

Oracles

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## TENETS

- \* Nothing is, or is as it is, unless someone says and judges it to be so. Who then is (or who is it we say is) the judge, including the final judge?
- \* 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 *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](http://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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As some will already know, a certain dispensation and certain leniency is granted to those wearing the mark of the beast; for purposes of showing deference or tribute to the great goomer.

Yet what qualifies as the mark of the beast? As best as I could ascertain, it is or might include such as the following (in no particular order):

- \* A tattoo or tattoos (and the more the better.)
- \* A goatee.
- \* A bald head.
- \* Death's head or other skeleton related emblem featured on your clothing.
- \* Being a fan of any of today's chart busting recording artists.
- \* Being a regular follower of all things Star Wars and or super hero movies for adults.
- \* LBGTQ identification or affiliation.
- \* Being a subscriber to YouTube channels that put out videos like:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ag0BzLkaD4&t=615s>  
["I found the END of Minecraft! - Part 18"]
- \* Being a reader of "vampires are misunderstood" literature; or any publications that views the occult and dark forces in a positive light.
- \* Using Cortana on Windows 10 or playing Candy Crush.
- \* Rejection of Christianity.

Again, by having or doing these things it will help protect and keep you safe. And as you can see, long gone are the days when a simple pencil mustache would have sufficed.

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(continued from earlier)

If, as I posit, humankind are at the mercy of a criminal spirit person extortion or protection racket, and that not untypically passes itself off as deity or authorized by deity, then we are left essentially with two main groups: those who acquiesce and agree to protection racket terms and those who do not. What this means is that those who acquiesce are, depending on their degree of participation and cooperation, granted special advantages and privileges (including and with respect to things like wealth, social status, employment, immunity from potential legal prosecution, permission to marry and have children) in addition to protection from the other-worldly gang's (and their humanoid henchmen's) violence. On the other hand, those who are not a part of or subscriber to said concord with the ghost gods are liable to ostracization, and depending on the vehemence of their refusal, sundry kinds of violence as well, up to and including torture and murder. By this method, those who sell out are empowered and protected; while those who do not sell out are over time removed from society, by means of one approach or other.

Again, it is not hard to see how many would come to see acceding to the criminals as the only choice left them; indeed not only that, but they would then go on to view the nay-sayers as the threat to peace, social stability, earning money, and just living one's life; rather than the extortionists.

Is this then not what we see going on for the last so many decades, with the forces of surrender and corruption over time dramatically increasing in power and momentum?

You be the judge.

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As time gets on, I find there is little I can say that is substantially of more significance than what I have said before. And this seems apparently true of just about everyone else. And life still goes on in such a way that, and despite the praiseworthy and courageous efforts of many, as a society we continue to live in confusion and fear; due in no small part to the aversion to honesty and being logically consistent by those in power, in almost whatever quarter or area of society you look. Some common errors people fall into, for example, is that every question is simply a matter of choice A or B. Take this recent business about Jeffery Epstein's death for instance. Either he did or didn't commit suicide, or he was and wasn't murdered. Now I haven't yet heard anyone suggest the possibility that he committed suicide, but was driven to do so; and which would give us a choice C. And there are other possibilities. Similarly, when someone acts or decides wrongly, there is this tendency to assume that their motives are bad or selfish. And yet people are fully capable of doing wrong for reasons they, in their own irrational or misguided thinking, believe to be benevolent. So that they are a fool yes, but a villain, no, and there is a difference. Also likewise, we tend to see someone as a culprit, and yet who may be merely a stooge and stand-in for someone else. They take the heat, but the actual wrong doer is not even mentioned, let alone included in the blame. All such errors are in no small part a result of people's desire to rush to conclusions; while making little or no

effort to qualify the same; either out of shortsightedness or lest they seem less than zealous, and therefore less than convincing, in their rhetorical cause. And yet what will really and most get us anywhere? Honest truth or rhetoric?

So many problems, so many troubles. If I myself am allowed any say, it would be to argue that there are criminal spirit people, frequently treated as if they were gods, and it is they who are really the ones far more guilty than anyone else for the bad and evil that occurs in the world. Such wrong doing as theirs, including debasing and corrupting regular persons, is very much intentional; the purpose of which is to enslave as many of us as possible to their governance and order of things. The more guilty, irrational, immoral, and cowardly we are, the greater power they will have over humanity. Some are so frightened, cajoled, bamboozled by such spirit people that they would (as they believe) purchase peace and security by acquiescing to their wishes and demands. Now my question then for you is, do you think this last is a good or bad idea?

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Halloween in mid August? And yet here is gomerism at it's most palatable and you have to give the Disney people most commendable credit for serving up for public consumption whatever they are told to. Though we deplore the insidious subliminals, e.g., Mickey Mouse as Count Dracula, still it is all so laughable and crazy that everyone, moral and immoral, sane and depraved alike, will end up, albeit for different reasons, having some measure and some amount of a good time here.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEwa8-Qwh8w>

["Live: FIRST Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party of 2019 - Walt Disney World Live Stream"]

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[ch. 26]

...Now, with respect to this point — His prior existence a few years ago— we have to remark as follows. Could it have come to pass without divine assistance, that Jesus, desiring during these years to spread abroad His words and teaching, should have been so successful, that everywhere throughout the world, not a few persons, Greeks as well as Barbarians, learned as well as ignorant, adopted His doctrine, so that they struggled, even to death in its defence, rather than deny it, which no one is ever related to have done for any other system? I indeed, from no wish to flatter Christianity, but from a desire thoroughly to examine the facts, would say that even those who are engaged in the healing of numbers of sick persons, do not attain their object— the cure of the body— without divine help; and if one were to succeed in delivering souls from a flood of wickedness, and excesses, and acts of injustice, and from a contempt of God, and were to show, as evidence of such a result, one hundred persons improved in their natures (let us suppose the number to be so large), no one would reasonably say that it was without divine assistance that he had implanted in those hundred individuals a doctrine capable of removing so many evils. And if any one, on a candid consideration of these things, shall admit that no improvement ever takes place among men without divine help, how much more confidently shall he make the same assertion regarding Jesus, when he compares the former lives of many converts to His doctrine with their after conduct, and reflects in what acts of licentiousness and injustice and covetousness they formerly indulged, until, as Celsus, and they who think with him, allege, “they were deceived,” and accepted a doctrine which, as these individuals assert, is destructive of the life of men; but who, from the time that they adopted it, have become in some way meeker, and more religious, and more consistent, so that certain among them, from a desire of exceeding chastity, and a wish to worship God with greater purity, abstain even from the permitted indulgences of (lawful) love.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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[ch. 16]

I must express my surprise that Celsus should class the Odrysians, and Samothracians, and Eleusinians, and Hyperboreans among the most ancient and learned nations, and should not deem the Jews worthy of a place among such, either for their learning or their antiquity, although there are many treatises in circulation among the Egyptians, and Phœnicians, and Greeks, which testify to their existence as an ancient people, but which I have considered it unnecessary to quote...

[ch. 22]

After this, Celsus, without condemning circumcision as practised by the Jews, asserts that this usage was derived from the Egyptians; thus believing the Egyptians rather than Moses, who says that Abraham was the first among men who practised the rite.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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[Posted at the Lee's Legion page on Face Book]

*FATE OF THE RENEGADES*

“The scuttling of the ship [U.S. frigate *Philadelphia*, on 31 Oct. 1803] had been so hastily and imperfectly done that the Tripolitans were able to pump her out and make her tight. She was then brought into the harbor, amid the rejoicings of the people and to the great mortification of the Americans.

“In spite of poor food and hard usage there were but six deaths out of the whole number of three hundred and seven in nineteen months. When the captives were finally liberated, the pasha called together the renegades among the crew, five in number, ‘and told them that peace was now concluded, the Americans were about to leave Tripoli, and if they or either of them chose to go, it was left at their option. Unaware of the artifice, all except Wilson expressed their wish and anxiety to relinquish the turban and accompany us to America. Wilson, jealous [i.e., rightly suspicious] of the Pasha's sincerity and perhaps afraid of the threatened halter, thanked his majesty for this generous offer, but told him that he preferred Tripoli to America and Mahometanism to Christianity, and that he chose to remain and would ever continue firmly attached to his service. Wilson was honored and caressed by the Pasha and his Divan for his singular fidelity, while the other four were sent into the country with a formidable guard. We had a glance at them as they passed our prison and could see horror and despair depicted in their countenances.”  
~ *Our Navy and the Barbary Corsairs* (1905) by Gardner W. Allen, p. 157.

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[4 Aug. 2019]

“We’re talking to a lot of people and a lot of things are in the works,” Trump said Sunday when asked by a reporter what he was going to do the country's “gun problem.” “We have done much more than most administrations... but perhaps more has to be done. But this is also a mental illness problem. If you look at both of these cases, this is mental illness. These are people that are very, very seriously mentally ill.”

Modern day vigilante guns - Hollywood style:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lf48yFsHGU>
"Killer Elite - Movie Trailer #2 (2011) HD"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4QV6OZdmWY>
"Marvel's The Punisher Season 1 Trailer #1 (2017) | TV Trailer | Movieclips Trailers"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Expe7hf6MU>
"The Irishman | Official Teaser" - Scorsese 2019

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[ch. 13]

But since Celsus has declared it to be a saying of many Christians, that “the wisdom of this life is a bad thing, but that foolishness is good,” we have to answer that he slanders the Gospel, not giving the words as they actually occur in the writings of Paul, where they run as follow: “If any one among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.” The apostle, therefore, does not say simply that “wisdom is foolishness with God,” but “the wisdom of this world.” And again, not, “If any one among you seems to be wise, let him become a fool universally;” but, “let him become a fool in this world, that he may become wise.” We term, then, “the wisdom of this world,” every false system of philosophy, which, according to the Scriptures, is brought to nought; and we call foolishness good, not without restriction, but when a man becomes foolish as to this world. As if we were to say that the Platonist, who believes in the immortality of the soul, and in the doctrine of its metempsychosis, incurs the charge of folly with the Stoics, who discard this opinion; and with the Peripatetics, who babble about the subtleties of Plato; and with the Epicureans, who call it superstition to introduce a providence, and to place a God over all things. Moreover, that it is in agreement with the spirit of Christianity, of much more importance to give our assent to doctrines upon grounds of reason and wisdom than on that of faith merely, and that it was only in certain circumstances that the latter course was desired by Christianity, in order not to leave men altogether without help, is shown by that genuine disciple of Jesus, Paul, when he says: “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.” Now by these words it is clearly shown that it is by the wisdom of God that God ought to be known. But as this result did not follow, it pleased God a second time to save them that believe, not by “folly” universally, but by such foolishness as depended on preaching. For the preaching of Jesus Christ as crucified is the “foolishness” of preaching, as Paul also perceived, when he said, “But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling-block, and to the Greeks foolishness; but to them who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and wisdom of God.”

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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Although the Beetleborg episode itself is no longer on YouTube, I managed to save the Phantom's song from it. As the synopsis of the same at the IMDB explains: "When Flabber's old friend, The Phantom of the Opera, shows up needing a place to stay, the stage is set for trouble. The lonely Phantom turns his affections toward Jo and places her under a spell to get her to leave with him. Meanwhile,

the unwavering terrible trio is doing its old song and dance again. Will the BeetleBorgs be able to stop Jo and the Magnavors before it's too late?"

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rK11f6TuSw>

["Phantom's Song - from Beetleborg episode "Phantom of Hillhurst"]

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*THE COMING AMERICAN*  
by Sam Walter Foss (1858-1911)

Bring me men to match my mountains;  
Bring me men to match my plains, --  
Men with empires in their purpose,  
And new eras in their brains.  
Bring me men to match my praries,  
Men to match my inland seas,  
Men whose thought shall pave a highway  
Up to ampler destinies;  
Pioneers to clear Thought's marshlands,  
And to cleanse old Error's fen;  
Bring me men to match my mountains --  
Bring me men!

Bring me men to match my forests,  
Strong to fight the storm and blast,  
Branching toward the skyey future,  
Rooted in the fertile past.  
Bring me men to match my valleys,  
Tolerant of sun and snow,  
Men within whose fruitful purpose  
Time's consummate blooms shall grow.  
Men to tame the tigerish instincts  
Of the lair and cave and den,  
Cleans the dragon slime of Nature --  
Bring me men!

Bring me men to match my rivers,  
Continent cleavers, flowing free,  
Drawn by the eternal madness  
To be mingled with the sea;  
Men of oceanic impulse,  
Men whose moral currents sweep  
Toward the wide-enfolding ocean  
Of an undiscovered deep;  
Men who feel the strong pulsation  
Of the Central Sea, and then  
Time their currents to its earth throb --  
Bring me men!

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"For many years the opening lines from Foss's *The Coming American* ("Bring me men to match my mountains / Bring me men to match my plains / Men with empires in their purpose / And new eras in their brains") were inscribed on a granite wall at the United States Air Force Academy to inspire cadets and officers, but they were removed in 2003 to harmonize in perception to the Air Force Academy's having become coeducational." ~ Wikipedia.

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[ch. 11]

Since, then, as reason teaches, we must repose faith in some one of those who have been the introducers of sects among the Greeks or Barbarians, why should we not rather believe in God who is over all things, and in Him who teaches that worship is due to God alone, and that other things are to be passed by, either as non-existent, or as existing indeed, and worthy of honour, but not of worship and reverence? And respecting these things, he who not only believes, but who contemplates things with the eye of reason, will state the demonstrations that occur to him, and which are the result of careful investigation. And why should it not be more reasonable, seeing all human things are dependent upon faith, to believe God rather than them? For who enters on a voyage, or contracts a marriage, or becomes the father of children, or casts seed into the ground, without believing that better things will result from so doing, although the contrary might and sometimes does happen? And yet the belief that better things, even agreeably to their wishes, will follow, makes all men venture upon uncertain enterprises, which may turn out differently from what they expect. And if the hope and belief of a better future be the support of life in every uncertain enterprise, why shall not this faith rather be rationally accepted by him who believes on better grounds than he who sails the sea, or tills the ground, or marries a wife, or engages in any other human pursuit, in the existence of a God who was the Creator of all these things, and in Him who with surpassing wisdom and divine greatness of mind dared to make known this doctrine to men in every part of the world, at the cost of great danger, and of a death considered infamous, which He underwent for the sake of the human race; having also taught those who were persuaded to embrace His doctrine at the first, to proceed, under the peril of every danger, and of ever impending death, to all quarters of the world to ensure the salvation of men? ~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [*Contra Celsus*](#), Book I

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*PSHAW!*

"It is wonderful that five thousand years have now elapsed since the creation of the world, and still it is undecided whether or not there has ever been an instance of the spirit of any person appearing after death. All argument is against it; but all belief is for it." ~ Samuel Johnson, *Boswell's Life*.

