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I. Paul's Revelation Of God's Hidden Mystery

EPHESIANS 1:15-17: PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

15: Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16: Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17: 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:

In verse 17, Paul prayed for the spirit of revelation in the knowledge of God. Paul DID NOT pray for

just any general revelation. He prayed for a SPECIFIC revelation. He prayed for a specific revelation IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. To King Agrippa, Paul said, "I was not unfaithful to the heavenly vision." He prayed for us to have heavenly vision also. That's what we want to look at: Paul's revelation compared to those of the modern apostles and prophets.

THE FALL AS A STARTING POINT OF GOD'S PLAN

Part of the reason for the apostasy is that the prophets have looked back to the fall and man's need to be saved as their starting point concerning God's purposes. But initial salvation is only a part of the whole and we've taken a part, salvation, to be the whole of what God originally intended. If we only look back to the fall, our perspective is basically this: History appears to be mainly redemptive; man fell and only God can restore him. But God DID NOT create man just so he could fall and be redeemed. Paul's heavenly vision was much more bigger than that.

We see salvation as being mainly man-centered. It's absolutely necessary, but this man-centered view of God's purpose has led to other gospels, such as the Health And Wealth Gospel, God as our healer, God as our problem solver, God as worker of signs and wonders, or the One who makes us gods. And we must realize that making salvation the center of God's overall purpose for man is primarily bent on what God can do for us. Man fell, but at THAT point, what was God's standard as to what to do about it? Did He scratch His head and say, "What do we do now?" All God said was, "Don't eat of it." But we did, and then He promised a Redeemer, but WHAT was His standard as to what that redeemer would accomplish? And for what purpose would He accomplish it? To save man? For what purpose? The thing we have to realize is this: God's eternal purpose WAS NOT established at the time of the fall, or because of the fall.

THE COMMISSION TO ADAM AS THE STARTING POINT

Another primary source of new revelations delivered by the new prophets and apostles is the commission God gave Adam before the fall:

> **"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it" (Gen. 1:28).**

This has left many with the impression that God's purpose for man was to set up His kingdom. Many of the new revelations are based on man having lost dominion in the fall and taking back what is rightfully ours. But this doesn't answer why God created us? And, what would be God's purpose in

man setting up a kingdom? It is these two areas of history that have opened doors for supposedly "new" revelations of God's purpose for man.

PAUL LOOKED IN THE RIGHT PLACE AS HIS STARTING POINT

Paul looked BEYOND the fall and God's commission to BEFORE creation. Paul always started with God Himself before the creation of the world. He spoke often of God BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD. Paul said he delivered the WHOLE COUNCIL OF GOD to the Church. What did he mean by that? Where did he get that Counsel? There were only the OT scriptures. Here is what Paul said in Romans 16:25:

> **"Now to him that is of power**
> **TO ESTABLISH YOU**
> **ACCORDING TO my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ,**
> **ACCORDING TO**
> **THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY, which was**
> **KEPT SECRET**
> **SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN."**

The Whole Council of God Paul referred to was what God had determined and purposed in Himself before He created anything. The foundation for what God would accomplish and how He would accomplish it was laid BEFORE He created Adam. Paul's gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ came out of THIS REVELATION from God of THE MYSTERY that He KEPT HID IN HIMSELF SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.

THE PLAN GOD HAD HID IN HIMSELF BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN

In the following paragraphs, I will list all the verses I could find that use the phrase "before the world began" or "from the foundation of the world" or other such phrases. These verses tell us WHEN God purposed to do what He purposed to do, and the details of His works that were finished before the world began. They tell us what He commanded and considered as done that would put any other purposes to nought. They tell us His purpose that would endure through all generations.

All the verses that I share will refer to the revelation God gave to Paul so we would have a proper knowledge of Him. This is the revelation that caused Paul to say, "I was not unfaithful to the heavenly vision," and "I am in chains for the gospel," and "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel."

Heb 4:1 The promise to enter the place of rest is still good, and we must take care that none of you miss out.

Heb 4:2 We have heard the message, just as they did. But they failed to believe what they heard, and the message did not do them any good.

Heb 4:3 Only people who have faith will enter the place of rest. It is just as the Scriptures say, "God became angry and told the people, 'You will never enter my place of rest!' " God said this, even though everything has been ready from the time of creation.

From the foundation of the world, God's works, what He had determined, were finished. Here is what God determined before the foundation of the world. God's works were set before the world began, and Scriptures tell us exactly what they were. The commission and the fall DID NOT alter the purpose that God had established. People in this move are not resting in the finished work of God. There is much sweat, and pushing and pulling, to unite everybody by the year 2000.

Rom 16:25 Praise God! He can make you strong by means of my good news, which is the message about Jesus Christ. For ages and ages this message was kept secret,

Rom 16:26 but now at last it has been told. The eternal God commanded his prophets to write about the good news, so that all nations would obey and have faith.

Rom 16:27 And now, because of Jesus Christ, we can praise the only wise God forever! Amen.

Since the world began, God had ordained and kept secret a mystery that would be manifested through the words of the prophets, that would establish men from all nations in God's purposes. This is the faith delivered unto the saints once and for all (Jude 3).

REVELATION 13:8 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.

1 PETER 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but

was manifest in these last times for you.

Before the foundation of the world, Christ was foreordained as the lamb through whom we would be redeemed. He was manifested for us, meaning, we would have the opportunity for eternal life.

1Jo 1:1 The Word that gives life was from the beginning, and this is the one our message is about. Our ears have heard, our own eyes have seen, and our hands touched this Word.

1Jo 1:2 The one who gives life appeared! We saw it happen, and we are witnesses to what we have seen. Now we are telling you about this eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us.

1Jo 1:3 We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so that you may share in this life with us. And we share in it with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

That which was from the beginning: The lamb that was foreordained by the Father to be manifested as eternal life to us, and that we would be brought into a fellowship with God.

Eph 1:4 Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people.

Eph 1:5 God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children.

Eph 1:6 God was very kind to us because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God.

Eph 1:7 Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free, which means that our sins are now forgiven. Christ did this because God was so kind to us. God has great wisdom and understanding,

Eph 1:8 *(SEE 1:7)*

Eph 1:9 and by what Christ has done, God has shown us his own mysterious ways.

Eph 1:10 Then when the time is right, God will do all that he has planned, and Christ will bring together everything in heaven and on earth.

Before the foundation of the world, God purposed in Himself to gather together all things in Christ. Ephesians 1:22 says Christ has been made to be the head over all things.

Titus 1:1 From Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I encourage God's own people to have more faith and to understand the truth about religion.

Titus 1:2 Then they will have the hope of eternal life that God promised long ago. And God never tells a lie!

Titus 1:3 So, at the proper time, God our Savior gave this message and told me to announce what he had said.

Before the world began, God promised that we would be given the opportunity to gain eternal life by faith. This is done through preaching, not demonstrating unity.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:13 . . . God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

From the beginning, God determined to choose those who would believe in Christ to be saved by sanctification and belief in the truth, not by works.

EPHESIANS 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Before the foundation of the world, God chose us in Christ to be holy and without blame before him in

love. This is the plan of God for every man. It is foundational. Also before the foundation of the world, God had ordained that we who believe in Christ should be adopted as His children.

One thing was very noticeable as I gathered all of these scriptures: there is no wrath in mystery hidden. God expected men to accept His salvation. Wrath is not a result of God's planning, but man's rejection of what He purposed.

> **2 TIMOTHY 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.**

Before the world began, God planned to save us and then call us with an holy calling (Eph. 1:4) according to his own purpose and grace.

> **EPHESIANS 3:8 . . . that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9: And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.**

From the beginning of the world, within this mystery hid in God, was a fellowship that God wanted to bring us into.

> **1 CORINTHIANS 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to null: 7: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory 8: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

Before the world, God ordained a "hidden wisdom," which would one day be for our glory. In this verse, we see the wisdom of God in not telling anyone about the mystery He hid in Himself: the spirits not of God did not know that if they instigated a plan to get rid of Jesus, that would be their defeat not victory. All they had to do was leave Him alone while on the earth and victory would have been theirs. The blood would never had been shed, and salvation impossible:

> Eph 3:4 As you read the letter, you will also find out how well I really do understand the mystery about Christ.

Eph 3:5 No one knew about this mystery until God's Spirit told it to his holy apostles and prophets.

Eph 3:6 And the mystery is this: Because of Christ Jesus, the good news has given the Gentiles a share in the promises that God gave to the Jews. God has also let the Gentiles be part of the same body.

Eph 3:7 God treated me with kindness. His power worked in me, and it became my job to spread the good news.

Eph 3:8 I am the least important of all God's people. But God was kind and chose me to tell the Gentiles that because of Christ there are blessings that cannot be measured.

Eph 3:9 God, who created everything, wanted me to help everyone understand the mysterious plan that had always been hidden in his mind.

Eph 3:10 Then God would use the church to show the powers and authorities in the spiritual world that he has many different kinds of wisdom.

Eph 3:11 God did this according to his eternal plan. And he was able to do what he had planned because of all that Christ Jesus our Lord had done.

In Christ, the Jew and Gentile believers would be made one, contributing ultimately to the gathering of all things under Christ. As one body, they would inherit the kingdom of God at His coming:

MATTHEW 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34: Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

From the foundation of the world, God purposed that through a belief in His gospel, we would INHERIT the kingdom ALREADY PREPARED from the foundation of the world.

Before The World Began:

MATTHEW 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

1 JOHN 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

JOHN 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou loved me before the foundation of the world.

BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN
GOD HID A SECRET MYSTERY WITHIN HIMSELF

Not only did God have a set purpose before creation, He kept it hid:

ROMANS 16:25ff Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26: But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.

EPHESIANS 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9: And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; 26: Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.

EPHESIANS 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4: Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5: Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

GOD WOULD WORK ALL THINGS AFTER THE COUNSEL OF HIS OWN WILL

EPHESIANS 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will.

AFTER CREATION, GOD WOULD ONLY WORK ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE IN CHRIST THAT WHICH HE PURPOSED IN HIMSELF

EPHESIANS 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10: That in the dispensation of the fullness 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: 11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will, things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.

GOD WORKS EVERYTHING AFTER THE COUNSEL OF HIS OWN WILL

EPHESIANS 1:11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will. things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.

ROMANS 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

GOD WOULD CALL MEN ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

2 TIMOTHY 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Good works not ordained of God are as filthy rags. Only God-ordained works contribute to His purposes. All that He would do would further His purpose and His grace.

GOD WOULD BRING ABOUT WHAT HE PURPOSED ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL

LUKE 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord

of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

EPHESIANS 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

EPHESIANS 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself, 10: That in the dispensation of the fullness 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.

Before the world began, God hid within Himself a mystery. This mystery contained His purpose for Christ and the part of humanity that would accept Christ, the Church. That which He purposed in Himself, He would bring about after the counsel of His own will according to His own good pleasure. This purpose would be extended to the Church by grace alone in a way that was consistent with His purpose.

ETERNAL LIFE WAS MANIFESTED IN JESUS CHRIST AT THE ORDAINED TIME

All of the following verses are included in the mystery of God hidden and then revealed to Paul for the Church. All of the following scriptures are a synopsis of God revealing His hidden secret to humanity according to His timetable.

EPHESIANS 1:4ff before the foundation of the world . . . . 9: . . . he hath purposed in himself. . . . 10: That in the dispensation of the fullness 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.

GALATIANS 4:4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

1 PETER 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

JESUS SAID IT WAS THE FATHER WHO REVEALS THE HIDDEN THINGS OF GOD

LUKE 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

JESUS UTTERED GOD'S SECRET KEPT FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

MATTHEW 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

JESUS SAID WE ARE TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MARK 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables.

GOSPEL IS CONTAINED IN MYSTERY HIDDEN AND NOW REVEALED

ROMANS 16:25ff Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26: But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.

MYSTERY NOW MADE KNOWN BY REVELATION TO PAUL BY GRACE

EPHESIANS 3:1ff For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2: If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4: Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ).

EPHESIANS 3:7ff Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8: Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ [contained in God's mystery now revealed to Paul]

MYSTERY NOW MADE KNOWN TO THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS

EPHESIANS 3:4ff . . . the mystery of Christ) 5: Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

GOD SAVED US AND CALLED US TO FURTHER HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE

EPHESIANS 1:4ff Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10: But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

AMPLIFIED version: "according to and to further His own purpose and grace."

GOD CHOSE US TO BE ADOPTED SONS AND MADE US ACCEPTABLE TO HIM

EPHESIANS 1:4ff According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

THE REVELATION OF GOD'S MYSTERY GAVE PAUL UTTERANCE

EPHESIANS 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

COLOSSIANS 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds.

THE MYSTERY OF GOD WAS GIVE TO PAUL FOR THE CHURCH SO THAT THE MYSTERY OF GOD COULD BE FULFILLED IN THE CHURCH

COLOSSIANS 1:25: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; 26: Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

These are no new revelations, no restoration of apostles and prophets. The revelation of God was complete in Christ. There are no new truths or revelations never taught before. God has spoken by His Son to this age according to that which He determined before the creation of the world:

HEBREWS 1:1ff God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2: 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; 3: 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.

Christ sat down. His work was finished. We, too, are to rest in it. The revelation of Christ is complete to the Church, except for seeing Him as He is in person. The revelation of Christ to the world is not complete because it rejected the first revelation. Therefore, He will be revealed to it at the end of the age as a God of judgment.

THIS GOSPEL HIDDEN WITHIN THE MYSTERY ESTABLISHES US IN CHRIST

ROMANS 16:25: Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.

PAUL PREACHED THE GOSPEL CONTAINED IN GOD'S MYSTERY IN ORDER TO PRESENT EVERY PERFECT IN CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 1:28: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

GOD WORKS ALL THINGS AFTER THE COUNSEL OF HIS OWN WILL

EPHESIANS 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will.

As we look at Romans 8:26-29, remember the words from the last verse, "works all things" in reference to God's will because these verses are discussing the will of God in relation to what he had determined before creation. The verses in Romans tie that will to the work of God in the individual Christian today as he had determined it before the creation of the world.

ROMANS 8:26ff Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groans that cannot be uttered. 27: And he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for

the saints according to the will of God. 28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY:
PAUL WAS TO MAKE THE CHURCH SEE WHAT TRUE FELLOWSHIP IS:

EPHESIANS 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

1 JOHN 1:1ff That which was from the beginning, . . . 3: That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

GOD CALLED US BY THE GOSPEL TO OBTAINING THE GLORY OF THE LORD

2 THESSALONIANS 2:14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL WAS MADE KNOW TO US, THE CHURCH

EPHESIANS 1:9ff Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: . . . 11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will

Verse 11 says God works everything after the counsel of His will, and verse 9 says God made known to us the mystery of His will. There is no reason for us not to know God's will if we are bent on cooperating with Him to bring about that which He purposed in Himself.

PAUL DID NOT WANT THE CHURCH TO BE IGNORANT
OF THE MYSTERY CONCERNING ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

ROMANS11:25 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 fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

THE CHURCH IS TO HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S MYSTERY AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT ALONE SO THAT THEY ARE NOT DECEIVED

COLOSSIANS 2:2: That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3: In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4: And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

WE ARE TO BE STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERY OF GOD

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

WE ARE TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS

JUDE 3: 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.

THE RICHES OF THE MYSTERY - CHRIST IN YOU - THE HOPE OF GLORY WAS TO BE MADE KNOWN TO THE GENTILES

COLOSSIANS 1:26ff Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

MYSTERY REVEALED: GENTILES FELLOW HEIRS, OF THE SAME BODY PARTAKERS WITH THE JEWS OF THE PROMISES OF CHRIST

EPHESIANS 3:5ff Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6: That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.

1 PETER 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

GOD'S HIDDEN SECRET WISDOM OUTSMARTED THE DEVIL

1JOHN 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

EPHESIANS 3:9ff And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11: According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6ff Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to null: 7: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory 8: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

THERE WILL BE THE WORST TRIBULATION EVER SINCE CREATION

MARK 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

SOME WILL DOUBT HIS COMING AS PROMISED SINCE CREATION

2 PT:3:4 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.

THE MYSTERY AS DECLARED BY THE PROPHETS WILL BE FINISHED AT THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

REVELATION 10:5ff And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6: And swears by him that lives for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

THE SHEEP WILL INHERIT THE KINGDOM

PREPARED BY THE FATHER BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

MATTHEW 25:33ff And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34: Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

REPEATING THE SUMMARY FROM PART 1

Before the world began, God hid within Himself a mystery. This mystery contained His purpose for Christ and the part of humanity that would accept Christ, the Church. That which He purposed in Himself, He would bring about after the counsel of His own will according to His own good pleasure. This purpose would be extended to the Church by grace alone in a way that was consistent with His purpose.

A. SYNOPSIS: GOD'S PLAN BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

1. **God hid a mystery within Himself before the creation of the world.**

2. **God would work all things according to His own pleasure.**

3. **God would work all things according to His own purpose.**

4. **God would work all things according to the counsel of His own will.**

B. SYNOPSIS: THE LAMB BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

1. **The holy, chosen Lamb was with the Father.**

2. **The Lamb was to be exalted over all things in heaven and on earth.**

3. **The Lamb would gather all things together in Himself.**

C. SYNOPSIS: GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN BEFORE CREATION

1. **God would have a family of adopted sons created after the image of the first-born which would stand before the Father without blemish, holy and in love.**

2. **Once created, if man fell, God would restore him by grace because man would be unable to bring about his own restoration into the purpose of God. God would restore man "because of and to further His own purpose and grace" through the work of the Lamb of God.**

3. **God promised to give man, at his appointed season, a faith and a knowledge that would rest on the hope of eternal life. That knowledge would be of the Son of God, and it would be called the gospel.**

4. **All who accepted that knowledge by faith would be destined for glory.**

5. **God purposed to sanctify us by the Spirit and His word so he could glorify us as sons.**

6. **By creating one new man through the cross, from Jews and Gentiles, God would manifest His wisdom "through the church . . . to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms according to his eternal purpose which [he would] accomplish in Christ Jesus our Lord." [This does not negate God's future fulfilling of His promises to OT Israel].**

7. **The Church was to be established by the gospel, know and be stewards of the mystery, contending for it as given to the saints. Then it would proclaim that gospel to the nations (individual people) so they could accept God's offer to adopt them as His sons.**

8. **The mystery, once revealed, was to be shared in its fullness, from before creation to Revelation, so man could cooperate with God in bringing about His ultimate intention through the preaching of the gospel.**

9. **The Church would be commissioned to proclaim the full revelation of Christ, "that which was from the beginning."**

10. **All who believe would inherit a kingdom that the Father has already prepared for them.**

II. Before The Creation Of The World

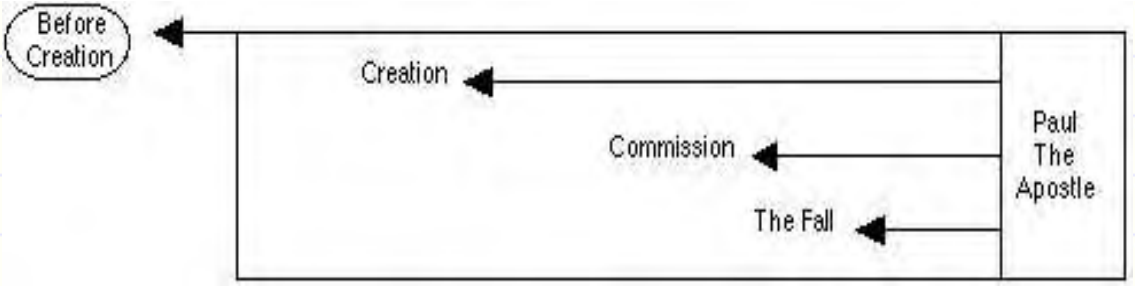
LOOKING FOR THE STARTING POINT TO FIND GOD'S PURPOSES

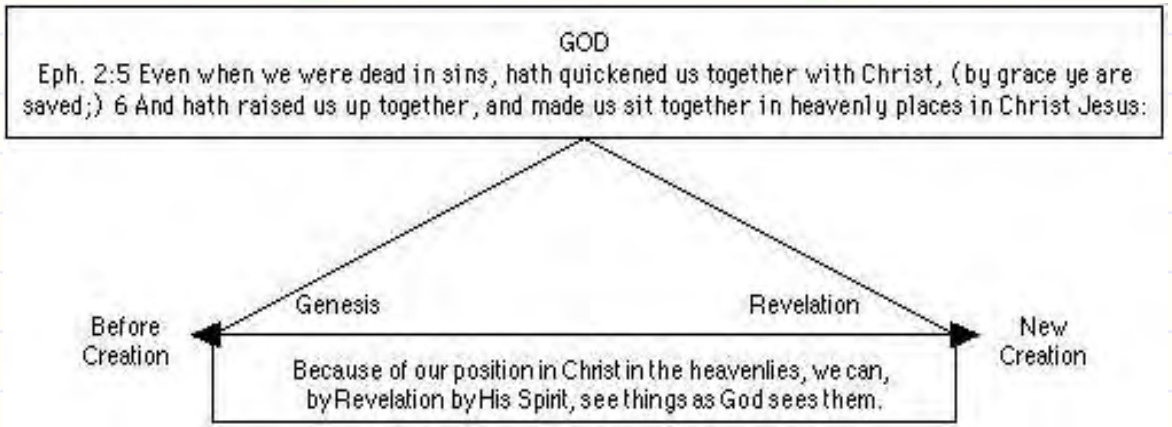
1. **Looking Back To The Fall: Beginning at the Fall, history appears to be mainly redemptive. Man fell, and who but God could pick him up? But, why did He create us - just to fall and be redeemed? So He could prosper us? Make us a success? We are redemptive-salvation minded. But God says to renew our minds according to His thinking.**

2. **Looking Back To God's Commission, that is, His commission to Adam to "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it" (Gen. 1:28). This gives history a governmental or kingdom hue, leaving the impression that man was created simply to rule the earth under God. What would be His purpose in man's establishing a kingdom?**

3. **Looking Back To Creation Before Adam: Starting with creation, we do see a more God-centered approach, as here God is the Creator, Sovereign over His creation. But for what purpose? To create something just for the sake of reigning over it?**

We need to see the parts, not as separate entities in themselves, or able to exist or accomplish a final purpose on their own, but as parts of a whole where all of the parts work together to bring about a common, specified end result.





CORRECTING OUR SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE: A RIGHT STARTING POINT

Looking back BEFORE Creation gives us that perspective. The only logical point to start is "before creation." Paul always started with God Himself before the creation of the world.

In Romans 11:36, Paul sums up the whole scope of what we need to see: "For OF Him, and THROUGH Him, and TO Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

We're going to talk about these three terms, but keep in mind that we are speaking primarily of the spiritual realm.

POINT ONE. All things are OF God

This implies something more than all things being FROM God as the source.

In other words, whatever is here is here because God spoke it into existence. First of all, He's the designer. Whatever is here is here because He willed it to be here and exist. All things being OF Him carries with it the idea that this world and all that is in it is not just FROM Him, as though He gave it all to man and took Himself out of the picture. All things are OF Him, telling us what He is like, and since they are OF Him, He retains Sovereignty over all of them.

What we are speaking of here is this: All things are OF God, meaning, we have to SEE HIM AS our ultimate POINT OF REFERENCE. God created, God commissioned, man fell. The Point of Reference did not change through all of this because God allowed these things. In seeking answers to the following questions, we must always go back to God BEFORE CREATION as the true POINT OF REFERENCE.

1. **Why did God create?**

2. **Why did God Commission man?**

3. **Why did God create us knowing we would fall?**

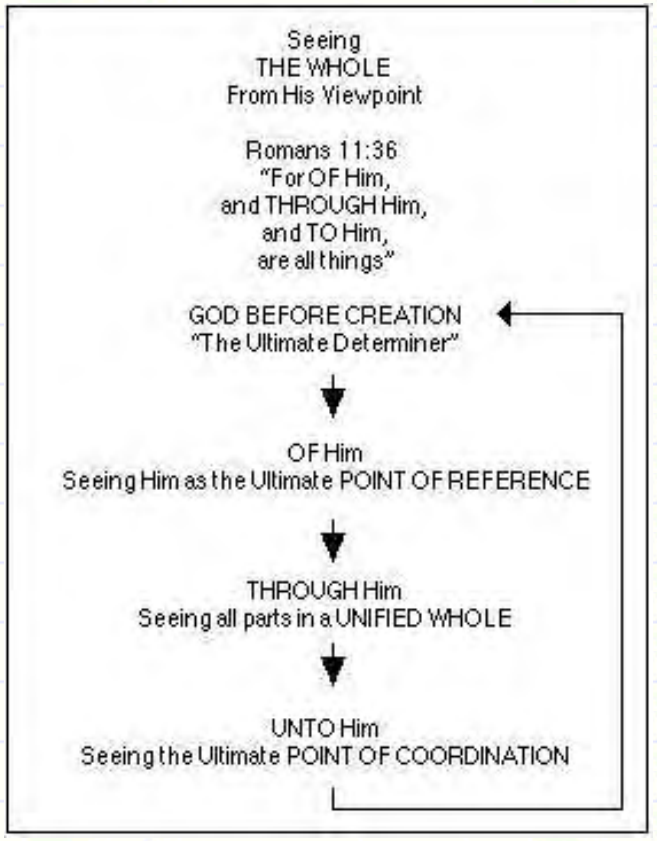
God knew all that would happen before He commissioned, before man fell. No matter what man did, God had an answer or a fix ready.

POINT TWO. All things are THROUGH God

The Bible says all things were created through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.

The key to this statement is in these two words: ALL THINGS. There's a wholeness in this statement, a realization that since all things are OF Him and came into existence THROUGH Him, then there should be a complete harmony in all things, a harmony without conflict, a harmony without division, a harmony which naturally manifests

wholeness and peace where all things are done decently and in order. It's all the parts of the car working together in cooperation. In other words, what we are speaking of here is seeing the parts of the unified whole working together, without losing sight of God as our Point of Reference. There is also a third aspect of this.



POINT THREE. All things are UNTO God

Since all things are OF Him, and all things are THROUGH Him, then there is only One source that can make the whole thing work properly, to make all things work decently and in order, and that's the One who designed the plan in the first place.

In other words, we need to see that God is our Point of Reference, and from that Point of Reference we should see a unified whole with many parts working together, and then we must see Him as the One who guides or coordinates these parts, that everything is done properly and in its proper time frame all the way TO its final conclusion. Otherwise, it

would be like starting the car, putting on the cruise control, getting out of the car and letting it go wherever it wanted to go.

Hebrews 1 in the Amplified Bible says Jesus Christ propels the universe with His mighty word of power. No one can help Him with that. The universe is OF Him, it came into existence THROUGH Him, and He coordinates each part of it so there aren't any catastrophes. In other words, He remains in the driver's seat.

Salvation is an example in the spiritual realm. God did not create us to fall, but when we did, He had a plan of salvation waiting in the wings. He said, "Here, Adam. Test drive this and see how you do." What happened was a catastrophe. The lesson: don't get behind the driver's seat.

All things are OF Him, THROUGH Him, and UNTO Him.

> Col 1:16 Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him.
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> Col 1:17 God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together.

(Point of Coordination)

In simple language, God made a plan, He established creation as the arena in which He would work out His plan, and He alone will bring that plan to completion.



GOD'S PLAN BEFORE CREATION CONCERNING CHRIST

1 PETER 1:19-20: "BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD," God chose "Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect," to be "revealed in these times for [our] sake."

The pre-chosen Lamb was God's insurance that His intention for men and His Son would be fulfilled. He gave Adam and Eve free will, allowing them to choose whether to live for Him or for themselves. If they chose to live for themselves, the Father was prepared to restore man to a position from which He could fulfill His original intention.

EPHESIANS 1:4,9-10: "BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD" God determined that He would "bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one

head, even Christ." Colossians 1:18 says supremacy was to be His in all things: "[Christ] is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead, so that in EVERYTHING he might have the supremacy."

This is God's simple plan for Jesus Christ:

1. **He would be the one to restore man to a position from which the Father could fulfill his original intention.**

2. **In that restoration, He would be exalted above all things so that supremacy would be His in everything.**

GOD'S PLAN BEFORE CREATION CONCERNING MAN

We often speak of "God's plan for my life" without thinking of when He determined it or what that means from God's point of view. Before Adam existed, God had a plan and a purpose for each individual life in the body of Christ. And because He has the same plan for each of us, it doesn't matter if you are a married executive and I'm a single plumber and he's a Chinese sailor. God is working out His purpose through each of our professions and marital status and restrictions of nationhood. God's purpose for Paul of Tarsus was THE SAME as His purpose for you.

That purpose for EVERY MAN is found in Romans 8:28-29:

> Romans 8:28 We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose,
>
> Romans 8:29 and he has always known who his chosen ones would be. He had decided to let them become like his own Son, so that his Son would be the first of many children.

God's purpose in telling Adam to multiply and fill the earth is found in these verses. God knew that one day He would exalt His Son over all things in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and He wanted "many brethren" in order to exalt Him. Now here is the plan for your life in this world, no matter how it seems to differ from everyone else's: "to be conformed to the image of God's Son."

In Ephesians 1:4-5, we find the purpose for the next life:

> Ephesians 1:4 Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people.
>
> Ephesians 1:5 God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children.

Let's apply this to what we said before:

OUR POINT OF REFERENCE: what God determined BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

1. **Christ would guarantee the fulfillment of His plan as the Lamb of God.**

2. **In the fulfillment of that plan, Christ would be exalted over all things by bringing to adoption "many brethren."**

3. **He would bring them before God holy and without blame in love.**

SEEING THE PARTS OF THE UNIFIED WHOLE

All things are to be brought under the headship of Christ. He is to be exalted as the one head over "many brethren," forming one body through the finished work of the cross. In His resurrection, he brought about spiritual realities that speak of this unified whole:

a. One faith
b. One hope
c. One love
d. One baptism
e. One Savior
f. One Lord
g. One Father
h. One God

i. One Spirit
j. One Body
k. One Family
l. One Temple
m. One calling
n. One kingdom
o. One nation
p. One priesthood
q. One salvation
r. One plan

Our Point of Coordination

What God had determined beforehand, He will bring about and only asks our cooperation.

1. **God would gather together all things in Jesus Christ.**

2. **We will stand before Him in the image of the first-born.**

What is crucial to our understanding regarding this Point of Coordination is this:

1. **Ephesians 1:5 - God does everything "according to the good pleasure of His will."**

2. **Romans 16:25-26 - What He intended to do regarding man's rebellion was kept hidden in Himself until He chose to reveal it to Paul.**

3. **2 Timothy 1:9 - What He has done, in making a way for us to still be a part of His plan in spite of the fall, was done "because of and to further his own purpose and grace."**

The amazing thing is is that in spite of man's fall, it didn't change God's plan even one

little bit. Even if man had not fallen, God as our Point of Reference, the Designer of the unified whole, and the coordinator of bringing about what He originally intended would not have changed.

"Perhaps we can move the eternal Christ into a proper frame of reference by asking: if man had never sinned, would all things have been summed up in Christ? (Eph. 1:10). If man had never sinned, was it God's plan for all to be 'in Christ'? If man had never sinned, would Christ have been incarnated into the human family? It seems evident from Paul's writing in Ephesians as he moves on the eternal level that the Father intended for His Son to be a means of accomplishment, NOT BECAUSE SIN ENTERED, but even if sin HAD NEVER ENTERED. Consider these statements in Ephesians 1:

- **"vs. 3 '. . . blessed us . . . IN CHRIST'**
- **"vs. 4 '. . . chosen us IN HIM BEFORE the foundation of the world . . .'**
- **"vs. 5 '. . . predestined us unto adoption . . . BY CHRIST JESUS . . .'**
- **"vs. 6 '. . . accepted IN THE BELOVED . . .'**
- **"vs. 10 '. . . gathered together all things . . . IN CHRIST . . .' "**

God's plan is perfect whether man fell or not. He chose us IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD. That choosing and bringing the unified whole to reality DID NOT rely on our falling or not falling. If we hadn't fallen, God still would have brought about what He originally intended. Fromke says it this way, and I agree with Him:

"We must cease interpreting God's purpose and plan in the light of the Fall. This which we see in Ephesians is what the Father intended to realize in His Son and it has never been affected by sin, the fall, or time.

"It was this purpose which had previously been a mystery, that the Apostle Paul was now unveiling: The Father intended for HIS SON to have a Body to express His life - Himself - in the world now, and before all creation in the ages to come.

> **"We can quickly see how this ultimate intention for THE SON and His Body springs out of God's paternal nature and desire. We can also understand how the Father 'marked out for Himself' a vast family who would share His life, nature, spirit, vision, purpose and dedication. We can**

further see how this family purpose was to be accomplished both through and for His eternal Son.

"We have said that God's line of purpose was to have gone upward, without a break. But because man must be allowed opportunity to choose cooperation in God's purpose, we see how man also could choose to go his own way. As a result God's plan in time necessitated the incorporation of the redemptive plan. But He never intended that this redemptive phase was to overshadow the original eternal purpose. . . .

> **"'We only see history back to the Fall. God sees it from the beginning. There was something in God's mind before the Fall, and in the ages to come, that thing is to be fully realized. God knew all about sin and redemption; yet in His great purpose for the Church set forth in Genesis 2, there is no view of sin. It is as though (to speak in finite terms) He leaps in thought right over the whole story of redemption and sees the Church in future eternity, having a ministry and a (future) history which is altogether apart from sin and wholly of God. It is the Body of Christ in glory, expressing nothing of fallen man but only that which is the image of the glorified Son of man. This is the Church that has satisfied God's heart and has attained dominion.'" --Watchman Nee**

Dominion is His and we will reign with Him, as Daniel said:

> Dan 7:13 As I continued to watch the vision that night, I saw what looked like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven, and he was presented to the Eternal God.
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> Dan 7:14 He was crowned king and given power and glory, so that all people of every nation and race would serve him. He will rule forever, and his kingdom is eternal, never to be destroyed.

More Parts Of The Whole

What I've just shared deals with the central characters of God's plans and purposes. There are many other parts that fit into this unified whole, and we want to look at those now:

1. **TITUS 1:1-3: "BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME" God determined to give man "a faith and a knowledge [on which would rest] the hope of eternal life." This would be given "at his appointed season" through preaching. Paul is referring to the knowledge of God on which true faith is based. In addition, God wanted His creature to know who He was and what He wanted him to be. This revelation, which could only come through knowing God and His purpose, would bring men to an intimate union with God, which is eternal life.**

2. **1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-8: "BEFORE TIME BEGAN" God hid in Himself "a wisdom . . . that [He] destined for our glory." All who accept the faith and knowledge referred to in Titus 1:1-3 would share in His glory.**

3. **2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-15: "FROM THE BEGINNING" God chose us "to be saved through belief in the truth. . . . that [we] might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

4. **MATTHEW 24:34: "SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD" the Father had His kingdom prepared as part of our inheritance. Notice that the Father has ALREADY done this. If we'd been given the responsibility of setting up that kingdom before Christ's return, we would be establishing our own flawed, incomplete inheritance.**

5. **COLOSSIANS 1:26: "FOR AGES PAST" the entire mystery of God was "kept hidden." Finally God revealed the Lamb and commissioned Paul "to present [to the saints] the word of God in its FULLNESS," referring to that mystery of Christ from before Genesis all the way through Revelation. Paul wanted the Church to understand this revelation by the placement of the gospel message in God's entire plan.**

6. **2 TIMOTHY 1:9: "BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME" God delivered, saved**

and called us "to a holy life." He did this "because of his own purpose and grace. This grace has been given to us in Christ Jesus" before creation.

7. **EPHESIANS 3:9-11: 'FOR AGES PAST [FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD," KJV] God planned to manifest His wisdom "through the Church . . . to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms." He wanted this done "according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Paul was commissioned "to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery," that through the Lamb's death and resurrection, the Jews and Gentiles would be united into one body (vv. 4-6). In Christ, God accomplished that purpose so all men, Jew or Gentile, would be given the opportunity to be adopted as His sons through their faith in Christ.**

8. **ROMANS 16:25-27: "FOR LONG AGES PAST" God purposed that the Church be established by the "gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden, . . . but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him." God intended for the Church to be established by the gospel and then proclaim it, so people of all nations can have the opportunity to accept His offer to adopt them as His sons by grace. This effectively rules out Restorationism (my term for anyone wanting to establish the kingdom before Christ's return), which attempts to force obedience to God's law on those who aren't His sons.**

9. **1 JOHN 1:4: "THAT WHICH WAS FROM THE BEGINNING, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life." The Church is to proclaim the full revelation of Christ, "that which was from the beginning," and who must personally, visibly return to establish God's reign on the earth.**

God Didn't Change His Plan

These scriptures tell us what was "in God" before He created anything. This is what God wanted for His own pleasure and satisfaction. It would serve as a standard for His work in the earth until His plan was completed.

This is what God intended for Himself and us before creation. It is obvious that what He expects of us is to help Him further His eternal purpose by simply preaching the gospel. It was with this in mind that God worked through the creation of the earth, the making of man, and man's Fall. He told man to subdue the earth and fill it because He wanted Adam's descendants to be adopted into His family as sons, not so they would establish a kingdom for Him.

The key message here is that God didn't change His plan because of the Fall and He's never told anyone to establish His kingdom on earth. Latter Rain, Restorationism and political agendas are attempts to restore fallen man, living in a fallen world, to a place where he can live righteously and therefore, happily. But God has said He is going to send Christ back at the end of the age to restore all things. He has stuck to His original plan: all is to center in Christ. God's purpose in restoring man from the Fall is to give him access to the hearts of men in order to offer them the originally intended Sonship. In God's perfect plan, man is made holy so he can inherit a glorious kingdom already prepared for him. This was the Father's will and pleasure.

SYNOPSIS: BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

1. **God had a plan that He would follow with an ultimate purpose in mind.**

2. **He would work out everything according to the purpose of His will for His own satisfaction.**

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them.

Over the past twenty years, the Church has gone off in so many directions, its seems doubtful that it could find its way back if it wanted to. But it can, on an individual basis. The key to our walk is that we have to MAINTAIN what has been nearly LOST. Let's look at three points:

1. **Maintain a true Point of Reference, what God had determined before the creation of the world.**

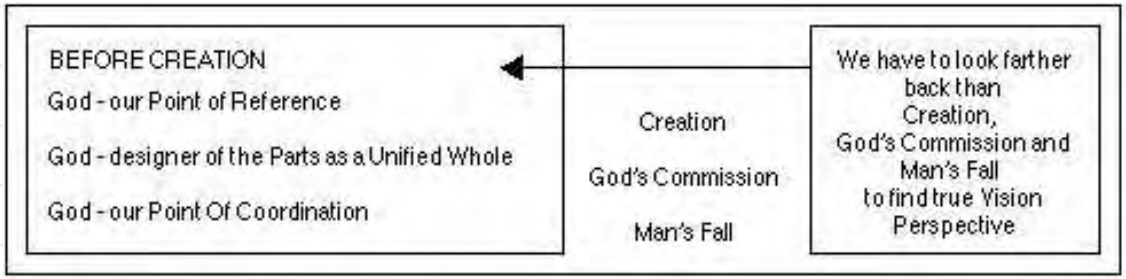
   If we start with a false Point of Reference, then we are starting from a WRONG STARTING POINT. What are the false Points Of Reference we are concerned with? God as Creator, God as Commissioner, God as Redeemer. Using any of these as a starting point will only give a false perspective on what the Christian life is all about and what God wants to bring about.

2. **See the parts as a working whole.**

   If we don't see this, we will be spiritually near-sighted, and miss the beauty of the whole plan, as well as be deceived into a false agenda.

3. **Maintain our Point of Coordination.**

   If we start with a wrong Point of Reference, our procedures will be wrong, and our progress will be off course. We would then have no plan to coordinate our direction, only a handful of parts. Our Point of Reference (God before Creation) and our seeing the many parts as a whole (His activity in time, space and history) has to then be directed to a common, specified end. So, we need a Point of Coordination, a standard, a measure to make sure everything is on course heading to a predetermined end.



Departing From The Faith

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

What faith are we speaking of here?

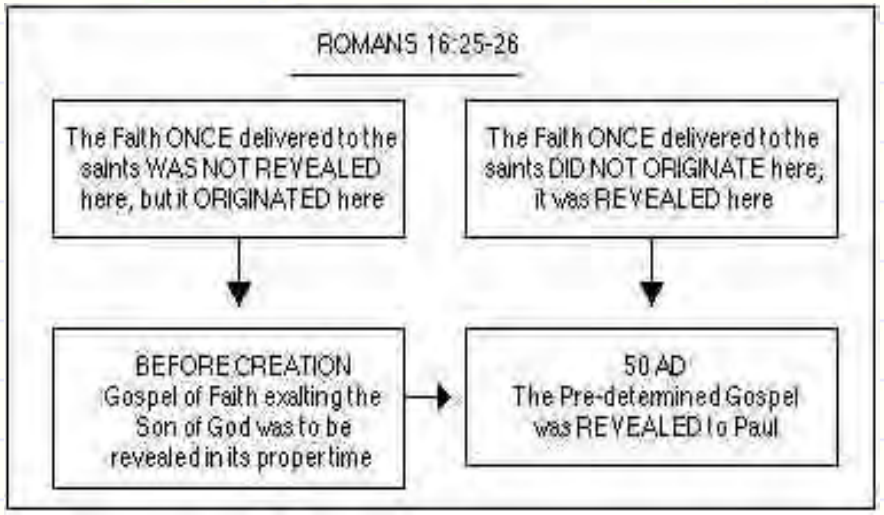
Jude 1:3 My dear friends, I really wanted to write you about God's saving power at work in our lives. But instead, I must write and ask you to defend the faith that God has once for all given to his people.

How was that faith delivered to the saints? Where did it come from? Paul said,

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

We have a gospel that was kept secret SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN. That gospel reveals a person who was hid SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN. That mystery and that person hid SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN was revealed to Paul by a revelation. So the gospel of Jesus Christ is our faith, but it is a faith established SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN. In other words, the POINT OF REFERENCE for our faith is not so much from Paul's day, but from BEFORE CREATION. Paul told the Church, "We have watched and heard through the scriptures of the prophets over the past 6,000 years all about the PARTS of a WHOLE PLAN of God. Let's put the parts together and see a unified whole." The third point we talked about was the Point of Coordination. Paul said, "This

mystery hid since creation and now revealed are all parts of a whole plan, and God has been coordinating it all over centuries according to what He determined before He created anything. He will continue to do so because all that the prophets have said is not yet fulfilled." God is going to coordinate the completion of His plan to the end, and he won't change it.



What I have said is, I believe, the foundation that will give us strength as we head towards the end of the age. For 6,000 years God has not failed. He has worked through sin and rebellion and deception and lies and "new revelations" and all that the devil could throw at Israel and the Church, and yet, here we are, a people ready to walk through hard times to the end of His plan. We're going to take a look at the adversary next week, but we need to have this foundation. That's why I repeated it so much in various ways.

I want to give you three examples of how the Church has been led off the path.

First, there are those who recognize the desperate needs of mankind and would emphasize the social work that must be done BY MAN in the Church. Man meeting desperate needs was not in the original plan. Man setting up God's government was not in the original plan. Man uniting all things was not in the original plan. Christ has been replaced by the Church in all of these areas.

Second, another group, while recognizing the social needs of man or what must be done BY MAN, believes the emphasis must FIRST be placed on understanding what God has done FOR MAN. Redemption, the cross, salvation, a provider, etc. Attaining to a

corporate Christ, the Word of Faith movement, health, wealth and prosperity - all of these are the results of starting agendas at a wrong starting point.

Third, there are the more spiritual types who feel all of this is too shallow and they would rather place the emphasis on the work God must do IN MAN. What comes into play in this area is the transformation of man, first in his being and then in his society as a necessary result. The Manifest Sons doctrines would fall into this group.

I think these three points, which once were independent arguments in themselves, have now come together as the overall vision of the Church in our time.

What is the problem with these things? They are primarily concerned with MAN and HIS needs, rather than God and His original plan. It is impossible to look before the foundation of the world to see what God had originally intended and fit these three points into that. You just can't do it. They are not:

1. **Part of the Point of Reference.**

2. **They are not parts of the unified whole in Jesus Christ.**

3. **Because these first two points are true, there can be no point of coordination concerning them in the original plan, and therefore where the Church is ending up is in the world. It cannot reach the destination God had determined before Creation.**

Man is the capstone of God's creation.

- **We are OF Him, meaning we're no accident. We display His image and likeness.**

- **We exist through him. He made us. He created us. We fell. He saved us.**

- **We exist unto Him and are to return UNTO Him. He will bring us into His immediate presence.**

Adam Failed God's Purpose

God created Adam for a purpose, but Adam never came to the point of realizing it, because:

> Rom 5:12 Adam sinned, and that sin brought death into the world. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die.

God did, however, accomplish that purpose in Christ:

> Eph 3:10 Then God would use the church to show the powers and authorities in the spiritual world that he has many different kinds of wisdom.
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> Eph 3:11 God did this according to his eternal plan. And he was able to do what he had planned because of all that Christ Jesus our Lord had done.

III. Satan's War Against God

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This study is taken from an outline very much like the one above, which I wrote in 1991. It will be the form I will use to give a 6,000 year overview of how we got where we are in relation to God's overall plan, which He laid out before the creation of the world.

Throughout this study , I am going to try to emphasize the various ways Satan distorted God's character, God's plan, God's Lamb, and God's purpose for man.

I also want to give you some understanding of the world of the gods, from the devil's initial promise of godhood to Eve in the Garden, to the false gods Israel followed when they rebelled, to an understanding of how all of these gods of the nations will finally culminate in the devil's "incarnation" in the person of the antichrist.

SATAN'S FALL AND CURRENT GOAL

I have another goal I want to try to accomplish while unfolding the Devil's wicked schemes. That is to place the promises of God and their fulfillment in Christ alongside the methods devised by the evil one over millenniums to usurp the place of God. However, keep in mind that God knew man would fall, but He also knew the devil would fall. That's why He had His plan all laid out before He created anything or anybody. We often think of the visible creation as the beginning of God's acts, but it wasn't. I believe that God formed a plan, not after but before the devil fell. The Bible says that God spoke the worlds into existence (Hebrews 1:2; 11:3), and by using the plural, "worlds," I believe the writer meant two worlds: the natural world and the spirit world, with the spirit world having been created first. In Job 38, we find God questioning Job, asking him,

> Job 38:4 How did I lay the foundation for the earth? Were you there?
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> Job 38:5 Doubtless you know who decided its length and width.
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> Job 38:6 What supports the foundation? Who placed the cornerstone,
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> Job 38:7 while morning stars sang, and angels rejoiced?
>
> Job 38:8 When the ocean was born, I set its boundaries

The morning stars, the sons of God, the angels, sang together in God's presence BEFORE the

foundations of the world were laid. We weren't the first creatures. The angels were, but something happened to disrupt the singing and joy of the stars of God. That something, the Bible indicates, was a fall in the spiritual world. Revelation 12:3-4 seems to describe that fall:

> Rev 12:3 Something else appeared in the sky. It was a huge red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and a crown on each of its seven heads.
>
> Rev 12:4 With its tail, it dragged a third of the stars from the sky and threw them down to the earth. Then the dragon turned toward the woman, because it wanted to eat her child as soon as it was born.

In Isaiah 14, God seems to be referring to a man, a king, yet in some of the verses, he seems to be speaking to Lucifer, the serpent of Genesis:

> Isa 14:12 You, the bright morning star, have fallen from the sky! You brought down other nations; now you are brought down.
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> Isa 14:13 You said to yourself, "I'll climb to heaven and place my throne above the highest stars. I'll sit there with the gods far away in the north.
>
> Isa 14:14 I'll be above the clouds, just like God Most High."
>
> Isa 14:15 But now you are deep in the world of the dead.

