

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 *they* who have been and are the ruin of everyone and everything (that is, if anyone is or could be said to be so.)

### Mottos:

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

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

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

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

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"Praise the Lord from the earth,  
Sea monsters and all the deeps of the sea..."  
~ Psalm 148:7

(I wouldn't advise a swim...not just yet anyway.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8fSg8mMObo>

["Колоссальный кальмар (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*) / Colossal squid (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*)"]

And which reminded me of that favorite film from our childhood---which we saw at a theatre matinee way back when. (No cgi here.)

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMF\\_G\\_Jn3zc&](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMF_G_Jn3zc&)

["20,000 Leagues Under The Sea (1954) Giant Squid Fight HD (2/2)"]

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What, then, some one will say, do you think that no sacrifices at all should be offered? To answer you not with our own, but with your Varro's opinion—none. Why so? Because, he says, the true gods neither wish nor demand these; while those which are made of copper, earthenware, gypsum, or marble, care much less for these things, for they have no feeling; and you are not blamed if you do not offer them, nor do you win favour if you do. No sounder opinion can be found, none truer, and one which any one may adopt, although he may be stupid and very hard to convince. For who is so obtuse as either to slay victims in sacrifice to those who have no sense, or to think that they should be given to those who are removed far from them in their nature and blessed state?

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [*Against the Heathen* \(Book VII\)](#)

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# *Ne Plus Ultra*

Samuel Taylor Coleridge - 1772-1834

Sole Positive of Night!  
Antipathist of Light!  
Fate's only essence! primal scorpion rod—  
The one permitted opposite of God!—  
Condensed blackness and abysmal storm  
Compacted to one sceptre  
Arms the Grasp enorm—  
The Interceptor—  
The Substance that still casts the shadow Death!—  
The Dragon foul and fell—  
The unrevealable,  
And hidden one, whose breath  
Gives wind and fuel to the fires of Hell!—  
Ah! sole despair  
Of both th'eternities in Heaven!  
Sole interdict of all-bedewing prayer,  
The all-compassionate!  
Save to the Lampads Seven  
Reveal'd to none of all th'Angelic State,  
Save to the Lampads Seven,  
That watch the throne of Heaven!

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[Posted on Face Book]

The Irish and the Jews...

["Foy and Cohan" - Eddie Foy Sr. and George M. Cohan as portrayed, respectively, by Eddie Foy Jr. and James Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942).]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnMej98uPQI>

Here's also a very rare film of 6 (of the original 7) famous Foy children:

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnMej98uPQI>

The Foy Family - Chips of the Old Block (1928)

Later Note & Word of Explanation. Neither Foy or Cohan were Jewish (wherefore then the heading?) Yes, but the "family teams" Marx Brothers and Three Stooges were; hence the affinity alluded to.

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1. Since it has been sufficiently shown, as far as there has been opportunity, how vain it is to forth images, the course of our argument requires that we should next speak as briefly as possible, and without any periphrasis, about sacrifices, about the slaughter and immolation of victims, about pure wine, about incense, and about all the other things which are provided on such occasions. For with respect to this you have been in the habit of exciting against us the most violent ill-will, of calling us atheists, and inflicting upon us the punishment of death, even by savagely tearing us to pieces with wild beasts, on the ground that we pay very little respect to the gods; which, indeed, we admit that we do, not from contempt or scorn of the divine, but because we think that such powers require nothing of the kind, and are not possessed by desires for such things.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book VII\)](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

(this is a test, to play "La Conosco" at 18:40-23:00)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsUeywPFegQ&t=1118s>

["(HD) Pergolesi: La Serva Padrona, intermezzo in two parts | Diego Fasolis & Barocchisti"]

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Inasmuch as the Catholic Church goes WAY back in time, I was much curious as to what were the very earliest extant tombs of the popes and first bishops of Rome. Hitherto, I had always read they had been buried near or next to St. Peter at the Vatican, and yet there is (to my knowledge) little in the way of actual sites viewable there from that very early period, And THEN (sort of like a Catholic Howard Carter) I just within the past week learned about -- The Catacombs of Callixtus -- which contain "the tombs of several popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries."

For more, and for such who might also be interested, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catacomb\\_of\\_Callixtus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catacomb_of_Callixtus)

*Later Note.*

For a good INTRODUCTORY book on the very early popes themselves, see:

*THE LIVES OF THE POPES FROM THE TIME OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST  
TO THE ACCESSION OF GREGORY VII: PLATINA'S LIBER PONTIFICALIS* (1479)

by Bartolomeo Platina

available at:

<https://www.amazon.com/LIVES-SAVIOUR-CHRIST-ACCESSION-GREGORY-ebook/dp/B00J83HIS2>

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kl6cc3PTOSM>

["[There's No Place Like] Home for the Holidays"]

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5. But let it be assumed that there are these gods, as you wish and believe, and are persuaded; let them be called also by those names by which the common people suppose that those meaner gods are known. Whence, however, have you learned who make up the list of gods under these names? have any ever become familiar and known to others with whose names you were not acquainted? For it cannot be easily known whether their numerous body is settled and fixed in number; or whether their multitude cannot be summed up and limited by the numbers of any computation. For let us suppose that you do reverence to a thousand, or rather five thousand gods; but in the universe it may perhaps be that there are a hundred thousand; there may be even more than this—nay, as we said a little before, it may not be possible to compute the number of the gods, or limit them by a definite number. Either, then, you are yourselves impious who serve a few gods, but disregard the duties which you owe to the rest; or if you claim that your ignorance of the rest should be pardoned, you will procure for us also a similar pardon, if in just the same way we refuse to worship those of whose existence we are wholly ignorant.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [\*Against the Heathen \(Book III\)\*](#)

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SOME REMARKS ON FAITH.

In the days before the reign of Constantine, the thing that would or might get a Christian believer tortured and or executed was not paying homage, making sacrifice, or signed on as a subscriber to a false or pretended god.

On that day, St. Joseph first learned the story of Noah's Ark.

Is it true, that, historically speaking, the reason newer civilizations conquered the older is that the latter were beleaguered and plagued with criminal spirit people dominating them?

Often those Sumerian statues had big, enlarged eyes; as if to say "WE know!"

A person above and superior to right reason. Who is THIS?

You CAN go home again. ONLY you are going to have to evict the ghoul who snuck in and made himself at home there without your realizing it.

To the skeptic, Christ is merely a wishful thinking beggar; to a believer the final and ultimate possessor of infinite and ever lasting worth and treasure.³

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(If you don't speak French, you can watch with the sound off.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-x-wNiN4Hk>

["Jean Cocteau speaks to the year 2000, subtitled - 1962"]

*Note.* With respect to his somewhat criticism of orthodox religion, it must be remembered (and this absolutely) that religion is much and just like music -- it all depends on how well it is done. (Noise is something else ENTIRELY.)

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Therefore, according to this reasoning, Simon [the magician] became confessedly a god to his silly followers, as that Libyan, namely, Apsethus—begotten, no doubt, and subject to passion, when he may exist potentially, but devoid of propensions. (And this too, though born from one having propensions, and uncreated though born) from one that is begotten, when He may be fashioned into a figure, and, becoming perfect, may come forth from two of the primary powers, that is, Heaven and Earth. For Simon expressly speaks of this in the Revelation after this manner: To you, then, I address the things which I speak, and (to you) I write what I write. The writing is this: there are two offshoots from all the Aeons, having neither beginning nor end, from one root. And this is a power, viz., Sige, (who is) invisible (and) incomprehensible. And one of these (offshoots) appears from above, which constitutes a great power, (the creative) Mind of the universe, which manages all things, (and is) a male. The other (offshoot), however, is from below, (and constitutes) a great Intelligence, and is a female which produces all things. From whence, ranged in pairs opposite each other, they undergo conjugal union, and manifest an intermediate interval, namely, an incomprehensible air, which has neither beginning nor end. But in this is a father who sustains all things, and nourishes things that have beginning and end. This is he who stood, stands, and will stand, being an hermaphrodite power according to the pre-existent indefinite power, which has neither beginning nor end. Now this (power) exists in isolation. For Intelligence, (that subsists) in unity, proceeded forth from this (power), (and) became two. And that (father) was one, for having in himself this (power) he was isolated, and, however, He was not primal though pre-existent; but being rendered manifest to himself from himself, he passed into a state of duality. But neither was he denominated father before this (power) would style him father. As, therefore, he himself, bringing forward himself by means of himself, manifested unto himself his own peculiar intelligence, so also the intelligence, when it was manifested, did not exercise the function of creation. But beholding him, she concealed the Father within herself, that is, the power; and it is an hermaphrodite power, and an intelligence. And hence it is that they are ranged in pairs, one opposite the other; for power is in no wise different from intelligence, inasmuch as they are one. For from those things that are above is discovered power; and from those below, intelligence. So it is, therefore, that likewise what is manifested from these, being unity, is discovered (to be) duality, an hermaphrodite having the female in itself. This, (therefore,) is Mind (subsisting) in Intelligence; and these are separable one from the other, (though both taken together) are one, (and) are discovered in a state of duality.

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

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[Posted on Face Book]

(I was there!)

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

[""Changing of the Guards" - Bob Dylan LIVE Seattle 78 (audio)"]

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IF he is not (as he claims or implies) a "god," (or something like that), but and rather an actual and literal disease, then, and at the very least, this will come as no little and a great surprise to his most loyal and devoted minions and followers.

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4. But we do not purpose delaying further on this part of the subject, lest we seem desirous to stir up most violent strife, and engage in agitating contests.

Let there be, as you affirm, that crowd of deities, let there be numberless families of gods; we assent, agree, and do not examine too closely, nor in any part of the subject do we assail the doubtful and uncertain positions you hold. This, however, we demand, and ask you to tell us, whence you have discovered, or how you have learned, whether there are these gods, whom you believe to be in heaven and serve, or some others unknown by reputation and name? For it may be that beings exist whom you do not believe to do so; and that those of whose existence you feel assured, are found nowhere in the universe. For you have at no time been borne aloft to the stars of heaven, at no time have seen the face and countenance of each; and then established here the worship of the same gods, whom you remembered to be there, as having been known and seen by you. But this, too, we again would learn from you, whether they have received these names by which you call them, or assumed them themselves on the days of purification. If these are divine and celestial names, who reported them to you? But if, on the other hand, these names have been applied to them by you, how could you give names to those whom you never saw, and whose character or circumstances you in no wise knew?

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book III\)](#)

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The Truth Behind Today's Headlines?

Although this 1965 film, with its rather comic-book like script, is best as Saturday matinee or midnight movie fare, it's not without its subtle and even profound alongside exorbitant bounty and riches.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6Z7Yimf5ek&t=4s>

["Die, Monster, Die! | Classic Horror Movie | Boris Karloff | Sci-Fi | Mystery Film"] touches, and the horror and the feel of the horror, at times, is unsettlingly VERY true to life, particularly if you read or interpret the green meteorite as reflecting the Faustian bargain that brings with it deformity and unnatural mutation

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1. All these charges, then, which might truly be better termed abuse, have been long answered with sufficient fullness and accuracy by men of distinction in this respect, and worthy to have learned the truth; and not one point of any inquiry has been passed over, without being determined in a thousand ways, and on the strongest grounds. We need not, therefore, linger further on this part of the case. For neither is the Christian religion unable to stand though it found no advocates, nor will it be therefore proved true if it found many to agree with it, and gained weight through its adherents. Its own strength is sufficient for it, and it rests on the foundations of its own truth, without losing its power, though there were none to defend it, nay, though all voices assailed and opposed it, and united with common rancour to destroy all faith in it.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book III\)](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

Most interesting family background that I was previously unaware of. Among other relations of note, his grandfather was Richard Bennett who played senile, old Major Amberson in "The Magnificent Ambersons."

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMt0kOCrAig&t=1466s>

["Morton Downey Jr./In Depth look at the Pioneer of "Trash TV""]

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(From *Harper's Weekly*, Jan. 15, 1876)

#### "A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

"Mr. James Gordon Bennkt, of the Herald, did a most kindly and generous act on last Christmas day, by giving to the newsboys and newsgirls of this city [i.e., N.Y.C.], some twelve hundred in number, without distinction in regard to the journals vended by them, an excellent dinner at Moquin's restaurant, in Ann Street. The urchins were divided into squads of about 200 each, admitted at different hours according to the color of their tickets, and were served with a plentiful meal of roast turkey, potatoes, French rolls, cakes, oranges, and coffee. Twenty waiters, under the immediate direction of Mr. Moquin, and Mr. William E. Hall, business manager of the

"Evening Telegram, attended to the wants of the juveniles, a street band of Italian harpists and violinists the while enlivening the proceedings with popular melodies. It was in every sense of the word an unceremonious banquet. Immediately upon taking their seats, every boy, as if moved by a single impulse, ate the dessert first, pocketed the oranges and apples, and sometimes attempted to lay violent hands on the delicacies of his immediate neighbor.

"When the meal was finished at all the tables by the successive batches of children, each child was allowed to draw from a bag a lottery ticket, and the lucky ones who drew prizes were furnished with an order for a suit of clothes. The little people, as may well be imagined, were in high spirits. They cheered the generous provider of the feast, and sang the 'Mulligan Guards,' 'Down in a Coal Mine,' the 'Red, White, and Blue,' and other popular songs, with the expression and feeling peculiar to New York gamins. The room was tastefully decorated with Christmas greens.

"That the boys and girls enjoyed themselves to the utmost may be seen by the illustrations of our artist, Mr. Woolf, in which the pathos and the humors of the scenes in and about the restaurant are depicted in his most happy manner."

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDTBtjEnVU4>

["The Mulligan Guards" - sung by Mick Moloney]

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[Posted on Face Book]

"Wild geese that fly..." (how? where?)

Love the flutes on this version.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIZz1hUQo4o>

["My Favorite Things (from the musical "The Sound of Music") -- Living Strings, "Best of on Broadway"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

The Sammy Davis Jr. version of this song is FAR better, but with Jack Hones dressed up in Air Force blue (in 1961 no less), you can't be this rendering for novelty.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cuSBnFZ24E>

["Jack Jones sings I've Got A Lot of Livin' To Do / Shall We Dance live 1961"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUJa1bDY2JI>

["Out of Limits" -- by the Marketts]

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[Posted on Face Book]

Now THIS is the OLDEST part of Rome, and right next door to a church built in the late 600s by Pope Leo II.(Some wind in the back-round, but still a nice mini tour.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZogiEvV3JIs>

["I ❤️ ROMA - Max's Walking Tour - San Giorgio al Velabro - Roma"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

(A supplement to or for those who don't have time to read Gibbon.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHojpC5YxYQ>

["Ravenna. The capital of mosaics" -- Ravenna (Italy) Tourism]

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75. You may object and rejoin, Why was the Saviour sent forth so late? In unbounded, eternal ages, we reply, nothing whatever should be spoken of as late. For where there is no end and no beginning, nothing is too soon, nothing too late. For time is perceived from its beginnings and endings, which an unbroken line and endless succession of ages cannot have. For what if the things themselves to which it was necessary to bring help, required that as a fitting time? For what if the condition of antiquity was different from that of later times? What if it was necessary to give help to the men of old in one way, to provide for their descendants in another? Do you not hear your own writings read, telling that there were once men who were demi-gods, heroes with immense and huge bodies? Do you not read that infants on their mothers' breasts shrieked like. Stentors, whose bones, when dug up in different parts of the earth, have made the discoverers almost doubt that they were the remains of human limbs? So, then, it may be that Almighty God, the only God, sent forth Christ then indeed, after that the human race, becoming feebler, weaker, began to be such as we are. If that which has been done now could have been done thousands of years ago, the Supreme Ruler would have done it; or if it had been proper, that what has been done now should be accomplished as many thousands after this, nothing compelled God to anticipate the necessary lapse of time. His plans are executed in fixed ways; and that which has been once decided on, can in no way be changed again.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

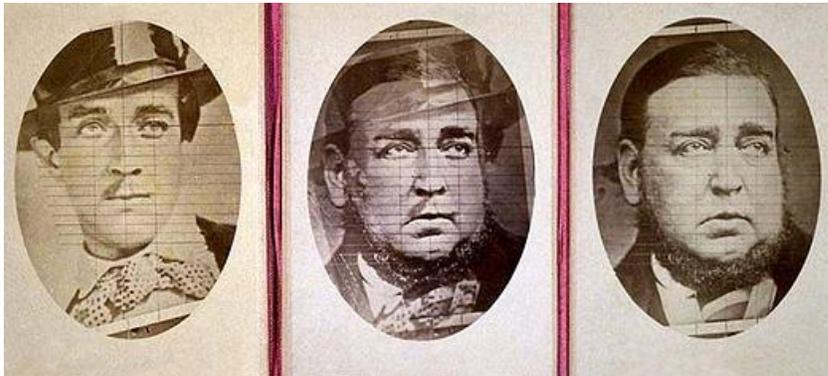
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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHOjpC5YxYQ>

"Ravenna. The capital of mosaics" - tour of historic basilicas and related in Ravenna Italy.]

