

Oracles

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\*If we ever experienced a problem anywhere, it came about, in some degree, due to certain wrong assumptions, either co-present with, or just prior to the given problem's actually taking place.

\* Unless you believe in God, the One, and or the infinite, every assumption is contingent.

\* PROCESS (or if you prefer spirit, or activity) PRECEDES IMAGE. Image may, to some extent, (and sometimes almost perfectly) represent process. But process is always superior to and always more real than image. If process precedes image this might suggest also that mind precedes matter and energy.

\* Everything we believe, or say we know, is based on a *factual* or *value* judgment. Both kinds of judgment always entail the other to some extent, and nothing can be known or exists for us without them.

\* No fact or purported fact is true or false without someone to assert and believe it to be such. If an assertion or claim is deemed true or false then, and we are thorough, we should ask who is it that says so (or has said so), and what criteria are (were) they using? There is no such thing as "faceless" truth or reality -- at least none we are capable of knowing.

\* You can't escape reason. If you aren't rational yourself, someone else will be rational for you; nor do their intentions toward you need to be friendly or benevolent.

\* *Every* point of view and opinion has its truth to it -- even the most abhorrent and unacceptable to us. This said, we are naturally inclined to assume that some opinions have much greater truth to them than others. Even so, what little truth there is in any point of view must, at least at some juncture, and certainly with respect to issues of heated controversy, be justly and reasonably respected. Why? Because we would not be honest (and therefore not truthful) if we didn't.

\* *Ultimately*, and when all is said and done, thought without heart is nothing.

\* Most, if not all, of society's very worst problems arise from (certain) spirit people and those who listen to them -- whether the former comes in the shape of "God," angel, devil or what have you. It is these people who are most the source and cause of real unhappiness. If then you chance to have contact with such, while having (one assumes) overcome their lures, deceptions, and pretenses of benevolence and higher knowledge, I recommend that this (i.e., "unhappiness" or "unhappiness itself") is what you call them. Blame and curse them for (most) everything wrong; for it is it is they who have been and are the ruin of everyone and everything (that is, if anyone is or could be said to be so.)

### Mottos:

*"When you can face me, I'll consider taking you seriously."*

*"Millions for defense; not one cent for tribute!"*

*"The whole of the city is at the mercy of a gang of criminals, led by a man who calls himself the Kid. And I'm the only one who can find him for you."*

*Note.* The "oracles" are given, top to the bottom of the text, in order from the most recent to the very earliest entry (just as originally presented at gunjones.com); the very first you see below then is the last entered at the website, while the very first entered for the year is given as the last item in this text.

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At last (for me anyway) -- something like the REAL story of how the United States became so heavily involved in Vietnam (an absolute must for JFK assn. researchers; who if they are not already familiar with what is covered here, risk making serious fools of themselves.) Though two hours long, this C-SPAN broadcast is worth watching to the very end.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?316196-1/vietnam-1963>

[“November 8, 2013: Vietnam 1963 Four Vietnam War historians talked about the events of 1963, a year many consider pivotal to the conflict. They discussed the political atmosphere in South Vietnam, the country’s changing relationship with the United States, and the uncertain future of the conflict during that year, which culminated in a military coup and the assassination of President Diem in November 1963. The panel “Vietnam 1963: Revision and Reassessment” was hosted by the New York Military Affairs Symposium.”]

See also:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqoiCjONUUo>

["Madame Nhu - Trần Lệ Xuân Trả Lời Phỏng Vấn 1982" – 1982 WGBH interview with former South Vietnam First Lady]

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[ch. 5]

...And is there not some light thrown here on the expression “in the likeness and image,” in the fact that some live according to the likeness of Christ, while those who stand on the left hand live according to their image? There are then two things proceeding from the truth, one root lying beneath both—the choice being, however, not equal, or rather the difference that is in the choice not being equal. To choose by way of imitation differs, as appears to me, from the choice of him who chooses according to knowledge, as that which is set on fire differs from that which is illuminated. Israel, then, is the light of the likeness which is according to the Scripture. But the image is another thing...

[ch. 6]

...And, “Blessed are you when men shall hate you, when they shall separate you, when they shall cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake;” [Luke 6:22] if we do not detest our persecutors, and undergo punishments at their hands, not hating them under the idea that we have been put to trial more tardily than we looked for; but knowing this also, that every instance of trial is an occasion for testifying.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 4.

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As I have stated here before, for the past few years I have for the most part (aside from weekly quote extracts from the Church Fathers) stopped posting at this website and in light of getting virtually no response regarding anything I write. On the other hand, when I feel a compelling point or an especially important thought or piece of information I think ought to be imparted, I sometimes make an exception.

Yesterday I was reminded of the film "Salem's Lot" (1979) that I saw many years ago, and when it comes to scary films it is pretty effective; though when it comes to horror films, I usually prefer the old Universal, Hammer, and Roger Corman Gothic melodramas as more enjoyable entertainment. The following is a clip from "Salem's Lot" that one could actually write a good deal of commentary on, whether from a cinematic, sociological-historical, or criminal spirit people perspective.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDULrVSS0Tk>

["Face The Master - SALEM'S LOT (1979)" - vampire with James Mason attack family and priest in kitchen scene]

Though owing to the aforesaid reason I myself don't feel the desire to say all that much, a few things are worth mentioning.

1. Note the dream like quality of the scene, and yes certain adept criminal spirit people could recreate something essentially similar for purposes of a "dream production."

2. We know some people will be frightened just watching a film. And yet imagine how paralyzed some people would be encountering such an experience in real life or a dream; not least of which and even many supposedly macho types who are brash with their bravado (say, for example in a military context.) Granting the premise, how many people do you think could put up a fight against terrorism like this? And yet if it is some deranged Arab or domestic malcontent (say), then they stand tall in the front rank of our nation's heroes. Note also how in many fiction stories and films of the 19th and 20th century the reality of criminal spirit people or a malevolent supernatural is routinely dismissed by supposedly enlightened and scientific people as *necessarily* "hogwash" or "rubbish" -- a movie

formula not so unlike how whenever a gun (in such stories) is pointed you must *necessarily* and mechanically throw up your hands and surrender, as if there is no other possible alternative.

3. Observe how the superstitious priest is utterly helpless against real violence. What sort of effect will this approach have on irrational, completely childish, and feeble minded people, and who in a given instance may have material control and influence over the minds and everyday fate of millions?

4. Monster men like the SL vampire and James Mason's character, remember, don't go on scaring expeditions like this ordinarily. If something like this were to happen it would be because the time or season was right [Luke 22:53], and that it would serve a certain tactical or strategic advantage. Otherwise and again ordinarily they would prefer -- monsters want to be loved too -- to win you over with a carrot rather than a stick. And really they can't keep this terrorizing mentality up continually and forever. But, of course, if you insist on refusing the carrot....

5. Note the year of the film, 1979, and where the country and society had arrived at morally and psychologically at that time.

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In other matters very briefly...

For those interested in examining further the JFK Assassination, I just discovered the book *Reclaiming Parkland: Tom Hanks, Vincent Bugliosi, and the JFK Assassination in the New Hollywood* (2016 version!) by James Di Eugenio, and do most highly recommend.

Also I was puzzling over the question of how was it that actress Virginia Vestoff died so young, reportedly, of cancer in 1982; with no advance notice; with no trace or report of what happened to her remains. Very strange, and makes me wonder if it wasn't a suicide? But if suicide, for what reason?

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oogv7qah3ik>

["1776 ~ Compliments" -- scene from the 1972 film]

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[ch. 12]

And not only the Platonists, but the Stoics, say that assent is in our own power. All opinion then, and judgment, and supposition, and knowledge, by which we live and have perpetual intercourse with the human race, is an assent; which is nothing else than faith. And unbelief being defection from faith, shows both assent and faith to be possessed of power; for non-existence cannot be called privation. And if you consider the truth, you will find man naturally misled so as to give assent to what is false, though possessing the resources necessary for belief in the truth. "The virtue, then, that encloses the Church in its grasp," as the Shepherd [of Hermas] says, "is Faith, by which the elect of God are saved; and that which acts the man is Self-restraint. And these are followed by Simplicity, Knowledge, Innocence, Decorum, Love," and all these are the daughters of Faith. And again, "Faith leads the way, fear upbuilds, and love perfects." Accordingly he says, the Lord is to be feared in order to edification, but not the devil to destruction. And again, the works of the Lord— that is, His commandments— are to be loved and done; but the works of the devil are to be dreaded and not done. For the fear of God trains and restores to love; but the fear of the works of the devil has hatred dwelling along with it. The same also says "that repentance is high intelligence. For he that repents of what he did, no longer does or says as he did. But by torturing himself for his sins, he benefits his soul. Forgiveness of sins is therefore different from repentance; but both show what is in our power." ~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 2.