Jesus words also seem to refer the fall of Satan to the earth described in Revelation 12. In Luke 10, He said,

> Luke 10:17 When the seventy-two followers returned, they were excited and said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed when we spoke in your name!"
>
> Luke 10:18 Jesus told them: I saw Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.
>
> Luke 10:19 I have given you the power to trample on snakes and scorpions and to defeat the power of your enemy Satan. Nothing can harm you.

These words make sense only if they're pointing to a past fall rather than a future one. That the disciples are speaking of their present power over demons presupposes a time in the past when these

demons fell with Satan, as described in Revelation 12. This we know for sure. In the past, the devil fell from heaven, and he took angels with him. He is here on earth, and his demons are with him. Another fact is that his goal is to deceive the world into worshiping him as God. Revelation 13 says,

> Rev 13:3 One of its heads seemed to have been fatally wounded, but now it was well. Everyone on earth marveled at this beast,
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> Rev 13:4 and they worshiped the dragon who had given its authority to the beast. They also worshiped the beast and said, "No one is like this beast! No one can fight against it."
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> Rev 13:5 The beast was allowed to brag and claim to be God, and for forty-two months it was allowed to rule.
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> Rev 13:6 The beast cursed God, and it cursed the name of God. It even cursed the place where God lives, as well as everyone who lives in heaven with God.
>
> Rev 13:7 It was allowed to fight against God's people and defeat them. It was also given authority over the people of every tribe, nation, language, and race.
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> Rev 13:8 The beast was worshiped by everyone whose name wasn't written before the time of creation in the book of the Lamb who was killed.

Scripture says the Devil will achieve his goal of being worshipped by all who won't follow Christ, that all the nations will find one man to be their acceptable their world ruler and god. How is the devil going to pull that off?

First of all, Satan has been scheming at getting the world to worship him since the creation of the world.

Second, in Revelation 13, God says He will allow Satan to have his way.

Third, 2 Thessalonians 2: 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.

THE REBELLIOUS SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL

At dinner a short time ago, we were discussing the word "schemes" in relation to the devil, and it came out that the word "scheme" means "a well thought-out plan." Genesis 3:1 says,

> **"1 Now the serpent was MORE subtle 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?"**

The devil is a twister of words, a liar, even from the beginning. Jesus, in fact, says lying is his native language:

> **John 8:44 [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

Since the fall, Satan has never faltered in his schemes to deceive man. His goal is always to get man to depart from the faith. In the New Testament, Paul directed the Church to "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph 6:11).

Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words defines "wiles" in this way:

> **Gr. methodia - denotes craft, deceit, (meta, after, hodos, a way), a cunning device, a wile, and is translated "wiles (of error)" in Eph. 4:14, paraphrased as "they lie in wait to deceive", literally (with a view to) the craft of deceit; in 6:11, "the wiles (of the Devil)."**

So wiles, or schemes, means "after a way or a method," and that way or method is basically this: "to lie in wait to deceive." I don't believe the Apocryphal books are inspired, but in the book of Sirach, we find a good description of what "wiles" means. From Sirach 12:10-18:

> **10 Never trust your enemy; for his wickedness is like corrosion in bronze. 11 Even though he acts humbly and peaceably toward you, take care to be on your guard against him. Rub him as one polishes a brazen mirror, and you will find there is still corrosion. 12 Let him not stand near you, lest he oust you and take your place. Let him not stand at your right hand, lest he then demand your seat, and in the end you appreciate my advice, when you groan with regret, as I warned you. 13 Who pities a snake charmer when he is bitten, or anyone who goes near a wild beast? 14 So it is with the companion of the proud man, who is involved with his sins. 15 While you stand firm, he makes no bold move; but if you slip, he cannot hold back. 16 With his lips an enemy speaks sweetly, but in his heart he schemes to plunge you into the abyss. Though your enemy has tears in his eyes, if given the chance, he will never have enough of your blood. 17 If evil comes upon you, you will find him at hand, feigning to help, he will trip you up. 18 Then he will nod his head and clap his hands and hiss repeatedly, and show his true face.**

The Devil is coming in these last days "feigning to help," and in doing so he will trip up the world into global worship of himself. He will seek to plunge it into the abyss, an abyss Isaiah said is reserved for him. The wiles or methods of the Devil serve one purpose: to bring the world to a place where it worships him:

> **13 For thou hast said in thy heart,**
> **I WILL ascend into heaven,**
> **I WILL exalt my throne above the stars of God:**
> **I WILL sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:**
> **14 I WILL ascend above the heights of the clouds;**
> **I WILL be like the most High (Isaiah 14).**

Isaiah 14:12 You, the bright morning star, have fallen from the sky! You brought down other nations; now you are brought down.

Isaiah 14:13 You said to yourself, "I'll climb to heaven and place my throne above the highest stars. I'll sit there with the gods far away in the north.

Isaiah 14:14 I'll be above the clouds, just like God Most High."

THE PERSON, CHARACTER AND OFFICE OF THE DEVIL

I've already given some description of the devil's character, but let's look at more beliefs about who some of the cults think he is. I think these three examples pretty much give us the picture:

1. **Satan IS an intelligent being, not a force or an energy, or man in his sinfulness. He is addressed in Scripture as a "YOU." In Ezek. 28:14,16, God said, "YOU were the anointed cherub who covers. And I placed YOU there. . . And YOU sinned." Only a living being can sin. A force cannot sin. An energy cannot sin. The devil is a person in the spirit realm. Satan is a person and sin is a nature or act, but here are some doctrines that deny his personhood as a separate entity from man:**

    - **Some believe Satan is just an evil force based on the status quo, where if a society is basically evil, it is not Satanic, but a Satan. Saddham Hussein, for instance, calls the United States "that Satan."**

- **Others believe Satan is the evil in man. Witness Lee of the Local Church movement believes Satan is Sin, and that when man ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he "ate Satan" and therefore Sin and Satan mingled and became one in man's flesh. When Christ became flesh, it is believed that God trapped Satan in the flesh because Jesus was sinless and when He died, He killed Satan, freeing us from Sin.**

- **Still others, like Barbara Marx Hubbard, believe Satan is the corporate body of "unbelievers" who would hinder the unification of all humanity to bring forth a new civilization. In her book, The Revelation, she comments about the dragon in Revelation 12:3-4:**

  "The dragon is the misuse of the powers of the intellect and individuality at the conclusion of the phase of self-centeredness from which we are soon to emerge. The dragon is the instrument of evil - Satan - God's selection process, which will weed out the self-centered from the God-centered" (p. 174). She says of Satan in man, "The fallen angel is that impulse in your being that urges you to believe only what your creature senses tell you: that you are separate from God and you will surely die." This is based on her belief that within each man is fallen-angel-of-God consciousness and a risen-Son-of-God consciousness, and that the fallen-angel consciousness tests men to see if they will believe they are still one with God or not. Satan, then, becomes the illusion in man that he is separated from God, and by overcoming this lie and attaining unity and therefore corporate godhood, Satan is defeated and the risen Christ appears in corporate humanity. Those who will not "be delivered" will be cleansed from the earth. But our next point shows Satan is a personal entity, apart from man or his flesh.

2. **Satan tempted Jesus in Luke 4:1-12, showing he is a person with intellect, emotion and a will.**

3. **His rebellion is untiring. Even at the end of his 1,000 years of confinement during the millennium, he again deceives the nations for a short time.**

4. **He is morally responsible, shown by the judgment that has come and will come upon him. In John 16:11, Jesus said, "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." And, again, in**

Matthew 25:41, our Lord said, "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."

Regarding his nature, Satan is a creature created holy and perfect by God.

1. **He was perfect when created: Ezekiel 28:15 says, "Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee."**

2. **He is an invisible spirit being, but finite and limited: Colossians 1:16 says, " 16 For by [Jesus] 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." Job 1:6 and 2:1 both say Satan came with the sons of God, meaning the angels, to present themselves before the LORD."**

3. **Satan was of the Cherubim class of angelic beings: He was called by God, "the anointed cherub" and the "covering cherub" in Ezekiel 28:14,16. He apparently still retains some degree of dignity as the leader of the fallen angels. Even Michael, the archangel and protector of Israel, didn't dispute with him over Moses body (Jude 8-9). Satan was a tremendously powerful archangel before he fell. Ezekiel leaves little doubt of that: "You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty . . . Every precious stone was your covering" (vv. 12-13).**

SATAN'S NAME IN SCRIPTURE

Satan is called by many names in the Scriptures. Here are a few of his names describing his present position:

1. **The Prince Of The World: John 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out."**

2. **The Prince Of The Powers Of The Air: Ephesians 2:2 "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 works in the children of disobedience."**

3. **The God Of This Age: 2 Corinthians 4:4 "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."**

4. **The Prince Or Chief Of Devils: Luke 11:15 "But some of them said, He casts out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils."**

There are also other names for him. He's called Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12), Satan (Revelation 12:9), the Devil (Luke 4:2, 13), the Old Serpent (Revelation 12:9), the Great Dragon (Revelation 12:3), the Evil One (John 17:15), and the Destroyer (Revelation 9:11).

He is also called by names that indicate the kind of activity he carries on, such as the Tempter (Mark 4:3), the Accuser (Revelation 12:10), the Deceiver (Revelation 12:9), and "the spirit now at work in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2).

SATAN'S PRIMARY WORK NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONS TO WORSHIP HIM

Satan must do two things to receive the worship he desires from the nations:

1. **He must get men to believe or to continue to believe that Jesus did not come in the flesh, so that they will submit to the antichrist spirit:**

   1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesses 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.

   Satan gets men to believe what he wants them to believe by blinding their minds to the truth of God's word.

2. **He must get men to believe the lie. From my research, I've found that "the lie" spoken here is**

that corporate man is God. Satan must get men to believe they are gods, in charge of their own destiny, and that the antichrist, or a man, is God, but not Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 . . . that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Satan "exalts himself above all that is called God." Do we see Satan's five "I will's" in this verse that describes the revelation of the antichrist in Jerusalem? He tried to bring about these five "I will's" once before in his original fall, and now he will try again, in the earthly realm, to exalt himself over the people of God in Jerusalem in the earthly realm:

I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will be like the most High.

We must make one thing clear here. Satan is only making his move toward being worshipped in Jerusalem because God is allowing the delusion, and that delusion is based on men wanting to hear what they want to hear:

2 Timothy 4:3 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; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

The delusion does not lie in the power of Satan, but in the hearts of men. All Satan can do is prepare men's hearts to believe they can become god or control their own destiny, and then give them the methods to attain that. If you read Genesis, you'll see that underlying Eve's thought that the apple was good for food was another thought. Eating the apple was a means to an end. What got her was the intriguing idea that she would be as God. Listen to the words:

5 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.

The reward for eating was not apple pie, but supposed godhood. The principles of the snake in the Garden are the principles of the New Age today. They are four in number:

1. **"You will not surely die" - There is no death, only a progressive flow of life through Reincarnation, or an evolving into godhood as in the Manifest Sons, or Hubbard's Homo Universalis. There's no death, only a passing to a higher plane through reincarnation or evolution into godhood.**

2. **"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened (which is really becoming blinded to God's ways)" - "Satan has blinded the minds of the unbelievers" because they refuse to believe the truth (2 Cor. 4:4).**

3. **"And you will be like God" - Man is not a sinner, he is divine. Man's problem is not sin, it is a supposed lack of knowledge that inherently, he is God. All he must do is to spiritually evolve to a level where he realizes his godhood and is absorbed into the Cosmic Consciousness ("God"). The "Cosmic Consciousness" is simply the unity of all things, where all things become one because all things are god.**

4. **"Knowing good and evil" - Karma - a good and evil life now determines the quality of life when reincarnated. It is not that we need a new life in Christ, a life we never had before, through repentance for sin. We only need to adjust our lives through each incarnation, according to our Karma, until we attain godhood, or attain perfection.**

People who follow such ideas, be they in the Church or the New Age, are now experiencing Satan's delusion, a delusion allowed by God:

**11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

We said earlier that "the delusion does not lie in the power of Satan, but in the hearts of men. All Satan can do is prepare men's hearts to believe they can become god or control their own destiny, and then give them the methods to attain that." That is what he has done from the beginning. Eat the apple, and you will be like god. This simple strategy has many forms with many names, but the basic pattern will always be there. And what he has provided for men throughout the ages are the methods to make men think they can attain to this godhood state. That is what these talks are all about. Satan had a plan, a plan to counter what God had intended to do right from the very beginning, though the adversary did not have a total knowledge of God's plan.

A LOOK AT OUR THREE CHIEF FACTORS IN SEEING GOD'S PLAN

In my first talk, we talked about:

1. **Having a proper Starting Point of Reference, meaning, what God had planned from the beginning.**

2. **Seeing the parts as a unified whole, meaning, God's plan with many parts to reveal Himself to man and lead men to Himself.**

3. **Finding our Point of Coordination that it is God alone who will lead us to the expected end result, meaning, the culmination of His plan.**

Satan's Strategies:

1. **We have to maintain a true Point of Reference, what God had determined before the creation of the world concerning Christ and humanity.**

If we start with a false Point of Reference, then we are starting from a WRONG STARTING

POINT. Any false starting point will only give a false perspective on what the Christian life is all about and what God wants to bring about. Some false starting points we mentioned in the first talk were that the Church is to be political to set up God's kingdom rule on earth, or a solver of problems in society. This belief is made possible because some in the Church start at the commission to Adam and the loss of dominion. But these are the wiles of the devil, and there is an evil strategy in back of such efforts. Since God began to put into effect His plan by creating the world and man, Satan's spiritual hosts have waged a persistent and endless counter-campaign to keep man ignorant of the divinely revealed truth that there is a plan. Satanic strategy always aims to deceive men to the greatest degree possible. Evil powers can confuse man in his attempt to interpret truth, but these powers cannot penetrate the sure defense of God's word. God has spoken His intent before creation, and in our day, that plan, that intent, that purpose has clearly been revealed concerning establishing the kingdom of God on earth: Christ will be the head over all things when He returns to judge the nations and establish God's kingdom. After a thousand years, He will lead all who have believed in Him to the Father. It is now becoming obvious that anything that does not point to our going through tribulation into the Millennium to the Father through the second coming of Christ is nothing but the wiles of the devil.

2. **We need to maintain the proper perspective of seeing the parts of God's plan as a working, unified whole.**

If we don't see this, we will be spiritually near-sighted, and miss the beauty of the whole plan, as well as deceived into any number of false agendas. Some of those false agendas are now evident: a unified effort for world evangelization, the unity of all denominations, a centering around Mary as the way to Jesus, and a global celebration of a united Church in the year 2000 that will be the actual dawning of the long-promised Age of Aquarius. What is interesting about all of this is that the devil's strategy and plan also has many parts that make up a whole. Over the past 5-10 years, the Lord has taught many to discern each part as it surfaced, and now we see the whole picture of the devil's plan as well and can discern it by the plan God established 6,000 years ago. The realization for us should be this:

- **Satan has an overall plan to bring all men to worship him, just as Christ is leading all believers to the Father's presence to worship Him.**

- **Pursuing any one part of Satan's agenda is a false starting point and puts one in danger of**

eventually being drawn into the working whole of the wrong plan. The parts of God's plan and the parts of Satan's plan cannot be mixed. I know of one lady who saw everything as a deception except the laughing phenomena, and it eventually destroyed her.

3. **We need to maintain God's true Point of Coordination - Himself.**

If we start with a wrong Point of Reference, our procedures will be wrong, and our progress will be off course. The parts of the whole won't mesh together as they should. We would then be changing to another plan that would be coordinating our direction. Our Point of Reference (God before Creation) and our seeing the many parts as a whole (His activity in time, space and history) cannot be contaminated with parts from the adversary's plan. We need to keep pure our Point of Coordination, the standard, the measure God has established to make sure every part is a part of God's plan. Otherwise we could go off on the one wrong part we integrate into His plan and thus end up at a wrong destination. I believe discernment must be very, very thorough in the days ahead.

SATAN HAS COUNTERFEITED GOD'S PLAN

I want to close this talk by comparing God's plan with Satanic strategies so we can see that there is an alternative plan that has been designed and implemented by the enemy. It looks very similar to God's plan, and the only way to discern it properly is by who Jesus Christ is and what God planned for Him and us in the true plan. For instance, Barbara Marx Hubbard says Armageddon can be avoided, that if we unite and work together, we can bring harmony to the people of earth. That's an alternative scenario, but God has spoken. Armageddon will come, and peace will follow only after Jesus returns so that we will inherit the Kingdom, not establish it. The following is God's plan with some of Satan's counterfeits inserted at each point.

SYNOPSIS COMPARISON: BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

1. God had a plan that He would follow with an ultimate purpose in mind.
1. Satan formed a plan that he would follow with an ultimate purpose in mind.

2. God would work out everything according to the purpose of His own will for His own satisfaction.
2. Satan would work out everything according to the purpose of his rebellious will for his own satisfaction.

SYNOPSIS: THE LAMB BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

1. The holy, chosen Lamb is with the Father.

1. Satan was a holy Archangel who coveted and then challenged God's throne. In his pride, he wanted the worship due God.

2. The Lamb Incarnate is to be exalted over all things in heaven and on earth.
2. Satan would exalt himself over the stars of God through his five "I will's," and in his "incarnation" of antichrist, over "all that is called God, or that is worshipped, . . . showing himself to be God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

SYNOPSIS: GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN BEFORE CREATION:

1. For His own pleasure and satisfaction, God willed that He would have a family of adopted sons created after the image of the first-born.
1. Satan would do all he could to prevent God from having a family of adopted sons by deceiving the whole world into following and worshiping himself.

2. If man fell, God would restore him to holiness by grace because man would be unable to bring about his own restoration. God would do it "because of his own purpose and grace" by the work of the Lamb of God.
2. If Satan could instigate the fall of man, he would change man's Point of Reference, change the appearance of the parts of the whole and thus the whole itself, and alter God's designated Point of Coordination. By doing so, he could deceptively lead the whole world into his own purpose.

An example of this would be man's fall and the loss of dominion when Satan became the god of this world. Before God created anything, God said He planned to gather together all things under Christ, exalt Christ over all things and make Him the head over all things. The culmination of that comes in Revelation 19 where the rider on the white horse judges and subdues the nations. That rider is Christ, and He is given dominion to rule the earth and we with Him. But it is not we who accomplishes that. Jesus accomplishes that in His coming. So what does Satan do? He changes the Point of reference from God and what He determined before creation to man losing dominion. The result is Dominionism, Kingdom/Now Theology, Restorationism, Reconstructionism and the like. Even the Messianics are saying that we have to be restored to our Jewish roots, meaning everybody in the world. Why are they saying that? The Devil handed them a false starting point. He made the early Church the Point of Reference. In stead of a Sovereign God uniting Jews and Gentile as the unified whole to be attained, he made a Jewish God uniting Jew and Gentile. And then he made the Jewish culture, its celebrations and the Old Testament the Point of Coordination. All of this is to unite everybody into a global Jewish culture to establish a restored Dominion to man.

3. God promised to give man, "at his appointed season," "a faith and a knowledge [that would rest] on the hope of eternal life."

3. Satan has flooded the world with hundreds of cults and religions whose hope is based on a faith built on revelation or secret knowledge. He also has a time schedule based on God's schedule: he knows his time is short. His counterfeit of God's "appointed season" are phrases that have been heard often during the past five years, from the first Clinton campaign to the Toronto Blessing, "The time is now" or "Now is the time" or "It's time." This is the spirit of antichrist, who changes God's appointed seasons to give mankind "a false faith and a false knowledge on which would rest the hope of eternal life." Daniel said, "Da 7:25 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."

4. All who accepted by faith the knowledge given by God would be destined for glory.
4. Satan devised a system where all who received initiation into the Mystery religions would attain union with God.

5. God purposed to sanctify us by the Spirit and His word so He could glorify us as sons.
5. Satan purposed to give us an alternative spiritual word to reach perfection, truth with a twist in it, in order to deceive.

6. By creating one new man through the cross, from Jews and Gentiles, God would manifest His wisdom "through the church . . . to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms according to his eternal purpose which [he would] accomplish in Christ Jesus our Lord."
6. Satan's strategies now include making the Jew and Gentile Church one new man, a "new" Israel that pulls down spiritual strongholds through spiritual warfare, prayer walking, etc. and brings the roots of Judaism to the world.

7. The mystery, once revealed, was to be shared in its fullness so man could cooperate with God in bringing about His ultimate intention through the preaching of the gospel.
7. Satan's Mystery religions, their initiations and their rites, disguised and modernized, have now penetrated many aspects of Christianity and the world.

8. The Church was to be established by the gospel. Then it would proclaim that gospel to the nations (the people) so they could accept God's offer to adopt them as His sons.
8. Satan has dreamed up a false gospel of unity with diversity, a gospel based on common values rather than Biblical truth so that the world may be one. This gospel is being taken to the nations through Toronto, the mobilization of the Ecumenical laity, the spread of Promise Keepers and the increasing numbers in the Marches For Jesus, capped off by a united global evangelization effort. This is the move by Satan to bring the whole into a position to worship him.

9. The Church would be commissioned to proclaim the full revelation of Christ, "that which was from

the beginning."
9. Satan has saturated the Church with the Dominionist doctrine in order to restore the Dominion man lost "in the beginning" with a "new beginning."

10. All who believe would inherit a kingdom that the Father has already prepared for them.
10. All who believe in the uniting of all things to establish Dominion would establish a kingdom deceptively proposed to be the kingdom of God.

What does it mean that Christ abolished death through the gospel ACCORDING TO the Father's PURPOSE?

It means our sins have been forgiven for His name's sake, for His purposes. The road to maturity begins when our emphasis shifts from what God did for us so our needs can be met TO what God did for Himself in Christ so His needs could be met. One is man-centered, childish, selfish, a wrong starting point, a changing of the Point of Reference, and, the most dangerous change of all, a change in the Point of Coordination. John is saying, "Grow up, 'For all that is in the world is not of the Father, but is of the world.'" Then why is our emphasis so often on all that is in the world that we think God must provide in order to satisfy our wants?

IV. The Mystery Religions: Circa 4000-0 AD

This chronology outlines hundreds of psychic and occultic belief systems offered to mainstream society by the New Age. By using the chronological method, we hope to sharpen Christian discernment through knowledge of Satan's overall strategy in his plan to defeat the Church - deceiving the world into following and worshiping himself.

Satan's Deceptive Plan

After the Fall of Adam, Satan led men into numerous deceptive belief systems that appear unrelated. But through the modern New Age movement, he has now established a "bottom line" lie in the world, "All roads lead to God." So with a few deft changes in directional road markers, Satan is drawing mankind toward himself through the new consciousness of unity which he says is destined to save mankind and the planet. His goal is to unite the world apart from Christ and rule over it as "God."

There was a time when a Hindu was one who held to the beliefs of Hinduism, and the Theosophist

lived by the teachings of Theosophy. But because of the "All roads" lie, it is becoming commonplace for a person to believe in Theosophy's "Hierarchy of Ascended Masters" who promise to lead the world into a New Age, while preparing for that time through the use of Hindu meditation.

The intersections of these various belief systems now offer a pick and choose selection to help man "develop his soul/mind," or "experience his divinity and oneness with the Universe." And for those who are afraid of paranormal or Eastern religious experiences, the names of psychic/occultic techniques and practices have been changed to deceive the innocent.

I'm a person who likes to get the full picture of things, and one day I wondered to myself, "What if all the religions and the various ways they've come into society were put into chronological order? Would it show that the New Age is more than a passing fad? That we are living in a time when demon forces are infiltrating society in great numbers? Would we see that humanity really is being deceived into pursuing and accepting a "new consciousness" that will result in a New Age?

After tiring of my wonderings, I began to page through our reference books, marking down the originating dates and accompanying commentary on the various non-Christian, pagan religions. I then placed the dates in order. The results were shocking; it became evident that Satan is working according to a plan. For centuries, he's been establishing multitudes of beliefs and techniques centering on man as his own savior. And now that these foundations are laid, he's begun to "reveal" to men that these systems are interchangeable, that they all lead to the same end.

Our purpose, then, is to look at beliefs and religions established throughout history that have led to our present situation. There's a Christian consensus that everything listed in our recap has been absorbed by the New Age, though not all the religions and organizations themselves agree or would admit that they are a part of the movement.

We did have trouble with the starting dates of some religions, but placed them as best we could. Every topic isn't listed; we dealt mostly with man's religious hunger to know who he is and how he can bring about a utopian society. Within the chronology, we listed a few of the actions taken by the true living God in order to help man overcome the lies of the deceiver and to give him true hope in God alone.

The Fall Of Satan And Man

?Date:

Creation and Fall of Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels.

?Date (4000 BC?):

Creation of the world and Man

?Date (4000 BC?): ?Date (4000 BC?): Satan authors "THE LIE."

He instigates the Fall of Man:

1. **"Your eyes shall be opened ."**
2. **"You shall know good and evil."**
3. **"You shall be like God."**
4. **"You shall not die."**

IMMEDIATE PROMISE: Redeemer promised; In Genesis 3:15, God said there would be enmity between the woman's seed and the serpent's:

> Genesis 3:14 So the LORD God said to the snake: "Because of what you have done, you will be the only animal to suffer this curse-- For as long as you live, you will crawl on your stomach and eat dirt.
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> Genesis 3:15 You and this woman will hate each other; your descendants and hers will always be enemies. One of hers will strike you on the head, and you will strike him on the heel."

Strong's, bruise = properly to gape, i.e. to snap at; fig. to overwhelm: break, bruise, cover.

Webster says "gape" means "to open the mouth wide," and Strong's says "gape" means "to snap at."

Let's look at how the word "bruise" is used in this context.

A tremendous battle is described in these verses. The battle is between the seed of the woman and the serpent. The serpent shall "bruise" the heel of the woman's seed and the seed will "bruise" the head of the serpent. The word "bruise" means "to open wide the mouth, to snap at." This gives us a good picture of what is being said here. The serpent bruises the heel of the woman's seed by opening its mouth and snapping at it. The dragon is at the feet of the seed, biting at his heels.

Now let's look at the woman's seed. Genesis 3:15 says, "he will bruise your head." While the dragon snaps at the seed's feet, the seed is opening his mouth wide and snapping at the serpent's head. Can we see the picture? The serpent, the devil, snapping at the heels of Christ, groveling in the battle, while Christ, the Lion of Judah, snaps at the head of the serpent.

Bruise also means "cover." Can we picture the serpent "covering" the heel of the woman's seed, his jaws wrapped around his heel, trying to bring the seed down to the ground? And can we see the Lion of Judah in this battle covering the head of the serpent with His jaws ?

Bruise also means "break." Can we see the serpent breaking the heel open in order to make the seed fall, while the Lion breaks or crushes the skull of the serpent?

This picture also translates into the Christian's spiritual battles. Satan tries to trip us up and bring us down by snapping at our heels so he can break them and break our walk with the Lord. He does this with the words of his mouth by lies, deceits, and imaginations. But, we overcome him by the words of our mouth, which is the testimony and truth of Jesus. In this sense, we wound the head of the deceiver, silencing him. This is where true spiritual warfare lies: it is a war of words between what Satan says and what Christ has said as the truth of God.

Types Of Jesus Christ in Genesis 3

Adam And Eve: A Type Of Jesus Christ And The Church

The first type of Christ we have in Genesis is found in chapter 2, verses 22 and 23:

> **22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

The New Testament says Adam was a type of the man who was to come (Romans 5:14), meaning Christ. And in Genesis 2, before the Fall, woman is taken out of man. The type here is that out of perfect man would come perfect woman. So, just as Eve came forth from Adam, out of the risen Christ would come His Bride, brought forth complete and perfect in His eyes. 1 Corinthians describes the reversal of the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin, a reversal brought about in the person of Christ as the fulfillment of the type in Adam:

> **1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

And a few verses later we read,

> **1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

Every man is born of Adam, of the fleshly man's nature. But man has to be born again in the spirit through Christ, who is more than flesh and bone: he is a life-giving spirit. We must believe in Him, and when we do and His Spirit enters us, it is as though we come out of Him, just as Eve came forth from Adam, perfect in his eyes.

Adam's response to the creation of Eve was this:

> **23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

Paul fills in this type in Ephesians where he says,

> **Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**

The Fig Leaves And The Skins Of Genesis 3

In Genesis 3:7, we have a picture of man attempting to provide his own covering for his sin, an attempt to establish his own righteousness:

> **7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.**

But God knew fig leaves don't last, just as man's establishing his own righteousness doesn't last. So, verse 21 tells us that God provided a covering for Adam and Eve, and that covering typified a future redemption from man's sin:

> **21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.**

Where did God get coats of skin? The word "skin" here means hide or leather, so it is logical that God had to slay an animal to get the skins to cover Adam and Eve. It was the first blood shed in the Bible. In this picture, we see a type of the shed blood of Christ that provided a righteousness not our own, a righteousness God had to provide according to His plan. What animal's blood was shed? The Bible doesn't say, but it is possible that it was a lamb, or a sheep. Also notice that God made COATS of skins. The word "coat" means a shirt or a robe. This typifies the robes of righteousness that God would provide when, in our fallen state, we were unable to find true righteousness before Him. Satan's goal, of course, is to try to make man think that wearing fig leaves is much better.

BC: The Mystery Religions And Their Offshoots

Building on "The Lie" that he propagated in the Garden, Satan established the Babylonian religious system. When Babylon was conquered, her occult beliefs, practices and techniques were then absorbed into the religions of her conquerors. Although the names of these methods and beliefs may have changed, the spirits behind them continued to operate, right down to the present time. This section lists these ancient Mystery religions and their offshoots, as well as others that Satan established with the long-term intention of drawing from them to form his world religion in the end-times.

2350 BC?: THE FLOOD

> **Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. . . . 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.**

The "sons of God" spoken of here are "the Nephilim," and their presence is known both before and after the flood. There are indications that this same phenomena is happening today in the spiritual birthing processes of the renewal and in the philosophy of the New Age. Not only does there seem to be a significant connection in this birthing process, but in other areas as well. For instance, on a parchment fragment found at Qumrum, we read,

> **13. [They (the leaders) and all ... of them took for themselves] 14. wives from all that they chose and [they began to cohabit with them and to defile themselves with them]; 15. and to teach them sorcery and [spells and the cutting of roots; and to acquaint them with herbs.] 16. And they become pregnant by them and bore (great) giants three thousand cubits high ...] (parchment fragment 4Q201(En ara) copied ca. 200-150 B.C.E.- Book of Enoch from Translation by J. C. Greenfield].**

The use of sorcery, spells, using natural things such as herbs and roots as charms, enchantments, and even cosmetics all led to mankind's degeneracy into fellowship with these evil spirits. In "The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross," John M. Allegro wrote,

> **"Later Jewish tradition has it that their seduction was at least partly their own fault since they had taught the girls the art of cosmetics, and so had begun the awful progress of mankind to degeneracy and sexual abandon. More important, 'they taught them charms and enchantments, the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants..." (Enoch 7:1ff)."**

This sorcery is pertinent to times we live in because we are dealing with the Manifest Sons of God spirits being called "the sons of God." In the Book of Revelation, we read that

Re 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Re 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

These spirits speak of the Babylon at the end of the age, and I believe the spirits promoting the Manifest Sons of God doctrine are none other than "the sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6. I've already mentioned some similarities between the Nephilim of Noah's day and the end of the age. There are other similarities in traditions handed down about these giants, showing they were not just associated with Noah's time, but also later in the lands of Canaan, Egypt, Shumar, Rome and Phoenicia. Raymond E. Fowler, in his book, "The Watchers," writes,

"The Hebrew word for giants (Nephilum) literally means the fallen-down-ones because these tall celestial beings fell from the sky. Their half-breed progeny and their descendants are often mentioned in the early books of the Old Testament until the last of them were finally killed off. They were known as the Rephaim, Emim, Anakim, Horim, Avim, and Zamzummim. Some scholars speculate that this tradition of giants born from the union of gods and humans formed the basis for the demigod of Greek mythology."

In his book, "Near Eastern Mythology," John Gray writes of Nephilim as the Rephaim of the Canaanite kingdom:

"The tradition in Genesis 6.4 may reflect the Canaanite myth of the birth of minor gods from the union of El and human women. The conception of the Rephaim as supermen may reflect the Canaanite tradition of defunct kings as rp'um, or Dispensers of fertility. The identity in tradition of 'the fallen ones' of Genesis 6:4 and the Rephaim is supported by the nature of the latter in Proverbs 2:18; Job 26:5 and Phoenician funerary inscriptions."

The UFOs are another phenomenon we want to look at. UFOs are playing a role in the last days, and in

"Genesis Revisited," Zecharia Sitchin wrote,

> **"It was from that planet [Nibiru], the Sumerian texts repeatedly and persistently stated, that the Anunnaki came to Earth. The term literally means 'Those Who from Heaven to Earth Came.' They are spoken of in the Bible as the Anakim, and in Chapter 6 of Genesis are also call Nefilim, which in Hebrew means the same thing: Those Who Have Come Down, from the Heavens to Earth." In his book, "The Stairway To Heaven," Sitchin writes,**
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> > **"... The Akkadians called their predecessors Shukmerians, and spoke of the Land of Shumer. 'It was, in fact, the biblical Land of Shin'ar. It was the land whose name - Shumer - literally meant the Land of the Watchers. It was indeed the Egyptian Ta Neter - Land of the Watchers, the land from which the gods had come to Egypt.'"**

Shin'ar is Babel of Old, and today we are dealing with the rise of Babylon and the UFO phenomena which is growing in importance every day in New Age circles. There have been millions of contacts and abductions, and these beings are said to have come to guide humanity into a Golden Age following a judgment of some sort. That's what was said of the Nephilim. In the Apocryphal Book of Jubilees, we read,

> **"For in his days the angels of the Lord descended upon earth - those who are named The Watchers - that they should instruct the children of men, that they should do judgment and uprightness upon earth."**

The first mention of "The Watchers" or Nephilim is in Genesis 6, but they were ALSO PRESENT after the flood. Some attribute this to the belief that these giants were offspring of Shem, but others believe they were spirits who mingled with the daughters of men. In "The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered," Robert Eisman and Michael Wise wrote,

> **"The Book of Giants was another literary work concerned with Enoch, widely read (after**

> **translation into the appropriate languages) in the Roman empire....The 'giants' were believed to be the offspring of fallen angels (the Nephilim; also called Watchers) and human women" (parentheses theirs).**

As we've seen, I think that a better explanation of the origin of the Nephilim is that human, demon-possessed men, "the sons of God," had relations with the "daughters of men" and had these children. The Nephilim were called "The Watchers," and in New Age doctrine, there are hierarchies that have been supposedly guiding humanity on its journey through time, promising to help man come into a New Age after a cleansing of negative forces upon the earth. One of the names given to one of these hierarchies is exactly what the Nephilim were called, "The Watchers." As in the past history of mankind, they are associated with the UFO phenomena.

All of this is significant for today. You all know my testimony of this, but when I got hit with witchcraft a few years ago, the spirit that overwhelmed me told me I was the Christ, and, after overcoming it, I saw that spirit leave and ascend to one of the thrones of an hierarchal system. Through a study of leaders of the current revival movement, especially the Kansas City prophets, it was soon clear that the hit I took was an invitation to leadership. I say that because a year later, Toronto exploded on the scene and I heard testimonies of the very same hierarchy manifesting in Toronto. They preached what I saw, and what they preached was Manifest Sons, which is the establishment of a god-man race on the earth. The birthing and proposed godhood through spirit contact is now very evident in the movement. Furthermore, Mary had prayed about what was happening to me at the time, and the Lord said to her, "As it was in the days of Noah." When she looked up Genesis 6, there they were, the sons of God, the Nephilim, similarly described in the movement under Christian terms. What is significant here is that the New Age calls this hierarchal system "The Watchers," and that is what these Nephilim were called back when. You've heard the parallels for yourself, including how the Nephilim came to Egypt. Egypt is where Mike Bickel, a major KC prophet, got a supposed word that the Lord was starting a new movement on the earth and many were being invited to be leaders in it. Those leaders, of course, are empowered by the Manifest Son spirits of the New Age. I found that out the hard way. The reappearance of "The Watchers" after the flood is also significant. Let's look at two important verses found in Genesis 10:

> **9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.**

Nimrod, the first type of the antichrist mentioned in the Bible, ruled in the land of Shinar, and it was Shinar that was called "The Land of the Watchers," or Nephilim, or sons of God. Of course, part of his kingdom was Babel, and it is Babylon which we see rising in these days, the last days under a soon-to-come antichrist figure, an age when men begin to think they are gods.

2300-2100 BC (Date debatable) BABYLONIAN/CHALDEAN MYSTERIES:

This Mystery Religions taught unchangeable laws concerning the human mind and its relationship to the body and the cosmos. This secret wisdom was withheld from the masses until they could accept the responsibility that came with in-depth knowledge. Psychic skills and psychic healing were a normal part of the teaching of these schools; occult initiations were required for entrance. The occult practices, astrology and magic and the goddess worship of the Babylonians were passed on to other nations through conquest, and found their entrance into the Ecumenical system through the cult of Mithra. Mithra came from Persia, and it is documented that the Persians got their worship from Ancient Babylon. A lot of time and detail could be spent here, but I want to only give a few quotes from Alexander Hislop's book, "The Two Babylons," and then move on. One interesting quote I found is this:

"As the Apocalyptic woman has in her hand a cup, wherewith she intoxicates the nations, so was it with the Babylon of old. . . ." "In the Chaldean Mysteries, Salverte says, 'To drink of mysterious beverages was indispensable on the part of all who sought initiation in these Mysteries.' There was a literal cup, and the beverages for initiation into the Babylonian Mysteries were just as real, used to numb the sense and the thinking."

Hislop wrote,

"The Chaldean Mysteries can be traced up to the days of Semiramis, who lived only a few centuries after the flood. . . . In the Mysteries, which she had a chief hand in forming, she was worshipped as Rhea, the great 'Mother' of the gods."

In a footnote for these quotes, Hislop says,

"Plini makes reference to the cup of Semiramis, which fell into the hands of the victorious Cyrus. The gigantic proportions must have made it famous among the Babylonians and the nations with whom they had intercourse. It weighed fifteen talents, or 1200 pounds."

"In 1825, on the occasion of the jubilee, Pope Leo XII struck a medal, bearing on the one side his own image, and on the other, that of the Church of Rome symbolized as a "Woman," holding in her left

hand a cross, and in her right a cup, with the legend around her, . . . 'The whole world is her seat.'"

The cross as a symbol in highly Egyptian, and Hislop's documentation is extraordinary. The Babylonian Mysteries also had a priesthood, and the priests held the knowledge of the Mysteries. Since they alone could interpret the Mysteries, and administer them, the people had to submit to them in implicit submission. The celibacy of the priesthood, the confessional booth and the priest as Confessor, the Mother-Child worship, sun worship as depicted in the Ecumenical host, Christmas, Easter, the sign of the cross made on the forehead - all the rites and practices of Babylon are found in strong similarity in Ecumenicalism.

Historians have found images depicting the Madonna and Child in most of the ancient nations' myths, always fashioned after the promise of one to come who would crush the head of the serpent. The roots of all that we know about the worship of Mary as the Great Mother and as the Madonna holding the Child can be attributed to Semiramis and her reincarnated Child-god, who was Nimrod come back to rule. Semiramis exalted her dead Nimrod as the sun god, then reincarnated as the Child she held, elevating her to a position of deity as the "Queen of Heaven," and "the Great Mother." The similarities are great between the Madonna and Child of Babylon of old and modern Rome. The same Madonna and Child are with us today through the Ecumenical Church, and there are signs that the popularity of today's representation is on the rise.

There are three aspects that we want to look at concerning the goddess worship of Babylon:

The Great Mother: Semiramus was worshipped as Rhea, "The Great Mother" of the gods, bringing forth the seed of the sun god, Nin, who was the reincarnation of her dead, but deified, husband, Nimrod. She was known also as the mother of the sons of the gods, much like Mary today who is the Mother of the Church and all who come to Christ. Remember , it is Mary whom the Pope says will bring about the rebirth of humanity through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart in unifying the Churches. There is not a goddess or Madonna and Child that cannot be traced back to Babylon in the days of Semiramus. In St. Alphonse de Liguori's work on Mary, and St. Louis de Montfort's as well, there is not a title or an attribute or description of character that don't coincide with Semiramis of Babylon and her depictions in other cultures.

The Sun God (Nimbus): In "Two Babylons," Hislop wrote,

> **"There is yet another remarkable characteristic of these pictures worthy of notice, and that is the nimbus or peculiar circle of light that frequently encompasses the head of the Roman Madonna. . . . It is found in the artistic representations of the great gods and**

goddesses of Babylon. The disk, and particularly the circle, were well-known symbols of the Sun-divinity. . . The same was the case in pagan Rome."

Speaking of Circe, Hislop says,

"'the daughter of the Sun' with her head surrounded with a circle, in the very same way as the head of the Roman Madonna is at this day surrounded. Let any one compare the nimbus around the head of Circe, with that around the head of the Popish Virgin, and he will see how exactly they correspond."

The Sun God (Communion): In Jeremiah, Scripture tells us that Israel "offered cakes to the Queen of Heaven." Hislop comments on this in reference to the Papal Communion or Eucharistic rite. He writes,

"The 'unbloody sacrifice' [the Queen of Heaven's] votaries not only offered, but when admitted to the higher mysteries, they partook of, swearing a new fidelity to her. In the fourth century, when the queen of heaven, under the name of Mary, was beginning to be worshipped in the Christian Church, this 'unbloody sacrifice' also was brought in. The very shape of the unbloody sacrifice of Rome may indicate whence it came. It is a small thin, ROUND wafer, ...What could have induced the Papacy to insist so much on the "roundness" of its unbloody sacrifice? . . . 'The thin, round cake,' says Wilkinson, ' occurs on all altars.' Almost every jot and tittle in the Egyptian worship had a symbolic meaning. The round disk, so frequent in the sacred emblems of Egypt, symbolized the sun. Now, when Osiris, the sun-divinity, became incarnate, and was born, it was not merely that he should give his life as a sacrifice for men, but that he might also be the life and nourishment of the souls of men."

This is exactly what the Ecumenical Church teaches about the Eucharist. Popes actually took the name "Invictus," which was attributed to Mithra as the sun god, "Sol Invictus," meaning the "Invincible Sun." Even the letters on the host refer to Egypt. Hislop writes,

"There are letters on the [Roman] wafer that are worth reading. These letters are I.H.S. What mean these mystical letters? To a Christian these letters are represented as signifying, 'Issus Hominum Slavator,' 'Jesus the Saviour of men.' But let a Roman worshiper of Isis cast his eyes upon them, and how will he read them? He will read them, of course, according to his own well-known system of idolatry: 'Isis, Horus, Seb,' that is, 'The Mother, The Child, and the Father of the gods,' - in other words, 'The Egyptian

Trinity.' Can the reader imagine that this double meaning is accidental? Surely not."

From Babylon to Egypt to Persia to Rome to Ecumenicalism to our day, the gods of Babylon are now uniting the Church, under the direction of Mary, to lead it to a global Eucharistic celebration. Rhea as Mary will bring about a rebirth of humanity and become the mother of the new civilization, and will also lead the Church and the world to her son in that Eucharist, who will manifest to rule the world.

BC (Dates very debatable: Ancient Kingdom: 2400 BC; Middle Kingdom: 1750-1500 BC; New Kingdom 1500-332 BC) EGYPTIAN MYSTERY SCHOOLS:

Only royalty and priests could learn advanced knowledge and its practice. Studies were related to the invisible world, progressive growth of the soul-mind, and the use of the psychic arts as a tool for this progression. These were added to, if not incorporated from, the Chaldean/Babylonian Mysteries. All that was of Babylon passed into Egypt. The goddesses had their names changed, but the spirits in back of them were the same. The sun god as well the Madonna and Child did not die in Babylon but were passed on to the nations.

1900 BC Abraham

was promised a seed (Isaac typifying Christ). Abraham came out of Ur of the Chaldees. Isn't it ironic that out of the Chaldees came the Babylonian Mysteries that are now penetrating society in every area of life. Isn't it ironic that the man whose faith is lifted up as our example of faith for salvation came from the same place whose system has now changed that very covenant of promise. Isn't it ironic that the Pope and Hubbard and the revival leaders are implementing Babylon again today by uniting with Ecumenicalism in doctrine, while we stand in the faith of Abraham. The seed promised to Eve would come through Abraham's seed, while the devil worked at raising up his system of religions to counter the faith of Abraham, the faith of our salvation where we are accounted righteous by believing in the promised one, Jesus Christ.

1800 BC HINDUISM (Persia, India):

Hinduism began as an organization of the tribal superstitions energized by the Babylonian mysteries. It is a Pantheistic religion, believing "God is All," the sum of all that exists, the "all" being found in both

animate and inanimate objects. Good and evil are aspects of the same God.

Hindus believe in reincarnation/karma, denying the resurrection, and making God impersonal and their religion a religion of works. It is also a religion that believes in Maya, meaning that the only Reality there is, is in the spiritual realm, while the temporal world is an illusion. The goal of Hinduism is to liberate man from the material world by attainment of a high spiritual plane where one is united to "God." This process is called Samsara, meaning the transmigration of the soul on the wheel of life, where the Hindu must balance his Karma until the Atman, or Soul, is absorbed into the Universal Soul, called Brahman.

Hindus believe in millions of gods, and idolatry is not a stranger to their religious practices. Their trinity consists of Vishnu, the preserver, Sheva, the destroyer, and Brahma, the creator. Goddess worship is not foreign to their belief system, with Kali being one of their main goddesses and consort to the gods.

They believe Vishnu, the preserver, is the sun god who incarnates again and again as a Christ figure throughout mankind's history. The antichrist will be the embodiment of the gods of all religions, and the foundation to support the Hindu's accepting him as that is in their belief system.

1750 BC Jacob (Israel)

has 12 sons, forming the Jewish nation through which Messiah, the promised seed of Eve and then to Abraham, would proceed. In the midst of the Devil's raising up his idolatrous religious systems in the world, a new nation was called to be unlike the others, a nation who would bring forth "Eve's seed," Abraham's Isaac, Sarah's child who would be Immanuel, God with us. The promise held and the word came forth to Jacob's offspring:

> **Numbers 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.**

A Star would rise out of Jacob to rule the world, while the nations worshipped their sun gods and the Queen of Heaven.

1740 BC STONEHENGE:

Stonehenge was a center of religious worship near Salisbury, England. The arrangement of the stones is believed to have had an astrological purpose, and it was a place used for occult worship and the demonstration of psychic forces. These astrological practices have their source in the ancient kingdom of Babylon and were most likely centered on sun worship practices passed down from Babylon.

1500 BC MAYANS (See Calendar Below):

Evidence for the existence of the Mayans goes as far back as the 6th century AD. This evidence had been found in North America. The religion is one of worship of nature gods, but the most important aspect of the Mayan religion that I found is the Mayan/Aztec Calendar. This

> **"Calendar points to the year 2012 as the end of this age . . . that began more than 5,000 years ago. The world will end in A.D. 2012, according to the Mayan calendar stone, as interpreted by Jose' Arguilles, New Age eschatologist, art historian and author of 'The Mayan factor'. . . . The Mayan Calendar, or Tzolkin, describes a 5,200-year Great Cycle beginning in 3113 B.C. and ending in A.D. 2012, Arguelles claims. This cycle, in turn, is embedded in a longer 26,000-year cycle, composed of five Great Cycles, which also ends in 2012. (Meaningful-coincidence buffs may note that this long cycle . . . corresponds to the 26,000 years of Plato's 'Great year' and of the astronomical precession of the zodiac.) 'What we are experiencing,' he concludes, 'is the climax of our particular species and evolutionary stage, the very last twenty-six years of a cycle some twenty-six thousand years in length'" (OMNI magazine, 1989).**

1500 BC Moses

led the Exodus from Egypt and Israel was set free to be a light to the nations.