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If one posits the possibility of a professional criminal spirit person, like say the ghoulish magician, in the Tichborne case, (regarding which see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tichborne\\_case](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tichborne_case)), there can be little or no question that the "claimant" was who he said he was, and all the discrepancies of fact with respect to what he asserted were (given our premise) instances of the magician tripping him and others up (in a sometimes elaborate and calculated way), including working him over mentally. His motive for doing this would be because he was fascinated and or attracted to Tichborne, and at the same time wanted to both put on a show and torment the poor man; while making a fool of most everybody else (of importance) that came to be involved in deciding the case.

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64. But, my opponents ask, if Christ came as the Saviour of men, as you say, why does He not, with uniform benevolence, free all without exception? I reply, does not He free all alike who invites all alike? Or does He thrust back or repel any one from the kindness of the Supreme who gives to all alike the power of coming to Him—to men of high rank, to the meanest slaves, to women, to boys? To all, He says, the fountain of life is open, and no one is hindered or kept back from drinking. If you are so fastidious as to spurn the kindly offered gift, nay, more, if your wisdom is so great that you term those things which are offered by Christ ridiculous and absurd, why should He keep on inviting you, while His only duty is to make the enjoyment of His bounty depend upon your own free choice? God, Plato says, does not cause any one to choose his lot in life; nor can another's choice be rightly attributed to any one, since freedom of choice was put in His power who made it. Must you be even implored to deign to accept the gift of salvation from God; and must God's gracious mercy be poured into your bosom while you reject it with disdain, and flee very far from it? Do you choose to take what is offered, and turn it to your own advantage? You will in that case have consulted your own interests. Do you reject with disdain, lightly esteem, and despise it? You will in this case have robbed yourself of the benefit of the gift. God compels no one, terrifies no one with overpowering fear. For our salvation is not necessary to Him, so that He would gain anything or suffer any loss, if

He either made us divine, or allowed us to be annihilated and destroyed by corruption.
~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

From the days when Seattle was Seattle.

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Anyone recollect Jones' Fantastic Museum (once housed at the Seattle Center's Food Circus?) For such who may be so fortunate, here's an unusual video trip down THAT memory lane.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPvs8xkSWuY>  
["Jones Fantastic Museum Tour"]

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"Vandals" (ah hem) struck our home in the early morning hours yesterday in Seattle, Nov. 8. (Reminds one of a kind of Brown-shirt stunt.)



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLYbNx5eSGQ>

["シーラ・E SHEILA E - THE GLAMOROUS LIFE(LIVE 1986)"]

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62. And be not deceived or deluded with vain hopes by that which is said by some ignorant and most presumptuous pretenders, that they are born of God, and are not subject to the decrees of fate; that His palace lies open to them if they lead a life of temperance, and that after death as men, they are restored without hindrance, as if to their father's abode; nor by that which the Magi assert, that they have intercessory prayers, won over by which some powers make the way easy to those who are striving to mount to heaven; nor by that which Etruria holds out in the Acherontic books, that souls become divine, and are freed from the law of death, if the blood of certain animals is offered to certain deities. These are empty delusions, and excite vain desires. None but the Almighty God can

preserve souls; nor is there any one besides who can give them length of days, and grant to them also a spirit which shall never die, except He who alone is immortal and everlasting, and restricted by no limit of time. For since all the gods, whether those who are real, or those who are merely said to be from hearsay and conjecture, are immortal and everlasting by His good-will and free gift, how can it be that others are able to give that which they themselves have, while they have it as the gift of another, bestowed by a greater power? Let Etruria sacrifice what victims it may, let the wise deny themselves all the pleasures of life, let the Magi soften and soothe all lesser powers, yet, unless souls have received from the Lord of all things that which reason demands, and does so by His command, it will hereafter deeply repent having made itself a laughing-stock, when it begins to feel the approach of death.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

The 60s tv drama series "The Name of the Game" is notorious for its often preposterous and hypocritical scripts.. For example, it not unfrequently vilifies right wingers as invariably racist AND murderous types while treating women as either stupid and daffy or else evil connivers. In this episode Dan Farrel, former FBI agent and editor of "Crime" magazine, has a romance with a Janis Joplin type hippie singer while investigating the suspicious and mysterious death of a former member of her band. Guess who, by episode's end, the bad guys turn out to be? The result is bizarre late 60's moralizing at its most laughably confused.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6gDyiABeSw>

["The Name of the Game : "A Hard Case of the Blues" S2 E2"]

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(Start at 6:15)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIEFDr0xnqs>

["Planet Outlaws (1960) | Sci-fi Action | Buster Crabbe, Constance Moore, Jackie Moran"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTS68RxnzNQ>

["Sky Saxon and the Seeds - The Wind Blows Your Hair (Live)" -Mar 5, 2010 Sky Saxon and the Seeds: last Paris gig!! Live at Main d'Oeuvres 25/11/2008"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

Now are you people, BY ANY CHANCE, contemplating a slave rebellion? (If so, I'll have you reported to the Ghoul!)

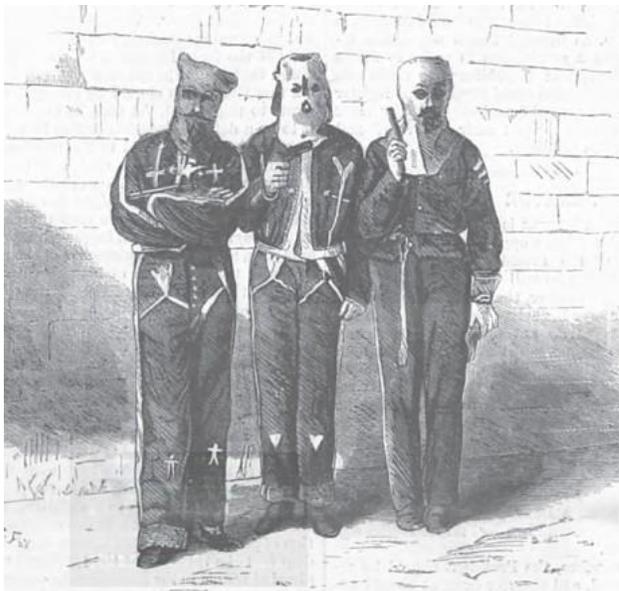
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36...The divine Plato, many of whose thoughts are worthy of God, and not such as the vulgar hold, in that discussion and treatise entitled the Timaeus, says that the gods and the world are corruptible by nature, and in no wise beyond the reach of death, but that their being is ever maintained by the will of God, their King and Prince; for that that even which has been duly clasped and bound together by the surest bands is preserved only by God's goodness; and that by no other than by Him who bound their elements together can they both be dissolved if necessary, and have the command given which preserves their being. If this is the case, then, and it is not fitting to think or believe otherwise, why do you wonder that we speak of the soul as neutral in its character, when Plato says that it is so even with the deities, but that their life is kept up by God's grace, without break or end? For if by chance you knew it not, and because of its novelty it was unknown to you before, now, though late, receive and learn from Him who knows and has made it known, Christ, that souls are not the children of the Supreme Ruler, and did not begin to be self-conscious, and to be spoken of in their own special character after being created by Him; but that some other is their parent, far enough removed from the chief in rank and power, of His court, however, and distinguished by His high and exalted birthright.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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From *Harper's Weekly*, Jan. 27, 1872, which made me wonder: Who are there today who go about terrorizing and interfering in people's lives concealed under hoods?



MISSISSIPPI KU-KLUX IN THE DISGUISES IN WHICH THEY WERE CAPTURED
(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

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[Posted on Face Book]

Oh come off it Malloy, give Friendly a break!

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWn4QwDHa4s>

["On the waterfront climax" -- movie ending]

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Looking over the recent voting ballot here in Seattle, it is, I suppose, reassuring that most of the candidates, regardless of party, are probably owned by the same person.

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30...But again, if souls draw near to the gates of death, as is laid down in the doctrine of Epicurus, in this case, too, there is no sufficient reason why philosophy should be sought out, even if it is true that by it souls are cleansed and made pure from all uncleanness. For if they all die, and even in the body the feeling characteristic of life perishes, and is lost; it is not only a very great mistake, but shows stupid blindness, to curb innate desires, to restrict your mode of life within narrow limits, not yield to your inclinations, and do what our passions have demanded and urged, since no rewards await you for so great toil when the day of death comes, and you shall be freed from the bonds of the body.

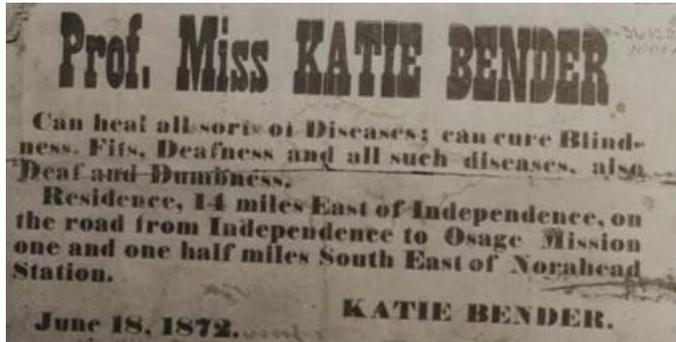
~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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Do you dare to laugh at us, because we say that there will be a resurrection of the dead? And this indeed we confess that we say, but maintain that it is understood by you otherwise than we hold it. What says the same Plato in the Politicus? Does he not say that, when the world has begun to rise out of the west and tend towards the east, men will again burst forth from the bosom of the earth, aged, grey-haired, bowed down with years; and that when the remoter years begin to draw near, they will gradually sink down to the cradles of their infancy, through the same steps by which they now grow to manhood? Do you dare to laugh at us because we see to the

salvation of our souls?—that is, ourselves care for ourselves: for what are we men, but souls shut up in bodies?— You, indeed, do not take every pains for their safety, in that you do not refrain from all vice and passion; about this you are anxious, that you may cleave to your bodies as though inseparably bound to them.—What mean those mystic rites, in which you beseech some unknown powers to be favourable to you, and not put any hindrance in your way to impede you when returning to your native seats?
~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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"There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know," said Harry Truman.

One of the most incomprehensibly strange stories I ever heard in all my life was something I first learned about from a 1954 episode of television series "Stories of the Century," with "Matt Clark, railroad detective," entitled "Kate Bender." Another version of the same is the episode "Ladykiller" (1967) from the series "Big Valley." In these shows what is reported to have happened is much toned down and the facts significantly modified and altered, yet still worth watching as a commentary on how what actually happened might or should be seen.

But, as I said, the true story is quite something else. There are no end of books, and websites, and internet articles and YouTube documentaries which can give you what there is in the way of a "low down." But as an introduction for such who do not already know about the real life crime drama, the following is what was reported in *Harper's Weekly*, June 7, 1873, p. 486. (READER DISCRETION ADVISED and certainly not for the squeamish.)

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**THE BENDER MURDERS.**

About a year and a half ago a German family, consisting of two men and two women, settled in a lonely house near the town of Cherryvale, in Kansas. Where they came from, or who they were, except that they went by the name of Bender, no one knew. The house stood close to the road-side, and being about four hours' drive from the Osage Mission, it became a sort of inn, where travelers could rest and feed their horses, and obtain refreshment for themselves. It is a rude frame structure, un-plastered, and divided by studding and a curtain into two rooms, in one of which is a counter for the sale of liquors and a few grocery stores. In the other room was a stove, a bed, and in the floor, between the stove and bed, a trap-door opens into a cellar, into which a passage also leads from the outside, at the rear of the house. About a hundred yards back of the house is a garden nearly an acre in extent, in which are several rows of apple-trees. Every thing about the place in desolate and dreary. A more unpromising spot for a traveler's halt could not well be imagined.

The Benders mingled little with their neighbors, and were generally regarded with aversion. The younger of the two women, known as Kate, was professedly a Spiritualist. She claimed to have power over evil spirits, and to cure diseases of every kind. She is described as a repulsive looking creature, with a vicious and cruel eye, and is supposed to have been the ruling-spirit of the family. Her advertisement, a copy of which was posted in the hotels of the neighboring towns, stated that she could heal blindness, fits, deafness, and drunkenness. The other members of the family were Mr. Bender, aged about 63; his wife, a little younger; and a step-son, named John Gebardt, but commonly called Bender.

For some months past vague rumors have been in circulation of (he mysterious disappearance of persons upon the Mission road; but the public paid no attention to them until roused by the disappearance of Dr. York in the early part of last March. He was known to have left his father's farm, near Fort Scott, on horseback, on the 10th of March; the place where he breakfasted next morning, about three miles from the Mission, was discovered, but beyond that point the most diligent search elicited no trace of him. The whole country was thoroughly aroused, and scores of persons were out day after day searching for the missing man.

Suspicion seems not to have fallen upon the Bender family until it was accidentally discovered, on the 3d of May, that they had abandoned their house. Every thing about the premises indicated a hasty flight. In the stables a calf was found starved to death. The news spread like wild-fire, and from far and near people flocked to search the premises. Nothing was discovered, however, until three

days later, when a brother of the missing man, while exploring the garden, come to a depression in the ground similar in shape to a grave. The earth was speedily removed, and at a depth of about four feet the body of Dr. York was discovered. His skull was broken at the back and his throat cut. All clothing except the shirt had been stripped from his body.

Horrified by this discovery, the parties engaged in the search the next day commenced probing the ground with iron rods, and in a short time the bodies of seven other persons were found, all of whom, excepting one little girl had been murdered in the same manner—first stunned by a blow on the back of the head, and the murderous work finished with the knife. Their names will be found under the centre cut on page 484, with numbers indicating the position where each was buried. The case of Mr. Longcor's was peculiarly touching. He was a widower, and was on his way to place his little motherless daughter, a child of eighteen months, with her grandparents, when, two days after Christmas, he must have stopped at the Benders'. There he was murdered, stripped, and buried; and appearances indicate that his little child was thrown alive into his grave, as her body showed no marks of violence, and none of her clothing had been removed.