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Mongolian soul music.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qx8hrhBZJ98>

["Tuvan Throat Singing"]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MLrWgXAoyo>

["Batzorig Vaanchig - Morin Khuur"]

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Nero is a powerful, yet also brutal, emperor who aspires to be crowned most gifted of all the poets; even though his poetry, all in all, is not very good.

Marcus, Tibullus, and Rutillius are also poets, and indeed, they are very good ones. Yet if their work is allowed at the poetry competition, then Nero's poetry will all the more fall flat on the ears of both the judges and the audience at the competition.

What then might we expect will become of the poetry careers of Marcus, Tibullus, and Rutillius? And of poetry in general?

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[ch. 4]

Should one say that Knowledge is founded on demonstration by a process of reasoning, let him hear that first principles are incapable of demonstration; for they are known neither by art nor sagacity...

But the first cause of the universe was not previously known to the Greeks; neither, accordingly, to Thales, who came to the conclusion that water was the first cause; nor to the other natural philosophers who succeeded him, since it was Anaxagoras who was the first who assigned to Mind the supremacy over material things. But not even he preserved the dignity suited to the efficient cause, describing as he did certain silly vortices, together with the inertia and even foolishness of Mind. Wherefore also the Word says, "Call no man master on earth." [Matthew 23:9] For knowledge is a state of mind that results from demonstration; but faith is a grace which from what is indemonstrable conducts to what is universal and simple, what is neither with matter, nor matter, nor under matter...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 2.

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(Use close caption feature to bring up English subtitles)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1JBsvzGDwo>

["Princess Pearl 2 (3/48) [ENG SUB] Huan Zhu Ge Ge II - 还珠格格 (還珠格格) 第二部第03集 1999"]

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[ch. 2]

...For it is not many who understand such things as they fall in with; or know them even after learning them, though they think they do, according to the worthy Heraclitus. Does not even he seem to you to censure those who believe not? "Now my just one shall live by faith," [Habakkuk 2:4] the prophet said. And another prophet also says, "Unless you believe, neither shall you understand." [Isaiah 7:9] For how ever could the soul admit the transcendental contemplation of such themes, while unbelief respecting what was to be learned struggled within? But faith, which the Greeks disparage, deeming it futile and barbarous, is a voluntary preconception, the assent of piety— "the subject of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," according to the divine apostle. "For hereby," pre-eminently, "the elders obtained a good report. But without faith it is impossible to please God." Others have defined faith to be a uniting assent to an unseen object, as certainly the proof of an unknown thing is an evident assent. If then it be choice, being desirous of something, the desire is in this instance intellectual. And since choice is the beginning of action, faith is discovered to be the beginning of action, being the foundation of rational choice in the case of any one who exhibits to himself the previous demonstration through faith. Voluntarily to follow what is useful, is the first principle of understanding. Unswerving choice, then, gives considerable momentum in the direction of knowledge. The exercise of faith directly becomes knowledge, reposing on a sure foundation. Knowledge, accordingly, is defined by the sons of the philosophers as a habit, which cannot be overthrown by reason. Is there any other true condition such as this, except piety, of which alone the Word is teacher? I think not. Theophrastus says that sensation is the root of faith. For from it the rudimentary principles extend to the reason that is in us, and the understanding. He who believes then the divine Scriptures with sure judgment, receives in the voice of God, who bestowed the Scripture, a demonstration that cannot be impugned. Faith, then, is not established by demonstration. "Blessed therefore those who, not having seen, yet have believed."  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 2.

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[ch. 1]

...And, in my opinion, he who is solicitous about truth ought not to frame his language with artfulness and care, but only to try to express his meaning as he best can. For those who are particular about words, and devote their time to them, miss the things. It is a feat fit for the gardener to pluck without injury the rose that is growing among the thorns; and for the craftsman to find out the pearl buried in the oyster's flesh. And they say that fowls have flesh of the most agreeable quality, when, through not being supplied with abundance of food, they pick their sustenance with difficulty, scraping with their feet. If any one, then, speculating on what is similar, wants to arrive at the truth [that is] in the numerous Greek plausibilities, like the real face beneath masks, he will hunt it out with much pains. For the power that appeared in the vision to Hermas said, "Whatever may be revealed to you, shall be revealed."...
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 2.

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Some will remember this (and what kid didn't want to win that treasure chest of toys?)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRLPW8RIUvE>

["WHDH-TV "Bozo the Clown" 1966" - w/ Frank Avruch and co.]

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Greedy archeologist, played by Max Von Sydow, gets the Foreign Legion, to their surprise, into big trouble. Watching this again (I saw it at the movie theater in 1977) made me think that this is like an actual movie (unlike today and the last 20 years+ and the canned, predictable junk they generally put out calling it a movie.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eJgKHqwLal>

["MARCH OR DIE. Legionnaires and Bedouins. Final fight" – from the 1977 film with Gene Hackman]

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[ch. 17]

...For to take fever is involuntary; but when one takes fever through his own fault, from excess, we blame him. Inasmuch, then, as evil is involuntary—for no one prefers evil as evil; but induced by the pleasure that is in it, and imagining it good, considers it desirable—such being the case, to free ourselves from ignorance, and from evil and voluptuous choice, and above all, to withhold our assent from those delusive phantasies, depends on ourselves. The devil is called “thief and robber;” having mixed false prophets with the prophets, as tares with the wheat. “All, then, that came before the Lord, were thieves and robbers;” not absolutely all men, but all the false prophets, and all who were not properly sent by Him. For the false prophets possessed the prophetic name dishonestly, being prophets, but prophets of the liar. For the Lord says, “You are of your father the devil; and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.” [John 8:44]...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 1.

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[ch. 16]

...But if the Hellenic philosophy comprehends not the whole extent of the truth, and besides is destitute of strength to perform the commandments of the Lord, yet it prepares the way for the truly royal teaching; training in some way or other, and moulding the character, and fitting him who believes in Providence for the reception of the truth.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 1.

[Note. Chapter 14 of Book 1 contains an interesting survey of the history of philosophy.]

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[10 April 2017]

This past week, and on my time off from my regular work and studies, I went through a number of JFK assassination related videos on YouTube, taking notes and considering and re-consideration different points in the case, and thought I would write up a little summary and review of my thoughts pertaining to that controversy. In the opinions I express that follow, I may admittedly in a given instance be mistaken or need to modify my position, but if so I hope you understand that I am at least willing to hear counter arguments and try to be fair and impartial in my doing so. This said, below are some thoughts and conclusions I adopt on the JFK assassination at present.

In my approach to the case I believe very strong in the principle of innocent until proven guilty, and that we should in general lean toward giving people accused the benefit of the doubt; not least of which when it comes to questions of motive. If I have learned anything in life, it is that more often than not people do wrong while in their own minds thinking themselves benevolent and meaning well; no matter how blameworthy the action is otherwise.

First, I am inclined to think Oswald was not the assassin, or at least evidence claiming he was is no fully convincing, and that almost certainly he was set up by others to take the rap. This is not to say he may have been guilty of something, perhaps he was (say, resisting arrest at the Texas theater.) But as far as his killing either Kennedy or Tippit, I am as yet unpersuaded.

Although I don't have the time to go into them in any detail here, the following points (in no particular order) raised by others (or myself) seem to me to show that the Warren Commission's findings at minimum deserve reconsideration if not outright rejection. Of course, this does not pretend by any means to be a complete list, but only some of the arguments that to me and off-hand appear to be among the most compelling.

1. Murder of Oswald by Ruby; with implications that the former was possibly being silenced; and including how Ruby could make his way into the police garage (described by reporters on the scene as "an armed camp") without being either recognized or inspected.
2. That Oswald should "just happened" to have job at a location along the motorcade route seems too good to be true.
3. The tampering and disappearance of medical and other evidence (including Zapruder film), as for instance brought out in the work of David Lifton and Douglas P. Horne, strikes me as both confirmed and wholly inexcusable. (I would, however, like a better and more clear explanation, by Lifton and or Horne, as to how the body switch was made on the plane, and how the real body was moved unseen to Bethesda before the fake casket.)

