 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12). There is no unrighteousness in the truth.

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 1:9)

“I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.” (1 John 2:21-22)

“Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.... Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us ... That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.... For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:7-8, 13-14, 26)

“And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.” (Matthew 12:21)

“What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.” (Romans 9:30)

“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:22-23)

This righteousness of God that is forever right is available to everyone, both Jews and Gentiles alike, by believing in Jesus Christ of Nazareth Whom the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, raised from the dead.

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, ... This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:10-12)

So have you been grafted in by faith? Are you among those who can say the following?:

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." (Isaiah 61:10)

Do you humble yourself before God? Are you certain? So do you humbly bow down to the God of Israel?

"O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous ..." (Ezra 9:15)

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 29:2)

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3)

This applies to everyone, both Jews and Gentiles alike. Only the God of Israel is real; period. Although the world and its god will try with all their might to move God away from the truth of Who He is, the true and living God will never be moved from Israel. At the showdown, God wins.

"Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect." (Psalm 33:8-10)

"Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright." (Psalm 11:6-7)

"At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images." (Isaiah 17:7-8)

"Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.... And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth." (Isaiah 2:10-11, 18-19)

"... O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?" (2 Chronicles 20:6)

*"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, ... let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. **The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake** ..." (Joel 3:9-16; see also Matthew 24:29-30)*

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call." (Joel 2:30-32)

The Lord Jesus Christ, along with being the Almighty Creator, is also the Lion of Judah. When He roars, the heavens and the earth shake. So what do you think mere man will do?? -- "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!" (Isaiah 45:9). Also keep in mind that it was Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, who stated in the verse above that "none is able to withstand thee" (see 2 Chronicles 20:5-6; 19:1). And it is in "the valley of Jehoshaphat" where none will be able to withstand the Almighty Lion of Judah. There are indeed "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." So what is your decision? Do you think you will be able to withstand your Maker? There is still time to repent for those who have the wisdom to fear . . .

The only way we can be saved from His judgment is to be *His* people, and thus be grafted in by faith in *Him*.

"The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.... Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion." (Joel 3:16-17, 20-21)

"... I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.... there is no God beside me ... They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.... Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.... and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed." (Isaiah 45:3, 5, 16, 22, 24)

"Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness." (Isaiah 1:27)

"Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." (Isaiah 24:23)

"The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 146:10)

"For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness." (Psalm 47:7-8)

"Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion." (Psalm 147:12)

"Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King." (Psalm 149:2)

"For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.... Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.... I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.... Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee ... " (Isaiah 51:3, 11, 15-16, 22-23)

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; ... Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD ... " (Isaiah 62:1-4, 11-12)

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7)

"As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 47:4)

No, the true and living God will never be moved from Israel. Even though God's judgment is severely executed against Israel for becoming like *the heathen who do not worship the God of Israel*, God's Word is perfectly clear. Neither the heathen in the world or even Israel itself will ever move God away from being the God of Israel.

"So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel." (Ezekiel 39:7)

"For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.... Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein." (Isaiah 34:8, 16-17)

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.... And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:3-4, 10)

God tells us in His Word that when His judgment of man is done there will be *"a new heaven and a new earth"* and that His *"new Jerusalem," "the holy city,"* will then come down *"from God out of heaven"* (Revelation 21:1-2). When *"the LORD* had said, *In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever"* (2 Chronicles 33:4)—He said what He meant and meant what He said.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.... And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.... And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:3-4, 22-23, 27)

Are you written in the Lamb's book of life? Time is rapidly running out to repent.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22:12-15)

Sadly, even in today's Christianity, many are embracing the ultimate idolatry and lie of the Oneness of everyone's own idea of "God"—i.e., everyone's own god. Many are shifting from light to darkness. Many are shifting from the God of Israel to *"the god of this world."* Fittingly, *"shifting"* happens to be a synonym of *faithless*,⁵⁴ which sums it all up. *Faith* comes by *the Word of God* (see Romans 10:17). The same Word of God from which many now want *freedom*. And they are thus shifting to think *outside* the "box" of this absolute truth of God where they can conveniently "reimagine" their own idea and "story" of who they "rethink" God to be.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." (Psalm 2:1-3)

Those who resent God's Word of absolute truth and want freedom from God will be granted their desire—for *all eternity*. And, no, it won't be a "party."