1350 BC THE ROSICRUCIANS:

Rosicrucianism was born as one of the mystery schools of secret wisdom during 18th dynasty Egypt. When it was founded, it was called "The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC)." It does not consider itself a religion, but believes that Jesus was "one of the earth's great teachers" along with Muhammad, Buddha, Plato, the Hindu gods and many others. They share a widespread belief found in the pagan religions that Christ was not a person, but that the Christ spirit took possession of the body of Jesus.

They believe every man has this spirit in him, but that it must be awakened and realized. The blood atonement is an invention, making Rosicrucianism a religion of works. They believe in the Great White Brotherhood, being an offshoot of Freemasonry, which is also based in the mysteries religions of Egypt, and they believe, in our day, that humanity is moving into a New Age.

1100 BC King David

is promised an heir to his throne who will rule forever, who would be Solomon typifying Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the one who would overcome and rule the nations and their gods.

1000 BC GREEK MYSTERIES:

a composite of doctrines, based on study and personal experience during initiation, and made up of the secrets of mythologies and ancient Babylonian and Egyptian religions. The Greek Mysteries were also based on the concept that one must live righteously to have a noble life after death in one's next reincarnation.

604 BC TAOISM (Chinese):

Though I have conflicting dates on this one, Taoism is said to be an offshoot of Confucianism, and is a religion and philosophy that sees the universe as engaged in ceaseless motion, activity and continual flux. This constant cosmic process is called the "Tao," and the ongoing goal of Taoism is to balance heaven and earth. The process is described in terms of Yin and Yang (the interplay of positive and negative energy). The balancing of this positive and negative energy is the foundation for much of the new practices in new Age medicine. It is from Taoism that the well-known phrase, "Go with the flow,"

originates. The Taoists, like Confucianists, are not believers in Reincarnation.

550 BC CONFUCIANISM (founder: Kung Fu-Tse):

The basics of Confucianism were discussed under Taoism. Confucianism is a philosophy based on ancestor worship that teaches man should "adjust heaven with the earth" to preserve a balance. As with Taoism, many of the practices of Confucianism are used in new Age medicine.

550 BC BUDDHISM (founder: Gautama Buddha):

Founded by Prince Siddharta Gautama, now called Gautama Buddha. Surprising to me was the fact that Buddhism was founded as a violent protest against Hinduism, and it is simply another form of Hinduism with minor modifications. The oldest Buddhist Scriptures are the Veda; Bhagavad Gita appeared later. Buddhism believes in monism, that all of reality is an undivided organism, "All is One." It is on this monistic "All is One" of Buddhism and the Pantheistic "All is God" of Hinduism that the unity effort of the New Age is based. Since all All is One, then All must be God. Buddhists believe in the annihilation of desire, development of the soul-mind through meditation, techniques of yoga, mystical devotion, some goddess worship, Reincarnation/Karma, and The Eight-Fold Path to Nirvana.

The Eight-Fold Path includes right understanding, right thoughts, right speech, right action, right means of earning a living, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration. These eventually are said to lead one to Nirvana, a state of heavenly bliss. If you look closely, you will see that being politically correct in the modern age is basically the practice of the Eight-Fold Path to enlightenment.

Buddhism has what are called Four Noble Truths about the state of humanity, and if you look closely at these, you will see these as the road to the Millennium, the path to a New Age where all suffering is done away with and all becomes one. These Four Noble truths are: 1. Man suffers through sickness and old age. 2. This suffering is caused by man's inadequacies, such as greed. 3. Through his will, certain spiritual techniques, and knowledge, man can break through this suffering. 4. By undertaking the Eight-Fold Path, man may finally put an end to his suffering and achieve Nirvana, or union with the divine "all that is." This Eight-Fold [Path] explains why Buddhism has made such inroads in the Ecumenical faith, because it is very similar to its agenda, though the terminology may differ.

The Chinese River Goddess, Qwan Yin, is called the Goddess of Mercy, who helps men understand how to be happy, recognize their beauty within and how to succeed in attaining nirvana.

550 BC ZOROASTRIANISM (founder: Zoroaster):

Zoroastrianism is an ancient Persian religion. Zoroastrians in one Creator manifesting in various aspects (dualism), for example, good and evil, and that the "Holy Spirit" inspires psychics in order to keep the cosmos orderly. Zoroastrianism is funded on the religion and practices of Babylon, and it is the religion that brought the cult of Mithra to Rome. The practices, beliefs and offices and hierarchies of the cult of Mithra were largely absorbed by the Ecumenical Church, from the Pope as the high priest to Communion to baptism to its celebrations. Thus, Babylon's survival through the Persian cult of Mithra survives still in Roman Catholicism.

500 BC JAINISM

is a religion of India, an offshoot of Hinduism. Jainism teaches man can destroy evil in the soul by good works. They have a deep reverence for animal life, even sweeping a chair before sitting down lest there is an insect on it. They believe heavily in saint worship and their temples are usually found in caves. There is a sect within Jainism which rejects the worshipping of idols and icons.

V. The Early Church: 0-499 AD

Spiritual Degeneration: 500-1599

Jesus Christ established the Church's presence on earth at Pentecost, and persecution immediately broke out against it. From the Jewish leaders through the Roman emperors and down through history, such persecutions continued. Many have tried in vain to wipe the Church from the face of the earth, and New Age leaders say it will eventually be a necessity, in order to accomplish a new world order.

Before too long, Satan began revealing "secret knowledge" to some in the Church, fostering heresies in order to distort the truth of Christ's person. These heresies were added to the belief systems of the various religions which preceded Christ in order to explain Him away. It would probably be safe to say that most of these religions and heresies are prominent in today's New Age movement.

Israel had been set aside by God, and He would not look back for them as a nation until the end of the age. Christ had come as promised, but the devil had laid his groundwork. All that the devil had established up to this point in time would be renamed and shuffled and fed to humanity under new names through cults and religions and philosophies down through the centuries. His power was in diversity, something for everybody. At the end of the age, he would gather them all together for a world religion of devil worship.

There would be nothing new under the sun from this point on. The groundwork had been laid. The plan to set up the Ecumenical Church as the world church was in the wings, the Babylonian practices of goddess and sun worship were ready to be dumped into its system.

0 -The Promised Seed

of Eve and of Abraham and David is born: the Lord Jesus Christ.

33 - The Promised Seed

is rejected by Israel: He is crucified, but rises from the dead to bruise the serpent's head. The Church is established 50 days later at Pentecost.

35 - PAUL -

Paul was converted to Christianity so salvation could be offered to the nations. His message in Romans was this:

> **25 Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

Paul shook the Mystery religions with these two verses he wrote to the Roman Christians. These other philosophies had their initiations, their rites, their offerings to unite themselves to a god, and Paul came along and said, "The Blood of the Lamb, the Son of God, has been shed. A man is risen from the dead. Heaven's door is open. Come on in!" He traveled to the known world, spreading the Good News. He was beaten, killed, hated, wrote epistles into the

night, went from synagogue to synagogue spreading the gospel, established churches wherever he went and then visited then to share more of Christ so they would come to maturity. He labored to mature the Church in the now-revealed ways of God because he knew persecution would come.

40 - MARY'S FIRST APPEARANCE

One file I found on Marian apparitions mentioned this appearance IN 40 AD. A woman supposedly identified as mary supposedly appeared to James the Apostle in Saragossa, Spain. This has great implications. If it was before she died, then she had to have appeared by means of the occult technique of bi-location, which is being in two places at once. Or, if this is not the case then it had to be a spirit since would she would still have been on earth.

54-68 - PERSECUTION

Nero "Let the Christians be exterminated"; Christians crucified, devoured by beasts, torched.

70 - JERUSALEM

Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jews were scattered, just as Jesus had said would happen.

95-305 - PERSECUTIONS

210 years of Christian persecution by almost every Roman Emperor:

- **Domitian (violent)**
- **Hadrian (moderate compared to Domitian)**

- **Marcus Aurelius (cruel torture)**
- **Antoninus Pius (moderate punishment, some killed)**
- **Septimius Severus (burning, crucifixion, beheading)**
- **Maximin (killed many Christian leaders)**
- **Decius (very violent, torture, resolved to extinguish Christianity)**
- **Valerian (worse than Decius)**
- **Diocletian (ferocious 10-year persecution intended to exterminate the Church: burning, feeding to beasts, numerous cruel tortures)**

In the midst of all this persecution and martyrdom came a word to John on Patmos:

> **10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3).**

There was reason to hold fast. The world was about to experience a variation of religion like it never had before, and it began with a mixture of beliefs from the Ancient religions - Gnosticism - while the young Church struggled to get its feet planted on solid ground.

100 - GNOSTICISM

The Gnostics taught that salvation is attainable by ignoring the material world and concentrating on the divine world of light, while using sacred formulas to gain revelation. Today we see such practices in the AD2000 movement, such as prayer walking, spiritual warfare, Marching for Jesus, and Praise sessions that numb the senses to alter consciousness. The Manifest Sons doctrine undergirding the current move is very rich in Gnosticism. The result is the same as in the days of the early Gnostics: visions, dreams and revelations that go beyond the word of God. Donning's Psychic Dictionary defines Gnosticism as this:

> **"A religion of beliefs coming from Zoriastrianism, formed about the same time as Christianity. The theory is that mankind originated in the celestial realms where only pure spirits dwell. Man now has taken on a material body, binding her or himself to the material world, its values and motives. Mankind can evolve back to the celestial realms through the super knowledge he or she receives from etheric [spirit] world intelligences who communicate with them regarding the etheric [spirit] world, psychism, metaphysics and control of the mind. The word Gnosis means 'mystical and spiritual knowledge, seeking to know that which one cannot perceive with one's five senses.'"**

New Ager Elaine Pagels wrote a book called "The Gnostic Gospels" in which she discusses her side of the question of Gnosticism versus Christianity in the early Church. She said the Gnostics believed that if Jesus came to reveal the secrets of the Kingdom, and the apostles were told the secrets of the kingdom, and Paul received mysteries and secrets hid since the beginning of the world, then this secret knowledge was the key to encountering the risen Christ and realizing our destiny. The resurrection wasn't something only to be believed, but something to be experienced, so the mysteries of the kingdom could be revealed to the seeker directly from the spirit realm, or from the Christ Spirit itself. Christianity said the apostles were the standard because they held to the word of God, the faith once delivered to the saints. But the Gnostics proposed what has now been heard from John Wimber: "God is bigger than His word." In Christianity, the revelation of Christ was complete, but in Gnosticism, all had not been revealed, all was not yet known. Further revelation was needed.

The Gnostic was one who had transcended rational knowledge and faith in what he heard. He believed man needs to know himself, which would bring to him a knowledge of where he has been and where he is going, and, in the process, thus come to know God. Such knowledge could not be known from a belief system that served as a standard of truth to be obeyed. Such knowledge could only come personally and intuitively within, and if the experience went beyond the bounds of the word of God, then the seeker had simply encountered another secret of the kingdom Jesus had spoken of and revealed to His chosen twelve. In the process, who Christ was was changed. He was not the one who died for sin and was risen to give the Spirit to those who believe so they would be united to God and complete in Him. Christ became one who had to be sought by men so they, too, could understand the secrets of the kingdom by

having them revealed to them in experience. Experience became the final criteria, not God's final revelation as revealed to Paul and placed in His written word. We have the same situation today as the Church is stalking off into the darkness after an experiential, counterfeit Jesus. Alice Bailey, the Mother of the New Age, said,

> **"What the orthodox theologian and the narrow doctrinaire have to offer no longer satisfies the intelligent seeker or suffices to answer his questions. He is shifting his allegiances into wider and more spiritual areas. He is moving OUT FROM UNDER doctrinal authority AND TO direct personal, spiritual experience AND COMING UNDER the direct authority which contact with Christ and His disciples, the masters, gives."**

Bailey knows her Gnosticism, and she sees what is happening in the Church better than members of the Church do. The Gnostics cry is, "How can you have the true faith when you are divided into so many Christian sects and denominations?" Thus, the denominations become Babylon, and Gnosticism focuses on all being visibly one. In the second to third centuries, the Ecumenical Church hierarchical system rose and set the standard: if you didn't belong to the one true church, then you were a heretic. The only problem was, through conquest, the standard changed, and the word of God was mixed with an assortment of traditions and mystical experiences apart from Scripture. While the Church declared Gnostics heretics, it , too was slowly adding the unbiblical experiences of the saints and the doctrines established by those experiences to its bin of so-called truth. How was something to be determined Gnostic or not, truth or not? The test was whether it conflicted with the now contaminated faith of the Ecumenical Church. Today, as the non-Catholics take on more distorted Scripture, traditions and experiences of their own, they are only conforming to the real Ecumenical way of life, though the terminology and appearance may seem different. Almost all of the Christian world is now pursuing the unity of all believers based on traditions, experiences and the perversion of Scripture. Today, we have "new revelations" just as the Gnostics of old had experiences based on revelation beyond the word of God. God is once again the God who is bigger than His word. Gnosticism is winning the battle for the souls of men while Christianity is marching the streets for Jesus and pulling demons down from the heavenlies, shouting Victory in Jesus' name.

160 - MONTANISTS (Phrygian Cult)

This cult of the second century believed it was bringing in a New Age. I mention this cult because it had great similarities to what is happening today in the revival:

> **"The [Montanist] movement was conservative, claiming to return, as so many scholars since have done, to what were considered to be the practices and beliefs of the primitive Church, and also asserting that a new or at least renewed dispensation of the Spirit had arrived. At his baptism the Holy Spirit spoke**

through Montanus in tongues, thus reviving the charismatic emotionalism and practices of such churches as that of New Testament Corinth and reacting against the coldness and formalism which were allegedly creeping into contemporary Christianity."

300 END-TIME PROPHECY St. Antony the Abbot:

"Men will surrender to the spirit of the age. They will say that if they had lived in our day, faith would be simple and easy. But in their day, they will say, things are complex; the Church must be brought up to date and made meaningful to the day's problems. When the Church and the world are one, then those days are at hand."

312 - CONSTANTINE

Constantine converted to Christianity from Mithrianism. I see him as basically responsible for the mixing of pagan myths and fables and gods and goddesses with Christianity. Mithrianism is with us still through Roman Catholicism, which is furthering the move of the spirits of the gods and goddesses of the ancient Mystery religions closer to their goal of setting up the world's worship of Satan. Those gods and goddesses now appear to be able to accomplish that through an emphasis on Mary, the planned global communion, and a glorious celebration in the year 2000. What I want to show here is that the mixture of sun worship and Christianity was evident in the days of Constantine, he himself having practiced it even after abandoning Mithrianism. One web site I read said this about Constantine:

"Believers in Mithras observed Sunday as well as Christmas. Consequently Constantine placed Sunday under the protection of the State and spoke not of the day of the Lord, but of the everlasting day of the sun. Furthermore, the Church tolerated the cult of the emperor under many forms. It was permitted to speak of the divinity of the emperor, of the sacred palace, the sacred chamber and of the altar of the emperor, without being considered on this account an idolater. From this point of view Constantine's religious change was relatively trifling; it consisted of little more than the renunciation of a formality. For what his predecessors had aimed to attain by the use of all their authority and at the cost of incessant bloodshed, was in truth only the recognition of their own divinity; Constantine gained this end, though he renounced the offering of sacrifices to himself.

"Not only Gnostics and other heretics, but Christians who considered themselves faithful, held in a measure to the worship of the sun. Leo the Great in his day says that it was the custom of many Christians to stand on the steps of the church of St. Peter and pay homage to the sun by obeisance and prayers (cf. Euseb. Alexand. in Mai, "Nov. Patr. Bibl.", 11, 523; Augustine, "Enarratio in Ps. x"; Leo I,

Serm. xxvi). When such conditions prevailed it is easy to understand that many of the emperors yielded to the delusion that they could unite all their subjects in the adoration of the one sun-god who combined in himself the Father-God of the Christians and the much- worshipped Mithras; thus the empire could be founded anew on unity of religion. Even Constantine for a time cherished this mistaken belief. It looks almost as though the last persecutions of the Christians were directed more against all irreconcilables and extremists than against the great body of Christians."

320 - UNITARIANISM (Monarchians)

They believed God exists as one undivided person. They denied the Trinity, Christ's divinity, His atonement, and everlasting punishment, and had as their goal the promotion of unity among all faiths, Christian or otherwise.

330 - SUN-GOD-CHRIST WORSHIPED AS ONE

In the dedication of Constantinople in 330 a ceremonial half pagan, half Christian was used. The chariot of the sun-god was set in the market-place, and over its head was placed the Cross of Christ, while the Kyrie Eleison was sung, the song used in Eucharistic adoration ceremonies today in the Ecumenical Church in preparation for the year 2000 celebrations. Shortly before his death Constantine confirmed the privileges of the priests of the ancient gods. He also took many other half-measures, indicating that he continued to hold to a syncristic religion.

331 - THE EDICT OF MILAN

Constantine issued the EDICT OF TOLERATION, giving people the right to choose their own religion, and bringing the era of persecution of the Christians to an end.

352 - OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

This was the title of the church first established in Rome on Mount Equline in the 4th century. A pious legend claims its foundation was due to a nobleman's witnessing there a vision during a miraculous snow fall. The church today is called the Church of the Crib, but it is best known as the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

325-451 - CHURCH COUNCILS/HERESIES:

Nicaea, First Council of: dispelled Arian heresy, which stated that Christ was a creature distinct in essence from God. I got this very simple explanation of the Council of Nicea on the Internet and I think it explains the situation back then in a few words. What made this Council important was the Church was still in its early formation and false doctrine could easily get a foothold. The summary I found is this:

> **"To the credit of Athanasius, he saw clearly that the most dangerous of existing heresies was precisely the heresy announced by Arius. It was a very simple heresy. All Arius said was that if the Father begat the Son, then the Son must have had a birth, and therefore there was a time when the Son of God did not exist. He had come into existence according to the will of the Heavenly Father, and therefore he was less than the heavenly Father, though greater than man. [But] Christ was and Christ is absolute God."**

Constantinople, The Second Council: condemned Appollinaris heresy that Christ's human spirit was replaced by the Logos. We know now that this doctrine is one of the major doctrines concerning the Christ of the New Age.

Other Councils would be held as the Church fought it out with heretics and Gnostics concerning who Christ was.

395 - NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

completed.

400 - SUN GOD WAFER

The use of the round wafer was instituted in the Catholic Church, the same wafer the Hislop quote described in Part Three:

> **"In the fourth century, when the queen of heaven, under the name of Mary, was beginning to be worshipped in the Christian Church, this unbloody sacrifice also was brought in. The very shape of the unbloody sacrifice of Rome may indicate whence it came. It is a small thin, ROUND wafer."**

While saying the bread and wine are turned into the literal body and blood of Christ, the Catholic Church also states that the concept of the Eucharist is founded on the "unbloody sacrifice" Hislop speaks about. In "Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma," we read this definition:

> **"The Eucharist is that Sacrament, in which Christ, under the forms of bread and wine, is truly present, with His Body and Blood, in order to offer Himself IN AN UNBLOODY MANNER to the Heavenly Father, and to give Himself to the faithful as nourishment for their souls" (caps mine).**

Below is a picture of the host with IHS on it (Isis, Horus, Seb), which Hislop said was almost undeniably the round wafer of the Egyptian mysteries:



> **"In this silence of the white host, carried in the monstrance, are all His words; there is His whole life given in offering to the Father, for each of us; there is also the glory of the glorified body, which started with the Resurrection, and still continues in heavenly union" - Pope John Paul II, Angelus Address, June 17, 1979.**

451 - SHINTOISM (Japan)

Shintoism is described as "the way of the gods;" with worship centers for a large number of spirits called the kami. These spirits deal mostly with the Vital Life Force, and can manifest any kind of unusual psychic phenomena. Shinto priests were generally magicians and fortunetellers. Shrines are a distinctive mark of the Shinto religion's ancestor worship. They also worship nature, especially the sun as the supreme god. The beliefs of Shintoism were later mixed with Buddhism and Confucianism.

461 - HILARUS

advocates an exclusive UNIVERSAL PAPACY.

SPIRITUAL DEGENERATION: 500-1599

During this period, Satan raised up more versions of his Eastern religions while exalting reincarnation over the resurrection. The worlds of occultism and psychism prospered as the use of the Scriptures deteriorated after being completed only 150 years before. This prepared the soil for Satan's seed of belief that the answer to man's spiritual thirst must be found, not in the word, but within himself in the realm of spiritual experience.

550 - CHRISTIANITY IS COMPROMISED

through the military conquest of Pagan nations. In order to bring the heathen into the Church, Christian and pagan beliefs were mixed.

553 - JUSTINIAN

denounces the rise of the Gnostic doctrine of REINCARNATION. Recall that Nimrod was reincarnated as Nin, the son of the Sun God in Babylon.

600 - ISLAM

(founder: Mohammed) Islam holds the belief in one supreme being (Allah) who made the world and presides over man's destiny; Mohammed, the "true prophet," took the name for his god from "Allah," a pagan deity. Islam teaches the world is full of etheric intelligences engaged in manipulating natural phenomena to lead men to believe in reincarnation. Scriptures: the Koran. Mary is a powerful influence in Islam because of Fatima, which was the name of Mohammed's daughter. This fact will most likely be an important factor in the last days scenario that is being worked out by Rome.

874 - THE COUNCIL OF TRENT

rejected the figurative interpretation of the Eucharist being the body and blood of Christ and thus indirectly declared the literal interpretation to be authentic. Here are two quotes from the 13th Session of the Council Of Trent:

> **CANON I.-If any one denies, that, in the sacrament of the most holy Eucharist, are contained truly, really, and substantially, the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ; but says that He is only therein as in a sign, or in figure, or virtue; let him be anathema [condemned].**
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> **CANON lI.-If any one says, that, in the sacred and holy sacrament of the Eucharist, the substance of the bread and wine remains conjointly with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and denies that wonderful and singular conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the Body, and of the whole substance of the wine into the Blood-the species Only of the bread and wine remaining-which conversion indeed the Catholic Church most aptly calls Transubstantiation; let him be anathema.**

1061 - OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Walsingham, England The Blessed Mother asked Lady de Faverches to build a replica of her house in Nazareth dedicated as a memorial to the Annunciation to Mary and the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mary promised: "Let all who are in any way distressed or in need seek me there in that small house that you maintain for me at Walsingham. To all that seek me there shall be given succor." In the Middle Ages, Walsingham became one of the greatest pilgrimage sites in all of Europe, being the place of Mary's first apparition in England.

1100 - PROPHECIES OF CATHOLIC MYSTIC ST. MALACHY

He prophesied of every pope to the end of the age, and it is claimed all were accurate so far with three popes left in his prophecies:

1. **The Labor of the Son. John Paul II. 1978-Present.**
2. **The Glory of the Olive. This Pope will reign during the beginning of the tribulation Jesus foretold.**

3. **Peter the Roman. In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Peter the Roman, who will feed his flock among many tribulations; after which the seven-hilled city (Rome, the seat of the Vatican) will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people.**

1150 - A FURTHER DETERIORATION

in the use of the CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES.

1200 - ZEN BUDDHISM (China, Japan):

a branch of Mahayana Buddhism. A highly intellectual, metaphysical philosophy that concentrates on meditation to reach "The Silence."

1208 - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Prouille, France Mary appeared to St. Dominic, a cartusian monk, and gave him the Rosary and urged him to preach the Rosary to all people as a remedy against heresy and sin.

1215 - CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE ONLY CHURCH

Pope Innocent III, at the Fourth Lateran Council, proclaimed,

> **"There is but one universal Church of the faithful, outside of which no one at all can be saved."**

1250 - TRANSUBSTANTIATION

The term Transubstantiation is used for the first time by Pope Innocent III and later in the Caput Firmiter of the Fourth Lateran Council.

1251 - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - Aylesford, England

In her appearance to Simon Stock, Mary entrusted him with the brown scapular, which is two pieces of brown woolen cloth, usually embroidered with an outline of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and tied together by string and worn over the shoulders:

> **"My beloved son receive this scapular for your Order. It is the special sign of a privilege which I have obtained for you and for all God's children who honor me as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Those who die devotedly clothed with this scapular shall be preserved from eternal fire. The brown scapular is a badge of salvation. The brown scapular is a shield in time of danger. The brown scapular is a pledge of peace and special protection, until the end of time."**

1253 - NICHIREN SHOSHU BUDDHISM

The "name-it-claim-it" doctrine was in wide use in this form of Buddhism. It was believed that one could create his own reality by chanting.

1264 - ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST INSTITUTED

This ritual seems to have arisen around the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi by Pope Urban IV in 1264. On this feast day, the Holy Eucharist was carried in procession in vessels similar to our present day monstrances, which allowed the faithful to view the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually a custom arose, especially in Germany, of keeping the Blessed Sacrament continually exposed to view in all of the churches.



At the same time, members of guilds began to gather to sing canticles in the evening after work in honor of the Blessed Mother. In particular, the singing of the "Salve Regina," composed in the 11th century, became popular in these devotions. The "Salve Regina" is a Catholic worship song to Mary. These evening services were called "Salat" in France. The Queen of Heaven had to have her worship and tied herself to the adoration of the round wafer, the sun god. Over the next two or three centuries, these two services seem to merge. The faithful would gather, usually in the evening, for chanted prayers, particularly in honor of our Blessed Mother. The Blessed Sacrament would be exposed, more prayers would be chanted or recited, and the service would end with benediction. Interestingly, benediction is still known in France as La Salat. These services are universal today.



1274 - REINCARNATION

rises again, and is again condemned by the Church.

1302 - SUBJECTION TO THE POPE NECESSARY FOR SALVATION:

> **"We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff" - Pope Boniface VIII, IN the Bull Unam Sanctam.**

1302 - ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

St. Gertrude the Great had a famous mystical experience in which she was told by St. John the Evangelist "that the revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was reserved for later times when the world, grown cold, would be in need of being rekindled in love."



1327 - AZTECS

Evidence of their presence was found in South America, along with evidence of human sacrifice as a part of their rites.

1382 - THE BLACK MADONNA

Czestochowa, Poland The Black Madonna is a painting of the Madonna and Christ Child which legend states was painted by St. Luke the Evangelist, and is usually associated with victories in wars. St. Luke is believed to have used a tabletop from a table built by the carpenter Jesus. It was while Luke was painting Mary that she told him about the events in the life of Jesus that he eventually incorporated into his gospel. The painting shows up again in 326 AD when St. Helen located it in Jerusalem while on a pilgrimage there. She gave the painting to her son, Constantine, who had a shrine built in Constantinople to house it. In a critical battle with the Saracens, the portrait was displayed from the walls of the city and the Saracens were subsequently routed. The portrait was credited with saving the city. It is known as the 'Black Madonna" because of the soot residue that discolors the painting. The soot is the result of centuries of votive lights and candles burning in front of the painting. With the decline of communism in Poland, pilgrimages to the Black Madonna have increased dramatically, and it a high favorite of Pope John Paul II.



1439 - REINCARNATION

Church condemns another revival of the doctrine of REINCARNATION.

1441 - UNITY WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH NECESSARY FOR SALVATION

Pope Eugene IV, in The Papal Bull Cantate Domino, declared,

> **"[The Holy Roman Church] firmly believes, professes and teaches that none of those who are not within the Catholic Church, not only Pagans, but Jews, heretics and schismatic, can ever be partakers of eternal life, but are to go into the eternal fire 'prepared for the devil, and his angels' (Mt. xxv. 41), unless before the close of their lives they shall have entered into that Church; also that the unity of the Ecclesiastical body is such that the Church's Sacraments avail only those abiding in that Church, and**

that fasts, alms, deeds, and other works of piety which play their part in the Christian combat are in her alone productive of eternal rewards; moreover, that no one, no matter what alms he may have given, not even if he were to shed his blood for Christ's sake, can be saved unless he abide in the bosom and unity of the Catholic Church."

1486 - HARE KRISHNA (founder: Chaitanya Mahaprabhu)

Hindu in origin. Most activity centers around the constant chanting of "Hare Krishna." Initiates are given a new Sanskrit name and a secret mantra to aid in realizing godhood by these methods and the process of reincarnation/ karma.

1500 - ALCHEMY:

the eternal desire for secret knowledge. Alchemists try to transmute something from a lower form to a higher form through a combination of chemical and spiritual processes (e.g., inferior metal to gold); evolved into necromancy. This would eventually evolve into spiritual alchemy, where today we have such principles being applied to the transformation of man from Homo Sapiens to Homo Universalis. This spiritual alchemy is to meant to balance the male-female counterparts in the seeker.

1500 END-TIME PROPHECY Mother Shipton (Catholic):

The first prophecy I found on The Great Chastisement:

"The great chastisement will come when carriages go without horses and many accidents fill the world with woe. It will come when thoughts are flying around the earth in the twinkling of an eye, when long tunnels are made for horseless machines, when men can fly in the air and ride under the sea, when ships are wholly made of metal, when fire and water great marvels do, when even the poor can read books, and when many taxes are levied for war."

1525 - NOSTRADAMUS:

prophesied the future by occult powers (astrologist):

Nostradamus 1999 Web Page: "Nostradamus was born in 1503 in Saint Remy, France. He is without question the most famous and successful prophet of all time. In his writings, Nostradamus made over 1000 predictions about the future, many with stunning and incredible accuracy. Nostradamus predicted that in the year 1999 during the seventh month of July, a great king of terror would come from the sky. Is Nostradamus predicting the END OF THE WORLD? Or is he predicting a great global catastrophe to be followed by some new world order?"

1531 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Guadalupe, Mexico

A Black Madonna, the Lady appeared to a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego in central Mexico. Near Tepayac Hill he encountered a beautiful woman surrounded by a ball of light as bright as the sun. Speaking in his native tongue, the beautiful lady identified herself as the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God. She gave him some flowers that miraculously appeared in his tilma to give to the Bishop as a sign that she had appeared to him, but when he opened the tilma, there was a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary precisely as Juan had described her. Within six years of this apparition, six million Aztecs had converted to Catholicism. The tilma shows Mary as the God-bearer - she is pregnant with her Divine Son. It can be seen today in a large cathedral built to house up to ten thousand worshipers. It is, by far, the most popular religious pilgrimage site in the Western Hemisphere.



1548 - UNITARIANISM:

refutes the doctrine of the Trinity; forms a separate church. (see 320 AD).

VI. The Enlightenment: 1600-1859
The First Deliberate Steps Towards The New Age: 1860-1949

By this time, the word of God had become a closed book to most, and men had lost sight of the meaning of life. Reasoning that God had left them on earth to work things out on their own, men became philosophers. During the next two hundred and fifty years, Satan had these philosophers scratching their heads as they solved their predicament - over and over again. At the end of this period, God was seen as either unreachable or as a mystic force. Men had become centered on themselves as the answer to evolving life. These various philosophies are still with us as vital aspects of today's New Age thinking and have now penetrated the Church.

As people turned inward during this time, they began to experience the metaphysical realm. The seeds planted by a few, such as Swedenborg and Mesmer, would bloom with the psychic escapades of the Fox sisters by the end of this era. By then the New Age would be ready to start implementing its final agenda, gathering all things to itself.

1600 - THE BIRTH Of MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Spinoza advocates Pantheism, the belief that an impersonal God is in everything (see 1800BC HINDUISM). By advocating Pantheism and introducing it into the secular, intellectual world, Spinoza laid an important stone in the foundation being laid for a New Age by the evil one. That God is in everything, including man, is one of the key foundation stones in building the idea that man can transform himself by realizing his godhood and thus save his world.

1643 - ST. JOHN EUDES

Eudes was the founder of the modern public devotion to the Two Hearts, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was his mission to organize the scriptural, theological, patristic, and liturgical sources relating to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and to popularize them with the

approval of the Church. Included among his works was a mass and office for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and one for the Admirable Heart of Mary. He was the first to dedicate churches in the world to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



Insight into the linkage of Mary's Immaculate Heart with Jesus' Heart can be gleaned from the words of St. John Eudes who, centuries before Fatima, wrote,

> **"Be united to the Heart of Mary that thus you may the more intimately be united to the Heart of Jesus."**

It is by this union, wrote Eudes, that adherents would thus "obtain the fulfillment of all Jesus' and Mary's promises." Concerning the vital connection between these two Hearts and their devotees, "Jesus" told St. John Eudes,

> **"I have given you the admirable Heart of My most worthy Mother which is identified with My own Heart that it may be your true heart as well; that My children may possess only one Heart with their Mother and My members the same Heart as their Head."**

1674 - REVELATION OF DEVOTION OF THE FIRST FRIDAYS

In a vision with Jesus and St. John the Revelator, St. Margaret Mary's revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was stated to be for the end times. Notice that this spirit revealed secrets to her, just as in the Mystery religions of the past whose worship was based of the Sun God. Here is her account of his appearing to her:

> **"The Sacred Heart was represented to me as a resplendent sun, the burning rays of which fell vertically upon my heart, which was inflamed with a fire so fervid that it**

seemed as if it would reduce me to ashes. It was at these times especially that my Divine Master taught me what He required of me and disclosed to me the secrets of His loving Heart. On one occasion, while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, feeling wholly withdrawn within myself by an extraordinary recollection of all my senses and powers, Jesus Christ, my sweet Master, presented Himself to me, all resplendent with glory, His Five Wounds shining like so many suns. Flames issued from every part of His Sacred Humanity, especially from His Adorable Breast, which resembled an open furnace and disclosed to me His most loving and most amiable Heart, which was the living source of these flames."

This spirit told Margaret Mary that he wanted to establish his reign in the hearts of men by receiving this Sacrament of Love on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi and doing reparation to his outraged heart. That meant people were to kneel before the monstrance with the host, keeping Jesus company for hours at a time. This program is very heavily used in all Catholic churches today through a devotion called Forty Hours where worshipers alternate to keep Him company one hour at a time.

1694 - ROSICRUCIANS (Order Rosae Crucis; Egyptian Mystery School)

It was at this time that the Order of Rosicrucians came to America from Europe with claims to possess the ancient wisdom of Egypt and Babylon, including the mysteries of the universe. When learned, this wisdom awakens man's natural talents to create a life of happiness. Rosicrucians believe every man has the "Christ" spirit at birth. The Rosicrucians are Reincarnationists. If you were a philosopher, Spinoza s doctrine would get you. If you were a mystic, then Rosicrucianism would trap you with the same doctrine. This is a good example of how the devil uses his doctrines with different approaches to get man to accept them. (See 1350 BC).

1700 - ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

He wrote "The Secret of The Rosary" and "True Devotion To Mary" as the path by which men could unite themselves to her and thus to Jesus. De Montfort s writings would be the foundation for consecration of the world to Mary under Pope John Paul II.

1717 - FREEMASONRY

The first Grand Lodge of Freemasonry was formed in England. Its teaching and secret rites are strongly influenced by Greek Mysteries, Theosophy and Jewish Cabalism, but its real foundation appears to have come from the Egyptian Mysteries. It would trap millions into the secret mysteries as a men s movement that does good works to enhance the life of society.

1740 - STONEHENGE

William Stukeley published "STONEHENGE, a Temple Restored to the British Druids," bringing about a renewed interest in the paranormal.

1740 - THE AGE OF REASON ("THE ENLIGHTENMENT": DEISM (the New Paganism)

This was the era of Voltaire, Rousseau, Locke, Hume, all of whom believed the Creator had left man to work out his own destiny. They believed that God does not intervene in man's affairs, and that man, therefore, lives in a closed universe. Evil became an illusion with these philosophers because God, to them, could only be understood through nature. These Deists believed that the ultimate meaning of life could be found within man and that he could achieve the reality of utopia. Man and society were considered perfectible solely through reason, an idea which replaced the Scriptures.

1750 - SWEDENBORGIANISM

The secret society of Emmanuel Swedenborg, the "Father of Spiritualism." He practiced astral travel and automatic writing, and consulted mediums. Paranormal activity was common in this sect, which also believed in Reincarnation and helped pave the way for the Fox sisters a hundred or so years later.

1766 - MENTAL HEALING MOVEMENT

Franz Mesmer The movement came to the U. S. in 1766. Mesmer developed an early form of hypnotism. Using hand passes over people, he believed he was conveying a vital fluid called "Animal

Magnetism" to the subject that would enable him to dominate their wills. Mesmer s movement was the seed of Spiritualism, New Thought, Science of Mind, Christian Science, and the Unity School of Christianity. It was Mesmer s teaching which influenced the positive thinking doctrines and practices of Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller, whether they were conscious of it or not.

1780 - THOMAS PAINE

Paine published the Deist, anti-Christian "AGE OF REASON."

1781 - IMMANUEL KANT

Kant wrote "Critique of Pure Reason." He divided the world into two categories: the natural world, which is perceived by the five senses, and the supernatural world that transcends human sensibilities. This eventually led to an emphasis on human experience and feeling. To Kant, the metaphysical realm was unintelligible and void of meaning because man's reason was incapable of penetrating it. Man was seen as basically good. By this simple explanation, we can see the feel good philosophy that is so prevalent today in all walks of life. Once the adversary convinced men that man could not penetrate the spiritual realm, he would have laid the foundation for introducing the occult concepts that would reverse this thinking, that with the right techniques, man could penetrate that realm. This would come about 100 years later with the Fox sisters, and Spiritualism would be introduced to the world.

1781 - LUDWIG WITTGESTEIN

He furthered Kant's thesis, which was to think of God as meaningless because God was part of the unknowable, unverifiable metaphysical world.

1786 - TRANSUBSTANTIATION

Pope Pius VI adopted the doctrine of Transubstantiation against the Synod of Pistoja, which wished to exclude this teaching from the instruction of the faithful as 'a purely scholastic question.'"

1794 - RATIONALISTIC ATTACKS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Because of the philosophers like Paine and Kant, the Bible was now looked at as symbolic truth, and became "man's interpretation of God" rather than God's revelation to man. The supernatural aspect of the Scriptures was discarded, and the use of the word of God as symbolic literature that revealed truth would pave the way for an allegorical use of the Scriptures.

1800 - END-TIME PROPHECY

Marie-Julie Jahenny: "The crisis will come on all of a sudden and the Chastisement will be worldwide."

1800 - END-TIME PROPHECY

Blessed Anna-Maria Taigi Taigi was a Catholic mystic who was frequently in ecstasy, worked miracles of healing, read hearts, foretold deaths, and saw visions on the coming of future events. She foretold the first two world wars of this century. Eighteen years after her death, her body remained fresh and in a state of perfect preservation as if it had been just buried the day before. The following are some excerpts from her prophecy on the three days of darkness and what has been called by some, "The Great Chastisement":

> **"God will send two punishments: one will be in the form of wars, revolutions and other evils; it shall originate on earth. The other will be sent from Heaven. There shall come over the whole earth an intense darkness lasting three days and three nights. . . . During these three days, people should remain in their homes, pray the Rosary and beg God for mercy. All the enemies of the Church, whether known or unknown, will perish over the whole earth during that universal darkness, with the exception of a few whom God will soon convert. The air shall be infected by demons who will appear under all sorts of hideous forms. . . ."**

1800 - ORIENTAL SCRIPTURES

The American public received English versions of ORIENTAL SCRIPTURES (Hindu, Buddhist, etc.). This was the first stone laid in introducing the Eastern philosophies to this country. In 100 years, the gurus would follow, a phenomena that would increase dramatically in the 1960s.

1830 - TRANSCENDENTALISTS

The writings of Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman were strong influences in spreading the philosophies of the Oriental scriptures because many of their writings were based on them. Being positive thinkers and pantheists, these writers believed that all of nature and humanity were brought into existence by a mystic force called Mind, rather by a personal God. J. Gordon Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, says these beliefs were "a uniquely American form of mysticism . . . the first substantial movement in North America with a prominent Asian component." Mind would evolve in the doctrine of New Age in which man had within his brain the Akashic record, a knowledge of all things that ever were. To realize this knowledge, one had only to develop his psychic power through meditation until he bypassed his thinking processes and connected with the Universal Mind. The next step was the realization of his supposed innate godhood.

1830 - OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Paris, France



In the summer of 1830, Catherine Laboure, a 24 year old novice of the Sisters of Charity was awakened by a young child, about five years old, dressed in white who called to her: "Catherine, Catherine, wake up. Come to the chapel; the Blessed Virgin is waiting for you." There she saw a beautiful young woman surrounded by a blaze of white light. Then being shown a medal, Catherine was told, "Have a medal struck after this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces; abundant graces will be given to those who have confidence." Within months there were a flood of reported cures and spiritual conversions attributed to the medal, so much so that it came to be called the Miraculous Medal, and is still popular today. By the time of her death, there were millions of Miraculous Medals being worn by the devout all over the world.

1830 - THE PRE-TRIBULATION DOCTRINE

is received from a vision by Margaret Macdonald of Glasgow, Scotland.

1845 - EXISTENTIALISM (Soren Kierkegaard)

Kierkegaard taught that man is not born a creature of dignity, but must create his own degree of self-worth through personal achievement. Here we have the foundation for the current self-esteem and Human Potential philosophies. In this philosophy, the rich and famous, for instance, are worth more than the unknown poor. Truth is found within and comes through personal experience rather than intellectual knowledge of the outside physical world. This "truth" does not lend itself to supreme absolutes, causing man to look within himself for the answers to life. Man creates his own system of values by making choices, and those choices are considered to be correct regardless of what someone

else might think or do in that same situation. Reason, therefore, is rejected. The only thing of importance is an indefinable, unverifiable experience based on "a leap of faith" that will bring some meaning to life.

1848 - MODERN SPIRITUALISM (Fox sisters)

This a very important entry. The Fox sisters were among the first to start a religion based on necromancy (communication with the dead). They were influenced by Mesmer and Swedenborg. (see 1500 ALCHEMY.) It was the philosophers, the existentialists and the transcendentalists who got man to look within himself for the answers. It was the Fox sisters who provided the spiritual entities to help man in his seeking and to give them the answers they were looking for. If you are looking in the modern world for the beginnings of the spirit penetration into humanity in order to prepare them to accept antichrist at the end of the age, it lies here, with the Fox sisters. This was really the last stone laid in place to prepare humanity to enter the metaphysical realm.

1854 - POPE PIUS IX

This Pope proclaims the Immaculate Conception as doctrine in his Papal Bull, Neffabilis Deus. He said,

> **"'We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful.' . . . Hence, if anyone shall dare -- which God forbid! -- to think otherwise than as has been defined by us, let him know and understand that he is condemned."**

1856 - FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART IS MADE UNIVERSAL

Pope Pius IX extended the feast to the universal Church. In 1889, the acts of consecration and of reparation were everywhere introduced together along with the devotion. Oftentimes, especially since about 1850, groups, congregations and States have consecrated themselves to the Sacred Heart, and, in 1875, this consecration was being made throughout the Catholic world.

It is important to note here that we are basically looking at two streams. One is the moving of humanity into a position to enter the spirit realm apart from the gospel and form them into the new Babylonians, and the other is the preparation of Rome as the entity that would restore the Babylon religious system with its Sun God. Those prepared would become the worshipers of that god, namely Satan incarnate in the antichrist.

1858 - ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP

A major Rosicrucian fellowship, "Frateritas Rosae Crucis, was founded in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, spreading prolifically from there.

1858 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Lourdes, France

Mary appeared to an impoverished, emaciated fourteen year old girl who lived in the Pyrenees Mountains in France. On Thursday, February 11th, Bernadette Soubirous, her sister Marie and another friend had gone to a nearby river to gather firewood. While Marie and her friend crossed the river to search the other side, Bernadette stayed on dry land. While searching for wood she heard a loud noise like the sound of a storm coming from a nearby grotto known as Massabielle. At the mouth of the grotto was a rosebush which was moving as if it were windy, which it was not. From the interior of the grotto she saw a golden-colored cloud, and soon after a Lady, young and beautiful who came and placed herself at the entrance of the opening above the rosebush. The Lady smiled at Bernadette and motioned for her to advance. Bernadette lost any fear she may have had and fell to her knees to pray the Rosary. Bernadette experienced eighteen visitations from Mary over a six month period, never knowing who the Lady was until the last apparition. During the apparitions, Mary instructed Bernadette to dig a hole in the ground and drink and bathe in it. At first there nothing but mud, but soon the hole turned into a spring of water which Mary promised would be a healing spring for all who came to use its waters. The apparitions were declared authentic in 1862 and Lourdes rapidly became one of the world's major pilgrimage sites. Thousands have been cured from a variety of illnesses, both physical and spiritual, and a clinic to support the millions of pilgrims who come to Lourdes operates to this day.

1859 - CHARLES DARWIN

Darwin published "On the ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES by Means of Natural Selection," putting forth his theory of evolution.

1859 - SOCIAL DARWINISM (Herbert Spencer coined the phrase, "survival of the fittest")

Spencer extended Darwin's evolutionary theory to include ethics. It became the basis for determining the worth of certain classes and races of people (as seen in Hitler's era). We now see this in the ethnic cleansing going on in various countries and races. Here we have the capstone of the Existentialist movement, promoting self esteem and human potential. Only the fittest survive.

1859 - NATURALISM

Naturalism denied the supernatural, seeking a natural explanation for the existence of the universe. In naturalism, the universe is a closed system of cause and effect because it is not believed that God could transcend this system. Miracles were believed to be impossible. Matter always existed in one form or another.

1859 - NIHILISM:

sought freedom for the individual through rejection of authority and traditional moral obligation. What probably lead to this was the earlier feel good philosophy, with a touch of self-esteem thrown in. This combination would become deadly in the years to come, bringing forth the prideful spirit needed to be prepared for the antichrist.

1859 - SPIRITUALISM

Spiritualism spread very quickly in this era. One hundred mediums were said to be active in Rochester, NY, only ten years after the Fox sisters started promoting their paranormal experiences

and psychic phenomena. As the next section shows, it was time to take some steps toward a New Age.

The First Deliberate Steps Toward A New Age: 1860-1949

The previous 250 years laid a foundation for the spiritual flavor of the next century. The philosophies were set in place, the spirits released into those philosophies and now, during the next 100 years, the foundational systems to contain it all were brought forth. Through these religious systems and philosophies, Satan's spirits began to manifest themselves as guides bearing messages of a hierarchy that would lead humanity into a Golden Age. In these years, books inspired by these spirits were published, the Goddess was revived, and UFOs made a splash as more Eastern influences invaded America. With all of this, there came a meshing of various philosophies, one borrowing the best from other belief systems to mesh with its own. While the public was still unaware of the New Age movement as a formal movement, Satan waited for the first harvest of its growth. He ended this period by announcing the coming of The Christ. All that had been prepared would be capped off with New Agers announcing that the signal to the world to unite for a new humanity had been: Hiroshima.

1860 - BAHA'I WORLD FAITH (founder: Bab, "The Gate")

Influenced by Islam, the Baha'i faith teaches the Unity of all religions and men, a New World Order, and the preparation of the world for the coming of "the Christ." Its world headquarters are located in Jerusalem. Its aim is to become the world religion.

1862 - ST. JOHN BOSCO

Catholic prophet and mystic St. John Bosco prophesied of the importance of the Pope, Mary and the Eucharist at the end of the age:

> **"There will be chaos in the Church. Tranquility will not return until the Pope succeeds in anchoring the boat of Peter between the twin pillars of Eucharistic devotion and devotion to Our Lady. This will come about one year before the end of the (20th) century" (parenthesis theirs).**

1865 - NEW THOUGHT (founder: Phineas Quimby)

Quimby taught Mental Healing by means of man's supposed innate human potential. His New Thought techniques were an offshoot of Mesmer's "mental healing movement." He was greatly influenced by transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson. He believed in the reincarnation/karma belief of Hinduism.

1865 - THEOSOPHY (founder: medium Madame Blavatsky, the "Godmother Of The New Age Movement")

The roots of Theosophy were taken from Hinduism, Mesmer's "mental healing movement" and the Fox sister s spiritualism. Theosophy was not considered a new religion, but a revival of the "Ancient Wisdom found in all religions." Theosophists believe in the "Great White Brotherhood, also known as the all-knowing Ascended Masters or the spirit-world hierarchy," which Blavatsky said she channeled. Blavatsky s work and writings were to be the very foundation for the plan to be worked out for a New Age, the "Age Of Aquarius." Theosophy teaches reincarnation, karma, "planes of consciousness," bodily auras and chakras as well. Blavatsky published many books on these subjects, the first of their kind in modern times.