4. The discrepancy between the Mauser found and the alleged Mannlicher Carcano.
5. The extraordinarily bizarre character of Tippit shooting appears extremely suspicious and inexplicable; so much so that I would even be willing to consider a theory that Tippit wasn't actually killed at all, and that perhaps his death was even faked and a put on.
6. As Mark Lane brought to our attention, paraffin test on Oswald by Dallas police show he did not fire a gun.
7. The too man to name witnesses and investigators, like Roger Craig or Dorothy Kilgallen, who were shortly after murdered or suffered an untimely death clearly suggests a possible cover up.
8. Bullet found on stretcher at Parkland Hospital seems little short of ridiculous.
9. Early reports, including by doctors at Parkland, that JFK was shot in the right temple.

Other points that argue in favor of the cover-up or conspiracy view are brought out in the following discussions, and which I highly recommend for any examining the case:

1. Regarding possible Oswald double theory:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMAc7WKMP2c>  
 ["Who impersonated Lee Harvey Oswald?."]  
 2. The Girl on the Stairs story.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H26auGV\\_Iz4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H26auGV_Iz4)  
 ["Barry Ernest: The Girl on the Stairs"]  
 3. Oswald phone call to N.C. after arrest in Dallas.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsItiPfnzLI>  
 ["Lee Harvey Oswald's Phone Call Before Assassination" -- should read "after the assassination"]  
 4. Not on YouTube, but which I saw on tv years back but now can't find it on DVD or anywhere:  
 "JFK Last Days" (2004, President John F. Kennedy's last days in office; from series "Time and Again" with Jane Pauley.

Two videos I watched this weekend and that I found very interesting were interviews with persons who believe the Warren report:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RKlu2VAZ7Q>  
 ["Kennedy Assassination ~ Malcolm Kilduff Interview" - done at Sixth Floor Museum]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xZwHAY60WE>  
 ["Q&A: Gerald Blaine & Clint Hill" - interview of C-SPAN]; see also Vince Palamara's response to this on his channel.

As much as I over all disagree with the pro-Warren report people, in such interviews as this they come across as likeable and personable individuals. It is almost comical how Vince Palamara at times has vilified Clint Hill, when even if Hill is misguided or mistaken, he comes across otherwise as being a credible and good person. And yet it is not hard to see certain regrettable tendencies that perhaps might explain their attitudes, and which they could be faulted as follows; while asking do they take the position they do simply not to prevent themselves from being ostracized?

1. They resort to straw man arguments, citing, for instance, ridiculous conspiracy claims like Bill Greer was the gunman, while ignoring sound ones.
2. They make little or no effort to be actually impartial and objective. After all how can they be so sure the conspiracy theorists are on every point absolutely and incontrovertibly wrong?
3. Not Killduff, Blaine or Hill, but some pro Warren people at length bring up allegations, whether true or false, of Kennedy being a womanizer or a drug taker (the "Dr. Feelgood story) risking the safety of the nation. Now really, what possible relevance does this have to proving Oswald's guilt?

The following I don't believe:

1. Badge Man -- I just don't see it.
2. Beverly Oliver -- she *could* be the Babushka lady, and she seems sincere, but I frankly can't help but be suspicious of her claims.
3. Joseph McBride's take on the Tippit case to me is suspect. Again I may be wrong, but I find his version rather too broad brush with Tippit's character, evincing a certain unwarranted presumption and unfairness. Also how solid is his proof that he actually interviewed Tippit's father, and that what he recorded was what was actually said?
4. Oliver Stone's "JFK" is in large measure as absurd as the pro-Warren Commission people say it is; but he does deserve credit for bringing attention to the work of Jim Garrison.

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[ch. 7]

The Greek preparatory culture, therefore, with philosophy itself, is shown to have come down from God to men, not with a definite direction but in the way in which showers fall down on the good land, and on the dunghill, and on the houses. And similarly both the grass and the wheat sprout; and the figs and any other reckless trees grow on sepulchres. And things that grow, appear as a type of truths. For they enjoy the same influence of the rain. But they have not the same grace as those which spring up in rich soil, inasmuch as they are withered or plucked up. And here we are aided by the parable of the sower, which the Lord interpreted. For the husbandman of the soil which is among men is one; He who from the beginning, from the foundation of the world, sowed nutritious seeds; He who in each age rained down the Lord, the Word. But the times and places which received [such gifts], created the

differences which exist. Further, the husbandman sows not only wheat (of which there are many varieties), but also other seeds—barley, and beans, and peas, and vetches, and vegetable and flower seeds. And to the same husbandry belongs both planting and the operations necessary in the nurseries, and gardens, and orchards, and the planning and rearing of all sorts of trees.

In like manner, not only the care of sheep, but the care of herds, and breeding of horses, and dogs, and bee-craft, all arts, and to speak comprehensively, the care of flocks and the rearing of animals, differ from each other more or less, but are all useful for life. And philosophy—I do not mean the Stoic, or the Platonic, or the Epicurean, or the Aristotelian, but whatever has been well said by each of those sects, which teach righteousness along with a science pervaded by piety—this eclectic whole I call philosophy. But such conclusions of human reasonings, as men have cut away and falsified, I would never call divine.

And now we must look also at this, that if ever those who know not how to do well, live well; for they have lighted on well-doing. Some, too, have aimed well at the word of truth through understanding. “But Abraham was not justified by works, but by faith.” [Romans 4] It is therefore of no advantage to them after the end of life, even if they do good works now, if they have not faith. Wherefore also the Scriptures were translated into the language of the Greeks, in order that they might never be able to allege the excuse of ignorance, inasmuch as they are able to hear also what we have in our hands, if they only wish. One speaks in one way of the truth, in another way the truth interprets itself. The guessing at truth is one thing, and truth itself is another. Resemblance is one thing, the thing itself is another. And the one results from learning and practice, the other from power and faith. For the teaching of piety is a gift, but faith is grace. “For by doing the will of God we know the will of God.” [John 7:17] “Open, then,” says the Scripture, “the gates of righteousness; and I will enter in, and confess to the Lord.” But the paths to righteousness (since God saves in many ways, for He is good) are many and various, and lead to the Lord's way and gate. And if you ask the royal and true entrance, you will hear, “This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in by it.” While there are many gates open, that in righteousness is in Christ, by which all the blessed enter, and direct their steps in the sanctity of knowledge. Now Clemens, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, while expounding the differences of those who are approved according to the Church, says expressly, “One may be a believer; one may be powerful in uttering knowledge; one may be wise in discriminating between words; one may be terrible in deeds.”

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 1.

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Listening to a program that discussed hypnotism earlier today, I thought I might offer my own brief and passing comments on the subject, particularly in light of my experience with crackpot the magician, and which are as follows:

In the course of dream productions, I myself have been hypnotized to think or react a certain way. However, the force of the hypnotist/magician commands is limited and restricted by my own inherent willingness to think or do the thing. So that, in other words, the more I am, when fully conscious and normally, not inclined to do a thing, the less possible is it for the hypnotist to get me to think or react that way asleep, say, in a dream production.

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[ch. 5]

...And Scripture will afford a testimony to what has been said in what follows. Sarah was at one time barren, being Abraham's wife. Sarah having no child, assigned her maid, by name Hagar, the Egyptian, to Abraham, in order to get children. Wisdom, therefore, who dwells with the man of faith (and Abraham was reckoned faithful and righteous), was still barren and without child in that generation, not having brought forth to Abraham anything allied to virtue. And she, as was proper, thought that he, being now in the time of progress, should have intercourse with secular culture first (by Egyptian the world is designated figuratively); and afterwards should approach to her according to divine providence, and beget Isaac...

...For it is not by nature, but by learning, that people become noble and good, as people also become physicians and pilots...

...Again, God has created us naturally social and just; whence justice must not be said to take its rise from implantation alone. But the good imparted by creation is to be conceived of as excited by the commandment; the soul being trained to be willing to select what is noblest.

