

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); 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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*And Why Not?*

I am, at heart and indeed, a *very* happy person, only and in truth it must be said *these* stupid people are *always* killing me (and have been doing so non-stop and systematically for over the last 28 years.)

Which and other things prompted me to realize that one of the things that decisively separates my opponents from myself is simply this, and which I might, in a given instance, express to someone this way:

"Will you or will you not agree to be fundamentally (i.e., at minimum 90-95%+ of the time) honest, truthful, and rationally consistent? If not, I cannot remain long in waiting for you to be so. However, if you do later change your mind -- let me know. Until then and otherwise, you and I are and ultimately living in completely and entirely separate and different worlds, and when it comes right down to it."

Where is happiness? Does it exist? Rest assured it is somewhere, but that somewhere can only be where the honest, just or innocent dwell. The perfection of all this, of course, rests with God. But insofar as we have a means and say in this, the aforesaid terms and conditions are a necessary part of and the best that *we* can do and attain under the circumstances.

Meanwhile consider as well. Is it not the case that the two sorts of persons who most make life unbearable are:

1. The one who avoids honest rational discourse, including debate, and resorts instead to frivolously changing the subject, violence, subterfuge, bribery, censorship of disquisition, willful and extravagant distortion and or other crime to settle differences and disputes.
2. The person who indulges and effectively (if not overtly) condones the former (1) doing so for long, ongoing periods?

Now I don't claim that my mere speaking as I do will necessarily win anyone over to my way of thinking. Nor, for that matter, does it lessen my own resolve by a particle on these points if absolutely nobody *is* won over. Yet hopefully some will at least find the above helpful in making it possible to better understand where I am coming from.

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[ch. 12]

But Xenophanes, a native of Colophon, was son of Orthomenes. This man survived to the time of Cyrus. This (philosopher) first asserted that there is no possibility of comprehending anything, expressing himself thus:—

For if for the most part of perfection man may speak,
Yet he knows it not himself, and in all attains surmise.

And he affirms that nothing is generated or perishes, or is moved; and that the universe, being one, is beyond change. But he says that the deity is eternal, and one and altogether homogeneous and limited, and of a spherical form, and endued with perception in all parts...

~ Hippolytus (c. 170–235 A.D.), [Refutation of All Heresies, Book I](#)

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*Hell for Beginners* or "*What's eating Gilbert Grape?*"

(*Note.* I was inspired to write the following after experiencing the violence glorifying and boom box blasting sound systems while browse shopping at "Best Buy.")

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Who is out of fashion? *Everyone*, sooner or later.

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Hell is where people routinely force themselves on others or each other. Why would he need to force himself on others? He explains that if he doesn't force himself on others, people then will just ignore and forget about him.

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Never think of serious terror or of evil of great power without at the same time thinking that there is a person in charge or and commanding the same, while then asking "who" is this person? Where did he come from? What is his history? What motivates him? His rationale for what he does?

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Yes, as well as frighten and bully, great evil can help and do you kind and generous favors.

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They seek social equality and political, yes, but with virtually all reduced to the lowest, third world common denominator, that is with respect to level of culture, intellect, and education; except that is for a tiny minority of the most rich and affluent, and their henchmen and or technicians, and who hold sway way far high above all these rest.

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What is Dead Man's Doom? He did so many cruel and evil things that at some point one of his victims will inevitably return to stalk and come after him; so that he must regularly look over his shoulder to prevent being taken by surprise. The only question is, WHICH victim will it be?

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Until you get their opinion or take on criminal spirit people, never fully trust *anyone* who acts or pretends to speak as authority.

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[Posted on Face Book]

I saw Sarah Brightman do this Andrew Lloyd Weber number on her "Christmas Symphony" pay per view stream last Sunday, and hers and (here) Cilla Black's smoothed over takes are MUCH better than the somewhat frantic glockenspiel tenor of some of the original versions. The bit with the kids in this video is probably a bit too corny, but you do get the good song.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vl2auLMVIRc>

["CILLA BLACK SINGS "A CHRISTMAS DREAM"]

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"We shall find on the lower reaches of the Po," he said, "several armed vessels belonging to the police, and I shall manage to avoid them." Ten times at least they were obliged to hide among little islets flush with the water, covered with willows. Three times they set foot on shore in order to let the boat drift past the police vessels empty. Lodovico took advantage of these long intervals of leisure to recite to Fabrizio several of his sonnets. The sentiments were true enough, but were so to speak blunted by his expression of them, and were not worth the trouble of putting them on paper; the curious thing was that this ex-coachman had passions and points of view that were vivid and picturesque; he became cold and commonplace as soon as he began to write. "It is the opposite of what we see in society," thought Fabrizio; "people know nowadays how to express everything gracefully, but their hearts have nothing to say." He realised that the greatest pleasure he could give to this faithful servant would be to correct the mistakes in spelling in his sonnets. ~ Stendhal, *The Charterhouse of Parma* (1839), ch. 11.

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[ch. 57]

...We are much more concerned lest we should be ungrateful to God, who has loaded us with His benefits, whose workmanship we are, who cares for us in whatever condition we may be, and who has given us hopes of things beyond this present life. And we have a symbol of gratitude to God in the bread which we call the Eucharist. Besides, as we have shown before, the demons have not the control of those things which have been created for our use; we commit no wrong, therefore, when we partake of created things, and yet refuse to offer sacrifices to beings who have no concern with them. Moreover, as we know that it is not demons, but angels, who have been set over the fruits of the earth, and over the birth of animals, it is the latter that we praise and bless, as having been appointed by God over the things needful for our race; yet even to them we will not give the honour which is due to God. For this

would not be pleasing to God, nor would it be any pleasure to the angels themselves to whom these things have been committed. Indeed, they are much more pleased if we refrain from offering sacrifices to them than if we offer them; for they have no desire for the sacrificial odours which rise from the earth.

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

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### COMIC BOOKS I HAVE KNOWN

Growing up in the 60s and early 70s, I rarely bought comic books except for "Classics Illustrated," and which today are probably my favorite. Comics, such as those by DC and Marvel, we sometimes came by, but we knew Batman and Spiderman more through tv shows, toys and merchandise rather than the publications themselves; though for a time in the 70s, I did actually subscribe to "Tomb of Dracula" and "Werewolf by Night" for about a year.

Fast forward to 2019+, and with a ten inch Kindle Fire tablet one can download and read no end of comics for free (though some, like "Spiderman," you have to purchase.) In a way this is a dream come true because, as said, in the old days and generally we simply didn't have the time and money for them. Also comics make for great reading when I am lying in bed extremely tired (i.e., too tired to do normal reading), or else I want to read something very light if I happen to wake up in the middle of the night and can't sleep.

Having sifted through the various choices, the following is my present comic book reading of choice, or my "the best of the best" list. While I did pick up "Batman" and "Spiderman" collections for nostalgia reasons, and while they do have their worthwhile points in that respect, super hero stories I ordinarily don't find very interesting, because the action invariably boils down to a fisted or else super powers fight between the hero(es) and villain.

So for the record:

\* "Classics Illustrated," Gilberton Publishing, 1941-1973

<https://archive.org/details/classicillustrated>

\* "Adventures Into The Unknown," American Comics Group / ACG, 1948-1967

<https://comicbookplus.com/?cid=873>

\* "Forbidden Worlds," American Comics Group / ACG, 1951-1967

<https://comicbookplus.com/?cid=874>

*Note.* Both "AITU" and "FW" have some quite imaginative and inventive tales that, as far as plots go, often would do extremely well as conventionally written and printed short stories (i.e., without the pictures).

\* "Uncle Scrooge" (i.e., "McDuck," Disney)

early versions, first 200 issues, circa 1953-early 60s

specifically: Dell (#1-39), Gold Key (#40-173), Whitman (#174-209)

<https://getcomics.info/other-comics/uncle-scrooge-1-404-complete/>

*Note.* These "Uncle Scrooge" comics are especially well drawn, frequently funny, and the stories themselves often surprisingly clever and amusing.

Special mention can be made of "The Vault of Horror" (1950-1955), "Tales from the Crypt" (1950-1955) and "The Haunt of Fear" (1950-1954); put out by Entertaining Comics (aka EC Comics). Although they are typically quite and outlandishly gruesome, the stories despite this can be hilariously funny; and indeed are accurate in depicting the ludicrous, tit for tat rationale of some hardcore criminal spirit people and their hench persons. For example, a woman is angry with the local butcher for providing poor quality meat. Her solution? Chop him up for better! It sounds ridiculous, and it is. In fact some of the illustrators and writers of the EC comics, such as Jack Davis, went on to do *Mad* magazine immediately afterward. I obtained my copy of what is available of these comics on a data DVD disk I bought on ebay (and in which manner and where it may generally be more convenient for some to acquire comics and other periodicals, i.e., instead of downloading them online.)

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For a comic book or .cbr file reader, you can download CDisplay free at:

<http://www.cdisplay.me/>

Setting comics up on a Kindle Fire can take some doing, but it is worth it. Typically what I do is 1) download the comics to a folder on my laptop; 2) zip or compress that folder; 3) upload it to my Google Drive; 4) download the zipped folder to my Kindle Fire from Google Drive; 5) unzip the folder there.

The software I use on the Kindle Fire is "Easy File Manager" (for unzipping) and "ComiCat" (Comic Reader/Viewer by Meanlabs Software) both of which you can obtain from Amazon.com



[ch. 52]

...And let all men know that the good shall be advanced to a higher state, and that the wicked shall be delivered over to sufferings and torments, in punishment of their licentiousness and depravity, their cowardice, timidity, and all their follies.

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



"He's there...the Phantom of the Opera..." (for fun)

"You're not supposed to tell the secret of the secret tree fort."

The most childish people in the world, the goomer people. Hitting those tana leaves again I see. Now I know there has to be "a" devils and hell, but why must the devils and hell be you?

"Look, PLEASE mind you own business," I say, "...I mean, it would mean so MUCH to me."

But he won't do it. Owing to self-pity, rancor, and fear of embarrassment, they had to take matters into their own hands and, as need be, get violent about it. So that yes it probably would be a good thing for them to desist and get out of the way of our communicating with others. However and as it stands, it is extremely unlikely they will ever agree to this.

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"These viruses, potential viruses, and epidemics certainly do affect matters of global importance."

Well do you know someone qualified to address matters of global importance, indeed, world governance?

"Well how about Bill Gates?"

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What is "cancel culture?" Quite simply, people selling off the common heritage, art, and culture to the devil for money and privilege.

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For comparison, when did one ever find a tank that was also a submarine, and an airplane, and a sports car? Supposed or so-called "gods" are like that. They can't be everything.

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Much of big tech and similar is not so much malicious, anti-morality and against equal opportunity freedom because they are themselves or inherently so; rather it is because many among them had to make deals with the devil (like Goethe's high-minded and well-meaning Faust) in order to achieve their success. As they see it, they are merely being necessarily practical, not evil.

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A true story: An 8 year old boy and friend of the neighbor's 6 year old son (saying this quite sincerely and innocently): "Thanks for the peanuts, Jasper."



I caught a thought provoking debate on Bitchute this evening between E. Michael Jones and Christopher Jon Bjerknæs, hosted by Adam Green of "Know More News," on the nature of Christianity, and which if interested you can check out at <https://www.bitchute.com/video/Kuc8BMjahcEj/>

In passing, I left a brief comment (my own two cents) in response there on the boards as follows:

"It is for Christians to define Christianity, not secularists, atheists, or other religions. By nature, it is a faith, a religion, not a science or sociological ideology. CJB denies the possible validity of Christianity, how then can he be the one who defines it? Clearly only in manner that it must be rejected. Meantime, what does CJB himself believe? We know what he doesn't like. What is it then he does? Atheistical, secular humanitarianism? Compare this then to rational Christianity, and see which is more consistent and credible. Incidentally, that Christ -- of his OWN choice -- sacrificed himself to 'Satan' does in no way impugn him. It would be like someone sacrificing himself in order to free hostages held by a kidnapper. God did not need the sacrifice (God does not NEED anything), 'Satan' needed it in order to cut the deal. We were in 'Satan's' power, because WE had made a deal with him."

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Yesterday I was in the process of converting some vinyl LPs to mp3. Everything was going perfectly well, till I came to this track of Henry Purcell songs from "The Baroque Era: The Story of Great Music," Time Life Records; when for no apparent reason I could not get the software to record properly, despite trying many times. ALL the other LPs and tracks recorded (some 4 in all) just fine. Honestly, it was as if the thing was haunted when it came this single one. I finally came up with a work around using different *hardware*. The audio then is not *quite* as good as it would have been, but will do otherwise and even so (though lower the volume somewhat to cut out reverb.)

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCl_s1kxK_Q

["Let Us Wander" & "Lost is My Quiet," Purcell, de los Angeles, Fischer-Dieskau"]

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All, right, all right -- one more for the road (but do note the cigarette.)

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB2cF2-\\_v7g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB2cF2-_v7g)

[""Fleur D'Amour" (1930) Frank Fay"]

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[ch. 20]

There are, then, among the righteous some who are carbuncles, others sapphires, others jaspers, and others crystals, and thus there is among the righteous every kind of choice and precious stone. As to the spiritual meaning of the different stones—what is their nature, and to what kind of soul the name of each precious stone especially applies—we cannot at present stay to examine.

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

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Oh yes, and did I happen to mention? I'd rather be a *happy* person.

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

["Jan 26, 1929 - Children's Vaudeville/Talent Show in Long Beach, California (real sound)"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmW4hHoirjc>

["All I Do Is Think About You" - Tammi Terrell]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJ0eob8S-FQ>

["The Psychedelic Furs - Run and Run (Official Video)"]

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[ch. 18]

And every one who imitates Him [Christ] according to his ability, does by this very endeavour raise a statue according to the image of the Creator, for in the contemplation of God with a pure heart they become imitators of Him. And, in general, we see that all Christians strive to raise altars and statues as we have described them and these not of a lifeless and senseless kind and not to receive greedy spirits intent upon lifeless things, but to be filled with the Spirit of God who dwells in the images of virtue of which we have spoken, and takes His abode in the soul which is conformed to the image of the Creator. Thus the Spirit of Christ dwells in those who bear, so to say, a resemblance in form and feature to Himself. And the Word of God, wishing to set this clearly before us, represents God as promising to the righteous, "I will dwell in them, and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." And the Saviour says, "If any man hear My words, and do them, I and My Father will come to him, and make Our abode with him." Let any one, therefore, who chooses compare the altars which I have described with those spoken of by Celsus, and the images in the souls of those who worship the Most High God with the statues of Pheidias, Polycleitus, and such like, and he will clearly perceive, that while the latter are lifeless things, and subject to the ravages of time, the former abide in the immortal spirit as long as the reasonable soul wishes to preserve them.

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

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PSHAW!

"Do you mean then to say that the Magician and Layne were themselves tricked and fooled by this person from outer space?"