1870 - POPE PIUS IX

This Pope achieves Papal Infallibility at Vatican Council I.

1871 - DARWIN WROTE "THE DESCENT OF MAN"

In this book, Darwin said man, having evolved from apes, is a product of Cause and Effect in the universe. This theory negated any attempt to determine what is good and what is evil, making free will an illusion and man the measure of truth. The influence of this theory would become evident in the 1990s when men, including the Church, would become confused as to what was good and what was evil.

1879 - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE (founder: Mary Baker Eddy)

The roots of the Christian Science movement could be found in the Mental Healing/Mind Cure Movement and Mesmer's "mental healing." Eddy taught Divine Metaphysics, using the same methods the Word of Faith movement promotes today: "as you believe [in the mind], so it is [applied to health and wealth and one s overall well-being).

1879 - OUR LADY OF KNOCK Knock, Ireland

In this appearance, Mary and St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist and an altar, on which stood a lamb and a cross surrounded by angels, were seen by 13 people on the gable wall of a church. The apparitions appeared enveloped in a cloud of light for about two hours. Other villagers, who were not involved with the original sighting of the apparitions, nonetheless reported seeing a very bright light illuminating the area around where the church was located. There were subsequent reports of inexplicable healings associated with these visits to the church.

1879 - WATCHTOWER, JEHOVAH WITNESSES

- Charles Taze Russell began the JW's. Beliefs included that there was no hell, the body of the unbeliever being annihilated at death (taken from the Adventists doctrine). God was not a Trinity, only the Father, Jehovah, being God. Jesus was said to be the Archangel Michael and the Holy Spirit was relegated to a force. Russell said Jesus would return in 19154, but when that did not happen, he said He had returned, but it was in the Spirit, His visible return supposedly coming at a later time in the future. It was Rutherford who changed the name of the sect to Jehovah Witnesses in 1931.

1884 - END-TIME PROPHECY

On October 13, 1884 Pope Leo XIII turned ashen white at the end of mass and fell unconscious. In a comatose state, he was given a vision of the future of the Church. He said afterwards, "Oh, what a horrible picture I was permitted to see!" What Leo XIII apparently saw was a period of about one hundred years when the power of Satan would reach its zenith. That period was to be the twentieth century.

1888 - ATHEIST PHILOSOPHER FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

Nietzsche published "The Will to Power." He proclaimed "God Is Dead." He wrote that the slave morality, which glorifies the mediocre traits of humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and love, should be encouraged for the vast body of inferior men. But those born to be masters or "Supermen" are accountable to themselves. Nietzsche advocated a program of selective breeding to supply the superman class. His writings greatly influenced the philosophy of Hitler's Third Reich, as well as today s global attempt to instill these virtues into the masses through Outcome-Based Education.

1889 - UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY (founders: Charles and Myrtle Filmore)

The Unity School was an offshoot of the New Thought movement, and similar to Christian Science and Church of Religious Science. The Filmores were heavily influenced by Hindu teaching, such as reincarnation/karma and the belief that "God" is a force. They believed that the healing of the body is brought about by uniting oneself with the Divine Mind.

1893 - EASTERN MYSTICAL RELIGIONS

came to America for the FIRST PARLIAMENT ON WORLD RELIGIONS at the Chicago World's Fair. These religions remained and expanded. It was at this Parliament that the Hindu Swami Vivekananada called for a unified world based on Hinduism.

1893 - PSYCHOANALYST SIGMUND FREUD

described his use of trance induction and hypnosis as therapeutic procedures to free the unconscious. Many of Freud s procedures were developed through the use of occult practices and techniques.

1913 - ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (founder: Rudolf Steiner)

Anthroposophy means "wisdom of man." Steiner s Society had its roots in Hinduism, and was an offshoot of Theosophy. His belief system makes use of many occultic practices and beliefs, such as the idea that people have truth within themselves and can gain spiritual insight by developing their occult powers through spiritual exercise. His principles are taught through 500 Waldorf schools, a number which has most likely increased since this research was finished.

1915 - ROSICRUCIANISM

spreads in America through chapter founded by occultist/writer Harvey Spencer Lewis. (See 1694.)

1916 - PSYCHOLOGIST CARL GUSTAV JUNG

Heavily into the occult, Jung introduced the "Collective Unconscious," his mystical theory that man's unconscious contains inherited wisdom from his ancestors. He climbed the ladder of occult experience, the last being experiencing the god Mithra before writing his main works.

1917 - FATIMA

It should be said here that when we hit the 1960s, we will see Marian appearances dramatically greatly increase in number. It was through dramatic Marian apparitions like Fatima that the world was prepared to receive less dramatic visions on an increased level all over the world. Fatima had its end-time prophecy of doom and gloom, unless Russia and the world would be consecrated to Mary s Immaculate Heart. By 1980 the prophecies of Fatima would be fulfilled except for the Third Secret. At that point, Medjugorje would come into the spiritual limelight, taking over where Fatima left off.

1920 - SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP (founder: Paramahansa Yogananda)

The guru Yogananda believed he was "called" to come to America to unite people to God by teaching them Kriya Yoga.

1920 - The SCOPES TRIAL

Evolution Vs. Creationism.

1922 - LUCIFER PUBLISHING

Later to be known as Lucis Trust, the Lucifer Publishing Company was founded by Alice Bailey to publish her writings.

1923 - THE ARCANE SCHOOL (founders: Foster and Alice Bailey)

The philosophy of Alice Bailey was actually based on the visions of Madame Blavatsky (Theosophy). Bailey promoted the channeled teaching of "Dwjhal Khul" and "Master Koothumi." Her major purpose was to inform the world of the reality of "the Hierarchy," thus hastening the coming of the New Age "Christ." Her writings are considered to be the bible for the New Age plan now being implemented.

1925 - THEOLOGIANS KARL BARTH AND EMIL BRUNNER

reject Biblical inerrancy and the full authority of God's word.

1926 - UNITED CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE (founder: Ernest Holmes)

The Church of Religious Science was an offshoot of New Thought, Unity Church, and Christian Science. Holmes published "Science Of Mind" magazine, which is still published today. It is heavy in New Age teaching and principles. Holmes believed that when a person realizes his godhood, he becomes "Christ," and can then do supernatural acts through mind power with techniques such as visualization.

1930 - FORMAL BIRTH OF MODERN HUMANISM

John Dewey's first "Humanist Manifesto" Dewey is called the "Father of Progressive Education." He campaigned for the idea of realizing unrealized human potential, labeling the quest for man's fulfillment as the "individualization process," meaning, realization of the Self.

1930 - EXISTENTIALISM matures

Some of the philosophers that brought it to maturity were Heideg- ger, Jaspers, Marcel and Sarte, who taught that man is capable of creating a general meaning for existence.

1933 - "I AM"- ST. GERMAIN CULT (founders: Guy and Edna Ballard)

Beliefs Are heavy Gnosticism, meaning man needs spiritual mediators to attain spiritual knowledge. Believes and promotes the seven "Ascended Masters" of Blavatsky and Bailey. (See 100 AD.)

1934 - "THE URANTIA BOOK"

This book was written by an anonymous "commission of spiritual administrators acting in accordance with a mandate issued by high deity authorities called The Ancient of Days. " A group of 36 people called The Forum meet regularly to study the Book and all of its meaning.

1935 ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT (A.R.E.) (founder: Edgar Cayce)

Cayce was called The Sleeping Prophet because of his occult and psychic ability to diagnosis and treat

disease while in a trance-like state which looked like he was sleeping. Besides writings on these cures, he wrote on many other subjects concerning the New Age Christ. Today, the A.R.E. promotes and encourages the public use of Cayce's 16,000 channeled readings in their library. Seminars are given on visualization, self-hypnosis, past life regression and psychic guidance. Biographer Jeff Stern called Cayce "The Father Of Holistic Healing."

1937 - NAPOLEON HILL

wrote "Think And Grow Rich," encouraging communication with eight "invisible counselors" contacted through the imagination. His works were a mixture of positive thinking and Spiritualism.

1938 - SCIENTOLOGY/DIANETICS (founder: L. Ron Hubbard)

Hubbard was influenced by psychotherapy, sci-fi, goddess beliefs, Eastern religious philosophies and applied religious technology. Scientology challenges orthodox psychology, proposing that humans are gods who've forgotten who they are, and, through his techniques, can recapture and experience what they have forgotten. The purpose of his organization is primarily the development and control of human thought to affect the body. Man's problems are a result of bad experiences from his past life reincarnations which can be uncovered and solved by astral travel (out-of-body- experience).

1940 - GODDESS MOVEMENT

revival began with a concentration on the "Mother Earth" doctrine.

1942 - THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

told Lucia, the main Seer of Fatima,

"I desire that devotion to the Immaculate Heart of My Mother be placed alongside devotion to My Own Sacred Heart."



By this command, the Sacred Heart set up the path for the spirit posing as Mary to lead the Church to the triumph of unity and then to the reign of the Sacred Heart in the last days.

Except for a couple of points, I did not spend a lot of time on these next few items, but only want to mention them so we see how suddenly, out of the blue, everyone began to move in the direction of implementing their agendas to move into a new world order. The Devil began to orchestrate his end-plan which would only shorten his time to ultimate defeat as he progressed. The date in relation to what follows about Creme and Hubbard is, I believe, very significant.

1945 - UNITED NATIONS formed.

1945 - BARBARA MARX HUBBARD S CHRIST

Though not born then, Hubbard refers to this year in the following quote, which states that 1945 was indeed the year which began the march toward a new age in the history of humanity:

> **"The birth pangs reached critical intensity with the explosion of the first atomic bomb in 1945. This was the signal that humanity could destroy its womb or co-create new worlds on Earth and in space. An irreversible birth process began. We could never return to the prenatal period. The Cosmic Child, humanity, had discovered the invisible technologies of creation and destruction. We could not unlearn it. We had to go forward with our birth to become a godlike species, or destroy ourselves in the process of birth. . . . The next turn on the spiral . . . , [was] revealing the 'synergy' . . ., the separate parts of humanity . . . coming together to form a whole that is greater than and unpredictable from the sum of its parts. Synergy feels like love, loving one another as ourselves. We are, in fact, one body!"**

Notice that this love and unity theme is strong in the Church revival as well, with truth not being allowed a voice.

1945 - BENJAMIN CREME s LORD MAITREYA

Benjamin Creme, the channeler for Lord Maitreya, said basically the same thing as Hubbard did about 1945.

> **"The signal for [Maitreya's] return was given in 1945 at the end of the war. The Lord Maitreya announced His intention to return once again - not taking over the vehicle of one of His disciples - but to come Himself in His own full physical presence, bringing a large group of His disciples, the Masters of Wisdom, with Him."**

Maitreya's coming will result in the human race realizing godhood and being lifted up to its assigned place within the Hierarchy, an agenda of love that was and is basically the same as Hubbard s:

> **"We are entering the 'crisis of love.' This is the experience which the human race faces as it enters that period in its evolutionary journey when it will, as a whole, demonstrate the quality of Love and take its place in the Kingdom of Souls, the Esoteric Hierarchy."**

1947 - UFOs

Jet pilot Ken Arnold's sighting of UFOs incited public awareness.

1948 - NEW AGE TERMINOLOGY

The term "NEW AGE" was used for the first time by Alice Bailey. She channeled "THE PLAN" for the Universe from the "Ascended Masters" (See 1923).

1949 - NEW AGE ORGANIZATIONS

begin forming.

1949 THE NEW ORDER OF THE LATTER RAIN

1949 DAVID DU PLESSIS, THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE FIRST PENTECOSTAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

DuPlessis, called Mr. Pentecost, would be the bridge in the 1960s between the Pentecostals and Catholic Charismatics. he called for full, global ecumenicity among the churches of the world.

1949 - SILVA MIND CONTROL (founder: Jose' Silva)

Silva fostered the manipulation of brain waves, enabling the mind to reach beneficial states of consciousness so man can learn to be the master of his universe. These states are reached by the use of visualization and occult meditations, whereby one attains "Christ-consciousness" and meets his life-long spirit guide.

Everything was in place, and the signal had been given: unite or perish as a planet. New religions and new, intriguing organizations and philosophies would appear to bring all of this preparation to the

public at large. Many of these religions were based on a combination of Spiritualism, Mind Power, Eastern mysticism, the ancient Mystery religions, and the various philosophies of "The Enlightenment" which had already fostered modern humanism. New names, acceptable names suited to the times, were given them. Very few people, if any, realized what was happening behind the scenes.

VII. The New Age Spiritual Foundation Begins Growth: 1950-1969
The New Age Movement Born: 1970-1979

The 1950s and '60s were an outgrowth of the era that preceded them. The New Age worldview now prepared to establish its hold in the spiritual, political, economic and social areas of life. Eventually, the idea of a humanity solving its problems through personal and global transformation would spread worldwide.

As Humanism chewed away at the Christian tradition, a spiritually hungry world sought after demonstrations of psychic and occult powers. Many saw no other choice but to believe man must become his own savior, and mankind must unite to do accomplish that. To this end, each man set up his own value system, which often turned out to be, "If it feels good, go for it." Hidden behind it all was Satan's army, leading men down the road to a new consciousness.

1950 - END-TIME PROPHECY

Pius XII There were occasional rumors of visions and "angelic" phenomena associated with Pius XII during the entire duration of his papacy (1939 - 1958). He reportedly experienced mystical visions of both Jesus and Mary. After one of these visions he told one of his assistants, "Mankind must prepare itself for sufferings such as it has never before experienced." He expressed dismay at what he saw facing humanity in the not so distant future, describing those times as "the darkest since the deluge". He described the times that were unfolding as a period of great spiritual conflict, noting, "The hour has struck - the battle, the most widespread, bitter and ferocious the world has ever known, has been joined. It must be fought to the finish." The message was this: if the world could be consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart, the tribulations which he saw in his visions could be mitigated. He also experienced the Fatima vision of the Miracle of the Sun. Two days later, he made Mary s Assumption into heaven a doctrine.

1950 - ASSUMPTION OF MARY MADE DOCTRINE

Pope Pius XII proclaims the Assumption of Mary bodily into heaven as doctrine. In his encyclical, Munificentissimus Deus, dated November 1, 1950, a year of Jubilee, the pope declared:

"By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith. . . . It is forbidden to any man to change this, our declaration, pronouncement, and definition or, by rash attempt, to oppose and counter it. If any man should presume to make such an attempt, let him know that he will incur the wrath of Almighty God and of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul."

1950 - THE BEATNIKS

revived ZEN MEDITATION (see 1200).

1950 - THE URANTIA FOUNDATION

was incorporated to disseminate "The Urantia Book," teachings that reinterpret God, Christ, humanity and the universe.

1950 - LUCIS TRUST

changed its name from Lucifer Publishing (see 1922). It publishes and promotes Alice Bailey's 24 channeled books and "THE GREAT INVOCATION," the "prayer of the New Age." It is closely linked with the U.N. as a world service organization dedicated to world cooperation and sharing.

1951 - ASTARA founders: Robert and Earlyne Chaney

This organization was named after a Greek goddess, it s formation being influenced by spiritism, occult doctrines and practices, and "Modern" mystery schools. It promotes "the Hierarchy" of Alice Bailey and teaches followers to become light bearers, meaning the Luciferic initiation experience, through a new consciousness.

1952 - NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

"[I] fully appreciate what Ernest Holmes [United Church of Religious Science (see 1926)] did for me. He made me a positive thinker." Peale s ministry was a product of New Thought, Science of Mind and Mesmer, and gained much acceptance in Christian circles.

1953 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico

to Barrio Rincon - Marian visions and prophecy.

1954 - PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF REINCARNATION

Reincarnation became a reasonable hypothesis after Morey Bernstein hypnotically regressed Virginia Tighe and "discovered" that Virginia had lived another life as BRIDEY MURPHY in Ireland. A movie followed, giving the theory of Reincarnation even more respect.

1954 MARIAN APPEARANCE Dayton, Ohio

to Sr. Mil. Neuzil - Marian visions.

1955 - SCIENTOLOGY

1955 - URANTIA BROTHERHOOD formed

It was concerned with "the spiritual regeneration and evolutionary advancement of mankind" (see 1934). Here we

see an example of how the doctrines laid out in the 1800s and 1900s were being placed into organizations that would now reach the public.

1956 - EXTEND SACRED HEART S RULE TO THE WORLD

In his encyclical, Haurietis Aquas, Pope Pius XII prayed that the devotion to the Sacred Heart would spread to the whole world to establish his reign:

> **"These were not satisfied with establishing a feast in honor of the most Sacred Heart of the Redeemer and extending it to the Universal Church; they were also responsible for the solemn acts of dedication which consecrated the whole human race to the same Sacred Heart. . . . [May] the Sacred Heart of Jesus and its sweet and sovereign kingdom be extended more widely to all in every part of the world: the kingdom "of truth and life; the kingdom of grace and holiness; the kingdom of justice, love and peace."**



1957 - TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION TM, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

TM s roots are in Hinduism, with initiates receiving a personal mantra at induction for the purpose of absorption in the All.

1958 - SUMMIT LIGHTHOUSE (C.U.T.) Church Universal/Triumphant: founder: Mark Prophet

Clare Prophet is the current leader, and she is known as the "Mother of the Universe." C.U.T. is a unique blending of East and West spirituality, an offshoot of Theosophy and the "I AM" cults. It believes in and promotes the coming of the "Ascended Masters" that are leading humanity into the Aquarian Age. St. Germain bought evolutionary salvation for humanity "with a price" and cleanses people from sin by his purple light that radiates from him. Pictures of Germain look much like those of the Sacred Heart.

1959 - UNIVERSALIST AND UNITARIAN

churches merge to form the Unitarian-Universalist Church.

1960 NEW ORDER OF THE LATTER RAIN

was declared heretical by the Assembly of God.

1960 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Balestrino, France

Caterina Richero - visions

1960 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Turzovka, Czech.

Matous Lasuta - visions and prophecy

1960 - GURUS

Starting around the sixties, an avalanche of gurus from Hinduism, Buddhism, etc. flooded this country. Some of the more well known ones were: Swami Mukutabda, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Bhagwan Rajneesh, Sri Swami Satchidananda, Swamis Prakashanand Saraswati, Rama, Babaji, Ram daas and Da Free John.

1960 - HARE KRISHNA (ISKON) International Society of Krishna Consciousness

arrived in America. This cult was an offshoot of Hinduism. They distributed literature titled, "Return to the Godhead" (see 1486), promoting Eastern gurus and Utopian radicalism.

1960 - THE TERM "NEW AGE"

gained popularity, and "Humanistic education" was introduced by Behaviorists.

1960 - EXISTENTIALISM

took root in millions of teenagers in the rock culture, which used drugs for the purpose of ideological development in a religious sense.

1960 - NICHIREN SHOSHU BUDDHISM

surfaced in America, promoting its "name-it-claim- it" doctrine and grew rapidly (see 1253).

1960 - SPIRITUALISTS

in England succeeded in repealing the laws against witchcraft and occult activity; freeing many witches to immediately go on speaking tours.

1961 - MAJOR MARIAN APPEARANCE Garabandal, Spain

4 local girls - apparitions, mystical hosts, healing and prophecy. Garabandal would later be named as the location where the next world-wide Marian phenomena will take place. This phenomena was reportedly promised to the current pope by an appearance to him of the Lady of Fatima.

1961 TEILHARD DE CHARDIN Chardin

wrote "The Phenomenon of Man" which presented the LAW OF "COMPLEX-CONSCIOUSNESS." By that is meant, the evolution of humanity as a whole (meaning, from matter to spirit) gets more complex as it progresses, raising humanity's consciousness until a point of convergence with "God" is realized (the Omega point). This Omega Point is the point at which all of humanity experiences a change in consciousness at one time.

1962 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Janonis, Lithuania

Ramute m-Mapiukaite - visions

1962 - ESALEN INSTITUTE

The Institute was called "the Harvard of the human potential movement." Esalen is said to be responsible for exporting "virtually all the avant-garde psychological methods of the 1960's." Its practices include meditation, body work, Eastern religious techniques, and psychotherapy.

1962 - VATICAN II BEGINS

1963 - JANE ROBERTS (1924-1984), SETH

Roberts started channeling the spirit "SETH" after "meeting" him through a Ouija board. The Austin Seth Center was eventually founded to study his messages and hold seminars and annual conferences. Seth is still popular today, and Robert s work brought a dramatic increase in interest in the art of channeling spirits.

1963 - HAIR

Popularized the song "Age of Aquarius" and the idea of a New Age.

1963 - THE CENTER FOR DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

mystic Samuel L. Lewis, Fairfax, Va. This is a worldwide organization. This organization was formed to popularize dancing in concentric circles, believing that this will lead the world to oneness and peace. They have centers on the goddess and her dance, combining dances with various forms of mysticism, such as Catholicism, Zoroastrianism, Christian, Celtic, Jewish, and others.

1964 - MARIAN APPEARANCE San Damiano, Italy

Rosa Quattrini - visions

1964 - ECKANKAR (ECK)

Master Paul Twitchell He was known as "God in the flesh . Eckenkar is called the religion of "The Ancient Science of Soul Travel," meaning astral projection or Out-Of- Body-Experience. Its basic axiom is that "Power is the only force generated by Occult Knowledge." Its development was influenced by Scientology, the San Mat tradition of India and the Tibetan lamas, psychic exploration and various Eastern gurus.

1965 - DE MONTFORT

"The Secret of the Rosary" is translated into English.

1965 - HELEN SHUCKMAN

began to receive a channeled book from a voice in her head, "A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Seeing Yourself As Sinless." The teaching is the heavy Gnosticism of 2nd century Rome.

1965 - VALUES CLARIFICATION

The basic principles of values clarification were formed in order to introduce it into schools. The Goal: teaching students to make deliberate choices based on their own value system rather than that of their parents. This would free them up to accept New Age techniques, doctrines and practices.

966 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Montichiari, Italy

Piercina Gilli - visions and prophesy

1966 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Port San Stefano, Italy

Enzo Alocci - locution and prophesy

1966 - RAJNEESHISM

Sir God came to America. Origin: East Indian

1966 - CHURCH OF SATAN

founder: Anton LaVey

1966 - TIBETAN BUDDHISM

Dali Lama was now becoming popular in the West

1966 - FINDHORN COMMUNITY

Findhorn was a prototype New Age learning center in Scotland offering ongoing educational programs in New Age spirituality and world service. This is important. All that happened in the 1960s was bent on getting everyone in the world obsessed with the idea of bringing in a New Age.

1966 - HEDONISM

The 1960s found a new popularity for this ancient Greek philosophy, meaning the attempt to find temporary pleasure in anything that will satisfy.

1966 - NARCISSISM

Narcissism s impetus was the view that everything exists for an individual's pleasure. This became an open door into the irrational, illusionary realm of non-reason and prepared the way for the union of Eastern mysticism and the culture of the West.

1966 - EASTERN MYSTICISM

This philosophy denounced the Christian idea of knowing God through Biblical revelation. Instead, man can know the monistic/pantheistic "It" through his intuitive awareness by meditation and other direct mystical states. Once man's ignorance of his own divinity is thus dispelled, he can attain what he had been seeking all along. The promise, in fact, is for the complete transformation of the world into a global village in proportion to the transformation of any number of individuals in the world. The MARRIAGE OF EAST AND WEST was becoming mankind's new hope.

1966 - NAPOLEAN HILL

His book, written in 1937 which promoted the use of spirit guides and guided imagery for the purpose of getting

rich, reached 7,000,000 in sales with the printing of its 42nd edition (see 1937). This is a good example of how the influence of spirits in people s lives was made acceptable.

1966 - FELLOWSHIP OF ISIS founder: Lawrence Durdin-Robertson

This organizations origins were from occultism, goddess worship, witchcraft and the secret ceremonies of the Mystery religions. Robertson's vision was that God is a woman, with his beliefs being grounded in the nature religions of GAIA and witchcraft.

1967 - RUTH MONTGOMERY

A Search For The Truth Newspaper reporter Ruth Montgomery published "A Search For Truth," discussing her spirit guides, automatic writing, spiritual and physical planes of existence, and psychic ability. She was immediately flooded with requests to speak in Protestant churches and Catholic universities. She was the first to write about "Walk-ins," spirits who change the personalities of people who have had near-death experiences. She later wrote six other widely accepted books. She was influenced mainly by the writings of Edgar Cayce, the Sleeping Prophet.

1968 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Zeitun, Egypt

Farouk Atwa - he and hundreds more saw the apparitions above St. Mary's Coptic Church, which were photographed and televised.

1968 - MARIAN APPEARANCE San Damiano, Italy

Carmella Carabelli - visions and prophesy

1968 - HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGIST ABRAHAM MASLOW

Maslow promoted the idea that man's "inner nature is good or neutral rather than bad." He also put forth his concept of TRANSCENDENCE, defined as man's ability to become united with the whole of reality.

1968 - CARL ROGERS

A human potential psychotherapist, he asserted that individuals hold within themselves the answer to any problem and only had to connect with the UNIVERSAL MIND, making them the ONLY judge of their own actions.

1968 - TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY

This philosophy was the development of unitive consciousness, peak experiences, mystical experience, self-actualization, oneness, cosmic awareness, and transcendental phenomena. Its goal was to integrate the spiritual with humanistic philosophy, raising secular humanism to the level of cosmic humanism. It embraced Eastern practices, e. g., meditation, yoga, Eastern consciousness, and mixed the expansion methods of the East with ideas of the Western sages.

1968 - CARLOS CASTANEDA

His Native American Shamanistic adventure, "The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge" was extremely popular.

1968 - AUROVILLE COMMUNITY

"The City of Dawn," Hindu guru Sri Aurobindo He promotes "Supermind" through Karma Yoga, the next step in man's evolution beyond mind and spirit. His religion practiced worship of the Mother Goddess, numerology and Hindu occult symbols.

1969 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Akita, Japan

Sr. Agnes Sasagawa - visions, prophecy, bleeding and crying statues of Mary

The New Age Movement Born - 1970-1979

Eastern thought was in place and flourishing unchecked because there was no critical standard for judging true supernatural reality. Reason had been rejected as a means of understanding spiritual things, and the supernatural as related in the Bible was discounted. For many in the West, Christianity seemed lifeless, powerless and meaningless. Traditional values continued to disappear, resulting in a general loss of personal identity (Who am I? Why am I here?). But as the general public began to "shake off its spiritual amnesia and remember that man is divine," the search for unrealized human potential was propelled into the metaphysical world. Secular Humanism turned toward Cosmic (or Spiritual) Humanism and secular terminology was adopted by the latter. Initiation into the enemy's spiritual realm, always forbidden by the true God, became evermore acceptable as the New Age movement grew. Soon, its thoughts, ideas and terminology would be commonplace. Soon, the idea of human potential would shift from the individual to the corporate, paving the road for the new humanity of Hubbard and Chardin and Creme. Soon, the acceptance of spirits under the guise of human potential would have prepared men to cleanse the earth of disunity and hindrances to unity.

1970 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Vladmir Province, Ukraine

Josyp Terelya - visions and prophecy

1970 - EARTH DAY I

1970 - ALAN WATTS

published "The Way of Zen."

1970 - YOGA and the HUMAN POTENTIAL MOVEMENT

were given a large boost by humanistic therapists of various mystical inclinations.

1970 - MAN S INNATE DIVINITY AND POWER

were nurtured by Modern philosophy, psychology, science, psychiatry, sci-fi movies and other literature.

1970 - TRANSPERSONAL EDUCATION

Humanistic educators moved toward "transpersonal" education. The student would be fully indoctrinated into the New Age philosophy.

1970 - WORLD GOODWILL

World Goodwill is a political lobbying group whose goal is to unfold "the Plan" channeled through Alice Bailey in the book, The Externalization of the Hierarchy. The Hierarchy will be manifested in response to praying "The Great Invocation," the New Age s substitute for the biblical prayer, The Our Father. The organization is sponsored by Bailey s Lucis Trust (see 1950).

1970 - PLANETARY CITIZENS

PC is a lobbying group to the United Nations, an organization founded by activists committed to bringing about a "planetary consciousness" among New Age groups, the public and world leaders. They are aiding in the work for a "non-threatening global security system."

1970 - SETH

The spirit guide "SETH" channeled "The Seth Material" through Jane Roberts, which was advertised for sale by major book chains (see 1963). It was a big sign the New Age was catching on.

1971 - THE NEW AGE

movement GALVANIZED in 1971. It was now making major moves into the public arena.

1971 - EAST/WEST JOURNAL

This New Age magazine began publication. It was one of the first for the New Age philosophy, and hundreds of others would soon follow in its footsteps.

1971 - ERHARD TRAINING SEMINARS (EST)

Erhard was influenced by Scientology, Mind Dynamics, Zen, yoga, Silva Mind Control, and Erhard's own transforming experience. Like other Human Potential organizations, he believed that each person creates his own reality by discovering his unlimited human potential, with each man answerable only to himself.

1971 - NATURE RELIGIONS

The Great Mother, Mother Earth, Goddess worship and WICCA gained acceptability through the ECO-FEMINIST MOVEMENT.

1971 - TARA CENTER

The Center is headed by Benjamin Creme, the "John the Baptist" of "Lord Maitreya." Influenced by Buddhism, Creme s followers believe that when the founder of Buddhism, Gautama Buddha, reached Buddhahood, he

immediately transferred the divine essence to Maitreya, the loving compassionate one. The organization promotes the emergence of the New Age in society, politics and economics, while preparing the way for the coming of Maitreya, the New Age Christ to the world.

1971 - MAHARISHI INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (TM)

1972 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Milan, Italy

Fr. Stefano Gobbi - locutions and prophecy

1972 - AGNES SANFORD

The Christian Church was introduced to the power of visualization through Sanford s book, the "Healing Light." This is a good example of how New Age principles, technique and practices came into Christianity. A little juggling of terms, and voila, New Age literature is transformed into a Christian best-seller.

1972 - HELEN SHUCKMAN

finished channeling "A Course In Miracles," a three-volume set of study materials. It includes a 622 page Text, a Workbook for Students, and a Manual for Teachers. Though it denies the real Jesus, the Course was widely accepted as a Christian work (see 1965), and is still very popular today with Seminars being held in the churches.

1972 - CHINOOK LEARNING CENTER founders: Fritz and Vivienne Hull, Seattle, Wash

It s purpose is to teach people to live in harmony with the earth.

1972 - "SETH SPEAKS"

More transcripts of "his" channeled material were hitting the public through this magazine on a regular basis now.

1973 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Julka - visions and prophecy. On April 21, 1973, Veronica Lueken experienced the coming Warning while in ecstasy. She said, It's as though everything has exploded in the sky. There is a great flash! Then it's very hot - very warm - and it feels like you're burning. There is a huge explosion, and the sky becomes very white. . . and then there are colors - blues, purples. . . It 's like a huge explosion. Now this voice -- the voice ...! And the voice, Our Lady says, is a voice within you: Your warning before the Chastisement! Flash, fire, and the voice within you! The final Warning before the Great Chastisement. She said this would happen unless there was sweeping return to traditional values.

1973 - DIVINE LIGHT MISSION founder: Guru Maharaj Ji

Ji was considered by some to be "The Christ" of this age. Origin of his cult: Hinduism. This is a Self-realization cult.

1973 - HUMANIST MANIFESTO II

Written by Paul Kurtz, he declared "no deity will save us; we must save ourselves. . . . nature may be broader and deeper than we now know." This Manifesto was the door to Spiritual or Cosmic Humanism.

1973 - Extra Sensory Perception 58% of Americans have ESP experiences.

1973 - UNITY-AND-DIVERSITY COUNCIL

This Council is a New Age "meta-network" of 100 educational, scientific, religious, cultural, philosophic, esoteric,

and occultic organizations from around the world dedicated to New Age global cooperation and interdependence on a worldwide scale.

1973 - THE ACADEMY FOR FUTURE SCIENCE

or The Keys of Enoch founder: J. J. Hurtag He authored The Book of Knowledge called The Keys of Enoch. He was influenced by the writings of Alice Bailey, his own "trip to Heaven," the Christian Bible, and UFO societies. He believes humanity is evolving into a "corporate Christ."

1973 - INSTITUTE OF NOETIC SCIENCE founder: Apollo 14 astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell

This Institute promotes Holistic Medicine and explores telepathy, clairvoyance and telekinesis for the purpose of developing man's consciousness. Man's mind is believed to be part of the earth's natural force.

1974 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Putot-en-Auge, France

Madeleine - locutions and prophecy

1974 - LIFESPRING founder: John Hanley

Lifespring fosters human potential practices in business management, showing the strong penetration the New Age had made in all areas of life in just 10 years. Hanley was influenced by intellectual concepts, self-love beliefs, parapsychology techniques and Eastern disciplines. The organization teaches ESP, astral travel, and the occultic concept of the Third Eye. Its given purpose is to break down the old belief system in the subconscious and create a new one based on New Age principles. It believes man is good, perfect and just, and creates his own reality.

1974 - JACK PURSELL

began channeling "LAZARIS," whom he met after he "fell asleep" while meditating. Lazaris, along with Seth, are two principle spirits working to reach the public through channelers. Soon Ramtha would be a third strong influence from the spirit world to channel instructions to humanity.

1975 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Calabria, Italy

Sr. Elena Aiello - visions and prophecy

1975 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Binh Loi, Vietnam

Stephen Ho Ngoc Ahn - visions, healing, and transportation

1975 - SPIRITUAL LEADERS CALL FOR A UNITED WORLD RELIGION

A convocation of spiritual leaders of all faiths issued this declaration at the UN: "The crises of our time are challenging the world religions to release a new spiritual force transcending religious, cultural, and national boundaries into a new consciousness of the oneness of the human community and so put into effect a spiritual dynamic toward the solutions of the world's problems."

1975 - PHYSICIST FRITJOF CAPRA

published "The Turning Point," stating that man must see himself as one with all of creation.

1975 - HOLISTIC MEDICINE

The practice of HOLISTIC MEDICINE gained much acceptability. Malcolm Todd, President of the AMA, assumed a defensive position regarding holistic medicine at a medical conference. Within a year, he endorsed the concept of "humanistic medicine" that deals with the "body/mind." Later, he endorsed the use of holistic techniques in medicine, based on the premise that the health of humanity determines the health of the planet.

1975 - "BRAIN/MIND BULLETIN"

This magazine was first published by Marilyn Ferguson as "a vehicle for pulling . . . information on mind and consciousness together."

1975 - THE DOORS OF SCIENCE

were opened wide to the New Age belief system by Fritjof Capra's, "The Tao of Physics." He presented parallels between ancient Eastern mysticism and modern science to show the unity of all things, the non- existence of an independent external world and the unity of opposites.

1975 - GREENPEACE USA

This organization is under New Age leadership, with a worldwide membership in 1975 of 2.5 million. Its ultimate goal is to engender a "planetary consciousness" in the world toward the environment.

1975 - TEMPLE OF SET founders: Dr. Michael and Lilith Aquino

An offshoot of Le Vay s Church of Satan. Set is a sophisticated form of Satanism based on an ancient Egyptian destroyer-god.

1975 - A COURSE IN MIRACLES

finally published after being channeled for seven years and (see 1972).

1976 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Betania, Venezuela

Maria Esperanza - continuous Marian apparitions, the fragrance of roses was manifested and healings

1976 - KAROL CARDINAL WOJTYLA (the future Pope John Paul II)

> **"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel."**

1976 - CONGRESSIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON THE FUTURE

This is a very influential legislative service organization that aids Congress in assessing major trends affecting the future. It is a governmentally-sponsored forum for New Age approaches to social problems and the formation of a global community.

1976 - THE WINDSTAR FOUNDATION founder: John Denver

Located in Snowmass, Colorado, it promotes the New Age consciousness, drawing well-known personalities and movie stars.

1977 - J. Z. KNIGHT

began channeling "RAMTHA," whom she met in her kitchen while experimenting with "pyramid power."

1977 - SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS

of the New Age was now considered fully awakened as humanity headed for the 80s.

1977 - A SURVEY

in 1977 showed 15%of adult Americans believe they've been in contact with the dead. 40% of school children believe in Astrology.

1977 - STAR WARS

Dale Pollak, George Lucas's biographer, told of the deep New Age religious significance of the Star Wars Trilogy:

> **"The message of STAR WARS is religious. . . Lucas wanted to instill in children a belief in a supreme being - not a religious god, but a universal deity that he named the Force, a cosmic energy source that incorporates and consumes all things."**

Ten million flocked to see the impersonal, New Age god, THE FORCE, in action, promoting the idea of a New Age pantheistic god who is energy, relative, amoral.

1977 - DAVID SPANGLER

wrote "The Birth of a New Age" in which he calls for a "LUCIFERIC INITIATION in the New Age." Lucifer, according to Spangler, is not Satan, but a mighty planetary consciousness.

1978 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Chiang Si, China

various witnesses - apparitions

1978 - "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND"

threatens to outdraw Star Wars as millions flock to see "the encounter with extraterrestrials." Ray Bradbury says in an interview, "This is a religious film."

1978 - NASA

presses for $42 million to scan the heavens to seek extraterrestrial intelligence.

1979 - JAMES LOVELOCK

Lovelock wrote on his hypothesis of GAIA (The Earth as Being), GAIA being the Greek name for the earth-goddess. The principle on which he based his writings was that all matter on earth is a single, living organism, with man being the nervous system of the living earth.

1979 - TERRY COLE WHITTAKER MINISTRIES

TV's "priestess of prosperity This ministry was an offshoot of New Thought, EST and Scientology.

1979 - ELAINE PAGELS

wrote "The Gnostic Gospels," stating that the orthodox believer had only faith, but the Gnostics had knowledge of oneness with the One. Pagels won the NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS AWARD for her work.

1979 - SHATKI GAWAIN

wrote "Creative Visualization," translating spiritual ideas into simple concepts and language to make it easier to

alter one s consciousness.

1979 - THE SELF- PROCLAIMED WITCH "STARHAWK"

published her book "The Spiral Dance," which demystified witchcraft as a religion. Among the topics covered are invoking the Goddess, casting spells, performing rituals, and exercises linked to trance states. Her techniques were used at an Earth Day event we attended in the 1980s at a Benedictine Prayer Chapel. Doing speech tours, she visits schools and churches to relate her techniques.

The philosophies became organizations and humanity was being structured to move toward a New Age, mankind bit the New Age bait out of sheer hunger for something spiritual to eat. Mary and the pope were on the move, too, with visions and apparitions dramatically increasing to the point of becoming commonplace.

VIII. The New Age Movement Enters Mainstream Society 1980-1989

During this decade, the New Age openly raised its tents, set the tent posts and put out signs announcing that the New Age is not a fad, but is here to stay. The New Age movement tightened its foothold in government, religion, telecommunications, economics, education, entertainment, medicine, business, health, and leisure. The same tactics used to bring to the Church a sense of a unified consciousness was used by the New Age in their strategies. That s because it is the same strategy. The Church moved the individual to the small group prayer meeting, then stadium meetings and big ecumenical conferences, and now into a corporate, unified, global move. That s what happened to those apart from the churches and Christianity. First they dealt with the individual, then got them into small seminars, for instance, at work or school, and then into large gatherings, like Farm Aid in the late 1980s. Thus the 1980s would boost the New Age to the level of a global movement. It was now on the verge Going for it! Centuries of groundwork from metaphysical doctrines to psychic experiences to modernized philosophies based on these metaphysical practices were poured into society. The dam was breaking, and the enemy was now coming in like a flood. There would be no

stopping it.

Marian appearances became commonplace. Phenomena that shook the world at Fatima in 1917 was now a common event. Prophecies, visions, Eucharistic miracles, statues weeping and crying and bleeding - uncommon things of the past were now occurring regularly. Marian adherents announced: there is a dramatic increase in Marian activity.

Though I won't go into it, the restoration of the prophets with their new revelations rose in the mid- eighties to prepare the way for the Toronto Experience, the unifying of the Church, and the global celebrations in the year 2000. Vatican II was now in full operation as denominational walls and doctrinal differences began to fall on every side.

1980 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Paulina, LA

Fr. Albert Hebert- Marian visions and prophecy

1980 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Cuapa, Nicaragua

Edward Martinez - Marian apparitions

1980 - MARIAN APPEARANCE El Escorial, Spain

Amparo Cuevas - stigmata, visions and prophecy

1980 - FERGUSON S AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY

The New Age was boosted to a GLOBAL MOVEMENT by Marilyn Ferguson's "The Aquarian Conspiracy," considered to be "The New Age Bible." It promotes REINCARNATION as a pillar of the New Age belief system, giving it modern day credibility. Ferguson's book, furthering the worldview of a "new society," soon became a text in college courses, and was published in eight countries in ten translation.

1980 - THE FORCE

raged on: The Empire Strikes Back is released to theaters.

1980 - NEW AGE ORGANIZATIONS

by the thousands were now waiting in the wings, ready to be born.

1980 - POLLS

such as Gallup and NORC show a "healthy" increase in spirit contact among America's public.

1980 - NATIVE AMERICAN SHAMANS

began to revive old rites, prophesies, and Indian legends concerning the end times and the coming of the Great Spirit. Sun Bear of the Bear Tribe revealed a vision he'd had, informing him that medicine wheels should return as places for teaching, sharing and "channeling love and healing energy to the Earth Mother."

1980 - CONFLUENT EDUCATION

Beverly Galyean's federally-funded CONFLUENT EDUCATION is bent on bringing the godhood-experience and transformation to education by the use of consciousness-expanding techniques in mass schooling: guided imagery, relaxation techniques, yoga, mantras, and teaching Eastern religion under the guise of cross-culturalism. The schools are inundated with folklore epics from the ancients introducing children to tales of visions, dreams, intuitive insights, and internal dialogues with higher beings who are supposed sources of ultimate wisdom and knowledge.

1980 - GLOBAL EDUCATION

The global perspective is injected into the educational system.

1980 - HUMAN POTENTIAL MOVEMENT

had spawned over 8000 therapies concerned with the "divine within."

1980 - BIRTH OF THE GREEN PARTY

The Green Party challenged traditional politics by emphasizing ecology, feminism and disarmament. Members became active in all of Western Europe, many Asian countries, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina and Brazil.

1980 - COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE

The COC linked 100 local Green Parties in America through a national network.

1980 - CREATION SPIRITUALITY

Dominican Fr. Matthew Fox's deep ecumenism, CREATION SPIRITUALITY and "GOD AS GODDESS," came forth in the ecology movement. Ecology is said to be the basic religious form from which all religions come, where man says: "I AM THE EARTH." Man must realize his oneness with Mother Earth. Fox linked Christianity with Eastern mysticism (pantheistic monism), the environment and "ancient wisdom," and began publishing Creation magazine to spread his doctrine.

1980 - SCIENCE AND THE PARANORMAL Science increased its investigations of the paranormal.

1980 - TRANSFORMATIONAL POLITICS Sweden implemented the government-run SECRETARIAT FOR FUTURE STUDIES: "transformation-oriented politics have entered the political mainstream."

1981 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Kibeho, Rwanda Six teens - apparitions and prophecy

1981 - MAJOR MARIAN APPEARANCE Medjugorje, Croatia 6 village teens - visions, locutions, prophecy, healings, solar and rosary phenomena.

1981 - POPE HAS TWO VISIONS

After being shot in 1981, the pope had two visions from the Lady of Fatima. One was the past event in 1917, and the other was one that would occur in the near future. The pope expects for it to happen. The solution to all of the tribulations he saw in his visions was the consecration of Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Later, a question was then posed of Pope John Paul II concerning the fate of the Church in Fatima's apocalyptic scenario [the Third Secret]. John Paul:

> **"We have to be prepared to suffer, before long, great trials which will require of us the disposition to sacrifice even our life ... for Christ. Through your prayers and mine, it is still possible to diminish this trial, but it is no longer possible to avert it, because only in this manner can the Church be effectively renewed. How many times has the renewal of the Church been brought about in blood! It will not be different this time."**

1981 - MARIAN APPEARANCE

Rome, Italy John Paul II - vision and solar phenomena.

1981 - UNION OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EASTERN MYSTICISM

Transpersonal psychologist Ken Wilbur wrote that psychological growth mirrors the yogic chakras of Eastern mysticism. He compared the "most realized state" of Eastern mysticism to Maslow's "peak experience."

1981 - KRISHNA TEMPLES

Forty KRISHNA temples had now been established in the USA (see 1960).

1982 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Cankton, LA

Genevieve Huckady - Marian apparitions

1982 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Eisenberg, Austria

Aloisia Lex - visions and permanent grass cross

1982 - MARIAN APPEARANCE

Damascus, Syria Maria al Akharas - Locutions, fragrant oils, healings

1982 - BENJAMIN CREME S TARA CENTER

sponsored national newspaper ads that proclaimed: "In answer to our call for help, a World Teacher for all humanity, the Christ, Is Now Here!" MAITREYA promised to communicate telepathically to the world.

1982 - PHYLLIS SCHAFLY

presented 13,000 pages of testimony to the US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION concerning children being subjected to Yoga, TM, hypnosis,

guided imagery and visualization sessions, parapsychology, sensitivity training, psychiatric exercises and other practices designed to alter the thinking, values, and behavior of children in the name of education.

1982 - TM's MAHARISHI

announced his WORLD PEACE PLAN.

1982 - THE "NETWORKING" CATALOGUE

was published by Jessica Lipnack & Jeffrey Stamps. It linked 1500 diverse New Age networks. Networks are the fulfilled dream of de Chardin's "noosphere," an expanding layer of consciousness on the earth that would lead to a transformed humanity. (see 1961.)

1982 - PLANETARY INITIATIVE FOR THE WORLD WE CHOOSE

was sponsored by PLANETARY CITIZENS. This was a consciousness-raising project consisting of a worldwide coalition effort involving hundreds of New Age groups and organizations.

1983 - MARIAN APPEARANCE San Nicolas, Argentina

Gladys Quiroga - Stigmata and Marian visions

1983 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Penablance, Chile

Miguel Poblete - Visions of Jesus and Mary

1983 - THE GLOBAL BRAIN

Peter Russell wrote "THE GLOBAL BRAIN," theorizing how humanity is evolving into something beyond planetary consciousness, meaning an experience of something similar to de Chardin's "Omega Point when humanity as a whole experiences union with God. (See 1961.)

1983 - HAWAIIAN VOLCANO ERUPTED

Worshipers of the Goddess Pele claim that the eruption shows her anger at government researchers who'd intruded into "her" volcano.

1983 - MORE STAR WARS

"The Return of the Jedi" and "THE FORCE" with more New Age and Eastern occultism infiltrated the minds of American children.

1983 - PLANETARY CONGRESS (Toronto)

This Congress drafted the "DECLARATION OF THE WORLD WE CHOOSE" as a citizen's "GLOBAL MANDATE." Its goals were achieving "the individual human potential and . . . the essential spiritual identity of each person, giving rise to a oneness with all life" through neighborhood groups. These groups promote the need for a new economic order, a stronger UN, and a centralized global government by "Thinking Globally, Acting

Locally."

1983 - ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

began to replace "Organization Development" in New Age-based business seminars. Its goal was to spiritually awaken employees and bring about New Age socio-political influences through the business world.

1983 - ASTROLOGY

It was announced that belief in Astrology was up 19% in just 5 years, since 1978.

1983 - CHANNELER JANE ROBERTS died

"SETH" believed to be channeled now by Jean Loomis. She begins channeling workshops.

1984 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Guatemala

Carmen - Marian messages

1985 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Cleveland, Ohio

Maureen Sweeney - locutions and prophecy

1985 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Naju, Korea

Julia Kim - visions, statues flowing oil, Eucharistic miracles and prophecy

1985 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Oliveto Citra, Italy

Twelve children - visions, prophecy and aroma of roses

1985 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Melleray, Ireland

Ursula O'Rourke - visions; Breda Coleman - prophecy and statue of Mary seen moving

1985 LEFT BRAIN/RIGHT BRAIN

Belief in the LEFT BRAIN/RIGHT BRAIN principle gained prominence in schools and continuing education classes (writing, art, etc.).