But as we say that a man can be a believer without learning, so also we assert that it is impossible for a man without learning to comprehend the things which are declared in the faith. But to adopt what is well said, and not to adopt the reverse, is caused not simply by faith, but by faith combined with knowledge. But if ignorance is want of training and of instruction, then teaching produces knowledge of divine and human things. But just as it is possible to live rightly in penury of this world's good things, so also in abundance. And we avow, that at once with more ease and more speed will one attain to virtue through previous training. But it is not such as to be unattainable without it; but it is attainable only when they have learned, and have had their senses exercised. [Hebrews 5:14] “For hatred,” says Solomon, “raises strife, but instruction guards the ways of life;” in such a way that we are not deceived nor deluded by those who are practiced in base arts for the injury of those who hear. “But instruction wanders reproachless.” [Proverbs 10:19] it is said. We must be conversant with the art of reasoning, for the purpose of confuting the deceitful opinions of the sophists. Well and felicitously, therefore, does Anaxarchus write in his book respecting “kingly rule:” “Erudition benefits greatly and hurts greatly him who possesses it; it helps him who is worthy, and injures him who utters readily every word, and before the whole people. It is necessary to know the measure of time. For this is the end of wisdom. And those who sing at the doors, even if they sing skilfully, are not reckoned wise, but have the reputation of folly.” And Hesiod:—

“Of the Muses, who make a man loquacious, divine, vocal.”

For him who is fluent in words he calls loquacious; and him who is clever, vocal; and “divine,” him who is skilled, a philosopher, and acquainted with the truth.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 1.

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[ch. 1]

“...For we are God's husbandmen, God's husbandry. You are God's building,” [1 Corinthians 3:8-9] according to the apostle. Wherefore the hearers are not permitted to apply the test of comparison. Nor is the word, given for investigation, to be committed to those who have been reared in the arts of all kinds of words, and in the power of inflated attempts at proof; whose minds are already pre-occupied, and have not been previously emptied. But whoever chooses to banquet on faith, is steadfast for the reception of the divine words, having acquired already faith as a power of judging, according to reason. Hence ensues to him persuasion in abundance. And this was the meaning of that saying of prophecy, “If you believe not, neither shall you understand.” [Isaiah 7:9] “As, then, we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to the household of faith.” [Galatians 6:10] And let each of these, according to the blessed David, sing, giving thanks. “You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed. You shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than the snow. You shall make me to hear gladness and joy, and the bones which have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins. Blot out mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in my inward parts. Cast me not away from Your face, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and establish me with Your princely spirit.” ...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 1.

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Our national (bi-partisan) entertainment coordinator: He hides for a very good reason. Namely, he doesn't want you to know who or what he is.

And yet remember the time when great songs like this were about as common as rain? Then you could publish books, put out records, or produce movies without having to be members of the mass media (read "nazi") party?

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKtOP58CtvY>

["Jonathan Edwards - Sunshine (Go Away Today) - Live 2009"]

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[ch. 7]

...In a word, the Christian is characterized by composure, tranquillity, calmness, and peace.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Paedagogus](#), Book 3.

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[ch. 1]

...“It is good, then, neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine,” [Romans 14:21] as both he and the Pythagoreans acknowledge. For this is rather characteristic of a beast; and the fumes arising from them being dense, darken the soul. If one partakes of them, he does not sin. Only let him partake temperately, not dependent on them, nor gaping after fine fare. For a voice will whisper to him, saying, “Destroy not the work of God for the sake of food.” [Romans 14:20]...

...Said the Lord [Luke 24:41-44] to the disciples after the resurrection; and they, as taught by Him to practice frugality, “gave Him a piece of broiled fish;” and having eaten before them, says Luke, He spoke to them what He spoke. And in addition to these, it is not to be overlooked that those who feed according to the Word are not debarred from dainties in the shape of honey-combs. For of articles of food, those are the most suitable which are fit for immediate use without fire, since they are readiest; and second to these are those which are simplest, as we said before. But those who bend around inflammatory tables, nourishing their own diseases, are ruled by a most lickerish demon, whom I shall not blush to call the Belly-demon, and the worst and most abandoned of demons. He is therefore exactly like the one who is called the Ventriloquist-demon. It is far better to be happy than to have a demon dwelling with us. And happiness is found in the practice of virtue. Accordingly, the apostle Matthew partook of seeds, and nuts, and vegetables, without flesh...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Paedagogus](#), Book 2.

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(For such who may find this a help.)

Any image can be translated or converted into a geometrical figure and mathematical formula or equation. If then an unwelcome or offending image recurs, instead of seeing the image itself, see or look to rather (and with your mind's eye) the formula or equation by which it is (or may be said to be) constructed.

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By everlasting fire, I have come to think that, at least in part, the Gospels mean interminable quarreling.

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I have also come to think that (real) heaven doesn't rescue those in danger as much as they might, because to do so would only encourage these people to do more and worse.

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"From Tacitus historians learned that human actions are only fully intelligible to him who understands human motives. And that was a very important lesson."

J.A.K. Thomson, *The Classical Background of English Literature* (1948), p. 99.

In the same book, Thomson also reminds us that it was Plutarch who taught that character is destiny; which, based on his plays, was one of Shakespeare's core beliefs regarding a given person's fate.

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Even if you reject Plato's world of pure ideas or ideals, there can be no question that everyone here (in this life) is necessarily and to some greater or lesser degree living in a world of shadows.

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[The foolish man turned to idols] Forasmuch as he knew not his maker and him that inspired into him the soul that worketh, and that breathed into him a living spirit.

Yea and they have counted our life a pastime, and the business of life to be gain, and that we must be getting every way, even out of evil...

But all the enemies of thy people [the gods?] that hold them in subjection, are foolish, and unhappy, and proud beyond measure.

~ *Book of Wisdom*, 15: 11-12, 14

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From 1974 (Brussell herself died in 1988.) She makes a very interesting case. Donald DeFreeze mentioned, incidentally, was the putative head of the SLA.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-WbhZNnw0k>

["Mae Brussell - Dialogue Conspiracy (4-22-74) Patty Hearst Joins The SLA"]

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I needed to watch this again as therapy. I think Murau's intent was to show how (at least for many) evil so readily and easily shows up in life, and divine intervention much less so. This is not least brought out in the sequence where Count Orlock nonchalantly passes in front of a church carrying his coffin.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLfBY2w8reo>

["Nosferatu 1922 [Full Feature - Enhanced, Stabilized] 1080p"]

Also don't miss this great documentary and which shows many of the filming locations as they look today. The well chosen scenery itself has an eerie background voice of its own in the 1922 film, accompanying the formal production and make believe.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0egcqCGqiYQ>

["Nosferatu - making of - The Language of Shadows HC" - from Kino video]

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[ch. 13]

Everything that is contrary to right reason is sin. Accordingly, therefore, the philosophers think fit to define the most generic passions thus: lust, as desire disobedient to reason; fear, as weakness disobedient to reason; pleasure, as an elation of the spirit disobedient to reason. If, then, disobedience in reference to reason is the generating cause of sin, how shall we escape the conclusion, that obedience to reason— the Word— which we call faith, will of necessity be the efficacious cause of duty? For virtue itself is a state of the soul rendered harmonious by reason in respect to the whole life. Nay, to crown all, philosophy itself is pronounced to be the cultivation of right reason; so that, necessarily, whatever is done through error of reason is transgression, and is rightly called, sin. Since, then, the first man sinned and disobeyed God, it is said, “And man became like to the beasts:” being rightly regarded as irrational, he is likened to the beasts...

...Whence also duties are essential for divine discipline, as being enjoined by God, and furnished for our salvation. And since, of those things which are necessary, some relate only to life here, and others, which relate to the blessed life yonder, wing us for flight hence; so, in an analogous manner, of duties, some are ordained with reference to life, others for the blessed life. The commandments issued with respect to natural life are published to the multitude; but those that are suited for living well, and from which eternal life springs, we have to consider, as in a sketch, as we read them out of the Scriptures...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Paedagogus\*](#), Book 1.

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If you have time for a full length movie, give "House of Cards" (1968), with George Peppard, Inger Stevens, Keith Michell and Orson Welles, a try. I hadn't seen this before and don't usually go in for political action thrillers, and the story is as usual with such films too unbelievable, but this very stylish sixties romp is well done and makes for good entertainment, again, if you have the time. For part 2, see (at DailyMotion but also available on YouTube):

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2bj1k_house-of-cards-1968-1-2_lifestyle

["House of Cards (1968) 1/2"]

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2bjk17_house-of-cards-1968-2-2_lifestyle

["House of Cards (1968) 2/2"]

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[ch. 12]

...But let us, O children of the good Father— nurslings of the good Instructor— fulfill the Father's will, listen to the Word, and take on the impress of the truly saving life of our Saviour; and meditating on the heavenly mode of life according to which we have been deified, let us anoint ourselves with the perennial immortal bloom of gladness— that ointment of sweet fragrance— having a clear example of immortality in the walk and conversation of the Lord; and following the footsteps of God, to whom alone it belongs to consider, and whose care it is to see to, the way and manner in which the life of men may be made more healthy. Besides, He makes preparation for a self-sufficing mode of life, for simplicity, and for girding up our loins, and for free and unimpeded readiness of our journey; in order to the attainment of an eternity of beatitude, teaching each one of us to be his own storehouse. For He says, “Take no anxious thought for tomorrow;” [Matthew 6:34] meaning that the man who has devoted himself to Christ ought to be sufficient to himself, and servant to himself, and moreover lead a life which provides for each day by itself. For it is not in war, but in peace, that we are trained. War needs great preparation, and luxury craves profusion; but peace and love, simple and quiet sisters, require no arms nor excessive preparation. The Word is their sustenance...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Paedagogus\*](#), Book 1.