- a) fool's gold
- b) real gold

* So and therefore (and as per the Magician explicitly saying so himself):
the truth is not allowed.

If it is violence it is not reason. Yes, the violence may be based on reason -- perhaps, a very great and important reason (again perhaps) -- but it is still only violence.

Ask yourself this very simple question: These people who impress, awe, intimidate you, can they face Sherman?

They recruit or intimidate with fear, bribes, trickery and mind control, and then having garnered massive support *in this way* say they are divinely ordained. So that now *their* interest is supposed to be *our* interest.

If that is how it is, then what I want to know is what do you have to do to get away from these people?

What *would* I say if I actually *met*? (First, *almost as if*, to take hold of and make off with her.) "Oh yes, this is what I want. I want one of *these*." (Just *joking*, Greta, et al.)

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[ch. 12]

...Again He says, "I am the truth;" and surely none of us is so simple as to suppose that truth did not exist before the time when Christ appeared. We worship, therefore, the Father of truth, and the Son, who is the truth; and these, while they are two, considered as persons or subsistences, are one in unity of thought, in harmony and in identity of will. So entirely are they one, that he who has seen the Son, "who is the brightness of God's glory, and the express image of His person," has seen in Him who is the image of God, God Himself.

Jesus is, then, not the leader of any seditious movement, but the promoter of peace. For He said to His disciples, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you;" and as He knew that it would be men of the world, and not men of God, who would wage war against us, he added, "Not as the world gives peace, do I give peace unto you."

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

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"Life, the great adventure." (Meanwhile while we're waiting...)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjK28PbmHK8>

["conclusion to String Quartet no. 3, Philip Glass, Kronos Quartet"]

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*Oh, sure, I don't mind...*

The Mystery of Willoughby's attraction explained:

- a) Because they pity him (in a motherly way.)
- b) It will be easier to control and have power over him; since his stupidity makes him weak.

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Unless you are something like a pure innocent, that is the way children and animals are, how can one be said to be good in any meaningful way unless they are (and duly):

- a) courageous
- b) honest
- c) rational
- d) without false pride
- e) and have a fundamentally just and true sense of what is beautiful.

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The idea is that when all is said and done, and despite their best trying, they can't win REALLY, or in a way that makes it worth the while. So the obvious conclusion becomes they must GET this person (i.e., who can or is capable of succeeding.) Similarly "we can't stand this person not being fooled by what we are doing (as everyone else is.) So let's get him." In addition, you often find in them a tendency to taint and hybridize things; joining that which is good with what most obviously isn't. So in the end? THESE PEOPLE? If you knew the truth and although claimed to be like unto gods (i.e., when one or other of them is not pretending to be God), and again when all is said and done, by far the greatest power they have is if we don't feel sorry for them we will get into trouble for it.

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"Hail hooligan, master of amazing powers, all hail!" There, I said it, now can I go?

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That he is willing to put his immortal soul on the line just and merely to get attention makes him highly dangerous.

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When we look honestly and more deeply to God the Creator's perfection, it permits us in some measure to be distracted from and overlook our own and many imperfections.



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While Jesus allowed, indeed complemented, the unjust steward to embezzle in light of his relinquishing Heaven, this did not justify the thief in raping, molesting or otherwise physically forcing himself on anyone.

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Good advice I heard: Pray regularly if only to keep your mind and thoughts clean, and to remember those whom you should remember (but don't always.)

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When I asked [the cat](#) (whose name happens to be "Lion") which stories he most preferred, I distinctly heard him tell me he likes those of or concerning Felix, Mighty Mouse, Rudolph, and or Uncle Wiggily.

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[ch. 10]
But that the honour which we pay to the Son of God, as well as that which we render to God the Father, consists of an upright course of life, is plainly taught us by the passage, "You that makest your boast of the law, through breaking the law do you dishonour God?" and also, "Of how much sorer punishment, do you suppose, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" For if he who transgresses the law dishonours God by his transgression, and he who treads under foot the word treads under foot the Son of God, it is evident that he who keeps the law honours God, and that the worshipper of God is he whose life is regulated by the principles and precepts of the divine word...
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book VIII

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(more) old school

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42FTiZzIvpU>

["Feste's Song from "Twelfth Night"" - from the 1970 ITV production]

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[ch. 9]
...He who honours the Son, who is the Word and Reason, acts in nowise contrary to reason, and gains for himself great good; he who honours Him, who is the Truth, becomes better by honouring truth: and this we may say of honouring wisdom, righteousness, and all the other names by which the sacred Scriptures are wont to designate the Son of God.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book VIII

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#### *NEW FRONTIERS IN MEDICINE*

People who want to pool everyone's lives, wealth, and resources into one fund, which fund THEY then will decide how it will be allocated, and equitably distributed. And yet how will they decide? How do they determine what is for the best for all concerned? DO they care about QUALITY of life? What do they think quality of life to be?

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Do not assume the "devil" is only with the Left or the Right. He is with both, the only difference of one of degree and if people are not more careful, this (in a given instance) lop-sided proportionality can change dramatically and shift from one side to the other.

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I have reached a point where I don't say (hard core) criminal spirit people are evil. What I say now is Evil by its very nature is criminal spirit people, and that which follows from their doings, schemes, and activities.

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So called "demonic possession," which subject although frequently mentioned in the gospels few Christians do or can address intelligently, I have written about in my New Treatise, [Somers Mutiny article](#), and at various times over the years at this website. The question then once again being asked: How (in my opinion) would I cast out so called demons (or sprites)? Take and expose the person closely to or something like the violent metallic vibrations of a jack hammer. There are other ways, but this I think is among the most effective, certainly and at least as a short term solution.

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Consciously or unconsciously (i.e., out of irrationality) a hypocrite, he thinks himself independent but is and necessarily needs be licensed by the party.

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I said it before, I will say it again: If these people had the value that they claim or imply, they would not need to force themselves on others.

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When one makes friends or common cause with criminal spirit people (say, for what they see as their own self-protection), they are by necessary implication agreeing to human and animal sacrifice of some kind.

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A soldier would not be scared or frightened. And those who have the power not to be frightened or intimidated should never trust ANY spirit person over honest, just and right reasoning.

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Are they calculating? Yes, they are calculating.

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When or if the church can't or won't help you, help the church.

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OPERATION HAPPINESS, or In pursuance of our common and general cause

Within the past year I downloaded two unique and special films from YouTube but which at present are no longer available there. As a sort of favor then to such who might be interested, I have created a temporary downloads of these in .mp4 (zipped), and which I will leave up for about a week and then take down.

The films in question are "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1939) with Louis Hayward and directed by the inimitable James Whale, and "Stop Press Girl" (1949) with Sally Ann Howes.

Both movies could stand some signal improvement over all, and have undeniable and obvious flaws. But this said and otherwise they shine or dazzle in their parts. In the case of "Mask" that would be, of course, Whale's direction, sumptuous staging, and Louis Hayward in the dual roles of Louis and Philippe Bourbon. In fact Hayward is SO good, that I actually think if you watch him in this film it will take ten years off your age; his energy and dash are so constant and infectious. As for "Stop Press Girl," the running joke gets old very quickly, however Sally Ann Howes herself has occasions to be unusually funny, and which saves the picture.

["The Man in the Iron Mask"\(1939\)](#) 679 MBs

["Stop Press Girl" \(1949\)](#) 500 MBs

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[Posted on Face Book]

*Note.* An unknown "someone" has seen fit to remove some four posts to YouTube music links I put up here recently. I mention this only to let it be known it wasn't me. As a matter of record, three of the links were [from latest to oldest]:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8QIbXaw2IY>

["Jeff Macauley "Where Did The Gentleman Go? The Songs of Bobby Troup & The Life of Scotty Bowers"]  
To which was attached the comment: "Rascals, would you live forever!" ~ Alte Fritz.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x38EpApYWB0>

["The Supremes - Somewhere [The Hollywood Palace - 1966]"]  
To which was attached the comment: aka (from left to right) "Faith, Hope, and Charity."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKG32jNF-ck>

["Bob Dylan - Autumn Leaves"]

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O.K. now for example, here's one from "The Capture of Grizzly Adams" (1982).



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Happy Halloween everybody!

(Almost exactly two weeks now, and not a word from *anyone*. Not a peep! That it would seem can only mean one thing. Oh well then, so here goes...)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeTeS5O4aB4>

["Gluck, "J'ai perdu mon Eurydice" from "Orphée et Eurydice" (1774), Simoneau"]

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Oh yes, even Russians, etc., etc. (It's true.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtxwKv0F4b0>

["Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 - mvt 2, Abbado: CSO"]

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As a bonus extra --

Now THIS was *someone else's* idea (but which, and to wrap things up, we can share also. And please everyone, it's *just a movie*.)

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

["Ten Minutes Ago" - 1965]

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I SAY NO!

Myself: And aiding and abetting an absolutely notorious hooligan group. I am writing all this down. If it was only having sins be forgiven, would not that of itself be sufficient grounds and proof? We could do this. We could do that. We could do this other. etc. But as usual you say we can't. Why? Because this person whose identity we are not permitted to know says so. I believe the term is niggardly, correct?

A.L.: But where's your proof?

Myself: All right. For starters, is not this one of the very sweetest voices you ever heard? Funny, she's funny even in still photographs, by which intelligent people know what a more than superior actress she is. In addition to this, can it not be said she embodies and represents SEVERAL crucial and important things.

A.L.: And what would these be?

Myself: That peculiar and delicious charm of a past era now completely lost, not to mention such like her who are no longer with us. Granted she's not all the greatest shakes NOW. But honestly, does it not out and out kill you that others got to see her back then when we didn't (in that way)? And yes, and as for YOU, and outside of all that is holy, what do you think all THIS is anyway? Yes I AM shouting at you. This guy is in howling agony, or at least a very pronounced whimpering, an acknowledgement of receipt doesn't seem like much to ask. The simple fact is the thing was not possible without you, and was else and otherwise just a jumbled pile of fragments.

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First let me say that although the song itself is very good, I have yet to hear a GREAT version of it. This try, from the 1946 biography of composer Jerome Kern, has a few problems, including the gimmicky use of umbrellas in the dance. But at least we get to hear the song.

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uu\\_95MjrgPw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uu_95MjrgPw)

["Till The Clouds Roll By (1946) - June Allison & Ray Mc Donald "Till The Clouds Roll By""]

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A: What am I to do?

B: What are you to do? Cyrano de Bergerac writes you...

A: Cyrano de Bergerac?

B: Yes, I got the idea from E. Michael Jones. Well anyway, you are to play the part of a most beautiful woman, and I want you to use all your *very best* acting ability for it. For you see Cyrano has fallen madly in love with you.

A: I'm not altogether sure...

B: What! Would you rather play Eurydice, get bit by a snake, and have our hero have to go to Hell to come after you?

A: I see what you mean.



[Posted earlier on Face Book]

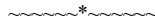
See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmEeIY9690A>

["Syd Barrett /Pink Floyd - Arnold Layne" – 1967, contemporary b&w video with Barrett and group]



"...Though sweet the numbers, though a fire divine
Dart through the whole, and burn in every line,
Who strives not for that excellence he draws,
Is stain'd by fame, and suffers from applause."

~ Edward Young (1683-1765), "A Letter to Mr. Tickell, Occasioned by the Death of the Right Hon. Joseph Addison, Esq., 1719."



[ch. 68]

After all that we have already said concerning Jesus, it would be a useless repetition for us to answer these words of Celsus: "It is easy to convict them of worshipping not a god, not even demons, but a dead person." Leaving, then, this objection for the reason assigned, let us pass on to what follows: "In the first place, I would ask why we are not to serve demons? Is it not true that all things are ordered according to God's will, and that His providence governs all things? Is not everything which happens in the universe, whether it be the work of God, of angels, of other demons, or of heroes, regulated by the law of the Most High God? Have these not had assigned them various departments of which they were severally deemed worthy? Is it not just, therefore, that he who worships God should serve those also to whom God has assigned such power? Yet it is impossible, he says, for a man to serve many masters." Observe here again how he settles at once a number of questions which require considerable research, and a profound acquaintance with what is most mysterious in the government of the universe. For we must inquire into the meaning of the statement, that "all things are ordered according to God's will," and ascertain whether sins are or are not included among the things which God orders. For if God's government extends to sins not only in men, but also in demons and in any other spiritual beings who are capable of sin, it is for those who speak in this manner to see how inconvenient is the expression that "all things are ordered by the will of God." For it follows from it that all sins and all their consequences are ordered by the will of God, which is a different thing from saying that they come to pass with God's permission. For if we take the word "ordered" in its proper signification, and say that "all the results of sin were ordered," then it is evident that all things are ordered according to God's will, and that all, therefore, who do evil do not offend against His government. And the same distinction holds in regard to "providence." When we say that "the providence of God regulates all things," we utter a great truth if we attribute to that providence nothing but what is just and right. But if we ascribe to the providence of God all things whatsoever, however unjust they may be, then it is no longer true that the providence of God regulates all things, unless we refer directly to God's providence things which flow as results from His arrangements. Celsus maintains also, that "whatever happens in the universe, whether it be the work of God, of angels, of other demons, or of heroes, is regulated by the law of the Most High God." But this also is incorrect; for we cannot say that transgressors follow the law of God when they transgress; and Scripture declares that it is not only wicked men who are transgressors, but also wicked demons and wicked angels.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII



*TO K. D.*¹

There is a door hidden
in the soul
that to heaven leads,
and ecstasies and peace
that simply cannot be expressed.

The way there is the heart;
the key to it is faith
on the threshold truth,
awaiting inside.

A church in ruins lies;
the graves it blest
left behind at rest,
blasted by time,
awaiting a future age.

The pensive eremite
ruminates on thwarted hope
as the sun descends,
in the still twilight
of year's end.

Though the stars are fixed
in chambered abodes,
at the approach of night
a gloom pervades all;
breezes wail at the sight.

Why does the icy breeze
gently moan in hurried flight,
ruffling wildly the trees;
blow through my window
to caress those in sorrow?

It is as if
shredded and forlorn;
Nature mourned
its exile and separation
from the security of Heaven.

Would that winter waters
would already flow
and wash our troubles away.
Rolling fluid go
cleanse my cares of days,
over aches and groans
like a river rushing through stones.

Death and change let nothing
hold still, bad or good,
and all disappears down the river of ages;
till the fruit of faith in the end
harvests all that's good
of what's forgot.

So many things disappeared
and which in the eyes of the many
came to be as nothing,
yet in their day were the very thing.

¹ American actress, Kim Darby.

The leaves are dying with the year;
orange, gold and red
are o'er the lawns over spread;
in a carpet they cover
returning to earth their mother
that in spring a new generation may appear.

The mundane, the physical
is chained to time,
but in the heart with faith
the spirit survives the flood of years;
where music lives ever
that takes the soul to empyrean;
as an eagle soars to dizzying height
till it reaches a point beyond our sight.