Even if being apart from the God of Israel and His Son for all eternity sounds like "heaven" to the heathen, it won't be. There's one particular part of the God of Israel that all heathen will actually experience for *all eternity*—His *Almighty wrath*. And, remember, this will be a wrath that is *"without mixture."* It will be *pure wrath*. As stated earlier, yes, God is love, but it is *perfectly clear* in the Word of God that all who reject believing in His Son, the Lamb of God, are thereby rejecting His love. Because of their unbelief, all that will remain for them is *pure wrath—no mercy*.

In addition to this, there will be *no Oneness of the holy and profane* in eternity. The holy will only be in heaven, and the profane will only be in hell. In other words, not only will there be *no profaneness* in heaven, there will be *no holiness* in

hell. Combine this *pure profaneness* with the *pure Almighty wrath of God* and that's quite a hell. And then there's the fire and worm as well . . .

"... into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:43-44)

"... into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:45-46)

"... into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:47-48)

Do you have the *wisdom* to feare and heed the Lord Jesus Christ's *reiterated dire warnings* about *hell*? Or are you just hoping that He wasn't giving the literal truth that your "*worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched*"?

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:31)

"A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." (Proverbs 14:16)

And, remember, God's judgment is inclusive of the following:

"... If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." (Revelation 14:9-10)

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear." (Revelation 13:8-9)

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:11)

And all because people just aren't *willing* to humble themselves before God. They just aren't *willing* to love God's Son, Whom He lovingly sent to die for *their* sins so they don't have to experience this horrifying eternity.

The Lamb of God is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the God of Israel's only begotten Son. He is the only way to the only God. Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? Or do you, too, despise and reject the One Who lovingly died for your sins? The One Who lovingly bore your sins and died for you is the Jewish Messiah/Christ.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (Isaiah 53:3-7)

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; ..." (Hebrews 9:28)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there

*is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. . . . So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God**.” (Romans 10:9-13, 17)*

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. . . . And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-12, 14-15)

Even though people today see a literal reading of God’s Word as a “death” trap rather than the words of eternal life and are thus choosing to “reimagine” a new kind of holiness that is a Oneness of the holy and profane, the holy God is the One Who sits on the great white throne of judgment. He is the One Who defines holiness. And this holy God has mercifully and lovingly provided us ahead of time with His *holy and righteous foundation* for our *faith* and *lives* and *eternity*—His inspired holy Word of absolute truth. And it is this rock-solid foundation that man is trading in for *shifting sand*. Why??

Sadly, even the prophecy in God’s Word of absolute truth is deemed “none of your business” by leaders and people today. Why fear the *end* if life is an *endless* journey that is all about the “*here and now*”? This way, people can be mindfully oblivious of eternity looming on the horizon.

“O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.” (Jeremiah 22:29)

“In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.” (Proverbs 12:28)

“The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.” (Proverbs 15:9)

Yes, there are rules. Why? *Because there is a Ruler*. And God said what He meant and meant what He said in His Word of absolute truth.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. . . . Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood. . . . My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments. . . . Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. . . . Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. . . . The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. . . . Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever. . . . Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes. . . . I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. . . . Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.” (Psalm 119:105, 118, 120, 133, 142, 144, 152, 155, 158, 160)

“The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.” (Proverbs 16:4-5)

There is a whole lot to be said, and yet there is nothing to say. *Many, many people* are just not *willing* to accept that God is God. Consequently, the unrepentant, unbelieving world has cast aside God’s Word and is hurtling itself toward God’s judgment.

As He did on His first day of creation, God will once again be dividing the light from the darkness. *Each and every person* will be receiving their preferred choice, *for all eternity*. It is not a coincidence that eternal life will be in eternal *light* for those who now walk in the *light*, and eternal punishment will be in eternal *darkness* for those who now walk in *darkness*.