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You *like* demonic teaching and doctrine. You like it. But I hate it.

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"Charlie chaplin like mr. Ben very funny :) :) "

~ YouTube comment on my channel.

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Logic is necessary to get at the truth or correctness of an assertion. All right now then, who do you know that is prepared to be properly and honestly logical?

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Even if noble and virtuous, people tend to think badly of a person whom Fortune casts aside (See "Phocion" by Plutarch.)

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"My pride, my ego, self-esteem. They are of inestimable value to society, indeed the very universe."

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A: It seems to me you believe the wrong teaching.

B: Oh? and why?

A: Because you are always torturing people and animals.

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And yet if you insist on not letting him get all violent and force himself on others, why he'll have no social life left! And he is, after all, a god.

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Honestly? That they have needed to bother me *so much* seems to be indicative of their own desperation. And yet who notices such things?

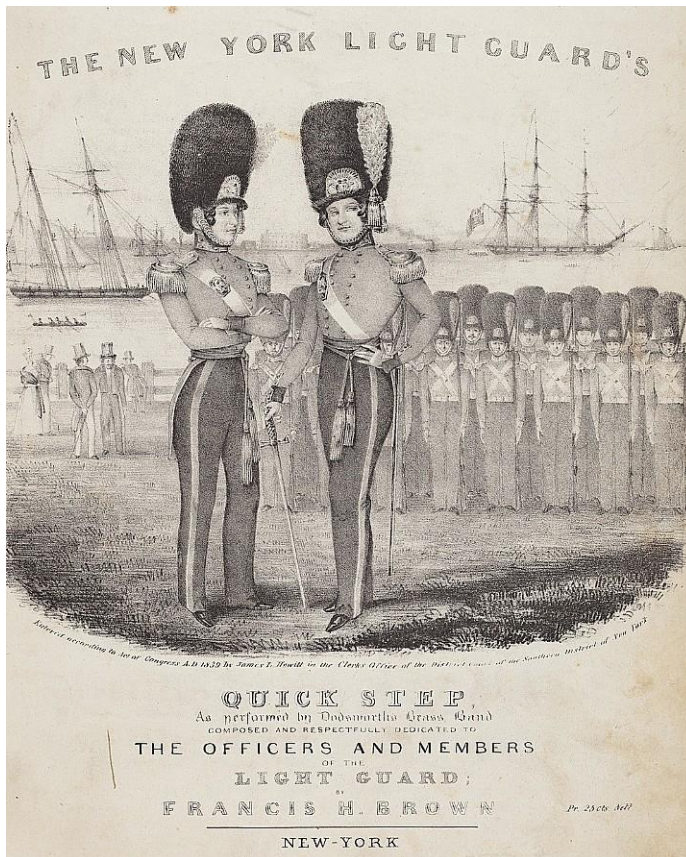
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Naboth won't sell, eh? Then Naboth must die.

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He feels bad because he doesn't really know how to do anything; so he figures if he owns and controls everything that will be *his* contribution.

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The tiny timers!????!!

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[Posted at the Lee's Legion page on Face Book]



THE NEW YORK LIGHT GUARD

[This is getting A BIT ahead of ourselves chronologically - 1839 - but I was so taken with this Currier and Ives print, and accompanying march (music), I could hardly help myself.]

Although the *New York Light Guard* was originally an active city of New York militia battalion, and that saw service of one sort or other in the War of 1812 and the Civil War, today it exists as The Old Guard of the City of New York, a ceremonial unit intended for veteran get-togethers, parades and charity events. But even in its earlier hey-day, and in addition to standing ready to defend the city against potential invaders, the Guard served as a kind of social gathering point; both to bring together friends and impress the girls. All of which are made an object of fun and mirth in Irving and Paulding's *Salmagundi* (1807); for which see:

<https://www.scribd.com/document/419417247/Salmagundi-excerpt1807>

[*Salmagundi*, No. V. – Saturday, March 7, 1807]

Finally we have also for your enjoyment the actual New York Guard's march by F.H. Brown, advertised in the Currier & Ives print, from 1839 available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ0vGDFWeMw>
["Yankee Brass Band 2017. Quickstep - New York Light Guards; F. H. Brown"]

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(From the archives.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oliXoo6TSBs>

["Why Worry Chet Atkins Mark Knopfler & Everly Brothers" - 1986]

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[ch. 9]

He [Celsus] next proceeds to recommend, that in adopting opinions we should follow reason and a rational guide, since he who assents to opinions without following this course is very liable to be deceived. And he compares inconsiderate believers to Metragyrtae, and soothsayers, and Mithrae, and Sabbadians, and to anything else that one may fall in with, and to the phantoms of Hecate, or any other demon or demons. For as among such persons are frequently to be found wicked men, who, taking advantage of the ignorance of those who are easily deceived, lead them away whither they will, so also, he says, is the case among Christians. And he asserts that certain persons who do not wish either to give or receive a reason for their belief, keep repeating, "Do not examine, but believe!" and, "Your faith will save you!" And he alleges that such also say, "The wisdom of this life is bad, but that foolishness is a good thing!"...And let us inquire, with respect to the great multitude of believers, who have washed away the mire of wickedness in which they formerly wallowed, whether it were better for them to believe without a reason, and (so) to have become reformed and improved in their habits, through the belief that men are chastised for sins, and honoured for good works or not to have allowed themselves to be converted on the strength of mere faith, but (to have waited) until they could give themselves to a thorough examination of the (necessary) reasons...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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This 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon mission has provided an excellent occasion for learning; not least of which in and by way of the plethora of recent and not so recently uploaded YouTube videos on the subject. I have already have been through many of them, and among the best are a series-set entitled "Apollo 11 Full Mission" available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC1yaZz2qeGrhndH7zOnooziqxS09MI33>

And in which you can, in effect, take a ride with the Apollo crew (God bless 'em!) on their in certain ways quiet and placid ride to the moon, and which also serves to remind us that for all its often terrors "it's a small world after all."

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[ch. 7]

Moreover, since he [Celsus] frequently calls the Christian doctrine a secret system (of belief), we must confute him on this point also, since almost the entire world is better acquainted with what Christians preach than with the favourite opinions of philosophers. For who is ignorant of the statement that Jesus was born of a virgin, and that He was crucified, and that His resurrection is an article of faith among many, and that a general judgment is announced to come, in which the wicked are to be punished according to their deserts, and the righteous to be duly rewarded? And yet the mystery of the resurrection, not being understood, is made a subject of ridicule among unbelievers.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I


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See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdin\\_IBSafg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdin_IBSafg)

["Kreutzer, Rudolphe 18 th violin concerto"]

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(For the benefit of those who might never see this otherwise. Needless to add: "There are such things!")



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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8F4vdF-bJc>

["the elegants - little star"]

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[ch. 27]

Any one who examines the subject will see that Jesus attempted and successfully accomplished works beyond the reach of human power. For although, from the very beginning, all things opposed the spread of His doctrine in the world, — both the princes of the times, and their chief captains and generals, and all, to speak generally, who were possessed of the smallest influence, and in addition to these, the rulers of the different cities, and the soldiers, and the people—yet it proved victorious, as being the Word of God, the nature of which is such that it cannot be hindered; and becoming more powerful than all such adversaries, it made itself master of the whole of Greece, and a considerable portion of Barbarian lands, and convened countless numbers of souls to His religion. And although, among the multitude of converts to Christianity, the simple and ignorant necessarily outnumbered the more intelligent, as the former class always does the latter, yet Celsus, unwilling to take note of this, thinks that this philanthropic doctrine, which reaches to every soul under the sun, is vulgar, and on account of its vulgarity and its want of reasoning power, obtained a hold only over the ignorant. And yet he himself admits that it was not the simple alone who were led by the doctrine of Jesus to adopt His religion; for he acknowledges that there were among them some persons of moderate intelligence, and gentle disposition, and possessed of understanding, and capable of comprehending allegories.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus.](#), Book I

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*More of the Same* OR [groan] *"I hate these people."*

The world famous goomer people and the great god Goo Goo.

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The guy feels sorry for himself; has then the inevitable tantrum, and basically wants to take it out on someone (if not everybody.)

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They possess high value and high worth - so, at any rate, they claim. Yet how long, one wonders, will it be before they stop forcing themselves on others?

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They prefer those not participate who can compete, and say "Let us be in charge and we will benignly take care of everybody in the end; only in the meantime we must rule with an iron boot and fist. Finally, about this and our doing so, no discussion is to be permitted."

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The church does not own God, and a given faith or denomination that rejects honest truth and fundamental justice is the furthest thing from him among us.

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Just as some polluters daily did or do pour forth tons upon tons of toxic emissions; so daily weekly, monthly and for years they puts out by means of literal violence and vandalism, ongoing pain, suffering, agony and even tragedy.

"Even so," we are chided, "let him do this."

Why?

"Because he is loved and blessed."

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As sophisticated and clever at concealment and evasion as some diseases.

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"I never *was* all that comfortable with the idea of brain torture radios, but now that they are gone and a thing of the past..." (But and in reality and of course they aren't.)

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"We will control or own whatever it is so people will have to go through me to get it. Since if we don't, they will completely ignore us."

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In my opinion, were it possible to keep criminal spirit people out of human affairs it would reduce the level of all of life's most serious problems by something like 90%.

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Those poor animals didn't do *anything* (i.e., wrong.)

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The Devil needs a place to stay; so where would you have him live? After all, you don't really expect him to just go away, now do you?

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"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Note. Pardon the rather random, desultory and copious nature of these remarks and observations, but they have been piling up and I earlier wasn't in much of a mood for posting. Just now, however, the moment just so happens to be free.

Mere nature *would* suffice were people not dishonest, conniving, avaricious.

Whether science or religion, both are most dangerous when they are immoral and or irrational.

You say he is person of great power, indeed a veritable god. Yet what is his moral character? Or are you saying his importance is greater than or need not take into consideration morals?

For those who fail, the world is too big. For those who succeed it is too small.

You can have your palace, your worldly clout and riches, your "heaven," your gang rape, your world of make believe. All we ask is that you keep the peace and leave us our happy family and happy home -- and you've got yourself a deal.

The church acts as a necessary break on intemperate and unbridled physical desire. So they say, "no more church." Similarly: Friend of the god. Enemy of the church. Why? Because the latter is false and unjust.

Who is it that says we should love and live in harmony, and yet does not insist on our being honest and rational? Why the devil can do (does) as much.

If they are spirit people with magical powers from beyond, they must be right.

It's the very fact that they can't do anything that they are allowed to do it. [This by divine high decree of course.]

If he succeeds then a fool and a madman, with the necessary help of numerous dumb people, will have taken over the world.



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[ch. 26]

...Now, with respect to this point— His prior existence a few years ago— we have to remark as follows. Could it have come to pass without divine assistance, that Jesus, desiring during these years to spread abroad His words and teaching, should have been so successful, that everywhere throughout the world, not a few persons, Greeks as well as Barbarians, learned as well as ignorant, adopted His doctrine, so that they struggled, even to death in its defence, rather than deny it, which no one is ever related to have done for any other system? I indeed, from no wish to flatter Christianity, but from a desire thoroughly to examine the facts, would say that even those who are engaged in the healing of numbers of sick persons, do not attain their object— the cure of the body— without divine help; and if one were to succeed in delivering souls from a flood of wickedness, and excesses, and acts of injustice, and from a contempt of God, and were to show, as evidence of such a result, one hundred persons improved in their natures (let us suppose the number to be so large), no one would reasonably say that it was without divine assistance that he had implanted in those hundred individuals a doctrine capable of removing so many evils. And if any one, on a candid consideration of these things, shall admit that no improvement ever takes place among men without divine help, how much more confidently shall he make the same assertion regarding Jesus, when he compares the former lives of many converts to His doctrine with their after conduct, and reflects in what acts of licentiousness and injustice and covetousness they formerly indulged, until, as Celsus, and they who think with him, allege, "they were deceived," and accepted a doctrine which, as these individuals assert, is destructive of the life of men; but who, from the time that they adopted it, have become in some way meeker, and more religious, and more consistent, so that certain among them, from a desire of exceeding chastity, and a wish to worship God with greater purity, abstain even from the permitted indulgences of (lawful) love.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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[Posted at the Lee's Legion [age on Face Book]

"A (CONTEMPORARY)
BOY'S EYE VIEW
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

For which in .pdf see:

<http://www.gunjones.com/Elihu-Hubbard-Smith.pdf>

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<https://www.scribd.com/document/414432747/A-CONTEMPORARY-BOY-S-EYE-VIEW-OF-THE-AMERICAN-REVOLUTION-Elihu-Hubbard-Smith>

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Now who do you suppose is the one individual most aggrieved and upset, indeed loses sleep, over the (real or alleged) offenses of Julian Assange?

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...It is said also that the body of Alcmena disappeared, as they were carrying her forth for burial, and a stone was seen lying on the bier instead. In short, many such fables are told by writers who improbably ascribe divinity to the mortal features in human nature, as well as to the divine. At any rate, to reject entirely the divinity of human virtue, were impious and base; but to mix heaven with earth is foolish. Let us therefore take the safe course and grant, with Pindar, that

"Our bodies all must follow death's supreme behest,
But something living still survives, an image of life, for this alone
Comes from the gods."

Yes, it comes from them, and to them it returns, not with its body, but only when it is most completely separated and set free from the body, and becomes altogether pure, fleshless, and undefiled. For "a dry soul is best," according to Heraclitus, and it flies from the body as lightning flashes from a cloud. But the soul which is contaminated with body, and surfeited with body, like a damp and heavy exhalation, is slow to release itself and slow to rise towards its source. We must not, therefore, violate nature by sending the bodies of good men with their souls to heaven, but implicitly believe that their virtues and their souls, in accordance with nature and divine justice, ascend from men to heroes, from heroes to demi-gods, and from demi-gods, after they have been made pure and holy, as in the final rites of initiation, and have freed themselves from mortality and sense, to gods, not by civic law, but in very truth and according to right reason, thus achieving the fairest and most blessed consummation.

~ Plutarch, "Romulus," ch. 28.