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And who does THIS make you think of? (Reminds me of Anger Management, only the 1980s version.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFdWBC9vbHg>

["The Incredible Hulk TV Series 1978" -- Bixby, Ferigno; promo-trailer for season 2 DVD set]

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[ch. 6]

...O mystic marvel! The universal Father is one, and one the universal Word; and the Holy Spirit is one and the same everywhere, and one is the only virgin mother. I love to call her the Church. This mother, when alone, had not milk, because alone she was not a woman. But she is once virgin and mother— pure as a virgin, loving as a mother. And calling her children to her, she nurses them with holy milk, viz., with the Word for childhood. Therefore she had not milk; for the milk was this child fair and comely, the body of Christ, which nourishes by the Word the young brood, which the Lord Himself brought forth in throes of the flesh, which the Lord Himself swathed in His precious blood. O amazing birth! O holy swaddling bands! The Word is all to the child, both father and mother and tutor and nurse. "Eat my flesh," He says, "and drink my blood." [John 6:53-54] Such is the suitable food which the Lord ministers, and He offers His flesh and pours forth His blood, and nothing is wanting for the children's growth. O amazing mystery! We are enjoined to cast off the old and carnal corruption, as also the old nutriment, receiving in exchange another new regimen, that of Christ, receiving Him if we can, to hide Him within; and that, enshrining the Saviour in our souls, we may correct the affections of our flesh...

...And that the blood is the Word, is testified by the blood of Abel, the righteous interceding with God. For the blood would never have uttered a voice, had it not been regarded as the Word: for the righteous man of old is the type of the new righteous one; and the blood of old that interceded, intercedes in the place of the new blood. And the blood that is the Word cries to God, since it intimated that the Word was to suffer...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Paedagogus*, Book 1.

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(I watched this last night on YouTube, and left the subsequent comment and that I thought I would share here also.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsItiPfnzLI>

["Lee Harvey Oswald's Phone Call Before Assassination" -- should read "after the assassination"]

Whenever you point the finger at someone, be sure to be right because if you aren't two things happen: the innocent (or else mostly innocent) are blamed and the guilty go free. Jim Marrs has some very good and interesting things to say, but he too often seems trigger happy at pointing the finger and a bit hasty at assuming conclusions. When people do the wrong thing it is not always because they intend wrong doing or a bad result, or that they themselves wish the crime or bad act to take place. Some people do wrong because others force them to; for example because of black mail. While Johnson, then and for instance, did or may have aided a cover up, it may be he did so because he was blackmailed, or because he thought it was better for the country not to pursue conspirators, and any number and more possible motives. And yet when you hear talks like this, not infrequently someone likes to jump to the conclusion simply that Johnson wanted to have Kennedy removed to start the Vietnam War and help Wall Street bankers and magnates. Perhaps. But are there not at least a dozen other possible motives? Why be so sure and quick to assume that one; including the assumption that Johnson acted with criminal mens rea at all? Another reason people do wrong, in addition to their own willful intent or else criminal coercion by the others (e.g., blackmail), is that they may be deceived and tricked into doing the wrong thing. If this is true, say and using the example of Johnson again, and that Johnson was tricked, what sense does it make to blame him for anything but being mistaken and or stupid? Be careful then folks in taking in as true all that you hear from people whom we have every good reason to believe mean well.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9BnbAKodjA>

["Rolling Stones 2000 Light Years from Home Glastonbury 2013"]

i.e., "Get back...Get back..Get back to where you once belonged..."

"Down from th' Ecliptic, sped with hop'd success,  
Throws his steep flight in many an Aerie wheele,  
Nor staid, till on Niphates top he lights..."

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpmmbhHo2rk>

["Speedo, The Cadillacs." -- live PBS special, green/white outfits]

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[ch. 3]

...But what is loveable, and is not also loved by Him? And man has been proved to be loveable; consequently man is loved by God. For how shall he not be loved for whose sake the only-begotten Son is sent from the Father's bosom, the Word of faith, the faith which is superabundant; the Lord Himself distinctly confessing and saying, "For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me;" [John 16:27] and again, "And hast loved them as You have loved Me?" [John 17:23...]

...But the Word is keen-sighted, and scans the recesses of the heart. As, then, that is not light which enlightens not, nor motion that moves not, nor loving which loves not, so neither is that good which profits not, nor guides to salvation. Let us then aim at the fulfilment of the commandments by the works of the Lord; for the Word Himself also, having openly become flesh, [John 1:14] exhibited the same virtue, both practical and contemplative. Wherefore let us regard the Word as law, and His commands and counsels as the short and straight paths to immortality; for His precepts are full of persuasion, not of fear...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Paedagogus*, Book 1.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B743ot69OLk>

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["Tom Jones ::::: Puppet Man."]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xu6SjNw9WYk>

["The Coasters - Poison Ivy" -- live at Little Darlin's, circa 1980s, with Carl Gardiner]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSoOFn3wQV4>

["The Bangles - Eternal Flame" -- official video]

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[ch. 2]

Now, O you, my children, our Instructor is like His Father God, whose son He is, sinless, blameless, and with a soul devoid of passion; God in the form of man, stainless, the minister of His Father's will, the Word who is God, who is in the Father, who is at the Father's right hand, and with the form of God is God. He is to us a spotless image; to Him we are to try with all our might to assimilate our souls. He is wholly free from human passions; wherefore also He alone is judge, because He alone is sinless. As far, however, as we can, let us try to sin as little as possible. For nothing is so urgent in the first place as deliverance from passions and disorders, and then the checking of our liability to fall into sins that have become habitual. It is best, therefore, not to sin at all in any way, which we assert to be the prerogative of God alone; next to keep clear of voluntary transgressions, which is characteristic of the wise man; thirdly, not to fall into many involuntary offenses, which is peculiar to those who have been excellently trained. Not to continue long

in sins, let that be ranked last. But this also is salutary to those who are called back to repentance, to renew the contest...
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Paedagogus](#), Book 1.

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### *A Person of Mystery*

Lord indeed help the poor children and animals! Its hard enough living these days even for grown adults with money -- even moreover such with philosophical, religious and military training.

Why so much trouble? So much trouble making?

There are it seems four basic sorts of deceived and misled people: those who act badly in order they might be or seem great; those who act badly in order to be accepted; those who do bad in order, as they see it, to avoid being punished (i.e., for not acting badly); and last those who see themselves as the wrath of God -- all of whom strain to great length to make it appear as if they know what they are doing.

For some time now I have exerted myself to try and unmask who *he* is that leads all these aforesaid others on.

About a month ago or so I got to calling him the Ghoul, based on the innumerable atrocities and tragedies he and his followers have brought about. Yet what was most amusing was that goomer ghost (think of the latter as a sort of spirit person Sgt. Schultz) responded by, in effect, reacting and with some alarm "you should not call him that." I replied by saying, why not; for who better deserves the title? Yet how interesting that they would be offended by such a thing, and so you see this tells us a little something about him.

Of note also, in the country he comes from they don't mind their own business. And this is a regular trait of his. We might also with good reason infer he feels terribly sorry for himself, and as a result and for some strange cause feels the need to spend his time continually bothering people. (Why we might inquire should the one necessarily follow the other?)

At other times, I have come to see him as some sort of great failure. (Only afterward did it occur to me that "failure" is synonymous with "loser.") That is, since he could not do anything much worthwhile, he decided instead to take up a grandiose career of crime, and become someone great at that occupation; while at the same time using the same to shock others into his alleged ultra-importance. To better effect his purpose, it is part of his method to get others to be like him, and if and to the extent they do not, he holds a dire and violent grudge against them.