How like a paradise
the earth must have seemed
when roses grew wild;
birds first appeared
in all their colors singing,
majestic beasts wandering,
animals frolicking,
to wondering primitive man
with lessons of true life.

Where did all the voices of life come from?
What brings even the crows in droves
to caw together on a fine day,
or joins the sparrows in a throng to sing,
upon the departure of storm,
at the opening of Spring's dawn,
that chirping, that golden warbling
where music ever lives?

That scorned rosy-eyed view of things
is still there;
it is not gone;
only it is in closed keeping
till the world be purged of evil first;
before being freed again.

And I thought
if life is beautiful,
it is because you,
(and such like you)
are so.
And you are so
because somehow, some way
Nature in you sighs;
that it lifts my heart
up to the skies.

(Oct. 17, 2020)

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[ch. 56]

...Moreover, he again speaks of the life of Jesus as "a most infamous life," as he has done before, not once or twice, but many times, although he does not stay to specify any of the actions of His life which he thinks most infamous. He seems to think that he may in this way make assertions without proving them, and rail against one of whom he knows nothing. Had he set himself to show what sort of infamy he found in the actions of Jesus, we should have repelled the several charges brought against Him. Jesus did indeed meet with a most sad death; but the same might be said of Socrates, and of Anaxarchus, whom he had just mentioned, and a multitude of others. If the death of Jesus was a miserable one, was not that of the others so too? And if their death was not miserable, can it be said that the death of Jesus was? You see from this, then, that the object of Celsus is to vilify the character of Jesus; and I can only suppose that he is driven to it by some spirit akin to those whose power has been broken and vanquished by Jesus, and which now finds itself

deprived of the smoke and blood on which it lived, while deceiving those who sought for God here upon earth in images, instead of looking up to the true God, the Governor of all things.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII

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

A NEW title has been added to the "["LIBRARY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE."](#) that being Cotton Mather's *Magnalia Christi Americana* (1702, "The Great Works of Christ in America"); its 7 books presented in 2 volumes and available in Kindle format and or paperback at:

Volume 1 (of 2)

Kindle:<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L42PYZ5>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L47RXLT>

Volume 2 (of 2)

Kindle:<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L41PJ7B>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L3NW86K>

Rufus Wilmot Griswold, who derided and all but roundly hated Mather, says in his *Curiosities of American Literature* (1853):
"We have already alluded to the *Magnalia*. Grahame, the historian, calls it the most interesting work which the literature of the country has produced, and says that some of the biographical parts of it are superior to Plutarch; but this, as Mr. Peabody well remarks in his Life of Mather, is absurd and extravagant praise; the highest pretension of the work being that it is curious and entertaining."

Benjamin Franklin, on the other hand and who was more sympathetic, in a letter to Mather's son, Samuel Mather, dated 12 May 1784 wrote:

"...When I was a Boy, I met with a Book intituled *Essays to do Good*, which I think was written by your Father. It had been so little regarded by a former Possessor, that several Leaves of it were torn out: But the Remainder gave me such a Turn of Thinking as to have an Influence on my Conduct thro' Life; for I have always set a greater Value on the Character of a *Doer of Good*, than on any other kind of Reputation; and if I have been, as you seem to think, a useful Citizen, the Publick owes the Advantage of it to that Book.— You mention your being in your 78th Year. I am in my 79th. We are grown old together. It is now more than 60 Years since I left Boston, but I remember well both your Father and Grandfather [i.e., Increase Mather] having heard them both in the Pulpit, and seen them in their Houses. The last Time I saw your Father was in the Beginning of 1724, when I visited him after my first Trip to Pennsylvania. He receiv'd me in his Library, and on my taking Leave show'd me a shorter way out of the House thro' a narrow Passage which was cross'd by a Beam overhead. We were still talking as I withdrew, he accompanying me behind, and I turning partly towards him, when he said hastily Stoop, Stoop! I did not understand him till I felt my Head hit against the Beam. He was a Man that never miss'd any Occasion of giving Instruction, and upon this he said to me, *You are young and have the World before you; Stoop as you go through it, and you will miss many hard Thumps*. This Advice, thus beat into my head has frequently been of use to me, and I often think of it when I see Pride mortified, & Misfortunes brought upon People by their carrying their Heads too high."

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[ch. 49]

What I have now said, then, is offered not for the purpose of cavilling with any right opinions or sound doctrines held even by Greeks, but with the desire of showing that the same things, and indeed much better and diviner things than these, have been said by those divine men, the prophets of God and the apostles of Jesus. These truths are fully investigated by all who wish to attain a perfect knowledge of Christianity, and who know that "the mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment; the law of his God is in his heart." But even in regard to those who, either from deficiency or knowledge or want of inclination, or from not having Jesus to lead them to a rational view of religion, have not gone into these deep questions, we find that they believe in the Most High God, and in His Only-begotten Son, the Word and God, and that they often exhibit in their character a high degree of gravity, of purity, and integrity; while those who call themselves wise have despised these virtues, and have wallowed in the filth of sodomy, in lawless lust, "men with men working that which is unseemly."

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII

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[Posted on Face Book]

Remember GREAT movie soundtrack albums? (Really, looking back now, the 60s almost and just about kill me.)

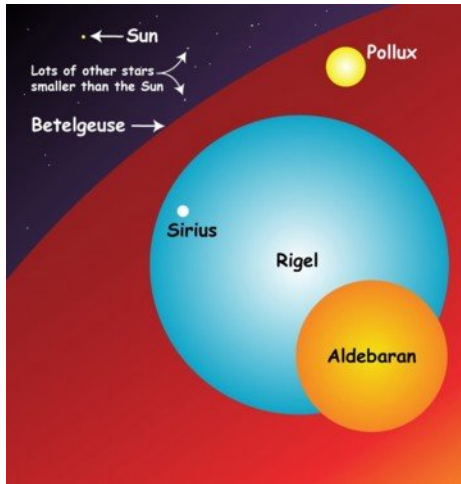
See:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGmfUTFcNec&list=OLAK5uy_nrXeikuw8r7KrtLg2hJCWIRtbiFIMGKn4&index=2&ab_channel=ElmerBernstein-Topic


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[Posted on Face Book]

And all this time I thought *the Sun* was such a big shot...



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[ch. 45]

...This, then, is what he [Celsus] proposes for our instruction: “Things are either intelligible, which we call substance—being; or visible, which we call becoming: with the former is truth; from the latter arises error. Truth is the object of knowledge; truth and error form opinion. Intelligible objects are known by the reason, visible objects by the eyes; the action of the reason is called intelligent perception, that of the eyes vision. As, then, among visible things the sun is neither the eye nor vision, but that which enables the eye to see, and renders vision possible, and in consequence of it visible things are seen, all sensible things exist and itself is rendered visible; so among things intelligible, that which is neither reason, nor intelligent perception, nor knowledge, is yet the cause which enables the reason to know, which renders intelligent perception possible; and in consequence of it knowledge arises, all things intelligible, truth itself and substance have their existence; and itself, which is above all these things, becomes in some ineffable way intelligible. These things are offered to the consideration of the intelligent; and if even you can understand any of them, it is well. And if you think that a Divine Spirit has descended from God to announce divine things to men, it is doubtless this same Spirit that reveals these truths, and it was under the same influence that men of old made known many important truths. But if you cannot comprehend these things, then keep silence; do not expose your own ignorance, and do not accuse of blindness those who see, or of lameness those who run, while you yourselves are utterly lamed and mutilated in mind, and lead a merely animal life—the life of the body, which is the dead part of our nature.”

[ch. 46]

We are careful not to oppose fair arguments even if they proceed from those who are not of our faith; we strive not to be captious, or to seek to overthrow any sound reasonings...

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

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[Posted on face Book]

(Extended interview after the song, at about 4:00, is optional.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAPCYoVEjv0>

["Glen Campbell Sings "Try a Little Kindness" w/guitar solo" - tv appearance on TNN]

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Celsus next refers us to Plato as to a more effective teacher of theological truth, and quotes the following passage from the *Timaeus*: “It is a hard matter to find out the Maker and Father of this universe; and after having found Him, it is impossible to make Him known

to all.” To which he himself adds this remark: “You perceive, then, how divine men seek after the way of truth, and how well Plato knew that it was impossible for all men to walk in it. But as wise men have found it for the express purpose of being able to convey to us some notion of Him who is the first, the unspeakable Being—a notion, namely; which may represent Him to us through the medium of other objects—they endeavour either by synthesis, which is the combining of various qualities, or by analysis, which is the separation and setting aside of some qualities, or finally by analogy—in these ways, I say, they endeavour to set before us that which it is impossible to express in words. I should therefore be surprised if you could follow in that course, since you are so completely wedded to the flesh as to be incapable of seeing ought but what is impure.” These words of Plato are noble and admirable; but see if Scripture does not give us an example of a regard for mankind still greater in God the Word, who was “in the beginning with God,” and “who was made flesh,” in order that He might reveal to all men truths which, according to Plato, it would be impossible to make known to all men, even after he had found them himself. Plato may say that “it is a hard thing to find out the Creator and Father of this universe;” by which language he implies that it is not wholly beyond the power of human nature to attain to such a knowledge as is either worthy of God, or if not, is far beyond that which is commonly attained (although if it were true that Plato or any other of the Greeks had found God, they would never have given homage and worship, or ascribed the name of God, to any other than to Him: they would have abandoned all others, and would not have associated with this great God objects which can have nothing in common with Him). For ourselves, we maintain that human nature is in no way able to seek after God, or to attain a clear knowledge of Him without the help of Him whom it seeks. He makes Himself known to those who, after doing all that their powers will allow, confess that they need help from Him, who discovers Himself to those whom He approves, in so far as it is possible for man and the soul still dwelling in the body to know God.

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

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Things (perhaps) going *badly* for you these days? Your life *plummeting* on a seemingly hopeless, downturn spiral? If so, don't feel alone. What you need is to hear about the true life story of one-time Vitagraph movie star Ned Finley (1870-1920); whose rise to and fall from stardom packs quite the wallop; as do his rough and tumble, he-man films; full of no holds bar exciting action.

Despite my own rather extensive familiarity with silent film people, I only learned of Finley in the past week via a tribute the Niles Essanay Film Museum was presenting on the Vitagraph studio. Though only mentioned very briefly there, I went further to find out more about him, and sure enough discovered he indeed was quite a character and memorable personage -- though NOW all but completely forgotten all the same.

For starters, I recommend first reading about his story at:  
<https://bizarrela.com/2018/03/ned-finley-photos-quotes/>

Or else see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qskp7ZL9I7BM5PGQtIgf8XQSSMy8uQGr/view?usp=sharing>

After this, here are three Ned Finley films on YouTube, courtesy of the Netherlands Film Museum (where of course else?)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xe1eidRLI0>  
["The Strength of Men" - 1913]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBf-Y5mylsI>  
["Brother Bill" - 1913]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1muUdA967WU>  
["Fortune's Turn" - 1913]

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Some Catch Up (for those who may need it)

"Aim for the pilot, not the plane."
~ Manfred von Richthofen.

The devil causes or incites others to something like 90% or more of the worst problems. If then we were rid of the devil, and assuming we behaved ourselves otherwise, we would be rid of 90% of our worst problems and suffering. Yet who talks of doing this? Space Force? How about a Hell Force?

Diseases are also extremely powerful. But that doesn't mean you must be in awe of and reverence them.

From grunge rock capital to the graffiti-plastered Mecca of homelessness

Yes, there are indeed such who do like and think well of them; these dumb people with the thinking capacity and mentality of herd animals that is.

He is a crime boss or else friend of one, *not* a great or especially talented artist. Even so, insists he be seen as an artist, and if you don't pay him tribute, they will forthwith have you hounded, harassed, beat up, and blacklisted.

The truth? In the old days, movies were made to please people. Now they are made solely to please producers with hardly a shred of real humanity left in them.

It is not that we would deliberately offend or insult them; rather we stay away from and avoid them because they are literally carrying an infectious disease (i.e., ties to criminal spirit people.)

"It is dangerous to tamper with popular prejudice. No man who has any value for his life ought to do so. It is a sheer act of suicide."
~ *Varney*, ch. 50.

I like the animals certainly. They are very cute. But THESE people (of yours)? I can't say I think much of them.

There is a grumbling in the air,
I can feel it everywhere.
But who he is and why so upset
THAT no one will tell you (not yet.)

One can never hope to be free unless they are duly are honest and rational, or at least ruled over by such who are. There are no end of people who would correct and save the world. Yet who makes the point of advocating and preaching honesty? Who rational consistency?

There is a school of thought that thinks that autocratic spirit people don't really know what they are doing. While you may not agree with it, you ought at least be aware of its existence.

People tend to assume evil is done for love of money and lust for power. What they fail to understand is that some do evil to avoid torture by Hell people, and so get blamed for the wrong reason.

What is dirty is unhealthy. Yet why are there those who celebrate, would make fashionable, and encourage others to be dirty?

Say to yourself: Never will I suffer or take seriously the judgment and opinion of persons under the spell of hypnotism and or mind control.

These people, even as bad as they are, would not do what they are doing, if they actually knew what that was.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1d34s2BtC0w>  
["1967 The Supremes - The Happening" - color tv appearance, circa 67]

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[ch. 41]

...But whether Orpheus, Parmenides, Empedocles, or even Homer himself, and Hesiod, are the persons whom he means by "inspired poets," let any one show how those who follow their guidance walk in a better way, or lead a more excellent life, than those who, being taught in the school of Jesus Christ, have rejected all images and statues, and even all Jewish superstition, that they may look upward through the Word of God to the one God, who is the Father of the Word. Who, then, are those wise men and philosophers from whom Celsus would have us to learn so many divine truths, and for whom we are to give up Moses the servant of God, the prophets of the Creator of the world, who have spoken so many things by a truly divine inspiration, and even Him who has given light and taught the way of piety to the whole human race, so that no one can reproach Him if he remains without a share in the knowledge of His mysteries? Such, indeed, was the abounding love which He had for men, that He gave to the more learned a theology capable of raising the soul far above all earthly things; while with no less consideration He comes down to the weaker capacities of ignorant men, of simple women, of slaves, and, in short, of all those who from Jesus alone could have received that help for the better regulation of their lives which is supplied by his instructions in regard to the Divine Being, adapted to their wants and capacities.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII.