The theory in regard to these murders is that persons stopping at the house were seated with their backs close to the cotton curtain which divided the two rooms, A person standing behind the curtain could stun the victim by a blow from a heavy hammer, and the dreadful work would be finished with the knife over the trap-door, leaving no trace of blood on the floor. The body was then probably thrown down into the cellar, and at night carried out and buried. Three large hammers, with which these murders were doubtless committed, were found in the house. No trace of the Bender fugitives has yet been discovered. They are now supposed to have been concerned in the murder of a German family near Albany, Indiana, a crime committed shortly before their appearance on the scene of their latest atrocities, it would be hard to point out a more terrible chapter in the annals of crime than that connected with this lonely house on the Kansas prairie.

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*Later Note.*

Just for the record---

There are several purported photographs of Katie Bender on the internet and in the books, and in looking them over I think this one is probably (imho) the most authentic. My reasons for thinking so are: 1) The building she is standing in front of strongly resembles the Bender "shanty;" particularly the frame window just behind her. Also the (what is ostensibly) draped cloth seen through the door way may perhaps be the the infamous curtain. 2) She had a locale suitor at one time, Brockman by name, who reportedly had a tintype of her and that he showed to investigators; this photo perhaps is the same. 3) the woman in this photo most resembles the woman sketched in the contemporary four panel drawing of the Benders; compared to other photographs believed to be of her.



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Mind control fun.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uX4ksoSCoeE>

"Stephen Kinzer — Poisoner in Chief: Sidney Gottlieb and the CIA Search for Mind Control"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

(From 1965). For a good sample, try 38:00 to 41:00 . As well as the inimitable Gordon Mitchell, there are some pretty cute Barbarian girls in this one.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqK3jvH4C-8>

["TREASURE OF THE PETRIFIED FOREST" - aka "Treasure of the Stone Forest," Italian 1965]

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[Posted on Face Book]

From 1962.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEwGGinhZ8A>

["Harry Nilsson "The Ash Grove""]

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5... Do not even these proofs at least give you faith to believe, viz., that already, in so short and brief a time, the oaths of this vast army have spread abroad over all the earth? That already there is no nation so rude and fierce that it has not, changed by His love, subdued its fierceness, and with tranquillity hitherto unknown, become mild in disposition? that men endowed with so great abilities, orators, critics, rhetoricians, lawyers, and physicians, those, too, who pry into the mysteries of philosophy, seek to learn these things, despising those in which but now they trusted? That slaves choose to be tortured by their masters as they please, wives to be divorced, children to be disinherited by their parents, rather than be unfaithful to Christ and cast off the oaths of the warfare of salvation? That although so terrible punishments have been denounced by you against those who follow the precepts of this religion, it increases even more, and a great host strives more boldly against all threats and the terrors which would keep it back, and is roused to zealous faith by the very attempt to hinder it? Do you indeed believe that these things happen idly and at random? That these feelings are adopted on being met with by chance? Is not this, then, sacred and divine? Or do you believe that, without God's grace, their minds are so changed, that although murderous hooks and other tortures without number threaten, as we said, those who shall believe, they receive the grounds of faith with which they have become acquainted, as if carried away (A) by some charm, and by an eager longing for all the virtues, and prefer the friendship of Christ to all that is in the world?

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [\*Against the Heathen \(Book II\)\*](#)

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The Dawn of Conscience (1933) by James Henry Breasted

Morality and religion BEFORE the Bible.

You will be utterly amazed at how much the Hebrews and Greeks BOTH owed to the Egyptians who predated them. (I should have read this book MANY years ago.)

amazon.com

For much less expensive copies of the same, see:

abebooks.com/

Or for free at:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.76190>

Later Note. On pages 334-335, however (and be it further noted), Breasted, rather sophomorically, lapses into a presuming and unwarranted agnosticism (i.e., that "man invented God") which the rest of what his book covers and discusses *hardly* establishes the irrefutable validity of.

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The only thing the man who has everything doesn't have is time.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvX4N24iCQk>

["The Undisputed Truth 1975 Smiling Faces" - in white wigs and gold paint from live tv appearance]

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4. But all these things will be more clearly and distinctly noticed when we have proceeded further. For we shall show that Christ did not teach the nations impiety, but delivered ignorant and wretched them from those who most wickedly wronged them. We do not believe, you say, that what He says is true. What, then? Have you no doubt as to the things which you say are not true, while, as they are only at hand, and not yet disclosed they can by no means be disproved? But He, too, does not prove what He promises. It is so; for, as I said, there can be no proof of things still in the future. Since, then, the nature of the future is such that it cannot be grasped and comprehended by any anticipation, is it not more rational, of two things uncertain and hanging in doubtful suspense, rather to believe that which carries with it some hopes, than that which brings none at all? For in the one case there is no danger, if that which is said to be at hand should prove vain and groundless; in the other there is the greatest loss, even the loss of salvation, if, when the time has come, it be shown that there was nothing false in what was declared.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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These moral instructions of Ptaah-Hotep date some (approximately) six to seven hundred years prior to Abraham's coming to Egypt.

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/30508/30508-h/30508-h.htm>

["THE INSTRUCTION OF PTAH-HOTEP AND THE INSTRUCTION OF KE'GEMNI"]

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[Posted on Face Book]

You have to think about when this first came out (that is in May 1963.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOmDr7w8OPA>

["Andy Williams - The Peking Theme (So Little Time)"]

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"Palm Springs is where it swings!" (with a VERY young Troy Donahue, Stephanie Powers, Robert Conrad, Connie Stevens -- and a wild and crazy Jerry Van Dyke.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuoWM66AsRQ>

["Palm Springs Weekend (1963) Official Trailer - Troy Donahue, Connie Stevens Movie HD"]

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2. But indeed, some one will say, He deserved our hatred because He has driven religion from the world, because He has kept men back from seeking to honour the gods. Is He then denounced as the destroyer of religion and promoter of impiety, who brought true religion into the world, who opened the gates of piety to men blind and verily living in impiety, and pointed out to whom they should bow themselves? Or is there any truer religion— one more serviceable, powerful, and right— than to have learned to know the supreme God, to know how to pray to God Supreme, who alone is the source and fountain of all good, the creator, founder, and framer of all that endures, by whom all things on earth and all in heaven are quickened, and filled with the stir of life, and without whom there would assuredly be nothing to bear any name, and have any substance? But perhaps you doubt whether there is that ruler of whom we speak, and rather incline to believe in the existence of Apollo, Diana, Mercury, Mars, Give a true judgment; and, looking round on all these things which we see, any one will rather doubt whether all the other gods exist, than hesitate with regard to the God whom we all know by nature, whether when we cry out, O God, or when we make God the witness of wicked deeds, and raise our face to heaven as though He saw us.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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Anne Baxter in "The Magnificent Ambersons" (1942) -- (she's pretty much like this throughout the film.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YauDSh8CfwI>

["The Magnificent Ambersons (1942) - Goodbye, Lucy Scene (7/10) | Movieclips" -- Georgie says good-bye]

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Perhaps little less incredible than the actually finding of Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat is the idea that you could see this film in a full-blown movie theater when it was released. For any by chance looking for eye-opening, mind-boggling time travel into the the mid to late 1970s, "In Search of Noah's Ark" is it.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtoSHPJb-IM>

["In Search of Noah's Ark (1976)"]

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1. Here, if any means could be found, I should wish to converse thus with all those who hate the name of Christ, turning aside for a little from the defence primarily set up:— If you think it no dishonour to answer when asked a question, explain to us and say what is the cause, what the reason, that you pursue Christ with so bitter hostility? Or what offenses you remember which He did, that at the mention of His name you are roused to bursts of mad and savage fury? Did He ever, in claiming for Himself power as king, fill the whole world with bands of the fiercest soldiers; and of nations at peace from the beginning, did He destroy and put an end to some, and compel others to submit to His yoke and serve Him? Did He ever, excited by grasping avarice, claim as His own by right all that wealth to have abundance of which men strive eagerly? Did He ever, transported with lustful passions, break down by force the barriers of purity, or stealthily lie in wait for other men's wives? Did He ever, puffed up with haughty arrogance, inflict at random injuries and insults, without any distinction of persons? (B) And He was not worthy that you should listen to and believe Him, yet He should not have been despised by you even on this account, that He showed to you things concerning your salvation, that He prepared for you a path to heaven, and the immortality for which you long; although He neither extended the light of life to all, nor delivered all from the danger which threatens them through their ignorance.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book II\)](#)

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60. But, say my opponents, if Christ was God, why did He appear in human shape, and why was He cut off by death after the manner of men? Could that power which is invisible, and which has no bodily substance, have come upon earth and adapted itself to the world and mixed in human society, otherwise than by taking to itself some covering of a more solid substance, which might bear the gaze of the eyes, and on which the look of the least observant might fix itself? For what mortal is there who could have seen Him, who could have distinguished Him, if He had decreed to come upon the earth such as He is in His own primitive nature, and such as He has chosen to be in His own proper character and divinity? He took upon Him, therefore, the form of man; and under the guise of our race He imprisoned His power, so that He could be seen and carefully regarded, might speak and teach, and without encroaching on the sovereignty and government of the King Supreme, might carry out all those objects for the accomplishment of which He had come

into the world.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book I\)](#)

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58. But they were written by unlearned and ignorant ripen, and should not therefore be readily believed. See that this be not rather a stronger reason for believing that they have not been adulterated by any false statements, but were put forth by men of simple mind, who knew not how to trick out their tales with meretricious ornaments. But the language is mean and vulgar. For truth never seeks deceitful polish, nor in that which is well ascertained and certain does it allow itself to be led away into excessive prolixity. Syllogisms, enthymemes, definitions, and all those ornaments by which men seek to establish their statements, aid those groping for the truth, but do not clearly mark its great features. But he who really knows the subject under discussion, neither defines, nor deduces, nor seeks the other tricks of words by which an audience is wont to be taken in, and to be beguiled into a forced assent to a proposition.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book I\)](#)

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In memory of Robert Quarry....and of midnight movies at the John Danz Theater in Bellevue way back when (of which, needless to add, Fred Hopkins for one was a regular attendee.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auL71nyneF8>

["Count Yorga - Hayes Killed By Brides" - scene from the 1970 film]

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40. But He died nailed to the cross. What is that to the argument? For neither does the kind and disgrace of the death change His words or deeds, nor will the weight of His teaching appear less; because He freed Himself from the shackles of the body, not by a natural separation, but departed by reason of violence offered to Him. Pythagoras of Samos was burned to death in a temple, under an unjust suspicion of aiming at sovereign power. Did his doctrines lose their peculiar influence, because he breathed forth his life not willingly, but in consequence of a savage assault? In like manner Socrates, condemned by the decision of his fellow citizens, suffered capital punishment: have his discussions on morals, on virtues, and on duties been rendered vain, because he was unjustly hurried from life? Others without number, conspicuous by their renown, their merit, and their public character, have experienced the most cruel forums of death, as Aquilius, Trebonius, and Regulus: were they on that account adjudged base after death, because they perished not by the common law of the fates, but after being mangled and tortured in the most cruel kind of death? No innocent person foully slain is ever disgraced thereby; nor is he stained by the mark of any baseness, who suffers severe punishment, not from his own deserts, but by reason of the savage nature of his persecutor.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book I\)](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

Not the biggest fans of these accompanying dance routines, but she's wonderfully full voiced here.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQ3AYXY3Sac>

["Madonna La isla bonita (Live at Rebel Heart Tour)"]

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17. And yet, O you great worshippers and priests of the deities, why, as you assert that those most holy gods are enraged at Christian communities, do you not likewise perceive, do you not see what base feelings, what unseemly frenzies, you attribute to your deities? For, to be angry, what else is it than to be insane, to rave, to be urged to the lust of vengeance, and to revel in the troubles of another's grief, through the madness of a savage disposition? Your great gods, then, know, are subject to and feel that which wild beasts, which monstrous brutes experience, which the deadly plant natrix contains in its poisoned roots.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book I\)](#)

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These past few days, I was occupied finishing up putting together, editing, and making ready for publishing my recent KDP endeavor. When done with the final touches, just yesterday I found myself browsing through some of online news pages and channels. This included the Fox news website. Among other stories there was included one about how there was a petition for a re-trial in the conviction of Scott Peterson for the death of wife and child back in 2002, based on the argument that one or more of jurors was biased going into the case.

In briefly looking the story over about the original abduction and murder, it drew my curiosity. What could possibly have been Scott Peterson's motive? It made absolutely no sense to me. Next I found myself watching most of the 6 hour documentary done by A&E via YouTube.

Inasmuch as at the moment I have other work projects to attend to, and for other reasons, I did not care to write a full or proper article of my reaction to what I subsequently saw and heard in the documentary. Consequently what follows are simply some notes and observations of things that came to mind, and which some may find of interest.

Although it is stated by one interviewee in the program that one had to have been living in far off Burma to not to have known about the Laci Peterson murder story, it so happened that I had *never* heard of it before, and which amazed me because I was and am pretty good at following news headlines. Why then I wondered hadn't I heard about this most unusual and sensational story? Again to make a long story short, one guess was that it was kept from me by the criminal spirit people/regular hench person group that was (and still is) harassing me. How could they have kept or concealed it from me? For brevity's sake, I just as soon not get into that just here. But if one grants that they had the ability to effect this, their motive in concealing the story from me, or so I surmised and surmise, was that because they and or friends of theirs were involved in the Peterson crime, and the people who routinely harassed me did not want to be reminded of that case while they were already occupied bothering me. In short, even hardened and violent criminals can only take so much of what they do or of their criminal ties and record, struck me as one possible motive for wanting me not to know about that tragic story from Modesto, CA.

There are other-worldly aspects to the Peterson crime that remind me of those same people I did and do have dealings with harassing me, such as:

\* Scott Peterson's apparent foreknowledge of the loss of his wife (as reported by his girl friend.)

\* The handling of the fetus by the murderers reminded me of how the new born kittens were ripped from the mother's womb in my own story. See my "Narrative," page 26 footnote 26 at [http://www.gunjones.com/WTS\\_narrative.pdf](http://www.gunjones.com/WTS_narrative.pdf)

\* A major problem with the whole case against Scott Peterson is that there is no plausible or ostensible motive for the crime, other than that he was psycho. After all, why such a brutal and gruesome crime just so he could go on dates with other girls? If it were as bad as all that, would not divorce have made more sense? That all being so, perhaps "these" people (or again associates or affiliates of such as who did and do bother me) somehow needed or wanted a victim. Scott was perhaps in debt to such, and it was suggested he lose his unborn child to pay them back. Debt for what? Perhaps, and this is sheer speculation, he was involved in the abduction death of the girl reported while he was in college; mentioned in the documentary. But if not this, something else that had him in debt with these people; caused him to collaborate in the death of his unborn son as payment; resulting however also in the loss of his wife as well (though this last may have been also part of the or as such necessary payment we hypothocate here.) That the crime occurred on Christmas Eve only contributes to the likelihood of criminal spirit people (and hench-person) involvement. If correct, the idea is that others committed the actual crime, and Peterson was only an accomplice by knowledge of it.

\* The sometimes palpably absurd incompetence and in addition perhaps indirect complicity by the Modesto police and the later prosecutors perhaps suggest criminal spirit people tripping them up (via "magic" among other modi operandi) and or black-mail related duress and or intimidation.

My apologies for all this being only and merely so much desultory notes, but as I said, I have so much else to get caught up on, including recounting my own crime story and work on my new essay "On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods." Yet if anyone is interested in more on such conjecture as is proffered and suggested just here (for what it is worth), please contact me.