As well, he's figured out yet another way to bolster his status. Any one of us needs this or that thing, and here is undoubtedly someone somewhere who is ready and willing to provide it. He therefore makes it a point of seeing we cannot get it without his permission and will, and by various means obstructs people's communications.

I cannot help but think that happiness and peace, based in honest, rational, moral and charitable love, in turn grounded in religious faith, are something to believe in and are, as God allows, to a large degree obtainable. But the simple logic of the matter is you can't have happiness and peace if the likes of him are empowered in your midst to work their wiles. The conclusion to be drawn then? Rid yourself of or incarcerate him and his regular followers. Not however as matter of vengeance, but rather in the same way the law is supposed to remove criminals.

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[ch. 10]

...By sad experience, even a child knows how superstition destroys and piety saves. Let any of you look at those who minister before the idols, their hair matted, their persons disgraced with filthy and tattered clothes; who never come near a bath, and let their nails grow to an extraordinary length, like wild beasts; many of them castrated, who show the idol's temples to be in reality graves or prisons. These appear to me to bewail the gods, not to worship them, and their sufferings to be worthy of pity rather than piety. And seeing these things, do you still continue blind, and will you not look up to the Ruler of all, the Lord of the universe? And will you not escape from those dungeons, and flee to the mercy that comes down from heaven? For God, of His great love to man, comes to the help of man, as the mother-bird flies to one of her young that has fallen out of the nest; and if a serpent open its mouth to swallow the little bird, "the mother flutters round, uttering cries of grief over her dear progeny;" and God the Father seeks His creature, and heals his transgression, and pursues the serpent, and recovers the young one, and incites it to fly up to the nest...

And I would ask you, if it does not appear to you monstrous, that you men who are God's handiwork, who have received your souls from Him, and belong wholly to God, should be subject to another master, and, what is more, serve the tyrant instead of the rightful King — the evil one instead of the good? For, in the name of truth, what man in his senses turns his back on good, and attaches himself to evil? What, then, is he who flees from God to consort with demons? Who, that may become a son of God, prefers to be in bondage? Or who is he that pursues his way to Erebus, when it is in his power to be a citizen of heaven, and to cultivate Paradise, and

walk about in heaven and partake of the tree of life and immortality, and, cleaving his way through the sky in the track of the luminous cloud, behold, like Elias, the rain of salvation? Some there are, who, like worms wallowing in marshes and mud in the streams of pleasure, feed on foolish and useless delights—swinish men. For swine, it is said, like mud better than pure water; and, according to Democritus, “doat upon dirt.”

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [*Exhortation to the Heathen*](#)

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#### *Thought for the Day*

As best as I can figure, he betrayed these innocent children and animals into the hands of satanic cruelty and evil, in order that, when all was said and done, his good buddy could build a billion dollar Star Wars museum.

Meanwhile, be not deceived. Real Heaven is not a spirit person virtual-reality show in the sky, rather "the kingdom of God is within you." Indeed, the problem with THEIR heaven is that there is not a single honest and courageous person to be found in it.

True religion, I submit, implies we are brothers and sisters; who are honest with and can trust and rely upon one another: not a bunch of lying and dissembling sojourners appealing to an unaccountable, invisible, supposed authority to justify their conniving and deceit.

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[ch. 9]

I could adduce ten thousand Scriptures of which not “one tittle shall pass away,” [Matthew 5:18] without being fulfilled; for the mouth of the Lord the Holy Spirit has spoken these things. “Do not any longer,” he says, “my son, despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of Him.” [Proverbs 3:11] O surpassing love for man! Not as a teacher speaking to his pupils, not as a master to his domestics, nor as God to men, but as a father, does the Lord gently admonish his children. Thus Moses confesses that “he was filled with quaking and terror” [Hebrews 12:21] while he listened to God speaking concerning the Word. And are you not afraid as you hear the voice of the Divine Word? Are you not distressed? Do you not fear, and hasten to learn of Him—that is, to salvation—dreading wrath, loving grace, eagerly striving after the hope set before us, that you may shun the judgment threatened? Come, come, O my young people! For if you become not again as little children, and be born again, as says the Scripture, you shall not receive the truly existent Father, nor shall you ever enter into the kingdom of heaven. For in what way is a stranger permitted to enter? Well, as I take it, then, when he is enrolled and made a citizen, and receives one to stand to him in the relation of father, then will he be occupied with the Father’s concerns, then shall he be deemed worthy to be made His heir, then will he share the kingdom of the Father with His own dear Son. For this is the first-born Church, composed of many good children; these are “the first-born enrolled in heaven, who hold high festival with so many myriads of angels.” We, too, are first-born sons, who are reared by God, who are the genuine friends of the First-born, who first of all other men attained to the knowledge of God, who first were wrenched away from our sins, first severed from the devil. And now the more benevolent God is, the more impious men are; for He desires us from slaves to become sons, while they scorn to become sons. O the prodigious folly of being ashamed of the Lord! He offers freedom, you flee into bondage; He bestows salvation, you sink down into destruction; He confers everlasting life, you wait for punishment, and prefer the fire which the Lord “has prepared for the devil and his angels.” [Matthew 25:41, 46] Wherefore the blessed apostle says: “I testify in the Lord, that you walk no longer as the Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind; having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness and concupiscence.” [Ephesians 4:17-19] After the accusation of such a witness, and his invocation of God, what else remains for the unbelieving than judgment and condemnation? And the Lord, with ceaseless assiduity, exhorts, terrifies, urges, rouses, admonishes; He awakes from the sleep of darkness, and raises up those who have wandered in error. “Awake,” He says, “you that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light,” [Ephesians 5:14] — Christ, the Sun of the Resurrection, He “who was born before the morning star,” and with His beams bestows life. Let no one then despise the Word, lest he unwittingly despise himself. For the Scripture somewhere says, “Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, when your fathers proved Me by trial.” And what was the trial? If you wish to learn, the Holy Spirit will show you: “And saw my works,” He says, “forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in heart, and have not known My ways. So I swore in my wrath, they shall not enter into My rest.” Look to the threatening! Look to the exhortation! Look to the punishment! Why, then, should we any longer change grace into wrath, and not receive the word with open ears, and entertain God as a guest in pure spirits? For great is the grace of His promise, “if today we hear His voice.” And that today is lengthened out day by day, while it is called today. And to the end the today and the instruction continue; and then the true today, the never-ending day of God, extends over eternity. Let us then ever obey the voice of the divine word. For the today signifies eternity. And day is the symbol of light; and the light of men is the Word, by whom we behold God. Rightly, then, to those that have believed and obey, grace will superabound; while with those that have been unbelieving, and err in heart, and have not known the Lord’s ways, which John commanded to make straight and to prepare, God is incensed, and those He threatens...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [*Exhortation to the Heathen*](#)

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[From Face Book, 21 Jan. 2017]

"'There will be trying moments. The critics will rage. Your 'friends' will disappoint you,' George W. Bush wrote to Barack Obama. 'But, you will have an Almighty God to comfort you, a family who loves you, and a country that is pulling for you, including me.'" ~ from *The Hill*

See: <http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/315174-bush-letter-to-obama-made-public-for-the-first-time>

[To which I quipped:]

That's all very well and good until it is explained that Bush Jr's "God" is the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

[A Bob Hope style yet joke well-said; because not a few people's idea of God, thanks often in part to spirit persons' influence, are no less childish and ludicrous.]

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If Trump is going to make America great again, it will be necessary for him to say to the National Entertainment Activities Coordinator (the same one employed by Obama) "You're fired!" Since evidently it was ostensibly the same person who provided him with most of his pre-inauguration show line-up.

Bad movies, bad television, bad music, bad internet, low and inferior culture -- and amoral, anti-intellectual, regularly disrespectful of traditional religion, viciously violent, one-note, unfunny culture generally -- proceeds from strangle-hold monopolies and power hungry executives of the mass media, in its various forms and genres, accompanied by brutal and surreptitious suppression of free competition and free enterprise. It is owing to such unfair or criminal trade practices that the culture to such a ruinous and sad degree gone down the tube these last 20 to 30 years.

Hillary Clinton was criticized by actress Susan Sarandon for being "soulless." Will this same charge apply also to Trump or will he, as part of his prospective reform program, take it to the mass media entertainment cheats and racketeers?