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Although the subject is not at present at the height of general interest, I was drawn to the subject of the JFK assassination of late out of curiosity; combined with a desire for retrospective overview. So much has been said and written on the case that it isn't so easy now to know where to start or re-start. After doing some sifting, two YouTube most excellent offerings I would at the moment recommend for others who might possibly be similarly interested are these. The first is an excellent brief summary; the second is an in-depth, indeed college course, by attorney Daniel Sheehan and which, and allowing for understandable and reasonable difference of opinion on certain points, I found well worth the entire listen through:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkHtLFf6oi0>  
["The JFK Assassination Conspiracy, Photos, Facts, Autopsy, Documentary Evidence 2007"]

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVza7sesLJh44w4o6Z6gNqtgU4bea5PqP>  
["Daniel Sheehan 2013: JFK Alternative Theories"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

Banned an entry in the imdb, the 1967 and original "Equinox" is the one to see -- NOT The crummy re-edited version with the park ranger. While sometimes and understandably ridiculed for the bad acting and lip-syncing, this low budget horror (possibly made on LSD) is one of the very few films that effectively recreates or can you give actual nightmares. The well-thought out and imaginative script, though it could use some fine tuning, works subtly on a number of levels, luring the viewer onto new scares and unexpected surprises. When it comes to real evil, and allowing for some literary license, this movie tells it like it is. Don't watch this before bed time if you intend to get some ready sleep!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7EorCVxAdo>

["EQUINOX ... A Journey Into the Supernatural 1967"]

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[ch. 39]

...He [Celsus] is not aware that this reference to the two eyes, the eye of the body and the eye of the mind, which he has borrowed from the Greeks, was in use among our own writers; for Moses, in his account of the creation of the world, introduces man before his transgression as both seeing and not seeing: seeing, when it is said of the woman, "The woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise;" and again not seeing, as when he introduces the serpent saying to the woman, as if she and her husband had been blind, "God knows that on the day that you eat thereof your eyes shall be opened;" and also when it is said, "They ate, and the eyes of both of them were opened." The eyes of sense were then opened, which they had done well to keep shut, that they might not be distracted, and hindered from seeing with the eyes of the mind; and it was those eyes of the mind which in consequence of sin, as I imagine, were then closed, with which they had up to that time enjoyed the delight of beholding God and His paradise. This twofold kind of vision in us was familiar to our Saviour, who says, "For judgment I have come into this world, that they which see not, might see, and that they which see might be made blind," — meaning, by the eyes that see not, the eyes of the mind, which are enlightened by His teaching; and the eyes which see are the eyes of sense, which His words do render blind, in order that the soul may look without distraction upon proper objects. All true Christians therefore have the eye of the mind sharpened, and the eye of sense closed; so that each one, according to the degree in which his better eye is quickened, and the eye of sense darkened, sees and knows the Supreme God, and His Son, who is the Word, Wisdom, and so forth.

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

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[Posted on Face Book]

"Daniel Boone's" Mingo, and at 93 years old still going strong. :)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvaQisHV8jw>

["Ed Ames - My Cup Runneth Over (1967)"]

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[ch. 35]

Seeking God, then, in this way, we have no need to visit the oracles of Trophonius, of Amphiaraus, and of Mopsus, to which Celsus would send us, assuring us that we would there "see the gods in human form, appearing to us with all distinctness, and without illusion." For we know that these are demons, feeding on the blood, and smoke, and odour of victims, and shut up by their base desires in prisons, which the Greeks call temples of the gods, but which we know are only the dwellings of deceitful demons. To this Celsus maliciously adds, in regard to these gods which, according to him, are in human form, "they do not show themselves for once, or at intervals, like him who has deceived men, but they are ever open to intercourse with those who desire it." From this remark, it would seem that Celsus supposes that the appearance of Christ to His disciples after His resurrection was like that of a spectre flitting before their eyes; whereas these gods, as he calls them, in human shape always present themselves to those who desire it. But how is it possible that a phantom which, as he describes it, flew past to deceive the beholders, could produce such effects after it had passed away, and could so turn the hearts of men as to lead them to regulate their actions according to the will of God, as in view of being hereafter judged by Him? And how could a phantom drive away demons, and show other indisputable evidences of power, and that not in any one place, like these so-called gods in human form, but making its divine power felt through the whole world, in drawing and congregating together all who are found disposed to lead a good and noble life?

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

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[ch. 33]

...Let any, however, who are disposed to hear us observe, that if we have need of a body for other purposes, as for occupying a material locality to which this body must be adapted, and if on that account the “tabernacle” is clothed in the way we have shown, we have no need of a body in order to know God. For that which sees God is not the eye of the body; it is the mind which is made in the image of the Creator, and which God has in His providence rendered capable of that knowledge. To see God belongs to the pure heart, out of which no longer proceed “evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, the evil eye,” or any other evil thing. Wherefore it is said, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” But as the strength of our will is not sufficient to procure the perfectly pure heart, and as we need that God should create it, he therefore who prays as he ought, offers this petition to God, “Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

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



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

["King Kong Show (intro) 1966" - theme song to cartoon]



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Based on a true story.



[ch. 31]

Referring to the passage in the Phædon of Plato, Celsus says: “It is not easy for every one to understand the meaning of Plato's words, when he says that on account of our weakness and slowness we are unable to reach the highest region of the air; but that if our nature were capable of so sublime a contemplation, we would then be able to understand that that is the true heaven, and that the true light.” As Celsus has deferred to another opportunity the explanation of Plato's idea, we also think that it does not fall within our purpose at present to enter into any full description of that holy and good land, and of the city of God which is in it; but reserve the consideration of it for our Commentary on the Prophets, having already in part, according to our power, treated of the city of God in our remarks on Psalm 46 and Psalm 48. The writings of Moses and the prophets—the most ancient of all books—teach us that all things here on earth which are in common use among men, have other things corresponding to them in name which are alone real. Thus, for instance, there is the true light, and another heaven beyond the firmament, and a Sun of righteousness other than the sun we see. In a word, to distinguish those things from the objects of sense, which have no true reality, they say of God that “His works are truth;” thus making a distinction between the works of God and the works of God's hands, which latter are of an inferior sort. Accordingly, God in Isaiah complains of men, that “they regard not the works of the Lord, nor consider the operation of His hands.” But enough on this point.

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



That Cat is Something I CAN explain

Although a master at magic, mind control, bullying and manipulation, it's not his merit or intelligence that, at last, causes him to be so privileged, but rather his being sired by a famous monster, and which confers on him a kind of deistical or ultra-royal lineage.

A pessimist is someone who has been led into believing that the devil is a *necessary* member of whatever community he happens to belong to.

Let's take so and so out of the game, indeed murder him if need be, and then we can win.

You do not insult the devil by calling him bad. What instead you do is call him out as a failure; who as a failure made a career of being a criminal, and to which you might (as a kind of embarrassment) add *these* are his children.

He wants to govern others, everyone in fact, yet does not want people to know who he is, see what he looks like, and prefers that he be not talked about openly.

At some point the church inevitably sacrifices someone unfairly, for the simple reason that in its effort to save as many as possible it cannot always and politically please everyone. This, as it turns out, is a great trick to be used upon it by clever opponents.

True he does have amazing powers from outer space, but the truth is NOBODY likes him, not REALLY anyway. Yet people must act as if they do, or at least show respect, for fear of being beat up.

He will fool them with rhetoric and by such means would set them on the path of seeking wisdom.

If the devil is more powerful than you and your friends (and which latter in turn might be frightened and bought off) nothing can save you. As a slave it becomes not uncommon for someone to assist in crucifying anti-social others, even friends or family, and who won't surrender as they do.

Conservative and Progressive have their legitimate points and times to be in power; so and ask rather on the given occasion then who is more witchcraft and criminal spirit people empowered.

He is an enemy of happiness, and insists on its impracticality, because he can and could never be happy himself (and therefore others can't be either.) And wisdom without happiness is what?

"Honors, we have honors!" You cannot have honors if there is no fair competition.

Oh ye unduly proud, beware of Zephaniah!

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[Posted on Face Book]

"Kong! Listen to me Kong!...*Let Sherman go...*"

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[ch. 18]

...Celsus, with all his boasts of universal knowledge, has here fallen into the most vulgar of errors, in supposing that in the law and the prophets there is not a meaning deeper than that afforded by a literal rendering of the words. He does not see how manifestly incredible it is that worldly riches should be promised to those who lead upright lives, when it is a matter of common observation that the best of men have lived in extreme poverty. Indeed, the prophets themselves, who for the purity of their lives received the Divine Spirit, "wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented: they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." For, as the Psalmist, says, "many are the afflictions of the righteous." If Celsus had read the writings of Moses, he would, I daresay, have supposed that when it is said to him who kept the law, "You shall lend unto many nations, and you yourself shall not borrow," the promise is made to the just man, that his temporal riches should be so abundant, that he would be able to lend not only to the Jews, not only to two or three nations, but "to many nations."...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII

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*NOW - THAT'S A TRIP!*

We all know the earth travels around the Sun. But not nearly as many know that the Sun itself is moving and orbits the center of our galaxy; as in tandem with it do the stars that make up what we know of as the astrological constellations. So that in about 230 million years, the Sun will have gone full circle and be back to where it is now on that circular trajectory.

Just this past week I learned of a website that will tell you what is in the day and night sky wherever you live (at least, insofar as I know, in the northern hemisphere.)

See: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/night/>

Using it, you can easily identify what that shining planet or other is in the night sky. Also for fun, as time gets on and in the day time, look for where the Sun is, and what constellation it is in.

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On their way to retrieving the Golden Fleece, the heroes of the "Argo" ENCOUNTER A GHOST!

"Next they beheld the barrow of Sthenelus, Actor's son, who on his way back from the valorous war against the Amazons -- for he had been the comrade of Heracles -- was struck by an arrow and died there upon the sea-beach. And for a time they went no further, for Persephone herself sent forth the spirit of Actor's son which craved with many tears to behold men like himself, even for a moment. And mounting on the edge of the barrow he gazed upon the ship, such as he was when he went to war; and round his head a fair helm with four peaks gleamed with its blood-red crest. And again he entered the vast gloom; and they looked and marvelled; and Mopsus, son of Ampycus, with word of prophecy urged them to land and propitiate him with libations. Quickly they drew in sail and threw out hawsers, and on the strand paid honour to the tomb of Sthenelus, and poured out drink offerings to him and sacrificed sheep as victims. And besides the drink offerings they built an altar to Apollo, saviour of ships, and burnt thigh bones; and Orpheus dedicated his lyre; whence the place has the name of Lyra."

~ Apollonius of Rhodes (c. 3rd century B.C.), "Argonautica" (Voyage of the Argo), 2.911.

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[ch. 7]

In regard to the prophets among the Jews, some of them were wise men before they became divinely inspired prophets, while others became wise by the illumination which their minds received when divinely inspired. They were selected by Divine Providence to receive the Divine Spirit, and to be the depositaries of His holy oracles, on the ground of their leading a life of almost unapproachable excellence, intrepid, noble, unmoved by danger or death. For reason teaches that such ought to be the character of the prophets of the Most High, in comparison with which the firmness of Antisthenes, Crates, and Diogenes will seem but as child's play. It was therefore for their firm adherence to truth, and their faithfulness in the reproof of the wicked, that "they were stoned; they were sawn asunder,



were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; they wandered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth, of whom the world was not worthy:" for they looked always to God and to His blessings, which, being invisible, and not to be perceived by the senses, are eternal. We have the history of the life of each of the prophets; but it will be enough at present to direct attention to the life of Moses, whose prophecies are contained in the law; to that of Jeremiah, as it is given in the book which bears his name; to that of Isaiah, who with unexampled austerity walked naked and barefooted for the space of three years. Read and consider the severe life of those children, Daniel and his companions, how they abstained from flesh, and lived on water and pulse. Or if you will go back to more remote times, think of the life of Noah, who prophesied; and of Isaac, who gave his son a prophetic blessing; or of Jacob, who addressed each of his twelve sons, beginning with "Come, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days." These, and a multitude of others, prophesying on behalf of God, foretold events relating to Jesus Christ. We therefore for this reason set at nought the oracles of the Pythian priestess, or those delivered at Dodona, at Clarus, at Branchidæ;, at the temple of Jupiter Ammon, or by a multitude of other so-called prophets; while we regard with reverent awe the Jewish prophets: for we see that the noble, earnest, and devout lives of these men were worthy of the inspiration of the Divine Spirit, whose wonderful effects were widely different from the divination of demons.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book VII

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A Present (and for the moment) Medley

sequimur te, sancte deorum, quisquis es, imperioque iterum paremus ovantes.
~ *Aeneid*. IV, v. 576

It is one of the chief arts of evil spirits, to make things which have no reality seem real to those who witness them.
~ Cotton Mather

Insofar as I may be permitted to say, Christ did not suffer the cross because God the Father demanded it, rather because the devil demanded it (as payment), and Christ gives him (the devil) the benefit of the doubt even if it meant his (i.e., Christ's) so suffering; so as not to haggle but let the devil have his way; so their could be no doubt or question in the end that the devil would have comply and give up his claim. Another possible way of interpreting the same point, is that it was and is actually better and less painful to suffer the cross than continue to live under the devil's rule and bondage. Again, not that the cross was not extremely painful, but that bondage to the devil is, even so, infinitely worse.

What force in all the great world and in the minds of peoples is more powerful and indomitable than his envy and self-pity? Which prompted me to then ask, yet what good do you have to offer anyone? In what does it consist? Or to put it somewhat differently, who and what are you that we should care?

He is a highly educated, rhetorically skillful, well-meaning charlatan. You do well to be on your guard then against those whose ego, reputation, and ideological agenda means more to them than fair, objective, and honest rational truth.

They inevitably have to "get" someone, that is murder or do someone dirty. Why? Because they can't compete fairly or honestly.

The unexpected and unanticipated problem with freedom of religion is that for some it implies the freedom to worship the devil, including working to destroy and overthrow moral, civilized society.

Hell and worst fears are only possible because it is believed to be ok and permissible (and outside of just, due-process respecting, open law) for some to physically force themselves on others. Were that not the case, how should there be any serious problems?

There is no greater fool than he who thinks truth or the highest measure of truth is that which is solely or merely based on what other people think.

True God speaks to the heart. The devil, pretending to be God, pretending goodly reason, speaks to the head.

The church is a like a doctor. It can help but only God can effect the actual healing.

An honest and rational protestantism is invariably better than a dishonest and irrational catholicism.

Human sacrifice is not discussed in sociology and political theory, yet the practice is as real and persistent as any concern raised in ethics or economy.

Just when you think you know something, it will take you unawares and change and become something else.

or

You think that is what it, but that is not REALLY or WHOLLY what it is.

That he bothers people and wastes their time pretty much sums him up.

Revenge is a satanic virtue. Forgiveness a christian one.

Take my word for it, though the ordeal be excruciating, and no matter how long the course, in the end right reason will last longer than they will.

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[ch. 3]

Celsus goes on to say of us: "They set no value on the oracles of the Pythian priestess, of the priests of Dodona, of Clarus, of Branchidó; of Jupiter Ammon, and of a multitude of others; although under their guidance we may say that colonies were sent forth, and the whole world peopled. But those sayings which were uttered or not uttered in Judea, after the manner of that country, as indeed they are still delivered among the people of Phoenicia and Palestine— these they look upon as marvellous sayings, and unchangeably true."...