When teaching that “many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven,” Jesus goes on to contrast this with those who will be “cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:11-12; see also 22:13).

"Woe unto them!... Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.... Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment ..." (Jude 1:11, 13-15)

"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 13:41-42; see also v. 50)

Blackness is "totally without light; in complete darkness."⁵⁵ And this will be *forever*.

The door to this eternity is "Yea, hath God said ...?" which not only denies the *rules* of God but, thus, the *rule* of God. "Yea, hath God said ...?" creates a symphony of everyone's *own* ideas of "truth and falsehood" and "right and wrong." A symphony that will become the eternal symphony of weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. An eternal symphony that will never, ever end.

Whether people are willing to believe that it is or not, the Word of God is the Word of God. Yea, God hath said.

"Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17b)

APPENDICES

“Talking to the Dead: Are Seducing Spirits the New Therapists?”

(This Appendix expands the subject in footnote P of the subsection “‘Welcome on Board!’” in Part Six: The Fall. See this subsection, as well as its previous one, “‘Welcome’ to ‘Presence’ . . . ‘you are being prepared,’” for more information on what is addressed here.)

Question: Does the “quantum reality” of “nonlocalism,” or “nonlocality,” in which “everything” in the whole universe is “*connected*,”¹ justify necromancy? It is believed to justify the psychic “sign languages” of “the fourth dimension,” and this includes the “energetic sign language”²—as psychic John Edward puts it—of communicating with the “*dead*.” (Regarding this “sign language” and the “scientific” “fourth dimension”—Alice Bailey’s channeled teachings refer to “the astral plane” as the place of “the activities of the discarnate lives which are passing through.”³ And, by the way, New Age/occult channelers tend to believe that they are channeling the “*dead*.”) Two months after Rick Warren launched his year-long “Daniel Plan” that Dr. Oz, et al., designed for him, Dr. Oz aired a program on talking to the dead. This program, which aired on his television show on March 15, 2011, was described by Dr. Oz’s website as follows: “Can talking to lost loved ones heal your grief? Hear why psychic John Edward believes you can talk to the dead.”⁴

When asked by Dr. Oz to explain “what it’s like to actually hear someone who’s passed on,” Edward says in his response that “we all dream . . . it’s like having a daydream and being awake and *paying attention* to the *energy* that’s there.” After they then discuss this “*connection*,” Edward states: “So because you’re doing a topic like this and you’re saying, you know maybe there’s a possibility of connection—you’re not saying go to a medium, you’re saying there’s a possibility of *them* being able to connect. That’s huge.”⁵ It is indeed. And, not surprisingly, when asked by Dr. Oz to “walk us through how someone sitting at home right now might be able to access the other side,” Edward says that “for people to actually learn how to develop their *intuition*,” “the most important thing is to *meditate* in prayer.” During this show, Edward also states: “You’re sending out an invitation to say I’m *open*,” “*It’s all about changing your programming* to saying now the potentiality is there;” and “You want to give yourself *permission* to recognize the *energy* and then accept the fact that it’s there.”⁶

Necromancy is quite a popular practice today, even though it is expressly forbidden by the Word of God as an *abomination*:

“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD . . .” (Deuteronomy 18:10-12)

Unlike people today, God has not changed His mind about His Word and never goes against it. And for those who might think that king Saul’s necromancy experience with the dead prophet Samuel—whom king Saul asked “*a woman that hath a familiar spirit*” to contact (see 1 Samuel 28:3-20, and v. 7)—is an example that justifies it as sanctioned by God, here’s the rest of the story. God’s Word tells us: “*Then said Samuel, . . . Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me*” (vv. 16, 19). And, later, God’s Word also tells us: “*So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; and inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him . . .*” (1 Chronicles 10:13-14).