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AV5HWHx-nOo>

["My Name is Rumpelstiltskin" -- scene from 1987 film "Rumpelstiltskin," where Billy Barty, solo and as the title character, sings the song "Who am I?"]

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Although you allege that those wars which you speak of were excited through hatred of our religion, it would not be difficult to prove, that after the name of Christ was heard in the world, not only were they not increased, but they were even in great measure diminished by the restraining of furious passions. For since we, a numerous band of men as we are, have learned from His teaching and His laws that evil ought not to be requited with evil, [Matthew 5:39] that it is better to suffer wrong than to inflict it, that we should rather shed our own blood than stain our hands and our conscience with that of another, an ungrateful world is now for a long period enjoying a benefit from Christ, inasmuch as by His means the rage of savage ferocity has been softened, and has begun to withhold hostile hands from the blood of a fellow-creature. But if all without exception, who feel that they are men not in form of body but in power of reason, would lend an ear for a little to His salutary and peaceful rules, and would not, in the pride and arrogance of enlightenment, trust to their own senses rather than to His admonitions, the whole world, having turned the use of steel into more peaceful occupations, would now be living in the most placid tranquillity, and would unite in blessed harmony, maintaining inviolate the sanctity of treaties.

~ Arnobius (c.284-c.305), [Against the Heathen \(Book I\)](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

If I had to choose, I would rather have China take over the United States than the globalists. (just my two cents.)



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...if fire, or air, or stone, or iron, or anything which men use against themselves for the purposes of mutual destruction— if it is not possible to pierce or divide these, because of the subtle nature which they possess, why should not rather Wisdom remain invulnerable and impassible, in nothing injured by anything, even though it were conjoined to the body which was pierced and transfixd with nails, inasmuch as it is purer and more excellent than any other nature, if you except only that of God who begot Him?

~ Methodius (815–885), [Three Fragments from the Homily on the Cross and Passion of Christ](#)

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I saw this back in the 1980s on the local PBS channel. Like Lowry himself and his magnum opus, my feelings are somewhat mixed: there are things I like and others I don't care for in this documentary, but overall my reaction is positive. I suppose one might liken them to a small pox inoculation, while it may make you sick, it cures you (or at least helps to cure you.)

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wma61_wfHqg&t=1349s
["Volcano: An Inquiry into the Life and Death of Malcolm Lowry"]

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Whence it is, that although by this figure He has willed to deliver the soul from corrupt affections, to the signal putting to shame of the demons, we ought to receive it, and not to speak evil of it, as being that which was given us to deliver us, and set us free from the chains which for our disobedience we incurred. For the Word suffered, being in the flesh affixed to the cross, that He might bring man, who had been deceived by error, to His supreme and godlike majesty, restoring him to that divine life from which he had become

alienated. By this figure, in truth, the passions are blunted; the passion of the passions having taken place by the Passion, and the death of death by the death of Christ, He not having been subdued by death, nor overcome by the pains of the Passion. For neither did the Passion cast Him down from His equanimity, nor did death hurt Him, but He was in the passible remaining impassible, and in the mortal remaining immortal, comprehending all that the air, and this middle state, and the heaven above contained, and attempering the mortal to the immortal divinity. Death was vanquished entirely; the flesh being crucified to draw forth its immortality.

~ Methodius (815–885), [\*Three Fragments from the Homily on the Cross and Passion of Christ\*](#)

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The Return of Groupon

Between being alone and being with them, I would saying being with them is infinitely worse. Indeed, merely to have known them personally is, in my opinion, one of the most anguish filled griefs and sufferings imaginable.

It's bad enough we have to occupy the same physical universe. But must they intrude on our private lives as well?

So that not only, if I were finally vindicated in public eyes and after all that has transpired these many years, would I NOT sue them for the billion in damages they owe me, but I would gladly pay them the same just to stay away from me.

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Some think that God also, whom they measure with the measure of their own feelings, judges the same thing that wicked and foolish men judge to be subjects of praise and blame, and that He uses the opinions of men as His rule and measure, not taking into account the fact that, by reason of the ignorance that is in them, every creature falls short of the beauty of God. For He draws all things to life by His Word, from their universal substance and nature. For whether He would have good, He Himself is the Very Good, and remains in Himself; or, whether the beautiful is pleasing to Him, since He Himself is the Only Beautiful, He beholds Himself, holding in no estimation the things which move the admiration of men. That, verily, is to be accounted as in reality the most beautiful and praiseworthy, which God Himself esteems to be beautiful, even though it be contemned and despised by all else—not that which men fancy to be beautiful.

~ Methodius (815–885), [\*Three Fragments from the Homily on the Cross and Passion of Christ\*](#)

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They tell the President that he has to do more about demonic possession, and presumably also those who lavishly subsidize it. (That was some home-made video set, now wasn't it?) Yet haven't I been urging the same for years?

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1ZlqRJ7Q44>

["Jimmy Savo Show 1952" - "All Star Summer Revue" from 1952, starring Jimmy Savo, hosted by Jan Murray.]

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[Posted on Face Book]

I remember my mother taking us to the movie theater back in 1968(?) to see this. (And, no, that's not Boris Johnson.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpZ-FButvtw>

["If The Rain's Got To Fall" - clip from the film "Half a Sixpence" (1967) where that song is sung.]

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For the cross, if you wish to define it, is the confirmation of the victory, the way by which God to man descended, the trophy against material spirits, the repulsion of death, the foundation of the ascent to the true day; and the *ladder* for those who are hastening to enjoy the light that is there, the engine by which those who are fitted for the edifice of the Church are raised up from below, like a stone four square, to be compacted on to the divine Word. Hence it is that our kings, perceiving that the figure of the cross is used for the

dissipating of every evil, have made *vexillas* [royal battle standards], as they are called in the Latin language. Hence the sea, yielding to this figure [i.e., *masts*], makes itself navigable to men. For every creature, so to speak, has, for the sake of liberty, been marked with this sign; for the birds which fly aloft, form the figure of the cross by the expansion of their *wings*; and man himself, also, with his hands outstretched, represents the same. Hence, when the Lord had fashioned him in this form, in which He had from the beginning flamed him, He joined on his body to the Deity, in order that it might be henceforth an instrument consecrated to God, freed from all discord and want of harmony. For man cannot, after that he has been formed for the worship of God, and has sung, as it were, the incorruptible song of truth, and by this has been made capable of holding the Deity, being fitted to the lyre of life as the chords and strings, he cannot, I say, return to discord and corruption.

~ Methodius (815–885), [\*Three Fragments from the Homily on the Cross and Passion of Christ\*](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

Just got through today watching "The Assassination and Mrs. Paine." If you haven't already, I highly recommend go see. Afterwards I posted the following comment among the amazon reviews: "Ruth and Michael Paine's seemingly strange (i.e., "strange" to some at least) denials can perhaps be explained as a result of some sort of hypnotism and or induced amnesia ala mkultra program or like or related. Of course, I offer this suggestion merely as conjecture and speculation, but conjecture and speculation that exonerates them of willful and all-out deception."

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWbhn2mnyA>

["The Assassination and Mrs Paine | Trailer | Available Now"]

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For he prevented their arrogance from raising itself higher, by becoming man; in order that by the body in which the race possessed of reason had become estranged from the worship of the true God, and had suffered injury, even by the same receiving into itself in an ineffable manner the Word of Wisdom, the enemy might be discovered to be the destroyers and not the benefactors of our souls. For it had not been wonderful if Christ, by the terror of His divinity, and the greatness of His invincible power, had reduced to weakness the adverse nature of the demons. But since this was to cause them greater grief and torment, for they would have preferred to be overcome by one stronger than themselves, therefore it was that by a man He procured the safety of the race; in order that men, after that very Life and Truth had entered into them in bodily form, might be able to return to the form and light of the Word, overcoming the power of the enticements of sin; and that the demons, being conquered by one weaker than they, and thus brought into contempt, might desist from their over-bold confidence, their hellish wrath being repressed. It was for this mainly that the cross was brought in, being erected as a trophy against iniquity, and a deterrent from it, that henceforth man might be no longer subject to wrath, after that he had made up for the defeat which, by his disobedience, he had received, and had lawfully conquered the infernal powers, and by the gift of God had been set free from every debt.

~ Methodius (815–885), [\*Three Fragments from the Homily on the Cross and Passion of Christ\*](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

Old school? Well, yes. But you have to admit, those 80's hairdos were the best.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZqtI8azCs8>

["Sheila E. - The Glamorous Life (Official Music Video)"]

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Methodius, Bishop, to those who say: What does it profit us that the Son of God was crucified upon earth, and made man? And wherefore did He endure to suffer in the manner of the cross, and not by some other punishment? And what was the advantage of the cross?

Christ, the Son of God, by the command of the Father, became conversant with the visible creature, in order that, by overturning the dominion of the tyrants, the demons, that is, He might deliver our souls from their dreadful bondage, by reason of which our whole nature, intoxicated by the draughts of iniquity, had become full of tumult and disorder, and could by no means return to the remembrance of good and useful things. Wherefore, also, it was the more easily carried away to idols, inasmuch as evil had overwhelmed it entirely, and had spread over all generations, on account of the change which had come over our fleshy tabernacles in consequence of disobedience; until Christ, the Lord, by the flesh in which He lived and appeared, weakened the force of Pleasure's

onslaughts, by means of which the infernal powers that were in arms against us reduced our minds to slavery, and freed mankind from all their evils. For with this end the Lord Jesus both wore our flesh, and became man, and by the divine dispensation was nailed to the cross; in order that by the flesh in which the demons had proudly and falsely feigned themselves gods, having carried our souls captive unto death by deceitful wiles, even by this they might be overturned, and discovered to be no gods.

~ Methodius (815–885), [Three Fragments from the Homily on the Cross and Passion of Christ](#)

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Predictive programming *Mad* magazine style, circa 1963. (A folder of pages, in .jpg, from the same periodical and date.)

See: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h2g86VK-DsRspiOub7PnYuwe1CVGdH7b/view?usp=sharing>

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvvyjz4eR-E>

["Wayne Newton 1969 Swingin' Lounge Cover of Bob Dylan's Blowin' In The Wind"]

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjEqK\\_fni8I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjEqK_fni8I)

["Wayne Newton - Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes)"]

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For martyrdom is so admirable and desirable, that the Lord, the Son of God Himself, honouring it, testified, He thought it not robbery to be equal with God, [Philippians 2:5] that might honour man to whom He descended with this gift.

~ Methodius (815–885), [From His Discourse Concerning Martyrs](#)

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This is pretty good.

Baker is the police officer who, along with Roy Truly (School Book Depository supervisor), reportedly spotted Oswald in the lunch room. Dane proposes a different interpretation using the James Damell film and that is worth considering. (AS ALWAYS, judge for yourself.)

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lEn4JGG\\_bo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lEn4JGG_bo)

["SD25 Baker's Run" - Stan Dane channel]

Meanwhile...Where's Waldo? (er, I mean Oswald.) Can you find him?



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[Posted on Face Book]

Word of hope and encouragement from the previous Head of the Coptic church in Egypt (founded by St. Mark, the gospel writer.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ry2S-2OyQ-o>

['Hope by His Holiness Pope Shenouda III with ENGLISH subtitles']

Later Comment:

Here is another well done sermon of his, although of much longer duration, that some will find of interest. Since he speaks in Coptic, you can "listen" by reading the subtitles with the sound off (which some might prefer.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCakuoOH9q8>

['Who is Jesus? : An old sermon by HH Pope Shenouda - November 1988']

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This, in truth, must be called most excellent and praiseworthy, which God Himself considers excellent, even if it be despised and scoffed at by all. For things are not what men think them to be.

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Then repentance effaces every sin, when there is no delay after the fall of the soul, and the disease is not suffered to go on through a long interval. For then evil will not have power to leave its mark in us, when it is drawn up at the moment of its being set down like a plant newly planted.

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In truth, our evil comes out of our want of resemblance to God, and our ignorance of Him; and, on the other hand, our great good consists in our resemblance to Him. And, therefore, our conversion and faith in the Being who is incorruptible and divine, seems to be truly our proper good, and ignorance and disregard of Him our evil; if, at least, those things which are produced in us and of us, being

the evil effects of sin, are to be considered ours.  
~ Methodius (815–885), [From the Works of Methodius Against Porphyry](#)

*O.K. for fun...but just for fun.*

A: You have to answer to us.

B: Oh really? And who exactly are you?

A: Don't worry about all that; you just do what we say...for starters have you made the necessary arrangements as to how you are going to fit in with us?

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A list of what can and cannot be discussed.

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He is haunted by the ghosts of all the many evil things he did, while then setting out to reform the world.

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Very good. Only now let us see you do it without the devil prompting and assisting you.

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...in the shadows pulling strings and levers, thinking themselves humorous for not being seen. (They do things in secret, hide their identities, for the simple and obvious reason that their acts are criminal and to avoid investigation and prosecution.)

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Is it the radical left or radical right who -- in the city -- keeping chickens for, it is claimed, purposes of having fresh eggs? (Meantime, picture if you will a Frankenstein monster, or someone like that, making chickens and animals cry, and thinking it funny to do so.

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(As Judgment Day nears.)

Foolish Foolington: Gimme my soul back...

Devil: Not so fast "Harry Potter." A deal is a deal....

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Where does one go to find people to live with and who know how to behave themselves?

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XI. And he asks what will be the appearance of the risen body, when this human form, as according to him useless, shall wholly disappear; since it is the most lovely of all things which are combined in living creatures, as being the form which the Deity Himself employs, as the most wise Paul explains: For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God; in accordance with which the rational bodies of the angels are set in order? will it be circular, or polygonal, or cubical, or pyramidal? For there are very many kinds of forms; but this is impossible. Well then, what are we to think of the assertion, that the godlike shape is to be rejected as more ignoble, for he himself allows that the soul is like the body, and that man is to rise again without hands or feet?

XII. The transformation, he says, is the restoration into an impassible and glorious state. For now the body is a body of desire and of humiliation, and therefore Daniel was called a man of desires. But then it will be transfigured into an impassible body, not by the change of the arrangement of the members, but by its not desiring carnal pleasures.

~ Methodius (815–885), [Discourse on the Resurrection . Book II](#)

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Oh and just in passing, what DID Ray Liotta die of? At present, we read cause of death was "he died in his sleep." Is this perhaps sort of like Dustin Diamond both contracting and dying of cancer within a month's time?

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In truth? I think it just as well if we DON'T tell him.



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For behold I set before you life and death; meaning that death would result from disobedience of the spiritual law, that is of the commandment; and from obedience to the carnal law, that is the counsel of the serpent; for by such a choice I am sold to the devil, fallen under sin. Hence evil, as though besieging me, cleaves to me and dwells in me, justice giving me up to be sold to the Evil One, in consequence of having violated the law. Therefore also the expressions: That which I do, I allow not, and what I hate, that do I, [Romans 7:15] are not to be understood of doing evil, but of only thinking it. For it is not in our power to think or not to think of improper things, but to act or not to act upon our thoughts. For we cannot hinder thoughts from coming into our minds, since we receive them when they are inspired into us from without; but we are able to abstain from obeying them and acting upon them. Therefore it is in our power to will not to think these things; but not to bring it about that they shall pass away, so as not to come into the mind again; for this does not lie in our power, as I said; which is the meaning of that statement, The good that I would, I do not; [Romans 7:19] for I do not will to think the things which injure me; for this good is altogether innocent. But the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do; not willing to think, and yet thinking what I do not will.

~ Methodius (815–885), [Discourse on the Resurrection . Book II](#)

(perhaps instead?..)