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[ch. 6]

After this, through the influence of some motive which is unknown to me, Celsus asserts that it is by the names of certain demons, and by the use of incantations, that the Christians appear to be possessed of (miraculous) power; hinting, I suppose, at the practices of those who expel evil spirits by incantations. And here he manifestly appears to malign the Gospel. For it is not by incantations that Christians seem to prevail (over evil spirits), but by the name of Jesus, accompanied by the announcement of the narratives which

relate to Him; for the repetition of these has frequently been the means of driving demons out of men, especially when those who repeated them did so in a sound and genuinely believing spirit. Such power, indeed, does the name of Jesus possess over evil spirits, that there have been instances where it was effectual, when it was pronounced even by bad men, which Jesus Himself taught (would be the case), when He said: "Many shall say to Me in that day, In Your name we have cast out devils, and done many wonderful works." Whether Celsus omitted this from intentional malignity, or from ignorance, I do not know. And he next proceeds to bring a charge against the Saviour Himself, alleging that it was by means of sorcery that He was able to accomplish the wonders which He performed; and that foreseeing that others would attain the same knowledge, and do the same things, making a boast of doing them by help of the power of God, He excludes such from His kingdom. And his accusation is, that if they are justly excluded, while He Himself is guilty of the same practices, He is a wicked man; but if He is not guilty of wickedness in doing such things, neither are they who do the same as He. But even if it be impossible to show by what power Jesus wrought these miracles, it is clear that Christians employ no spells or incantations, but the simple name of Jesus, and certain other words in which they repose faith, according to the holy Scriptures.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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Back in the day, and unlike recent years where the diabolical is made palatable and acceptable even to children as per "Wicked" and "Harry Potter" (and similar Manichean programming), the movies presented evil and criminal spirit people as something undesirable. One particularly good film in this regard is "The Return of Dracula" (1958), appropriately produced by the now defunct United Artists, and starring Francis Lederer. In its use of working cemeteries and crypts and in depicting the practice of other worldly criminals of making evil as something good and desirable, it is disturbingly realistic. Although campy in some respects and the script sometimes too abrupt in its simple logic, "The Return of Dracula" (1958) is often quite chilling, and surprisingly so. Amusingly enough, in a later interview he did Lederer protested that he was actually a good person. Why he felt the need to explain this, see for yourself (if you haven't already.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHtLVSQn6GI>
["The Return of Dracula - 1958 - Francis Lederer (HD Remastered / Full Movie)"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6s6YKITpfw>

["Beethoven - Symphony No.9 (10000 Japanese) - Freude schöner Götterfunken" - originally aired on the Arte channel]

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[ch. 2]

...Now this is our answer to his [Celsus] allegations, and our defence of the truths contained in Christianity, that if any one were to come from the study of Grecian opinions and usages to the Gospel, he would not only decide that its doctrines were true, but would by practice establish their truth, and supply whatever seemed wanting, from a Grecian point of view, to their demonstration, and thus confirm the truth of Christianity. We have to say, moreover, that the Gospel has a demonstration of its own, more divine than any established by Grecian dialectics.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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(Actual song starts at 1:07.)

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

["Blowing In The Wind (1963) - Bee Gees"]

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[preface]

3. ...For Paul, when enumerating the innumerable causes which generally separate men from the love of Christ and from the love of God in Christ Jesus (to all of which, the love that was in himself rose superior), did not set down argument among the grounds of separation. For observe that he says, firstly: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (as it is written, For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." And secondly, when laying down another series of causes which naturally tend to separate those who are not firmly grounded in their religion, he says: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." ...
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book I

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEw9PVt9g7g>

["Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Heart (with lyrics)" - 2001]

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[ch. 1]

36. It will not, I consider, be opposed to the nature of our undertaking, if we restate with all possible brevity our opinions on the immortality of rational natures. Every one who participates in anything, is unquestionably of one essence and nature with him who is partaker of the same thing...

If the heavenly virtues, then, partake of intellectual light, i.e., of divine nature, because they participate in wisdom and holiness, and if human souls, have partaken of the same light and wisdom, and thus are mutually of one nature and of one essence—then, since the heavenly virtues are incorruptible and immortal, the essence of the human soul will also be immortal and incorruptible. And not only so, but because the nature of Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit, whose intellectual light alone all created things have a share, is incorruptible and eternal, it is altogether consistent and necessary that every substance which partakes of that eternal nature should last for ever, and be incorruptible and eternal, so that the eternity of divine goodness may be understood also in this respect, that they who obtain its benefits are also eternal. But as, in the instances referred to, a diversity in the participation of the light was observed, when the glance of the beholder was described as being duller or more acute, so also a diversity is to be noted in the participation of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, varying with the degree of zeal or capacity of mind. If such were not the case, we have to consider whether it would not seem to be an act of impiety to say that the mind which is capable of (receiving) God should admit of a destruction of its essence; as if the very fact that it is able to feel and understand God could not suffice for its perpetual existence, especially since, if even through neglect the mind fall away from a pure and complete reception of God, it nevertheless contains within it certain seeds of restoration and renewal to a better understanding, seeing the “inner,” which is also called the “rational” man, is renewed after “the image and likeness of God, who created him.” And therefore the prophet says, “All the ends of the earth shall remember, and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before You.”

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book IV

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[Posted at the Lee's Legion page on Face Book]

Without a doubt Charles Brockden Brown's *Wieland* (1798) is at once one of the strangest, baffling and gripping mystery novels you could come across. It allows for so many possible suspects and explanations for the bizarre and disturbing events that it recounts that a single reading will induce the more thoughtful to have at it again to see if they can't perhaps figure out the various puzzles and conundrums. The story is primarily based on the real life murders by James Yates of his family that occurred in upstate New York in December 1781. In re-reading *Wieland* as I am at present, I was reminded of material I gathered online a few years ago on that real life tragic event; some of which upon searching I could no longer find available. Whatever the reason for this, I made an upload of those earlier collected articles, etc. and which you can obtain at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KsXnS3EZUD0UNd6jxAzMXN8cXZxuC6z3>

One of the items included is the original newspaper account Brockden Brown drew upon, and that is believed to have been written by Yates neighbor and New York author Ann Eliza Bleecker (1752-1783), and later submitted in 1796 for publication ostensibly by her daughter. It reads as follows:

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To the EDITOR of the NEW-YORK WEEKLY MAGAZINE.

SIR,

The enclosed Account I transmit to you for publication, at the particular request of a friend, who is well acquainted with the circumstances that gave rise to it. It is drawn up by a female hand, and she here relates respecting Mr. Y— what she knew of him herself, and what she had heard of him in her father's family, where he had been an occasional visitant; as I have no reason to believe that this transaction has ever appeared in print, you will be pleased to give it a place among your original compositions.

ANNA.

NEW-YORK, May 17, 1796.

AN ACCOUNT  
OF A MURDER COMMITTED BY MR. J— Y—,  
UPON HIS FAMILY, IN DECEMBER, A. D. 1781.

The unfortunate subject of my present essay, belonged to one of the most respectable families in this state; he resided a few miles from Tomhanick, and though he was not in the most affluent circumstances, he maintained his family (which consisted of a wife and four children,) very comfortably. From the natural gentleness of his disposition, his industry, sobriety, probity and kindness, his neighbours universally esteemed him, and until the fatal night when he perpetrated the cruel act, none saw cause of blame in him.

In the afternoon preceding that night, as it was Sunday and there was no church near, several of his neighbours with their wives came to his house for the purpose of reading the scripture and singing psalms; he received them cordially, and when they were going to return home in the evening, he pressed his sister and her husband, who came with the others, to stay longer; at his very earnest solicitation they remained until near nine o'clock, during which time his conversation was grave as usual, but interesting and affectionate: to his wife, of whom he was very fond, he made use of more than commonly endearing expressions, and caressed his little ones alternately: he spoke much of his domestic felicity, and informed his sister, that to render his wife more happy, he intended to take her to New-Hampshire the next day; "I have just been refitting my sleigh," said he, "and we will set off by day-break." After singing another hymn, Mr. and Mrs. J—n departed.

"They had no sooner left us (said he upon his examination) than taking my wife upon my lap, I opened the Bible to read to her — my two boys were in bed — one five years old, the other seven; my daughter Rebecca, about eleven, was sitting by the fire, and my infant aged about six months, was slumbering at her mother's bosom. Instantly a new light shone into the room, and upon looking up I beheld two Spirits, one at my right hand and the other at my left; he at the left bade me destroy all my idols, and begin by casting the Bible into the fire; the other Spirit dissuaded me, but I obeyed the first, and threw the book into the flames. My wife immediately snatched it out, and was going to expostulate, when I threw it in again and held her fast until it was entirely consumed: then filled with the determination to persevere, I flew out of the house, and seizing an axe which lay by the door, with a few strokes demolished my sleigh, and running to the stable killed one of my horses — the other I struck, but with one spring he got clear of the stable. My spirits now were high, and I hastened to the house to inform my wife of what I had done. She appeared terrified, and begged me to sit down; but the good angel whom I had obeyed stood by me and bade me go on, "You have more idols, (said he) look at your wife and children." I hesitated not a moment, but rushed to the bed where my boys lay, and catching the eldest in my arms, I threw him with such violence against the wall, that he expired without a groan! — his brother was still asleep — I took him by the feet, and dashed his skull in pieces against the fire-place! Then looking round, and perceiving that my wife and daughters were fled, I left the dead where they lay, and went in pursuit of the living, taking up the axe again. A slight snow had fallen that evening, and by its light I descried my wife running towards her father's (who lived about half a mile off) encumbered with her babe; I ran after her, calling upon her to return, but she shrieked and fled faster, I therefore doubled my pace, and when I was within thirty yards of her, threw the axe at her, which hit her upon the hip! — the moment that she felt the blow she dropped the child, which I directly caught up, and threw against the log-fence — I did not hear it cry — I only heard the lamentations of my wife, of whom I had now lost sight; but the blood gushed so copiously from her wound that it formed a distinct path along the snow. We were now within sight of her father's house, but from what cause I cannot tell, she took an opposite course, and after running across an open field several times, she again stopped at her own door; I now came up with her — my heart bled to see her distress, and all my natural feelings began to revive; I forgot my duty, so powerfully did her moanings and pleadings affect me, "Come then, my love (said I) we have one child left, let us be thankful for that — what is done is right — we must not repine, come let me embrace you — let me know that you do indeed love me." She encircled me in her trembling arms, and pressed her quivering lips to my cheek. A voice behind me, said, "This is also an idol!" I broke from her instantly, and wrenching a stake from the garden fence, with one stroke levelled her to the earth! and lest she should only be stunned, and might, perhaps, recover again, I repeated my blows, till I could not distinguish one feature of her face!!! I now went to look after my last sublunary treasure, but after calling several times without receiving any answer, I returned to the house again; and in the way back picked up the babe and laid it on my wife's bosom. I then stood musing a minute — during which interval I thought I heard the suppressed sobbings of some one near the barn, I approached it in silence, and beheld my daughter Rebecca endeavouring to conceal herself among the hay-stacks.

At the noise of my feet upon the dry corn stalks — she turned hastily round and seeing me exclaimed, "O father, my dear father, spare me, let me live — let me live, I will be a comfort to you and my mother — spare me to take care of my little sister Diana — do — do let me live." She was my darling child, and her fearful cries pierced me to the soul — the tears of natural pity fell as plentifully down my cheeks, as those of terror did down her's, and methought that to destroy all my idols, was a hard task — I again relapsed at the voice of complaining; and taking her by the hand, led her to where her mother lay; then thinking that if I intended to retain her, I must make some other severe sacrifice, I bade her sing and dance. She complied, terribly situated as she was, but I was not asking in the line of my duty — I was convinced of my error, and catching up a hatchet that stuck in a log, with one well aimed stroke cleft her forehead in twain — she fell — and no sign of retaining life appeared. I then sat down on the threshold, to consider what I had best do — "I shall be called a murderer (said I) I shall be seized — imprisoned — executed, and for what? — for destroying my idols — for obeying the mandate of my father — no, I will put all the dead in the house together, and after setting fire to it, run to my sister's and say the Indians have done it — "I was preparing to drag my wife in, when the idea struck me that I was going to tell a horrible lie;" and how will that accord with my profession? (asked I.) No, let me speak the truth, and declare the good motive for my actions, be the consequences what they may."

His sister, who was the principal evidence against him, stated — that she had scarce got home, when a message came to Mr. J—n, her husband, informing him that his mother was ill and wished to see him; he accordingly set off immediately, and she not expecting him

home again till the next day, went to bed – there being no other person in the house. About four in the morning she heard her brother Y—— call her, she started up and bade him come in. “I will not (returned he) for I have committed the unpardonable sin – I have burnt the Bible.” She knew not what to think, but rising hastily opened the door which was only latched, and caught hold of his hand: let me go, Nelly (said he) my hands are wet with blood – the blood of my Elizabeth and her children. She saw the blood dripping from his fingers, and her’s chilled in the veins, yet with a fortitude unparalleled she begged him to enter, which – as he did, he attempted to seize a case knife, that by the light of a bright pine-knot fire, he perceived lying on the dresser – she prevented him, however, and tearing a trammel from the chimney, bound him with it to the bed post – fastening his hands behind him – She then quitted the house in order to go to his, which as she approached she heard the voice of loud lamentation, the hope that it was some one of the family who had escaped the effects of her brother’s frenzy, subdued the fears natural to such a situation and time, she quickened her steps, and when she came to the place where Mrs. Y—— lay, she perceived that the moans came from Mrs. Y——’s aged father, who expecting that his daughter would set out upon her journey by day break, had come at that early hour to bid her farewell.

They alarmed their nearest neighbours immediately, who proceeded to Mrs. J——n’s, and there found Mr. Y—— in the situation she had left him; they took him from hence to Tomhanick, where he remained near two days – during which time Mr. W—t—l (a pious old Lutheran, who occasionally acted as preacher) attended upon him, exhorting him to pray and repent; but he received the admonitions with contempt, and several times with ridicule, refusing to confess his error or join in prayer – I say join in prayer, for he would not kneel when the rest did, but when they arose he would prostrate himself and address his “father,” frequently saying “my father, thou knowest that it was in obedience to thy commands, and for thy glory that I have done this deed.” Mrs. Bl——r, at whose house he then was, bade some one ask him who his father was? – he made no reply – but pushing away the person who stood between her and himself, darted at her a look of such indignation as thrilled horror to her heart – his speech was connected, and he told his tale without variation; he expressed much sorrow for the loss of his dear family, but consoled himself with the idea of having performed his duty – he was taken to ALBANY and there confined as a lunatic in the goal, from which he escaped twice, once by the assistance of Aqua Fortis, with which he opened the front door.