The title of this *Dr. Oz Show* was “Psychic Mediums: Are they the New Therapists?”⁷ It would have been even more accurate to title it, “Seducing Spirits: Are they the New Therapists?” There is a *reason* why God’s Word forbids certain

practices. Even so, it isn't just the world that is paying attention to the psychic "signs"—or "energetic sign language"—of necromancy. Incredibly enough, it is also quite popular and accepted in today's shifting Christianity. And those who aren't willing to heed and obey God's Word are opening themselves up to "experiences" and "communications" that are *designed to deceive*. This is all just one more thing that is quite effectively seducing the masses into becoming *easy prey* for the "*communication signals*" of the seducing spirit world that is having a heyday on *many* fronts. It is without question that grief over lost loved ones is horrific, but being seduced into hell is even *more* horrific.

"Normalizing Necromancy" begins a series of articles titled "Do the Dead Communicate with the Living?"⁸ which pastor Larry DeBruyn has written for Discernment Ministries' Herescope. These articles address the popular 2010 book of Steve and Sarah Berger titled *Have Heart: Bridging the Gulf Between Heaven and Earth*. Even Chuck Missler has endorsed *Have Heart* as having "biblical depth" and "a 'must read.'"⁹ Yet this "must read" that he says has "biblical depth" is a book in which pastor Steve Berger and his wife describe how they and members of their church and people "across America" have been in communication with their "recently *deceased* son, Josiah."¹⁰ (These described communications are also addressed by The Berean Call.¹¹) *Have Heart* has also been endorsed by pastor/evangelist Greg Laurie (Harvest Crusades), along with William Paul Young,¹² the author of *The Shack*—a book that pastor Steve Berger sees as "theologically enlightening" and so is "joyfully giving copies away by the case."¹³ And, of course, *The Shack's* false "God" is "the ground of all being" that "dwells in, around, and through *all things*."¹⁴ A dance that *connects all things* and therefore permits *The Shack's* main character to communicate with his *dead* father¹⁵ . . .

In His account of Lazarus and the rich man—which Jesus never says is a "parable," by the way—Jesus tells us that the rich man died, and was "*in hell*" and "tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:22-24). Upon learning that Lazarus, who had also died and was "comforted" in "Abraham's bosom," could not pass the "*great gulf*" between them with water to assuage his "torments" and cool his tongue (vv. 22-26), the dead rich man in hell then asked Abraham if Lazarus could be sent to warn his brothers:

"I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." (Luke 16:27-28)

Now think about this. This dead man wanted to get a message to his family so that they would not join him in his place of torment when they died as well. *He was not able to get a message to them*. The rich man was not able to leave hell, and Lazarus was not able to leave Abraham's bosom. The dead do not communicate with the living. It is a practice forbidden by God.

So, what was the response to the rich man's request?

*"Abraham saith unto him, **They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.**"* (Luke 16:29)

And why is this sufficient? Because this will lead a person to Jesus:

*"We have found him, **of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**"* (John 1:45b)

But, like people today, the unbelieving rich man didn't see it as important to hear "Moses and the prophets" and thus wanted a dead person to give his family a message. So his response was, "Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them *from the dead*, they will repent" (Luke 16:30). To which Abraham answered, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (v. 31). And, of course, it is Jesus Who is relaying this account, and even though He Himself rose from the dead, people in the world are still not persuaded to repent, just as He warned. Why? Because they don't have ears to hear "Moses and the prophets." People neither believe the prophecy about Who God's Son would be when He came nor the law which shows us our sin and our need for the Saviour, God's Son.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.” (2 Corinthians 11:14)

The dead are not an “energy” to “tune” in to. Neither do the dead have God’s power to know and see and hear the lives of their loved ones still on earth and to communicate with them. On the other hand, seducing spirits are not blind and deaf. *Of course* they pay attention to information and details of people and their lives. They are on a mission seeking whom they may devour and will use any means to succeed.

So have you noticed that the “sign language” of the dead is typically that they are “okay” even when they died without believing in the Lord Jesus Christ? And have you noticed that even many people who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are having “visions” and “near death experiences” (or NDEs) of seeing and talking to “Jesus” in “heaven”? So what’s there to fear in dying without Jesus? In other words, “Yea, hath God said ...?” Sadly, whereas few have ears to hear the Word of God, *many, many* people do believe the messages they hear from the “dead.”