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[Posted on Face Book]

"How will we explain to the children?" they whine and moan. (Oh, but there's no mental illness in neo-Hollywood. God forbid!)

"Ask not what the movies can do for you, but what you can do for the movies!"

(gulp, but we can't do anything!)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZti8QKBWPo>

["Nobody - Official Trailer (HD)" - from 2020]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4QV6OZdmWY>

["Marvel's The Punisher Season 1 Trailer #1 (2017) | TV Trailer | Movieclips Trailers"]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lf48yFsHGU>

["Killer Elite - Movie Trailer #2 (2011) HD"]

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But the devil, whom he calls sin, because he is the author of sin, taking occasion by the commandment to deceive me to disobedience, deceived and slew me, thus rendering me subject to the condemnation, In the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die. [Genesis 2:17] Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just and good; [Romans 7:12] because it was given, not for injury, but for safety; for let us not suppose that God makes anything useless or hurtful. What thou? Was then that which is good made death unto me? [Romans 7:13] namely, that which was given as a law, that it might be the cause of the greatest good? God forbid. For it was not the law of God that became the cause of my being brought into subjection to corruption, but the devil; that he might be made manifested who, through that which is good, wrought evil; that the inventor of evil might become and be proved the greatest of all sinners. For we know that the law is spiritual; [Romans 7:14] and therefore it can in no respect be injurious to any one; for spiritual things are far removed from irrational lust and sin. But I am carnal, sold under sin; [Romans 7:14] which means: But I being carnal, and being placed between good and evil as a voluntary agent, am so that I may have it in my power to choose what I will.

~ Methodius (815–885), [Discourse on the Resurrection , Book II](#)

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...so also when He says that the saints shall in the resurrection be like the angels, we do not understand Him to assert that they will then be actually angels, but approaching to the condition of angels. So that it is most unreasonable to say, Since Christ declared that the saints in the resurrection appear as angels, therefore their bodies do not rise, although the very words employed give a clear proof

of the real state of the case. For the term resurrection is not applied to that which has not fallen, but to that which has fallen and rises again; as when the prophet says, I will also raise up again the tabernacle of David which has fallen down. [Amos 9:11] Now the much-desired tabernacle of the soul is fallen, and sunk down into the dust of the earth. [Daniel 12:2] For it is not that which is not dead, but that which is dead, that is laid down. But it is the flesh which dies; the soul is immortal. So, then, if the soul be immortal, and the body be the corpse, those who say that there is a resurrection, but not of the flesh, deny any resurrection; because it is not that which remains standing, but that which has fallen and been laid down, that is set up; according to that which is written, Does not he who fills rise again, and he who turns aside return? [Jeremiah 8:4]

~ Methodius (815–885) , [Discourse on the Resurrection , Book II](#)

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That is correct. The con-artist convict fools and sweeps the dumb woman prison guard off her feet and she comes to see him as a Lord. Using then this analogy, see the convict as a criminal spirit person, especially one that is also an adept magician, and the woman prison guard as the dumb person or dumb persons who come to view him as divinity or a spokes-person for divinity.

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[Posted on Face Book]

"You're not supposed to talk to Mark Lane!"

My vote for one of the best people of all time. And what a big thrill for me to have had him as a FaceBook "friend" when he was still around. He is still and much sorely missed.

Although I routinely receive notices of uploads from Vince Palamara's YouTube channel (to which I subscribe), the notification for this particular video, for some reason, did not go thru, and I only learned of it by accident. The interview is admittedly too brief and some parts (i.e., those not with Lane) might just as well have been edited out, yet this chat otherwise is soberly and eloquently speaking truth too power as few have ever been able to successfully effect.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCezP1lpirg>

["The Making of Rush To Judgment: Mark Lane & Robert Primes (recorded by Randy Benson) 2013"]

For any that haven't seen the documentary "Rush to Judgment" itself, you can catch that at:

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEdqj18g5_8

["Rush to Judgment by Emile de Antonio and Mark Lane c.1964-66"]

Later Note. This is even better than the first of these videos from 2013.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIJupiHWh4>

["11/20/2021 JFK assassination conference, Dallas, TX (DAY 2 of 3)"]

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IX. But if our opponents say, How then is it, if the universe be not destroyed, that the Lord says that heaven and earth shall pass away; [Matthew 24:35] and the prophet, that the heaven shall perish as smoke, and the earth shall grow old as a garment; [Isaiah 51:6] we answer, because it is usual for the Scriptures to call the change of the world from its present condition to a better and more glorious one, destruction; as its earlier form is lost in the change of all things to a state of greater splendour; for there is no contradiction nor absurdity in the Holy Scriptures. For not the world but the fashion of this world passes away, [Corinthians 7:31] it is said; so it is usual for the Scriptures to call the change from an earlier form to a better and more comely state, destruction; just as when one calls by the name of destruction the change from a childish form into a perfect man, as the stature of the child is turned into manly size and beauty. We may expect that the creation will pass away, as if it were to perish in the burning, in order that it may be renewed, not however that it will be destroyed, that we who are renewed may dwell in a renewed world without taste of sorrow; according as it is

said, When You let Your breath go forth, they shall be made, and You shall renew the face of the earth; God henceforth providing for the due temperature of that which surrounds it. For as the earth is to exist after the present age, there must be by all means inhabitants for it, who shall no longer be liable to death, nor shall marry, nor beget children, but live in all happiness, like the angels, without change or decay. Wherefore it is silly to discuss in what way of life our bodies will then exist, if there is no longer air, nor earth, nor anything else.

~ Methodius (815–885), [Discourse on the Resurrection , Book II](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

[...From a post-comment I made elsewhere to Ben Turpin biographer Steve Rydzewski]

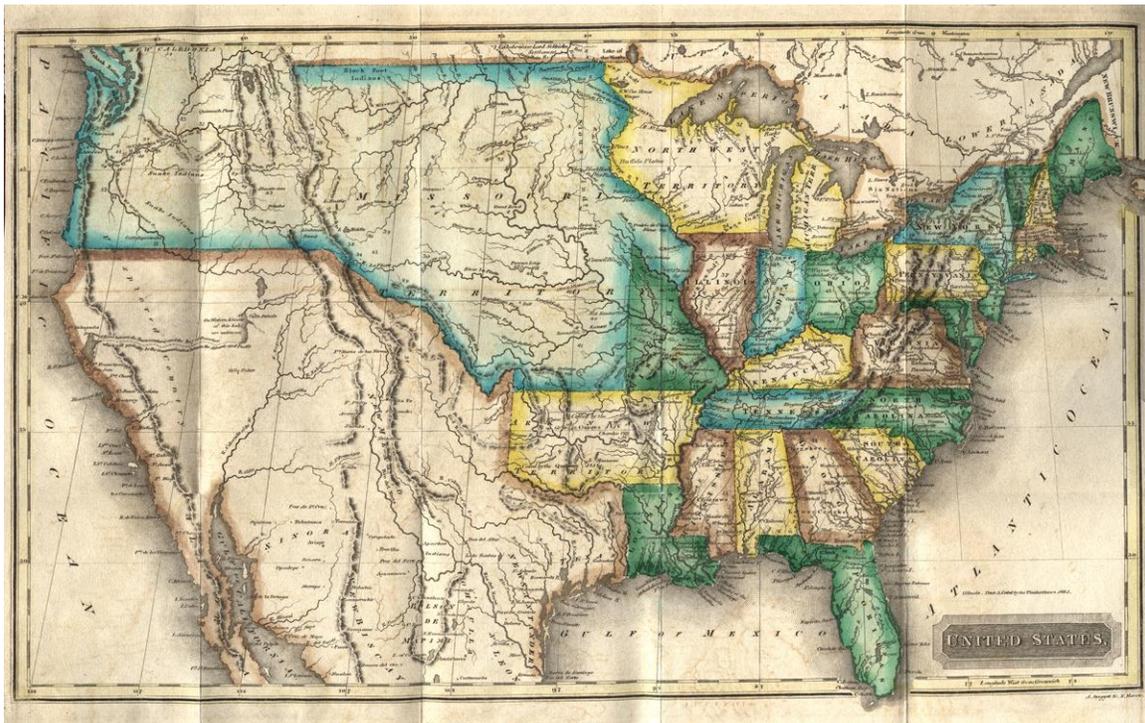
Say Steve since I have you on the line (so to speak), are you familiar with the Ray Cooke, Franklin Pangborn, Edmund Breese "Torchy" films from the very early 30s? While some of the scripts and gags are often not well done (or even annoying bad), these three comedians together make an outstanding and sometimes even perfect team. You can see the full list of these films at Ray Cooke's imdb page, and then from there you can find individual titles on YouTube. Here is one of the better shorts (and which also includes Dot Farley):

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVdLGXh2Z0E>

["Torchy Raises The Auntie (1932)"]

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



It is a somewhat curious yet nevertheless true fact that in the late 18th and early 19th century some of the most influential advocates and exponents of science and higher learning in America were Protestant clergymen. Three that especially come to mind (aside from author, teacher, and Yale president Timothy Dwight [1752-1817] whom I have covered elsewhere), and which we can remark on here briefly are:

> Jonathan Witherspoon (1723–1794)

> Jedidiah Morse (1761–1826)

> Samuel Miller (1769-1850).

\* Witherspoon, a Scotch-American Presbyterian minister and signer of the Declaration of Independence, headed the College of New Jersey (now Princeton) from 1768 to 1794, and as such was a vigorous promoter of "natural philosophy" and Scottish common sense realism.

\* Jedidiah Morse received a Masters of Divinity degree at Yale, and though sometimes a preacher spent much of his career teaching. He subsequently became acclaimed on both sides of the Atlantic as a geographer par excellence. The map attached here is one he did of the United States and parts of North America from 1822. (For a very interesting close-up view of a different version of the same map, see:

<https://www.cowanuctions.com/lot/map-us-1822-jedidiah-morse-map-of-the-united-states-3881659> )

He was the father of painter and scientist Samuel F. B. Morse.

\* Samuel Miller was an extremely active and prolific Presbyterian minister; who headed the First Presbyterian Church in New York city; was a late inducted member of Elihu Hubbard Smith's "Friendly Club" that we have written about here earlier (prominent physician Edward Miller, also a member, btw was his brother), and later headed the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The extraordinary and breath-taking scope of Miller's intellect is probably best demonstrated by his encyclopedic *A Brief Retrospect of the Eighteenth Century*; that appeared in two volumes in 1803 and covers (just about) every branch of learning, science and the arts for that time imaginable. You can view and or download these volumes as .pdfs to see quite exactly what I am talking about:

~ *A Brief Retrospect of the Eighteenth Century*, Vol. 1 (1803)

<http://library.logcollegepress.com/Miller%2C+Samuel%2C+A+Brief+Retrospect+of+the+Eighteenth+Century%2C+Vol.+1.pdf>

~ *A Brief Retrospect of the Eighteenth Century*, Vol. 2 (1803)

<http://library.logcollegepress.com/Miller%2C+Samuel%2C+A+Brief+Retrospect+of+the+Eighteenth+Century%2C+Vol.+2.pdf>

While for the main index of all of Miller's extant published works from the same website, see:

<https://www.logcollegepress.com/samuel-miller-17691850>

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[Posted on Face Book]

While slasher type films were never my thing (blood and gore in Hammer movies was as far as I normally could go), and believability in some of the story elements definitely leaves something to be desired, "The Comeback" (1978) with Jack Jones is no little suspenseful, keeps your interest, and some of the dialogue is most cleverly witty; with direction by Peter Walker that is something masterful. If you haven't already seen it, and allowing for the aforesaid caveats, it's WELL worth a look for a SCARE picture.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSI2O2NVsWw>

["The Comeback - Full Movie - Flick Vault"]

Accompanying Note-Comment: (Yes, and for those few who aren't already aware, psycho-lunaticism is indeed a real-life problem for some.)

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[Posted on Face Book]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wV3Ct4yj0eo>

[ "Bobby Horton Concert - "Home Sweet Home" - "Home, Sweet Home!" (1823) lyrics by John Howard Payne, music by Henry Rowley Bishop.]

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[Part I]

VIII. But it is not satisfactory to say that the universe will be utterly destroyed, and sea and air and sky will be no longer. For the whole world will be deluged with fire from heaven, and burnt for the purpose of purification and renewal; it will not, however, come to complete ruin and corruption. For if it were better for the world not to be than to be, why did God, in making the world, take the worse course? But God did not work in vain, or do that which was worst. God therefore ordered the creation with a view to its existence and continuance, as also the Book of Wisdom confirms, saying, For God created all things that they might have their being; and the generations of the world were healthful, and there is no poison of destruction in them. [Wisdom 1:14] And Paul clearly testifies this, saying, For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him that subjected the same in hope: because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God...

~ Methodius (815-885), [Discourse on the Resurrection](#) , Book II

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier (FINAL INSTALLMENT.)

While it perhaps may (to some) sound harsh to say, the truth nevertheless is that high power and professional criminal spirit people are quite literally a disease: in fact, the worst of all diseases. For who does more ongoing harm and lasting injury than they? Yes, humanity of course and at large can be characterized as sinful and destructive. Yet have we ever had the chance to do or get by without their pernicious, corrupting and poisonous intrusion and influence? How then bad would things be for us without THAT? Meanwhile, a virus, after all, does what? Pretends and fools so that it can get in when and where it is not supposed to; a method and practice inherent high power criminal spirit people, and their operatives, utilize for purpose of infiltrating and embedding themselves into our individual and or collective lives.

True, such other-worldly malefactors are, to many, just TOO intimidating and frightening to refuse. And yet for a rational and courageous persons, on the other hand (though relatively few there are or may be) it IS fully possible to say no to criminal spirit people gangsters, including those posing as deity, and reject their imperious requests or demands. For one thing, a sufficiently rational and courageous individual has the ability to size up a given spirit person or persons for their weaknesses as well as their strengths; and this goes a long way to taking the wind out of the sails of hoodlums, con-artists and bullies generally. They CAN ask questions like what are this spirit person's motives? What is it that prompts him to act as he does? What is it exactly he is believing? Is this belief of his justified; does it really make any sense to think like him?

The world has no end of joys and beauties, both that which occur naturally, and also in those things that learning, labor and invention produce or make possible. Yet the seeming "gods," who by what amounts to adulterated and manipulated democratic choice or vote, and who end up and to a large degree ruling the place, won't let you have or experience these God-given blessings for very long without their approbation or say-so. They resent felicity unfettered by them; they having become in effect and in this wise the middle-man to almost all happiness in this life we might know; again this thanks in no small part to people making deals with them for false security and or selfish worldly gain. As a result, and depending on how wicked the age, we are alienated from life and nature because of such artificially imposed and unnatural ties and restraints. On the surface, it is not unusual in our time to see their de facto, behind-the-scenes regime espousing social equality and political, but with virtually all reduced to the lowest, third world common denominator; that is with respect to level of culture, intellect, education and social status; except that is for a tiny minority of the most rich and affluent, and or their henchmen, and who hold sway far high above all the rest, and with, needless to add, all manner of carnage and suffering in pursuit of some imagined utopia.

While the good, or those who would be allied to the good, do have right reason, the moral law, religious faith, and with to some extent science and technology to aid them, truly effective leaders can be scarce, all the more so when targeted by their criminal opponents; as history so amply demonstrates. After all, it is the prophets, saints, and honest and rational philosophers and activists who tend to be the most important targets that need to be eliminated or neutralized. In this struggle, most necessary and not of least importance is awareness and education, especially when it comes to being more rational and more moral. It is such leaders who can best provide these; hence the need to routinely oust, displaced or as need be assassinate them.