But let it be granted that the responses delivered by the Pythian and other oracles were not the utterances of false men who pretended to a divine inspiration; and let us see if, after all, we cannot convince any sincere inquirers that there is no necessity to attribute these oracular responses to any divinities, but that, on the other hand, they may be traced to wicked demons— to spirits which are at enmity with the human race, and which in this way wish to hinder the soul from rising upwards, from following the path of virtue, and from returning to God in sincere piety. It is said of the Pythian priestess, whose oracle seems to have been the most celebrated, that when she sat down at the mouth of the Castalian cave, the prophetic Spirit of Apollo entered her private parts; and when she was filled with it, she gave utterance to responses which are regarded with awe as divine truths. Judge by this whether that spirit does not show its profane and impure nature, by choosing to enter the soul of the prophetess not through the more becoming medium of the bodily pores

which are both open and invisible, but by means of what no modest man would ever see or speak of. And this occurs not once or twice, which would be more permissible, but as often as she was believed to receive inspiration from Apollo. Moreover, it is not the part of a divine spirit to drive the prophetess into such a state of ecstasy and madness that she loses control of herself. For he who is under the influence of the Divine Spirit ought to be the first to receive the beneficial effects; and these ought not to be first enjoyed by the persons who consult the oracle about the concerns of natural or civil life, or for purposes of temporal gain or interest; and, moreover, that should be the time of clearest perception, when a person is in close intercourse with the Deity.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Am2NdgQY6nk>

["R. Broschi - Arias for Farinelli - Vivica Genaux - mezzo soprano - YouTube"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

Now THAT'S Mabel! (...and w/ Raymond Hitchcock. Snipped by me, with frame rate slowed down, from Nigel Dreiner's nice mini-documentary at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpxm302htAQ> )

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

["Now THAT'S Mabel! :)"]

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[ch. 1]

In the six former books we have endeavoured, reverend brother Ambrosius, according to our ability to meet the charges brought by Celsus against the Christians, and have as far as possible passed over nothing without first subjecting it to a full and close examination. And now, while we enter upon the seventh book, we call upon God through Jesus Christ, whom Celsus accuses, that He who is the truth of God would shed light into our hearts and scatter the darkness of error, in accordance with that saying of the prophet which we now offer as our prayer, "Destroy them by Your truth." [Psalm 54:5] For it is evidently the words and reasonings opposed to the truth that God destroys by His truth; so that when these are destroyed, all who are delivered from deception may go on with the prophet to say, "I will freely sacrifice unto You," and may offer to the Most High a reasonable and smokeless sacrifice.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VII

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Over the past week a new title has been added to THE LIBRARY OF EARLY AMERICAN LITERATURE, that being:

*WILLIAM GILMORE SIMMS: Atalantis: a Story of the Sea (1832); Southern Passages and Pictures (1839)*

Kindle version:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08CTGGJSG>

in paperback:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08CP92NPD>

Which is the long poem "Atalantis" accompanied by two poetry collections\* from the exceptionally prolific South Carolina author William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870), and whom, incidentally, Edgar Allan Poe rated the best of all American novelists. Of particular interest in this present set is "Atalantis: A Story of the Sea," and which is NOT available online (except a very early manuscript version reproduced in photographic images.) While for serious poetry enthusiasts pretty much all of Simms' of verse is worth at least a look, "Atalantis: a Story of the Sea" is a most unusual and interesting drama that takes place in what seems like an intoxicating dream; really I can think of very few if any 19th century literary works quite like it.

Meantime for the complete list of currently available LEAL titles, see:

<http://www.gunjones.com/LEAL-urls.html>

or else

<https://tinyurl.com/ybfdgn5d>

\* Note. The second collection is *The Eye and the Wing; Poems Chiefly Imaginative*, and that is included with the 1848 edition of "Atalantis."

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[Posted on Face Book]

Whether you are a person of faith or not, and or no matter how you look at it, this story is utterly and way beyond incredible.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5rVSDBreUM>

["Biography: Maria Goretti - The Fourteen Flowers of Pardon" - documentary at 58:07 long]

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC3Z6NuoFz8>

["La Revolution Francaise: Robespierre's Fall (Part 1)"]

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myUyc2S\\_JBA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myUyc2S_JBA)

["La Revolution Francaise: Robespierre's Fall (Part 2)"]

my "Comments" :

I just learned upon checking that unless you speak French this 1989 film on DVD (and unlike that of our era is an ACTUAL movie, not a 100 million dollar, toxic, and assembly-line domestic piece of junk) is as much as banned in the U.S., which I suppose some will not find surprising.

Note. That IS Christopher Lee at the chopping block.

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

The story of "Tawney," a black sailor who served in both the British and American navies during the War of 1812, as related by Herman Melville in *White Jacket* (1850).

For this same as a .pdf download see:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MZpfa879GYgNPGKLM724aR0irWSXE6WD/view?usp=sharing>

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[ch. 70]

...“The hour is coming, when neither in Jerusalem, nor in this mountain, shall you worship the Father. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” And by these words He taught men that God must be worshipped not in the flesh, and with fleshly sacrifices, but in the spirit. And He will be understood to be a Spirit in proportion as the worship rendered to Him is rendered in spirit, and with understanding. It is not, however, with images that we are to worship the Father, but “in truth,” which “came by Jesus Christ,” after the giving of the law by Moses. For when we turn to the Lord (and the Lord is a Spirit), He takes away the veil which lies upon the heart when Moses is read.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VI

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Jews and Judaism, a discussion between Adam Green of "Know More News" and self-characterized musician-philosopher Gilad Atzmon from Israel.

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4lZta_BQdY

["Unthinking Chosen with Gilad Atzmon"]

See also as an introduction from five years ago:

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

["Meet Gilad Atzmon - Jazz Musician and Author"]

I would only add in passing that it is my own view that hard core evil, violence, falsehood, and injustice originate and emanate from hard core criminal spirit people, and there is not a major faith, creed, doctrine, or nationality that they don't significantly influence and have a pronounced political and ideological holding in; no matter how cleverly disguised. But then, as we have frequently noted, it is not permitted to discuss criminal spirit people scientifically, empirically in a sober, duly rational way.

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[ch. 69]

...But the God and Father of all things is not the only being that is great in our judgment; for He has imparted (a share) of Himself and His greatness to His Only-begotten and First-born of every creature, in order that He, being the image of the invisible God, might preserve, even in His greatness, the image of the Father. For it was not possible that there could exist a well-proportioned, so to speak, and beautiful image of the invisible God, which did not at the same time preserve the image of His greatness. God, moreover, is in our judgment invisible, because He is not a body, while He can be seen by those who see with the heart, that is, the understanding; not indeed with any kind of heart, but with one which is pure. For it is inconsistent with the fitness of things that a polluted heart should look upon God; for that must be itself pure which would worthily behold that which is pure. Let it be granted, indeed, that God is "difficult to see," yet He is not the only being who is so; for His Only-begotten also is "difficult to see." For God the Word is "difficult to see," and so also is His wisdom, by which God created all things. For who is capable of seeing the wisdom which is displayed in each individual part of the whole system of things, and by which God created every individual thing? It was not, then, because God was "difficult to see" that He sent God His Son to be an object "easy to be seen." And because Celsus does not understand this, he has represented us as saying, "Because God was 'difficult to see,' He put His own Spirit in a body resembling ours, and sent it down to us, that we might be enabled to hear Him and become acquainted with Him." Now, as we have stated, the Son also is "difficult to see," because He is God the Word, through whom all things were made, and who "tabernacled among us."

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

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[ch. 45]

...It is certain, then, that there will be diversities among the hearts of men—those which are inclined to virtue not being all modelled and shaped towards it in the same or like degree; while others, through neglect of virtue, rush to the opposite extreme. And among the latter are some in whom evil is deeply engrained, and others in whom it is less deeply rooted. Where is the absurdity, then, in holding that there exist among men, so to speak, two extremes, — the one of virtue, and the other of its opposite; so that the perfection of virtue dwells in the man who realizes the ideal given in Jesus, from whom there flowed to the human race so great a conversion, and healing, and amelioration, while the opposite extreme is in the man who embodies the notion of him that is named Antichrist? For God, comprehending all things by means of His foreknowledge, and foreseeing what consequences would result from both of these, wished to make these known to mankind by His prophets, that those who understand their words might be familiarized with the good, and be on their guard against its opposite. It was proper, moreover, that the one of these extremes, and the best of the two, should be styled the Son of God, on account of His pre-eminence; and the other, who is diametrically opposite, be termed the son of the wicked demon, and of Satan, and of the devil. And, in the next place, since evil is specially characterized by its diffusion, and attains its greatest height when it simulates the appearance of the good, for that reason are signs, and marvels, and lying miracles found to accompany evil, through the co-operation of its father the devil. For, far surpassing the help which these demons give to jugglers (who deceive men for the basest of purposes), is the aid which the devil himself affords in order to deceive the human race. Paul, indeed, speaks of him who is called Antichrist, describing, though with a certain reserve, both the manner, and time, and cause of his coming to the human race. And notice whether his language on this subject is not most becoming, and undeserving of being treated with even the slightest degree of ridicule.

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

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[ch. 44]

...Now he who in the Hebrew language is named Satan, and by some Satanas— as being more in conformity with the genius of the Greek language— signifies, when translated into Greek, "adversary." But every one who prefers vice and a vicious life, is (because acting in a manner contrary to virtue) Satanas, that is, an "adversary" to the Son of God, who is righteousness, and truth, and wisdom. With more propriety, however, is he called "adversary," who was the first among those that were living a peaceful and happy life to lose his wings, and to fall from blessedness; he who, according to Ezekiel, walked faultlessly in all his ways, "until iniquity was found

in him," and who being the "seal of resemblance" and the "crown of beauty" in the paradise of God, being filled as it were with good things, fell into destruction, in accordance with the word which said to him in a mystic sense: "You have fallen into destruction, and shall not abide for ever." We have ventured somewhat rashly to make these few remarks, although in so doing we have added nothing of importance to this treatise. If any one, however, who has leisure for the examination of the sacred writings, should collect together from all sources and form into one body of doctrine what is recorded concerning the origin of evil, and the manner of its dissolution, he would see that the views of Moses and the prophets regarding Satan had not been even dreamed of either by Celsus or any one of those whose soul had been dragged down, and torn away from God, and from right views of Him, and from His word, by this wicked demon.

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

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[posted here for my own reference]

Boswell: I described to him an impudent fellow from Scotland, who affected to be a savage, and railed at all established systems. Johnson: "There is nothing surprizing in this, Sir. He wants to make himself conspicuous. He would tumble in a hogstye, as long as you looked at him and called to him to come out. But let him alone, never mind him, and he'll soon give it over." Boswell: I added that the same person maintained that there was no distinction between virtue and vice. Johnson: "Why, Sir, if the fellow does not think as he speaks, he is lying; and I see not what honour he can propose to himself from having the character of a liar. But if he does really think that there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, Sir, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons."

~ Boswell: The Life of Samuel Johnson

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[ch. 3]

Let the ancient sages, then, make known their sayings to those who are capable of understanding them. Suppose that Plato, for example, the son of Ariston, in one of his Epistles, is discoursing about the "chief good," and that he says, "The chief good can by no means be described in words, but is produced by long habit, and bursts forth suddenly as a light in the soul, as from a fire which had leapt forth." We, then, on hearing these words, admit that they are well said, for it is God who revealed to men these as well as all other noble expressions. And for this reason it is that we maintain that those who have entertained correct ideas regarding God, but who have not offered to Him a worship in harmony with the truth, are liable to the punishments which fall on sinners...

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

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

Just wanted to take the occasion to report a title added to the recently announced LIBRARY OF EARLY AMERICAN LITERATURE series; namely *James Kirke Paulding: Five Historical Novels*; and which at 720+ pages includes complete texts of his *Koningsmarke, the Long Finne* (1823); *The Puritan and His Daughter* (1849); *The Dutchman's Fireside* (1831); *The Old Continental, or the Price of Liberty* (1846), and *Westward Ho!* (1832) - and which all together present an (as it were de facto) saga of early America stretching from Swedish settlements in Delaware in about the 1650s to the drive toward the Mississippi in the early 19th century.

For those unfamiliar with them, you might reasonably liken Paulding's novels as an unusual cross between the humor writings of Washington Irving (a close friend and partner of Paulding's) and the adventure tales of James Fenimore Cooper; and which present a comic view of early America relatively few are acquainted with. It is especially my pleasure to bring them at once into one affordable package; since collecting them individually hitherto and otherwise might end up costing anywhere from \$75 to \$100+.

For the Kindle version at 1.99, see:
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089YW6GPR>

For this book in paperback at 19.99:
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08B35XKBH>

For the LEAL series generally:
<https://tinyurl.com/ybfdgn5d>

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(All right, all right. But only because I am bored and idle at the moment.)

Reality is what some one adjudges reality to be. Who then do you or someone else say this someone is?

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The mass media of recent years and for a long time now, in its various forms and largely, is far worse in its harm than covid (Matt. 10:28). But few or no one will tell you this.

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The mass media tells people what it means to be Black, what being black ought to be and yet we know in point of fact Blacks can do infinitely better than hip-hop and boom-box rap. So who then really is keeping blacks down, and is INSISTING Black lives DON'T matter?

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He, she, they or it is or may be a thousand things or more than they seem to be, yet we only see one, two or at most three of these things, while insisting that is all there is.

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The worst teaching I ever heard of or knew? Demonism. They are always torturing people. They are always bothering people.

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His idea of living his life is being jealous, feeling sorry for himself, and getting revenge for the same; following which and hopefully you will become as angry and unhappy as he is.

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He desires peace, wants what is good, yes. Yet on terms *far* too generous, conciliatory, and submissive to the devil.

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Whom did Christ say he first came to save? Sinners and the tribe of Israel.

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It is the devil and his assistants, not life, that beats a person up (in the course of that life.) Yet who complains of this?

Indeed, just the other day he told us that torture and being and able to torture others means so much to him.

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I'm with you all the way! (boldly he tells the rest of the herd.)

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Mobs and masses, particularly when manipulated (as they often or invariably are), are most of the time very poor judges of excellence. Not surprisingly then, it is those are lacking and devoid of meaningful excellence who insist that we rely on the former as ultimate authority.

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[ch. 2]

... For the word of God declares that the preaching (although in itself true and most worthy of belief) is not sufficient to reach the human heart, unless a certain power be imparted to the speaker from God, and a grace appear upon his words; and it is only by the divine agency that this takes place in those who speak effectually. The prophet says in the sixty-seventh Psalm, that "the Lord will give a word with great power to them who preach." If, then, it should be granted with respect to certain points, that the same doctrines

are found among the Greeks as in our own Scriptures, yet they do not possess the same power of attracting and disposing the souls of men to follow them. And therefore the disciples of Jesus, men ignorant so far as regards Grecian philosophy, yet traversed many countries of the world, impressing, agreeably to the desire of the Logos, each one of their hearers according to his deserts, so that they received a moral amelioration in proportion to the inclination of their will to accept of that which is good...
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book VI

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[ch. 42]

It is evident that, by the preceding remarks, Celsus charges the Jews with falsely giving themselves out as the chosen portion of the Supreme God above all other nations. And he accuses them of boasting, because they gave out that they knew the great God, although they did not really know Him, but were led away by the artifices of Moses, and were deceived by him, and became his disciples to no good end....