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

Finally, even though God’s Word *only* gives accounts of heaven that are visions of *God’s throne room* and *does not say one word* about what the rest of heaven looks like or what our loved ones who are there are doing, books on such things have been popping out left and right, even in today’s Christianity. But regardless of how convinced man is that these “experiences” and “visions” of “heaven”—in which the forbidden abomination of talking to the dead often occurs—*really happened* is *irrelevant*. The final answer is *God’s Word*, not man’s *subjective experiences*.

“There are many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.” (Proverbs 19:21)

The Majesty on High, the Everlasting True God in the Light of His Word

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.” (Isaiah 46:9)

God Is . . .

- ✧ a God full of compassion
- ✧ a God of truth and without iniquity
- ✧ a refuge from the storm
- ✧ a shadow from the heat
- ✧ a shelter for us
- ✧ a shield unto them that put their trust in Him
- ✧ a strength to the needy in his distress
- ✧ a strong hold in the day of trouble
- ✧ a strong tower from the enemy
- ✧ a sure foundation
- ✧ a very present help in trouble
- ✧ able even to subdue all things unto Himself
- ✧ able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think
- ✧ able to keep that which we have committed unto Him
- ✧ able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy
- ✧ able to make all grace abound toward us, that we, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work
- ✧ able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Jesus
- ✧ afflicted in all the affliction of His people
- ✧ Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last
- ✧ before all things, and by Him all things consist
- ✧ clothed with majesty, strength, and honor
- ✧ exalted as head above all
- ✧ faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness if we confess our sins
- ✧ faithful, Who shall stablish us and keep us from evil
- ✧ far above all principality, power, might, dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the one to come
- ✧ full of grace and truth
- ✧ glorious in holiness
- ✧ God, even from everlasting to everlasting
- ✧ good to all
- ✧ He that hears prayer
- ✧ He that opens and no man shuts, and shuts and no man opens
- ✧ He Who teaches man knowledge
- ✧ just in all that is brought upon us
- ✧ longsuffering
- ✧ love
- ✧ mighty in strength and wisdom
- ✧ mindful of us
- ✧ nigh unto all them that call upon Him in truth
- ✧ nigh unto them that are of a broken heart
- ✧ of great kindness
- ✧ of great power
- ✧ our deliverer
- ✧ our exceeding great reward
- ✧ our exceeding joy
- ✧ our fortress
- ✧ our hiding place
- ✧ our high tower
- ✧ our hope
- ✧ our life
- ✧ our peace
- ✧ our portion in the land of the living
- ✧ our refuge in the day of affliction and in times of trouble
- ✧ our song
- ✧ our strength in Whom we will trust
- ✧ our strong habitation whereunto we may continually resort
- ✧ perfect in knowledge
- ✧ precious
- ✧ ready to forgive
- ✧ right
- ✧ slow to anger
- ✧ strong Who executes His word
- ✧ the Almighty God
- ✧ the author and finisher of our faith
- ✧ the eternal God Who is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms
- ✧ the everlasting God
- ✧ the Father of mercies
- ✧ the fountain of living waters
- ✧ the God of all comfort
- ✧ the God of Israel
- ✧ the health of our countenance
- ✧ the high and lofty one that inhabits eternity
- ✧ the King of all the earth
- ✧ the King of kings and Lord of lords
- ✧ the lifter up of our head
- ✧ the light of the world
- ✧ the LORD JEHOVAH in Whom is everlasting strength
- ✧ the LORD on high Who is mightier than the noise of many waters and the mighty waves of the sea
- ✧ the LORD Who goes before us, and will be with us
- ✧ the LORD that heals us
- ✧ the LORD Who exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and

- righteousness in the earth and delights in these things
- ✧ the LORD Who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters
- ✧ the Majesty on high
- ✧ the portion of our inheritance and of our cup
- ✧ the rock of our strength
- ✧ the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls
- ✧ the strength of our heart, and our portion for ever
- ✧ the strength of our life
- ✧ the strength of the righteous in the time of trouble
- ✧ the true God, the living God, and an everlasting King
- ✧ to be likened and made equal and compared to no one
- ✧ with us alway, even unto the end of the world
- ✧ with us to help us
- ✧ with us withersoever we go
- ✧ worthy to be praised

God Has . . .