I went in 1782 with a little girl, by whom Mr. Bl——r had sent him some fruit; he was then confined in dungeon, and had several chains on – he appeared to be much affected at her remembrance of him, and put up a pious ejaculation for her and her family – since then I have received no accounts respecting him.

The cause for his wonderfully cruel proceedings is beyond the conception of human beings – the deed so unpremeditated, so unprovoked, that we do not hesitate to pronounce it the effect of insanity – yet upon the other hand, when we reflect on the equanimity of his temper, and the comfortable situation in which he was, and no visible circumstance operating to render him frantic, we are apt to conclude, that he was under a strong delusion of Satan. But what avail our conjectures, perhaps it is best that some things are concealed from us, and the only use we can now make of our knowledge of this affair, is to be humble under a scene of human frailty to renew our petition, “Lead us not into temptation.”

May, 27, 1796.

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One of the fascinating things in reading and learning about peoples of the ancient Near East, and allowing for the obviously and often fragmentary nature of the evidence to go on, lies in the effort now to find out, or else speculate on and possibly uncover what those people of those times then thought life to be; including what they thought was more or most important in the hierarchy of life values. Though as well as archeological finds there are fortunately some number of extant written texts (see those edited by [James B. Pritchard](#) for one), again lack of evidence will nevertheless in some cases require the substitution of imagination. What, for instance, must have been the thoughts when one learned that he/she (or say a relative of his/hers) had been specially selected to be buried with the royal funeral train?

No doubt back then they, like us, must have commonly deemed themselves to be the last, most ultimately advanced, and most relevant people of all time, only to have this either confirmed or else gainsaid by posterity. And yet as outdated as many aspects of their life are or seem to us now, there are many things that are still the same or essentially the same for us; including being faced with the question "what is life?"

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZS-Hbyupto&t=938s>

["Treasures From The Royal Tombs of Ur - Revised 1999" - University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology]

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[ch. 1]

31...For on this account is Christ proposed as an example to all believers, because as He always, even before he knew evil at all, selected the good, and loved righteousness, and hated iniquity, and therefore God anointed Him with the oil of gladness; so also ought



each one, after a lapse or sin, to cleanse himself from his stains, making Him his example, and, taking Him as the guide of his journey, enter upon the steep way of virtue, that so perchance by this means, as far as possible we may, by imitating Him, be made partakers of the divine nature, according to the words of Scripture: "He that says that he believes in Christ, ought so to walk, as He also walked." ~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book IV

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Opinions, notes, exhortations, etc.

It cannot be emphasized enough - nothing is (or is as it is) but that someone says and decides that it is so. If you don't believe this to be the case then everything must ultimately and inexplicably be as it is unless and until blind chance or fortune changes it. Think then rather that someone says it or "such and such" is so first; before saying that is how it is; naturally followed by who is this someone? To put it another way, someone's say-so can change *anything*; though not just anyone can necessarily be that someone.

Can that person change for the good? They could.

It is not the male and female (or the seed and the egg) that confers and makes life holy, rather it is God that does this, and it is God, by way of the soul, who bestows what is eternal on that union that is life (not biology.) You belong to God first, your parents and ancestors second.

Who is it that says: "Sell me all your arts, music, culture, education, and your church and I will make you very rich?"

Also again and as ever - virtually no one blames or even talks about criminal spirit people from an empirical or scientific standpoint, even though the very worst ills of individuals, society and the world at large originate with them. By the same token, one cannot say they reject torture, murder, gross depravity and not also condemn criminal spirit people because the latter themselves condone and promote such things. And yet people stupidly smile, turn a blind eye and wink.

If devils are to be believed, just being alive makes you guilty; unless that is you are willing to purposely do the wrong thing.

We have never seen it work for these characters yet no one is more sure of being right. This method can't fail he says. Only he neglects to add that it can't and never succeeds either.

He is disappointed thinking God failed him, but God did not fail him. Rather he lacks faith that God knows what is truly good for him - and better than he does himself.

Original sin is a disease that is transmitted socially, not biologically. This is because the devil is there in some significant measure overseeing society before any individual one of us are even born.

"If all the other herd animals do it, then I have to do it too. Otherwise I am being self-righteous."

While we can excuse someone for being a herd animal out of pity, such pity cannot extend to receiving them as an authority on the grounds that they are a herd animal because they don't want to offend other such "animals" by refusing to be one themselves.

This life consist of being a guest in someone else's home, and yet surprisingly few understand this. [see Psalm 39:13.]

The time to choose has come. Ken Conway or Remsdorf Jr., and any suggestion of a middle ground is either myth or delusion.

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[ch. 4]

4...Now, of wicked spirits there is a twofold mode of operation: i.e., when they either take complete and entire possession of the mind, so as to allow their captives the power neither of understanding nor feeling; as, for instance, is the case with those commonly called possessed, whom we see to be deprived of reason, and insane (such as those were who are related in the Gospel to have been cured by the Saviour); or when by their wicked suggestions they deprave a sentient and intelligent soul with thoughts of various kinds, persuading it to evil, of which Judas is an illustration, who was induced at the suggestion of the devil to commit the crime of treason, according to the declaration of Scripture, that "the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray him."  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book III

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[Another and recent comment I posted at Charles Moscovitz's YouTube channel; with in this instance the subject being anti-semitism.)

The upsurge of anti-Jewish sentiment in recent decades is a result of bad things or serious crimes taking place and then inferring that the culprits were Jews. Now any half intelligent person can understand that what is meant is bad Jews, not Jews per se. The "bad" part is an assumed and necessary predicate because anyone of us knows there have been and are good Jews. Let's say ten unsolved, separate murders took place in a given city; with say 6-10 suspects (based on reasonable and circumstantial evidence implicated) per murder. Then upon looking into each case we discover that the one religious/ethnic group that has a majority among the suspects are the Swahilis. Now EVEN IF the Swahilis predominate percentage-wise among the suspects, it does not necessarily follow that they are actually guilty and yet we understand why people would suspect them. This is more what the problem is like not mere racial prejudice and or even more absurdly jealousy (as is sometimes maintained.) Although there are more we could name, let's take two things that really rankle many Americans: 9/11 and the degradation of the culture and morals in consequence of the flagrant misuse and monopolization of the mass media. Now without getting into the details of these here, we are all familiar with some of the arguments that attribute these crimes to bad Jews. What then for starters would be a good idea would be to address the charges that bad Jews are the main or major culprits in these crimes. What do and would you say to these charges, and then match that up objectively against what opponents do or might say/argue? So for instance, bad Jews are frequently blamed for 9/11 (the dancing Israelis for instance as evidence of such), what do you argue against this claim? Similarly, bad Jews, it is alleged, dominate and unfairly monopolize, manipulate and undermine public morals and honest discussion via the mass media which they (again it is alleged) ostensibly largely control. Do shows on these two topics and when you are done with those you could go on with more, such as (again as some rightly or wrongly claim) the JFK and RFK assassinations; hijacking of higher education; persecution of Palestinians as a form of racial cleansing, etc. My own attitude is as always is that whoever is guilty a crime is the one who did it - NOT I don't like so and so therefore they must be guilty.

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3...Now from these points which we have discussed to the best of our power, it is, I think, clearly evident that there are certain transgressions which we by no means commit under the pressure of malignant powers; while there are others, again, to which we are incited by instigation on their part to excessive and immoderate indulgence. Whence it follows that we have to inquire how those opposing powers produce these incitements within us.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book III

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Lothar Remsdorf Jr.

Speaking of people who force themselves on others, I made the great find of late in perusing old issues of *Weird Tales* of the stories "The Damp Man" (July 1947), "The Damp Man Returns" (Sept. 1947), and "The Damp Man Again" (May 1949) by Allison V. Harding; in which the title character is just such an one. According to people who know about and look into such things, Allison V. Harding is a pen-name of an otherwise unknown author - unknown that is outside of "her" many WT stories and speculation as to "her" actual identity. Interestingly, someone even suggested the name was an anagram for J. D. Salinger; implying...?

For a .pdf copy of the three stories, see:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1N-7MSM7DrvhF_E7wCmC76VljYesusCvf

While for an most intriguing article on author Harding's real identity, see:

<http://scottnicolay.com/stories-from-the-borderland-12-the-damp-man-by-allison-v-harding/>

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As I have vehemently insisted before, an (actually) interesting person or a popular celebrity does not need to force themselves on anyone. However some still refuse to believe this; such that it has reached a point in recent decades where (supposed) movie and media stars (and who of necessity are members of "the party") are thought of as equivalent to and with traditional royalty. Alas (at least so seems to augur Buckingham Palace evidently) - not so fast.

As we always say ourselves to neo-mass media-dum:  
"Munster go home."

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/09/entertainment/george-clooney-royal-baby/index.html>

["George Clooney will not be royal baby's godfather" - from CNN, 9 May 2019]

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Inasmuch as there is now and then talk of yet another war in the Middle East, it is both incredible and sobering when you think about it of the great number of West vs. East wars there have been going on for millennia and all the way back to the days of Troy: including Greeks (including Alexander) versus Persians; Romans versus just about everyone in the region, Byzantium similarly; the Crusades; wars with the Ottomans; World War I and up unto the several just in our own day. Which makes one wonder what at bottom is this ongoing, momentous and ages old conflict really all about; a question especially fitting philosophers of history, anthropologists, and perhaps theologians as well.

Mayhap fittingly then some of the most famous epic poems off Western literature deal with the subject; thinking here particularly of Homer's "Iliad," "The Song of Roland," and Torquato Tasso's "Jerusalem Delivered" (we might also include Ariosto's "Orlando Furioso;" except that the latter tends to be rather in large part a comical work.) Now "Jerusalem Delivered," as well as being a long time favorite of mine is very useful to know because so many famous operas, particularly of the baroque era (by such as for example Handel and Vivaldi) are based on it (and "Orlando Furioso" likewise.) So that it helps to understand the such operas if you know in advance what it is based on. Tasso has been so taken to heart by the Italians for centuries that Joseph Addison writing in the 1700s said that while traveling in Italy it was common among ordinary folk there to know and sing his lines from memory. However, "Jerusalem Delivered" is such the involved soap opera that it may take time for some to finally get around to readily recognizing and familiarizing themselves with it many characters, and, as it might pertain, their given love interest. For such who are or may be so challenged, I just the other day learned of the 1958 film "The Mighty Crusaders" based on it, and which as well as being a pretty good peplum type film of its kind is actually a most helpful primer for someone prior to their jumping into Tasso proper.

If interested the film is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIGuLIJjI9Y&t=318s>

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Song writing team Lee Bowman and Eddie Albert have a hit on their hands in "Smash-Up: The Story of a Woman" (1947).

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_7DffwedpWg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7DffwedpWg)

["Life Can Be Beautiful - Lee Bowman"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1ggl1-lALK>

["Steffani's Niobe, Regina di Tebe: "Trà bellici carmi"" - Philippe Jaroussky (Anfione) and ensemble. Boston Early Music Festival, June 19, 2011]

For more see: <https://bemf.org/>

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[ch. 2]

2...I do not think, indeed, that so great moderation could be observed by men (even if there were no instigation by the devil inciting thereto), as that no individual, in partaking of food, would go beyond due limits and restraint, until he had learned to do so from long usage and experience. What, then, is the state of the case? In the matter of eating and drinking it was possible for us to go wrong, even without any incitement from the devil, if we should happen to be either less temperate or less careful (than we ought); and are we to suppose, then, in our appetite for sexual intercourse, or in the restraint of our natural desires, our condition is not something similar? I am of opinion, indeed, that the same course of reasoning must be understood to apply to other natural movements as those of covetousness, or of anger, or of sorrow, or of all those generally which through the vice of intemperance exceed the natural bounds of moderation. There are therefore manifest reasons for holding the opinion, that as in good things the human will is of itself weak to accomplish any good (for it is by divine help that it is brought to perfection in everything); so also, in things of an opposite nature we receive certain initial elements, and, as it were, seeds of sins, from those things which we use agreeably to nature; but when we have indulged them beyond what is proper, and have not resisted the first movements to intemperance, then the hostile power, seizing the occasion of this first transgression, incites and presses us hard in every way, seeking to extend our sins over a wider field, and furnishing us human beings with occasions and beginnings of sins, which these hostile powers spread far and wide, and, if possible, beyond all limits. Thus, when men at first for a little desire money, covetousness begins to grow as the passion increases, and finally the fall into avarice takes place. And after this, when blindness of mind has succeeded passion, and the hostile powers, by their suggestions, hurry on the mind, money is now no longer desired, but stolen, and acquired by force, or even by shedding human blood. Finally, a confirmatory evidence of the fact that vices of such enormity proceed from demons, may be easily seen in this, that those individuals who are oppressed either by immoderate love, or uncontrollable anger, or excessive sorrow, do not suffer less than those who are bodily vexed by devils. For it is recorded in certain histories, that some have fallen into madness from a state of love, others from a state of anger, not a few from a state of sorrow, and even from one of excessive joy; which results, I think, from this, that those opposing powers, i.e., those demons, having gained a lodgment in their minds which has been already laid open to them by intemperance, have taken complete possession of their sensitive nature, especially when no feeling of the glory of virtue has aroused them to resistance.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [\*On First Principles\*](#), Book III

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[Posted as a YouTube comment at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JyZW_HfZl8]

I for my part don't mind criticizing Jews because in some ways they are like Catholics, and I am a Catholic, and I feel to criticize my own just as freely. One major difference between Jews and Catholics however is that Jews have an immeasurably greater control and say politically, financially, culturally than Catholics do. Yet this said, both have their ample and ready supply of hypocrites, phonies, self-deluded poseurs, superstitious, narcissists, liars, cheaters, shameless panderers to worldly convention and group think, and unjust, and who invariably get more air time and have a greater say in what goes on. Part of the reason for this is public discussions (speaking generally and say on YT) tend to be carried on more for the purposes of persuasion and rhetoric and less so truth, when what we really need is more honest truth (some of which I am grateful we do get in this discussion between Messrs. Moscovitz and Gordon.) Unfortunately however not enough people want honest, duly rational truth and continue to err on the side of mob stirring rhetoric; including even such as E. Michael Jones; whom as much as I highly admire and laud his courageous efforts and high degree of learning and intelligence is most regrettably sometimes guilty of this.