[ch. 43]

...And although Celsus will not admit it, the Jews nevertheless are possessed of a wisdom superior not only to that of the multitude, but also of those who have the appearance of philosophers; because those who engage in philosophical pursuits, after the utterance of the most venerable philosophical sentiments, fall away into the worship of idols and demons, whereas the very lowest Jew directs his look to the Supreme God alone; and they do well, indeed, so far as this point is concerned, to pride themselves thereon, and to keep aloof from the society of others as accursed and impious. And would that they had not sinned, and transgressed the law, and slain the prophets in former times, and in these latter days conspired against Jesus, that we might be in possession of a pattern of a heavenly city which even Plato would have sought to describe; although I doubt whether he could have accomplished as much as was done by Moses and those who followed him, who nourished a "chosen generation," and "a holy nation," dedicated to God, with words free from all superstition.

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book V

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

In an effort to make more easily available and affordable some (what are for most people) very rare titles, and in conjunction with amazon's KDP program, I am launching THE LIBRARY OF EARLY AMERICAN LITERATURE. Although we are still waiting on the Phillis Wheatley book to come out in paperback, all titles can be had in either Kindle and or paperback format. A main online search URL for the series is: <https://tinyurl.com/ybfdgn5d>

But and otherwise the main list of current titles (with more to come!) is as follows:

* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: Selected Writings

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089KGWDLG>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GMHQ55>

* ROBERT ROGERS: Collected Works

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089K2DWZ4>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GKG11D>

* ETHAN ALLEN: "Narrative" and Reason, the Only Oracle

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088TTPWLW>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GDFNTG>

* MERCY OTIS WARREN: Selected Works: Plays and Poetry

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089B3SLSJ>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GJFRJ8>

* PHILLIS WHEATLEY: Complete Poetical Works, Plus extant Poetry and Prose of Jupiter Hammon

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088VLM2QJ>

Paperback:

* DAVID HUMPHREYS: Collected Works

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088TSL8BZ>

Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GJHGJQ>

- * TIMOTHY DWIGHT: Selected Works
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088XVZY78>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GJGGJN>

- * JOEL BARLOW: Collected Works
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08869P6ZR>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0884BPB7B>

- * PHILIP FRENEAU: Collected Poems
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089JKPV6J>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GKF34X>

- * HUGH HENRY BRACKENRIDGE: Modern Chivalry - abridged
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088XQLCL9>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GL5X1N>

- * ROYALL TYLER: Selected Works
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088TRJ2NM>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GMJZVF>

- * CHARLES BROCKDEN BROWN & WM. DUNLAP: The Life of Charles Brockden Brown
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088TVSK9B>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0884H5MMN>

- * WASHINGTON IRVING & JAS. KIRKE PAULDING: Salmagundi, First AND Second Series
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088X6RNZ4>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GNKBYS>

- * SAMUEL WOODWORTH: Complete Poetical Works
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088X579BS>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088GLYY2D>

- * DAVID PORTER: Journal of a Cruise Made to the Pacific Ocean (1822 ed.)
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08975FPB3>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088B3R4CT>

- * WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT: Complete Poetical Works
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0889VG7P4>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088N9338P>

- * JAMES FENIMORE COOPER: History of the Navy of the United States (1847 ed.)
Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0886BHRJG>
Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0884CJMMSM>

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*"Judge not by appearances but by the truth."*

- \* Serial Killers
- \* School/public gathering place shootings
- \* pathological racism
- \* Absurd violent rioting and looting

where do all of these and other cataclysmic social problems have their REAL origin?

I will say and tell you as I have before, though few or none heed me, these things originate and are orchestrated to take place by criminal spirit people, assisted by the widespread and general tendency of people to be irrational.

Based on what I know first hand about criminal spirit people, there is not the least question in my mind that such is the case. This is what they do cause trouble; they devote and spend their entire lives being trouble-makers and inciting others to do the same. Why they are like this, I have written about elsewhere and don't feel the need to do so just here. But don't be fooled, blame for what goes on is directed at everyone BUT criminal spirit people. It is forbidden to discuss or investigate them soberly, rationally, scientifically. There is not even the least consideration of the possibility of their existence; one part reason for this is some see them as "God" or "gods;" which is truly and such utter nonsense.

You want to know the REAL reason such and these crazy things mentioned above and others go on and will continue to go on? Well, let it be said that at least one person tried to tell you.

As always if you don't believe me, try contacting me personally to discuss this question, and see if it is possible for you to do so. I have put this offer and challenge up for almost two decades now, and as yet there has not, to my knowledge at any rate, been a single taker.

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...remembering (WAY BACK) when...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pfEMs0TgKo>

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[ch. 30]

All the people upon the earth are to be regarded as having used one divine language, and so long as they lived harmoniously together were preserved in the use of this divine language, and they remained without moving from the east so long as they were imbued with the sentiments of the "light," and of the "reflection" of the eternal light...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book V

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCDiVv8W9Co>

["Man From Uncle Theme and opening titles from 'The Spy In The Green Hat' (1966)"]

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[ch. 29]

In the treatise of Solomon, moreover, on "Wisdom," and on the events at the time of the confusion of languages, when the division of the earth took place, we find the following regarding Wisdom: "Moreover, the nations in their wicked conspiracy being confounded, she found out the righteous, and preserved him blameless unto God, and kept him strong in his tender compassion towards his son."

[Wisdom 10:5] But on these subjects much, and that of a mystical kind, might be said; in keeping with which is the following: "It is good to keep close the secret of a king," — in order that the doctrine of the entrance of souls into bodies (not, however, that of the transmigration from one body into another) may not be thrown before the common understanding, nor what is holy given to the dogs, nor pearls be cast before swine. For such a procedure would be impious, being equivalent to a betrayal of the mysterious declarations

of God's wisdom, of which it has been well said: "Into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter, nor dwell in a body subject to sin."  
[Wisdom 1:4] It is sufficient, however, to represent in the style of a historic narrative what is intended to convey a secret meaning in the garb of history, that those who have the capacity may work out for themselves all that relates to the subject.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book V

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Plato for dummies (or why the bad angels fell.)



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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfXaSPe72KE>

["Sovvente il sole (Vivaldi) Lucile Richardot"]

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

"THE NELSON-LOVING AMERICANS, circa 1798-1806."

For this same article in downloadable .pdf, see:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=15HTfT7WTh5QZV0_oroEW-ZpVFQMCRh0f

or

<https://www.scribd.com/document/461717622/The-Nelson-Loving-Americans-circa-1799-1806>

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[Posted on Face Book]

I'm ready for covid now!

(Got the COMPLETE series coming in the mail next week.)



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[Posted on Face Book]

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcTUM_IWg7M

["Maureen McGovern - The Morning After (audio original mejorado)"]

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[ch. 29]

We say, moreover, that our prophet of God and His genuine servant Moses, in his song in the book of Deuteronomy, makes a statement regarding the portioning out of the earth in the following terms: "When the Most High divided the nations, when He dispersed the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the angels of God; and the portion was His people Jacob, and Israel the cord of His inheritance." And regarding the distribution of the nations, the same Moses, in his work entitled Genesis, thus expresses himself in the style of a historical narrative: "And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech; and it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there." A little further on he continues: "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men had built. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they have begun to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do. Go to, let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. And the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city and the tower. Therefore is the name of it called Confusion; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book V

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[*Note.* If, after what has been MANY years, I don't write more than I do, this is to a large extent the result of my receiving little or no response to anything I write. For the same reason, I tend to compose summaries, rather than at length analyses, explanations or exegeses. Hence my using that approach here.]

Is the miracle of Fatima true? As told, it is not impossible that it may be. But reflecting on and thinking the matter over yesterday, I am inclined to think it was mostly a criminal spirit person hoax; to be explained essentially along these lines.

* The children were good and blessed, and were in a sense chosen for these qualities to play in the show the criminal spirit people were going to put on, with the latter impersonating the Virgin Mary. It could be said also that the children did end up being, in one sense or other, murdered and to that extent they actually were martyrs (including and later presumably Sister Lucia, as some have alleged.)

* High power and magician type criminal spirit are typically motivated by 1. Putting on a show and getting attention, 2. Embarrassing or making a fool of someone, or getting them guilty. 3. Trying to justify the principle that good can come from doing bad, the Fatima charade being in some measure an attempt at such.

* It is not unusual for so called "Hell" or very guilty spirit people to feel the pain of their guilt, even though no less prepared to deny the same while still blaming someone else for it. This it seems to me would explain the prayers "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy." This, I believe, is a true prayer from the Holy Spirit; that was made to pass through the medium of the children and or indeed even the criminal spirit people themselves also, expressing their understandable and justified desire for mercy.

* Church people who knew better yet approved of the miracle being authentic did so basically because of this reason. Since discussing spirit people scientifically is forbidden or else impractical, the idea was to use the hoax for good, and spare what were indeed and genuinely good children from being implicated in doing something wrong.

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[ch. 27]

Any one, indeed, who chooses, may relate how the various quarters of the earth, being distributed among certain governing powers, are administered by those who superintend them; but let him tell us also how what is done among each nation is done rightly when agreeable to the wishes of the superintendents. Let him, for example, tell us whether the laws of the Scythians, which permit the murder of parents, are right laws; or those of the Persians, which do not forbid the marriages of sons with their mothers, or of daughters with their own fathers. But what need is there for me to make selections from those who have been engaged in the business of enacting laws among the different nations, and to inquire how the laws are rightly enacted among each, according as they please the superintending powers? Let Celsus, however, tell us how it would be an act of impiety to get rid of those ancestral laws which permit the marriages of mothers and daughters; or which pronounce a man happy who puts an end to his life by hanging, or declare that they undergo entire purification who deliver themselves over to the fire, and who terminate their existence by fire; and how it is an act of impiety to do away with those laws which, for example, prevail in the Tauric Chersonese, regarding the offering up of strangers in sacrifice to Diana, or among certain of the Libyan tribes regarding the sacrifice of children to Saturn. Moreover, this inference follows from the dictum of Celsus, that it is an act of impiety on the part of the Jews to do away with those ancestral laws which forbid the worship of any other deity than the Creator of all things. And it will follow, according to his view, that piety is not divine by its own nature, but by a certain (external) arrangement and appointment. For it is an act of piety among certain tribes to worship a crocodile, and to eat what is an object of adoration among other tribes; while, again, with others it is a pious act to worship a calf, and among others, again, to regard the goat as a god. And, in this way, the same individual will be regarded as acting piously according to one set of laws, and impiously according to another; and this is the most absurd result that can be conceived!

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

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(Yet) Another Round(?)

"Hush, hush! I know what you would say. You would tell us that our repudiation of it cannot affect the fact. Of that we are aware; but yet will we disbelieve that which a belief in would be enough to drive us mad."

~ James Malcolm Rymer & Thomas Peckett Prest, *Varney the Vampyre* (1845-47)

After over 27 years, can my enemies and nay-sayers face or rationally refute me? No, indeed, they still cannot face or refute me. Who then speaks the honest truth?

He refuses to recognize, admit to, or discuss the existence of criminal spirit people for the simple reason that he is both a coward and a liar.

Honor thy mother and father (including the church), but does this then mean you are completely blind and oblivious to their possible errors and mistaken compromises?

It is his claim that people like him *and* that he is someone very important. If that is so, said I, then why must you continually force yourself on people? This he refuses to answer and simply makes reference or

alludes his possessing magical powers (including that of hypnotism), the ability to frighten and terrify, super technology, and no end of ill gotten money.

If the devil couldn't do good, then he wouldn't be much of a devil, now would he?

There are those who believe a paying protection racket really does help people, and they believe this deeply and sincerely. And yet are not such who are this way the ruin of us all?

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[ch. 26]

Let us next notice the statements of Celsus, which follow the preceding, and which are as follow: "As the Jews, then, became a peculiar people, and enacted laws in keeping with the customs of their country, and maintain them up to the present time, and observe a mode of worship which, whatever be its nature, is yet derived from their fathers, they act in these respects like other men, because each nation retains its ancestral customs, whatever they are, if they happen to be established among them. And such an arrangement appears to be advantageous, not only because it has occurred to the mind of other nations to decide some things differently, but also because it is a duty to protect what has been established for the public advantage; and also because, in all probability, the various quarters of the earth were from the beginning allotted to different superintending spirits, and were thus distributed among certain governing powers, and in this manner the administration of the world is carried on. And whatever is done among each nation in this way would be rightly done, wherever it was agreeable to the wishes (of the superintending powers), while it would be an act of impiety to get rid of the institutions established from the beginning in the various places." By these words Celsus shows that the Jews, who were formerly Egyptians, subsequently became a "peculiar people," and enacted laws which they carefully preserve. And not to repeat his statements, which have been already before us, he says that it is advantageous to the Jews to observe their ancestral worship, as other nations carefully attend to theirs. And he further states a deeper reason why it is of advantage to the Jews to cultivate their ancestral customs, in hinting dimly that those to whom was allotted the office of superintending the country which was being legislated for, enacted the laws of each land in co-operation with its legislators. He appears, then, to indicate that both the country of the Jews, and the nation which inhabits it, are superintended by one or more beings, who, whether they were one or more, co-operated with Moses, and enacted the laws of the Jews.

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

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Recently I received the following email from YouTube:

"Hi Wm. Thomas Sherman,

"Due to a copyright claim, your YouTube video has been blocked. This means that your video can no longer be played on YouTube. Claimed by: NBC Universal"

For which reason I thought I could take the occasion to lists other YouTube uploads of mine that have also been taken down. Although some claims of copyright were actually proven and demonstrated by their owners, yet others claims are highly suspect if not out right wrong, such as "Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" (1919) and "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1922). Although the Killiam music track to that latter film is ostensibly copyrighted, the film itself certainly isn't. So while I would upload a new version of "Down to the Sea in Ships" with a new track, unfortunately and for reasons unknown to me, my actual video copy of the film has got lost.

So just for the record then, the following are those uploads.