1985 - EST

changed its name to THE FORUM.

1985 - LIVE AID

was held, the first global healing concert.

1985 - AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)

increased its court battles against Christianity.

1985 - WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC)

changed or questioned some of the basic Christian beliefs about Christ while promoting a one-world religion.

1986 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Michigan

Mariamante - Marian visions

1986 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Santa Fe, NM

Vange Gonzales - Marian visions

1986 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Blue Mountain, Austria

Paul - visions and moving statues of Mary

1986 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Cameroon, Africa

Eight children - visions and healings

1986 - THE WORLD PEACE EVENT

This was a 42-nation effort, promoted by John Randolph Price. Groups meditated for world peace for one hour at different places on the globe. This has now become an annual event.

1986 - BERNIE S. SIEGEL, M.D.

published "Love, Medicine & Miracles," a landmark book on SELF-HEALING through the use of New Age philosophy and techniques, particularly visualization and guided imagery.

1986 - THE MEDIA

It is announced that all areas of the media have now recognized the New Age as a progressive force in today's world.

1986 - CHANNELERS

The LA Times Magazine reported that the number of professional CHANNELERS in Los Angeles rose from 2 in 1978 to 1000 in 1985.

1986 - NEW AGE RADIO

Forty radio stations aired the NEW AGE PROGRAMS, "New Dimensions Radio" and "Music from the Hearts of Space" (heard on WQLN in Erie).

1986 - "RAMTHA"

books published; videos available (see 1977).

1986 - MAFU

Penny Torres began channeling "MAFU, a fourth major spirit guide said to be here to direct humanity in the way that it should go.

1986 - ROBERT SCHULLER

promoted the New Age doctrine's hope of "salvation" when he said, "The Christ spirit dwells in every human being whether the person knows it or not."

1986 - UNIFIED EFFORTS

Hundreds of Hollywood stars, with good intentions toward cleaning the environment, world hunger, etc., became enmeshed in the New Age system. "We're in this together."

1986 - ECUMENISM WITH THE EAST

Pope John Paul II met with representatives of 12 major faiths (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, etc.) to pray for WORLD PEACE AND UNITY among Christians and non-Christians.

1986 - HANDS ACROSS AMERICA (Memorial Day)

the Global consciousness of Oneness was boosted.

1986 - M. SCOTT PECK

M. Scott Peck published "The Road Less Traveled," which popularized the idea of man's evolution toward godhood. Said to be a Christian, Peck is a New Age influence. "The Road" teaches one to transcend problems by the key of SELF-LOVE for successful living, how to cultivate one's own religion and how to open up to the positive force called grace.

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Conyers, GA

Nancy Fowler - Marian apparitions, solar phenomena, healings

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Terra Blanca, MX

Elba & Zendia - Marian visions

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE El Ranchilo, TX

Bro. David Lopez - Marian apparitions and prophecy

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Inchigella, Ireland

Rosemary O'Sullivan - pillar of light, visions

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Bessbrook, N.Ireland

Beulah Lynch visions and prophecy

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Hrushiw, Ukraine

Maria Kizyn - visions

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Rome, Italy

Sr. Anna Ali visions and prophecy

1987 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Medjugorje

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Message To Brother David:

> **"Do not be afraid about the three days of darkness that will come over the earth, because those who are living my messages and**

have a life of interior prayer will be alerted by an interior voice three days to one week before their occurrence."

1987 - NEW AGE YELLOW PAGES

The New Age's continuing growth necessitated the FIRST EDITION OF THE NEW AGE YELLOW PAGES and other resource information materials to locate help groups, networks, peace groups, holistic health practitioners, New Agers in special fields, communities, etc. Sun Bear published the 1987 BEAR TRIBE CATALOGUE, listing 57 books connected to the Earth Goddess movement. THE CRYSTAL SOURCE BOOK: FROM SCIENCE TO METAPHYSICS by John Milewski & Virginia Harford contains information on mining crystals, medical uses, their history, and how to acquire and use them. These are just a few examples of many such catalogues. The New Age was learning how to find each other.

1987 - BUDDHISM RISES

The Associated Press carries a story, "Buddhism Takes Hold In The United States," saying it is sweeping across the United States and is now a major religion here, with 1.5 million people practicing it.

1987 - "DIANETICS" Scientology

L. Ron Hubbard This book reached 8,000,000 copies sold (see 1938).

1987 - THE CHRIST HAS COME

A full-page ad was placed in USA Today by Benjamin Creme: "THE

CHRIST IS IN THE WORLD. A great World Teacher for people of every religion and no religion" (see 1982).

1987 - 25,000 NEW AGE BOOK TITLES

were in print, reaching over $1 billion dollars in sales for 1987, a 30% increase over the previous year,1986.

1987 - EXTRATERRESTRIALS

Whitley Strieber made the best-seller list with "Communion," which related his "true" account of being abducted by EXTRATERRESTRIALS.

1987 - GALLUP POLL

50%of Americans now believe in UFO CONTACT, EXTRATERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATION, and the like.

1987 - "CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE

was formed to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility." It was sponsored by state government.

1987 - A COURSE IN MIRACLES

became a bestseller and an influential force in Christian churches via

seminars, in spite of its presentation of the New Age "Christ" (see 1965).

1987 - RAMTHA

The channeled work "RAMTHA INTENSIVE" was published, discussing mankind's frustration and obsessive search for love (see 1986).

1987 - HARMONIC CONVERGENCE

The purpose for which New Age believers gathered at "power points" all over the globe was to merge their consciousness with the energy emanating from the earth, in order to hasten the externalization of the New Age and its Christ.

1987 - OUT ON A LIMB

Shirley MacLaine's mini-series, "Out On A Limb," presented the New Age gospel in power to millions of TV viewers. The series was followed up by five books, appearances on major talk shows, and seminars to raise funds for a meditation center in Baca, Colorado to be built in 1989-90. Her book sales reached $40 million by the end of the year (8 million copies).

1987 - REINCARNATION/PAST LIFE REGRESSION

Reincarnation and past-life regression through meditation was placed in the public eye.

1987 - NEW AGE BOOK SALES

Following MacLaine's series, Waldenbooks reported sales of metaphysical books jumped from 25 to 900 per week; B. Dalton reported a 95% increase in sales. Christianity countered this by publishing 15 or so anti-New Age titles by well-known Christian authors between 1987-89.

1987 - NEW AGE MUSIC

became "hot," inspiring more NEW AGE RADIO programs. The Windham Hill company's sales for New Age music soared from a $300 investment in the '70's to $35 million in 1987. It had its first-ever platinum recording in 1987 titled, "December."

1987 - SUBLIMINAL TAPES

hit the TV airwaves, promising to "reprogram the subconscious" and bring success, prosperity, weight loss, freedom from smoking, healed marriages, A's in school, easy piano playing, etc. The buyer only has to listen to the tapes.

1987 - REAGAN'S ASTROLOGY

Nancy Reagan's use of Astrology came to light (used since 1981).

1987 - FIRST FARM AID CONCERT

was held by professed New Ager Willie Nelson, another global consciousness-

forming event.

1987 - TIME MAGAZINE

It wrote, "So here we are in the New Age, a combination of spirituality and superstition, fad and farce, about which the only thing certain is that it is not new."

1988 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Phoenix, AZ

Estella Ruiz - Marian apparitions and family, prophecy

1988 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Lubbock, TX

Mary Constancio - Marian messages

1988 - MARIAN APPEARANCE El Cajas, EQ

Pachi Borrero - Marian apparitions

1988 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Scottsdale, AZ

Fr. Spaulding and 6 parishioners - visions and locutions of Jesus and Mary

1988 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Gortnodreha, Ire.

Christina Gallagher - visions, prophecy and stigmata

1988 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Cachiche, Peru

several parishioners statue of Our Lady of Lourdes crying

1988 - 27,000 NEW AGE

national and international ORGANIZATIONS were now in full operation.

1988 - NEW AGE MUSIC

"Music from the Heart of Space" added 160 more radio stations since 1986.

1988 - TV INFLUENCE

First used by Apple Computer, New Age music was now frequently aired in TV commercials.

1988 - CRYSTAL RESOURCES (NY)

reported sales of $100 million dollars, with an estimated increase to $250 million by 1991.

1988 - NEW AGE SITES

New Age travel agencies proliferated, offering tours to mystical places throughout the world, such as exploration of the ancient MAYAN sites of "sacred power," STONEHENGE, etc.

1988 - TRANSFORMATIONAL SEMINARS

Major businesses were spending billions of dollars for TRANSFORMATIONAL SEMINARS, such as EST, Dianetics, Scientology, etc.

1988 - YOGA MAGAZINE

The Yoga Journal circulation was up 40% in four years.

1988 - TED TURNER:

America needs to elect a NEW AGE PRESIDENT by the year 2000 if we are to survive.

1988 - NEW AGE BOOKSTORES

doubled to 2500. Major bookstores change the name of "Occult" sections to "New Age." Fifty publishers banded together to become a New Age publishing organization. These men believed we were entering "A

Consciousness Whose Time Has Come." Over $1 billion in sales.

1988 - POLL

42% of adult Americans believe they've been in contact with the dead (necromancy), up 27% since 1977. ESP experiences are now at 67%, up 9% since 1973.

1988 - SCHULLER/MAHARISHI

In "Peace of Mind Through Possibility Thinking," Rev. Robert Schuller endorsed Maharishi's TM mantra as a means of spiritual satisfaction, opening the door to Hinduism's "Christ-consciousness" for the Church. Schuller's speaking appearances at Unity churches and his promotion of Napoleon Hill's "invisible counselors " get-rich system furthered the New Age s infiltration into Christianity.

1988 - A GLOBAL FORUM OF SPIRITUAL AND PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS ON HUMAN SURVIVAL

was held at Oxford University. Major spiritual leaders, such as the Dali Lama, Mother Theresa and others, as well as scientists and government people, attended. The purpose was to bring religion and government together to save the planet.

1988 - NORTH AMERICAN ASSISI

was held in Wichita, Kansas by 12 major Christian and non-Christian faiths (Buddhism, Jainism, etc.).

1988 - NEW AGE INFLUENCE IN POLITICS

The media reported the pervasiveness of New Age techniques in Washington's political circles. Attempts were made to pass Senator Albert Gore's New Age "SPOON BENDERS BILL," intended to fund psychic research.

1988 - GLOBAL TELEVISION CONCERTS

Rock groups and government leaders cooperated to bring a new consciousness of oneness to the entire world through television concerts. Amnesty International's HUMAN RIGHTS NOW! Tour with Sting and Peter Gabriel was televised to North, South and Central America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

1988 - NEW WORLD ORDER AD

Gene Roddenberry's 2-page ad in Time called for a NEW WORLD ORDER.

1988 - FREEDOMFEST

was a 10-hour televised event to raise global consciousness of human rights. 750 million to 1 billion people watched or listened in 65 countries. It was the most-watched event in TV history.

1988 - POST-CHRISTIAN ERA ANNOUNCED

Announcing that America is in the "Post-Christian era," the Institute for the Study of American Religions reported 710 NEW, ACTIVE AND GROWING NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS since 1940. The anti-cult movement "has had no measurable effect on the development of non-conventional religions" while "Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Theosophy, Spiritualism, Adventism, Christian Science, Mormons and many other non-conventional religions continue to grow, consolidate gains and expand. Combined . . . they are participating in the reorientation of American religious life away from an exclusively Judeo-Christian format."

1988 - PAGAN POLITICS

U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong said rooting out all spiritual influence from American public affairs "is becoming fashionable policy" in Washington.

1989 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Marlboro, NJ

J. Januszkiewicz - Marian messages, lights and doves

1989 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Germany

Zdenko Singer - Marian and Trinity visions

1989 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Zarvanystya, Ukraine

Chornij Zenovia - visions

1989 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Burlington. Ontario

Zdenko Singer - visions and prophecy

1989 - WORLD INVOCATION DAY

An interfaith program by Catholics, Unitarians, Buddhists, Hare Krishna, etc. was held to celebrate WORLD INVOCATION DAY. Participants invoked Lord Maitreya through "THE GREAT INVOCATION" so the Ascended Masters guiding the world's destiny will bring in the New Age.

1989 - ST. JAMES CHURCH, London (Piccadily)

was converted to a New Age church practicing witchcraft. Once a gospel preaching church, celebrations now involve the Mother Earth Goddess and ancient Incan worship. They promote creative New Age thinking in opposition to traditional Western thought.

1989 - ST. JOHN THE DIVINE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

James P. Morton, pastor (NY) endorsed Earth Religions and New Age activists, and placed a crucifix depicting "Christa," a female "Christ," in the church. NAM- based ceremonies were also held there and a New Age organization, the TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING, found a home at St.

John's.

1989 - UNIVERSAL PAPACY

Anglican Archbishop Runcie (England) proposed that the Pope be accepted as the symbolic head of all world religions.

1989 - LETTER FOR NWO

Isaac Asimov called for a NEW WORLD ORDER with a large ad in Time magazine: "Letter To The Next Generation."

1989 - NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

is now the most powerful labor union in the U.S., controlling 71% of public school teachers, the major force behind New Age influence in the schools (see 1857).

1989 - EARTH: PLANET OF THE YEAR

The cover of Time magazine depicted Earth as the "PLANET OF THE YEAR."

1989 - MOSCOW MUSIC PEACE FESTIVAL

held in USSR with the Motley Crue, Bon Jovi, Scorpions, Cinderella, Ozzy

Osborne and Skid Row.

1989 - GLOBAL CONCERT

A twelve-hour EARTHFUND CONCERT was held to promote worldwide environmental concerns among the global family. An "URTH (Earth)" statue, portraying an angel enveloping earth, was unveiled as a fund-raiser.

1989 - SUBLIMINAL TAPES INCREASE

Audio tape catalogues filled with hundreds of New Age music and subliminal growth tapes now in circulation.

1989 - TED TURNER S NETWORKS (CNN, TNT, TBS)

heavily promoted the New Age, portraying the truth of its ONE WORLD TELEVISION logo. Plans were shaping up for "Mr. Planet," a program to promote global consciousness and environmental cares among children.

1989 - MTV

turns heavy in New Age symbolism. VH-1 is working with Hollywood stars and GREENPEACE, reporting on global cooperation to save the environment.

1989 - TV

producers saw global unity through the environmental issue as a trend they will pursue in the 1990's. Such themes were already being presented through prime time shows, sometimes followed by "Global Family" messages. Notice all the reference to communications as a means to bring people to a one world, global consciousness.

1989 - "OUR COMMON FUTURE"

was held, an international environmental concert (5-hour broadcast to 100 countries).

1989 - GLOBAL CONCERT

was a worldwide GO GLOBAL music concert.

1989 - URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

changed its name to the FIFTH EPOCHAL FELLOWSHIP. (See 1955.)

1989 - THE HAGUE DECLARATION

as an international task force was being formed, answerable to the World Court, to police the world in environment issues.

1989 - NEW AGE THE STATUS QUO

New Age psychics and their beliefs, techniques, practices and themes were common on all the major TV talk shows, both in the U.S. and Canada.

1989 - SHIRLEY MACLAINE

Shirley MacLaine video, "Inner Workout," taught meditation on the seven chakras (energy points in the body).

Entering The '90s: An Entrenched New Age Movement

A United Europe is on the horizon for the '90s, and ecology is the new catalyst of an ecumenical movement saturated by New Age ideas. While the nations maneuver, Israel is at the center of world attention as the Middle East heads for the fulfillment of end-time prophecy. The foretold emergence of demonic teaching is evident in every area of our culture and everyone elses: secular and cosmic humanism as well as New Age occultic, psychic and spiritualistic techniques are everyday practices. Anti-Christian sentiment forges on, as stated by syndicated columnist John Lofton: "The war against God in this country, especially against Jesus Christ, is getting uglier, much uglier, much more explicit. And make no mistake about it, please. This war is against Jesus Christ."

IX. Entering The 21st Century: The Entrenched New Age Movement

The foretold emergence of demonic teaching is evident in every area of our culture, such as Secular and Cosmic Humanism and New Age occultic, psychic and spiritualistic techniques. In the 80s, anti-Christian sentiment forged on, as stated by syndicated columnist John Lofton: "The war against God in this country, especially against Jesus Christ, is getting uglier, much uglier, much more explicit. And make no mistake about it, please. This war is against Christ." Why was it getting uglier? Because up to the 90s, Satan was laying foundations, conjuring up "new" doctrines based on old deceptions, mixing and renaming "old" and "new" lies until they tasted good enough to refill Babylon's cup of abominations now called "new truth." Dividing humanity into more and more false religious, mystical and philosophical systems, his demons now penetrated humanity at a global level.

This division hit the Church also, as the restoration of the prophets in the mid-eighties led to a flood of "new revelations" that carried the Church down the river of apostasy. Churches, families, friendships split and divided until it was evident that the universal Church had been ripped in half. While Rome gathered up one half, the other half, mostly scattered, gathered together wherever they could find truth. Now in control, Satan's demons could offer humanity and the Church the solution to ALL of its problems. The solution: unite everything, and get rid of anything that won't take up the solution.

Satan is now bringing in his New World Order, the capstone of his plan being his desire for worship for himself. In a few short years, we will see that. But the completion of his plan will be overridden by our Heavenly Father's plan: He is going to send Christ back at the proper time. Until that time comes, we have the privilege of seeing the final stage of the adversary's plan come to completion and to announce the coming of Jesus Christ to set up and establish the Kingdom of God. To get there, tribulation lies in front of us. But in the end, you and I will inherit that Kingdom as a free gift.

In the nineties, the New Age was considered mainstream, and that was noticed and stated by many people.

1990 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Hillside, IL

Joseph Reinholtz - Visions & locutions

1990 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Santa Maria, CA

Carol Nole - locutions and solar phenomena

1990 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Litmanova, Slovakia

Ivetka Korcakova - visions; Katka Ceselkova - prophecy

1990 - THE SECOND GLOBAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR

SURVIVAL

The Oxford group held its second meeting, this time in Moscow. One hundred scientists and legislators attended, along with Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and 20 indigenous spiritual leaders of the Americas, Africa, Australia and the Pacific Islands. The purpose of the Forum was to gather wisdom from the NATURE RELIGIONS on how to heal Mother Earth (see 1988).

1990 - INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY II

was endorsed by President Bush as the Environmental gospel of world-wide cooperation to save the environment influenced millions toward hidden New Age beliefs.

1990 - BENJAMIN CREME'S LORD MAITREYA

is reported to have dematerialized and then materialized again in London before the eyes of 200 media representatives and world leaders (see 1982). In the 90s, such visitations would increase.

1990 - WORLD CONGRESS ON RELIGION AND PEACE

An ecumenical group consisting of 100 Christians, Moslems, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs, Shintoists, Zoroastrians, and others met at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey on behalf of children around the world. The meeting, sponsored by the WORLD CONGRESS ON RELIGION AND PEACE, was held in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund.

1990 - POLL

George Gallup, Jr. reported that many "born again" Americans are practicing a religion that is comfortable and titillating, and that "lacks an awareness of Christian doctrines of atonement, redemption and grace. . . People are not solidly grounded in their faith, and therefore vulnerable to Hedonism, materialism, and new spiritual movements that glorify the self."

1990 - NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

recipient BISHOP DESMOND TUTU made the Cape Town newspaper headlines with this quote: "Tutu Decries Break-up of New Age Prayer Meeting" by Christians.

1990 - TM's

Maharishi and magician Doug Henning announced plans for a $1 billion, 450-acre theme park in Florida that will combine new magic technology and Transcendental Meditation. Over 50 cities were also considering building one of Maharishi's "CITIES OF THE IMMORTALS." The purpose for these developments is "to rebuild the world" environmentally and culturally.

1990 - WITCHES PROTEST

Satanists, witches, warlocks, New Agers and homosexuals performed rituals and chanted while surrounding the San Francisco civic center where televangelist Larry Lee gathered with 10,000 Christians to pray for the city.

1990 - THE NINJA TURTLES

, based on ZEN BUDDHISM, hit the TV airwaves and toy stores.

1990 - THE SUBLIMINAL TAPE INDUSTRY

offered tapes to both children and adults on New Age experiences, ranging from basic meditation to moving through the universe via astral travel.

1990 - SECOND PARLIAMENT ON WORLD RELIGION

Fund-raising was begun for this event, to be sponsored by Buddhists, Muslims and other minority faiths. The first Parliament brought Eastern religions to America in 1893 in Chicago. The second would call for a united world religion.

1990 - SELF-ESTEEM

The California study on raising the self-esteem of the state's citizenry as the means of dealing with drugs, gangs, crime, etc. is completed (see 1987). Solutions centering on "self" were constantly raised to a public level in the 90s.

1990 - FARM AID

Willie Nelson's FARM AID IV was in the planning, a continuation of huge consciousness-changing events.

1990 - MAINSTREAM NEW AGE

The editor of the New Age Journal saw the New Age movement as now flowing through society's mainstream.

1990 - NEW AGE CHURCHES RISE

New Age churches opened: Church of Amron, Church of Today, Creative Learning Center, Church of White Eagle Lodge, Healing Light Center, and more.

1990 - NEW AGE TEENS

"Seventeen" magazine editor Midge Richardson exhorted teenagers, "This is the time to take the traditional values you have and mix them with the NEW AGE yearnings you feel."

1990 - PSYCHIC PHONE-NOMENA

Psychics hit the "900" phone lines to offer instant advice and guidance for the lives of their callers.

1990 - SOAPS

Soap operas incorporated the New Age into their storylines.

1991 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Lake Ridge, VA

Fr. James Bruse - Weeping statues of Mary, stigmata

1991 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Denver, CO

Veronica Garcia - Jesus and Mary visions

1991 - GERALDO INDOCTRINATES MILLIONS

TV's Geraldo show hosted A NUMBER OF Human Potential leaders. One said the forerunners of a new species can be seen in those connecting with the Universal Mind and Energy through karate, visualization, fire walking, levitation, etc. With a draw of multiple-millions, home and studio audiences drew "the light" into themselves in a corporate meditation session by which they received the heat energy to bend spoons. In one TV show, the masses received New Age indoctrination.

1991 - GLOBAL EDUCATION

Schools continue to influence children toward one-world consciousness through GLOBAL EDUCATION. Over 300 New Age school programs are now used in curriculums across the country.

1991 - RELIGIONS

The religions of the world are now cooperating to save the world.

1991 - ECONOMICS

Economics continues to yield to a global perspective. One executive said either companies go along with the global economy or they will perish.

1991 - NEW WORLD ORDER

The phrase NEW WORLD ORDER is now fast becoming a common expression following the war to liberate Kuwait. President Bush says we are actively moving toward a NEW WORLD ORDER. With many asking if this was Armageddon, this war increased humanity's interest in end-time prophecy. At the time, the sale of books on prophecy and the New Age philosophy soared, while the Christian books stores continued to stock more and more books on philosophy and human potential.

1991 - NEW AGE LABEL NEW AGERS

move to drop the NEW AGE LABEL in an attempt at anonymity.

1992 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Steubenville, OH

Tony Fernwalt - visions and prophecy

1992 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Belleville, IL

Ray Doiron - locutions

1992 - MARIAN APPEARANCE New South Wales, Aus.

Matthew Kelly - locutions

1992 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Rome, Italy

Marisa Rossi - visions, messages and Eucharistic miracles

1992 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Hollywood, FL

Rosa Lopez - Marian visions

1992 - MARIAN APPEARANCE Emmitsburg, MD

Gianna Sullivan - locutions of Mary

1992 - DE MONTFORT

St. Louis De Montfort's booklet, "The Secret of the Rosary," undergoes its 27th printing since 1965 and sold 4 million copies in 1992 alone. Marian devotion was now a strong influence in the spiritual world.

Back in 1992, the New Age was becoming so mainstreamed that I gave up keeping notes, so the outline abruptly ends here. I purposely left out the information on the rest of the Second Coming Home Page: Toronto, the world religion, the Roman church's drive for unity by the year 2000. Insert that into this outline, and that would bring us up to date. The Catholic Church is now making its move to bring in the spiritual Golden Age, and it will be evident by what I am going to share now about the spirits rising to take the Church into that Age. We know it is not going to be as perfect as all of this deception promises, but they will attempt it, and hopes for world peace will rise as they proceed. But God will not allow it to rise without problems along the way.

Prophecy has been on the increase in Marian appearances, and I now want to give you some excerpts concerning the culmination of the Adversary's plan to bring in "the Christ." There are many forms of this, and these are the top spirits in Catholicism that I will share about. All that the Catholic Church has done since Constantine will be wrapped up and manifested in the next three years. This is the beginning of the gathering led by the most powerful of spirits in Catholicism. I want to begin this by quoting a key prophecy from the Catholic Jesus.

The Coming Reign Of The Sacred Heart

1996 - MARIAN PROPHECY FROM JESUS

> **" I desire that My people consecrate themselves to My Sacred Heart and to Mary's Immaculate Heart. My people are living in the beginnings of the age of the Two Hearts."**

Notice the wording. Catholic prophesy has ALWAYS pointed to a future time. This one says we are now living IN THE BEGINNINGS of the Age of the Two hearts. It goes on to say,

> **"After the time of the purification is completed, this new era of the Church and the world will become firmly established. This era will be characterized by the triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the reign of My Sacred Heart. All those who consecrate themselves to My Heart and to My Mother's Heart will help to establish this glorious new age. . . . "**

Pope John Paul II has said we are now entering the time of the final confrontation. He has said major confrontations in the past have been bloody, and this time it will be no different. This spirit of the Catholic Jesus has said we are in the beginning of the establishment of His reign.

Like Toronto, He speaks of a beginning.

Like Toronto, there is a consecration, a union with spirits not of God to bring about that reign in unity.
Like Toronto, there will be a time of purification to establish that reign.
Like Toronto, he says there will be war.
Like Toronto, he says there will be a purification.
Like Toronto, he says there will be a new kingdom on the earth.

But when exactly will this Eucharistic reign of the Sacred Heart come? If we are to believe the spirits of Catholicism really do fulfill their prophecies, then that reign will be established in the year 2000. The spirits have now confirmed this, and one of those spirits rising to the forefront is the Lady of Guadalupe. Here is one section of "her" new Home Page:

Hope For The Great
Jubilee Year 2000



Become Aware, Prepare and Share the Great Jubilee
With The Lady Of Guadalupe

(Please Note: all images in Part 10 have been reduced to save on loading time. Please refer to the originals.)

"The Holy Father asked for a New Evangelization to usher in the Great Jubilee Year 2000, the 2000th birthday of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Bishops entrusted the New Evangelization to Our Lady of Guadalupe. They said,

"We entrust our commitment to giving birth with new fervor to the life of the gospel in our hemisphere, to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. She truly was the first Christ-bearer; by her maternal intercession, may her faithful sons and daughters be renewed and discover afresh the joy and splendor and promise of bearers (sic) of the good news."

Then under this picture of the Sacred Heart and these words was this Marian prophecy delivered in 1994:

"Our Lady of Guadalupe told Father Gobbi of the Marian Movement of Priests, ‘’My great victory against all the Masonic and Satanic forces will begin from here, (the Basilica Shrine in Guadalupe), for the greatest triumph of my Son Jesus. I CONFIRM TO YOU THAT BY THE GREAT JUBILEE YEAR 2000, there will take place the Triumph of my Immaculate Heart, of which I foretold you at Fatima, and THIS WILL COME TO PASS WITH THE RETURN OF JESUS IN GLORY, TO ESTABLISH HIS REIGN IN THE WORLD. Thus you will at last be able to see with your own eyes the new heavens and the new earth.’

"May we walk in step with the Holy Father on Our Lady of Guadalupe's path toward the Great Jubilee Year 2000!"

The path to the Great Jubilee IS the path of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I have read many prophecies given by the spirit posing as Mary, and I have never read one that is as definite as this one. There is a finality to it. She meant what she said. I CONFIRM to you that by the year 2000 there "WILL take place the Triumph of my Immaculate Heart as prophesied at Fatima and this WILL COME TO PASS WITH the return of Jesus in glory TO ESTABLISH His reign in the world."

A new video has been released entitled, "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Great Jubilee Year 2000 in Cenacle Devotion." It explains "Our Lady's Triumph and the Great Jubilee, crowning and consecration ceremony at the Mother Seton Basilica, Emmitsburg, Maryland." I don’t know the details, but whatever happened concerned the Lady of Guadalupe and Cenacle devotion. The Cenacle in Catholic Tradition is where Christ and the disciples ate the Last Supper and where He established Communion. She always ties herself to the Eucharist, and now she has done it for the year 2000 as Queen. She has been crowned as Queen of the Cenacle. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is based on adoration of the Eucharist, and Mary is worshiped during that adoration. All-night Eucharistic Adoration is part of the Pope’s Jubilee 2000 preparation for 1997. During that adoration, the "Salve Regina" is sung to Mary, and "Salve Regina" was written as a war song to the Virgin in the year 1200 or so.

In January of 1979, less than a year after becoming pope, John Paul II made his first foreign trip and he went to the Basilica of Guadalupe where he prayed this prayer to her. Here are some excerpts:

> **"Mother of Mercy, Teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, to you, . . . we dedicate on this day all our being and all our love. We also dedicate to you our life, our work, our joys, our infirmities and our sorrows. Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are, our Lady and Mother. We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His Church. . . . We pray to you for all the Bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls. Contemplate this immense harvest and intercede with the Lord that He may . . . grant abundant vocations of priests and religious, strong in the faith and zealous dispensers of God's mysteries."**

The pope dedicated everything to the Lady of Guadalupe and prayed for priests for the harvest who would be the dispensers of God's mysteries. That's exactly what Toronto is doing, gathering a people to handle the harvest. What harvest? What mysteries? The real mysteries have been revealed to the believer in Christ. But the Pope is talking about the Eucharistic mysteries where Mary is worshiped with her Son, the mysteries of the Two Hearts, the mysteries said to be for the last days, when this devotion and the reign of the Sacred Heart, (who appeared to saints burning as the sun), was established. The mysteries are those of the sun worship of ancient Babylon and Egypt. And the pope consecrated everything to the Lady of Guadalupe. Listen to what de Montfort said in the 1700s concerning the end-times and the consecration. On a new home page entitled, "Hope Through Our Total Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary," is this quote by St. Louis de Montfort,

> **"If then, as is certain, the knowledge AND THE KINGDOM of Jesus Christ ARE TO COME IN THE WORLD, they will be but a necessary consequence of the knowledge and the kingdom of the most holy Virgin Mary, who brought Him into the world for the first time, and will make His second advent full of splendor" (emphasis added).**

De Montfort said it is Mary who "will make His second advent full of splendor." The pope said she was "the FIRST Christ-bearer," and De Montfort says it was she "who brought Him into the world for the FIRST time." The Pope also said it was she who would bring about the Rebirth of humanity in a New Advent." A FIRST birth, and then a Rebirth, or SECOND birth. I haven't shared it yet, but the Lady of Guadalupe is A PREGNANT VIRGIN. We are talking here about the top spirits in this move toward spiritual globalism who are leading the Church to a global Communion service. When you take that Communion or Eucharist, says Vatican II, you BECOME WHAT IT IS. What is it? The literal body and blood of Christ. It is the transformation of humanity into a global, deceptively spiritualized Church. It is the coming of the Sacred Heart, burning in the hearts of people where they just love one another because the spirit of the sun god has visited them, a promise also of Lord Maitreya. It's the corporate experience of Hubbard and Cain And Frangipane where Christ comes TO the Church BEFORE he comes FOR the Church. It's a manifestation of the glory promised by the Latter Rain, which de Montfort calls, "His second advent

full of splendor." It's a 500 year-old Catholic promise for the end-times. it's a Catholic promise, given long before the Latter Rain or New Age was ever heard of. De Montfort said,

> **"The Second Coming of Christ will be brought through the mediation of Mary, by the love of the Father, who, through the Holy Spirit, will renew the earth so that Jesus may reign as the King of Peace."**

St. Louis also prophesied that God with His Holy Mother would form great souls as apostles of the latter times. He said,

> **"They will know the grandeurs of the Queen, and will consecrate themselves entirely to her service as subjects and slaves of love. They shall be the true apostles of the latter times."**

I just shared how the Lady of Guadalupe was consecrated as Queen in Maryland. I just shared how the Pope consecrated all to her for the harvest. I just shared about the burning love of the Sacred Heart in people. De Montfort said they would know "the grandeurs of the Queen . . . [in the] latter times." I haven't shared this yet either, but the Lady of Guadalupe is ONLY VIRGIN portrayed as totally surrounded by the glory of the sun.



What about the one thing I haven't mentioned from de Montfort's quote, "the true apostles of the latter times"? The Pope prayed for priests to handle the harvest. The Bishops put everything for Jubilee 2000 under her headship. And then, there's this: the Bishops of the Catholic Church have entrusted to her the new Evangelization, following the footsteps of the Pope. They did so at a meeting in 1995 during the Second Fatima Conference of Catholic Bishops for

World Peace. From the Guadalupe Home Page:

> **"An overwhelming number of the bishops, priests and lay people present agreed to 14 Resolutions for IMPLEMENTING Our Lady's requests in order to bring about the peace She promised the world at Fatima. These resolutions were formulated and undertaken after a week of prayer and preparation by attendees and speakers at the Conference held in Mexico City in November 1995 under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. "(http://www.fatima.org/resols.html; emphasis mine)**

Remembering that the Pope recently activated the Catholic laity worldwide to evangelization, here is one excerpt from those resolutions, showing the "apostles of the latter times" de Montfort spoke of:

> **"Resolution 13: INASMUCH as God wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, and inasmuch as in an approved apparition of Our Lady of 1838, Our Lady revealed the Green Scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary especially for the preservation and the spread of the Catholic Faith to non-Catholics; and inasmuch as God wants to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart throughout the world; we the undersigned resolve when opportune to propagate as widely as possible among men, women and children of the world, the Green Scapular and encourage others to do the same and to pray the prayer indicated therein for the conversion of all non-Catholics and the preservation of all Catholics in the Catholic faith which is so necessary in order to save one's soul."**

One needs to belong to the Catholic Church to be saved. Does that sound like the popes of old?

You need to believe there is salvation only in the Catholic Church.
You need to believe the Pope is infallible.
You need to believe the Eucharist is the real body and blood, or be damned.
You need to believe Mary was conceived without sins or be damned.
You need to believe she was assumed bodily into heaven.

How many recognize a second inquisition in these words and in what is now forming in the Catholic Church? And in charge of it is the Lady of Guadalupe, the Virgin, the pregnant Virgin. Yearly, an estimated 10 million visit her, making her Mexico City church the most popular Catholic shrine in the world next to the Vatican! To top it all off, the pope has intimately connected Guadalupe to the Vatican. In 1992, Pope John Paul II dedicated a chapel in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

Pope John Paul II And The Lady Of Guadalupe

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The already-popular Lady of Guadalupe is taking an increasingly prominent place in the Catholic agenda as we near the year 2000. Yearly, an estimated 10 million people visit the shrine at Guadalupe, making the Mexico City church the most popular Catholic shrine in the world next to the Vatican! Furthermore, the Pope has intimately connected the Lady of Guadalupe to the Vatican itself; in 1992, he dedicated a chapel in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe within St. Peter's Basilica.

An important fact about the Mary of Guadalupe is that she, along with the Lady of Fatima and the Immaculate Conception, are the Catholic Church's three pregnant Virgins. We can see this by examining depictions of these Virgins, who do not hold the traditional Child, but instead wear a tassel, or maternity band, at the waist to indicate pregnancy (see the Lady of Gudalupe picture above and this picture of the Lady of Fatima):



I believe it is significant that all three of these pregnant Virgins are playing important roles in the Catholic Church's end time scenario. As the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the pregnant Virgin of Guadalupe and Fatima.

The Rising Trend Toward Pointed Prophecy In Catholicism: 1994-1996

Prophecy in the Catholic Church, especially Marian prophecies, have dramatically increased during the past few years. Though Catholic prophecy has always pointed to a future time for fulfillment, the new prophecies promise that after Mary's triumph in bringing about the unity of the churches, the reign of Christ will be established upon the earth.

Numerous Internet web sites relay the Marian messages. Below is a summary of prophecies posted at some of those sites. The prophecies and exhortations from the various apparitions indicate what the "uniting Church" spirits are about as we approach the global celebrations of the year 2000.

See: Shepherds of Christ http://www.shepherds-of-christ.org/ "Tell My People" and "God's Blue Book, Volume 2, The Fire of His Love - Messages received by Rita Ring");

The Missionary Servants of Holy Love http://www.holylove.org/ "The Holy Love Book," "Present Day Tribulations" and "Why Our Lady Of Guadalupe?")

"The Apostolate Alliance of the Two Hearts" http://www.ici.net/mantle/alliance/2hearts/history.html and Our Lady of Guadalupe http://home.ourladyofguadalupe.org/ "Hope for Great Jubilee Year 2000," "Hope through our Consecration to the Heart of Mary," and "Hope through Jesus, King of All Nations".

The descriptions of the Sacred Heart in these prophecies are identical to St. Margaret Mary's original revelations of the Sacred Heart. This Heart is described as a roaring fire, aflame with love, a Heart open to receive all men into its fire. It is important to recall also that St. Gertrude's 14th century revelation from "John the Revelator" said that the devotion to the Sacred Heart is for the end times.

Before we look at the current Marian prophecies, read the Prayer of Consecration to Mary as published by the Missionary Servants of Holy Love:

> **"Immaculate Heart of Mary, humbly I ask that you take my heart into the Flame of Holy Love, that is the spiritual refuge of all mankind. Do not look upon faults and failings, but allow these iniquities to be burned away by this purifying Flame.**
>
> **"Through Holy Love, help me to be sanctified in the present moment, and in so doing, give to you, dear mother, my every thought, word and action. Take me and use me according to your great**

pleasure. Allow me to be your instrument in the world, all for the greater glory of God and towards your victorious reign. Amen" (The Missionary Servants Of Holy Love, http://www.holylove.org/praybook.html

I've summarized the Marian prophecies according to the three main themes which they follow: The Age of Two Hearts, The United Hearts of Jesus and Mary (see depiction below), and The Immaculate Heart Of Mary as the Gateway To The New Jerusalem, resulting in the reign of the Sacred Heart. We discuss these two united hearts in relation to Lord Matreya in a later file.



The Age Of Two Hearts

An apparition of Jesus said that the prophecies of Fatima are now being fulfilled, and that his people are now living in the Age of Two Hearts. After the time of purification, a new era of the Church will be established through the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart (unity). The subsequent Reign of the Sacred Heart will result in a glorious new age of world peace. Through a devoted act of Consecration to the Two Hearts, men can contribute to the arrival of the Sacred Heart's reign.

The United Hearts: The Immaculate Heart And Sacred Heart Together

According to these prophecies, the Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart are united, and Jesus is calling men to live in union with them. In one appearance, Jesus said the blessing of the United Hearts had been reserved for these times, and promised to appear more regularly with his Mother in order to prepare mankind for his Second Coming.

In another apparition, the Lady introduced a White Scapular to be worn as a witness that the wearers have a special vocation of love, and are now predestined to be placed in her Heart, the Gateway to the New Jerusalem. On one side of the scapular is a picture of the Immaculate Heart and the words, "Make known My Heart as the Gateway to the New Jerusalem." The other side portrays the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the words, "Sacred Heart of Jesus Thy Kingdom Come." This new scapular is a special sign of the Lady's last call to humanity to unite themselves to her, and thus to Jesus. The United Hearts not only depict the union of Jesus and Mary while on earth, but promise that through their continued union, they will reign victoriously over the New Jerusalem.

The Immaculate Heart Of Mary: Gateway To The New Jerusalem

Mary stated in one prophecy that she had come to lead mankind into the New Jerusalem by purifying all hearts with Holy Love, the light on the path of salvation. Appearing as the Lady of Guadalupe, the Lady said that she IS Holy Love, proceeding from Divine Love (Jesus). She further stated that this Holy Love was the last hope for sinners, the last portal of salvation, and that apart from Holy Love, there is no salvation. Therefore, Holy Love is the ONLY hope of salvation that will be given. Those souls entering the purifying flame of the Lady's Heart are consumed with Holy Love, which burns away their imperfections and makes them perfect, enabling them to be led to her Son's heart. Through this sanctification by unity with the Heart of Mary, Holy Love becomes the portal to the Gateway to the New Jerusalem.

Appearing as the Lady of Fatima, Mary said that it was through the Lady of Guadalupe that souls would be engulfed with Holy Love, the eternal flame of her Immaculate Heart, in order for humanity to reach new depths of holiness. In another apparition, Jesus said that the fulfillment of the individual's life, which is entering the fire of Divine Love in His Heart, would come about through the person's oneness with Mary's Heart.

Some of these apparitions said that if all the Marian apostolates propagate the words of Jesus and Mary concerning Holy Love, souls will be called into the Gateway of the New Jerusalem, the Refuge of her Immaculate Heart, and bring about Mary's final victory. Her victory of unity will then usher in the glorious reign of her Son's Eucharistic Heart on Earth, which will harmonize ideologies, purify faith and unite people in truth and peace. These apparitions warn that without Holy Love, there will be no remnant, and entrance into the Refuge of Mary's Heart will be refused. The flame of Holy Love is the Solemn spiritual Refuge, which will dispel all error and fear. Thus, men are to immerse themselves in the Flame of Holy Love as their ark of safety in the hard times ahead.

In one appearance as the Lady of Guadalupe, Mary said she had come as the Woman of the Apocalypse - a title usually attributed to the Lady of Fatima, the Woman clothed with the sun - as a sign to humanity of her ongoing call to conversion. She called for apostles of Holy Love to spread her message to all the earth, and said that these new apostles would be the rays shining from herself as the star leading humanity to her Son.

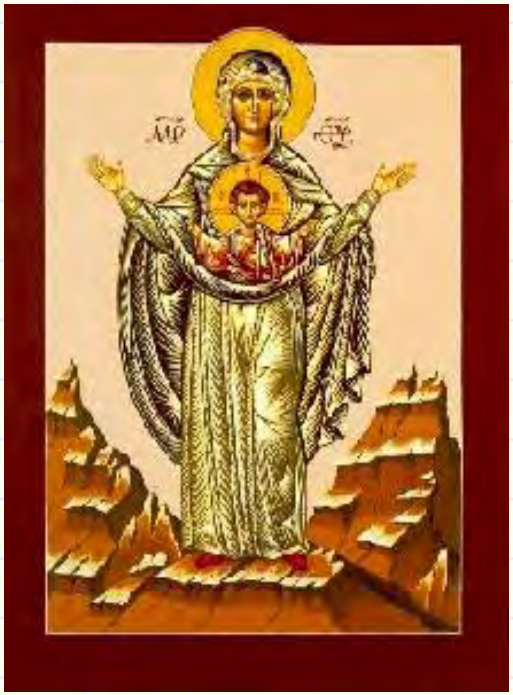
When Mary appeared with a star-studded sash around her waist, she identified the stars as representative of the countries of the world. The ones farthest from her Heart are receiving less grace because they have chosen atheistic

legislation. They must prepare for Advent, she said, and also for the Second Coming of Christ. Everyone should become apostles of love to spread her message of Holy Love to the world in order to convert hearts. Again as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Lady said that Holy Love, meaning the refuge of her Heart, is the gateway to the New Jerusalem. She warned men to choose good over evil, a decision that will determine the fate of the planet. If the right decision is not made by humanity, this will initiate judgment of the nations, based on the Justice of her Son.

Mary reminded the Seer that we are living in an age of advent, preparing for her Son's Second Coming. Holy Love, she said, is God's Mercy upon earth, his purifying flame of mercy for these last days of tribulation. When that Holy Love is in the hearts of all humanity, the earth will be transformed into the New Jerusalem. In another apparition, Jesus promised that the world will be made new when he returns, with peace residing in all men's hearts through their embracing of Holy Love. By triumphing over the darkness in their own hearts, the New Jerusalem will be made known to men. The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart would entail the unifying of the churches and religions of the world under Rome. According to Catholic prophesy, once this triumph is established, the reign of the Sacred Heart will be ushered in.

Our Lady Of The New Advent

The Lady of Guadalupe will lead the Church into the year 2000 to experience a new consciousness with all of humanity. But, there is now another image of "Mary" that specifically represents this new civilization. It is called "Our Lady of the New Advent"



This icon was presented to Pope John Paul II by Archbishop Francis Stafford of Denver, Colorado as a remembrance of World Youth Day, August 11-15, 1993. (One of two versions of Our Lady of the New Advent, http://web.lemoyne.edu/~bucko/advent_3.html

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What does the "New Advent" signify to Pope John Paul II? Nothing less than Mary's bringing forth a rebirth of the Church and the world in unity:

> **"Mary . . . should inspire all who cooperate in the Church's apostolic mission for the rebirth of humanity. . . . The Church journeys through time . . . along the path already trodden by the Virgin Mary" (Redemptoris Missio).**

The Lady of Guadalupe is the pregnant Virgin, but the Lady of the New Advent is shown with the Child she was carrying and has now birthed. That Child cannot be Jesus Christ, whose Second Advent is described in Revelation 19:11-16:

> Rev 19:11 I looked and saw that heaven was open, and a white horse was there. Its rider was called Faithful and True, and he is always fair when he judges or goes to war.
>
> Rev 19:12 He had eyes like flames of fire, and he was wearing a lot of crowns. His name was written on him, but he was the only one who knew what the name meant.
>
> Rev 19:13 The rider wore a robe that was covered with blood, and he was known as "The Word of God."
>
> Rev 19:14 He was followed by armies from heaven that rode on horses and were dressed in pure white linen.
>
> Rev 19:15 From his mouth a sharp sword went out to attack the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod and will show the fierce anger of God All-Powerful by trampling the grapes in the pit where wine is made.
>
> Rev 19:16 On the part of the robe that covered his thigh was written, "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

There are two representations of this Lady.

In all the research I've done on the Catholic Mary, I have never run across anything stating that Jesus is to come from the womb of His mother a second time. I don't believe the Child pictured in the icon represents Christ. Then

who is it? Think about this: the Pope has called on Mary as a Model to bring forth a New Advent, a corporate rebirth of HUMANITY in a Golden Age, and the Child in the icon more appropriately fits this description. It ties in with the Latter Rain and New Age agendas for a deified humanity coming forth as a corporate man in a New Age. I say this because of the following prayer that has been written to this new Lady:

"Prayer to Our Lady of the New Advent

"O Lady and Mother of the One who was and is and is to come, dawn of the New Jerusalem, we earnestly beseech you, bring us by your intercession so to live in love that the Church, the Body of Christ, may stand in this world's dark as fiery icon of the New Jerusalem. We ask you to obtain for us this mercy through Jesus Christ, your Son and Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen."

The prayer, which was composed by the Sisters of the Abbey of Walburga of Boulder, Colorado, accompanies the icon and speaks of Mary as the dawn of the New Jerusalem. I recently taught about the Catholic tradition of Mary as always preceding the Son, just as the dawn always precedes the rising sun. But here she is referred to as the dawn that precedes the CHURCH as a fiery icon of the New Jerusalem (the Golden Age of humanity, not the kingdom established by Christ at His coming). The Child you see in the icon CANNOT represent Christ Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth, in a New Advent. He and His coming are described in Revelation chapters 1,2 and 19 and He is anything but a child. The Child in the icon, I believe, is THE CHURCH deified! Why do I say that? The prayer goes with the icon, and that's what the prayer says: "O . . . dawn of the New Jerusalem [Mary]. . . . that the CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, may stand AS A FIERY ICON of the New Jerusalem." And in this prayer, what is the impetus for the Church becoming a fiery icon? "Bring us . . . to live in love." According to the Marian prophecies we've discussed, unity with Mary as Holy Love is the portal through which one encounters the fiery, Divine Love that is Jesus. First the dawn, then the fiery sun. First, the mother, then the deified Church filled with the fiery love of the Sacred Heart, which will establish his reign on the earth.