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Yes, but where was all the vitriol when the Bushes were elected? Really many of the outspoken and seeming humanitarians lead by the oligarchic, hypocritical mass media are merely mummified old school who assume outlandish salaries and whose greatest fear is the danger of having to compete for the same. Aside from some mislead dupes who are often nice people, these are the true rabble rousers. and bums and phonies that are emitting the greatest hue and cry. Trump may indeed have his shortcomings, but the fact is the democrats are to blame for not supporting Sanders, and instead backed an opportunist, albeit hugely talented and well meaning, actress. Had they done so, I would have had a much harder time voting.

Speaking as someone who has -- ahem, non stop --been subjected to physical torture since the Administration of Bush senior, including brain torture radios, multiple poisonings, being given disease (including such as yellow jaundice), armies of rats, ghosts and myriad acts or burglary, theft and vandalism (including having my pets murdered and kidnapped) and received absolutely no response from Federal and local law enforcement when I submitted to them a report of my situation (both personally and in writing) --- I for one frankly can't think the change in power any worse than it has been.

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For the sun never could show me the true God; but that healthful Word, that is the Sun of the soul, by whom alone, when He arises in the depths of the soul, the eye of the soul itself is irradiated. Whence accordingly, Democritus, not without reason, says, "that a few of the men of intellect, raising their hands upwards to what we Greeks now call the air, called the whole expanse Zeus, or God: He, too, knows all things, gives and takes away, and He is King of all"...

Whence, O Plato, is that hint of the truth which you give? Whence this rich copiousness of diction, which proclaims piety with oracular utterance? The tribes of the barbarians, he says, are wiser than these; I know your teachers, even if you would conceal them. You have learned geometry from the Egyptians, astronomy from the Babylonians; the charms of healing you have got from the Thracians; the Assyrians also have taught you many things; but for the laws that are consistent with truth, and your sentiments respecting God, you are indebted to the Hebrews,

"Who do not worship through vain deceits
The works of men, of gold, and brass, and silver, and ivory,
And images of dead men, of wood and stone,
Which other men, led by their foolish inclinations, worship;
But raise to heaven pure arms:

When they rise from bed, purifying themselves with water,
And worship alone the Eternal, who reigns for ever more.”

And let it not be this one man alone — Plato; but, O philosophy, hasten to produce many others also, who declare the only true God to be God, through His inspiration, if in any measure they have grasped the truth. For Antisthenes did not think out this doctrine of the Cynics; but it is in virtue of his being a disciple of Socrates that he says, “that God is not like to any; wherefore no one can know Him from an image.” And Xenophon the Athenian would have in his own person committed freely to writing somewhat of the truth, and given the same testimony as Socrates, had he not been afraid of the cup of poison, which Socrates had to drink. But he hints nothing less; he says: “How great and powerful He is who moves all things, and is Himself at rest, is manifest; but what He is in form is not revealed. The sun himself, intended to be the source of light to all around, does not deem it fitting to allow himself to be looked at; but if any one audaciously gazes on him, he is deprived of sight.” Whence, then, does the son of Gryllus learn his wisdom? Is it not manifestly from the prophetess of the Hebrews who prophesies in the following style?—

“What flesh can see with the eye the celestial,
The true, the immortal God, who inhabits the vault of heaven?
Nay, men born mortal cannot even stand
Before the rays of the sun.”

Cleanthes Pisadeus, the Stoic philosopher, who exhibits not a poetic theogony, but a true theology, has not concealed what sentiments he entertained respecting God:—

“If you ask me what is the nature of the good, listen:
That which is regular, just, holy, pious.
Self-governing, useful, fair, fitting,
Grave, independent, always beneficial;
That feels no fear or grief; profitable, painless,
Helpful, pleasant, safe, friendly;
Held in esteem, agreeing with itself, honourable;
Humble, careful, meek, zealous,
Perennial, blameless, ever-during:
Mean is every one who looks to opinion
With the view of obtaining some advantage from it.”

Here, as I think, he clearly teaches of what nature God is; and that the common opinion and religious customs enslave those that follow them, but seek not after God.

We must not either keep the Pythagoreans in the background, who say: “God is one; and He is not, as some suppose, outside of this frame of things, but within it; but, in all the entireness of His being, is in the whole circle of existence, surveying all nature, and blending in harmonious union the whole—the author of all His own forces and works, the giver of light in heaven, and Father of all—the mind and vital power of the whole world—the mover of all things.” For the knowledge of God, these utterances, written by those we have mentioned through the inspiration of God, and selected by us, may suffice even for the man that has but small power to examine into truth.

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Grace at perhaps her nuttiest.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVB2QYf3DOU>

["Grace Slick - Seasons" - from Top of the Pops 1980 show]

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From 1966. Proof that Grace Slick and the Great Society were the inspiration for the Doors' sound. The original version of "Sally Go Round the Roses" came from an all girl Black group the Jaynetts from 1963.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NSy4i-5Qxw>

["Sally Go Round The Roses - Great Society (Grace Slick)"]

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*SIGNS OF THE TIMES*

Regardless of your feelings about the deranged church assassin, it is nothing short of amazing that someone who works regularly for the "Washington Post" AND received the Pulitzer Prize would formally title a commentary/article of theirs with "Dylann Roof is a Loser" (11 Jan. 2017). What is the going standard for becoming a Post writer and or receiving the heretofore illustrious journalistic and literary prize these days -- lame brain?

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dylann-roof-is-a-loser/2017/01/03/b5ed2f9a-d1f6-11e6-945a-76f69a399dd5\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.1d04189b83d6](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dylann-roof-is-a-loser/2017/01/03/b5ed2f9a-d1f6-11e6-945a-76f69a399dd5_story.html?utm_term=.1d04189b83d6)

But if that is bad, how about spending a billion dollars to bill a Star Wars museum?

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/heat-vision/george-lucas-selects-los-angeles-1-billion-museum-963313>

As Max Davidson says to Farina in the Little Rascals short "Moan and Groan, Inc." (1929) -- "Who's nuts?"

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yG85H5buOc0>

["The 5th Dimension - Wedding bell blues (video/audio edited & remastered) HQ" - Ed Sullivan show]

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"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pJ7gDbH0Nk>

["let's live for today the grass roots 1967" -- color tv appearance]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQ5itYUNu70>

["Slade - Far Far Away • TopPop"]

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Since posting that last regarding Good Fight Ministries, some supplemental thoughts came to mind that I thought I would add. Mind you, the amount of things that might be said of value on the topic of criminal spirit people could easily take up one or more books, and I have already written much elsewhere on the same. But unless and until I get any response to what I write at this website, I don't feel it worthwhile further bothering beyond a few every now and then occasional remarks; such as these that follow.

\* When one engages in a contract or agreement with someone, it is not unusual for one party to back out or want to back out. Some of the rock stars mentioned in the aforesaid documentary that died early deaths may have suffered that because they were trying to get out of the bad "deal" they got themselves into. There is such a thing after all as repentance.

\* Not only the music business, but also other industries and institutions can be infiltrated, corrupted, and tampered with by criminal spirit people. Indeed any endeavor that is less than perfectly honest and that is not tied into big money will invariably succumb to these "other worldly" trouble-makers. Not least of which, the mass media generally, and which to my mind is, in our time, the bastion and headquarters of criminal spirit people, and as much and much more can be said for those who "Sold Their Soul for Hollywood (and the movie/television business)" as can be said for rock and roll culprits. Notice that the day of the big money rock star, outside of what have become nostalgia acts, is for the most part come to an end; while movies and tv -- highly undemocratic, uncompetitive, deviously manipulative, pushy, and almost wholly monopolistic (by way of trade associations) -- are still having hundreds of billions pumped into them for what by and large is complete and total junk and waste.

\* Not all devilment is the same. Some people are "devils" or devil affiliated insofar as they are dissembling, irresponsible rascals. By comparison a real Satanist is someone condoning things like casual violence, torture and murder, including human or animal sacrifice. Two signs indicating the latter or worsor sort are the almost complete lack of any *real* sense of humor/humility (as opposed to phony humor/humility) and a relentless need to degrade and humiliate others.

\* Who after all is the worst among us but he who brings about the greatest amount of willful and deliberate physical abuse and suffering, especially that which is obviously gratuitous and unjust (as opposed to, say, someone actuated to violence as a matter of

imminent self-defense), while possessing the greatest amounts of worldly wealth and power? Granted this is not the only measure of rank evil, but on a practical level a very useful and easy to understand one.

\* Criminal spirit people tend to be very idle persons suffering from self-pity, jealousy and delusions of grandeur. One explanation for their strange manias and behaviors is that if they do not engage in such, people will soon come to ignore them. Doing evil meantime makes them into someone very important, as well as giving them something to do.