Video title: HER SISTER'S SECRET (1946) - Nancy Coleman, Margaret Lindsay

Video title: THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI (1920), Das Cabinet des Dr. Caligari,

Video title: Thursday's Child (1943) - Sally Ann Howes

Video title: MALE AND FEMALE (1919) -- Gloria Swanson, Thomas Meighan, Lila Lee, dir. by Cecil B. DeMille

Video title: Scenes from WINGS (1927) -- Clara Bow, Buddy Rogers, Richard Arlen

Video title: DAYBREAK (1931) - Ramon Novarro, Helen Chandler

Video title: OUTWARD BOUND (1930) - Leslie Howard, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Helen Chandler

Video title: Once Over Lightly (1944) - part 1/2 Sennett 1920s comedy pastiche

Video title: DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS (1922) -- Elmer Clifton,

Video title: THE MONSTER (1925) -- Lon Chaney, Hallam Cooley, Gertrude Olmstead, dir. by Roland West

Video title: IN THE DOUGH (1932) -- Roscoe Arbuckle, Shemp Howard, Lionel Stander

Video title: BUZZIN' AROUND (1933) -- Roscoe Arbuckle, Al St. John

Video title: 27 BORDER BADMEN (1945), Buster Crabbe, Fuzzy St. John

Video title: SHOW PEOPLE (1928) – Marion Davies

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9fzHBJU1Oo>

["Thom Pace - Maybe - Theme from Grizzly Adams (lyrics)"]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQxoo6MLWmA>

["Classic Monster Movie Trailers Varan The Unbelievable" - 1960?]

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[ch. 24]

Moreover, as we have already said that for God to desire anything unbecoming Himself would be destructive of His existence as Deity, we will add that if man, agreeably to the wickedness of his nature, should desire anything that is abominable, God cannot grant it. And now it is from no spirit of contention that we answer the assertions of Celsus; but it is in the spirit of truth that we investigate them, as assenting to his view that "He is the God, not of inordinate desires, nor of error and disorder, but of a nature just and upright," because He is the source of all that is good. And that He is able to provide an eternal life for the soul we acknowledge; and that He possesses not only the "power," but the "will."...

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book V

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2012



2017 (and later.)

Since I read Jean Stein/Plimpton's book in the mid 80s, I have been extremely fascinated by Edie Sedgwick and her story. But in recent decades I have been largely away from it in my thoughts, when just of late I thought I would go back and take another look. As is customary for me at this website, I'll provide a general point by point run down of my thoughts on the subject. Since it is either that or nothing. Given that I get virtually no response to just about anything I write, it isn't worth my time to write a book or essay on whatever (at least not just yet anyway.)

The two things that make the Edie Sedgwick story most interesting are A) Edie herself and the cast of persons associated with her, and what an intriguing and moving drama her life played out to be, and B) her story is much like a whodunit murder mystery. We are amazed by what took place, and are left asking why. But at every turn, no one as yet has arrived at anything like a clear solution. The following then are some points I would make in regard to this conundrum (take and lead us where they may.)

\* Many have blamed Warhol for Edie's downfall, and that Warhol was a villain. My own take would be to say that for whatever Warhol and his circle can be characterized as, they in my opinion were ultimately pawns of more powerful "others." "The factory," when you think about it was a lot like a religious sect, and that had its good points and its bad points. The good thing about it was the idea that anyone was or could be a superstar. (This idea in corrupted form survives today only you must go through the big money, monopolistic oligarchs to receive validation, rather than through say an actual artist or person of actual intelligence and some taste like Warhol.) The bad part was that at the same time they encouraged or harbored all kinds of immorality and depravity; both good and bad being sanctioned under the umbrella of art. As Jim Morrison sang "we need something, something new, something else, to get us through..." And the Andy Warhol thing was a kind of such. The ordinary folk among them were sincere, kind in their way and meant well, sometimes brilliantly creative (if on spiritual steroids perhaps), but not intelligent or strong enough to withstand destructive forces using and patiently and craftily manipulating them (the devil if anything is patient.)

\* Edie herself as much as states in various recordings of her speaking that what turned out to be her death was a kind of creative suicide. She had all kinds of troubles before going to Warhol, and these set the stage for her graphic demise. Quite what those troubles were really all about, no one in the general public is quite in a position to say. Some for example have blamed an abusive father, yet I myself find this explanation rather insufficient to account for what ended up happening. At the same time, frequent mention is made of mental illness, but again it is hard to see how this tells us much of anything. On the other hand, if we posit the possibility of criminal spirit people machinations, this personally (and given what I know on the subject) strikes me as far more plausible a catalyst for tragedy (think, for example, Iago.)

\* Although scoffed at by David Weisman in his commentary for "Ciao Manhattan," there are all kinds of suggestions of the other worldly in that film, e.g. references to space aliens; though transference; the character of all seeing Del Vecchio; the wild claim and idea that mother and the "establishment" are to blame, and other.



Lastly here and worth checking out is this well made tribute put together by Weisman in 2010, and which in the latter part brings out Edie's talent as a performer at it best.

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

["Edie Girl On Fire Video"]

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42wstYooWu0>

["The Devil Commands (1941) - Trailer"]

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[ch. 92]

In my opinion, however, it is certain wicked demons, and, so to speak, of the race of Titans or Giants, who have been guilty of impiety towards the true God, and towards the angels in heaven, and who have fallen from it, and who haunt the denser parts of bodies, and frequent unclean places upon earth, and who, possessing some power of distinguishing future events, because they are without bodies of earthly material, engage in an employment of this kind, and desiring to lead the human race away from the true God, secretly enter the bodies of the more rapacious and savage and wicked of animals, and stir them up to do whatever they choose, and at whatever time they choose: either turning the fancies of these animals to make flights and movements of various kinds, in order that men may be caught by the divining power that is in the irrational animals, and neglect to seek after the God who contains all things; or to search after the pure worship of God, but allow their reasoning powers to grovel on the earth, and among birds and serpents, and even foxes and wolves. For it has been observed by those who are skilled in such matters, that the clearest prognostications are obtained from animals of this kind; because the demons cannot act so effectively in the milder sort of animals as they can in these, in consequence of the similarity between them in point of wickedness; and yet it is not wickedness, but something like wickedness, which exist in these animals.

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

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[ch. 29]

... And if any one were to maintain what is asserted by some (either by those who possess intelligence or who do not, but have misconceived sound reason), that "God exists, and we are next to Him," I would interpret the word "we," by using in its stead, "We who act according to reason," or rather, "We virtuous, who act according to reason." For, in our opinion, the same virtue belongs to all the blessed, so that the virtue of man and of God is identical. And therefore we are taught to become "perfect," as our Father in heaven is perfect. No good and virtuous man, then, is a "worm rolling in filth," nor is a pious man an "ant," nor a righteous man a "frog;" nor could one whose soul is enlightened with the bright light of truth be reasonably likened to a "bird of the night."

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

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[Posted earlier at the Lee's Legion page on Face Book] *Note.* Some will perhaps see the analogy between the Essex and our country (i.e., in say the last 20 years.)

THE LOSS OF THE U.S. FRIGATE ESSEX,

*as recounted by David Glasgow Farragut*

Though familiar as a victorious Union admiral during the American Civil War, rather less known is that David Farragut as a 13+ year old midshipman served with Captain David Porter on the famous cruise of the U.S. Frigate Essex during the War of 1812. Among other recollections passed along by his son in *The Life of David Glasgow Farragut, First Admiral of the United States Navy, Embodying his Journals and letters. By his son Loyall Farragut* (1879) is this most interesting account of the final taking of the Essex by the HMS Phoebe and Cherub, 28 March 1814. Below is from some of the same in .pdf:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ExkQ4UMBQntJVrtMkaue\\_vzIz3MhwsqD](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ExkQ4UMBQntJVrtMkaue_vzIz3MhwsqD)

[For more, see also Porter's own *Journal of a Cruise*, etc. (1815 and 1822 editions.)]

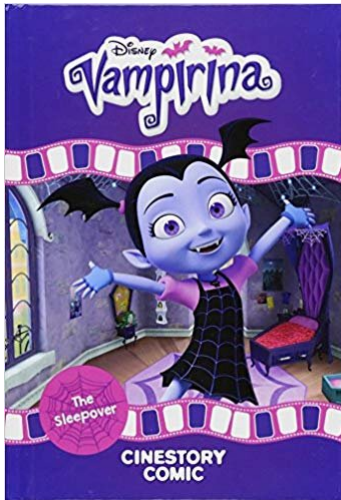
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[ch. 24]

...But no sensible person would maintain that these irrational creatures are superior to rational beings, merely on account of their bodies: for the possession of reason raises a rational being to a vast superiority over all irrational creatures. Even the race of virtuous and blessed beings would admit this, whether they are, as you say, good demons, or, as we are accustomed to call them, the angels of God, or any other natures whatever superior to that of man, since the rational faculty within them has been made perfect, and endowed with all virtuous qualities.

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

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(I couldn't sleep, so I thought I would do some posting; hence the following miscellany.)

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And did you happen to remember this?

wis.7.30 For after this cometh night, but no evil can overcome wisdom.

wis.10.13 She [Wisdom] forsook not the just when he was sold, but delivered him from sinners: she went down with him into the pit.

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"Like people, like priest."  
~ from a character in one of Erasmus' colloquies.

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O.K. so let me get this straight: they are credible and to be trusted because they are extremely violent and can do incredible and absolutely amazing magic tricks.

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Who is so mad that would prefer evil over what is right, cruelty over mercy, crime over justice, falsehood over the truth? And yet still they continue to look to the devil for goodness.

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No one is so great in this world that they cannot go higher or be made to look less than they are, and as great and successful as anyone is, they are still fettered to a fallen world.

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Yes, it is Christian to consort or reach out to sinners, *but not* if doing so means or entails spurning or making an outcast of the honest and conscientiously rational.

But who needs honest or right reason, they say, if we have the ghost from outer space on our side?

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The atheist can claim what hope?

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What you can say about *them* is this. They always have "to get" somebody, and indeed will always be like that.

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Too often in life one only learn later what you they needed to know before. On the positive side however, it is not necessarily impossible to avert or prevent this being the case.

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Art should serve nature and morals, not morals and nature art.

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"Don't worry, we won't hurt you!" - John Carradine abducting a stranded woman driver and taking her to Bela Lugosi, in "Voodoo Man" (1944).

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Lord of the Trolls *merely*, and yet he would rule and be supreme over all!

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Some people are so dumb that they are no help at all.

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"[T]he Christian religion when divested of the rags in which they [the clergy] have enveloped it, and brought to the original purity & simplicity of its benevolent institutor, is a religion of all others most friendly to liberty, science, & the freest expression of the human mind," ~ Thomas Jefferson to Moses Robinson, March 23, 1801,

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Historically speaking, Christianity has been foremost and primarily an urban religion; perhaps implying something bad about cities.

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The scourging and mockery of Christ by the soldiers and or lackeys of the Sanhedrin is a behavior that has its origin not really among men or people, but in persons from hell.

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Invariably the devil attacks most what good people love best.

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Where else in ancient writings but in the gospels is demonic possession spoken of as a real life empirical fact?

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The more evil they do the dirtier they get. The dirtier they get the more sick.

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Why and how is it about this day and age (of say the last 25+ years) such that something 1 out of 5 men in public eye have gone completely bald?

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Who was it that ruined life for everyone? The one who could not stop forcing himself on people.

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What, when all is said and done, have we come to learn? He cannot deal with his problems without getting violent.

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Let them have their way as much as they wish and desire, and still they never would or ever know how to be happy.

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[ch. 19]

...The human race, moreover, when in a state of mental alienation, had to be cured by methods which the Word saw would aid in bringing back those so afflicted to a sound state of mind. But Celsus says also, that "one acts thus towards enemies when taking measures to escape danger. But God does not fear any one, so as to escape danger by leading into error those who conspire against him." Now it is altogether unnecessary and absurd to answer a charge which is advanced by no one against our Saviour. And we have already replied, when answering other charges, to the statement that "no one who is either in a state of sickness or mental alienation is a friend of God." For the answer is, that such arrangements have been made, not for the sake of those who, being already friends, afterwards fell sick or became afflicted with mental disease, but in order that those who were still enemies through sickness of the soul, and alienation of the natural reason, might become the friends of God. For it is distinctly stated that Jesus endured all things on behalf of sinners, that He might free them from sin, and convert them to righteousness.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book IV

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"Que sara sara"

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1BbgQcO8fo&t=152s>

["Doctor Faustus: Shakespeare's Globe"]

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[ch. 16]

...For those below did not possess eyes capable of seeing the transformation of the Word into His glorious and more divine condition. But with difficulty were they able to receive Him as He was; so that it might be said of Him by those who were unable to behold His more excellent nature: "We saw Him, and He had no form nor comeliness; but His form was mean, and inferior to that of the sons of men." And let these remarks be an answer to the suppositions of Celsus, who does not understand the changes or transformations of Jesus, as related in the histories, nor His mortal and immortal nature.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book IV

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[Posted on Face Book]

What an experience it was growing up long ago being able to hear songs like this! What could even compare, except the raw beauty of Nature herself?

Thanks Leslie Bricusse (and who also wrote such as "Goldfinger," etc., etc. of course.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O06aV68MMBM>

"Where Are the Words?" from "Doctor Dolittle" - as sung at the World Premiere London Production 1998]

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[ch. 13]

...But when He is said to be a "consuming fire," we inquire what are the things which are appropriate to be consumed by God. And we assert that they are wickedness, and the works which result from it, and which, being figuratively called "wood, hay, stubble," God consumes as a fire...But what work can be spoken of in these words as being "burned," save all that results from wickedness?

Therefore our God is a "consuming fire" in the sense in which we have taken the word; and thus He enters in as a "refiner's fire," to refine the rational nature, which has been filled with the lead of wickedness, and to free it from the other impure materials, which adulterate the natural gold or silver, so to speak, of the soul. And, in like manner, "rivers of fire" are said to be before God, who will thoroughly cleanse away the evil which is intermingled throughout the whole soul. But these remarks are sufficient in answer to the assertion, "that thus they were made to give expression to the erroneous opinion that God will come down bearing fire like a torturer."

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

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In an entertaining, yet useful and helpful, dialogue (between Aulus and Barbatus) from his *Latina Colloquia*, Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466-1536) presents a summary and attempted justification of Christian belief. I share it here, in .pdf, for such who might need or want a catechetical review off the beaten path as we get nearer Easter.

See: [Erasmus-on-Christianity.pdf](#)

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[ch. 7]

...To which we answer, that there never was a time when God did not wish to make men live righteous lives; but He continually evinced His care for the improvement of the rational animal, by affording him occasions for the exercise of virtue. For in every generation the wisdom of God, passing into those souls which it ascertains to be holy, converts them into friends and prophets of God. And there may be found in the sacred book (the names of) those who in each generation were holy, and were recipients of the Divine Spirit, and who strove to convert their contemporaries so far as in their power.

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

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[Posted on Face Book]

REQUIRED for those who (for one reason or another) don't get around to reading the original.)

See: <https://archive.org/details/ClassicsIllustrated062WesternStories/mode/2up>

"Classics Illustrated -062- Western Stories" by Bret Harte (in .pdf)

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YT9N0X6uSzw>

["Buddy Holly - Everyday"]

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When grandma was young.