Look at what the Child is wearing. You can't see the colors, but it is not a totally white garment. When I enlarged the picture in the graphics program on my computer, I could see that his white robe is splashed with red, in what appear to be flames of fire. There's fire in Toronto, there's fire in the Sacred Heart, there's fire in the Nimbus of Jesus and Mary in both icons, and there's fire on the Child's robe. The prayer goes with the icon.

"Our Lady Of The Sign" As "Our Lady Of The New Advent"

The second icon is also a depiction of "Our Lady of the New Advent," but was based on another icon called "The Lady of the Sign." Accompanying the icon on the Internet web page is this note:

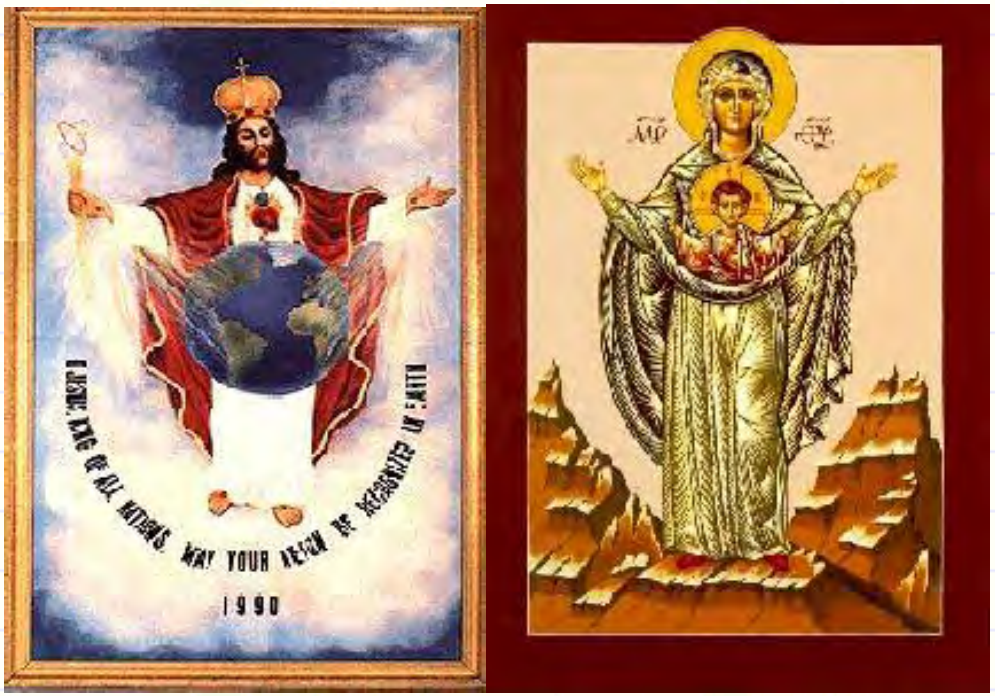


"This icon of 'Our Lady of the Sign' is the official icon of the Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado, commissioned by the Archbishop to celebrate the coming of the third millennium of Christianity. The Feast Day [newly assigned to] "Our Lady of the New Advent" in the Archdiocese of Denver is December 16" (One of two versions of Our Lady of the New Advent, http://web.lemoyne.edu/~bucko/advent.html All the icons by Fr. McNichols, S.J. on this server are provided with permission of St. Andre Rublev Icons).

In reference to "Our Lady of the Sign", the word "sign" is used to point to two scriptural passages. The first is the sign told to Isaiah, that a virgin shall bring forth a child wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Archbishop of Denver has instituted a new Novena, a nine- day devotion, to begin on the feast day established for this Lady: December 16. Now, 16 + 9 = 25. This means that the novena will end on December 25th, and on that day in the year 2000, the Catholic Church plans to lead the world into a celebration of the birth, not of Jesus, but of the new humanity.

The second reference to the word "sign" is to the Woman of the Apocalypse (Rev. 12:1) who, as I noted in Part One of this series, many see as Mary. Here is "Our Lady of the Sign," also called "Our Lady of the New Advent," who brings forth a Child who is then taken to heaven. In the context of this unscriptural New Advent, heaven is Christ's coming back in a mystical way to take the Church into a new world, rid of all its problems. Catholic prophecy on the Second Advent fits very well with the way Catholic doctrine has been laid out, but it is not scriptural. These things will all eventually come together, and actually make sense to many, but it is not God's plan that He determined before the creation of the world.

So, there we have it. The Lady of the New Advent with the newborn Child and the King. This is the trinity of the sun gods in the Babylonian Mysteries. That can be clearly seen when we put these two pictures together, for they both represent "Christ's" reign in the New Age.



There's only one problem. The Lady of the New Advent represents the Lady of Guadalupe after her pregnancy. But Christ cannot be present here as King AND as a Child coming out of His mother's bosom. Mary has nothing to do with the second advent. That's because the Child, as I said, is the Church. She's the "new Eve" who brings for the living. The pope has said she is the Mother of the Church and of all humanity. Mary and the pope are promising a rebirth of humanity, just as the Latter Rain and Hubbard and Creme and the New Ager are. What they are establishing is the reign of their Christ in a renewed Babylon. These spirits are the Satanic trinity leading the Church into what they have promised is to be a Golden Age. What this depicts is original Babylon: Nimrod, Semiramis and Nin.

X. The Fires Of the False Revival: The Sacred Heart And Lord Maitreya

Fire - Fire Everywhere

The spiritual setup for the acceptance and the final phases of Satan's plan are now being put into effect. Six thousand years of spiritual manipulation is seen to come to a head. The means being used to set up the public acceptance of the antichrist is LOVE, sometimes described as the fire of the Holy Spirit. That fiery love is the foundation of a new unity consciousness that is being brought about through New Age doctrines centered on spiritual fire, a fire which has already burned its way into the Church. It is in the fire of the New Age that this unity will become reality in the lives of millions, both within and without the Church.

The Origins Of The New Age Doctrine Of Fire

The "Christian Fire" version is nothing less than the New Age version in Christian terms, and the result in both philosophies is the same: the inflaming of people in their spirit with spiritual fire. We are all familiar with titles of conferences in the "Christian revival" such as "Fire & Reign," "Catch The Fire," and "Fire & Passion." For the New Age view, I will use the teachings of Share International, the promoters of Lord Maitreya, and Elizabeth Claire Prophet and her Ascension Research Center, to whom Share International links on the Internet. The Ascension Research Center promotes research into the Ascension Flame, which they say became the standard of transformation established when Jesus ascended to the Father (Tom Miller's painting illustrating the Ascension Flame; Copyright © 1979 Kali Productions, Box 5000, Livingston, MT 59047-5000):



These two major New Age organizations promote the coming of the New Age Christ and the preparation for that Christ through a global consciousness of unity based on FIERY LOVE. Their doctrines go like this:

The Cosmic Christ is the "Sun," a spiritual being, the reality behind the Great Central Sun in our solar system. In other words, the "Sun" brought forth the Great Central Sun as a way of relating who "he" is.

The Cosmic Christ is also called the Word. The idea here is that everything was created by The Cosmic Christ, the Word, and everything that was created was created with a core of fire, including humanity.(1) It is believed that

every human has within himself "a spark" of divinity which is the seed of transformation to godhood realization, with Jesus being the Model or Pattern because he showed complete transformation can be accomplished.

Who is The Cosmic Christ, the "Sun" behind the Great Central Sun?

New Age material says it is Lord Maitreya, the New Age Christ. Here are a few beliefs about him:

1. **"Holding the office of Cosmic Christ, beloved Lord Maitreya demonstrates the Cosmic Consciousness of the Christ to our evolving races of humanity in all areas of life on our earth, and the universality of the Christ throughout our cosmos. . . ."**

   In simple terms, Maitreya demonstrates the unity of all things. The next belief is this:

2. **"The Name 'Maitreya' means 'Lord of Love' . . . . [Maitreya's] Divine Quality [is] Love."**

3. **"Beloved Maitreya" enfolded Jesus in His Cosmic Flame to assist Jesus in manifesting the Christ Consciousness."(2)**

This last quote is very important to the deception regarding fire we are experiencing in the Church. Look at this comparison:

MAITREYA = Love + Cosmic Flame + demonstration of Cosmic Consciousness (unity) in humanity
JESUS IN THE REVIVAL = Love + Fire + unity consciousness

So Maitreya means, "Cosmic Flame of Love," and it his flaming love that is the power to manifest the Christ consciousness or unity of all things. Let's recap this, along with some additional points:

POINT 1: Maitreya is the "Sun," the Cosmic Flame of Love, who DEMONSTRATES a Cosmic or Global Consciousness through Jesus.

POINT 2: Beloved Maitreya enfolded Jesus in His Cosmic Flame to assist Jesus in manifesting the Christ Consciousness in his ascension. The Church's Manifest Sons doctrine complements this New Age doctrine with the

idea that Jesus was the Pattern Son, who is now the model for the transformation in the "revival."

POINT 3: Because Jesus was enfolded with the Cosmic Flame to demonstrate in corporate humanity the fire of love, we have the connection between the spirits of Catholicism and the New Age Christ and his organizations.

The Jesus Of Catholicism: The Sacred Heart

How is the Jesus of Catholicism promoted today? He is promoted as the Sacred Heart, who is experienced in the Eucharist and various other devotions. Compare the following description of the Sacred Heart as given in the initial revelations with my descriptions of Maitreya. Notice the fire of love based on the fire of the sun and the Eucharist, which is adored in reparation to the Sacred Heart. It is the Heart of Jesus which supposedly contains this fire which is released through adoration of the Eucharist or reception of the Eucharist itself. Read the words of St. Margaret Mary in the 1600's and the description of her experience that laid the foundation for the devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

> **"On the First Friday of each month, the above-mentioned grace connected with the pain in my side was renewed in the following manner: the Sacred Heart was represented to me as a resplendent sun, the burning rays of which fell vertically upon my heart, which was inflamed with a fire so fervid that it seemed as if it would reduce me to ashes. . . . On one occasion, while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, feeling wholly withdrawn within myself by an extraordinary recollection of all my senses and powers, Jesus Christ, my sweet Master, presented Himself to me, all resplendent with glory, His Five Wounds shining like so many suns. Flames issued from every part of His Sacred Humanity, especially from His Adorable Breast, which resembled an open furnace and disclosed to me His most loving and most amiable Heart, which was the living source of these flames. It was then that He made known to me the ineffable marvels of His pure love and showed me to what an excess He had loved men, from whom He received only ingratitude and contempt."(3)**

This is not the Christian Jesus, but describes Jesus as he would be if enfolded with the Cosmic Flame of Maitreya. This is a Jesus of fiery love, totally transformed in the Ascension Flame. This becomes even more evident when we look at the end-time prophecy given to St. Gertrude in the 1300's:

> **"On the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, the author of the Gospel of the same name, St. Gertrude had a vision of Our Lord, during which she was allowed to rest her head upon the Wound in His side. When she heard the beating of His Heart, she turned and asked St. John, who also was present, if he had heard the same on the night of the Last Supper, when he leaned upon the breast of Our Lord. And if so, why he never spoke of them in his Gospel. Remarkably, St. John replied that the revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was reserved for later times when the world, grown cold, would be in need of being rekindled in love."(4)**

Two More Descriptions Of Lord Maitreya And Jesus

Now let's look at the next two points:

1. **Maitreya, The I AM Presence = The Father**
2. **Maitreya as he relates to Jesus today in New Age doctrine**

On Elizabeth Claire Prophet's Ascension Research Center Home Page (http://www.all-natural.com/jesus.html), we read this about the New Age Ascended Master, Jesus:

> **"Maitreya was formerly the World Teacher until January 1, 1956, when this Office in [the] Hierarchy was passed jointly to Jesus and Kuthumi."(5)**

What does it mean that Jesus is the World Teacher? According to the New Age definition it means this:

> **"World Teacher - revealing the individual Christ Self to all mankind and to show the works of the Father (the I AM Presence [Lord Maitreya]) that can be performed by His sons and daughters through the Flame of the individualized Christ Self (Higher Mental Body) of each one."(6)**

This is godhood realization. In the" revival," it is Christ coming to the Church before he comes for the Church. It is Christ incarnating in people by their evolving to maturity to become Manifest Sons.

The I AM Presence mentioned here is the Father aspect of God, as well as Maitreya:

> **"Jesus also called Lord Maitreya 'Father,' since He was both Teacher and Guru, and symbolized God the Father (the Mighty I AM Presence)."(7)**

Though confusing at times, the basic belief is this:

> **"Great Initiator: Maitreya was the initiator of Jesus, when Jesus lived His final embodiment as the individualization of the Christ, as world savior and EXAMPLE of the Way, the Truth, and the Life."(8; emphasis mine).**

New Agers say Jesus passed through Six Degrees of Initiation into the New Age Hierarchy:

1. **Birth**
2. **Baptism**

3. **Transfiguration**
4. **Cross Experience**
5. **Resurrection (symbolic; body raised by Maitreya)**
6. **Ascension (symbolic; Ascension Flame)**

The symbolism of the 5th (resurrection) and 6th (ascension) initiations are considered to be teaching tools by the spiritual hierarchy (see the Ascension Flame on the left). Man can, they say, transform himself, and Jesus was the one who showed it can be done. The Maitreyan doctrine concerning Jesus says that Jesus is now a Master in the Spiritual Hierarchy, known as The Great Leader, The General, and The Wise Executive. For 640 years, he has been in a Syrian body, and is now in Rome. In charge of Jews and Christians in both the East and the West, his present purpose is to raise the Christian churches up as one by destroying their rivalries, and if invited, to lead a newly united Church. This exactly describes the activity of the "Jesus" we see operating in the Church today. Another purpose of the New Age Jesus is to resolve contradictions and misunderstandings of the teaching he gave when on earth 2000 years ago. Again, the resolution of contradictions is exactly what is happening in the drive for unity among Rome and the churches. In explanation of how Jesus relates to Maitreya, Maitreya is said to affect "Jesus" in two ways:

1. He overshadowed Jesus:

> **"In fact, the title Christ does not refer to an individual at all. It is the name of a function in the Hierarchy of Masters of Wisdom, that group of advanced beings who guide the evolution of humanity from behind the scenes. Whoever stands at the head of this Hierarchy automatically becomes the World Teacher, known in the East as the Bodhisattva, during the term of His office.**
>
> **"Maitreya, who embodies the energy we call the Christ Principle, has held that office for over two millennia, and in Palestine He manifested Himself as the Christ to inaugurate the Age of Pisces, then beginning. The method He used is called SPIRITUAL OVERSHADOWING, that is, His consciousness informed and guided the actions and teachings of His disciple Jesus. It was, therefore, the consciousness of the Christ, [meaning] Maitreya, which was seen and experienced by those around Jesus."(9)**

On the next page are two pictures taken from the same home page, one of Maitreya and the other of the Sacred Heart, to support what I am sharing concerning Jesus and Maitreya:



This is the same Jesus used by Catholicism, entitled, "Divine Mercy":



2. Maitreya engulfed Jesus in the Ascension Flame:

> **"Beloved Maitreya" enfolded Jesus in His Cosmic Flame to assist Jesus in manifesting the Christ Consciousness."(10)**

Let me again summarize the points I have made. Maitreya is "the Father," the Cosmic Flame of Love who engulfed Jesus in the Ascension Flame in his 6th initiation. Maitreya, through the ascended Jesus, now wants to manifest, by Jesus, a unity consciousness in all things. That this is the same spirit operating in the New Age and Catholicism can be demonstrated in an examination of the Cosmic Flame. In Catholic circles, we have the sun-like flaming heart of Jesus, known as the Sacred Heart. This Jesus united his heart with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Catholic

prophecy has now announced that we are now living in the age of the Two Hearts, which are two flaming hearts, shown below:



Another way of expressing these images in Catholicism is through pictures of the Sacred Heart (Jesus) and the Immaculate Heart (Mary):



In the New Age, as in the Roman Church, we find the same thing. The male/female aspects of "God" are included in both belief systems. In Catholicism, an adherent makes himself one with Mary for purification, who then leads him to oneness with the Sacred Heart, because her heart and his heart are one. In the New Age, this male/female principle is also evident, which we will discuss in a minute.

New Age Beliefs About Mary

The New Age Ascension Research Center says this in support of Marian appearances:

> **"Mother Mary is still working to uplift mass consciousness and return the people to God. Her serenely calm, youthful image has appeared to countless thousands of people over the last 2000 years. Through centuries of male domination, Mother Mary filled deep human needs for a feminine aspect of God. The Catholic Church Fathers have only grudgingly acknowledged some of her appearances at Lourdes, France, Fatima, Portugal, and Zeitoun, Egypt. Devotion to Mary has always begun in the hearts of the common people. Only much later has it been officially accepted as cannon by the hierarchy of the church.**
>
> **"Mary has accepted the responsibility of predicting future catastrophes if mankind does not change its mind and attitude. She appears to people all over the world trying to get their attention away from materiality and back to faith in God. Annie Kirkwood's 'Mary's Messages to the World' is one example of Mary appearing to an ordinary person who is not even a Catholic and has had no prior connection to such things"(11)**

Elohim And The Twin Flames

Lord Maitreya: "Known as 'LORD God' in Eden, Guru of twin flames" (Lord Maitreya, http://www.all-natural.com/maitreya.html Ascension Research Center). Remembering that New Agers believe that Mary "filled deep human needs for a feminine aspect of God" in Catholicism, the New Age explains the doctrine of the Twin Flames this way:

> **"ELOHIM" is a Hebrew word meaning 'God' - used 2,500 times in the Old Testament. It is a uni-plural noun that refers to the Twin Flames of the Godhead - the 'Divine Us' Who 'in the beginning' (Gen. 1:1) created male and female in Their image and likeness (Gen. 1:26, 27).**
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> **The Elohim embody the Light of the Father-Mother God, whom They personify on each of the Seven Rays. "These SEVEN SETS OF TWIN GOD-FLAMES are the 'Seven Spirits of God' referred to in Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6."(12)**

The two hearts shown below have now evolved into what is called the "United Hearts" of "Holy Love." There is no real difference between Jesus' and Mary's "United Hearts" engulfed in flames and the New Age god of "Twin Flames":



This unity is no different than Father/Mother God of the New Age philosophy. The Holy Spirit is said to have seven emanations of flaming fiery love, called "the Elohim," and each of those flames is "composed" of the Father/Mother God:

GOD [Elohim]
Twin Flames
Father [Maitreya]-Mother
| |
Emanation
\ /
Holy Spirit
(Came in cloven tongues at Pentecost)

The Seven Emansaitons Of The Spirit:
Blue - Gold Yellow - Pink - White - Emerald Green - Purple/Green - Violet Flames
(One set of flames = Father-Mother God)(13)

The Fire Of The Holy Spirit

It is important to note that some in the Church and in the New Age attribute the manifestations of the fire of "revival" to the Holy Spirit of God. Both have a male/female aspect. Following is an excerpt from one of the New Age home pages we have been quoting. As you read it, compare it with what we have heard concerning the Holy Spirit within the present "revival" in the Church. The similarities are obvious, even though the terminology is different:

"There are spiritual forces within us-within every single atom and cell, within the fire of our heart. If we would discover what these forces are, we would know how the fervent, white-hot heat of meditative love can burst that atom of Self and release the energy that has framed the worlds, that has created an uncreated Void. It can begin a revolution of light. And it can make the imminent Aquarian age truly an era of peace and enlightenment. "The cycles of God Self-awareness move two- thousand-year periods. In each two-thousand-year cycle, there's a dawning of a great light. In the age of Aries, the Judaic tradition taught us to understand God the Father, the personal God individualized in what Moses experienced as the I AM THAT I AM.

"The next two-thousand-year period, marked by the coming of the avatar Jesus Christ, was the Piscean dispensation intended to give us the understanding of God as Son.

"And so through reincarnation, lifetime after lifetime we were intended to put on the consciousness of God the Father and God the Son. Now as we feel the winds of the Aquarian age, we find the energy of the Holy Spirit upon us in many ways. New sounds, new rhythms, new science, new technology-and, above all, a new freedom.

"The Aquarian age is the moment of understanding energy and its conquest in time and space through the perfect polarity of the masculine and feminine principles of the universe-Spirit ('heaven') / Matter ('earth'). The "cloven tongues" of fire that sat upon each of the disciples on the day of Pentecost are these 'twin flames' of the Father/Mother God which give to us the impact, the energy, the control of creative flow.

"This descent of the Holy Spirit is a tremendous force. It is intense love. And this love-action is transmutative-that is, when this energy flows through us it is able to re-create us after the image of the Real Self.

"Just as Jesus stood as the open door to the attainment of the Christ consciousness in the two-thousand-year Piscean cycle, so the Aquarian master Saint Germain comes today to initiate us on the path of soul liberation through the sacred fire of the Holy Spirit which we call the violet flame.

"The violet flame is the energy of freedom. People who are free have the violet light vibrating in their auras-unmistakably. The violet flame is also an energy of mercy and forgiveness. And transmutation.

"Transmutation means to change - to alter in form, appearance, or nature. The term was used by medieval alchemists who attempted to transmute base metals into gold, separating the 'subtle' from the 'gross' by means of heat.

"That is precisely what the energy of the Holy Spirit does. It is a tangible emanation of spiritual fire that actually "melts" the "elements" of our subconscious "with fervent heat" - as the Bible says.

"This is the way to undo psychological problems, emotional hang-ups, records of the past. We don't have to go back through hypnosis or regression. Send the love-fire of the Holy Spirit through - and it all begins to change by the alchemy of the violet transmuting flame.

"The scientific use of the violet flame in this age has been made possible by Saint Germain, who offered the violet flame garnered within his own heart (over many thousands of years) as a momentum of light-energy so that we could experiment with the alchemy of self-transformation through the sacred fire. . . . God is the cloven tongues of fire-Spirit/Matter. . . ."(14)

The Violet Flame of St. Germain is the Flame of Freedom that will supposedly transform humanity. As the last of the seven flames of the "Holy Spirit," it too consists of the Father-Mother god that manifests as the Twin Flames. This is the "Holy Spirit" that will fill the apostate Church in the year 2000, under the guise of the United Hearts of Jesus (Sacred Heart) and Mary (Immaculate Heart). It is not the Jesus Christ of Christianity, but the false Jesus of Eden, who promised humanity, "ye shall be as gods."

The Great Invocation

One last point I want to make is about the Great Invocation, the "Our Father" of the New Age movement. It is explained as follows **http://www.inetport.com/~one/givis.html**

The Great Invocation is a world prayer, translated into over 50 languages & dialects. It is an instrument of power to aid the Plan of God find full expression on Earth. To use it is an act of service to humanity & the Christ -- the World Teacher.

Many believe in a World Teacher, knowing him under such names as the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi, the Messiah, & the Kalki Avatar. By means of invocation, prayer & meditation divine energies can be released and brought into activity. Men and women of goodwill of many faiths and nations can join together in world service, bringing spiritual value & strength to a troubled world. Men & women have the power, through focused, united invocation, to affect world events. Knowledge of this fact, scientifically applied, can be one of the great liberating factors within humanity.

It is sponsored by no group or sect. We urge you to use it and encourage others to do so on behalf of humanity.

No one can use this Invocation or prayer for illumination and for love without causing powerful

changes in attitudes and life intention.

Also on this page are notes for visualization:

The Great Invocation (with visualization notes [in parenthesis])

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
(see golden light streaming from the Buddha into the minds of people everywhere)
Let Light descend on Earth.
(see beams of white light from the sun saturating the Earth)

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
(see rose colored Christ light entering the hearts of people everywhere)
May Christ return to Earth.
(Remember that this refers to the Hierarchy as a whole)

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men --
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.
(Brilliant beams of light entering the world from Shamballa,
galvanizing mankind into spiritual action)

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out.
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

This New Age "Our Father" is centered in the Sun as the source of the renewal of the earth by the coming of the hierarchy through meditation, but this fits very appropriately to the original revelations of the Sacred Heart of fire and love and, of course, Maitreya. The streaming of light rays to the earth and received through meditation are also appropriate when you consider Catholicism's Jesus as "Divine Mercy," who is the Sacred Heart. This is exactly as

he is depicted, and one of the Maitreyan home pages has Maitreya's picture along with that of the Sacred Heart pictured as "Divine Mercy" with rays streaming downward from his heart (shown above). Elizabeth Claire Prophet also uses this same picture of the Sacred Heart in her St. Germain doctrines, who issues forth violet rays.

This page goes on to says,

> **When you say the first line: "From the point of Light...", visualize (or think of, if you cannot visualize Him) the Buddha, the Embodiment of Light or Wisdom on the planet. Visualize Him sitting in the lotus posture, saffron robe over one shoulder, hand raised in blessing, and see emanating from the heart center, the ajna center, (between the eyebrows), and the upraised hand of the Buddha, a brilliant golden light. See this light enter the minds of men and women everywhere.**
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> **When you say the line: "Let light descend on Earth," visualize the sun, the physical sun, and see emanating from it beams of white light. See this light enter and saturate the Earth.**
>
> **When you say: "From the point of Love...", visualize the Christ (the Embodiment of Love), however you see Him. A suggested way is to see Him standing at the head of an inverted Y-shaped table, standing, arms raised in blessing, and see emanating from the heart center and the upraised hands of the Christ, a brilliant rose-colored light (not red). Visualize this rose light entering the hearts of men and women everywhere.**
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> **When you say the line, "May Christ return to Earth," remember that this refers to the Hierarchy as a whole and not only to the Christ. He is the heart center of the Hierarchy, and although He is now among us, the remainder of the Hierarchy (that part of it which will externalize slowly, over the years) still requires to be invoked; the magnetic conduit for Their descent has still to be maintained.**
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> **When you say: "From the center where the Will of God is known," which is Shamballa, visualize a great sphere of white light. (You can place it, mentally, in the Gobi desert, where it is, on the two highest of the four etheric planes. One day, when mankind has developed etheric vision, which it will in the coming age, this center will be seen and known, as many other etheric centers will be seen and known.) Streaming from this sphere of brilliant light, visualize beams of light entering the world, galvanizing mankind into spiritual action.**
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> **Do this with focused thought and intention, your attention fixed on the ajna center between the eyebrows. In this way you form a telepathic conduit between yourselves and Hierarchy. Through that conduit the energies thus invoked can flow.**

There we have it: Maitreya, Jesus, Mother Mary - all New Age spirits bringing about the greatest deception to ever hit the Church. The New Age and Catholicism are centered in the worship of the sun, and the Sun god is coming to

humanity in many different forms, but "he" is coming because humanity is opening doors for him. It doesn't really matter what these spirits call themselves. These are all spirits not of God who masquerade as ones sent from heaven, bent on deceiving the whole world into following Satan so that he may receive global worship. Hold on to our Lord Jesus Christ and His word, brothers and sisters, because the time is indeed short.

Footnotes:

(1) "The Sun behind the sun is the spiritual Cause behind the physical we see as our own physical sun and all other stars and star systems, seen or unseen, including the Great Central Sun. The Sun behind the sun of cosmos is perceived as the Cosmic Christ - the Word by whom the formless was endowed with form and spiritual worlds were draped with physicality. http://www.all-natural.com/gcs.html Great Central Sun citing Prophet, Elizabeth Clare and Mark L. Saint Germain on Alchemy: For the Adept in the Aquarian Age (Livingston, Montana, Summit University Press, 1988), page 371).
(2) Lord Maitreya, http://www.all-natural.com/maitreya.html Ascension Research Center.
(3) http://www.ici.net/mantle/alliance/2hearts/history2.html The Apostolate Alliance of the Two Hearts & Immaculate Mediatrix, The Revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
(4) http://www.ici.net/mantle/alliance/2hearts/history1.html The Revelations of the Two Hearts in Modern Times, The Apostolate Alliance of the Two Hearts & Immaculate Mediatrix.
(5) Lord Maitreya, http://www.all-natural.com/maitreya.html Ascension Research Center.
(6) Prophet, Elizabeth Clare and Prophet, Mark L. Saint Germain on Alchemy: For the Adept in the Aquarian Age, Second Edition, (Livingston, Montana, Summit University Press, 1986), p. 423-424.
(7) Lord Maitreya, http://www.all-natural.com/maitreya.html
(8) Ibid.
(9) Emphasis mine; http://www.88net.net/jon/www/jesm.html Jesus of Nazareth and Maitreya the Christ by Peter Liefhebber, Share International.
(10) Lord Maitreya, http://www.all-natural.com/maitreya.html Ascension Research Center.
(11) http://www.hmtp.com/new/gather/master.html Celeste & Jananda Korsholm, THE ASCENDED MASTERS, WINGED STAR PUBLICATIONS.
(12) http://www.all-natural.com/elohim.html Pearls of Wisdom, (Livingston, Montana: Summit Lighthouse, 1993), Vol. 39, No.
19, page 111. (13) See http://www.all-natural.com/elohim.html Elohim, (In The Beginning).
(14) The Summit Lighthouse, Violet Flame: sacred fire of transmutation, http://www.tsl.org/violet.html

XI. The Circle Of Virgins Is Complete: How the False Mary Will Close History

". . .Speak about the Mother of the Eucharist, because the Mother of the Eucharist closes the history. The Virgin opens the history and the Mother of the Eucharist closes it. . . "



A spirit posing as Mary has been appearing for centuries, and because she (the spirit) is not omnipresent, she has appeared in many, many places and in many, many different forms. These appearances are now increasing, accompanied by prophecies that are finalizing the end-time message of this spirit. In her many appearances, she has gathered a people to herself for the purpose of bringing about worship of Satan in the last times through an idolatrous, Babylonian religious system. Because the Roman church has accepted these apparitions by publicly condoning them, or in some cases, ignoring them, they are being allowed to pave the way for the goddess-spirits of Babylon to enter into mainstream society.

God always warns His people of encroaching danger. Daniel had dreams and visions upon his bed, and he wrote the dream and told of the matter. God had him do that for us. What Daniel saw and wrote and told, we are seeing happen. He saw the overall picture, but today God is showing us the pieces as they are fulfilled, that we might know the times and the seasons, and that as these things happen, Christ is preparing to return:

> **7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. 2 Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. 3 And four great**

beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

I don't believe God pours out tons of visions and dreams through His people today, but He does give them when they are meaningful, have impact, and make a strong point that He needs to be made. On rare occasions, I've had such things happen to me. My seeing of the spiritual hierarchies four years ago before they manifested in Toronto has opened up my ministry, as God has used me and others to sound the warning of increased activity in the spiritual realm. When one is allowed dreams and visions, one is taken into the Spirit to be shown things that are coming or impending, so that God's people will not lose faith for a lack of understanding of events in terrible times and circumstances. What I am talking about is seeing things in the Spirit, and when God takes a person there, those things are before him and no matter what he does, they just continue passing before his eyes. That's what Daniel experienced. That's what John the Revelator experienced. They looked here and they looked there, and had to keep up with what was happening and what was passing before their eyes, and they wrote it down to share with the Church for its preparation of hard times that would come. God still does such things today for the good of His people.

A Glimpse Into The Spiritual Realm

On the Internet is a home page http://www.mclink.it/personal/MC0675 titled, "OUR LADY IS APPEARING IN ROME: Messages of 'The Mother of the Eucharist '" What is significant is that I was reading this very page at the same time the Lord Jesus was allowing Stephanie O'Grady, who takes care of my home page and sends files for me, to see what the spirits were doing in the spiritual realm. While such insights are rare in true Christianity, they do happen, and I believe this insight to be significant. Here is Stef's testimony of what she saw:

> **"Although I was semi-awake....I had pictures of different forms of Mary and they were all standing in a circle in different robes. One in particular wore a dark brown robe, and she kept beckoning to me. They had surrounded me and I was very sick. I couldn't get out of bed or I would get dizzy. I tossed and turned and was very nauseous. Somehow I knew this sickness was from the lady in the brown robe. She kept beckoning me with outstretched hands, saying, "I want you to consecrate yourself to me." This went on for what seemed hours, although I never looked at the clock and can't be sure how long it really was. During all this I kept praying, mostly repeating "Jesus Christ is Lord". Then I saw a brown spider come out from in back of her. That, of course was frightening to me. Very shortly after that I was able to get up and walk around. I went in the walk-in closet and opened my bible and what a coincidence, but I opened to Luke 1:26, where it is telling about Mary and the birth of Jesus. I couldn't see where this was from God. It is as if "Mary" was still there, saying, "Follow me". I kept hearing this and she was still there, even though I was awake. I kept refusing this and refused the scripture too, because I believe it wasn't from God, but rather the enemy. I was not afraid (well, maybe just a little bit), but rather tired of this, for she wouldn't go away. It was kind of like the spirit that harassed Paul when the woman was following him saying things that sounded right, and yet it wasn't from God. That**

spirit just kept picking at him until finally he rebuked it and it left. As I tried to go back to sleep, the spirit began to show me a child surrounded by a sunburst, and I rebuked it once more by saying, "Jesus Christ is Lord! Be gone!" and it left. (Stef - April 6, 1997).

"For a long time Our Lady has been appearing in private to Marisa Rossi in Rome. In June 1993 She asked in the name of God, that Her messages about the Eucharist be made public. Our Lady says: 'I am THE MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST ' and She wants to spread a renewed and strong devotion, all over the world, for this great Sacrament. These apparitions have been defined by Our Lady Herself:

"'... She asks us: "...Speak about the Mother of the Eucharist, because the Mother of the Eucharist closes the history. The Virgin opens the history and the Mother of the Eucharist closes it. Look at the great circle: from the Virgin to the Mother of the Eucharist and from the Mother of the Eucharist to the Virgin. This great circle embraces all the names given to Me. I am the Mother of the Eucharist, I am the Mother of Jesus, I am your Mother...".

Two important points must not be lost: Stephanie saw a circle of virgins, different forms of the spirit posing as Mary. Also, one of the virgins showed her "the Christ" child bathed in the sun. When this vision is examined in the light of the words of the "Mother of the Eucharist," it becomes significant.

The "Mother" said she is going to close history as the Virgin Mother of the Eucharist, just as she opened history by bringing Christ into the world the first time. The "Child" that Stef saw was in the form of the incarnated sun-god of Babylon of old. The "Mother" said that from the time of Christ to now, a circle embraces all her names (in Stef's vision, the spirit-Virgin in her many forms), which can be summed up in her as the "Mother of the Eucharist." She implied that as the Virgin of old, she will close history by bringing forth another birth of "Christ." Who is this "Christ" child in modern terms? I confidently offer the suggestion that it is the Church of the Manifest Sons, a reborn corporate humanity which the Pope says Mary will bring forth. In New Age terms, it is Barbara Marx Hubbard's transformation of all of humanity from Homo Sapien to Homo Universalis, the god-race of the Golden Age.

The Virgin Mary of the Catholic faith has always pointed people to the Eucharist, in whatever form she chose to appear. The "round wafer" of the Catholic Church is often imprinted with the letters IHS, which is the Egyptian form of the Babylonian trinity of the sun god. The global Church is heading for a global communion service, and I believe that when it takes place, the god of ancient Babylon will rise in their hearts, accompanied by Isis of old posing as the Virgin Mary, who will reign over all. The Triumph of the Immaculate heart of Mary, which has been defined as the unity of all the churches, will be the triumph of a spirit of old: Isis, Queen of Egypt. That triumph will culminate in a unified, apostate Church receiving the god who they really serve, and will introduce the reign of the Sacred Heart to prepare the way for the manifestation of the antichrist.

History is being brought to a close by the spirits of this age, and God is warning His people:

Rev 13:3 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. 4 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?

NOTE: The following is what is said of the statue of the Mother of the Eucharist (see above): " the statue has been made for these apparitions and according to the descriptions given by Marisa Rossi."

XII. The Sun Worship Of Rome



A. The Pagan Sun Worship and Catholicism
Celebrating The Birth of the Sun

"If you can't believe that he [Jesus] was born on December 25th, then you can't believe anything else in the Bible!", or so stated a woman quoted in the *Practice of Ministry in Canada* article *Enshrining Ignorance* by Jim Taylor. Is December 25th the true date of Christ's birth? How did celebrating that date come about?

> Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
> Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
> Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great

joy, which shall be to all people.
Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

So the shepherds were watching over their flocks in the field at night. Have you ever thought that it may have been a little cold on a late December night in Bethlehem? Well the Bible says nothing about the birth of Jesus being at that time of year. Indeed, if the flocks were still in the field, it definitely was not during the winter. Since the Bible does not openly declare any particular date for the birth of Jesus Christ, just how is it that December 25 was selected?

> III. The feast of the Epiphany, which had existed fairly generally in the Greek Church even in the third century, is now found in the Latin Church also. In migrating, the feast acquired, however, a new meaning. Whilst in the East it commemorated more especially Christ's Baptism, in the West it came to be a festival in honour of His manifestation to the Gentiles. The other meanings of the feast gradually passed into the background, one of them, that of Christ's birth, becoming the object of an entirely new festival, Christmas. The origin of the latter is by no means clear: the Armenian Ananias the 'Computer,' writing at the beginning of the seventh century, tells us that it was kept at the imperial court under Constantius (337-61); we have also an illusion of the so-called Chronographer of A.D. 354. If his notice at the head of the *Depositio Martyrum* is to be taken as indicating that December 25 was merely reckoned as Christ's birthday, then the feast may have arisen subsequently to 354, but if it refers, as quite possibly it may, to a festival, then Christmas must have been kept as a feast not only in 354, but, as is clear from a comparison with the Chronographer's *Depositio Episcoporum*, as far back as 336. However this may be, the feast certainly existed in Rome before 360, and from thence it spread throughout the Church; Justin I [p. 199] (518-27) was, nevertheless, obliged to issue decrees making its observation compulsory throughout the empire. Armenia alone refused to accept it, and there Christ's birth is still commemorated on the Epiphany. December 25 seems to have been chosen on account of the Roman custom of keeping this day as the festival of Sol Invictus - i.e. of the re-birth of the sun; it was judged fitting to substitute for the pagan feast a Christian one commemorating the birth of the true Sun of the world and Redeemer of mankind.

Source: *Manual of Church History*, Volume I., by Dr. F. X. Funk, Published by B. Herder, 17 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo., Copyright 1912, bearing the Nihil obstat and Imprimatur of the Catholic Church, pp. 198-199.

The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days counted from December 25th to January 5, January 6th being the date the Epiphany (Twelfth Night) is celebrated, which is when the three Wise Men, or Magi, visited Bethlehem.

Date of Christ's birth uncertain in the 3rd Century.

> [p. 249] Uncertainty about Jesus' birthday in the early third century is reflected in a disputed passage of the presbyter Hippolytus, who was banished to Sardinia by Maximin in 235, and in an authentic statement of Clement of Alexandria. While the former favored January second, the learned Clem- [p. 250] ent of Alexandria enumerates several dates given by the Alexandrian chronographers, notably the twenty-fifth of the Egyptian month Pachon (May twentieth) in the twenty-eighth year of Augustus and the twenty-fourth or twenty-fifth of Pharmuthi (April eighteenth or nineteenth) of the year A.D. 1, although he favored May twentieth. This shows that no Church festival in honor of the day was established before the middle of the third century. Origen at that time in a sermon denounced the idea of keeping Jesus' birthday like that of Pharaoh and said that only sinners such as Herod were so honored. Arnobius later similarly ridiculed giving birthdays to "gods." A Latin treatise, *De pascha computus* (of ca. 243), placed Jesus' birth on March twenty-first since that was the supposed day on which God created the Sun (Gen. 1:14–19), thus typifying the "Sun of righteousness" as Malachi (4:2) called the expected Messiah. A century before Polycarp, martyred in Smyrna in 155, gave the same date for the birth and baptism placing it on a Wednesday because of the creation of the Sun on that day.

Source: Walter Woodburn Hyde, *Paganism to Christianity in the Roman Empire*, pp. 249, 250. Copyright 1946 by the University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia.

> Christmas: The supposed anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, occurring on Dec. 25. No sufficient data … exist, for the determination of the month or the day of the event… There is no historical evidence that our Lord's birthday was celebrated during the apostolic or early postapostolic times. The uncertainty that existed at the beginning of the third century in the minds of Hippolytus and others—Hippolytus earlier favored Jan. 2, Clement of Alexanderia (Strom., i. 21) "the 25th day of Pachon" (= May 20), while others, according to Clement, fixed upon Apr. 18 or 19 and Mar. 28—proves that no Christmas festival had been established much before the middle of the century. Jan. 6 was earlier fixed upon as the date of the baptism or spiritual birth of Christ, and the feast of Epiphany … was celebrated by the Basilidian Gnostics in the second century … and by catholic Christians by about the beginning of the fourth century. The earliest record of the recognition of Dec. 25 as a church festival is in the Philocalian Calendar (copied 354 but representing Roman practise in 336).

Source: A. H. Newman, "Christmas," *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*, Vol. 3, p. 47. Copyright 1909 by Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York.

December 25th instituted as a Christian holy day

A star cult, sun-worship, became (in the third century A.D.) the dominant official creed, paving the road for the ultimate triumph of Judaeo-Christian monotheism. So strong was the belief in the Invincible Sun (Sol Invictus) that for example Constantine I (d. 337), himself at first a devotee of the sun cult, found it, indeed perfectly compatible with his pro-Christian sympathies to authorize his own portrayal as Helios. And in 354 the ascendant Christian church in the reign of his pious but unsavory son, Constantius II, found it prudent to change the celebration of the birth of Jesus from the traditional date (January 6) to December 25, in order to combat the pagan Sun god's popularity—his "birthday" being December 25.

Source: Frederick H. Cramer, *Astrology in Roman Law and Politics*, p. 4. Copyright 1954 by the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia.

Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25th?

Although Christmas is celebrated on the 25th day of December each year, the exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown. Most biblical scholars agree that the birth, in fact, did not take place in December at all, but probably occurred during the spring of the year. The Gospel of Luke states that the shepherds to whom the announcement of the birth was made were watching theirs sheep by night (Luke 2:8) which would suggest the lambing time (the spring). Only then did shepherds bother to guard their flocks around the [p. 206] clock. In winter, for example, the sheep would have been kept in the corral.

Why, then, the 25th of December? Actually, the date was chosen not by the Christians, but by Romans, the traditional antagonists of the Early Church.

Each year as the days became noticeably shorter in November and December, the Roman citizens feared that the earth may be "dying". With the "return of the sun" at the end of December resulting in longer days, the Romans celebrated the "Feast of the Sol Invictus" (Unconquerable Sun") on December 25. Bishop Liberius of Rome ordered in 354 that all Christians celebrate the birth of the Christ child on that day. Scholars believe that the bishop chose this date so that Christians, still members of an "outlaw religion" in the eyes of the Romans, could celebrate the birth of their Savior without danger of revealing their religious conviction, while their Roman neighbors celebrated another event.

Source: *The Christian Book of Why*, by John C McCollister, copyright 1983, ISBN 0-8246-0317-6, published by Jonathan David Publishers, Inc. Middle Village, New York, 11379., pages 205, 206.

The Winter Solstice - Day of the Sun's birth

> [p. 89] A very general observance required that on the 25th of December the birth of the “new Sun” should be celebrated, when after the winter solstice the days began to lengthen and the “invincible” star triumphed again over darkness. It is certain that the date of this Natalis Invicti was selected by the Church as the commemoration of the Nativity of Jesus, which was previously confused with the Epiphany. In appointing this day, universally marked by pious rejoicing, which were as far as possible retained,—for instance the old chariot-races were preserved,—the ecclesiastical authorities purified in some degree the customs which they could not abolish. This substitution, which took place at Rome probably between 354 and 360, was adopted throughout the Empire, and that is why we still celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December.
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> The pre-eminence assigned to the dies Solis also certainly [p. 90] contributed to the general recognition of Sunday as a holiday. This is connected with a more important fact, namely, the adoption of the week by all European nations.

Source: Franz Cumont, *Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans* (reprint; New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1960), pp. 89, 90.

Origin of the word.

> The word for Christmas in late Old English is Cristes Maesse, the Mass of Christ, first found in 1038, and Cristes-messe, in 1131.

[Christ's Mass is conducted at midnight of the eve of December 25th, which is the only instance of a midnight Mass in the Catholic calendar.]

Dies Natalis Invicti Solis (birthday of the unconquered sun)

> The well-known solar feast, however, of Natalis Invicti, celebrated on 25 December, has a strong claim on the responsibility for our December date.

Source: *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, Volume III, **Christmas**, Copyright © 1908 by Robert Appleton Company, Online Edition Copyright © 1999 by Kevin Knight, Nihil Obstat, November 1, 1908. Remy Lafort, S.T.D., Censor Imprimatur. +John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York.

Christmas, a "Pagan" feast?

> The reasons for celebrating our major feasts when we do are many and varied. In general, however, it is true that many of them have at least an indirect connection with the pre-Christian feasts celebrated about the same time of year — feasts centering around the harvest, the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice (now Dec. 21, but Dec. 25 in the old Julian calendar), the renewal of nature in spring, and so on.

Source: *The New Question Box* - Catholic Life for the Nineties, copyright 1988 by John J. Dietzen, M.A., S.T. L., ISBN 0-940518-01-5 (paperback), published by Guildhall Publishers, Peoria Illinois, 61651., page 554.

The above information may come as something of a shock to some people, but not to others, I am sure. As you can see, December 25th has absolutely no biblical foundation as a day of Christian worship. In fact the evidence from the Bible tends to eliminate December (it being the dead of winter) as a possible month for the birth of Christ. Just as Sunday keeping is commanded only by Catholic Tradition, so Christmas (Christ's Mass) is founded solely on the authority of Catholicism, which picked the day so as to coincide with the pagan Sun worshipping observance of the Winter Solstice.

Protestants who observe Christmas, and have Christmas eve midnight services, are keeping a holy day of obligation decreed by the Papacy, a Roman Catholic Tradition, just as they are doing with Sunday keeping. The Bible says nothing of celebrating the birth of Christ, and does not even give us the specific day of the year of the event. Why then, is it one of the most celebrated days of the "Bible Only" Protestant Christian calendar? Every year you will hear people, even pastors, bemoaning the paganization of Christmas - how Santa Claus and greed have taken over this most solemn and holy day. Little do they apparently know, the 25th of December was *never* holy to God, but has long been a pagan festival season celebrating the birth of the Sun. In keeping Christ's Mass, nominal "Bible Only" Protestants are, in practice, tacitly acknowledging the authority of Roman Catholic Tradition, which in principle they reject.

B. The Pagan Sun Worship and Catholicism Celebrating the Risen Sun

Every Spring, thousands of Christians get up very early in the morning to attend special sunrise services in celebration of the resurrection on "Easter" morning. Have you ever wondered about the origin of the word Easter? Believe it or not, it actually can be found in the King James Bible-

> Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

The word in the Greek translated as Easter is *pasha* which Strong's defines as follows-

> 3957. pascha, pas'-khah; of Chald. or. [comp. H6453]; the Passover (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices connected with it): --Easter, Passover.

Pascha is most commonly translated as Passover, and of the 29 times this word appears in the New Testament, only on this one occasion is it translated as Easter. Today Easter is by far the most commonly used term for the day of the resurrection, but would the disciples have recognized the term and used it in connection with the resurrection of Christ? Just where does the word Easter originate from?-

The origin of Easter

> The English word Easter and the German Ostern come from a common origin (Eostur, Eastur, Ostara, Ostar), which to the Norsemen meant the season of the rising (growing) sun, the season of new birth. The word was used by our ancestors to designate the Feast of New Life in the spring. The same root is found in the name for the place where the sun rises (East, Ost). The word Easter, then, originally meant the celebration of the spring sun, which had its birth in the East and brought new life upon earth. This symbolism was transferred to the supernatural meaning of our Easter, to the new life of the Risen Christ, the eternal and uncreated Light. Based on a passage in the writings of Saint Bede the Venerable (735), the term Easter has often been explained as the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess (Eostre), though no such goddess is known in the mythologies of any Germanic tribe. Modern research has made it quite clear that Saint Bede erroneously interpreted the name of the season as that of a goddess.