- ✧ a multitude of tender mercies
- ✧ been our defense and refuge in the day of our trouble
- ✧ been our dwelling place in all generations
- ✧ blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ
- ✧ borne our griefs and carried our sorrows
- ✧ comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales
- ✧ delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son
- ✧ gentleness
- ✧ given the Holy Spirit to them that obey Him
- ✧ given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son
- ✧ given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him
- ✧ given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true
- ✧ graven us upon the palms of His hands
- ✧ His way in the whirlwind and in the storm
- ✧ in His hand the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind
- ✧ life in Himself
- ✧ loved us and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace
- ✧ loved us with an everlasting love
- ✧ magnified His word above all His name
- ✧ measured the waters in the hollow of His hand
- ✧ no darkness in Him at all
- ✧ no pleasure in the death of him who dies
- ✧ not cast away His people
- ✧ not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of a sound mind
- ✧ of old laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are

- the work of His hands
- ✧ removed our transgressions from us, as far as the east is from the west
- ✧ prepared His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all
- ✧ sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father
- ✧ wrought all our works in us

God's . . .

- ✧ children shall have a place of refuge
- ✧ coming draws nigh
- ✧ compassions fail not
- ✧ counsels of old are faithfulness and truth
- ✧ delight is the prayer of the upright
- ✧ eye is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine
- ✧ eyes are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry and their prayers
- ✧ eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him
- ✧ faithfulness reaches unto the clouds
- ✧ goodness and beauty are great
- ✧ grace is sufficient for us
- ✧ grace was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus
- ✧ greatness is unsearchable
- ✧ hand is upon all them for good that seek Him
- ✧ hand shall lead us
- ✧ is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty
- ✧ judgments are upright
- ✧ kindness shall not depart from us
- ✧ kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
- ✧ lovingkindness is better than life
- ✧ mercy holds us up when our foot slips
- ✧ mercy toward them that fear Him is as great as the heaven is high above the earth
- ✧ peace passes all understanding and will keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus
- ✧ power works in us
- ✧ promises are exceeding great and precious
- ✧ right hand has spanned the heavens
- ✧ right hand shall hold us
- ✧ righteousness is an everlasting righteousness
- ✧ strength is made perfect in weakness
- ✧ tender mercies are over all His works
- ✧ thoughts unto us are more in number than the sand
- ✧ truth endures to all generations

- ✧ truth shall be our shield and buckler
- ✧ understanding is infinite
- ✧ voice is powerful and full of majesty
- ✧ way is perfect
- ✧ way is strength to the upright
- ✧ ways are everlasting
- ✧ ways are just, true, righteous, and right
- ✧ word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path
- ✧ word is right
- ✧ word is true from the beginning
- ✧ word is truth
- ✧ word is settled in heaven for ever
- ✧ word shall stand for ever
- ✧ work is honorable, glorious, and perfect
- ✧ works are great, marvelous, wondrous, holy, and all are done in truth

God . . .

- ✧ begat us with the word of truth
- ✧ binds up the wounds of those broken in heart
- ✧ brings us out of the miry clay, and sets our feet upon a rock
- ✧ brought life and immortality to light through the gospel
- ✧ called us unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord
- ✧ cannot be tempted with evil, and neither does He tempt anyone
- ✧ cares for us
- ✧ comforts those that are cast down
- ✧ comforts us in all our tribulation
- ✧ corrects, chastens, and rebukes those whom He loves
- ✧ crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies
- ✧ declares the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done
- ✧ declares things that are right
- ✧ directs our steps and paths and leads us by the way that we should go
- ✧ does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth
- ✧ does great things which we cannot comprehend
- ✧ fails not
- ✧ faints not, neither is weary
- ✧ girds us with strength and makes our way perfect
- ✧ gives grace to the humble
- ✧ gives meat in due season
- ✧ gives power to the faint
- ✧ gives to all life, and breath, and all things
- ✧ gives us grace to help in time of need
- ✧ gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ
- ✧ gives wisdom to all men liberally who ask without upbraiding them
- ✧ heals the brokenhearted