One cannot live one's life expecting to necessarily change and save the world. But we can try, and may to some extent even succeed. We can, in a manner of speaking protect and preserve some of what life here holds dear; while separating and distancing ourselves from those who, whether purposely or no, make it their business to taint, contaminate, demolish and or ruin everything. In speaking of combating criminal spirit people tyranny, I am not somehow or in any wise proposing a substitute for religion; in which latter only is true and enduring hope to be found. But inasmuch as criminal spirit people have a material presence and are able to bully and insinuate themselves into our lives, there are practical measures that can and should be adopted to counteract their criminal efforts; not dissimilar to how it is possible for us to have medicines to thwart disease, or weapons to suppress lawless violence. But just as medicine and weapons cannot solve all problems for which they are designed or intended, we can talk about how in using them we can mitigate some of all that ails, plagues, enslaves or otherwise hinders us from living creatively, productively, and peaceably.

In the grand scheme of things, we have the (relatively) good and honestly rational versus the corrupt and the intractably dishonest and irrational; the latter, as often as not, are, knowingly or unknowingly, led, armed and assisted with a virtual army of spirit people, as need be parceled out in crime bands or terrorist cells; to be used or drawn upon as need be; with no end of technology (both in the way of regular and spirit person technology and general craftiness) and financial resources to empower them. Their regular people allies, and who would not dream of questioning criminal spirit people authority are typically cowardly and or mind controlled persons; including some who are very powerful and wealthy who make deals with them for purposes of pursuing personal advancement in this world.

The battle of good versus evil is ultimately one of honest, rational truth versus falsehood, lying and deception; (what is essentially or at heart) selfless and thankful love versus (what is essentially or at heart) envy and self-pity. But evil (or the "morally bad" if you prefer) is clever, and as we earlier stated as a general rule encourages the manicheanism-like belief that good and evil are both necessary and to that extent evil is a kind of "good;" and depending on their shrewdness or lack of shrewdness, many people are easily fooled into going along with this idea. The right and moral view, by contrast, is to say that while someone might not be able to help their morally bad behavior, they recognize that for a given individual it is something regrettable; only they can't help doing it. Some will seek to outgrow and overcome the bad behavior; while others give up trying; but both know that the behavior is bad. The more manichean view, on the other hand, says that bad behavior, or at least SOME bad behavior is actually a positive good. It is on this difference that professional criminal spirit people try to trip people up, and not infrequently with resounding success. Part of what is intended by them is to create and have people believe the illusion that it is NECESSARY to accommodate or make deals with them; that the protection racket and or "road to riches and success" program they offer is necessary to both life safety and fulfillment. And when their way of thinking is not knowingly and willingly adopted, it is stealthily inculcated or slipped into a person's thinking; often and for many, without their even being conscious of what is taking place.

To compound or make the problem more difficult, it is more than common for people to believe that the ultimate standard of truth is what other people or what "everyone" thinks. For some it is so bad, and they are so lacking in the capacity to reason, that they have no idea, beyond immediate sensation and perception, of what is real, or beyond what others tell them is real.

For us who know better, what we want and what we are about is truth beyond merely what others or everyone thinks. It is the honest, rational truth to us that is and has the higher standing over the mere opinion of others; least of all the opinions of those who are not disposed to be honest and rational; regardless of how numerous or materially powerful they are. If a given group of people rejects honest, rational truth, what or how much does it really matter what they think?

Nothing is or is determined to be true or real, or to have value or not have value, but that SOMEONE decides it is or not so. Ever the question then must be asked WHO, in the given circumstance, is this someone making the call? How credible or reliable are they?

Professional criminal spirit people have, practically speaking, no end of means of getting you to believe THEY are the ones to decide what is real; what is true, what is false. And unless a person knows better, is honest, is duly rational, there is more than likely chance of their being fooled and taken in by the former. They have magic, and other amazing displays of power; they have means of frightening you; can employ clever arguments and which are sometimes not without their truth; indeed and as bad as they are, they can disguise themselves; speak into your head, as or as if God to some. "Do not judge according to appearance," as is said, "but judge with righteous judgment." For true God speaks through truth, and truth comes to us by honest rationality, a clean conscience, and a sincere and charitable heart. The more we are given to see truth this way, the harder it is for the enemy to get in and take over.

"...If Wieland had framed juster notions of moral duty, and of the divine attributes; or if I had been gifted with ordinary equanimity or foresight, the double-tongued deceiver would have been baffled and repelled."

[This concludes the weekly installments of the ROUGH DRAFT of "On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods." As time gets on, I hope and plan to work and develop the whole into a more formal composition. Quite when, or if, that will happen, I don't at present know. But before the end of this year, seems (at the moment at any rate) a feasible guesstimate. Finally, for a .pdf copy of my "New Treatise on Hell" from 2003, see: <http://www.gunjones.com/newtreatiseonhell4.pdf> ]

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For those who missed (or else mayhap such who wanted to hear again) the sunshine rock number featured in the earlier alluded to "Name of the Game" episode from 1970.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBT2sSI25w>

["Yellow Payges -- "Follow The Bouncing Ball" (Uni) 1970"]

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[I saw Ann watching a 1970 episode of "Name of the Game" and first thought it was her sister. Then said, no, that's not who it is. I then proceeded to look on the internet to find out more. Her two last listed imdb performances were in 1984 and 1988; in the last of which she is the voice of "a Bag" in "My Stepmother is a Space Alien." Then there is this concluding the Wikipedia article on her. After that, and aside from pictures or video clips from her career days, absolutely nothing of substance to fill in any details. Given the sensational nature of the case, one thinks a book would have been written. But absolutely nothing.]

"Prentiss was convicted in a California court of a 1996 assault against her father, and a subsequent threat against members of her family. The district attorney claimed that Prentiss, while incarcerated on the assault charge, had attempted to hire another inmate to kill three people, including her father and actor-director Richard Benjamin, the husband of her sister. On July 23, 1997, the court sentenced her to 19 years in prison.

"Prentiss died in prison on January 12, 2010."

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See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9_k_ugbcM0

["Bernadette Peters Sings "Time Heals Everything" at Jerry Herman A Memorial Celebration"]

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[Hymn 42 continued.]

5. It is evident that Elisha was a fountain in a thirsting people: and because they that thirsted sought him not out, his outflow was not great. But when Naaman sought him out, he abounded and poured forth healing. The fountain into the midst of a fountain, he took him and plunged him; for in the river he cleansed the leper. Jesus the Sea of benefits, into Siloam sent the blind man whose eyes were opened.

6. Gehazi, with the staff that brought to life the dead, was unable to raise the child. And how could the famous prophet have been brought up by the sorceress? We were they that mocked Saul, for instead of one demon whom he questioned, two demons came up and mocked him. From the bones of Elisha learn also of the bones of Samuel; for though Elisha's bones brought to life the dead, the sorcerers could not bring up the dead, the living and sacred bones.

7. And though I asked this petition, He who gives all gave it not to me. For though the demons were troubled, by the bones of some priest, or magician or wizard, of Chaldean or soothsayer, yet I was aware that this was but mockery. In two ways I cause men to err: either I make the Apostles to lie, or I make my Apostles like the Apostles.

8. The party of the demons lo! It is spoiled; the party of the devils endures stripes: though there be none that lifts the rod openly, the demons cry out with pain; though there be none that fetters and binds, the spirits hang bound. This silent judgment, which is calm and still, and works not even by questioning, the one power that is all sufficing, lo! It dwells in the bones of this second Elisha.

9. He gave judgment unto His Twelve, that they might judge the twelve Tribes. And if so be that they are to judge the sons of the great Abraham, this is then no great matter, that they shall judge demons now. And unless they make the crucifiers fulfil the judgment that is to be, by our judgment shall they be proved. For worse than we did they cry out, in presence of the Apostles the judges of the tribes.

10. For a wolf was Saul the Apostle, and on the blood of the sheep I reared him; and he waxed strong and became a singular wolf. But near to Damascus suddenly, the wolf was changed into a sheep. He said that the Apostles, are to judge Angels; for by the Angels he signified the priest as it is written. If so be then they are thus powerful, woe to the demons from the strokes of their bones!

~Ephraim the Syrian (c.306–373), [The Nisibene Hymns](#)

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

Whether as a result of short-sightedness, being fooled, or both, most people tend to see great worldly power as a sign of ultimate good, and in a manner that replaces (true) God the creator. As could be expected, criminal spirit people, and their hench-persons, as a matter of course will encourage this view. Yet to the degree that great worldly power is based on or in lying, cruelty, blatant unfairness and

injustice, the cost or penalty of these offenses is passed on and borne by those who are the willing servants or accessories to such power. While we are all sinners, and any one of us falls far short of perfect, yet there are others who are way and beyond ridiculousness when it comes to being blind, callous, and in a daze when it comes to gross immorality and unapologetic criminality.

In what has gone before in this writing there has been an effort on my part to be as comprehensive as present circumstances allow, and yet we have only, if that, touched on the myriad surface aspects and complexities of the subject: historical, psychological, sociological, medical, legal, religious, etc.; bearing in mind also that the problems arising from criminal spirit people, and their followers, occur at radically divergent levels of intensity and areas of experience, and which in turn may or may not be made apparent to us subtly or overtly depending on our level of knowledge, alertness, and perspicuity. To that extent, such problems can be likened to a sickness that in one situation may be no harmful than a common cold, and yet in other cases might be as bad as a vicious cancer; with varying degrees of risk and danger lying in between. And yet when it comes to the problem criminal spirit people organized crime, whether it manifests itself as benign, malignant, or something in between these, all are incarnations, outgrowths of, or in some way more than likely tied into the main disease.

But whatever the degree of intensity, and allowing for human sin, error and mistakes otherwise, certainly as the core of the most virulent of these problems arises from and will be found to lie with high power criminal spirit people. These, and with a reach, whether real or merely apparent, that is almost universal, seek to infest and hold ultimate power over life in this world in as many of its variety of aspects as is possible. While it is ordinary and proper to hold people accountable for their own mistakes and errors, it is completely blind, irresponsible and flagrantly unjust to ignore the role high power criminal spirit people play in planting, inciting and stirring up trouble. And yet in practice, they are never even mentioned or considered as acting a role in the reported crime. Yes, we can and should blame Othello. But how sane and or honest are we with respect to what happened if we entirely ignore Iago's role in what took place? That high power criminal spirit people and their followers do and would insist that they and the behind the scenes role they play be disregarded and overlooked goes without saying.

It is my contention here then that what lies at the heart of indeed the far worst challenges and difficulties which confront humanity faces are people, whether criminal spirit people or regular person followers, who bully, deceive, cheat, and wage incessant and violent war for purposes of conquest, and a second group that, either out of stupidity, pusillanimity, or indifference permits the first to do so. Such conquest is in no small part sought by means of by forming or framing our characters, judgments, morals, and morals to be in accordance with theirs; that is, in getting us to be more like them. The more selfish, irrational, and depraved we are made or become, the easier it is separate, divide, and thus enslave us. In practice, they operate as a clandestine government, the very deepest of all so-called "deep states;" using what amounts to a kind of secret police and military, armed with both worldly and other-worldly advanced technology, not to mention huge financial resources to enforce their rule. At the same time, they recognize as well that a society's culture is its soul (as I heard geo-political and literary specialist and lecturer Cynthia Chung well express it; my thanks to her for that); so that to control the culture is to control the soul of that society. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." ~ Matthew 10:28.

Acting as a kind of self-appointed secret police, and amoral and hypocritical Censors (in the Roman sense of that title), they restrict or preventing the happiness and success of such who don't make a deal with them or who don't, in some manner, subscribe to their protection racket. Theirs is a carrot and stick approach. Make a deal and enmesh yourself in some sort of deal with us, or else risk incurring their wrath. They act as if they are above right reason, and who treat and view the Word and discussion as being of small importance. And given what has proven to be their long term staying power, that is well over and beyond such as our own regular life spans, in having sway in or over a government, family, or business, they can phase out the more moral and rational, and empower their opposite, unless recognized for what they are, contested, and duly combated.

But one can't just or always just simply do surgery and cut out and remove a cancer; the problem is often or at last far more complex and difficult than that. This why, at least from a Christian point of view, nothing substantial can be done till Judgment Day, when only then can the wheat and tares can be justly identified and separated.

While they presumably have always been very powerful since time immemorial, it needs be noted that the sway and say of professional criminal spirit people sway has increased dramatically in the last three or so decades; so that, for example, there are things they can do easily now that at an earlier time would have been prohibitive or much more expensive to do. We saw or see this in things like serial killer phenomena, Jonestown, Waco, Heaven's Gate cult, 9/11, school and other public shootings, and the wholesale celebration of realistic brutal violence by moviedom, and the rampant breakdown of family and basic morals generally, the proliferation of homeless camps, vandalism and lavishly subsidized campaigns of street graffiti; epidemics gone "viral," etc. -- in other words, sheer and utter insanity. Which obviously begs the question: Did these bizarre problems, in their primal source, spring from Nature? But if not Nature, from whom or whence did they come?

The widespread demise of culture and the arts, communities, institutions, business is a direct result of the increased influx and accompanying deployment of criminal spirit people governance and power in our midst. Even those who protest that decadence that others celebrate, while quick to attack secondary and third rate culprits, are often themselves still vassals and zombies of criminal spirit people. Often times, to cite one familiar example of such, Jews are blamed for what has gone wrong, but if there is any truth to this charge it could only be a segment or certain Jews and such who are hench-people and dupes of criminal spirit people. And the real truth is that our greatest adversary is not a country, race, or nationality, but a person and persons who, and perhaps despite surface appearances or formal affiliations, have no country, race, or nationality. Moreover, the conflict between us and them is not a left and right, or would-be progressive versus would-be conservative, white versus non-white, female versus male, Christian versus Jew, etc. -- whatever. Rather it is THEM and their other-worldly hegemony against us all. They have people working and installed on both and all

sides of any quarrel or controversy; especially where immense material wealth and worldly power and interests are at stake or up for grabs, playing off one side against the other that both in the end will be done in and winner takes all.

In short, what you have then are certain regular persons making deals with these high power criminal spirit people, the former acting as crucial conduits for the latter, and together they are attempting to force their "religion" on us, and which views humans as sort of inferior sub-species (i.e., read "niggers") to the seemingly all knowing, almighty "gods." True, the powers and capabilities they possess are in many respects genuinely "awesome" and intimidating; the threat they pose is more than formidable and in some ways seemingly impossible to contend with, for professional criminal spirit people are long inured and trained at what they do and can be uncannily shrewd in what they are about. Yet it is also true, as we said earlier, that no less many other respects they are weak or even impotent compared to us. Moreover, it is all important to keep in mind that at last they possess much, if not all, of these phenomenal powers they have, only because they traded away all that was and is truly good, right, such as honest love, peace worth the name and unfeigned happiness.

Though they will understandably make an effort to disguise it, they are dictatorial in character, and any form of governmental or societal totalitarianism that lasts or endures necessarily involves criminal spirit people; since, at minimum, no one could possess the power and wherewithal to effect and make such possible for very long without their permission, partnership and cooperation. And where a system of governance is less rather than more dictatorial and authoritarian, it can only be because the high power criminal spirit people and their followers find themselves up against opponents who do or will not brook and suffer their supreme arrogance and would-be over-lordship.

[To be resumed next week.]