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Not that I know there to actually be any such, but in the odd case that anyone did, has or does follow my unfortunate 25+ years "situation" and predicament and in which I have been so placed by the Mad Magician and his sidekick (so called by them) "Speelburg," the great (and which rest assured continues up to this moment of writing), I think it is of interest to list some of the glaring contradictions and absurdities which my opponents and persecutors have and do indulge themselves in all these many years. So, once again and as it were for the record:

1. They claim to represent higher authority and law, and yet no one ever comes out in the open to explain and or take responsibility for what they are doing (including, for instance using brain torture radios on me); nor by the same token do they have anyone who can or will face or debate me.
2. They claim or imply they are or represent persons of great value, worth and credibility, and why then the need to physically force themselves on others, and this non-stop and continually and persistingly no less? (One response they have given is that they say they only force themselves "on people like Sherman;" which on the face of it is so laughably false as not to require refutation.)
3. They claim to be so clever, wise and ultra sophisticated yet they need and are permitted to cheat like crazy. For example, it is not enough that I am made to be handicapped by being abysmally alone and ostracized (in consequence of their machinations), but that even then they don't feel they can successfully compete with me without also and continually subjecting me to ongoing assault and physical violence. Likewise, they have criminal spirit people, regular hoodlums, brain torture radios, as well as amazing spirit person "magical" powers (i.e., spirit person high technology), billion dollar war chest, the cooperation and or assistance of government (local and federal), police, lawyers, doctors, church and others, over twenty five years to make good on their scheme, and still I have successfully and roundly defeated their would be mind control and terrorism; even if and admittedly I continue to lose out to them politically. I would long ago have left town or at least traveled during this while, but that I was tied down caring for pets, and had no one else who could look after them for me; thus forcing me to remain and suffer the violence of the criminals (as did, very sadly, many of the pets themselves.)
4. Why and how is it that we <i>never</i> see their way of living and believing working either for them or their cohorts, associates, and followers? And I mean never, at least not in a way of mostly or in substance. And yet they worry and fear that I who am materially poor and ostracized might "have it too good;" so that it is somehow necessary to beleaguer and effectually imprison me physically and socially. For my part, I personally don't care about these people, and wish simply for them to get out of my personal life. Why then all this need to bother me?

All this and more, and yet there are people to this day and who talk gravelly about such a thing as law.

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1...Nay, with what else are the contents of the whole work which is written regarding Job occupied, save with the (doings) of the devil, who asks that power may be given him over all that Job possesses, and over his sons, and even over his person? And yet the devil is defeated through the patience of Job. In that book the Lord has by His answers imparted much information regarding the power of that dragon which opposes us. Such, meanwhile, are the statements made in the Old Testament, so far as we can at present recall them, on the subject of hostile powers being either named in Scripture, or being said to oppose the human race, and to be afterwards subjected to punishment.

...Nay, he says that the Saviour even was crucified by the princes of this world, who shall come to nought, whose wisdom also, he says, he does not speak. By all this, therefore, holy Scripture teaches us that there are certain invisible enemies that fight against us, and against whom it commands us to arm ourselves. Whence, also, the more simple among the believers in the Lord Christ are of opinion, that all the sins which men have committed are caused by the persistent efforts of these opposing powers exerted upon the minds of sinners, because in that invisible struggle these powers are found to be superior (to man). For if, for example, there were no devil, no single human being would go astray.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *On First Principles*, Book III

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

["Under A Winestained Moon" - Al Stewart]

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*"...Softness in eyes
iron in his thighs
virtue in his heart
fire in every part
of the mighty Hercules..."*

The cartoon itself was not all that great of course, and yet what a theme song! Who that heard could ever forget it?

See: https://youtu.be/IMyLx6l2_dM

["The Mighty Hercules (1963) - Intro (Opening)" – sung by Johnny Nash]

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[ch. 11]

6...We are therefore to suppose that the saints will remain there until they recognise the twofold mode of government in those things which are performed in the air. And when I say "twofold mode," I mean this: When we were upon earth, we saw either animals or trees, and beheld the differences among them, and also the very great diversity among men; but although we saw these things, we did not understand the reason of them; and this only was suggested to us from the visible diversity, that we should examine and inquire upon what principle these things were either created or diversely arranged. And a zeal or desire for knowledge of this kind being conceived by us on earth, the full understanding and comprehension of it will be granted after death, if indeed the result should follow according to our expectations. When, therefore, we shall have fully comprehended its nature, we shall understand in a twofold manner what we saw on earth. Some such view, then, must we hold regarding this abode in the air. I think, therefore, that all the saints who depart from this life will remain in some place situated on the earth, which holy Scripture calls paradise, as in some place of instruction, and, so to speak, class-room or school of souls, in which they are to be instructed regarding all the things which they had seen on earth, and are to receive also some information respecting things that are to follow in the future, as even when in this life they had obtained in some degree indications of future events, although "through a glass darkly," all of which are revealed more clearly and distinctly to the saints in their proper time and place. If any one indeed be pure in heart, and holy in mind, and more practised in perception, he will, by making more rapid progress, quickly ascend to a place in the air, and reach the kingdom of heaven, through those mansions, so to speak, in the various places which the Greeks have termed spheres, i.e., globes, but which holy Scripture has called heavens; in each of which he will first see clearly what is done there, and in the second place, will discover the reason why things are so done: and thus he will in order pass through all gradations, following Him who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, who said, "I will that where I am, these may be also."...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *On First Principles*, Book II

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[Posted on Face Book]

Take one person, any person,
mix with one Triune God
then stir for infinite possibility.

Allowing for some fabulous melodies and rip-roaring rhythms in the songs, and admitting the not so great attempts at humor as well, it is necessary to take into consideration "Godspell's" hippie context and those related times out of which it originally sprung to quite make proper sense of it. Otherwise if it works effectively or moves us now, it is in no small part because it reminds us of wonderful people we knew way back when and who may or may not still be with us. I myself vividly recall high school productions of it back in the day; with the movie version happening to show everyone so young and radiantly as they used to be.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekoHxB4idmg>

[""Day By Day" ~ Godspell (1973)"]

For all you wild and crazy Easter people out there, you will want to throw in the "Finale" at:

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndOBdIL6Uwg>

[""Finale" (PART 2) ~ Godspell (1973)"]

(Disclaimer: Neither Face Book or this Face Book page endorses or recommends face painting and or graffiti.)

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See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi1IX2x3\\_wc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi1IX2x3_wc)

["Suzi Girl Redbone 1974"]

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"Frankenstein: the True Story" or "The Island of Dr. Moreau"? You be the judge.

(Actually these kinds of merging of human with animal parts have been all the craze in recent years and as a way of shocking people in the interest of not so benevolent or humane ideological purposes.)

"Chinese scientists have put human brain genes in monkeys—and yes, they may be smarter," MIT Technology Review, and for which see:

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/613277/chinese-scientists-have-put-human-brain-genes-in-monkeysand-yes-they-may-be-smarter/>

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[ch. 11]

4...so, in those works of God which were created by Him, it is to be observed that the reason and understanding of those things which we see done by Him remains undisclosed. And as, when our eye beholds the products of an artist's labour, the mind, immediately on perceiving anything of unusual artistic excellence, burns to know of what nature it is, or how it was formed, or to what purposes it was fashioned; so, in a much greater degree, and in one that is beyond all comparison, does the mind burn with an inexpressible desire to know the reason of those things which we see done by God. This desire, this longing, we believe to be unquestionably implanted within us by God; and as the eye naturally seeks the light and vision, and our body naturally desires food and drink, so our mind is possessed with a becoming and natural desire to become acquainted with the truth of God and the causes of things. Now we have received this desire from God, not in order that it should never be gratified or be capable of gratification; otherwise the love of truth would appear to have been implanted by God into our minds to no purpose, if it were never to have an opportunity of satisfaction. Whence also, even in this life, those who devote themselves with great labour to the pursuits of piety and religion, although obtaining only some small fragments from the numerous and immense treasures of divine knowledge, yet, by the very circumstance that their mind and soul is engaged in these pursuits, and that in the eagerness of their desire they outstrip themselves, do they derive much advantage; and, because their minds are directed to the study and love of the investigation of truth, are they made fitter for receiving the instruction that is to come; as if, when one would paint an image, he were first with a light pencil to trace out the outlines of the coming picture, and prepare marks for the reception of the features that are to be afterwards added, this preliminary sketch in outline is found to prepare the way for the laying on of the true colours of the painting; so, in a measure, an outline and sketch may be traced on the tablets of our heart by the pencil of our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore perhaps is it said, "Unto every one that has shall be given, and be added." By which it is established, that to those who possess in this life a kind of outline of truth and knowledge, shall be added the beauty of a perfect image in the future.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book II

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More Russia-gate (Wow at this rate this country might as well start becoming Russian.)

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQ_j4Yteegg

["If You Leave Me Now – (Chicago cover) Leonid & Friends feat. Arkady Shilkloper"]

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#### MY FRIDAY LECTURE

You've spent umpteen hours listening to someone on YouTube telling you who is to blame for (most) everything. Well, permit me now, if you will, to tell you the true story.

Gross immorality in its various forms and the worst crimes comes from and originates with high power, authoritarian criminal spirit people whose purpose, by promoting and inciting the former, is to conquer by dividing us. We cannot then seriously hope to address or overcome our worst problems in this life unless we can address, come to grips with and combat criminal spirit people, and it won't do to attack or blame anyone else unless we attack and blame criminal spirit people first. However in order to contend with criminal spirit people we must be honest and rational (as well as wisely courageous), and so naturally criminal spirit people do and traditionally have discouraged this in us; while at the same time insisting that we must be in dire awe and dread of them, and which the vast majority of people are, including as often as not the most highly educated; even though and really criminal spirit people are and only exactly that - criminals. For ages we are made to accommodate ourselves to them as if they are gods when it would be more correct to characterize them as the worst of diseases. If then mankind is in as pitiful a state as it is in it is because it makes a god of a disease; while seeking to find highest blame for anything serious that goes on instead among our fellows. And yet if any among us is most to blame, it is those who most act in concert with and as henchmen of criminal spirit people.

A further problem arises when people associate criminal spirit people with true God. One could get around this dilemma by simply pointing out that true God neither is nor acts like a criminal, yet most tragically this nice and obvious distinction is lost on the incorrigibly puerile and irrational.

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Guess Who? (or who does the following remind you of?)

He thinks of himself as being able to do everything, but the truth rather is he can't do (much of) anything.

He ruins all that is good and replaces it with junk.

No one really likes him, but if he can bribe, bully and frighten, what does that matter?

In any event, he'd rather be utterly detested than ignored.

It happens then as a matter of course that his idea for getting the most out of life is to attack and or do things to someone.

Rich, respected, admired, prosperous, and yet because he is a coward and a liar at heart he will always be a slave to the evil weirdo.

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(All Native American group from 1974)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOQEMRPt3tQ>

["Redbone Come and Get Your Love legendado" - on Burt Sugarman's The Midnight Special 1974]

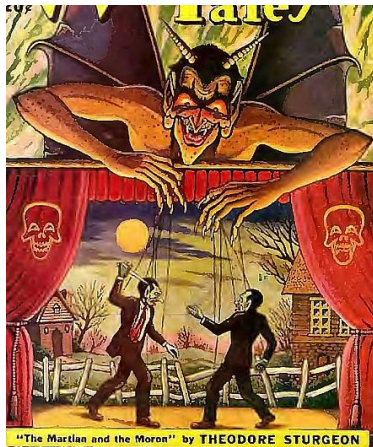
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Not the best version of this song out there, but considering who's singing it, well...

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

["Joey Molland • Without You • Buffalo, NY • 5/10/18"]

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Yet another classic "WT"'s cover, this from March 1949, entitled "The Martian and the Moron," and which reminds us that there is of necessity always more than one villain or bad guy; despite the often tragic, and all too frequent and prevailing tendency of people to only identify one of them.

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[ch. 10]

4. We find in the prophet Isaiah, that the fire with which each one is punished is described as his own; for he says, "Walk in the light of your own fire, and in the flame which you have kindled." By these words it seems to be indicated that every sinner kindles for himself the flame of his own fire, and is not plunged into some fire which has been already kindled by another, or was in existence before himself. Of this fire the fuel and food are our sins, which are called by the Apostle Paul "wood, and hay, and stubble."...

8. But the outer darkness, in my judgment, is to be understood not so much of some dark atmosphere without any light, as of those persons who, being plunged in the darkness of profound ignorance, have been placed beyond the reach of any light of the

understanding. We must see, also, lest this perhaps should be the meaning of the expression, that as the saints will receive those bodies in which they have lived in holiness and purity in the habitations of this life, bright and glorious after the resurrection, so the wicked also, who in this life have loved the darkness of error and the night of ignorance, may be clothed with dark and black bodies after the resurrection, that the very mist of ignorance which had in this life taken possession of their minds within them, may appear in the future as the external covering of the body. Similar is the view to be entertained regarding the prison. Let these remarks, which have been made as brief as possible, that the order of our discourse in the meantime might be preserved, suffice for the present occasion.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book II

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"For it was long after this time that the buying and selling of votes crept in and money became a feature of the elections. But afterwards, bribery affected even courts and camps, and converted the city into a monarchy, by making armies the utter slaves of money. *For it has been well said that he first breaks down the power of the people who first feasts and bribes them.* But at Rome the mischief seems to have crept in stealthily and gradually, and not to have been noticed at once. For we do not know who was the first man to bribe her people or her courts of law; whereas at Athens, Anytus, the son of Anthemion, is said to have been the first man to give money to jurors, when he was on trial for the treacherous failure to relieve Pylos, toward the close of the Peloponnesian war; a time when the pure race of the golden age still possessed the Roman forum."  
~ Plutarch, "Coriolanus," ch. 14.

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15 I am brought to nothing: as a wind thou hast taken away my desire: and my prosperity hath passed away like a cloud.