\* Not all symbols mean what they seem to mean. I noticed in the said documentary that an association was made between Aleister Crowley and the Eye of Horus, implying the latter was necessarily a satanic emblem. Yet of course it need not follow that because Crowley saw it that way that it must follow that that is what it means. I, for example, use the Eye of Horus at my website as a kind of sarcasm directed at the all seeing eye motif found in some free masonry and other institutional iconography; in addition to the fact that some spirit people use such a device in the way of an apparition (to awe their friends or opponents.) Also the Eye of Horus historically, way back when, had a morally positive connotation. In short, symbols do not always mean what we might reflexively think them to mean, and naturally one should be careful what one reads into them.

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This morning I had the most interesting and eye-opening experience of watching segments (as they are posted on YouTube) from the documentary "They Sold Their Souls for Rock and Roll" put out by Good Fight Ministries. While I am not prepared at the moment to address the subject in depth just now, I will say the producers of this documentary present good arguments for Rock and Roll having been in some instances heavily influenced by criminal spirit people, and while one might reasonably question some of the individual inferences made, over all I think the case the producers of this documentary make is a good one. Further, while admitting I like, allowing for certain qualifications depending on the performer, several of the rock acts they censure, I do think it a very bad thing that anyone of them welcomed demonic influence, and if so I would thoroughly condemn any such condoning of the occult, and which as you know I equate with criminal spirit people. I would however caution about determining out of hand if and whether a given person is influenced by criminal spirit people knowingly or unknowingly. There are different ways of deceiving people; moreover there are different kinds and in turn degrees of guilt, and it is possible to get someone to act badly without their realizing that is what they are doing. They think it enough that they mean well, and yet out foolishness end up doing something very wrong. As far as some of the rock acts covered in the documentary go, I rather think the performer did mean well, but was simply being made a fool of by criminal spirit people. The latter can as much do something not so dissimilar to a simple, dumb, innocent animal, and yet the animal has no conscious intent of doing wrong. Yet this said, each case has to be adjudged individually, and not everyone that is influenced by criminal spirit is entirely ignorant of what they are doing or involving themselves with, and so should indeed be roundly criticized for the same. Otherwise and viewing their productions with rational impartiality, I very much recommend and endorse what Good Fight Ministries is doing; only, again, not all of the evidence and inferences they present are as solidly grounded and properly fair as they ought to be. Yet all in all they make a good case else and certainly one worthy of consideration. It would help I think if as well as examining the receiving end of demonic influence, to probe and look into the character of criminal spirit people themselves. As it is criminal spirit people are too much and too often wrapped up in a phony mystique of their own creating and that only serves to further empower them.

To see the videos in question and Good Fight Ministries YouTube channel, go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE1PSKHiQi4WF9ZTHGJCRg>

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A great crowd of this description rushes on my mind, introducing, as it were, a terrifying apparition of strange demons, speaking of fabulous and monstrous shapes, in old wives' talk. Far from enjoining men to listen to such tales are we, who avoid the practice of soothing our crying children, as the saying is, by telling them fabulous stories, being afraid of fostering in their minds the impiety professed by those who, though wise in their own conceit, have no more knowledge of the truth than infants. For why (in the name of truth!) do you make those who believe you subject to ruin and corruption, dire and irretrievable? Why, I beseech you, fill up life with idolatrous images, by feigning the winds, or the air, or fire, or earth, or stones, or stocks, or steel, or this universe, to be gods; and, prating loftily of the heavenly bodies in this much vaunted science of astrology, not astronomy, to those men who have truly wandered, talk of the wandering stars as gods? It is the Lord of the spirits, the Lord of the fire, the Maker of the universe, Him who lighted up the sun, that I long for. I seek after God, not the works of God. Whom shall I take as a helper in my inquiry? We do not, if you have no objection, wholly disown Plato. How, then, is God to be searched out, O Plato? "For both to find the Father and Maker of this universe is a work of difficulty; and having found Him, to declare Him fully, is impossible."

Why so? By Himself, I beseech you! For He can by no means be expressed. Well done, Plato! You have touched on the truth. But do not flag. Undertake with me the inquiry respecting the Good. For into all men whatever, especially those who are occupied with intellectual pursuits, a certain divine effluence has been instilled; wherefore, though reluctantly, they confess that God is one, indestructible, unbegotten, and that somewhere above in the tracts of heaven, in His own peculiar appropriate eminence, whence He surveys all things, He has an existence true and eternal.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*Exhortation to the Heathen\*](#)

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Some Random Notes, Remarks

Here we are now coming into 2017 and I still continue, after over 20 years, to be tortured and harassed by crack-pot the magician and the (so called) "speelburg" -- both themselves followers of the Ghoul; including the use of brain torture radios, ghost-face demonism (you will have to ask me what that refers to), dream productions -- and rats! Yes, by thus time I can assure you that in about the past five years I have had to kill something like 30 or 40 rats (using traps.) And every time they have been cleared out and after a lull, more return/are brought in.

Despite my various writings and appeals regarding my situation, I have received effectively zero response; either by way of writing or of visits from anyone.

Oh well, in case you ever find yourself hounded by a "god" or "demon," the following are some helpful things to say to them:

1. Pray for peace and say no to the worst teaching on recorded (demonism.)
2. May things be right, may things be good, may things be as they should.
3. There can be no bad thing. (I absolutely forbid it.)

Also in passing...

If you reject honest, rational truth, then don't expect or don't complain that there are not any right answers or effective solutions.

Nothing is but someone judges it to be so. The obvious question then is or becomes, who is the judge? Who is it that says this is so, or this is how it is, and what is supposed to be the rational justification (if rational justification is claimed) for their saying or believing so?

If anyone can prove me wrong or somehow mistaken (whether with regard to criminal spirit people or my long, ongoing situation), then I take it they can face me. But the fact is so far no one yet can or has even tried.

All children and animals should have a happy family and a happy home. (So why don't they?)

Answer: Society to a most dangerous and depressing degree respects demons and gods (those time honored providers of wealth, "love," and respectability) rather than they care less about the innocent, truth, or real happiness.

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*(Start the New Year Right!)*

- 1 Then shall the righteous one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at nought his labors.
- 2 Seeing this, the wicked shall be shaken with dreadful fear, and be amazed at the unexpected salvation.
- 3 They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is the one whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery,
- 4 fools that we were! His life we accounted madness, and death dishonored.
- 5 See how he is accounted among the heavenly beings; how his lot is with the holy ones!
- 6 We, then, have strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine for us, and the sun did not rise for us.
- 7 We were entangled in the thorns of mischief and of ruin; we journeyed through trackless deserts, but the way of the LORD we never knew.
- 8 What did our pride avail us? What have wealth and its boastfulness afforded us?
- 9 All of them passed like a shadow and like a fleeting rumor;
- 10 Like a ship traversing the heaving water: when it has passed, no trace can be found, no path of its keel in the waves.
- 11 Or like a bird flying through the air; no evidence of its course is to be found— But the fluid air, lashed by the beating of pinions, and cleft by the rushing force Of speeding wings, is traversed; and afterward no mark of passage can be found in it.
- 12 Or as, when an arrow has been shot at a mark, the parted air straightway flows together again so that none discerns the way it went—
- 13 Even so, once born, we abruptly came to nought and held no sign of virtue to display, but were consumed in our wickedness."
- 14 Yes, the hope of the wicked is like chaff borne by the wind, and like fine, storm-driven snow; Like smoke scattered by the wind, and like the passing memory of the nomad camping for a single day.
- 15 But the righteous live forever, and in the LORD is their recompense, and the thought of them is with the Most High.
- 16 Therefore shall they receive the splendid crown, the beautiful diadem, from the hand of the LORD, For he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm.
- 17 He shall take his zeal for armor and arm creation to requite the enemy,
- 18 Shall put on righteousness for a breastplate, wear sure judgment for a helmet,
- 19 Shall take invincible holiness for a shield,
- 20 and sharpen his sudden anger for a sword. The universe will war with him against the foolhardy;
- 21 Well-aimed bolts of lightning will go forth and from the clouds will leap to the mark as from a well-drawn bow;
- 22 and as from a sling, wrathful hailstones shall be hurled. The waters of the sea will be enraged and flooding rivers will overwhelm

them;

23 A mighty wind will confront them and winnow them like a tempest; Thus lawlessness will lay waste the whole earth and evildoing overturn the thrones of the mighty.

~ *Book of Wisdom*, ch. 5.

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