Source: Francis X. Weiser, *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs* (New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc., 1958), p. 211. Copyright 1952 by Francis X. Weiser.

> What means the term Easter itself? It is not a Christian name. It bears the Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven, whose name, as pronounced by the people of Ninevah, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country. That name, as found by Layard on the Assyrian monuments is Ishtar.

Source: *The Two Babylons*, by the Rev. Alexander Hislop, published 1943 and 1959 in the U.S. by Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune, New Jersey, page 103.

> The word Easter, which comes from the Anglo-Saxon, is a term derived from the pagan goddess of the dawn.

Source: *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, Revised and Updated, Copyright 1987, Robert C. Broderick, Editor, Thomas Nelson Publishers, page 177.

So, there is no doubt that the word Easter is not Christian, but pagan in origin. Now as to the date itself, anyone who has studied the Bible knows that the crucifixion and resurrection happen during the Jewish festival of the Passover, which began on the 14th of Nisan. For millennia the Jews have observed this festival week of Passover / Feast of Unleaven Bread beginning on the 14th of Nisan. Since Jesus died on the 14th of Nisan, then the resurrection happened on the 16th of Nisan.

Ever notice how your birthday falls on different days of the week, from one year to the next? One year it might be on a Monday and the next on a Wednesday. Such is the case with Passover. That being true, then why is the resurrection day always celebrated on a Sunday? Each year, if you were to follow the Bible, it should fall on a different day of the week and only occasionally on a Sunday. In the early church this issue caused quite a controversy-

Easter not appointed by the Apostles

> [p. 130] The aim of the apostles was not to appoint festival days, but to teach a righteous life and piety. And it seems to me that just as many other customs have been established in individual localities according to usage. So also the feast of Easter came to be observed in each place according to the individual peculiarities of the peoples inasmuch as none of the apostles legislated on the matter. And that the observance originated not by legislation, but as a custom the facts themselves indicate. In Asia Minor most people kept the fourteenth day of the moon, disregarding the sabbath: yet they never separated from those who did otherwise, until Victor, bishop of Rome, influenced by too ardent a zeal, fulminated a sentence of ex-communication against the Quartodecimans in Asia… [p. 131] The Quartodecimans affirm that the observance of the fourteenth day was delivered to them by the apostle John: while the Romans and those in the Western parts assure us that their usage originated with the apostles Peter and Paul. Neither of these parties however can produce any written testimony in confirmation of what they assert.

Source: Socrates Scholasticus, *Ecclesiastical History*, bk. 5, chap. 22, trans. in NPNF, 2d series, Vol. 2, pp. 130, 131.

The Quartodecimans excommunicated

> [p. 211] It is probable that the primitive Christians kept the Pasch on the [p. 212] 14th of Nisan as determined by the Jewish authorities, and regarded it as the anniversary of the crucifixion. But they also observed the first of every seven days, the Jewish week, as a holy day in commemoration of the resurrection. It would seem that gradually a shifting of emphasis took place until in the second century it was generally accepted that the great annual solemnity of the Pasch was the commemoration not of the crucifixion but of the resurrection. Accordingly

> the majority of Christians celebrated the Pasch not on the 14th of Nisan but on the Sunday which fell on, or first after, that date. The churches of the Roman province of Asia, however, followed the older custom, keeping the Pasch on the 14th of Nisan, whatever the day of the week. The controversy became acute towards the end of the second century, and the observants of the 14th of Nisan, hence called Quartodecimans [Fourteenthers], were finally excommunicated.

Source: James F. Kenney, *The Sources for the Early History of Ireland*, Vol. 1, pp. 211, 212. Copyright 1929 by Columbia University Press, New York.

So the church of Rome, which was keeping Sunday, excommunicated those who observed the 14th of Nisan. To try and settle the issue, the Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that the resurrection should be observed, and that on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox (March 21). This places the earliest possible date as March 22, and the latest at April 25th. This formula is completely unbiblical! Following the Jewish lunar calendar, as specified in the Bible and previously mentioned, the date would fall on a different day of the week every year, that would coincide precisely with a full moon every single time (14 Nisan being the middle of the lunar month). The date that Christianity observes however, as one of the most holiest of the year, is not even recognized by God in scripture! It has its origin in nothing more than paganism and the decrees or Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church! In fact, should the Jewish Passover and Easter just happen to coincide on the same Sunday, the Council of Nicaea decreed that the church of Rome would observe Easter on the *following* Sunday, so as to distance themselves from the practice of the Jews as much as possible.

The Tomb empty at sunrise

One might respond, oh, but the Lord was risen on a *Sunday* and that is why we keep it so. That sounds fine, but where does the Bible anywhere proclaim Sunday as a day to be observed for its holiness? And what of the sunrise service on this unbiblical day of *Easter Sunday?* -

> John 20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

The Bible tells us the tomb was empty *before* sunrise! The resurrection had already occurred, perhaps *hours* before. Yet thousands of people gather each year, facing East, to the rising of the Sun, as an integral part of their resurrection service, as a pagan sunworshipper would. Now clearly these people are not consciously worshipping the Sun, yet their actions would be indistinguishable from a pagan, were one present at the same time. They both would be rejoicing at the moment of the rising of the Sun.

The Vernal Equinox

The pagan at this time of year would be celebrating the increasing of the Sun following the spring (vernal) equinox. That is the day on which the amount of darkness and daylight are the same in duration. Following that day the amount of daylight would steadily increase, a little each day. This increase of daylight in the spring brings about summer and makes crops thrive, thus the association with fertility (eggs, rabbits, chickens). Hence the association always to Sunday, to celebrate the increasing of the God of the Sun on the Sun Day.

One might respond with- well, yes this is all true, but we have "baptized" this admittedly pagan day and made it holy to God, so there is really no problem. Please note the following-

> Exo 32:4 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.
> Exo 32:5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.
> Exo 32:6 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.

Aaron made a pagan golden calf, and then declared a festival to the Lord! The people brought offerings, had plenty to eat and drink, and made merry in celebration. Was God pleased by all this? Better yet, *was God pleased by any of this?* NO! Their feast was an abomination before the Lord. (Moses ground up the golden idol to powder and made the people drink it, Exo 32:20.) Today many of God's professed people turn themselves East to the rising Sun, on a Pagan Sun Day that has no biblical foundation what-so-ever, have Easter egg hunts, baskets full of candy, and sumptuous meals (usually including a ham, a biblically unclean and forbidden food) and call it a festival to the risen Lord. Just what do you think Moses would have to say to us today about all of this? Can you picture Moses joining in the fun and festivities? Aaron maybe, Moses... I think not.

So in conclusion, it should now be quite plain that the day of the year celebrated by Christianity as "Easter" is based only on nothing more than Sun worshipping paganism and unbiblical decrees of the Roman Catholic Church. Why then, does the "Bible Only" Protestant Christian observe it at all? Is this not a contradiction between profession and practice of truly monumental, ... nay, stupifying proportions? Indeed, I believe it is. Despite their good intentions, and mostly in ignorance, they are in fact celebrating the risen Sun, not the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of the New Fire

> Easter Vigil, called by St. Augustine the "Mother of All Vigils, " [occurs] the night before

Easter. Ceremonies: blessing of new fire, procession with the Easter Candle, ...

Source: *A Concise Guide to the Catholic Church*, by Felician A. Foy, O.F.M. and Rose M. Avato, Copyright 1984 and published by Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

1. The Service of Light

No lights are on in the church; a fire is prepared outside the church or, if not possible, inside the vestibule. After greeting the congregation the priest blesses the new fire, symbolic of Christ's Resurrection, coming forth from the tomb and giving light to the world. On the Paschal Candle the priest traces a cross and the numerals of the current year. Finally the priest lights the candle from the new fire and the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest lifts the Paschal candle and sings *Christ is our Light*.

After walking halfway into the church, he sings the same acclamation, after which the people light their candles from the Easter Candle. Upon arriving at the altar, the acclamation is sung the third time and the lights in the church are put on. Immediately thereafter follows the *Exsultet*, the Easter Proclamation, sung while all stand and hold lighted candles. It honors the night on which Christ redeemed us.

Source: *The Dictionary of the Liturgy*, by Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM, published by Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York, copyright 1989, page 173.

So what exactly, is the *real* relationship between lighting a "new fire" on the evening before Easter Sunday, and then using it to light candles?

SECTION V. --- LAMPS AND WAX-CANDLES.

Another peculiarity of the Papal worship is the use of lamps and wax-candles. If the Madonna and child are set up in a niche, they must have a lamp to burn before them; if mass is to be celebrated, though in broad daylight, there must be wax-candles lighted on the altar; if a grand procession is to be formed, it cannot be thorough and complete without without lighted tapers to grace the goodly show. The use of these lamps and tapers comes from the same source as all the rest of the Papal superstition. That which caused the "Heart," when it became an emblem of the incarnate Son [Bel / Tammuz], to be represented as a heart on *fire*, required also that burning lamps and lighted candles should form a part of the worship of that Son; for so, according to the established rites of Zoroaster, was the sun-god worshipped. When every Egyptian on the same night was required to light a lamp before his house in the open air, this

was an act of homage to the sun, that had veiled its glory by enshrouding itself in a human form. When the Yezidis of Koordistan, at this day, once a year celebrate their festival of "burning lamps," that, too, is to the honor of Sheikh Shems, or the Sun. Now, what on these high occasions was done on a grand scale was also done on a smaller scale, in the individual acts of worship to their god, by the lighting of lamps and tapers before the favorite divinity. In Babylon, this practice had been exceedingly prevalent, as we learn from the Apocryphal writer of the Book of Baruch [Chapter 6, verse 18]. "They (the Babylonians)," says he, "light up lamps to their gods, and that in greater numbers, too, than they do for themselves, although the gods cannot see one of them, and are senseless as the beams in their houses." In Pagan Rome, the same practice was observed.

Source: *The Two Babylons*, by the Rev. Alexander Hislop, published 1943 and 1959 in the U.S. by Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune New Jersey, page 191.

So in a Catholic Bible, if you look in the 6th Chapter of Baruch, you will find confirmation that the Pagan Babylonian practice was to light lamps or candles before the idols of their gods. I would venture to say that if you enter virtually any Catholic Church, you will find statues of Mary, Jesus or various saints that have candles lit before them. This practice has no Christian or Jewish origin, it is strictly pagan, and honors the sun god. Wax candles are not Christian in origin, they are Pagan, and have no place in true Christian worship.

And what of the Catholic "blessing of the new fire" on the evening before Easter Sunday, from which so many candles are lit? Is it not now obvious that its origin is not in the celebration of the risen Son of God, but rather idol worship and the pagan Babylonian god of fire, and sun-god, whose emblem is a *flaming* heart, and whose name is Baal or Tammuz? The "blessing of the new fire" is an adopted pagan practice that honors the new strength of the Sun as evidenced by the increasing daylight and lessening night after the Spring Equinox, and this has been plainly admitted by Catholics:

6. The Easter Fire

The Easter Fire is lit on the top of mountains (Easter mountain, *Osterberg*) and must be kindled from new fire, drawn from wood by friction (*nodfyr*); this is a custom of pagan origin in vogue all over Europe, signifying the victory of spring over winter. The bishops issued severe edicts against the sacrilegious Easter fires (Conc. Germanicum, a. 742, c.v.; Council of Lestines, a. 743, n. 15), but did not succeed in abolishing them everywhere. The Church adopted the observance into the Easter ceremonies, referring it to the fiery column in the desert and to the Resurrection of Christ; the new fire on Holy Saturday is drawn from flint, symbolizing the Resurrection of the Light of the World from the tomb closed by a stone (Missale Rom.). In some places a figure was thrown into the Easter fire, symbolizing winter, but to the Christians on the Rhine, in Tyrol and Bohemia, Judas the traitor (Reinsberg-Düringfeld, Das festliche

Jahr, 112 sq.).

- Source: *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1909 edition, Vol.5, page 227, article "**Easter**".

Fire and Pagan Zoroastrian Worship

Zoroastrian worship involves prayers and symbolic ceremonies said before a sacred fire. This fire, which was a God-symbol even before Zarathushtra, was used by the Prophet and by his followers ever after as the ideal sign of God, who is light, warmth, energy. Zoroastrians do NOT worship fire, as some people believe. They use Fire as a symbol, or an icon, the focus of their worship.

Hot Cross Buns

Among people of Western Europe, it is traditional to eat hot cross buns on Easter Sunday morning. These small, sweet buns are usually decorated with equal armed, or solar crosses made of white icing; but the Pagan Greeks also made offerings of cakes inscribed with the solar cross to several Goddesses. Eos, the Goddess of the Sunrise, was probably among these. Anglo-Saxons too make offerings of cakes incised with solar crosses, and they were worn as amulets and hung in the homes for protection and prosperity.

Source: *Ancient Ways - Reclaiming Pagan Traditions*, by Pauline Campanelli, Copyright 1991, Llewellyn Publications, A Division of Llewellyn Worldwide, Ltd., P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, MN 55164-0383, page 45.

The hot cross buns of Good Friday, and the dyed eggs of Pasch or Easter Sunday, figured in the Chaldean [Babylonian] rites just as they do now. The "buns" known too by that identical name, were used in the worship of the queen of heaven, the goddess Easter [Ishtar/Astarte], as early as the days of Cecrops, the founder of Athens - that is, 1500 years before the Christian era. "One species of sacred bread," says Byrant, (1) "which used to be offered to the gods was of great antiquity, and called the Boun." Diogenes Laerius, speaking of this offering being made by Empedocles, describes the chief ingredients of which it was composed, saying, "He offered one of the sacred cakes called Boun, which was made of fine flour and honey." (2) The prophet Jeremiah takes notice of this kind of offering when he says, "The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women kneed their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven." The hot cross buns are not now *offered*, but *eaten*, on the festival of Astarte; but this leaves no doubt as to whence they have been derived.

(1) *Mythology*, vol. i, p. 373.

(2) LAERTIUS, p. 227, B.

Source: *The Two Babylons*, by the Rev. Alexander Hislop, published 1943 and 1959 in the U.S. by Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune New Jersey, pages 107-108.

Jer 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.
Jer 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

Jer 44:19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

C. PAGAN SUN WORSHIP AND CATHOLICISM
THE MONSTRANCE and the WAFER GOD

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: ...

Note that the commandment of God forbids making and bowing down to images. Among pagans, perhaps the most common form of idolatry is sun worship, and the above prohibition would clearly exclude bowing down before images of the sun or moon (things in the heaven above). But then God gets even more explicit:

Deu 17:2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,
Deu 17:3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;
Deu 17:4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:
Deu 17:5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

Jer 8:1 At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and

the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:
Jer 8:2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.
Jer 8:3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

With that in mind, lets look at solar and lunar images directly associated with the Catholic Mass.



Here is Pope John Paul II holding what is called a Monstrance or Ostensorium. It is used to display a round wafer of bread, called the host, which is used in what is called the Mass, Lord's Supper, Communion or Eucharistic meal. The Catholic believes this wafer of bread turns into the actual body of Christ when consecrated during the Mass.

The Roman Catholic Church even admits the Monstrance to be a sunburst:

> "During the baroque period, it took on a rayed form of a sun-monstrance with a circular window surrounded by a silver or gold frame with rays."

Source: *The Dictionary of the Liturgy* by Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM., published and copyrighted © 1989 by Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York, ISBN 0-89942-273-X, page 436.



According to the **1913 edition of the Catholic Encyclopedia-**

> The most appropriate form (for the monstrance) is that of the sun emitting its rays to all sides (Instructio Clement., 5). [See Altar Vessels: Ostensorium]

Notice the letters SFS in the small sunburst blaze on the large close up of a Monstrance above? Each of the letters is a universal symbol for the number 6 in the pagan mysteries, so to the pagan it reads **666**! The number 666 is also associated with what is called the "*magic square of the sun*". The practice of equating names and letters with numbers is called *gematria*.

> **The letter F:**
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> The Hebrew letter Vau (V) has a value of 6. The English letter F is a descendant of Vau and retains the same value. The letter F is also the 6th letter of the English alphabet. In pagan numerology the letters F, O, and X have the value of 6.
>
> The Greek symbol Digamma also looks like the letter F and has a value of 6.

Ϝ = Digamma

The letter S:

The Greek equivalent of Vau is the letter Stau, which looks like an S, and it also has the value of 6.

Ϛ = Stau

Sources: *The Modern Numerology* by John King, published by Blandford, Copyright © 1996, ISBN 0-7137-2560-5, page 121 / *Behind Numerology*, by Shirley Blackwell Lawrence, published by Newcastle Publishing Co., Inc., Copyright © 1989, ISBN 0-87877-145-X, page 93 / *Jesus Christ Sun of God*, by David Fideler, Copyright © 1993, published by Quest Books of Wheaton Illinois and Madras India, ISBN 0-8356-0696-1, page 27.

And the flaming Sacred Heart located just below the SFS is actually symbolic of Baal / Tammuz



The priest (here the Pope) sometimes holds up the sunburst monstrance with the host encased for the congregation to adore and venerate. Virtually any time the monstrance, a pagan sun symbol, is viewed by the congregation, they kneel in submission. A Catholic cannot walk past this sun symbol without acknowledging it by kneeling and or making the sign of the cross with their hands.



Remember God's commandment forbidding bowing down to images? How can the Catholic justify bowing down before a sun image in veneration? They will tell you that they are paying homage to the host, bread they believe has actually turned into the actual body and blood of Jesus after being consecrated by a priest. Since the wafer, they believe, has been transformed into God Himself, it is the round wafer god *inside* the sunburst monstrance that they bow down to in worship, not the sunburst monstrance. However, the round wafer of bread *itself* is also a sun symbol, which is sometimes made quite obvious in Catholic representations of the host in various forms of artwork.



Above is the huge processional monstrance of the **Cathedral of Toledo**, Spain, made of gilded solid silver and solid gold, being paraded through the streets for public display on the festival of Corpus Christi. It is said to contain 18 kg (40 pounds) of gold, and 183 kg (400 pounds) of silver, for a total weight nearing 1/4 ton of precious metals.

> The great monstrance of the cathedral of Toledo, which is more than twelve feet high, and the construction of which occupied in all more than 100 years, is adorned with 260 statuettes, one of the

largest of which is said to be made of the gold brought by Columbus from the New World.

Source: Catholic Encyclopedia Online, **Ostensorium (Monstrance).**

At right is the general sunburst pattern used to symbolize the host, the supposed "true body" of Christ. This design has also been adopted by the Jesuits as their symbol. The IHS is thought by some to represent the first letters of each word in the Latin phrase Iesus Hominum Salvator (Jesus Saviour of Men), although according to the Catholics themselves they actually represent the first three letters of the name "Jesus" in Greek . (spelled in Greek iota-eta-sigma-omicron-upsilon-sigma). The pagan though, would quickly see the same sun disk symbol associated with many pagan deities of Egypt, among them Isis, Horus, and Seb. In Egyptian mythology Seb (Geb) was the father of the goddess Isis (Aset), the mother and protectress of her divine son Horus (Harpocrates). Horus (the younger) is frequently depicted on Egyptian temples as a winged sun disk, representing the rays of the rising sun.





At left is a statuette of the Egyptian goddess Isis. Her headdress shows the sun disk within the horns of an Apis bull, symbology which is virtually identical to that of the sunburst monstrance. Also of note, in Isis lap is her infant son, Horus. In this one image you have the symbology of the Catholic monstrance *and* Mother / child worship which is so prominent in Catholicism.

The Egyptian pharaoh also claimed to be the embodiment of Horus on earth, much like the pope claims to be the infallible Vicar of Christ on earth.



The Apis bull, as depicted in this Egyptian statuette, is likely to be the pattern used for the golden calf the Israelites made at Mount Sinai (Exo. 32), since they were undoubtedly quite familiar with it as a result of their long captivity in Egypt. Note that in front of the sun disk and horns, which looks virtually identical to some Catholic monstrances, there is the serpent poised to strike. In Scripture the serpent is symbolic of Satan. (Gen 3, Rev. 12:9)



UBI PETRUS - IBI ECCLESIA
Where Peter is, there is the Church

At left is the reverse side of a medal commemorating the Catholic Eucharistic Congress held in Chicago in 1926 (On the front there is a bust of Pope Pius XI). Note that the round wafer host above the golden cup is portrayed as a radiant sunburst.

The Worship of Baal is Sun Worship

Below is an artifact unearthed in the holy of holies of the pagan temple in the Canaanite city of Hatzor / Hazor, in northern Israel. It is described as follows:



"Of special interest is a square basalt altar for burning incense. On one of its sides, a circle with a cross in the center – the divine symbol of the Canaanite storm god – is carved in low relief."

"... a basalt offering table, pillar-shaped, with a carved symbol of the storm god Baal on its side. That symbol was a circle with a cross in the center"

Sources:

- **Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hatzor: "The Head of all those Kingdoms"**
- **University of Illinois, Religious Studies, Hazor**

2 Ki 23:3 And the king [Josiah] stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.
2 Ki 23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.
2 Ki 23:5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.
2 Ki 23:6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the

LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

Baal Worship in Canaan Baal worship revolved around two themes that represented the conception of Baal his worshipers held. Baal was both the sun-god and storm-god. He was worshiped as sun-god when the people wished to express thanks and gratitude for light and warmth and fertility.

Source: *Holman Bible Dictionary*, Computer version, entry on Baal by James Newell.

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... in many Chanaanite, Phoenician, or Palmyrene shrines, the sun was the Baal worshipped, ...

Source: ***The Catholic Encyclopedia*** Online, entry on Baal, Baalim.

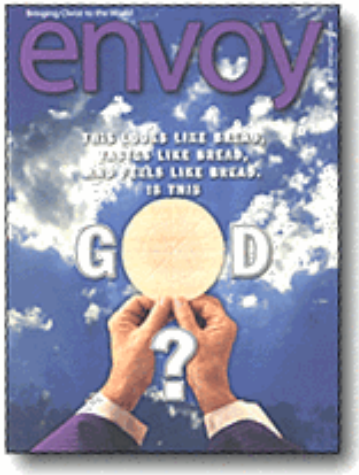
Catholic Sunburst Eucharist Host



Here the Eucharistic host, as Catholics call it, has actually been made as a sunburst (note the flames around the edge). This sun symbol, after consecration, is called the true body of God, to be adored and bowed down to and worshipped by the laity, especially when displayed inside a sunburst monstrance.

Note the similarity to the symbol of Baal from Hatzor: a cross within a circle.

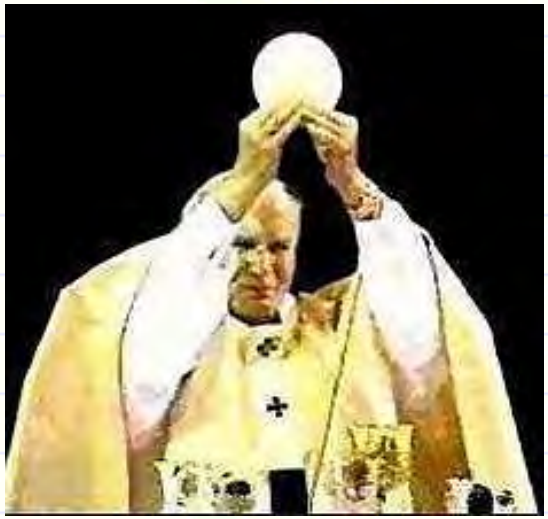




At left is a pagan Canaanite cultic pillar or "matstsebah", also found in excavations of the city of Hatzor, showing hands raised in praise to the sun disk, portrayed within the crescent moon.

Deu 16:22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image (matstsebah); which the LORD thy God hateth.

On the cover of the Jan/Feb 2000 edition of **Envoy Magazine**, a Catholic publication, an elevated consecrated host of the Eucharist is unmistakably depicted as a bright yellow sun disk against the background of a cloudy blue sky!



At left is pope John Paul II celebrating Mass, elevating a large host for adoration. Note the similarity with the pagan Canaanite pillar!

Do you think this is what Jesus had in mind at the Last Supper? No, when He "broke bread" He handed His disciples a *torn fragment* of unleavened bread, that symbolized His sinless broken body on the cross, but this is NOT what is conveyed with a pressed, round, intact and unbroken wafer that has been so commonly used.

Now, a Catholic might respond: *the manna that fell from heaven was ROUND*:

> Exo 16:14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

Voila! The round disk-like wafer host of the Mass is a copy of God's manna!

No. Not, so fast. Note that scripture give us a description of manna in size, shape, color and taste:

> Exo 16:14 And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. [NKJV]
>
> Exo 16:31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed [in size and shape], white [color]; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. [KJV]
>
> Num 11:7 And the manna was as coriander seed [in size and shape], and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium [white].
> Num 11:8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. [KJV]
>
> Psa 78:24 he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven. [NIV]
> Psa 78:24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. [KJV]

The size and shape of manna

Exodus 16:14 tells us manna was small, small like the frost on the ground. We are also told in Exodus and Numbers that manna was like Coriander seed. Coriander is common today, and is used in brewing beer. It is round *like a ball*, and quite *small*. Eight to ten Coriander seeds might fit in the space of a pea. A picture of one ounce (hundreds) of **Coriander Seeds.** So Coriander is a miniscule round seed.

In Psalm 78 manna is further described as the *grain* or *corn* of heaven. In Strong's the word in Psalm 78 is:

> H1715. dagan, daw-gawn'; from H1711; prop. increase, i.e. grain:--corn ([floor]), wheat.

Manna, therefore, was small and round like a ball, similar to a small seed grain.

The color of manna

The meaning of bdellium is somewhat uncertain, however, similar words in other languages favor identification with a resinous gum. In droplet form, the gum may have the appearance of a pearl, white. Exodus 16:31 confirms that manna was white in color by plainly stating it.

The taste of manna

> Exo 16:31 ... the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.
>
> Num 11:8 ... the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

As described in the Bible, manna resembled Coriander in size and shape: it was like a grain, like a small white round ball-like seed which was collected, ground up, and baked to make cakes, like wheat is ground to make bread. So, no, the Catholic wafer host does *not* imitate manna in either *size* or *shape*.



The last item is quite extraordinary. In the 8th century, it is alleged that the host and wine turned into actual living flesh and blood during a Mass, which it is said, remain well preserved in a monstrance in Italy to this day.

On the right is a photo of a stele from Ur of the Chaldees, with the symbol of the Babylonian sun god Shamash within the crescent of the moon goddess Nanna.





At right is a close-up of a monstrance, and inside the glass enclosure is a crescent, upon which the round wafer god host is placed, a virtual duplication of the symbology of the Canaanite and Chaldean stele shown above. Many monstrances use this crescent, which is officially called a "lunette" or "luna" (moon), to hold the round wafer host. The sun disk in the crescent moon is a quite common symbol for pagan religions, to include Babylon, Syria, and India.

Worshipping the Eucharist as God





Above on the left you see the pagan sunburst wafer god, inscribed with IHS and the cross, is portrayed above the cup of wine. This is the door to a place where the wine and wafers are stored. Above on the right, you see a similar carving depicting angels kneeling in idolatrous adoration or worship of the wafer god and

wine.

In case you think the word "worship" is an exaggeration on my part, please note this paragraph from the new Vatican Catechism of the Catholic Church: (Italics present in the original text)

> **1378** *Worship of the Eucharist.* In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated host with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."

Source: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, published by Ligouri Publications, English translation © 1994 by the United States Catholic Conference, Inc.--Libreria Editrice Vaticana, bearing the Imprimi Potest of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, page 347.

And note this decree concerning the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist from the thirteenth session of the Council of Trent, October 11th, 1551:

Chapter V
THE WORSHIP AND VENERATION TO BE SHOWN TO
THIS MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

> There is, therefore, no room for doubt that all the faithful of Christ may, in accordance with a custom always received in the Catholic Church, give to this most holy sacrament in veneration the worship of *latria*, which is due to the true God.

Source: *The Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent*, Translated and introduced by Rev. H. J. Schroeder, O.P., Published by **Tan Books** and Publishers, INC., Rockford Illinois, 61105, © 1978, ISBN: 0-89555-074-1, page 76.

The Catholic Church describes itself officially in the new Vatican Catechism,

council decrees, and papal encyclicals as engaged in the act of ***worshipping*** the Eucharist, which is also called adoration or veneration. Isn't it amazing how the Catholic Church justifies bowing down before images of the sun, as depicted by the monstrance and a round wafer, by claiming the bread has actually *become* God! God's commandment is cleverly made of no effect by the Traditions of men, by mixing error and truth.

Note these 100 Lire coins issued by the Vatican for nearly 10 years. (Click on a coin for a closer look.)



Pope Pius the 12th - 1958



Pope John the 23rd - 1959

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Pope Paul the 6th - 1963

Incredibly enough, the woman representing faith (the Catholic Church) on the reverse side of the coins holds up a cup in her right hand, in which you see pagan sunburst wafer god, which recalls these verses in Revelation:

> Rev 17:4 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:

> Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.



The cup of wine of the apostate woman (church) represents spiritual and doctrinal fornication, a mixing of truth and error, Christianity and paganism, which she has taught to the world (made the nations drink).

> Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

There is only one self-proclaimed "Mother" church, The Universal (Catholic) Church.

> Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
> Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Pagan Sun Worship and Catholicism

The Sunburst Image, the Queen of Heaven and Baal

Here you see a ceiling decoration in the Sala delle Arti Liberali. It is the coat of arms for the Borgia Pope (Alexander VI, 1492-1503).





It consists of the 3-tiered Papal Tiara, and the keys to the kingdom, common symbols of Papal authority. The pagan sunburst predominates around the coat of arms as shown on the overview at right. Notice the animal on the left side of the shield? That is a golden bull, the heraldic animal of the Borgia family. It is more than just a little reminiscent of the golden calf the Israelites made at Sinai. Sunbursts and images of golden bulls. How much more pagan can you get?

The Apis bull, as depicted in this Egyptian statuette, is likely to be the pattern used for the golden calf the Israelites made at Mount Sinai (Exo. 32), since they were undoubtedly quite familiar with it as a result of their long captivity in Egypt. Note the sun disk on the head, and the serpent in front of the sun disk. In Scripture the serpent is symbolic of Satan. (Gen 3, Rev. 12:9)



The British Museum



At left is the central scene of the "Coronation of the Virgin", painted around 1444 by Filippo Lippi. Mary is being crowned as the Queen of Heaven, which is a title conferred on Mary by Catholicism. One document where this can be found is **INEFFABILIS DEUS**, the Apostolic Constitution Defining the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, of Pope Pius IX, December 8th, 1854. It closes with the following paragraph- (emphasis is mine)

Let all the children of the Catholic Church, who are so very dear to us, hear thee words of ours. With a still more ardent zeal for piety, religion, and love, let them continue to venerate, invoke

> and pray to the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, conceived without original sin. Let them fly with utter confidence to the most sweet Mother of mercy and grace in all dangers, difficulties, needs, doubts and fears. Under her guidance, under her patronage, under her kindness and protection, nothing is to be feared; nothing is hopeless. Because, while bearing toward us a truly motherly affection and ***having in her care the work of our salvation***, she is solicitous about the whole human race. And since She has been appointed by God to be the ***Queen of heaven and earth***, and is exalted above all the choirs of angels and saints, and even stands at the right hand of her only-begotton Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, she presents our petitions in a most efficacious manner. What she asks, she obtains. Her pleas can never be unheard.

In 1954, Pope Pius XII officially declared Mary the Queen of Heaven.
Here is the full text of his encyclical **AD CAELI REGINAM.**

There has been a complete substitution of Mary for Jesus, in the work of our salvation, and in whom we pray to in times of need. The impression is that Mary will listen, but God is cold and unapproachable. Mary will grant your wishes, when God might otherwise reject them, and God is bound by the will of Mary. Salvation is obtained from Mary and God will rubberstamp her decisions. There is a word for this, it is AntiChrist. (The word anti means in place of, or substitution, as well as against.)

Another place this can be found is in The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (LUMEN GENTIUM) by Pope Paul VI, November 21, 1964, paragraph 59- (emphasis is mine)

> ... Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as ***Queen of the universe***, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death.

The last part of that sentence (that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son) can be rephrased as follows ... that she might be more like her Son... As I said, this is plainly AntiChrist. This paragraph from LUMEN GENTIUM was most recently quoted and reaffirmed in the Vatican's new Catechism, paragraph 966.

(NOTE: Official Roman Catholic Documents are usually published first in Latin, and then later translated to other languages. Some translations can vary slightly in their wording. Such is the case with paragraph 59 of LUMEN GENTIUM. The printed document I have and the version available online at EWTN are slightly different. One refers to Mary as Queen of the universe, the other says she is the Queen over all things.)



There is even a rite in the Catholic Church that involves crowning statues (idols) of Mary as the Queen of heaven. Once placed on a statue, the crown remains permanently.

Here is the crowned statue of Mary in the Notre Dame du Cap, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec, Canada. Crowned in 1904 at the orders of Pope Pius X, it is the only statue of Mary to be crowned in all of Canada. The title of Queen of Heaven can also be found in scripture, but not in reference to Mary-

Jer 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

Jer 44:17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.
Jer 44:18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.
Jer 44:19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

The Queen of Heaven, if you check in most any commentary, is none other than Ishtar, Ashtoreth, or Astarte the very pagan goddess that Israel worshipped when they fell into apostasy and paganism-

Judg 2:13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

In the apocryphal book of Baruch, which is considered to be inspired scripture by the Catholic Church, we find a very interesting description of the pagan practices of the Babylonians, who at the time held the Jews in captivity. The following quotation is from the Catholic Douay Rheims Bible:

Baruch 6:3 But now, you shall see in Babylon gods of gold, and of silver, and of stone, and of wood borne upon the shoulders, causing fear to the Gentiles.
Baruch 6:4 Beware therefore that you imitate not the doings of others, and be afraid, and the fear of them should seize upon you.
Baruch 6:5 But when you see the multitude behind, and before, adoring them, say you in your hearts: Thou oughtest to be adored, O Lord.
Baruch 6:6 For my angel is with you: And I myself will demand an account of your souls.
Baruch 6:7 For their tongue that is polished by the craftsman, and themselves laid over with gold and silver, are false things, and they cannot speak.
Baruch 6:8 And as if it were for a maiden that loveth to go gay: so do they take gold and make them up.
Baruch 6:9 **Their gods have golden crowns upon their heads**; whereof the priests secretly convey away from them gold, and silver, and bestow it on themselves.

So clearly it was the practice of the pagan Babylonians to crown the statues of their gods. This Pagan practice has also been adopted by the Roman Catholic Church.

Below you see John Paul II himself, bowing down and paying homage to crowned statues of Mary, the "Queen of Heaven", in direct violation of the Commandments of God:

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or



any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:



Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, ...

Here is a better photo of John Paul II bowing down before a crowned statue of Mary in front of St. Peter's Cathedral in an

- **ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.**



Dan 11:38 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.

This statue of Mary and the Christ child is in the Church of the Virgin of the Pillar, Zaragoza, Spain. The wooden 15 inch high statue stands on a six foot high jasper pillar covered with gold, silver and bronze. Around the statue is a field of 148 stars, 80 of which are studded with jewels.

On occasion this statue is also draped with a gold embroidered cape which is heavily studded with jewels, and a golden aureole is added around the jewel encrusted sunburst halo.

- La Virgen del Pilar
- **NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PILAR**



Below on the left is a typical depiction of "The Blessed Virgin Mary", the "Queen of Heaven", with a quite sizeable sunburst behind her head and the children of Fatima kneeling at her feet. The sunburst has become quite pervasive in the various forms of Catholic religious imagery. The sunburst is also referred to as an aureole, nimbus, or halo, and is a very common device to designate divinity or holiness in various forms of religious art. A sun worshipping pagan entering a Catholic cathedral for the first time would immediately recognize his god, the sun, in virtually every painting or icon, and feel right at home.



Our Lady of Fatima





Above - coin of the pagan emperor Constantine I, inscribed on the reverse with SOLI INVICTO COMITI - Sol, Invincible Comrade (of Constantine) with the sun god wearing a rayed solar crown, and one hand raised in blessing, the other hand holding a globe. Below - coin of Pope Innocent XII dated 1698 with a virtually identical figure supposedly representing Christ, inscribed IPSE EST PAX NOSTRA - He is our peace.



Catholics acknowledge the pagan origin of the aureole / nimbus / halo:

Why is a halo put on the head of a statue of a Saint, and what is its symbolic meaning?

The halo, or circle, which is supposed to represent a ring of light, is symbolic of the light of grace bestowed by God. It may be regarded in art as the development of the aureole, the nimbus and the gloria.

The aureole is a cloud or glow of light in oval form surrounding the whole figure. The nimbus is a cloud or glow of light around the head. The gloria is light emanating from the body.

The halo or nimbus around the head of Christ is symbolic of His divinity.

The pagans used such devices before the Christian Era to signify power and majesty or prominence. Even in the Christian Era the symbols were used for famous personages, but Pope Urban III (1623- 1644) forbade the use of the nimbus for persons who are not at least beatified.

Source: ***The Catholic Universe Bulletin***, Official Newspaper of the Cleveland Diocese, August 14th, 1942, The Question Box.

In the plastic arts (painting and sculpture) the symbolism of the nimbus was early in use among the pagans who determined its form. In the monuments of Hellenic and Roman art, the heads of the gods, heroes, and

other distinguished persons are often found with a disc-shaped halo, a circle of light, or a rayed-fillet. They are, therefore, associated especially with gods and creatures of light such as the Phoenix. The disc of light is likewise used in the Pompeian wall paintings to typify gods and demigods only, but later, in profane art it was extended to cherubs or even simple personifications, and is simply a reminder that the figures so depicted are not human. In the miniatures of the oldest Virgil manuscript all the great personages wear a nimbus. The custom of the Egyptian and Syrian kings of having themselves represented with a rayed crown to indicate the status of demigods, spread throughout the East and the West. In Rome the halo was first used only for deceased emperors as a sign of celestial bliss, but afterwards living rulers also were given the rayed crown, and after the third century, although not first by Constantine, the simple rayed nimbus. Under Constantine the rayed crown appears only in exceptional cases on the coin, and was first adopted emblematically by Julian the Apostate. Henceforth the nimbus appears without rays, as the emperors now wished themselves considered worthy of great honour, but no longer as divine beings. In early Christian art, the rayed nimbus as well as the rayless disc were adopted in accordance with tradition. The sun and the Phoenix received, as in pagan art, a wreath or a rayed crown, also the simple halo. The latter was reserved not only for emperors but for men of genius and personifications of all kinds, although both in ecclesiastical and profane art, this emblem was usually omitted in ideal figures. In other cases the influence of ancient art tradition must not be denied.

Source: The Catholic Encyclopedia, 1913 edition, online - **Nimbus**.

Here is a web page with a number of pictures of statues and paintings of Mary. Note that many contain a sunburst and portray Mary as the crowned "Queen of Heaven":

Judg 2:13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

Baal worship is sun worship, and Ashtoreth / Ishtar / Astarte is the queen of heaven. This is why there are so many sunburst images in Catholicism and why Mary is called the Queen of heaven. It is the apostasy of idol worship of Baal and Ashtaroth in the church - yet again.

It is as true today as it was then, just with different names.

PAGAN SUN WORSHIP AND CATHOLICISM

THE PAGAN SUN WHEEL, THE OBELISK AND BAAL



Above is a Roman coin from the 3rd century A.D. (Probus, A.D. 276-282) which on the reverse depicts the pagan sun god driving a chariot drawn by four horses (Sol in Quadriga). The inscription reads SOLI INVICTO - The Invincible Sun.]

At right is a similar mosaic found in the Vatican grottoes under St. Peter's Basilica, on the vaulted ceiling of the tomb of the Julii. It depicts Christ as the sun-god Helios / Sol riding in his chariot, and is dated to the 3rd century A.D.





At left is a pagan sun wheel in the temple at Kararak India, which is associated with occultism and astrology. It resembles a chariot wheel doesn't it?

Note the following verse-

2 Ki 23:11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

When Israel apostatized, they made chariots dedicated to the sun god, who it was thought, traveled across the sky in a great chariot. Hence the origin of the sun wheel.

The Symbols of Baal, Ishtar and Shamash

Below is an artifact unearthed in the holy of holies of the pagan temple in the Canaanite city of Hatzor / Hazor, in northern Israel. It is described as follows:

"Of special interest is a square basalt altar for burning incense. On one of its sides, a circle with a cross in the center – the divine symbol of the Canaanite storm god – is carved in low relief."

"... a basalt offering table, pillar-shaped, with a carved symbol of the storm god Baal on its side. That symbol was a circle with a cross in the center"



... The Akkadian Ishtar is also, to a greater extent, an astral deity, associated with the planet Venus: with Shamash, sun god, and Sin, moon god, she forms a secondary astral triad. In this manifestation her symbol is

a star with 6, 8, or 16 rays within a circle. ...

Source: *Encyclopedia Britannica* Online, article on Ishtar.

The Star of Ishtar

Because some astronomical objects move through the sky in repeated and known intervals of time, the behavior of the celestial gods associated with them can be symbolized numerically. Ishtar, as the planet Venus, perhaps was handled this way in the eight-pointed star that usually stands for her on Babylonian boundary stones.

References to Venus as early as 3000 BC are known from evidence at Uruk, an important early Sumerian city in southern Iraq. One clay tablet found at the site says "star Inanna," and another contains symbols for the words "star, setting sun, Inanna." Inanna is Venus, known later as Ishtar, and the Uruk tablets specify her celestial identity with the symbol for "star": an eight-pointed star.

So can the star within a circle, or sun wheel, be found in the Vatican in Rome? Indeed it can!



Here is a photo of the papal palace with the pope at the window of his apartment. Note the many eight-pointed stars of Ishtar in the decorative work above the windows. Some are within a darker circle.



Here you see a view of the piazza or plaza at the Vatican, also known as St. Peter's square. The papal palace is on the right edge of the photo. The large eight-rayed sun wheel design, symbolic of Ishtar, is immediately noticeable. Look closely in the center of the wheel. What you see there is an obelisk, a genuine Egyptian obelisk shipped from Heliopolis to Rome by the Roman emperor Caligula. The obelisk is, of course, a phallic symbol,* but it also was used in sun worship. Click on the image to view a larger version of the same image.

* It is claimed that the word 'obelisk' literally means 'Baal's shaft' or 'Baal's organ of reproduction'. Source: *Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated*, by Dr. Cathy Burns, pg. 341.



Here is an old photo of the center of St. Peter's square, and note that around the obelisk, at the center of the huge eight-point sun wheel, is a smaller four-pointed sun wheel, the same symbol as found on the altar stone in the temple of Baal in Hatzor!

Here you see the reverse side of a coin celebrating the pontificate of John Paul II, and on it is the obelisk and sun wheel of St. Peter's piazza, and a very distinct sunburst emanating from the Basilica itself. The correlation of the symbology is striking.







Pope John Paul II, at World Youth Day 2000, was wearing a crimson and gold stole, which bears the symbols of Baal / Shamash within an eight-pointed star of Ishtar. An enlargement is shown below.

Pope Pius XII wearing the same stole.



Symbol of Baal
found in Hazor, Israel



Detail of the symbol on the papal stole.



Symbol of the
pagan sun-god Shamash

Catholicism's Unbloody Sacrifice

Gen 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
Gen 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
Gen 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
Gen 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
Gen 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
Gen 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
Gen 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And

unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.
Gen 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
Gen 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?
Gen 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.
Gen 4:11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
Gen 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.
Gen 4:13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Cain and Abel both brought offerings before the Lord. Abel being a shepherd brought in addition to his other offerings, a first-born lamb to sacrifice to the Lord. Cain, being a farmer, brought only crops to offer to the Lord, but no lamb. The Lord accepted the offerings and sacrifice of Abel, but rejected the offerings of Cain. Why? Why would the Lord reject the best that Cain had produced? The answer is actually quite simple.

NIV Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

NIV 1 John 3:12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

Both Cain and Abel had been asked by the Lord to offer a sacrifice for a specific reason. Sacrifices to the Lord were symbolic of the price that Jesus would ultimately pay. The blood of the Lamb of God, the Christ, the Messiah, would be shed to atone for the sins of all humanity. Cain's offering lacked this symbolic animal blood sacrifice and as a result amounted to his works alone. So Cain represented salvation by works, while Abel's offering represented atonement with God through the shedding of blood of a first-born lamb, which represented Jesus Christ:

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Abel's offering of a first-born lamb was merely symbolic, while the offering of Jesus as the Lamb of God at the cross was the fulfillment of that symbolism. Cain's refusal to offer a lamb was actually a rejection of his need for a Redeemer. And make no mistake, Cain knew exactly what he was doing. He was not acting in ignorance. He was deliberately disobeying God by not offering a lamb-

> Gen 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

The Lord makes clear to Cain that if he does well (follows God's instructions) then his offering to God will be accepted just like Abel's, but if he disobeys then he will have sinned against God. What is sin?

> 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

So Cain sinned against God by transgressing his instructions (law) to provide a lamb for a blood sacrifice, a sacrifice symbolic of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It should be clear that this is the reason that what some might call the unbloody "sacrifice" of Cain was *not* acceptable to God.

The Hebrew word for sacrifice is defined in Strong's as follows:

> H2077. zebach, zeh'-bakh; from H2076; prop. a slaughter, i.e. the flesh of an animal; by impl. a sacrifice (the victim or the act):--offer (-ing), sacrifice.
>
> H2076. zabach, zaw-bakh'; a prim. root; to slaughter an animal (usually in sacrifice):--kill, offer, (do) sacrifice, slay.

Note that a sacrifice specifically involves the slaughtering of an animal as an offering. Since Cain's offering lacked a slaughtered first-born lamb and was a completely bloodless offering, in that sense it was not a sacrifice at all, and so was rejected by God, since only blood (death) can atone for the sinner (Heb 9:22).

With the advent of the Tabernacle or Sanctuary at Sinai, God again gave instructions to his people to offer up blood sacrifices (such as lambs), on a regular basis. The Hebrew Sanctuary was an instructional tool of God's to illustrate the plan of salvation to His people, all of it pointing to Jesus Christ as the coming Lamb of God. These animal sacrifices which were brought by the people to the Temple, were a personal loss to the repentant sinner, illustrating death as the consequences of sin, and went on to be burnt offerings on the Brazen Altar.

The Lord's Supper / Passover Meal

The Passover meal of unleavened bread and wine on 14 Nisan, the evening before our Lord's sacrifice on the cross, was *not* part of a formal religious worship service. It was certainly not the elaborate, rather prolonged liturgical service found in the Roman Catholic Church. It was a simple yet solemn meal that the Jews had been having *in their homes* on Passover for hundreds of years, though to be sure, the symbolism of the unleavened Passover meal was indeed important, as it represented the sinless Messiah, the Lamb of God who would be crucified on 14 Nisan and shed His blood for the sins of

the world.

During the Lord's supper, the evening before He was crucified, Jesus revealed to His disciples that He was the fulfillment of the Passover meal symbolism when He said "This is my body" and "This is my blood" (Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:24-25), though it is unlikely His disciples understood this until after the resurrection.

This do in *remembrance* of me

And what purpose does the Lord's supper serve? Scripture tells us precisely:

> 1 Cor 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
> 1 Cor 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.
> 1 Cor 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Jesus and Paul tell us clearly, the Lord's supper is a symbolic reminder, a memorial of the death of Christ.

Jesus Christ's Shed Blood Cleanses Us From All Sin

> Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

> 1 John 1:7 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.

> Eph 1:7 In whom (by Christ) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

> Col 1:14 ... we have redemption through his (Christ's) blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Christ Was Offered Once As A Sacrifice For Sin

At the actual moment of His death on the cross, scripture tells us the veil in the Temple between the Holy and Most Holy place tore from top to bottom-

> Mat 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.
> Mat 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did

quake, and the rocks rent;

With the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, there would be no more need for actual blood sacrifices of lambs. The supreme sacrifice had been made, the price for the sins of humanity had been paid in full. Now an earthly priesthood would not be necessary to approach God for forgiveness. Jesus with His resurrection became our High Priest-

Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchezidek.