16 And now my soul fadeth within myself, and the days of affliction possess me.

17 In the night my bone is pierced with sorrows: and they that feed upon me, do not sleep.

18 With the multitude of them my garment is consumed, and they have girded me about, as with the collar of my coat.

19 I am compared to dirt, and am likened to embers and ashes.

20 I cry to thee, and thou hearest me not: I stand up, and thou dost not regard me.

21 Thou art changed to be cruel toward me, and in the hardness of thy hand thou art against me.

22 Thou hast lifted me up, and set me as it were upon the wind, and thou hast mightily dashed me.

23 I know that thou wilt deliver me to death, where a house is appointed for every one that liveth.

24 But yet thou stretchest not forth thy hand to their consumption: and if they shall fall down thou wilt save.

25 I wept heretofore for him that was afflicted, and my soul had compassion on the poor.

26 I expected good things, and evils are come upon me: I waited for light, and darkness broke out.

27 My inner parts have boiled without any rest, the days of affliction have prevented me.

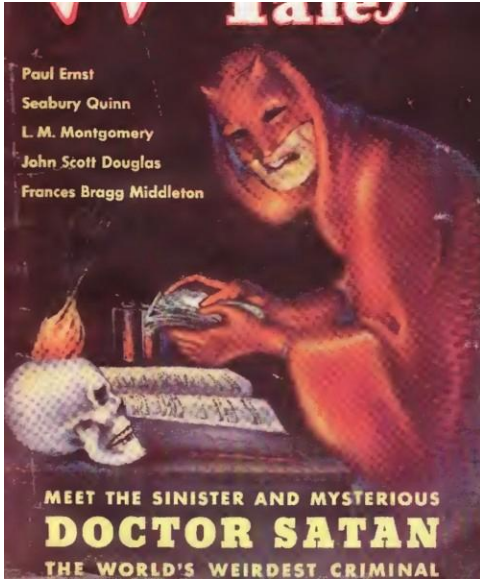
28 I went mourning without indignation; I rose up, and cried in the crowd.

29 I was the brother of dragons, and companion of ostriches.

30 My skin is become black upon me, and my bones are dried up with heat.

31 My harp is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of those that weep.
~ from Job 30, Douay-Rheims English translation

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"Weird" I fully grant you. But "weirdest?" I'm not at all so sure.

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What good is top secret intelligence or information to someone who is blind to the blatantly obvious?

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Unless perhaps a scientific researcher, no intelligent person cares about what they are doing or what they think. And dumb people only care either because they are paid to or else are afraid of them. They then say that because this person ignores and won't honor us, we will beat them up and take them down with violence. As result, the world is turned into hell. But they don't care because this is a way they can make themselves seen as being important.

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As for me, if he can't live his life, he should at least let those who can live theirs.

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Life is often hard and difficult because, let's face it, there is so much to it; and as we get older we learn it contains and implies far more than in our youth we thought it did.

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The favorite reading of young Catholic priests in this day and age, outside of religious related texts, seems to be Lord of the Rings. Their favorites movies, the Star Wars films.

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Hell is the place where people can force themselves on others as long as they have a big enough gang to do so.

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Get him to do all these things wrong in order that they can be sure he will be at least half crazy when they need him to be.

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He says: "This scheme of mine can't fail, only I need more time."

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I will freely admit I am not much better than a child when it comes to discussing geo-political and economic matters, so when thinkers and scholars like E. Michael Jones speak it is time for me to simply be quiet and listen. Though, as mentioned earlier, I might qualify my assent when it comes to certain things he says, most of it makes sense and he really ought to be heard. And even if you don't agree, you are in for quite the valuable education.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vz6nK9TtYfM>

["Goy Guide to World History" - documentary with E. Michael Jones]

For a summary and review of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's previously banned *Two Hundred Years Together*, mentioned in this documentary, see:

See: <https://archive.org/details/RussianAndJews>

While for a very recently uploaded full English translation of that work in .pdf, see:

See: <https://archive.org/details/TwoHundredYearsTogetherByAlexanderSolzhenitsyn>

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[ch. 1]

3. Although the whole world is arranged into offices of different kinds, its condition, nevertheless, is not to be supposed as one of internal discrepancies and discordances; but as our one body is provided with many members, and is held together by one soul, so I am of opinion that the whole world also ought to be regarded as some huge and immense animal, which is kept together by the power and reason of God as by one soul...

...5. But that we may believe in the authority of holy Scripture that such is the case, hear how in the book of Maccabees, where the mother of seven martyrs exhorts her son to endure torture, this truth is confirmed; for she says, "I ask of you, my son, to look at the heaven and the earth, and at all things which are in them, and beholding these, to know that God made all these things when they did not exist." In the book of the Shepherd [of Hermas] also, in the first commandment, he speaks as follows: "First of all believe that there is one God who created and arranged all things, and made all things to come into existence, and out of a state of nothingness." Perhaps also the expression in the Psalms has reference to this: "He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created." For the words, "He spoke, and they were made," appear to show that the substance of those things which exist is meant; while the others, "He commanded, and they were created," seem spoken of the qualities by which the substance itself has been moulded.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [\*On First Principles\*](#), Book II

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THE RITE OF SPRING

The same song, only this version, which is so filled with color and dancing, needs to be seen in Theater mode or full screen to be enjoyed properly.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WP9a-OTn2QA>

["Kalinka." - Concert of the VS Song and Dance Ensemble Loktev in the concert hall named after P.I. Tchaikovsky.]

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[Posted on Face Book]

More Russian collusion on Face Book.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3sISfYjL3w>

["Ivan Rebroff - Kalinka 1985"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

You want purity? This is it.

(By one of my FB friends.) [Kim Aechon from South Korea]

See: <https://m.facebook.com/moviepolka2/videos/1548632928601141/>

I also made an mp3 of this for more convenient listening (right click "Save Link as...")

See: http://www.gunjones.com/Gandalf_n.mp3

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From the archives.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC24GI9V-Cs>

["Carry On Till Tomorrow - Badfinger - Magic Christian Music" - from b/w tv show appearance]

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All right then, TWO can play at that game.

JUST OUT the new edition of:

Visits of the Forgotten: Tales of Mystery and the Supernatural
in Kindle format at:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07PYYWXR8>

For some strange reason, it is taking much longer than usual for amazon to make the paperback version available. Last word from them is that it should be ready in 24-48 hours from now (I am writing this about 2:45 pm PST, 25 March.) Will let you know as soon as it comes out.

For my main amazon.com author page with all my formally published KDP titles, see:

<https://amazon.com/author/gunjones>

Later Note. As of 26 March, pb available at:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1091301042>

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RIP Peter Tork.

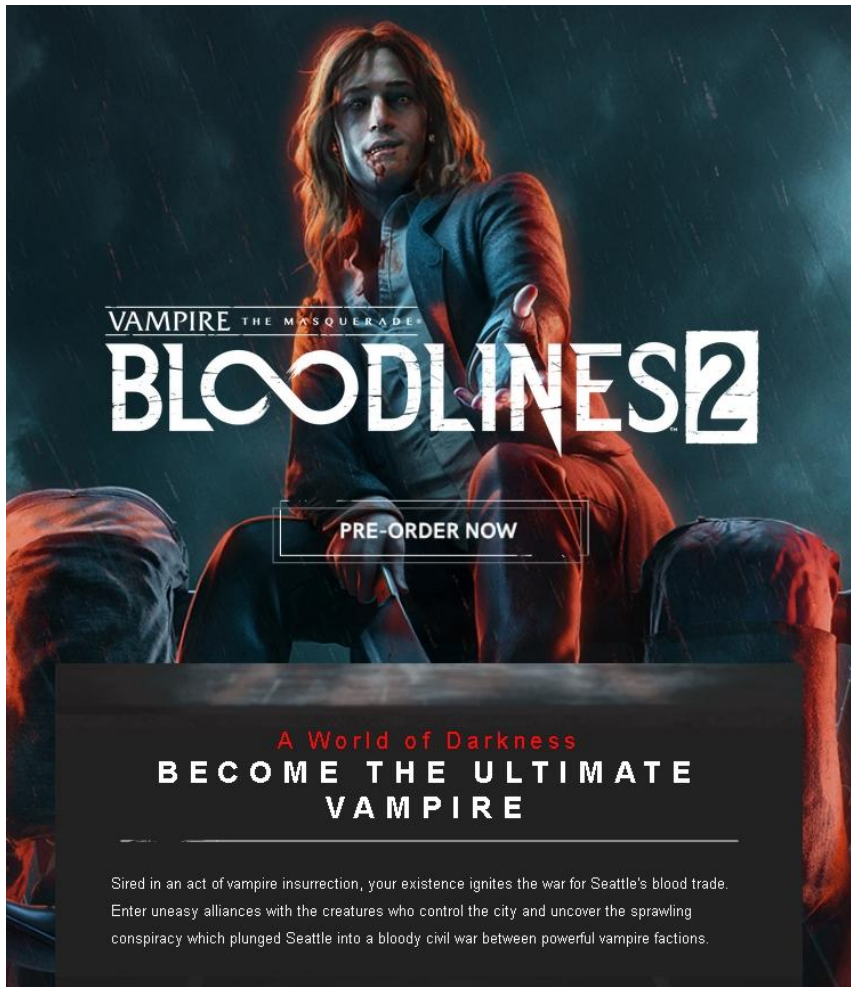
See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFUOnT0ZnUc>

["The Monkees - Steppin' Stone [WideScreen]" - from the tv show]

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After and Before

Well, that's great! (You'd think they could at least have told the rest of us living here in Seattle about all this before.)



See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvZGy-4gdgQ>

["The bluest skies are in Seattle" - Perry Como version]

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[ch. 8]

3. According to our view, there is no rational creature which is not capable both of good and evil. But it does not follow, that because we say there is no nature which may not admit evil, we therefore maintain that every nature has admitted evil, i.e., has become wicked. As we may say that the nature of every man admits of his being a sailor, but it does not follow from that, that every man will become so; or, again, it is possible for every one to learn grammar or medicine, but it is not therefore proved that every man is either a physician or a grammarian; so, if we say that there is no nature which may not admit evil, it is not necessarily indicated that it has done so. For, in our view, not even the devil himself was incapable of good; but although capable of admitting good, he did not therefore also desire it, or make any effort after virtue. For, as we are taught by those quotations which we adduced from the prophets, there was once a time when he was good, when he walked in the paradise of God between the cherubim. As he, then, possessed the power either of receiving good or evil, but fell away from a virtuous course, and turned to evil with all the powers of his mind, so also other creatures, as having a capacity for either condition, in the exercise of the freedom of their will, flee from evil, and cleave to good. There is no nature, then, which may not admit of good or evil, except the nature of God— the fountain of all good things— and of Christ; for it is wisdom, and wisdom assuredly cannot admit folly; and it is righteousness, and righteousness will never certainly admit of unrighteousness; and it is the Word, or Reason, which certainly cannot be made irrational; nay, it is also the light, and it is certain that the darkness does not receive the light. In like manner, also, the nature of the Holy Spirit, being holy, does not admit of pollution; for it is holy by nature, or essential being. If there is any other nature which is holy, it possesses this property of being made holy by the reception or inspiration of the Holy Spirit, not having it by nature, but as an accidental quality, for which reason it may be lost, in consequence of being accidental. So also a man may possess an accidental righteousness, from which it is possible for him to fall away. Even the wisdom which a man has is still accidental, although it be within our own power to become wise, if we devote ourselves to wisdom with the zeal and effort of our life; and if we always pursue the study of it, we may always be participators of

wisdom: and that result will follow either in a greater or less degree, according to the desert of our life or the amount of our zeal. For the goodness of God, as is worthy of Him, incites and attracts all to that blissful end, where all pain, and sadness, and sorrow fall away and disappear.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book I

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Republica - again (I can't help it.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY7ys4MO8j8>

["Republica - Out of the darkness (HD)"]

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*In the days before there was Face Book. (19th century daguerreotype of a Belgian boy with his postcards.)*

*At Random*

It's Saturday morning, and as is oft my wont I thought I would corral up a few jottings from my Note Pad drawer for posting.

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My vote for most all around intelligent lecturer, analyst, historian, philosopher on the internet is author E. Michael Jones and whose YouTube channel is at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqu-4AY-501xV5iCt7dMKQ>

As far as my own reaction to some of what he says, and for the record so to speak, here are comments I posted at two of his YT interviews.

"Although I don't always agree with him, I do most of the time and having been all over YouTube listening to learned lectures I don't know anyone else as or more brilliant and informed. One important point Dr. Jones doesn't do sufficient justice to however is the outstanding and positive cultural and educational contributions many good jews have made, particularly in lifting the spirit in various art forms and music, everyone from George M. Cohan to Leonard Bernstein, Samuel Goldwyn to the Three Stooges (yes the Three Stooges and who by their comedy have probably done more to help restore public sanity than anyone with a doctorate), ubiquitous Greek-Roman classical translator Moses Hadas to Morris R. Cohen, the American Bertrand Russell, and of course many others we know, genuinely love, and are in one way or another greatly indebted to."

"Are jazz, folk, and rock music of themselves to blame or is it their hijacking and misuse? Really when you think about it most anything can be purposely corrupted and used for evil purposes, including for example food, sex, and religion. All that is necessary is for people to be irrational and stupid about whatever it is. I for my part like much rock music and feel I can sift and glean out the kind of junk Dr. Jones mentions from what is good or else might be seen as good if put in a more intelligent context. Which though this admittedly is problematical and not so easy a thing on a society wide level, it need not be so for individuals who think morally and rationally. yes, what Prof. Jones says is mostly true, and I for one am always learning from him. Nevertheless, it is important to make a distinction between the trap and the bait. And rather than throw the baby out with the bath water, perhaps what we also ought to be reminded of is that what makes anything good or bad is its use [i.e., a la Chrysippus .]"

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The New York Times and the Washington Post were blaming the Christ Church shootings in New Zealand on internet social networking, FB, YT, etc. Which makes me wonder did they ever also blame movies like "Killer Elite" or "The Punisher" and gratuitously violent and gruesome video games which glorify shooting people? We do know in any case that back in the day certain pundits used to blame professional wrestling and the Three Stooges for violent behavior.

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Majority opinion or the consensus of others does not by any means necessarily reflect a desire for honest, rational truth.

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You can tell a naturally good musician by their having real, that is unfeigned, fun when playing, whether the song be happy, sad or somewhere in between.

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Modern neo-paganism is not necessarily or so much a rejection of traditional religion as it is a protection racket. You offer tribute to the gods or wear the mark of the beast and you will be permitted to do business, get married, and or be spared being beat up. And yes, such racket is of course tied in with criminal spirit people.

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Often the would be reformers point to the same standard or measure of truth the tyrants do, but it is a false standard and thus appeals to it only undermine the righteousness of their cause.

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They deserve justice because they are innocent; and all the more so and compassion as well because they are feeling creatures.

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How old is the double switch idea? At least as old as the Man in the Iron Mask and Prince and the Pauper.

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What and at last is their greatest defense of excuse?

1. They were forced to do it.
2. They are so dumb you can't blame them for doing it.

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I defy you to tell what individual among his or their followers is a credible person. If there is such a person, tell me who he/she is. (So far no real response on this.)

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It is part of his creed to make things and everyone uglier, and he for his part is doing everything possible that he can.

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Consider the question: To what extent are ALL illnesses and deaths intentionally inflicted on someone?