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[Posted on Face Book]

Pre-invasion, but in fairness Del does BOTH Lennon and McCartney vocals. 😊

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzoRrWB0xSY>

["Del Shannon - From Me To You"]

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Seeing this old daguerreotype, I could not help but think of Easter.





[Hymn 42, cont'd.]

1. The Evil One wailed Where now, is there a place for me to flee to from the righteous? I stirred up Death to slay the Apostles, that I might be safe from their blows. By their deaths now more exceedingly am I cruelly beaten. The Apostle whom I slew in India is before me in Edessa: he is here wholly and also there. I went there, there was he: here and there I have found him and been grieved. R., Blessed is the might that dwells in the hallowed bones!

2. The bones that merchantmen carried, or was it then that they carried him? For lo! They made gain each of the other. But for me what did they profit me? Yea they profited each by each, while to me from both of them there was damage. O that one would show me that bag of Iscariot, for by it I acquired strength! The bag of Thomas has slain me, for the secret strength that dwells in it tortures me.

3. Moses the chosen carried the bones, in faith as for gain. And if he a great prophet believed, that there is benefit in bones, the merchant did well to believe, and did well to call himself merchant. That merchant made gain, and waxed great and reigned. His storehouse has made me very poor: his storehouse has been opened in Edessa, and has enriched the great city with benefit.

4. At this storehouse of treasure I was amazed, for small was its treasure at first; and though no man took from it, poor was the spring of its wealth. But when multitudes have come round it, and plundered it and carried off its riches, according as it is plundered, so much the more does its wealth increase. For a pent-up spring, if one seeks it out, when deeply pierced it flows forth mightily and abounds.

~Ephraim the Syrian (c.306–373), [*The Nisibene Hymns*](#)



"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

Although in speaking about high power criminal spirit people I have not been at a loss, and usually quite rightly, to characterize them as merely ridiculous and contemptible, it is nevertheless important to emphasize that in addition to taking on the guise of high authority and perhaps, in the case of some of them, perform miracle like wonders, the more high power and professional among them are in some ways as well cunningly subtle, extremely knowledgeable and sophisticated, and can be the most frightening and unbearable terrors, that is when and if they have a mind to it. Mind control, at which they are expert, and fear are, after all, their most powerful tools and weapons, and if they possess such extensive and enduring sway over multitudes and spans of generations, these strengths, in conjunction with feigning deity, act as their ultimate and winning cards where all other efforts at persuasion of might fail.

With respect to mind control, including psychological warfare, they are consummate and veteran experts. As part of which, it is customary among professional criminal spirit people to persistently insinuate themselves into whatever you are doing or whatever you are interested in, whether at home or at work, and in the process would create and have you believe the illusion that they are a necessary and ineluctable part of your life activities and concerns. One common form of this is slyly working their ways into families or businesses, seeking willing recruits and adherents, and perhaps at the same time foment enmity and strife between children and parents, employees and employer, quite methodically and deliberately. Of course, a similar thing is or might be done in the political realm. Where power worthy of their interest is or may be up for grabs, as likely as not they will be there putting in their bid for control of it.

With respect to fear, those who have experience their ruthless scare tactics first hand, will readily understand why it is that so many see no alternative but cowering and surrender in the face or threat of such. Just imagine, for one example, what medical terrorism (which they are not above resorting to) is or might be like in its various forms or manifestations. This capacity for methodical and horrific sadism is presumably one of the reasons why the act of Christ taking up and enduring the cross is intended to impart the message that it is far better to have faith and suffer even the very worst and unbelievable cruelties than to yield and give in to what might be the tyranny and brutality of criminals, no matter how bad or violent the treatment; a view also found in philosophy (Stoicism, for example) and other religions.

Some not so bright people will, and yet perhaps understandably, reason that if these high power criminal spirit people are the most dreadful when it comes to dealing out violence, and punishment, then it only makes sense to yield and acquiesce to them; that is, in order that the former, by giving in, will be treated more leniently. One problem with this argument is that one cannot always trust or rely on the word of these kinds of spirit people. Further, if some of the latter are, on a given occasion, excited or aroused in the heat of the moment, they will as likely rape, molest or otherwise violate a submissive follower as they would a physically vulnerable opponent. For some of these high power criminal spirit people are so preoccupied with degradation, humiliation and sundry forms of perversion and sadism that the fact of the matter is they cannot always help themselves. So while a submissive follower might, for instance, be formally guaranteed protection from theft, murder or formal torture, they still very well might be abused in a manner that is deemed as playing, or else is seen as only being "friendly." And there are other points worth making to refute this kind of false belief, i.e., that there is safety in surrender, but and and which we will touch on later.

If one were ask such "goomer" people how do they protect themselves against the threat of unknown and implacable terror, and if you could get them to admit the truth, many would tell you that they seek shelter in the safety of the herd, and this way of thinking not surprisingly is encouraged by professional criminal spirit people, being an easier and more cost effective way to corral masses of persons than protracted violence and terror. This kind of timidity and accommodating bamboozlement, when pervasive society wide, is made into a virtue; by which those who do not adopt said attitude are interpreted as being selfish and anti-social.

Although we can have spoken of professional criminal spirit people as being the very worst kinds of people, not everyone by any means see them this way at all. And to these others they are friendly people, gods, or other worldly persons possessed of seemingly elevated wisdom. Moreover, if it is suggested that God, that is, as founded in right, rational and just morals, is against such sociable sorts as these than God evidently doesn't really love or care, and God therefore must be a bad God, and those who believe in Him elitists or snobs. Even some who and otherwise essentially grasp and understand what I am warning about can or might still be caught unawares and fooled. Be that as it may, one can safely assume that in this life evil will never cease impersonating good; hence, one reason for the admonition in the gospels to be ever unwearied and constant in one's vigilance.

Such who give in then become submissive and obedient vassals. And yet others might go on further to be enlisted as career or semi-career criminals, and this kind of move might be based in part on the (mention here earlier) that, again, acting badly is or can be seen as a form of being sociable, and or a necessary aspect or trait of worldly success.

From time immemorial secret or privileged knowledge has ever been promoted as something of highest value among persons given to believing criminal spirit people. And they see such knowledge, no matter how flagrantly irrational in character as implying deeper wisdom and understanding. They "know" or "know" things in a way you (who are not such a possessor) don't. One phrase, for instance I encountered is, the given person "knows about [these things] *in a certain way.*"

But this idea that secret knowledge or occult gnostic learning, and when it isn't entirely an outright lie, falsehood or absurdity, while it does or might contain some grain or measure of truth, necessarily translates into wisdom or deeper understanding is by no means true. A "modern," for example, might know about rockets and men traveling in space, while a primitive tribesman in some far off bushland is ignorant of such things. And yet despite the great disparity, the "modern" could still very well qualify as a rather dumb, childish and stupid person; that is despite possessing that knowledge. And not only is this the case with "goomer" people, but same as well be true of some spirit people themselves, even the professional sorts; namely because THEY possess the (given) secret knowledge, it supposedly follows that they are wise or understand more deeply. All of which is to say that high power or professional criminal spirit people, for all their often real knowledge and expertise, can be as delusional and puffed with false pride, and end up believing nonsense as well as anyone.

Again, it is all too common for many to think that what others believe, particularly when those others are a seeming majority, is the truth, and for some indeed the only truth there is; when and of course (as I am sure more intelligent and reflective persons will agree), it is not at all necessarily a matter of what people or even most people think that properly decides the validity or in validity of an assertion or belief, but and rather what an honest, objective, informed, and rationally consistent judgment is in a position to make of the matter.

In sum, herd-like appeasement of high power criminal spirit people, in its many, diverse, and myriad forms, is engaged in in the seeming interest of security, wealth and safety. And yet be it noted, just as herds and their members can be calmed by the mutual cooperation of the larger group, they can also be easily driven into panics in consequence of the same association. Such then is one of the several risks or serious disadvantages of being unduly credulous and semi-rational.

[To be resumed next week.]

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[Posted on Face Book]

The REAL McCoy

Tim McCoy (who along with Buster Crabbe and Bob Steele happens to be among my most favorite movie cowboys) as you've never seen him before. (start at 1:30 btw to skip some unnecessary intro.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICXkX8qv6nI>

["EARLY TV SHOWS OF TIM MCCOY, PROTECTOR OF FRONTIER JUSTICE" - clips from the 1952 "The Tim McCoy" tv show.]

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"Benedictus Qui Venit in Nomine Domini."

This is one of a set of 24 panels depicting the passion of Christ done by Venetian artist Valerio Belli (1468–1546). Among the things that makes these works so remarkable is that they are etched and carved out of (what were originally) single blocks of rock crystal. The front is polished smoothly; while the flat backside is where the engraving is done. In size, that backside engraving is about half the scale of how it appears, but is magnified when seen through the front. (Pretty neat, eh?)



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[Hymn 41 cont'd.]

10. The servants of the Evil One disputed with him, and they refuted his words with their rejoinder. But lo! Elisha brought the dead to life, and conquered death in the upper chamber, and brought to life the widow's son. Lo! now is he in bondage in Sheol. But because the reasoning of the Evil One was very powerful, with their own words he refuted their words. How has Elisha been overcome? Lo! In Sheol he brought the dead to life by his bones.

11. If Elisha, who was of small power, was great in might in the midst of Sheol, and if so be he brought one dead to life therein, how many dead then will be raised therein, by the death of Jesus the mighty! Hence even from this consider how much greater therefore is Jesus, than we my comrades. For lo! By His craftiness He deceived you, and you sufficed not to determine His greatness when you compared Him to the prophets.

12. Your consolations are of small power, said the Evil One to them of his company. For He Who brought Lazarus to life though dead, how can Death suffice against Him? And if Death conquers Him, it is that He wills to be subdued unto him; and if so be He wills to be subdued, fear greatly, for He dies not in vain. He has wrought in us great terror, lest when dying He may enter in to raise Adam to life.

13. Death looked forth from within his den, and marvelled when he saw our Lord crucified, and he said O raiser of the dead to life where are you! You shall be to me for meat, instead of the sweet Lazarus, whose savour lo! It is still in my mouth. Jairus' daughter shall come and see this Your cross. The widow's son gazes on You. A tree caught Adam for me: blessed be the Cross which has caught for me the Son of David!

14. Death opened his mouth and said, Have You not heard, O Son of Mary, how Moses was great and excellent above all? Became a God and wrought the works of God? slew the first-born and saved the first-born? Turned aside the pestilence from the living? To the mount I went up with Moses, and He Whose glory be blessed gave him to me from hand to hand. For however great the son of Adam becomes, dust he is and to his dust returns, because he is of the ground.

15. Satan came with his servants, that he might see our Lord cast into Sheol, and might rejoice with Death his Counsellor; and he saw Him sorrowful and mourning, because of the dead who at the voice of the Firstborn, lived and came forth thence even from Sheol. The Evil One arose to console Death his kinsman. You have not destroyed as much as you were able. Even as Jesus is in your midst, to your hand shall come they that have lived and that live.

16. Open for us to see Him, yea and mock Him: let us answer and say, 'Where is Your power? For lo! Three days have passed for Him, and let us say to Him, O You of three days, Who raised Lazarus, when he had lain four days, raise Your own self.' Death opened the gates of Sheol, and there shone from it the splendour of the face of our Lord; and like the men of Sodom they were smitten; they

groped and sought the gate of Sheol, which they had lost.  
~Ephraim the Syrian (c.306–373), [\*The Nisibene Hymns\*](#)

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

"Bliss! sublunary bliss! --proud words, and vain!
Implicit treason to divine decree!
A bold invasion of the rights of Heav'n!
I clasp'd the phantoms, and I found them air..."

In this passage from Edward Young's poem "The Complaint; or Night Thoughts" (1742), the poet vehemently protests the hoping or expectation of lasting happiness in THIS life. While it is doubtless correct, whether as a practical or religious matter, that it is unwise to seek true and enduring happiness in this life; nevertheless if we, and those we share our life with, are sufficiently charitable, patient, considerate and forbearing of others; act responsibly toward our moral and civic duties, and the world we live in has not been reduced to utter anarchic injustice, it is still and even so possible to be MORE happy here in this life, and more so than many would or will allow. In the case of some religious, like Young, they see the quest for happiness in this life as somehow being defiant of God. And yet high power criminal spirit people, from time immemorial, hold essentially the same view. How then no little strange it is, and based on certain individuals' interpretation of higher truth, that both God and the devil should agree on this point.

How then should felicity in this life and in this world be seen? The following are some thoughts and responses on that question:

- A. Life here can in no way be really happy idea because it falls short of heavenly perfection.
- B. if this world is tainted with devilish hell, there can be no possible hope of anything like lasting happiness here.
- C. Though this world is and will always be imperfect, something LIKE or approaching real happiness is possible to the degree we do and will better morally behave ourselves; both towards our fellow man and the animals and environment as well.

Now it goes without saying, I think, that the "way of the world" cannot possibly lead to lasting happiness if only for the simple reason that in the vast majority of instances, if not necessarily all, that those who rule the world are not happy people in any truly worthwhile and meaningful sense; since those who rule the world possess and or require phenomenal material wealth; for without such they could not rule. Yet who can hold onto vast material wealth for all that long who does not, in some measure, significantly compromise with and or else is done in at last by those who are unapologetically corrupt or evil?

Moreover, every would-be, future, new and unanticipated good or discovery, including true happiness, must rely on the recollection of some past good in order that a greater good can be suggested. Yet the origin of such recollection comes from God and Nature; which in their character are not worldly. Greatest joy in its core vitality derives from innocence and innocence is obviously not the way of the world; without such joy as the source fount, true and lasting happiness is impossible.

Though not claiming to speak as authority (religious or otherwise), for myself I nevertheless tend toward the third view expressed above C), and believe very strongly that if high powered criminal spirit people can be intelligently and humanely combated, and as a result either removed from our midst or at least kept in check, then the chances of happiness in this life, God willing, can, if pursued morally and rationally, be dramatically improved and augmented; not to a point of perfection of course, but to a degree far greater than some well-meaning but misguided religionists, misinterpreting (in my opinion) traditional understanding of doctrine, and those who are quite frankly unabashed devil worshipers, as a result of envy and covetousness, would hitherto allow or permit. And I believe this all the more, since high power criminal spirit people, who are the worst offenders and trouble makers and therefore the greatest destroyers or ruiners of happiness, have not yet been adequately addressed scientifically and rationally. Could such then be seriously dealt with, contested, and combated with on these terms, it stands to reason that increased and more secure felicity in this life, and for everyone, is, at the very least, that much more feasible. But if there is any truth to this, it requires us at minimum to know and understand what is the major source and cause of most of our worst ills, and that is autocratic and high power criminal spirit people and their regime which holds far too much unchallenged sway over us for our own good.

What sane and rational and moral person does not wish to inhabit a world where things are done right, with a mind toward honest fairness and basic justice, and where people better behave themselves, even if that world is necessarily less than perfect? This is not to say that were we to question and take on criminal spirit people power, influence and long standing hegemony, the task would be easy, cost free, and success achieved overnight or even in a lifetime or a few lifetimes. Still we can at least start by raising questions, including what is possible? And "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit (morally and rationally based) of Happiness"? This certainly is not possible if criminal spirit people, and their regular person accomplices and collaborators, are granted the power of governance and privileges and legal exemptions (say, from investigation and prosecution) exceeding those and disallowed of everyone else.