- ✧ hears the cry of the afflicted
- ✧ hears the cry of the righteous and delivers them out of all their troubles
- ✧ hears the prayer of the righteous
- ✧ hears us when we seek Him and delivers us from all our fears
- ✧ in the midst of His people is mighty
- ✧ increases the strength of them that have no might
- ✧ keeps truth for ever
- ✧ keeps us by His power through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time
- ✧ knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations
- ✧ knows what things we have need of before we ask Him
- ✧ laid down His life for us
- ✧ lays up sound wisdom for the righteous
- ✧ leads us beside the still waters
- ✧ leads us in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake
- ✧ lifts up the meek and humble
- ✧ lifts us up above those that rise up against us
- ✧ lifts us up from the gates of death
- ✧ made the world and all things therein
- ✧ makes all things new
- ✧ makes known to us the ways of life
- ✧ makes the storm a calm so that the waves are still
- ✧ makes us to lie down in green pastures
- ✧ opens the eyes of the blind
- ✧ pities them that fear Him, as a father pities his children
- ✧ preserves all them that love Him
- ✧ purges every branch that bears fruit, that it may bring forth more fruit
- ✧ puts our tears in His book
- ✧ restores our soul
- ✧ rules by His power for ever
- ✧ rules the raging of the sea and when the waves arise, He stills them
- ✧ satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness
- ✧ seals us with the Holy Spirit of promise after we believe
- ✧ shall sustain us when we cast our burden upon Him
- ✧ spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast
- ✧ stills the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people
- ✧ takes pleasure in His people
- ✧ triumphed over the principalities and powers
- ✧ upholds all that fall
- ✧ upholds all things by the word of His power
- ✧ withdraws not His eyes from the righteous
- ✧ works all things after the counsel of His own will
- ✧ works all things together for good to them that love Him
- ✧ works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure

God Will . . .

- ✧ abundantly pardon
- ✧ be a refuge for the oppressed
- ✧ be our everlasting light
- ✧ be with us in trouble, who have made the most High our habitation
- ✧ be with us when we pass through the waters
- ✧ bless His people with peace
- ✧ compass the righteous with favor as with a shield
- ✧ deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him that hath no helper
- ✧ deliver us from every evil work
- ✧ draw nigh to us when we draw nigh to Him
- ✧ feed His flock like a shepherd and will cause them to lie down
- ✧ fulfill the desire of them that fear Him, and will hear their cry and will save them
- ✧ gather the lambs with His arm and carry them in His bosom
- ✧ give strength unto His people
- ✧ give us rest
- ✧ guide us with His counsel, and afterward receive us to glory
- ✧ have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies
- ✧ have mercy on us with everlasting kindness
- ✧ have mercy upon His afflicted
- ✧ hide them that fear Him and trust in Him in the secret of His presence
- ✧ hide us in His pavilion, in the secret of His tabernacle, in the time of trouble
- ✧ hold our right hand, saying, Fear not, I will help you
- ✧ instruct us and teach us in the way we shall go
- ✧ joy over His people with singing
- ✧ keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him
- ✧ make us full of joy with His countenance
- ✧ make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us
- ✧ neither slumber nor sleep
- ✧ never leave us nor forsake us
- ✧ not suffer His faithfulness to fail
- ✧ not suffer our foot to be moved
- ✧ not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish
- ✧ not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that we may be able to bear it
- ✧ perfect that which concerns us
- ✧ perform the good work He began in us until the day of Jesus Christ
- ✧ preserve our whole spirit and soul and body blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- ✧ preserve us unto His heavenly kingdom
- ✧ revive us though we walk in the midst of trouble
- ✧ seek that which was lost
- ✧ set us in the way of His steps

- ✧ strengthen our heart
- ✧ strengthen that which was sick
- ✧ supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus
- ✧ swallow up death in victory
- ✧ take us up when our father and mother forsake us
- ✧ wipe away all tears from the eyes of His people