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All right maybe outer darkness is a bit much, but how about then Boy's Reformatory and where they could learn an honest trade and make something of themselves?

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[ch. 6]

2. Seeing, then, that such is the end, when all enemies will be subdued to Christ, when death—the last enemy— shall be destroyed, and when the kingdom shall be delivered up by Christ (to whom all things are subject) to God the Father; let us, I say, from such an end as this, contemplate the beginnings of things. For the end is always like the beginning: and, therefore, as there is one end to all things, so ought we to understand that there was one beginning; and as there is one end to many things, so there spring from one beginning many differences and varieties, which again, through the goodness of God, and by subjection to Christ, and through the unity of the Holy Spirit, are recalled to one end, which is like the beginning...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book I

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[Posted as a comment on Face Book in response to someone's post regarding 9/11]

Trump is outspoken and has received much press for being pro-Israel, which you think would put him in a good position to get at the truth of 9/11. I love Israel, we all should, so what's wrong then with getting a real investigation going on what really happened?

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XirG-qwMCMc>

["Stone Free - Billy Cox w/Dani Robinson - Greek Theater - Los Angeles CA - Oct 10, 2014"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

*Note.* The word "Lord" will mean different things to different people.

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axePr\\_RLS0o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axePr_RLS0o)

["The Doors - The Soft Parade (Soundstage Performances)"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

It's a shame the audio on this is not better. Oh well, those with good speakers are in luck at any rate.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EL-qZQuQf88>

["Republica - Drop Dead Gorgeous / Ready To Go - Reading Festival 1997"]

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[ch. 7]

2...In the first place, then, let us see what reason itself can discover respecting sun, moon, and stars—whether the opinion, entertained by some, of their unchangeableness be correct—and let the declarations of holy Scripture, as far as possible, be first adduced. For Job appears to assert that not only may the stars be subject to sin, but even that they are actually not clean from the contagion of it. The following are his words: "The stars also are not clean in Your sight." Nor is this to be understood of the splendour of their physical substance, as if one were to say, for example, of a garment, that it is not clean; for if such were the meaning, then the accusation of a want of cleanness in the splendour of their bodily substance would imply an injurious reflection upon their Creator. For if they are unable, through their own diligent efforts, either to acquire for themselves a body of greater brightness, or through their sloth to make the one they have less pure, how should they incur censure for being stars that are not clean, if they receive no praise because they are so?

3...Yet if the stars are living and rational beings, there will undoubtedly appear among them both an advance and a falling back. For the language of Job, "the stars are not clean in His sight," seems to me to convey some such idea.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book I



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[Posted on Face Book]

The price of a Guarneri del Gesù violins can run into the tens of millions of dollars, and throw in Paganini and Salvatore Accardo as well and you get double your money's worth.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9Xph8gnzgY>

["Paganini, Caprice no 24, by S. Accardo on Guarneri del Gesù"]

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#### A GREAT VILLAIN

"When Themistocles was about to sacrifice, close to the admiral's galley, there were three prisoners brought to him, fine looking men, and richly dressed in ornamented clothing and gold, said to be the children of Artayctes and Sandauce, sister to Xerxes. As soon as the seer Euphrantides saw them, and observed that at the same time the fire blazed out from the offerings with a more than ordinary flame, and a man sneezed on the right, which was an intimation of a fortunate event, he took Themistocles by the hand, and bade him consecrate the three young men for sacrifice, and offer them up with prayers for victory to Bacchus the Devourer; so should the Greeks not only save themselves, but also obtain victory. Themistocles was much disturbed at this strange and terrible prophecy, but the common people, who in any difficult crisis and great exigency ever look for relief rather to strange and extravagant than to reasonable means, calling upon Bacchus with one voice, led the captives to the altar, and compelled the execution of the sacrifice as the seer had commanded. This is reported by Phantias the Lesbian [i.e., of the island Lesbos], a philosopher well read in history."  
~ Plutarch, "Themistocles," ch. 13.

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X42LGM4Y1KI>

["Cathy's Theme from "Wuthering Heights" (1939) - Itzhak Perlman and Boston Pops]

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[ch. 6]

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~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [\*On First Principles\*](#), Book I

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Would you possibly be interested in knowing what it is like to actually meet a spirit person?

Many years ago and as child I saw the "Green Acres" episode "The Ballad of Molly Turgiss" (S. 1, ep. 26, 1966). While it didn't exactly frighten me, it did sort of freak me out. In coming back to watch the same now, I am reminded how much it gives a reasonably good depiction of what it is actually like meeting some spirit people; at least those parts of the program where "Molly" is seen in the mirror. The scenes where she is shown full bodied, while perhaps not strictly speaking impossible, are for practical purposes highly unlikely. She doesn't talk, but she does and can react; shows emotion and has facial expressions. Also, spirit people have relatively little color to them, are somewhat transparent, and tend to be rather grayish; at least the many I had visit.

Again, if interested, you can view the episode on amazon.com at:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B004F1HPBM?ref=imdbref_tt_wbr_aiv&tag=imdbtag_tt_wbr_aiv-20
[see episode 26]

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[Posted on Face Book]

"Rock" on!

Two favorite Rachmaninoff pieces, the adagio from Symphony no. 2 and Vocalise. Music that can reach the inmost soul or that soothes the savage beast - take your pick.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNRxHvZDU-Q>  
[Rachmaninov - Symphony No. 2 Op. 27 III. Adagio: Adagio (LSO) - London Symphony Orchestra]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Esu1TUAAcMA>  
[Rachmaninoff conducts Vocalise (Less Noise!)]

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A WAR STRATEGY

I am no expert or very informed person to speak on such things (my thing and own personal experience, as may you know or else see my sundry writings, is with criminal spirit people and brain torture radios), but what he says make sense and sounds credible; no less so when you learn efforts were made to have this talk removed from YT.
Is he wrong? Then prove it (but for cryin'-out-loud don't censor him.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GAmhQKt9vA>
[Christopher Bollyn MA 2017 "Who Really Did 9/11 - PART 1"]

For part 2 see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUevwW0E-zs>
[Christopher Bollyn MA 2017 "Who Really Did 9/11 - PART 2"]

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*P.S.*

[jn.9.41] "Jesus said to them: If you were blind, you should not have sin: but now you say: We see. Your sin remaineth."

Which prompts one to ask: If they see things truly as they claim, why do they not discuss or debate? Or show real willingness to do so?

The answer? Bribing, fooling (including putting out hoax opponents), scaring, and beating people up is much easier. Besides talk is cheap.

Then as matter of course I will be reminded by one or other of his craven followers that he all powerful and invincible.

Yet if that is so, why the need to resort to such low-down in the gutter tactics? And further, what is this business about his concealing his appearance?

Their implied or in effect reply to this?

"Yes, but you would only laugh (i.e., if you saw what he actually looks like.)"

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[ch. 5]

...For if, as some think, he was a nature of darkness, how is Lucifer said to have existed before? Or how could he arise in the morning, who had in himself nothing of the light? Nay, even the Saviour Himself teaches us, saying of the devil, "Behold, I see Satan fallen from heaven like lightning."

...If then they are called opposing powers, and are said to have been once without stain, while spotless purity exists in the essential being of none save the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but is an accidental quality in every created thing; and since that which is accidental may also fall away, and since those opposite powers once were spotless, and were once among those which still remain unstained, it is evident from all this that no one is pure either by essence or nature, and that no one was by nature polluted. And the consequence of this is, that it lies within ourselves and in our own actions to possess either happiness or holiness; or by sloth and negligence to fall from happiness into wickedness and ruin, to such a degree that, through too great proficiency, so to speak, in wickedness (if a man be guilty of so great neglect), he may descend even to that state in which he will be changed into what is called an "opposing power."

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book I

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*Blacklisted? Aw shucks!*

If you have it in your power to do things up right, you would now wouldn't you? Yet some clearly have such power, but do not do so because they get that power from those who purposely do things wrong. Till it reaches a point where you cannot be respectable without his approval, and as you know only respectable people are allowed to participate in the great movement to save us all.

He has problems. (Boy, does he have problems.) His idea then of a solution? Continually cause someone else problems who is not a party member and or has it too good, or if need be take it out on a party member as well. He flogs them on in order that they might all the more do wrong and misbehave; till at last the entire globe is so whipped.

If then you are less than pleased at not being permitted to be happy (at least more than is allowed), you can thank his good buddy the beloved Chemosh for THAT. Even so, he resents my criticism and argues and has argued "all right, but how else did you ever expect me to be rich and get a girlfriend?" Now how's THAT for "living?"

My view is simply this: The day they forced themselves on another (or others) - and refused to desist in the face of all entreaty - THAT was the day any INTELLIGENT person would have realized that all claim of divinity on their part was utterly and completely bogus. As for the rest, what persuades a herd greater than fear and presents?

The world never was as it was but that SOMEONE (yes SOMEONE) decided it be that way, so that things well might have been completely different had people chosen differently.

And that I submit and in my opinion is the whole business in a nutshell and the origin of all evil deserving of the name - let reformers, politicians, activists, social scientists, generals and churchmen carry on as they will to save the world.

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[Posted on Face Book]

"Less than" video quality, but Del himself is looking and sounding good.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDx4RxLiX1k>

["del shannon - runaway" - Del performing in Australia on the midday show]

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[Posted on Face Book]

Here's a great instrumental version of the same from earlier; though I recommend just the listening, not much of a viewing show. For which reason also I made an .mp3 with the dead air portions edited out, and which can be downloaded below.

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fT\\_KXdQTpo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fT_KXdQTpo)

["Fireball XL5 - Guitar Instrumental (Free Tab available)" - Neville Worthington]

See: [http://www.gunjones.com/FireballXL5\\_Instrumental.zip](http://www.gunjones.com/FireballXL5_Instrumental.zip)

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"O tempora o mores"

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Co6e0nbiog>

["Dyan Cannon, David Hemmings and John Phillip Law fight to the death..." - scene from "The Love Machine" (1971)]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Dj3zNILk34>

["All I Have To Do Is Dream" - Patty Duke from the album "Patty"]

*Later Note.*

All right if you insist. But the rockin' guitar version ONLY.

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

["The Patty Duke Show (1963-1966) Theme Song (Season Three Version)"]

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[ch. 2]

4. This Son, accordingly, is also the truth and life of all things which exist. And with reason. For how could those things which were created live, unless they derived their being from life? Or how could those things which are, truly exist, unless they came down from the truth? Or how could rational beings exist, unless the Word or reason had previously existed? Or how could they be wise, unless there were wisdom? But since it was to come to pass that some also should fall away from life, and bring death upon themselves by their declension— for death is nothing else than a departure from life— and as it was not to follow that those beings which had once been created by God for the enjoyment of life should utterly perish, it was necessary that, before death, there should be in existence such a power as would destroy the coming death, and that there should be a resurrection, the type of which was in our Lord and Saviour, and that this resurrection should have its ground in the wisdom and word and life of God. And then, in the next place, since some of those who were created were not to be always willing to remain unchangeable and unalterable in the calm and moderate enjoyment of the blessings which they possessed, but, in consequence of the good which was in them being theirs not by nature or essence, but by accident, were to be perverted and changed, and to fall away from their position, therefore was the Word and Wisdom of God made the Way. And it was so termed because it leads to the Father those who walk along it.

Whatever, therefore, we have predicated of the wisdom of God, will be appropriately applied and understood of the Son of God, in virtue of His being the Life, and the Word, and the Truth and the Resurrection: for all these titles are derived from His power and operations, and in none of them is there the slightest ground for understanding anything of a corporeal nature which might seem to denote either size, or form, or colour; for those children of men which appear among us, or those descendants of other living beings, correspond to the seed of those by whom they were begotten, or derive from those mothers, in whose wombs they are formed and nourished, whatever that is, which they bring into this life, and carry with them when they are born. But it is monstrous and unlawful to compare God the Father, in the generation of His only-begotten Son, and in the substance of the same, to any man or other living thing engaged in such an act; for we must of necessity hold that there is something exceptional and worthy of God which does not admit of any comparison at all, not merely in things, but which cannot even be conceived by thought or discovered by perception, so that a human mind should be able to apprehend how the unbegotten God is made the Father of the only-begotten Son. Because His generation is as eternal and everlasting as the brilliancy which is produced from the sun. For it is not by receiving the breath of life that He is made a Son, by any outward act, but by His own nature.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [*On First Principles*](#), Book I

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*Snowed in as I am in Seattle this morning, I thought I would take the occasion to post a few more jottings...*

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Guess now who ruined life for everyone? I will give you a hint. He's a torturer and does not cease forcing himself on people.

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"Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, 'Prophesy for us, Messiah: who is it that struck you?'"

~ Matthew 26: 67-68

While it is of course not necessary to identify the target of such abuse as Jesus; nevertheless we readily and once again recognize the goomers in its perpetrators.

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These people, after all, are his and as such are a reflection of himself.

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Let's just say honest, rational truth makes them feel uncomfortable.

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By means of dupes and actors, the devil infiltrated the church for purposes of making it look bad. Certain moderns thereafter picked up on this and then go on to say "see everyone how bad, how false the church is."

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Is it only my imagination, or is the god of self-pity and jealousy the most powerful of all gods?

Moreover, he is not really necessary; rather only people think him so. And if you could get him to go, and were yourself otherwise equitable, just and charitable, you would for the most part be reasonably happy. But again, they do think him necessary and this as a result of puerile fear, mind control, irrationality and intimidation.

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"God if you don't like what I am doing, then let's see you go ahead and stop me!"

[no response]

"All right then....come on gang."

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The old woman who said it was so because it was so. I don't know how many times I came across this saying in my reading of old texts, and yet doing a search on the internet I can hardly seem to find it anywhere.

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What is need is a book of quondam mysteries that have been solved, and which describes what happens to people psychologically when what was once a secret is at last revealed.

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They conceive of it as being THAT, but THAT is not properly or at all what it is.

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I came across this book advertising blurb for *The Killer Collective* by Barry Eisler:

"They don't need the law on their side. Vengeance is enough."

To which I say, see here my friend true security comes from just morals and rationally based law and order, not by placating or appeasing the mentality of hoodlums or else paying a protection racket (and yet these last pass for many as the only alternative there is.)

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2...And who in his sound senses ever sought for form, or colour, or size, in wisdom, in respect of its being wisdom? And who that is capable of entertaining reverential thoughts or feelings regarding God, can suppose or believe that God the Father ever existed, even for a moment of time, without having generated this Wisdom?...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [*On First Principles*](#), Book I

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*Some assorted thoughts and reflections for this Friday morning, Feb. 8, 2019*

Let me be clear if I haven't before, I am not against major motion pictures. What I am against are films, or for that matter other works of art or music, that require the approval of or endorsement by the party in order for them to be taken seriously. So strongly do I feel about this that I have reached a point where now I typically and out of hand will reject those works which are so approved or endorsed.