With Jesus as our High Priest, we now have direct access to the Most Holy place of the heavenly temple, the place of judgment.

Heb 7:22 By so much was **Jesus** made a surety of a better testament.
Heb 7:23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
Heb 7:24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.
Heb 7:25 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.
Heb 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
Heb 7:27 **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.

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
Heb 9:25 **Nor yet that he should offer himself often**, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**
Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
Heb 9:28 **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.

Heb 10:1 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.

Heb 10:8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;
Heb 10:9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
Heb 10:10 By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**.
Heb 10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
Heb 10:12 But this man, **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;
Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
Heb 10:14 For by **one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**.

So the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which was finished at the cross (John 19:30), did away with the continual daily offering of sacrifices by earthly priests (Heb 7:27, 10:8-9). The daily sacrifices offered by earthly priests did nothing to take away sins (Heb 10:11). But Jesus Christ made one sacrifice for sin, paid the price to take away the sins of the world through the shedding of His blood on the cross. After that perfect sacrifice was finished, it was offered once to the Father and accepted, and then Jesus sat down on the right hand of the Father (Heb 10:12). The offering of Christ's sacrifice to the Father was made only once (Heb 10:10) and is sufficient for the salvation of all who have faith (Heb. 9:26,28, 10:14).

Please note Hebrews 7:27 again. It says that Jesus' sacrifice need not be offered up to the Father on a daily basis, yet this is *exactly* what the Roman Catholic Church teaches in respect to the Mass, in direct contradiction to scripture.

There Is But One Mediator of the New Covenant

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he [Christ] 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.

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the one mediator of the New Covenant?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he [Christ] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Rom 1:16 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.
Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The Unbloody Sacrifice of the Mass

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the Church's greatest prayer. In it, Jesus Christ becomes present and offers Himself in love to the Father as He did on the Cross almost 2,000 years ago.

Although the Sacrifice of the Mass and Jesus' Sacrifice on Calvary are the SAME, there are important DIFFERENCES in these two actions of Christ. On the Cross, Our Lord offered Himself in a BLOODY MANNER; whereas, in the Holy Mass, He offers Himself in an UNBLOODY MANNER. This in no way implies that Jesus' Blood is no longer present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It simply means that Jesus chooses to act in a different way at Mass than He did on the Cross.

Source: *Catholic Truth for Youth*, by Father Robert J. Fox, Published by Ave Maria Institute, Copyright 1978, Washington, N.J. 07882, ISBN: 09265429, Lesson 12, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, page 121.

From section #9 of John Paul II's letter ***Dominicae Cenae***:

All who participate with faith in the Eucharist become aware that it is a "sacrifice," that is to say, a "consecrated Offering." For the bread and wine presented at the altar and accompanied by the devotion and

the spiritual sacrifices of the participants are finally consecrated, so as to become truly, really and substantially Christ's own body that is given up and His blood that is shed. Thus, by virtue of the consecration, the species of bread and wine re-present (50) in a sacramental, unbloody manner the bloody propitiatory sacrifice offered by Him on the cross to His Father for the salvation of the world.

Source: Pope John Paul II, letter ***Dominicae Cenae*** - *On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist,* February 24, 1980.

The book of Hebrews, chapters 7, 9 and 10, cited above, make it quite clear that Christ only offered Himself as a sacrifice once, and that sacrifice was finished at the cross. He need not offer Himself in sacrifice on a daily basis, yet in absolute contradiction to scripture, this is exactly what *Catholic Truth for Youth* and John Paul II, cited above, are claiming happens at the Catholic Mass.

From the new Vatican's *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

1365 Because it is a memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The Sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: "This is my body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood." [185] In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." [186]

1366 The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it *re-presents* (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its *memorial* and because it *applies* the fruit:

[Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer himself to God the Father by his death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because his priesthood was not to end with his death, at the Last Supper "on the night when he was betrayed," [he wanted] to leave his beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish one for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit. [187]

1367 The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are *one single sacrifice.* "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner." [188]

185 *Lk* 22:19-20.
186 *Mt* 26:28
187 Council of Trent (1562): DS 1740; cf. *1 Cor* 11:23; *Heb* 7:24,27.
188 Council of Trent (1562): DS 1743; cf. *Heb* 9:14,27.

Please notice above that in paragraph 1365 of the Vatican Catechism it is declared that the Eucharist is a *sacrifice*, and in paragraph 1367 the Eucharist is described as an *unbloody sacrifice*? Did we not establish in the fourth chapter of Genesis that "unbloody sacrifices" like that of Cain are *unacceptable* to God? And 1366-1367 claim the Mass re-presents Christ as a sacrifice, which the book of Hebrews, cited above, specifically and absolutely denies.

Two Popes denounce Half Communion

Gelasius [492-496] complains: † "That some received the bread, but abstained from the cup; whom he condemns as guilty of superstition, and orders that they should either receive in both kinds, or else be excluded from both, because one and the same mystery cannot be divided without grand sacrilege." Leo the Great [440-461] denounces them with equal vehemence:‡ "They receive the body of Christ," says he, "with unworthy mouth, but refuse to drink the [p. 193] blood of our redemption, such men's sacrilegious dissimulation being discovered, let them be marked, and by the authority of the priesthood cast out of the society of the faithful." Gelasius was a respectable pontiff, but Leo the Great deserved his title: he was one of the ablest churchmen, and most celebrated popes that ever lived, and his condemnation of half communion in Catholic eyes should strip it of all authority.

† —*Gelas., de Consecrat.*, Dist. ii. cap. 12.
‡ —*Leo. Ser.*, 4, *de Quadragesima.*

Source: *The Papal System: From Its Origin to the Present Time*, by William Cathcart, D.D., published in 1872 by Menace Publishing Company, Aurora, Mo., pages 192, 193.

It is interesting to note that for centuries Catholics have been denied drinking from the cup of wine, which only the priest was allowed to do. In the **13th session of the Council of Constance**, in June of 1415, you will find the following:

In the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, Father and Son and holy Spirit, Amen. Certain people, in some parts of the world, have rashly dared to assert that the christian people ought to receive the holy sacrament of the eucharist under the forms of both bread and wine. They communicate the laity everywhere not only under the form of bread but also under that of wine, and they stubbornly assert that they should communicate even after a meal, or else without the need of a fast, contrary to the church's custom which has been laudably and sensibly approved, from the church's head downwards, but which they damnably try to repudiate as sacrilegious. Therefore this present general council of Constance, legitimately assembled in the holy Spirit,

wishing to provide for the safety of the faithful against this error, after long deliberation by many persons learned in divine and human law, declares, decrees and defines that, although Christ instituted this venerable sacrament after a meal and ministered it to his apostles under the forms of both bread and wine, nevertheless and notwithstanding this, the praiseworthy authority of the sacred canons and the approved custom of the church have and do retain that this sacrament ought not to be celebrated after a meal nor received by the faithful without fasting, except in cases of sickness or some other necessity as permitted by law or by the church. Moreover, just as this custom was sensibly introduced in order to avoid various dangers and scandals, so with similar or even greater reason was it possible to introduce and sensibly observe the custom that, although this sacrament was received by the faithful under both kinds in the early church, nevertheless later it was received under both kinds only by those confecting it, and by the laity only under the form of bread. For it should be very firmly believed, and in no way doubted, that the whole body and blood of Christ are truly contained under both the form of bread and the form of wine. Therefore, since this custom was introduced for good reasons by the church and holy fathers, and has been observed for a very long time, it should be held as a law which nobody may repudiate or alter at will without the church's permission. To say that the observance of this custom or law is sacrilegious or illicit must be regarded as erroneous. Those who stubbornly assert the opposite of the aforesaid are to be confined as heretics and severely punished by the local bishops or their officials or the inquisitors of heresy in the kingdoms or provinces in which anything is attempted or presumed against this decree, according to the canonical and legitimate sanctions that have been wisely established in favour of the catholic faith against heretics and their supporters.

This holy synod also decrees and declares, regarding this matter, that instructions are to be sent to the most reverend fathers and lords in Christ, patriarchs, primates, archbishops, bishops, and their vicars in spirituals, wherever they may be, in which they are to be commissioned and ordered on the authority of this sacred council and under pain of excommunication, to punish effectively those who err against this decree. They may receive back into the church's fold those who have gone astray by communicating the people under the forms of both bread and wine, and have taught this, provided they repent and after a salutary penance, in accordance with the measure of their fault, has been enjoined upon them. They are to repress as heretics, however, by means of the church's censures and even if necessary by calling in the help of the secular arm, those of them whose hearts have become hardened and who are unwilling to return to penance.

This was also affirmed at the Council of Trent, the 21st session, July 16th, 1562:

Canons on Communion Under Both Kinds

1. If anyone says that each and every one of Christ's faithful ought to receive both species of the most holy

Sacrament of the Eucharist, because of a command from God or because it is necessary for salvation: let him be anathema.

2. If anyone says that the holy Catholic Church was not led by good reasons to have the laity and the clerics who are not celebrating Mass communicate under the species of bread alone, or that the Church erred in doing so: let him be anathema.

3. If anyone denies that the whole and entire Christ, the source and author of all graces, is received under the species of bread alone, alleging, as some falsely do, that such reception is not in accord with Christ's institution of the Sacrament under both species: let him be anathema.

This practice of the laity receiving only the bread continues to a large extent even today, although Vatican II in 1965 (Article 55 of the Liturgical Constitution) permitted communion in both kinds. The body and blood are both fully represented in the bread only, or so Catholics are told to excuse their not receiving the wine. The truth is they have been denied the symbol of Christ's blood in an "unbloody Mass" and then given doubletalk that the blood is really contained in the bread.

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
John 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Mat 26:26 (NIV) While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."
Mat 26:27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "**Drink from it, all of you.**
Mat 26:28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Catholics interpret the above verses quite literally, yet they will regularly deny anyone but the priest from drinking the wine. When Christ celebrated the Passover meal everyone received both bread and wine, but the Catholic Church makes excuses about not wanting to spill any wine, or that a common cup is not sanitary, to withhold it from their congregation.

Also, did you notice in the quote from the Council of Trent, in paragraph 1366, that man's nature demands the sacrifice of Jesus be re-presented (presented again)? What did scripture tell us?-

Heb 10:14 **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**

The nature of man showed itself with Cain, who insisted his "unbloody sacrifice" was sufficient. Who are we in our fallen sinful nature to demand anything of God? The sacrifice of Jesus was made but **once**, and is ***not*** presented time and again in

what is called the Mass.

I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine

> Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
> Mat 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
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> Mark 14:24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
> Mark 14:25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.
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> Luke 22:15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:
> Luke 22:16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
> Luke 22:17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:
> Luke 22:18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

What did Jesus drink at the Last Supper? The fruit of the vine: grape juice. And He says He will *only* drink it again with the Saints in Heaven. Catholics contradict this, and say it is *not* the fruit of the vine they drink at Mass, since they teach it has been transubstantiated by the priest into the blood of Christ.

The Catholic Eucharist and Forgiveness.

What does reception of the Eucharist during Mass do according to Catholic Church? Again, the following is from the Vatican's *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

> **1394** As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity *wipes away venial sins.* ...
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> **1395** By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharist *preserves us from future mortal sins.* The more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins - that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the church.

> **1416** Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Note that even though the Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist re-presents the same sacrifice of Jesus (CCC #1365-1367), it is "*not* ordered for the forgiveness of mortal sins!" So just what is the alleged difference in venial and mortal sins?

> Every violation of the Commandments of God or of the Church is a sin: *mortal sin*, if three conditions are present - serious matter, sufficient reflection, and full consent of the will; *venial sin*, if the law violated concerns matter that is not grave or the offense is committed without sufficient reflection or full consent of the will. Venial sin does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace.
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> Mortal sin deprives us of sanctifying grace and brings eternal punishment to the soul, if we pass from this life before confessing this sin and obtaining forgiveness. ...
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> Source: *Dictionary of the Liturgy*, by Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM, Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York, Copyright 1989, ISBN 0-89942-273-X, page 588.

So the Mass of the Catholic Church, the re-presentation or continuation of Christ's sacrifice in the Eucharist, will only wash away trivial daily sins. The true Body and Blood of Christ, they say (contrary to scripture), is *insufficient* for redemption. For serious intentional soul damning sin you must go to the Catholic priest and obtain forgiveness from him! Note that even the Old Testament priests never could take away sin.

> Heb 10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
> Heb 10:12 But this man (Jesus Christ), **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;
> Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
> Heb 10:14 For by **one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**.

Note again that the one sacrificial offering was completed *before* Christ sat down on the right hand of God. The sacrifice is over, done, finished at the cross, having been offered but once.

> 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he [Jesus Christ] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The sacrificial death of Jesus was sufficient for all the sins of mankind, and that offering of his blood was made *only once*.

It is not something that is dispensed or re-presented by earthly priests, it was offered *once* by Jesus Christ Himself directly, and He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, without need of earthly priests. As scripture shows, the Roman Catholic Priest who claims to repeatedly offer an unbloody sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins during Mass, stands with Cain in defiance of God, and as such can never receive God's approval, and does nothing that really forgives any sins at all. Go directly to your High Priest Jesus Christ in prayer, to the Lamb of God Himself to repent of your sins, and you will indeed be forgiven completely of all your sins!

The Obelisk



The Egyptian obelisk that stands in the square of St. John Lateran (shown at left) is the largest in existence. Originally carved during the reign of Pharaoh Thutmoses III, it stood in the Temple of Amon in Thebes (Karnak), but was removed to Rome by emperor Constantius (A.D. 317-361), and placed in the Circus Maximus. In 1587 Pope Sixtus V unearthed the fallen, broken and long forgotten obelisk and had it repaired and placed in the Piazza S. Giovanni in Laterano. Interestingly enough, it is possible that Moses saw this very obelisk when he was in Egypt. Now this obelisk, meant to honor the sun god, stands beside what Catholics call the supreme "Mother of all Churches", the official cathedra of the bishop of Rome, the Pope, which brings to mind Revelation 17: 5 and the apostate Mother Church, Mystery Babylon, the mother of harlots, who stands accused of fornication, a mixing of the sacred with the profane, truth with error.

- **Mysteries of the Nile (NOVA)**
- **Egypt - Amazing Discoveries**

OBELISK. Of the several functions of the PILLAR among early peoples, the Egyptian obelisk was worshipped as the dwelling place of the sun-god.

Source: Illustrated Dictionary of Symbols in Eastern and Western Art by James Hall, published by HarperCollins, 1994, page 75.

The pagan association of the obelisk was something well understood by the church. The Jesuit scholar, Athanasius Kircher in his book *Obeliscus Pamphilius*, published in 1650, gives an account of the ancient views of the obelisk as the *digitus solis*, or "finger of the sun".

Pope Sixtus V (1585 - 1590) had the Egyptian obelisks erected all over Rome, as Counter-Reformation monuments.

The word matstsebah in Hebrew means standing images or obelisk and it can be found in many places of the Bible. Here is Strong's definition of the Hebrew word matstsebah-

H4676. matstsebah, mats-tsay-baw'; fem. (causat.) part. of H5324; something stationed, i.e. a column or (memorial stone); by anal. an idol:--garrison, (standing) image, pillar.

In the following verses matstsebah has been translated as image(s)-

Exo 23:24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

Exo 34:13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

Lev 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God.

Deu 7:5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Deu 12:3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

1 Ki 14:23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

2 Ki 3:2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

2 Ki 10:26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

2 Ki 10:27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught

house unto this day.

2 Chr 14:3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

2 Chr 31:1 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

Jer 43:13 He shall break also the images of Bethshemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

Micah 5:13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

Another Hebrew word is also used for "sun images" or obelisks, the word chamman. Again, here is the Strong's definition-

H2553. chamman, kham-mawn'; from H2535; a sun-pillar:--idol, image.

Chamman is also translated as simply image(s) in the King James:

Isa 17:8 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.

Isa 27:9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

2 Chr 34:4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.



Here is a close-up of the obelisk in front of St. Peter's. Have you ever given any thought to the origin of the church steeple? Could it be a modern representation of the pagan obelisk? Indeed!

So in St. Peter's square, the symbol of Baal is within the symbol of Ishtar, and at the center is an Egyptian obelisk, all representing pagan sun worship.



Pope Celebrates Palm Sunday at Pagan Sun Pillar









Above are pictures of John Paul II, dressed in scarlet, celebrating Palm Sunday in St. Peter's square on April 16th, 2000, with a "grove" of potted palms and hundred-year-old olive trees placed around the standing solar pillar (matstsebah) or obelisk, in the center of the Vatican's large pagan solar wheel symbolizing Baal and Ishtar.

> Deu 16:21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove (asherah) of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.
> Deu 16:22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image (matstsebah / pillar); which the LORD thy God hateth.

Now below are two photos of a statue in St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.





It is supposedly a statue of Peter enthroned. Notice the sun wheel above his head? This statue is thought by some to actually be a pagan statue of Jupiter, removed from the Pantheon in Rome (a pagan temple), moved into St. Peter's and renamed Peter. The extended right foot has been nearly worn away from the many pilgrims who kiss it in homage. Note also that the pattern on the wall behind the statue utilizes the symbol of Baal / Shamash!



Here you see a photo looking up into the dome of St. Peter's. Notice the very obvious 16 ray sun wheel. Indeed the light from the sun streams into the center hub of the dome making a genuine sun-lit sunburst image at the center of the wheel.

As you can see from the Bible verses quoted above, these symbols were associated with sun worship, which is strongly condemned in scripture. So why are they so prevalent in the Roman Catholic Church, if they are associated with paganism and apostasy?

Ezek 8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.
Ezek 8:17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?

New sunburst dome for the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.



On January 2, 1997, the rotunda of the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem was unveiled following an extensive renovation. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is believed by many Christians to have been built on the exact crucifixion site and tomb of Jesus Christ.

While the design used for the rotunda is an *obvious* pagan sunburst, the stated theme of the design is declared to be that of the glory of God enveloping the risen Christ. It consists of 12 golden rays, said to represent the 12 Apostles. Each of the 12 rays is said to consist of 3 streams of light, symbolizing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The background is the color of mother-of-pearl, said to be symbolic of the Biblical luminous cloud that accompanies the presence of God. Finally, on the perimeter of the rotunda is a field of 120 stars.

Far from depicting the risen Christ, this design is clearly a pagan sunburst, cleverly redefined in the guise of Christian terms. The **gold cross** on the top of the same dome also deserves mention. As you will see, it closely resembles a pagan sunwheel.

PAGAN SUN WORSHIP AND CATHOLICISM
LA VERITA - THE TRUTH

In St. Peter's in Rome, there is a rather remarkable sculpture that probably goes mostly unnoticed by those who visit there. It is a part of a sculpture group by Gian Lorenzo Bernini decorating the tomb of Pope Alexander VII. At the four corners surrounding the enthroned Pope, are the four virtues, Charity, Prudence, Justice and Truth. Charity is on the front left side and "La Verita", which means "The Truth" is on the right front side of the overview below.





The first thing you might notice is that "Truth" stands with her foot on a globe of the earth, symbolizing her power over the globe. Then looking closer you will see that she clutches in her arms the sun, probably symbolizing that the Truth will be revealed in time, by the light of day.

Historically, pagan Babylon worshipped the sun as a deity, and pagan Rome also worshipped the invincible sun. The Roman Catholic Church, with the assistance of Caesar (Constantine), changed the day of worship from Sabbath to the Sun Day and commonly uses images and symbols of the sun. In the following articles we will examine the many pagan sunburst images used by the Catholic Church in various forms of art.

Scripture Testifies That Stars Depicted Pagan Gods

Amos 5:26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, **the star**

of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

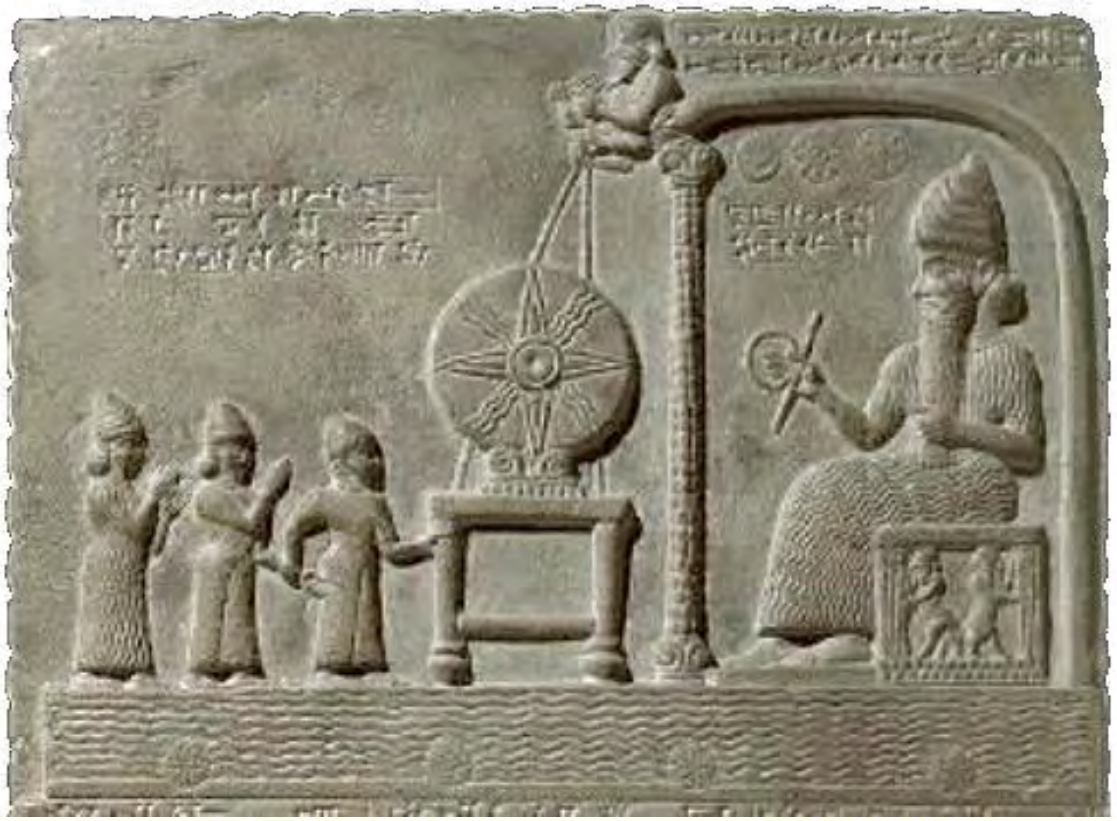
Acts 7:43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and **the star of your god** Remphan, **figures which ye made to worship them**: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

The Stones Give Their Testimony

On the right is an artifact unearthed in the holy of holies of the pagan temple in the Canaanite city of Hazor / Hatzor, in northern Israel, that dates to 1400 years before the time of Christ. It is described as follows:



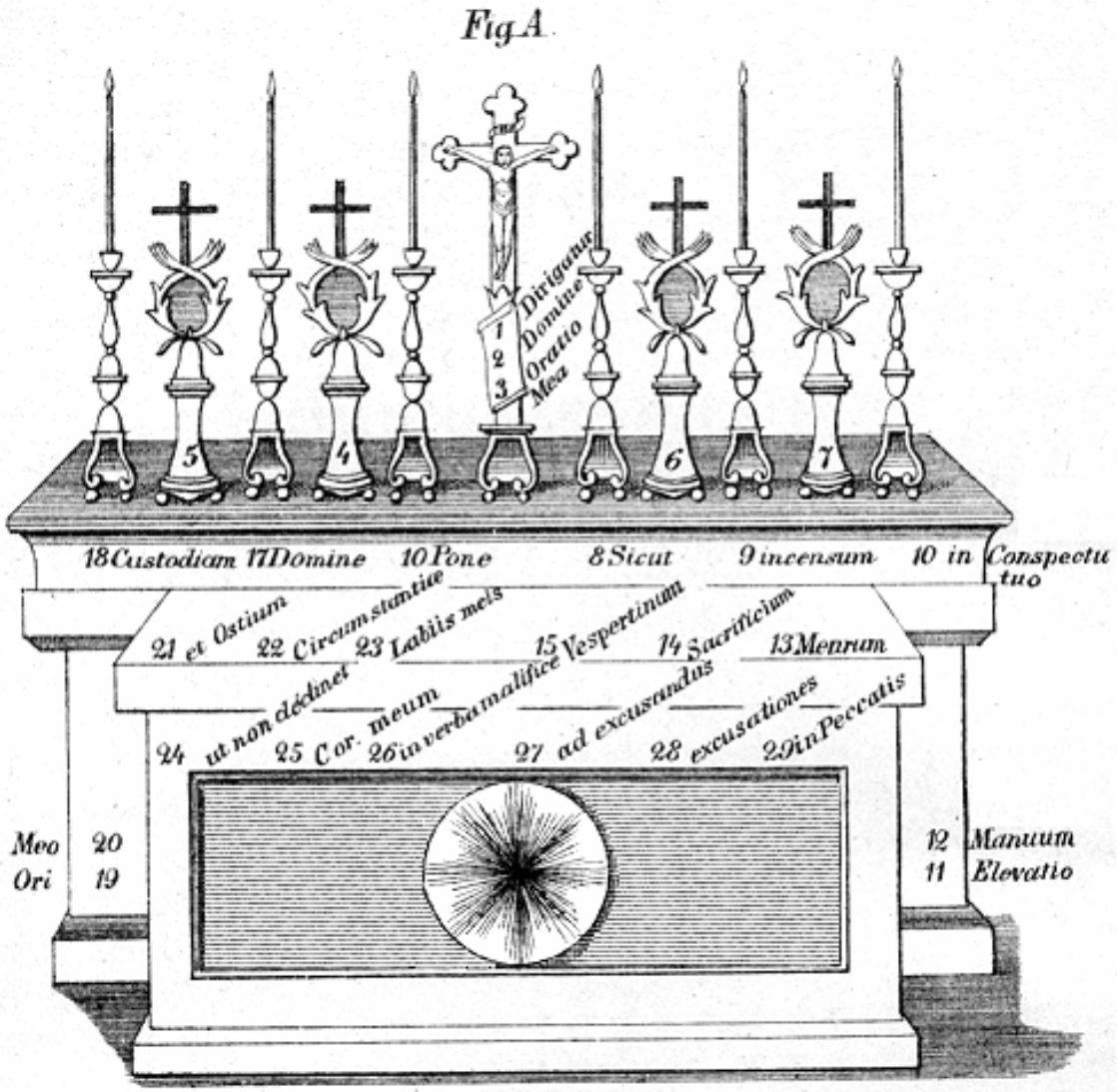
"a basalt offering table, pillar-shaped, with a carved symbol of the storm god Baal on its side. That symbol was a circle with a cross in the center"



The restoration of the Sun-god's image and temple
The British Museum

Above is a tablet from the early 9th century B.C. which depicts the Babylonian sun-god Shamash seated on the right, holding emblems of his authority, a staff and ring, and the king with two attendants on the left. In the center, on an altar, is a large 4-point sun image, with additional small wavy rays between the points. In Hebrew, the word for sun is:

> 8121. shemesh, sheh'-mesh; from an unused root mean. to be brilliant; the sun; by impl. the east; fig. a ray, i.e. (arch.) a notched battlement:-- + east side (-ward), sun ([rising]), + west (-ward), window. See also H1053 in Strong's Hebrew Dictionary.



Altar diagram from *Ceremonial for the use of the Catholic Churches in the United States of America*, Ninth Edition, revised by Rev. W. Carroll Milholland, S.S., published by H. L. Kilner & Co., 1926.

The above diagram of the Catholic altar shows the same general Babylonian sun symbol. In the photo below, behind Pope John Paul II, on the front of the altar of St. Peter's Basilica, you see a tapestry with a sunburst design nearly identical to the pagan sun-god symbol of Baal / Shamash. This tapestry is called the altar frontal, antipendium (antependium), or pallium altaris.

Below: Christmas Eve Mass at the Vatican





Symbol for Baal



Above: Pope John Paul II celebrates Pentecost, June 3rd 2001



Symbol of Babylonian sun-god Shamash

Below: Christmas Eve Mass at the Vatican



The Pope conducting Midnight Mass on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve of 2000.

Below on the left is a picture from the coronation of Pope Pius XI in 1922. On the tapestry hung from the balcony, there are three symbols of Baal / Shamash evident. On the right is Pope John XXIII waving to the crowd in St. Peter's square from above another similar banner, after an Urbi Et Orbi speech.





Below on the left is a similar photo of John Paul II, making his first public appearance as Pope, in 1978.





Above on the right is a photo from early in the papacy of John Paul II, and the symbol of Baal / Shamash appears on the front of his fish head shaped mitre. Note also the small black cross on his shoulder (compare below), on what is called a Pallium:

> The modern pallium is a circular band about two inches wide, worn about the neck, breast, and shoulders, and having two pendants, one hanging down in front and one behind. ... The ornamentation of the pallium consists of six small black crosses -- one each on the breast and back, one on each shoulder, and one on each pendant.

Below on the left is a Neo-Assyrian standing stone (stele/stela) dating from about 824-811 B.C., which depicts King Shamshi-Adad V. In particular, note the necklace the King is wearing. On it is what today is called a Maltese cross. Twenty-eight hundred years ago that shape was symbolic of pagan sun worship (click on the image for a closer look).



Stela of Shamshi-Adad V



Pope John Paul II wearing the Pallium

Today the Pope wears a similar symbol around his neck, on the Pallium, which the Pope also confers on selected bishops as an ornamental token of his favor, and it is also worn by archbishops and patriarchs as a symbol of their authority as a metropolitan, derived from unity with the Pope. Note also, that beneath the Pope's Pallium there is an "x" / diagonal cross, which mimics the diagonal bands below the Maltese cross worn by the pagan king. The Pope also has a ring and staff of authority, remarkably similar to the depiction of the sun god Shamash on the Babylonian tablet shown previously.



Stele of King Ashur-nasir-pal II



John XXIII Pontifex Maximus

Note the lower hand of King Ashur-nasir-pal II in the above stele. On the wrist is the sunburst symbol. On the right, the pagan sunburst is on the glove of Pope John XXIII. (click on the image for a closer look)

The depictions of the pagan kings on the ancient standing stones above, show a strip of



IMMAGINI DEL CONCILIO: CITTA DEL VATICANO: 1966

cloth (lappet) hanging from the rear of the headgear. These lappets are also present on the papal mitre and tiara, shown at left, and partially visible in the photos of popes above.



On the left is a medallion from the Vatican pavilion of the 1988 World Expo, which depicts what is called a Monstrance, used to display a consecrated host. It bears a remarkable similarity to the symbol of Baal / Shamash.
See **The Monstrance**.







At left are two examples of ciborium, in which are kept the Eucharistic wafer hosts of the Catholic Mass. The one on the left uses the Maltese cross as a handle on top, and the other uses the four point cross within a circle, the ancient symbols of Shamash and Baal.





On the left is a Vatican 100 Lire gold coin. Note the symbol of Baal, found in Hazor, is behind the head of the figure supposed to be that of Christ.

The Babylonian Sun god Shamash is also represented by a *winged solar disk*.

Now on the right you see the sunburst image on the underside of the canopy of Bernini's Baldacchino, the large canopy-like monument in St. Peter's Cathedral, directly over the main altar of St. Peter's, and the alleged tomb of St. Peter. The dove in front of the sunburst is supposed to be symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Note the shape of the sun rays. They are essentially identical to that of the pagan sun symbol worn by Assyrian kings (a Maltese cross), over 800 years before the time of Christ.



From Christmas Eve Mass at St. Peter's





The Baldacchino

Bernini also put pagan sun images on the top of each of the columns of his Baldacchino, which stands above

the altar of St. Peter's. (The sun image and 3 bumble bees are symbolic of the Barberini family and Pope Urban VIII).



Here on the left is essentially the same image as found in Bernini's La Verita and Baldacchino, but this is the face of the pagan Greek sun god Apollo, on the temple of Apollo, in the **Pergamon museum** in Berlin!

Catholicism has clearly adopted the sun symbolism of the ancient pagans!

Consecration to Flaming Sacred Hearts

Many of the Catholic statues and illustrations of Mary and Jesus will depict an exposed heart, and if you look closely, many times you will see that there is a surrounding sun burst and a flame on top of the heart. An example of this can be seen at left, which by Catholic teaching, portrays the immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to which



Catholics are to consecrate themselves.

Consecration is defined by the Catholic Encyclopedia as "the act and ceremony by which a person or thing is dedicated to sacred service or set apart for sacred use." So for a Catholic to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is to dedicate their life in service to Mary.

Here are examples of this Catholic teaching, beginning with consecration to Mary:

"Give all to Jesus through Mary"

When a person is truly consecrated to Mary, he lives that consecration each day by giving himself and all that he has to the Mother of God. This includes his natural property and possessions as well as his supernatural merits and graces. EVERYTHING is presented to Mary to use as she wills.



Indeed, this total offering often frightens many people, but it should not. Those who cannot entrust their lives and possessions to Mary do not really know her very well. The Mother of God is all love, mercy and goodness. Basically, this is the message of her Immaculate Heart.

No Christian who understands his faith would be fearful about giving everything to Jesus, for the God-Man is completely worthy and deserving of trust. But the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary beat as one. That is to say, Mary's will is always the same as her Divine Son's. Since God wants devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary established in the world, those who consecrate themselves to the Mother of God do the will of her Son. They go to Jesus in union with Mary.

Source: *Catholic Truth for Youth*, by Father Robert J. Fox, copyright 1978, published by Ave Maria Institute, Washington, N.J. 07882, page 431.

In this remarkable image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from the now closed Magnificat Meal Movement International web site (based in Australia), note that Mary is depicted as bearing the nail wounds in her palms *as if she were the one crucified on the cross! This is both blasphemous and Antichrist!*



This consecration in service to Mary is quite contrary to scripture and the teachings of Jesus-

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and ***him only shalt thou serve.***

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and ***him only shalt thou serve.***

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion to Jesus Christ, consisting of worship of Him through His heart as representing His love shown in the Incarnation. His passion and death, the institution of the Eucharist. The devotion is centered on reparation to Christ for man's ingratitude, manifested particularly by indifference to

the Holy Eucharist. The worship is not directed to the Heart alone, but to the Person of Jesus Christ. The Church forbids public cult of the Heart separated from the rest of the body, but allows private veneration, as is the case of Sacred Heart badges.



2. A feast, requested by our Lord Himself, commemorates the unrequited love of the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist and is celebrated on the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi.

3. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home is acknowledgment of the sovereignty of Christ over the family. It is expressed through solemn installation of the head of the house of a representation of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor, together with an act of consecration, in the presence of the entire family. Another indulgenced practice for individuals or families is to spend an hour in reparation before the Blessed Sacrament or before an image of the Sacred Heart in the home between the hours of 9 P.M. and 6 A.M.

Source: *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, revised and updated, edited by Robert Broderick, copyright 1987, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers, page 535.

At right is an illustration of the flaming sacred heart of Jesus from a 19th century Catholic book, *Catholic Oratory: a Compilation of Sacred and Sublime Orations*, published by T. F. Connealy, New York, in 1891, with the approbation of the Archbishop of New York, Michael Augustine, that was titled "The Five

Wounds" (of Christ).



According to Catholic teaching-

It was to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a humble nun of the Order of the Visitation of Our Lady that Our Lord chose to reveal to the world His Sacred Heart, thus opening a New Era of Grace and Mercy in the history of the Church and the world. These private revelations took place during the years 1673-1675, and are drawn from the diary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the witness of her fellow sisters, and that of her spiritual director, St. Claude de La Colombiere.

Notice how St. Margaret Mary Alacoque describes the revelation of the "Sacred Heart" of Jesus (emphasis is mine):

Our Lord makes known the Devotion of the First Fridays: June 1674

On the First Friday of each month, the above-mentioned grace connected with the pain in my side was renewed in the following manner: ***the Sacred Heart was represented to me as a resplendent sun***, the burning rays of which fell vertically upon my heart, which was inflamed with a fire so fervid that it seemed as if it would reduce me to ashes. It was at these times especially that my Divine Master taught me what He required of me and disclosed to me the

secrets of His loving Heart. On one occasion, while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, feeling wholly withdrawn within myself by an extraordinary recollection of all my senses and powers, Jesus Christ, my sweet Master, presented Himself to me, all resplendent with glory, His Five Wounds shining like so many suns. Flames issued from every part of His Sacred Humanity, especially from His Adorable Breast, which resembled an open furnace and disclosed to me His most loving and most amiable Heart, which was the living source of these flames. It was then that He made known to me the ineffable marvels of His pure love and showed me to what an excess He had loved men, from whom He received only ingratitude and contempt.

So the Catholic Church encourages people to "enthrone" an image of the flaming heart of Jesus in their home and venerate or worship it. As shown above, the first Friday of every month and indeed the whole month of June are set aside for the veneration of the flaming Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

The above commandment of God makes no exception for images of hearts. Bowing down to, or venerating any image what-so-ever is clearly prohibited, yet the Roman Catholic church teaches its people to do exactly that.

It is worth noting the following from *Haurietis Aquas*:

23. It is of course beyond doubt that the Sacred Books never make express mention of a special worship of veneration and love made to the physical Heart of the Incarnate Word as the symbol of His burning love.

So, Pius XII readily admits that veneration of the Sacred Heart is unbiblical. This prompts the question, just where does this type of worship really originate?





Human sacrifice, particularly by offering a victim's heart to the sun god, was commonly practiced

Source: Encyclopedia Britannia **Aztec**.

As illustrated above on the left by the stone carving from Cozumel, the pagan Aztecs / Mayans of Mexico would cut the heart out of a living victim and offer it as a sacrifice to the sun god, in this case, Kukulcan / Quetzalcoatl, also known as the feathered serpent. And in the very similar stained-glass window on the right, note that the Sacred Heart is portrayed as aflame in the sky *like the sun,* being adored by two angels!

The word for *heart* is identical* to the word for Baal - (bl) in Hebrew and Chaldee.
From Strong's Hebrew Dictionary:

1077. בַּל **bal,** *bal;* from 1086; prop. a *failure;* by impl. *nothing;* usually (adv.) *not* at all; also *lest:*—lest, neither, no, none (that . . .), not (any), nothing.

1078. בֵּל **Bêl,** *bale;* by contr. for 1168; *Bel,* the Baal of the Babylonians:—Bel.

1079. בָּל **bâl** (Chald.), *bawl;* from 1080; prop. *anxiety,* i.e. (by impl.) the *heart* (as its seat):—heart.

H1078, bel - Hebrew word for *Baal*, is found in Isa 46:1, Jer 50:2, 51:44.
H1079, bal - Chaldee word for *heart*, is found in Dan 6:14.
(* The only difference as listed is the vowel marking, but vowel marks are an invention of the Masorete Scribes of the Tenth Century)

3820. לֵב **lêb**, *labe;* a form of 3824; the *heart;* also used (fig.) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the *centre* of anything:— + care for, comfortably, consent, × considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([-ed]), × heed, × I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), × regard ([-ed)], × themselves, × unawares, understanding, × well, willingly, wisdom.

3821. לֵב **lêb** (Chald.), *labe;* corresp. to 3820:—heart.

H3820, leb - Hebrew word for *heart*, occurs hundreds of times in the Old Testament and is the word for Baal spelled *backwards*!
H3821, leb - Chaldee word for *heart*, is found in Dan 7:28.

3826. לִבָּה **libbâh**, *lib-baw´;* fem. of 3820; the *heart:*—heart.

3827. לַבָּה **labbâh**, *lab-baw´;* for 3852; *flame:*—flame.

H3826, libbah, Hebrew word for *heart*, occurs in eight verses.
H3827, labbah, Hebrew word for *flame*, is found in Exodus 3:2.





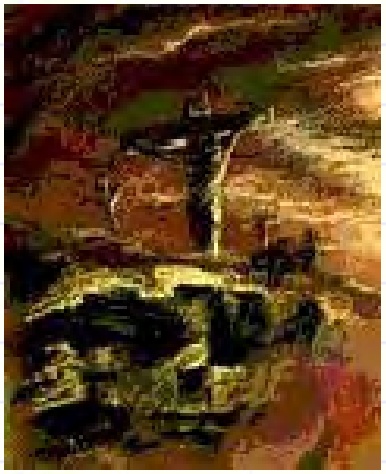
Above on the left, from a Roman Catholic instructional video, the flaming heart symbology is superimposed directly over the sun, making the association quite plain, and unmistakable. The close-up on the right illustrates the flaming hearts of Mary and Jesus as portrayed in the left image.



So the Roman Catholic Church did not invent the flaming Sacred Heart, but rather they adopted the symbology from the human sacrifices practiced by pagan sun worshippers, and the worship of Baal is *sun worship*.

XIII. Jesus Christ Crucified and The Wisdom Of God

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6,000 Years Of Man's Satanic-Inspired Wisdom Couldn't Do The Job

We have just recapped some of the wisdom of the ages during the past 6,000 years, but it is a wisdom that has continually excluded God and His plan for the Lamb of God, His Son, Jesus Christ. James spoke of this wisdom in his epistle:

James 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

It was because the truth was lied against that there has been strife, confusion and every evil work for the past 6,000 years. James went on to say,

15 This wisdom descends not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

By devilish wisdom, the world and the church are now attempting to put away envy and strife and confusion, but this too is being done by lying against the truth, by relying on devilish wisdom to bring a false unity to the world that promises world peace.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul spoke of these two kinds of wisdom as they related to his time, and the attempt by the devil and his wisdom to infiltrate the early Church:

1 Cor 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

The saints had something from God that was by grace - at no cost to them. That grace enriched them in ALL utterance and ALL knowledge and by that utterance and knowledge, the TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ was confirmed in them. That TESTIMONY was that Jesus Christ had come in the flesh, had died, and was risen from the dead. That TESTIMONY was that because He was risen from the dead, His Spirit was now indwelling them through faith in Jesus' finished work, and He would guide them into all truth until He came back for them. Paul ends the book of 1 Corinthians with that second coming and how we will be changed when it occurs, but in the beginning of this letter, he is speaking of Christ in another manner. He

is speaking of Christ, not as the returning, all-conquering Lord of lords and King of kings, but as crucified. Through that utterance and knowledge of Christ as the crucified one who lives came their testimony to Him. Paul said,

1 Cor 1:5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; . . . 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

That confirmation of their testimony was to last until Christ returned, because their testimony was the gospel, and the gospel had to be proclaimed all the way to the end of the age. The responsibility of the saints was to maintain their knowledge of Christ and give utterance to that testimony to the end when He will return for them. In all of this, God would be faithful to them, but faithful to them WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK of their faithfulness to the faith delivered to the saints once for all. He would be faithful to them within the framework of their testimony to Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

TESTIMONY OF CHRIST: CRUCIFIED RISEN COMING AGAIN
OUR TESTIMONY: WE WERE SAVED ARE BEING SAVED WILL BE SAVED

This testimony was to be the center of their utterance. This testimony is to be the center of our utterance as well. By maintaining this testimony as the center of our utterance, there would be no division among them, and they would be of one mind and judgement:

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak THE SAME THING, and that there be NO DIVISIONS among you; but that ye be

PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND AND IN THE SAME JUDGMENT. 11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are CONTENTIONS among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you says, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Paul said that there were divisions among them because they didn't hold to the testimony of Christ as their center. In verses 5 and 6, Paul said,

1 Cor 1:5 That in EVERY THING ye are enriched by him, in ALL utterance, and in ALL knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

Paul is saying that he had told them about Christ and now they were telling others. They were telling others about Christ because what Paul told them about Christ was now true in them. They were a living testimony that salvation could be found in Christ alone. Paul's words can be summarized in this:

Neither Paul nor Apollos nor Cephas was crucified for them. They were centering on the MESSENGERS of the good news rather than the one the good news proclaimed. The result of such a perspective, as we have learned during the past 7 years, is major APOSTASY.

Neither was the Christ of the false apostles who spouted off spiritual mumbo-jumbo and worldly wisdom crucified for them. These false apostles surely gave forth a wisdom, but it wasn't the wisdom of Christ crucified. These false apostles had a wisdom in their words, but Paul preached the wisdom of God - Christ crucified - "lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." We Christians must, in these days, become set on keeping God and Christ, as related in His word, the center of our lives, not on a Christ depicted by a wisdom that sounds like it is from above, but isn't. Paul here is not contending against the Corinthians, but the false prophets and their wisdom that the Corinthians listened to.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, BUT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL: NOT with wisdom of words, LEST THE CROSS OF CHRIST should be made of none effect.

There are many wisdoms in this world, and God's wisdom is among them. But God's wisdom is the ONLY wisdom that can save the sinner. The world's wisdom consists of words that implement action to solve problems. That's the wisdom of the "new" Church, and it has opened the door for heavy demonic intrusion. The problem IS NOT problems. The problem is SIN. Get rid of the problems, and you only end up with a new set of problems. Get rid of sin, and everything straightens out. God's wisdom is the living word that has taken action against man's problem of sin and is the only wisdom that succeeded in dealing with it to God's satisfaction. And God chose us believers to relate His wisdom by preaching a simple message about a simple cross. Yet, the wise of the world say that's foolishness. God says its wisdom,

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

But God said,

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

In the NIV, this verse reads,

19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

How and when will God destroy the wisdom of the wise? How and when will God bring to nothing the understanding of the intelligent? Part of the answer is, He already has - through the cross. Part of the answer is, He is even now doing that - through the risen Christ. Part of the answer is, He will do that - completely - when Christ returns.

20 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? 21 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.

After 6,000 years of striving in the religions and religious systems of the world, man has not found the way to know God in truth. There is only one way man has come to know God: through preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, slain, not for problems, but for SIN.

The notes in the KJV Study Bible say this:

1:20 THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD The wisdom of this world is a wisdom that excludes God, emphasizes human self-sufficiency, makes man the highest authority, and refuses to recognize God's revelation in Jesus Christ: (1) This wisdom God calls foolishness (1 Cor. 3:19-20), for through it humans have failed to find the truth or come to know their Creator (v. 21).

(2) The believer must develop a godly contempt for both human wisdom and a secular world view (see vv. 18-31; 2:1-16; Acts 17:18; Rom. 1:20-32; Col. 2:8; 2 Thess. 2:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 2 Pet. 2:1-3,7; Jude 4-19). The gospel and the message of the cross must never be accommodated to philosophy, science, or any other so-called wisdom of man (2:4-5; Gal. 6:14).

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Why? Because

1. **Man's problem is singular in nature: SIN.**

2. **Unless sin is taken away, one cannot know God. Knowing Him is eternal life.**

3. **Unless a man knows Him, Jesus won't gather him to Himself at His return. Jesus will say to some: "I never knew you."**

4. **If a man is not gathered at the end, He cannot stand in God's presence holy and in love.**

Philosophy and science and other wisdom CAN make men better. These things can improve this life. But they can't take away SIN so one can know God and give one access to God's immediate presence. Power to heal limbs, or the power of faith brought about by signs in the sky or the wisdom of all the religions of the world put together may make things better, but they DON'T MAKE ALL THINGS NEW, ESPECIALLY THE HUMAN CREATURE! And Paul told the Corinthians,

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the

power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The cross is God's foolishness. It cuts against the grain of man's wisdom and thinking and reasoning and intelligence. God says that by NOT relying on sinful man at all, by NOT asking his thoughts on the matter, by doing NOTHING except accepting death on a cross, God's has made a way to enter His presence for eternity. It cuts against the grain of demonic intrusion. The cross is foolishness to the world and its wise men. In the weakness of DOING NOTHING but giving up the ghost on the cross, God fulfilled His plan for Himself, His Son and us. And God says, "Just preach the cross!" In the words of the wise men of the world, "That's stupid!" In the words of God Almighty, "That's wisdom."

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in the Lord.