More About God

- ✧ all things were created by Him, and for Him
- ✧ at the LORD's right hand there are pleasures for evermore
- ✧ every good gift and every perfect gift is from the Father of lights
- ✧ for of Him and through Him and to Him are all things
- ✧ in God are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
- ✧ in God's hand there is power and might, so that none is able to withstand Him
- ✧ in the LORD's presence is fulness of joy
- ✧ it is impossible for Him to lie
- ✧ known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world
- ✧ none can stay His hand
- ✧ nothing is too hard for Him
- ✧ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
- ✧ our times are in His hand
- ✧ safety is of the LORD
- ✧ the breath of the Almighty has given us life
- ✧ the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him
- ✧ the heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth also with all that is therein are the LORD's
- ✧ the inspiration of the Almighty gives man understanding
- ✧ the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him
- ✧ the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God
- ✧ the throne of the Majesty is in the heavens
- ✧ the very hairs of our head are all numbered by God
- ✧ there has not failed one word of all His good promise
- ✧ there is no unrighteousness with God
- ✧ there is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD
- ✧ this God is our God for ever and ever, and will be our guide even unto death
- ✧ with Him is plenteous redemption
- ✧ with the Father of lights is no variableness, neither shadow of turning

"The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, Who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth!" (Psalm 113:4-6)

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Shifting from the God of Israel to "the god of this world" -- "because they received not the love of the truth"

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Appendix:

"Talking to the Dead: Are Seducing Spirits the New Therapists?"

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In the aforementioned article “Quantum Mysticism in the Church,” Gaylene Goodroad also writes: “Chuck Missler posted a comment on his Facebook page following the publication of Pastor Larry’s [DeBruyn] article, saying that he had not read Berger’s book before endorsing it, and then directed readers to Pastor Berger’s website page on ‘Have Heart.’ ...” And in this Facebook post, Missler states that he and his wife “did not read the entire book before writing our endorsement.” But even if Missler did only read part of this “must read,” Goodroad goes on to point out here, for example, that “Missler was also in attendance at the 2010 Strategic Perspectives Conference in Berger’s church when Berger gave a presentation on ‘Have Heart.’” Moreover, to this day (nearly a year after his Facebook post) he also still has posted on his website the August 2010 article, “Featured Book: Turning Our Mourning into Dancing by Chuck Missler”—an article that according to Missler “is an abridged chapter from Steve and Sarah’s book, *Have Heart: Bridging the Gap between Heaven and Earth*.” So even though Missler has also written in his Facebook post that he does “not endorse nor condone any form of necromancy,” what exactly does he think his continued endorsement of this book on necromancy says to people? (For these quotes here, see the following: “Quantum Mysticism in the Church,” “Cosms, Codes, and Cryptologies Part I: Crossing the Boundaries of Reality and Scripture,” by Gaylene Goodroad, May 12, 2012, Discernment Ministries’ Herescope, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2012/05/quantum-mysticism-in-church.html>; endnote #viii. Chuck Missler, January 9, 2012, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/KoinoniaHouse/posts/360210257326751>. “Featured Book: Turning Our Mourning into Dancing,” by Chuck Missler, Koinonia House, <http://www.khouse.org/articles/2010/937/>. [At the end of this latter article it states: “This article was originally published in the August 2010 Personal Update NewsJournal.”])
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12. See “Endorsements for *Have Heart: Bridging the Gulf between Heaven and Earth* by Steve and Sarah Berger,” Have Heart, <http://haveheart.net/media-kit/pdf/endorsements.pdf>; and also “What People Are Saying,” Have Heart: Bridging the Gap [sic] Between Heaven and Earth, Barnes & Noble, <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/have-heart-steve-berger/1102715671>. Regarding the endorsers, see also the aforementioned series “Do the Dead Communicate with the Living?” on Discernment Ministries’ Herescope, beginning with the Introduction, posted January 2, 2012, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2012/01/happy-new-age-new-year-2012.html>.
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