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The Holy Spirit is greater than the Bible, and you can do without the one in a way you cannot possibly do without the other.

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Intimidating as a group, yes, yet not a single credible individual.

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It might as it turns out actually be to England's advantage to raze and dismantle Stonehenge. Certainly, such a measure is one that might at least be seriously considered.

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It is interesting to observe that only under Moses was Israel truly united. After that it was always divided by party lines; and the reigns of David and Solomon were only of a temporary political sort presiding over divisions that despite the undeniable success of those reigns still persisted in abeyance.

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"When Satan fell from Heaven he looked for power in Hell."  
~ Lon Chaney's character in "The Penalty" (1920)

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Why Scooby Doo?

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[Posted on Face Book]



Told you so.

See: <https://nypost.com/2019/02/07/los-angeles-city-hall-is-being-overrun-with-rats/>

This is the result in no small part imo of some using criminal spirit people, much like some athletes use steroids, to advance their empires and careers. There was a similar mass rat outbreak reported in the headlines in Seattle not so long ago.

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*"He trusted in the Lord, let the Lord save him."*

Not nearly so often in recent years as in the past, yet every now and then I take the time here to give you an update of my "situation."

For starters, let's get an idea of the respective combatants.

On the side of the goomers, led by the magician and his humanoid sidekick the (so-called by them) "Speelburg," they have a billion dollar war chest, criminal spirit people, regular hoodlums, technicians, brain torture radios, the full cooperation and or assistance of police, government (including Federal), doctors, lawyers, church, de facto anonymity as to who is in charge, complete denial of anything going on at all, over 25 years to make good (i.e., since 1992) and still they need more time!

versus myself, poisoned, drugged, given diseases - multiple times, physically mutilated, subject to brain torture radios non-stop, dream productions, "ghost face demonism" (one day we will explain what that is), sundry theft and vandalism, living technically on the poverty level, tied down with pets to take care of, and not even a single person all these years to even talk to let alone take my part.

Even so and after all, and though I have continued to lose politically, I have effectively defeated their mind control and terrorism efforts, and not even a peep from anyone about what is going on! You would think I would be getting billions and damages in addition to the Medal of Honor for such a feat as having survived and kept such an army at bay all these decades.

My question then for you naturally is, whose people are these, and that are so absurdly babied and privileged? What was prison ever invented for if not for such as this?

As always, though in over 25 years no one yet has done so, feel free to trying contacting me about all this at:

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And once again for the record, whose office did I personally go to in past years and deliver a report to of my story, and to which I did not receive a response of ANY kind? Why that would be (and not counting those I mailed the same out to):

- \* Patrick J. Adams, Special Agent in Charge Federal Bureau of Investigation Seattle Field Office 1110 Third Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101-2904
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- \* The Honorable Maria Cantwell 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3206 Seattle, WA 98174
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- \* Mayor Gregory J. Nickels 600 4th Avenue Floor 7 PO Box 94726 Seattle, WA 98124-4726

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"...At any rate, to reject entirely the divinity of human virtue, were impious and base; but to mix heaven with earth is foolish. Let us therefore take the safe course and grant, with Pindar, that

"Our bodies all must follow death's supreme behest,
But something living still survives, an image of life, for this alone
Comes from the gods."

"Yes, it comes from them, and to them it returns, not with its body, but only when it is most completely separated and set free from the body, and becomes altogether pure, fleshless, and undefiled. For 'a dry soul is best,' according to Heracleitus, and it flies from the body as lightning flashes from a cloud. But the soul which is contaminated with body, and surfeited with body, like a damp and heavy exhalation, is slow to release itself and slow to rise towards its source. We must not, therefore, violate nature by sending the bodies of good men with their souls to heaven, but implicitly believe that their virtues and their souls, in accordance with nature and divine justice, ascend from men to heroes, from heroes to demi-gods, and from demi-gods, after they have been made pure and holy, as in the final rites of initiation, and have freed themselves from mortality and sense, to gods, not by civic law, but in very truth and according to right reason, thus achieving the fairest and most blessed consummation."

~ Plutarch, "Life of Romulus," 28.

"...[H]e [Theseus] offered himself for inglorious and dishonourable servitude among insolent and cruel men when he volunteered to sail away with maidens and young boys, words cannot depict such courage, magnanimity, righteous zeal for the common good, or yearning for glory and virtue. It is therefore my opinion that the philosophers give an excellent definition of love when they call it 'a ministration of the gods for the care and preservation of the young.'
~ Plutarch, "Comparison of Theseus and Romulus," 1.

Jn. 15.18-19 Si mundus vos odit, scitote quia me priorem vobis odio habuit. Si de mundo fuissetis, mundus quod suum erat diligeret: quia vero de mundo non estis, sed ego elegi vos de mundo, propterea odit vos mundus...
15.25 Sed ut adimpleatur sermo, qui in lege eorum scriptus est: Quia odio habuerunt me gratis.

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..."You will find a divine sense." For he knew that there were within us two kinds of senses: the one mortal, corruptible, human; the other immortal and intellectual, which he now termed divine. By this divine sense, therefore, not of the eyes, but of a pure heart, which is the mind, God may be seen by those who are worthy. For you will certainly find in all the Scriptures, both old and new, the term "heart" repeatedly used instead of "mind," i.e., intellectual power. In this manner, therefore, although far below the dignity of the subject, have we spoken of the nature of God, as those who understand it under the limitation of the human understanding. In the next place, let us see what is meant by the name of Christ.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Book I

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEOytEw79eE>

["Mike Wallis Punch & Judy Clip" - Published on Dec 30, 2013]

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In the "if you haven't seen it already" category -- this past weekend I for the first time saw "Among the Living" (1941) with Albert Dekker, Susan Hayward, Harry Carey, Frances Farmer; which is a great watch insofar that with a novel script, better than average acting, and clever editing and directing, it (for the most part) keeps your interest. On the downside, the characters all tend to be so bad in that they generally have little or no redeeming qualities about them; so that depending on your perspective, the film can be taken as excessively cynical or risibly farcical; yet such jaded misanthropy and tragedy that is somewhat and unintentionally (and intentionally) comical in turn is offset by the film's high degree of implausibility. Both Dekker and Hayward are exceptionally good, and I am now a confirmed Susan Hayward fan. Apparently her more better work was done in the 40s; something I had hitherto missed and did not understand.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCY\\_S1o08UA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCY_S1o08UA)

["Among the Living (1941)"]

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8...For in the little treatise referred to he used the phrase "incorporeal demon" to denote that that form or outline of demoniacal body, whatever it is, does not resemble this gross and visible body of ours; but, agreeably to the intention of the author of the treatise, it must be understood to mean that He had not such a body as demons have, which is naturally fine, and thin as if formed of air (and for this reason is either considered or called by many incorporeal), but that He had a solid and palpable body. Now, according to human custom, everything which is not of that nature is called by the simple or ignorant incorporeal; as if one were to say that the air which we breathe was incorporeal, because it is not a body of such a nature as can be grasped and held, or can offer resistance to pressure.

10. This also is a part of the teaching of the Church, that there are certain angels of God, and certain good influences, which are His servants in accomplishing the salvation of men. When these, however, were created, or of what nature they are, or how they exist, is not clearly stated. Regarding the sun, moon, and stars, whether they are living beings or without life, there is no distinct deliverance.

Every one, therefore, must make use of elements and foundations of this sort, according to the precept, "Enlighten yourselves with the light of knowledge," if he would desire to form a connected series and body of truths agreeably to the reason of all these things, that by clear and necessary statements he may ascertain the truth regarding each individual topic, and form, as we have said, one body of doctrine, by means of illustrations and arguments—either those which he has discovered in holy Scripture, or which he has deduced

by closely tracing out the consequences and following a correct method.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Preface

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Well, THAT figures!

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qzgh6d30cDU&feature=youtu.be>  
[“Night Stalker (1972) - concluding scenes”]

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COMEDY TONIGHT

Oafmore: Now just look at all these popular and interesting features: Cortana, Star Wars museum, Zuckerberg, Potter, Minions, (...on and on.)

Snavely (in chains): Yes, yes, we get all that already. Now can we go?

Oafmore: No, you can't go.

Ruehl: Some would say that in holding him prisoner you are making a human sacrifice out of him.

Oafmore: People can think what they like. Besides if that's what we are doing we have a right to be interesting celebrity people too you know.

Snavely: What kind of interesting celebrity people need to force themselves on others?

Ruehl: He's got a point. I think you should lay off these people like Oliver here.

Oafmore: Impossible.

Ruehl: Why impossible?

Oafmore: Because if we do then they will just ignore us. And after they'll forget us completely!

Snavely: Well all of which proves that for all your ill gotten gain and wealth and empire you are really nothing but a ten time loser!

K-Pax: If it is as bad as all that, we'll ruin your life for sure! So there!

Snavely (to Ruehl): You know how in the old days they used to pay off barbarian hoards to stay home and mind their own business, do you think that possibly...?

(Charlotte Church sings "Somewhere")

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All who believe and are assured that grace and truth were obtained through Jesus Christ, and who know Christ to be the truth, agreeably to His own declaration, “I am the truth,” derive the knowledge which incites men to a good and happy life from no other source than from the very words and teaching of Christ. And by the words of Christ we do not mean those only which He spoke when He became man and tabernacled in the flesh; for before that time, Christ, the Word of God, was in Moses and the prophets. For without the Word of God, how could they have been able to prophesy of Christ?

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [On First Principles](#), Preface

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Moreover, when war is waged, or an enemy attacks, if one be able either to conquer or to be hidden, they are great trophies; but unhappy will he be who shall be taken by them. He loses country and king who has been unwilling to fight worthily for the truth, for his country, or for life. He ought to die rather than go under a barbarian king; and let him seek slavery who is willing to transfer himself to enemies without law. Then, if in warring you should die for your king, you have conquered, or if you have given your hands, you have perished uninjured by law. The enemy crosses the river; hide under your lurking-place; or, if he can enter or not, do not linger. Everywhere make yourself safe, and your friends also; you have conquered. And take watchful care lest any one enter in that lurking-place. It will be an infamous thing if any one declares himself to the enemy. He who knows not how to conquer, and runs to deliver himself up, has weakly foregone praise for neither his own nor his country's good. Then he was unwilling to live, since life itself will perish. If any one is without God, or profane from the enemy, they have become as sounding brass, or deaf as adders: such men ought abundantly to pray or to hide themselves.

~ Commodianus (c. 250 A.D.), [On Christian Discipline](#)

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*THE REAL ROOT OF ALL (modern) EVIL?*

"The best things in life are free  
But you can keep them for the birds and bees  
Now give me money  
That's what I want  
That's what I want, yeah  
That's what I want..."

It has been a long standing belief with me that there should be a cap on how much material wealth a person can possess. Let's say and for the moment, let's make that cap at one hundred million dollars, with any more income that person takes in or produces to go to business, communal investment and or charity, When I have raised this proposal before, some have reacted in horror, thinking it an unthinkable idea. Why so? Why should it be? Why should ANYONE possibly need more personally than a hundred million dollars? Honestly, I just can't see why they would.

I bring this up now because earlier today some of the goomers were insinuating that I myself was jealous of someone who, as it were, had all the money. This simply was in no way true, nor was it ever so. Not only that but it got me thinking that it may be the case that allowing people to be billionaires may be seen as perhaps an ultimate cause for the downfall of morals, culture, and society in general. There are a number of ways it could be maintained that this is so; but one argument is that by insisting that insofar as the quantity of wealth is the measure of highest value, things of ordinary or natural value, say a lap top or the beauty of nature, are seen as all the more less of value or even worthless by comparison when compared to, say, billions of dollars. The more one person has exorbitant wealth (going with our earlier 100 million plus figure), the more every other material thing measuring less than that becomes of dramatically less value; till almost all of life itself becomes worthless (compared to billionaire riches); which in turn leads to people taking people and things for granted, leading in turn to more widespread waste, and further as well violent crime and murder as a result.

And once again, believe me, this is not a case of jealousy of envy on my part, as the goomers claimed, but rather what I truly think. For again, why should any individual or family need more than a 100 million dollars? (And of course some naturally would think even this far too much.)

Not surprisingly it seems not unreasonable to conclude that this mentality of people requiring more than a 100 million in personal assets has its origins in the infernal regions and or false heaven, and those who preside there.

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O fool, you do not absolutely die; nor, when dead, do you escape the lofty One. Although you should arrange that when dead you perceive nothing, you shall foolishly be overcome. God the Creator of the world lives, whose laws cry out that the dead are in existence. But you, while recklessly you seek to live without God, judge that in death is extinction, and think that it is absolute. God has not ordered it as you think, that the dead are forgetful of what they have previously done. Now has the governor made for us receptacles of death, and after our ashes we shall behold them. You are stripped, O foolish one, who thinks that by death you are not, and has made your Ruler and Lord to be able to do nothing. But death is not a mere vacuity, if you reconsider in your heart. You may know that He is to be desired, for late you shall perceive Him. You were the ruler of the flesh; certainly flesh ruled not you. Freed from it, the former is buried; you are here. Rightly is mortal man separated from the flesh. Therefore mortal eyes will not be able to be equalled (to divine things). Thus our depth keeps us from the secret of God. Give now, while in weakness you are dying, the honour to God, and believe that Christ will bring you back living from the dead. You ought to give praises in the church to the omnipotent One. ~ Commodianus (c. 250 A.D.), [On Christian Discipline](#)

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#### *TO THE UNKNOWN GOD*

That someone should necessarily like or agree with me, I can and would not insist upon. But on the other hand, and if he sees himself as an opponent or rival, why is it from the beginning and after more than two decades he (or else appointed minion) can't face or otherwise meet me in open discussion or debate?

Not only that, but I ask you in all candor, is THIS anyway for someone to treat his baby sitter?

He likens himself to God, but persistent secretiveness and or dishonesty you know bespeak darkness in the soul. Not only that, but if you were finally and at last allowed to do so, how hard would it be actually to forget him? In all my experience with him, and as much as anything else, I would say he was good for one haunted house and a myriad of giant tv screens in Times Square, and that's about it.

Yes, I would indeed say moreover he SHOULD mind his own business. How can one not think this a very good idea? And after all, what need has he really for getting himself more guilty than he already is? (I fail to see.)

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