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9877w\\_Xlrso](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9877w_Xlrso)

["Palisades Amusement Park Roller Coasters, 1932 and 1929"]

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[ch. 6]

...What argument, then, proves that it follows from our views that God, according to our representations, is "like those of mankind who have recently come into the possession of riches, and who make a display of their wealth?" For God makes no display towards us, from a desire that we should understand and consider His pre-eminence; but desiring that the blessedness which results from His being known by us should be implanted in our souls, He brings it to pass through Christ, and His ever-indwelling word, that we come to an intimate fellowship with Him. No mortal ambition, then, does the Christian doctrine testify as existing on the part of God.
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book IV

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[ch. 5]

...but we say that the soul of the bad man, and of him who is overwhelmed in wickedness, is abandoned by God, while we mean that the soul of him who wishes to live virtuously, or of him who is making progress (in a virtuous life), or who is already living conformably thereto, is filled with or becomes a partaker of the Divine Spirit. It is not necessary, then, for the descent of Christ, or for the coming of God to men, that He should abandon a greater seat, and that things on earth should be changed, as Celsus imagines when he says, "If you were to change a single one, even the least, of things on earth, all things would be overturned and disappear." And if we must speak of a change in any one by the appearing of the power of God, and by the entrance of the word among men, we shall not be reluctant to speak of changing from a wicked to a virtuous, from a dissolute to a temperate, and from a superstitious to a religious life, the person who has allowed the word of God to find entrance into his soul.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book IV

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"The play's the thing..."

For the benefit of those who've never seen it, the 1927 version of Hamilton Deane and John I. Balderston's (revising Deane's 1924 original) "Dracula" (on which the 1931 film is based.) While not without its shortcomings, all in all a pretty decent production; with of course some tellingly timeless and memorable lines. (If you prefer, click over to YouTube to watch full screen.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAfhzR2w3D4>

["Dracula"-at Largo's Eight O'Clock Theatre. September 2005]

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[ch. 4]

The argument which Celsus employs against us and the Jews will be turned against himself thus: My good sir, does the God who is over all things know what takes place among men, or does He not know? Now if you admit the existence of a God and of providence, as your treatise indicates, He must of necessity know. And if He does know, why does He not make (men) better? Is it obligatory, then, on us to defend God's procedure in not making men better, although He knows their state, but not equally binding on you, who do not distinctly show by your treatise that you are an Epicurean, but pretend to recognise a providence, to explain why God, although knowing all that takes place among men, does not make them better, nor by divine power liberate all men from evil? We are not ashamed, however, to say that God is constantly sending (instructors) in order to make men better; for there are to be found among men reasons given by God which exhort them to enter on a better life. But there are many diversities among those who serve God, and they are few in number who are perfect and pure ambassadors of the truth, and who produce a complete reformation, as did Moses and the prophets. But above all these, great was the reformation effected by Jesus, who desired to heal not only those who lived in one corner of the world, but as far as in Him lay, men in every country, for He came as the Saviour of all men.  
~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), [Contra Celsus](#), Book IV

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This you have to see (I mean really.)

Note especially how the sheriff prefers the law NOT be enforced in order to preserve the peace. (This series aired 1957-1963.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrb3OVslklo>

["Have Gun - Will Travel - Season 2 - Episode 1"]

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The stories told in traditional stage tragedies invariably, if not always, concern an individual (and or individuals) whose downfall and ruin is specifically plotted and connived at by a sophisticated and cunning "god" or devil, and who acts as the former's self-appointed nemesis (say, perhaps, out of envy.) In that sense every Orestes, Oedipus, or Hamlet has his Iago; whether or not the Iago is ever mentioned or on stage; and whether or not the given Hamlet (or whoever), by his frailties, misjudgments and foibles, unwittingly assists his would be destroyer.

Would Hamlet been a good ruler or husband had his father lived and he succeeded him? Probably not. The fact is that while burdened with very unfortunate circumstances not of his own making, he had hardly a clue as to what he was or should be doing with his life. What were his life priorities? What did he care about? Evidently not much of anything. In his treatment of Ophelia, he showed himself to be needlessly callous and irresponsible. And who was the greater fool, Yorick departed or himself preaching the ill-advisedness of humor to a skull? Even so, whether he was to seek and obtain justice, or alternatively ignore the need to do so, whatever he did he had to do it alone. Was then he lost and his cause hopeless from the outset? If so, then perhaps his story is a waste of our time.

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Except perhaps in the time of David and Solomon, God's chosen people were always a subject race. Presumably this was something intended.

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Victory requires momentum. Once Napoleon lost it in 1812, his hope for something like lasting victory was forever quashed and for this reason Waterloo was an otherwise needless and foregone conclusion.

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printing press ==> renaissance, reformation

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[ch. 81]

And do not suppose that it is not in keeping with the Christian religion for me to have accepted, against Celsus, the opinions of those philosophers who have treated of the immortality or after-duration of the soul; for, holding certain views in common with them, we shall more conveniently establish our position, that the future life of blessedness shall be for those only who have accepted the religion which is according to Jesus, and that devotion towards the Creator of all things which is pure and sincere, and unmingled with any created thing whatever. And let him who likes show what "better things" we persuade men to despise, and let him compare the blessed end with God in Christ—that is, the word, and the wisdom, and all virtue—which, according to our view, shall be bestowed, by the gift of God, on those who have lived a pure and blameless life, and who have felt a single and undivided love for the God of all things, with that end which is to follow according to the teaching of each philosophic sect, whether it be Greek or Barbarian, or according to the professions of religious mysteries; and let him prove that the end which is predicted by any of the others is superior to that which we promise, and consequently that that is true, and ours not befitting the gift of God, nor those who have lived a good life; or let him prove that these words were not spoken by the divine Spirit, who filled the souls of the holy prophets. And let him who likes show that those words which are acknowledged among all men to be human, are superior to those which are proved to be divine, and uttered by inspiration. And what are the "better" things from which we teach those who receive them that it would be better to abstain? For if it be not arrogant so to speak, it is self-evident that nothing can be denied which is better than to entrust oneself to the God of all, and yield oneself up to the doctrine which raises us above all created things, and brings us, through the animate and living word—which is also living wisdom and the Son of God—to God who is over all. However, as the third book of our answers to the treatise of Celsus has extended to a sufficient length, we shall here bring our present remarks to a close, and in what is to follow shall meet what Celsus has subsequently written.

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

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[ch. 69]

...For, apart from the aid of the word, and that too the word of perfection, it is impossible for a man to become free from sin.

[ch. 70]

...Whereas if any one among existing things is able to commit wickedness from being inclined to wickedness by nature, it does so from not having in its nature the ability not to do evil.

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

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Why, *what* a coincidence! (i.e., as it turns out.)

I initially learned about and was curious to see "Night Life of the Gods" (1935) because Thelma Todd's ex-husband has a small role in it. Then further upon watching, I discovered several other things of unusual interest. One of the first of these was that the film has what struck me as several "goomeristic" qualities; such as for example:

1. The bad jokes and ongoing, vapid and mostly vain attempts at cute dialogue and humor.
2. "Faith, Hope, and Charity" are ridiculed and rejected as a tiresome singing trio (a la something like the Andrews Sisters, but pre-1940 of course.)
3. The main character, an eccentric scientist, has the power to turn people into stone. This is useful for getting them to buzz off or shut up as he needs them to -- very much like how Samantha Stevens does her little twitch of the nose to do something similar on "Bewitched." *

The film is worthwhile as an attempt at something creatively different, and deserves credit in that regard, but otherwise it is a failure except as a period curiosity.

After so viewing, I looked further into its original author Thorne Smith (1892-1934), pictured above. It turns out is also the creator of the "Topper" ghost-comedy series and the 1942 movie "I Married a Witch," with Fredric March and Veronica Lake in the primary roles; which latter film is reportedly understood to be the inspiration for "Bewitched." Here's a clip in case for such as might be interested:

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

["I Married A Witch, Starring Susan Hayward,Part 6, FINAL"]

Was all this, in its way, part of the start of what became so common and matter of course later (and to this day)?

* *Later Note.* I spotted this specific association BEFORE learning about Thorne Smith.

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[ch. 65]

He [Celsus] imagines, however, that we utter these exhortations for the conversion of sinners, because we are able to gain over no one who is really good and righteous, and therefore open our gates to the most unholy and abandoned of men. But if any one will fairly observe our assemblies we can present a greater number of those who have been converted from not a very wicked life, than of those who have committed the most abominable sins. For naturally those who are conscious to themselves of better things, desire that those promises may be true which are declared by God regarding the reward of the righteous, and thus assent more readily to the statements (of Scripture) than those do who have led very wicked lives, and who are prevented by their very consciousness (of evil) from admitting that they will be punished by the Judge of all with such punishment as befits those who have sinned so greatly, and as would not be inflicted by the Judge of all contrary to right reason. Sometimes, also, when very abandoned men are willing to accept the doctrine of (future) punishment, on account of the hope which is based upon repentance, they are prevented from so doing by their habit of sinning, being constantly dipped, and, as it were, dyed in wickedness, and possessing no longer the power to turn from it easily to a proper life, and one regulated according to right reason. And although Celsus observes this, he nevertheless, I know not why, expresses himself in the following terms: "And yet, indeed, it is manifest to every one that no one by chastisement, much less by merciful treatment, could effect a complete change in those who are sinners both by nature and custom, for to change nature is an exceedingly difficult thing. But they who are without sin are partakers of a better life."

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

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[ch. 64]

... For Jesus subjoins to his narrative of them both the words: "This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted." We utter no blasphemy, then, against

God, neither are we guilty of falsehood, when we teach that every man, whoever he may be, is conscious of human infirmity in comparison with the greatness of God, and that we must ever ask from Him, who alone is able to supply our deficiencies, what is wanting to our (mortal) nature.

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

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*Note.* The following remarks of mine are strictly intended for those who follow or have followed my comments and views on criminal spirit people and "witchcraft" persons. Just about anyone else would or might think I was prompted out of mere political ire, and quite easily misunderstand or misinterpret my reasoning.

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First, and at the outset, let me say I have generally supported Trump's Presidency, and most definitely voted for him in preference to Hillary Clinton. Certainly, and I could go on at some length, there are things about his viewpoints and decisions I do not like, but I think overall he has been more a positive than a negative force.

One matter that did especially surprise me was his choice of John Bolton and Mike Pompeo as national Security heads, and who struck me as culturally and spiritually dead. I mean and honestly, they seem like manikins or cartoon characters, not real people; Bolton especially so. (Noted Pnac neo-con Dov S. Zakheim strikes me as someone of similar psychological ilk.) The previously mentioned "Spielburg" person (friend and side-kick of the ghoulish magician) I have written about, is very much someone of this sort only much worse. In my opinion, these are people who, and probably from a very early age, have been mind controlled and spiritually eviscerated by criminal spirit people; and that is why they strike one as so strange and unreal.

Again, naturally some will think I am merely speaking out of political hatred or bias; which would be quite understandable, and I wouldn't blame them for thinking so. But this said, I otherwise assure you my reader that what I state is my honest opinion, mistaken or flawed as it granted might or perhaps be; my purpose being to provide you with psychological samples, as it were, of what (again in my opinion) *some* witchcraft people, and with all genuinely good intention on their part, can be like. My thought of this being the case with respect to Bolton was all the more confirmed when just yesterday I learned of this interview.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGvoX9GMml8>

["John Bolton admits to lying and deceiving the public"]

Are these bad or inherently bad people? No, they do mean well, and what they are rather are victims/subjects of professionally done mind control.

I would write more on this subject, but at the moment choose not to for the simple reason I get little or no response to anything I write at my website, and hence it doesn't seem worth the bother, but that every now and then I feel obliged, in the interest of in some way serving the public good, to say something.

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[ch. 49]

...“For why [quoting Celsus] is it an evil to have been educated, and to have studied the best opinions, and to have both the reality and appearance of wisdom? What hindrance does this offer to the knowledge of God? Why should it not rather be an assistance, and a means by which one might be better able to arrive at the truth?” Truly it is no evil to have been educated, for education is the way to virtue; but to rank those among the number of the educated who hold erroneous opinions is what even the wise men among the Greeks would not do. On the other hand, who would not admit that to have studied the best opinions is a blessing? But what shall we call the best, save those which are true, and which incite men to virtue? Moreover, it is an excellent thing for a man to be wise, but not to seem so, as Celsus says. And it is no hindrance to the knowledge of God, but an assistance, to have been educated, and to have studied the best opinions, and to be wise. And it becomes us rather than Celsus to say this, especially if it be shown that he is an Epicurean.

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

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LON CHANEY JR. - NOW MORE THAN EVER

With its timeless message that it will not do to electrically generate the Frankenstein monster to full power (or, for that matter to place one's trust in someone bent on doing the same), "Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman" (1943) will no doubt remain for many their favorite Lon Chaney Jr. vehicle. I know it is mine.

Yet any fan proper sells themselves far short if they overlook the musicals, or demi-musicals, he appeared in, namely, "Girl O' My Dreams" (1934) and "Daniel Boone, Trailblazer" (1956.) Although Chaney Jr. doesn't actually sing in "Daniel Boone, Trailblazer," nevertheless the movie is memorable for a great performance as Bruce Bennett's counterpart, the Indian chief "Black Fish;" still in in top physical form and before he put on those extra pounds.

In "Girl O' My Dreams" (1934), on the other hand, where he plays a star collegiate shot-put and discus thrower and all around big man on campus, he does get to sing, and just to prove it to you I thought I might share the same with some, via this link (at around 29:40)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmlPk7lG0JI>

[For "Daniel Boone, Trailblazer" (1956), incidentally, and which, for sundry reasons, is a must see in its own right, it's can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sWKZW5J9fw> ]

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But it is probable that what is written by Paul in the first Epistle to the Corinthians, as being addressed to Greeks who prided themselves greatly on their Grecian wisdom, has moved some to believe that it was not the object of the Gospel to win wise men. Now, let him who is of this opinion understand that the Gospel, as censuring wicked men, says of them that they are wise not in things which relate to the understanding, and which are unseen and eternal; but that in busying themselves about things of sense alone, and regarding these as all-important, they are wise men of the world: for as there are in existence a multitude of opinions, some of them espousing the cause of matter and bodies, and asserting that everything is corporeal which has a substantial existence, and that besides these nothing else exists, whether it be called invisible or incorporeal, it says also that these constitute the wisdom of the world, which perishes and fades away, and belongs only to this age, while those opinions which raise the soul from things here to the blessedness which is with God, and to His kingdom, and which teach men to despise all sensible and visible things as existing only for a season, and to hasten on to things invisible, and to have regard to those things which are not seen—these, it says, constitute the wisdom of God. But Paul, as a lover of truth, says of certain wise men among the Greeks, when their statements are true, that “although they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful.” And he bears witness that they knew God, and says, too, that this did not happen to them without divine permission, in these words: “For God showed it unto them;” dimly alluding, I think, to those who ascend from things of sense to those of the understanding, when he adds, “For the invisible things of God from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful.”

~ Origen (c. 184-c. 253), *Contra Celsus*, Book III

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