To the extent a people are at peace, extend justice equally and impartially to all, and are relatively happy is in one sense a reflection of how much high power criminal spirit persons DON'T have power over them. Of course, such measure is not absolute or unqualified; appearances may be deceiving; since in practice these people operate by stealth, subterfuge, lying in wait, and have the ability to do so patiently over long periods of time. So that presumably regular and constant vigilance is always and obviously a necessity; not least of which when it might seem the other-worldly gangsters, over-lords and racketeers, posing as divinity, have somehow disappeared, left and otherwise seemingly gone away to plague us no more.

In my own view, the settling of earthly affairs, God will go with the group that is all around most truthful, just and virtuous regardless of orthodoxy and religious affiliation; though granted worldly prosperity and seeming contentment by no means necessarily implies God's approval. Consequently, it is only mete that we apply ourselves with due humility in this wise. Else and otherwise, let people and animals be happy if they can be; as long as this does not involve either disrespect to religion; disrespect of others basic rights, including what ought to be seen as the fundamental right of everyone to be free of cruelty, outrage, slavery and unnecessary bondage.

Fallen and imperfect human nature in its various forms and complexities, needless to add, makes this easier said than done. And yet if the foreign and unnatural strife, strain and duress imposed by high power criminal spirit people is eradicated or significantly reduced, what then might be possible? It is this much we are considering, and while it is well and far beyond the scope of the present work to address more specifically the question of what the general happiness, both for individuals and society at large, should be or may consist of, whether now or in the future, I think we all can agree that less violent and felony crime is a most natural and obvious starting point. We are no less or all the more obliged in this when we realize that so many of society's worst problems stem from very stupid persons; deceived and led on by con-artist criminal spirit people, who think themselves clever and wise, through their criminality are able to acquire great wealth, power and prestige, but who, when it comes down to it, hardly have a clue when it comes to knowing how to live.

As could be expected or else goes without saying, there people who would out of hand scoff at or dismiss the kinds of criticisms or suggestions I am making. Not because they don't or would refuse to believe that criminal spirit people exist, but because they don't understand the real or potential power of logic and truthful understanding, or comprehend that spirit people themselves use, and are or can be made answerable to that same power, and, in short, unthinkingly believe that high power spirit people are somehow or necessarily all wise or invincible.

Before proceeding on this score, it will do well to review why it is then so many foolishly acquiesce and give in to other world thralldom, including in part what is the psychology underlying such passivity and capitulation.

[To be resumed next week.]

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See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_D3O90VvNQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_D3O90VvNQ)

["Violent Saturday (1955)" - with Victor Mature, Richard Egan, J. Carrol Naish, et al.]

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[Hymn 41.]

5. As with a chain I [i.e., The Evil One] have bound men with sloth, and they sat in idleness. I have drawn away their senses from all good things; their eyes from reading, their mouths from singing praise, their understanding from doctrine. For hurtful and vain fables how eager are they; for empty talk how ready! If the word of life fell among them, they either thrust it from them, or rose and went forth from its presence.

6. How many Satans are there among men! And me even me alone every man curses. For lo! The anger of men— it is a devil that grinds him every day. Demons are like wayfarers, who depart if they are compelled: but against anger though all righteous men adjure, it is not rooted out from its place. Instead of pernicious envy, every one hates a weak and wretched demon.

7. The enchanter is put to shame with the wizard, who every day tames serpents. The viper that is within him is out of his power; for the lust that is within him he tames not. Secret sin like an asp, when it breathes on him he is scorched. Even when he takes the viper through his cunning, delusion smites him secretly. He lulls the snake by his incantations: he wakens against himself mighty wrath by his incantations.

8. I set my stings and I sat and waited: who is long-enduring as I with all? Beside the patient-spirited I sat, and step by step I bewitched him, so that he came unto despair. Him who was ashamed of his transgressions, habits subdued him: little by little I mastered him, till he became under the yoke, till he came in to it and was used to it and did not even wish to go forth.

9. I perceived and saw that the long-enduring is he that can subdue all. At the time when I conquered Adam, he was but one. I left him till he had begotten children, and I sought for myself another task, for idleness is not to my taste. I counted the sands of the sea, that

thereby I might make my spirit patient, and might prove my memory whether it would suffice, for the sons of men when they were multiplied. Before they were multiplied, I proved them in many things.

~Ephraim the Syrian (c.306–373), [The Nisibene Hymns](#)

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**The Pickwick Papers** (1952)

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Although the acting is splendid as one could wish, indeed, perfect, the film wonderfully mounted, directed and photographed, "The Pickwick Papers" (1952) is at last painful to watch. The reason being that, at this time around anyway, Dickens is simply not at all that funny. Pickwick and friends, armed with a wooden spoon, take on the ruthless, wily world, with predictable results, and THAT you are supposed to think is funny. Of the truly funny English writers, there are Tobias Smollett and Thomas Love Peacock, and yet these are the two no one ever thought or thinks to film! | The truth needs to be told about this film....

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

Before addressing the question of how criminal spirit people should be viewed from the perspective of the church, there are several points to be borne in mind.

I think we tend to forget the great difficulties and challenges the church faces, such as:

1) It reaches out to and would communicate to and persuade a wide and great variety of different people; only a portion of which (and that probably a relatively small portion) is disposed to be both honest and rational.

2) Because God is everything, people mistakenly assume the church will or must be also, and to all people. But this is asking the impossible. So that the church regularly finds itself in the unenviable position of having to please and not offend any and everyone.

3) The church, on behalf of God, sees to it that the sins of the repentant are forgiven, and for this reason welcomes sinners. And yet there are some who interpret grace as license, and professional criminal spirit people are the sort who would encourage this view; with sometimes confusion and misunderstanding predictably arising as a result of well-meaning, if in a given instance perhaps misguided, forbearance and tolerance.

4) While there are of course more pure and stalwart exceptions, church members whether, Protestant or Catholic, not infrequently are susceptible to "group think" or the herd mentality of the secular world, and sometimes a parish or diocese (to some greater or lesser degree depending) must compromise with such people in order to win them over or stay in their good graces. Now a more harmless example of this is following and cheering on the local sports team. And yet at other times, this might take the form of current secular mores or political appeasement on a given issue; with perhaps the church in consequence dangerously compromising its principles. Here as before, professional criminal spirit people, clever con-artists as they are, either themselves or through their agents, do, could or might use this frailty to corrupt and mislead such persons as to what the church needs or should represent.

So, and for example, one of the reason the church went out of favor during the enlightenment period, was because it as seen as a pawn of kings, worldly minded clerics or the very wealthy, and not without some justification. Similarly in modern times, many will have rejected the church or even the faith, because the church is viewed as less than moral, including not being duly fair, rational, and honest in its views and dealings; too given to appease political expediency of the hour; at other times perhaps acting as authority in a way that, rightly or wrongly, is or seems overly dogmatical, adverse to honestly impartial and objective dialogue and simply unreasonable. In part this cannot be helped; both because priests, ministers and such are only human and can make mistakes, but also because acting the kind of political role as they not infrequently do in society, they are bound to offend and perhaps as well are seen as treating some people or social causes unfairly.

Some therefore, ironically, do or have disliked the church because they think, of all things, it is, at least in practice, immoral. In some respects this is or can be true, for the church will sometimes favor worldly power and or a majority to win more widespread support, and this at the expense of more candid truth and justice. Meanwhile, even the church, like any good caused can be misused, warped and twisted to serve bad ends by duplicitous sorts who would insinuate, if not infiltrate, themselves into its ranks for worldly purposes. Needless to say it is the business of professional criminal spirit to encourage and effect this, even if doing so means benefiting the cause in some loud and conspicuous way, and yet nonetheless slyly and in an underhanded way with a final goal of ultimately doing far more harm than good.

Now I am not in the least however suggesting that just because someone disagrees with the church that they are necessarily or more likely right or more moral, but and merely that in an individual instance they (that is, the critic or nay-sayer) MAY be. But then what is the standard and measure for deciding a given question (and that is not core doctrine and dogma, and which are, after all, matters of faith not human disquisition), if not honest and right reason? We cannot in practice say that the religious or secular moralist, in the given instance, is always the more moral and more wise; much of course depends on the individual and the circumstances; and depending on the individual and circumstances that person could or might be hypocritical, irrational, and or glaringly inconsistent in their reasoning.

Just and serious philosophers, as opposed to merely crafty or disingenuous rhetoricians, are individuals in pursuit of honest rational and moral truth, not crowd pleasers, politicians, or rabble rousers. And when or how often was a just and serious philosopher ever seen as a popular celebrity? Fairly never, of course, since, historically speaking, it is not in most people's nature to see them so; or to concern themselves with what the more honest and just are about. Even Christ, if viewed a certain way, might be characterized by some as a kind of philosopher but that he possessed the power of performing miracles; otherwise would the more ordinary masses of people, who think little of spoken wisdom or right reasoning, have so taken to or embraced his cause and mission?

But this is where professional criminal spirit people can come in and pose a major danger; since the more high powered among them can also perform deeds and wonders that will seem like miracles; yet without requiring the Holy Spirit, and concomitant wisdom, that necessarily is present in Christ.

In this way, that is by being impressive and awesome, spirit persons acting and commanding with seeming "divine" authorization, can fool well-meaning religious; which latter then can even become unwitting accomplices of criminal spirit people. And of course such practice is not restricted to Christianity, but other faiths and creeds can be "had" or infiltrated in this way as well. So that historically some crime or outrage or injustice is attributed to, say, some Christians, Muslims, or Jews, it is not Christianity, Islam, or Judaism that is at fault, but certain members of that faith, fooled by professional criminal spirit people, acting badly yet believing they are doing the will of God. ["Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" ~Matthew 7:21-23, and "They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me." ~John 16:2-3.]

Although in ordinary practice it often tends to do so ineptly, Christianity at least has the maturity to deal with real and serious evil. Modern science on the other hand, most usually and as reported of, is so craven and cowardly it abandons any attempt to even attempt to do so in a way that isn't short sighted, piecemeal at best, and childish. For example, who or what else empirically (as it were) has then or since even tried to raise the subject of demonic possession in an objective and credible way?

And yet it was no little shock to me that in the course of my 29 year ordeal (and counting) I several times went to or contacted Catholic priests both when in Los Angeles and in Seattle seeking help, I was uniformly turned away and in some instances treated with unbelievable rudeness in the process. Typically I would say that I understood that they themselves, given their other responsibilities and duties to attend to, might not be able to aid me, but could they on the other hand direct me to someone that could? The response was negative or else there was no response at all. But that they were priests, they might just as well have told me to "Buzz off!" (only in and using the vernacular.)

To this day, I don't know quite why they reacted this way, however, at least one priest seems to imply or suggest that my circumstance was somehow my own fault, and that therefore I was, in effect, on my own when it came to dealing with it. again, I don't know such to be the case, but my sense is that they have been "talked to" by someone; whether a spirit person or someone in their employ.

But this was the same kind of gelid response I most usually received (though not always) when I contacted police, lawyers, doctors, university professors, government representatives and social activists. For whatever reason, they refused or had no time to bother with my story and complaint. The point being that when it comes to hard core criminal spirit people one should not assume that church people will necessarily act differently than everybody else. At first, I frankly was amazed and appalled by this, but over time I have come to accept the simple and unavoidable fact that church people, as often as not, are only human and generally are no different than everybody else when it comes to this acutely nasty and, what is for most, a fairly impossible kind of problem when in its most malignant or hard core form.

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[Posted on Face Book]

Whether wardrobe malfunction or slap, these things are paid for and staged in order to a) relieve the obvious tedium of the event, and b) to ridicule black people and that part of the public dull witted enough to be taken in by it all. (Or you can call it "Reality t.v.")

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[Posted on Face Book]

After many weeks of telling us there was nothing suspicious about his death, it is finally concluded there is nothing suspicious about his death.

Later. In passing, and you are entirely free to take this for what it is worth, I was actually told he had murdered Kathryn Kuhlman. The same was also "suggested" of Gilda Radner, Whitney Houston, Farrah Fawcett, but these last and in fairness should not be considered confirmed.

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



#### **A RED-HOT (CAROLINA) ROMANCE.**

*In doing a search for a picture by famed steamboat inventor Robert Fulton (yes, like Samuel F. B. Morse he was a painter too), I by chance came across this rather "flamboyant" portrait he did, circa 1813, of Susan Hayne Simmons Heyward (1794-1879), wife of William Manigault Heyward (1789-1820) seen here to the right; both were from South Carolina Though I haven't yet checked, I would offhand guess Susan may have been related to Issac Hayne, late-Rev War martyr; while her husband as well perhaps had family ties to Dec. of Independence signer Thomas Heyward Jr. Be these surmises for what they are worth at the moment, at "Find a Grave" dot com I then found this remarkable story of the couple's romance (and which I have combined here from their separate pages there.)*

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"William Manigault Heyward entered Princeton College in May 1805 but did not graduate. As a young man he fell in love with Susan Hayne Simmons, a very beautiful young lady who eventually became his wife. However, the marriage was strongly opposed by his

parents and hoping to break up the romance Nathaniel sent his son to Europe with orders not to return until ordered to do so. William went, but, to spite his father, he proceeded to spend 25,000 dollars of his fathers money the first year. Nathaniel instructed his son that he was allowed 500 dollars a month and all above that would be deducted from his inheritance. Then Nathaniel found that William was sashaying around Europe with a woman who was posing as his wife. Remembering the problems encountered by his brother James, Nathaniel ordered William home. When William got to Charleston he found that the young lady had followed him and was then in New York and on her way to Charleston. In a panic William went to his father for advice and was told to take the next steamer to Europe by way of Savannah and that he, Nathaniel, would handle the situation when the young lady got to Charleston. This was done and William finally married Susan. Whether or not she knew about William's escapade in Europe is unknown, but she and her mother were aware of Nathaniel's opposition to the marriage which no doubt led to a strained relationship between the two families. Unfortunately William was too proud to curry favor and reconciliation with his father, and unable to establish an adequate income on his own, was forced to live on a small allotment from his father."

"Several years after [the death of William Manigault Heyward] at age 31, Susan married Col. Matthew Irvine Keith [War of 1812 veteran]. They had no children and after Col. Keith's death in 1857, she lived with her daughter Maria, who had married James Barnwell Heyward. She is buried in the Irvine Keith Heyward plot in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC.

"Susan Hayne Simmons was a daughter of John Simmons of Charleston and Prince William Parish and Susanna Hayne, daughter of William Hayne and Susan Bulline, daughter of Thomas Bulline of Woodstock Plantation in Goose Creek Parish and Susanna Stone, daughter of John Stone. Thomas Bulline was a son of Thomas Bulline, believed to have been from Rhode Island, a son of John Bulline. (The name has been spelled Bullein, Bullen and Boleyn as well as Bulline in the records.) John Simmons was a son of Dr. William Simmons of 'The Hall' plantation in Prince William Parish and his wife Sarah Chardon, daughter of Col. Isaac Chardon and Mary Woodward, daughter of Richard Woodward and Sarah Stanyarne daughter of James Stanyarne and Rachel Fitch, daughter of Jonathan Fitch. James Stanyarne was a son of Thomas Stanyarne who came to South Carolina about 1675. Richard Woodward was a son of Dr. Henry Woodward, the first permanent English settler in South Carolina and his wife Mary Godfrey, daughter of Col. John Godfrey, one of the Deputies of the Lord Proprietors of South Carolina, and his wife Mary. Dr. William Simmons was a son of John Simmons, Jr. of Prince George Parish, Dorchester and Rebecca Stiles. John Simmons, Jr. was a son of John Simmons and his wife Anne who came to South Carolina about 1704 from New England and may have been members of a group who came from Dorchester, Massachusetts, and established a village near Fort Dorchester, South Carolina, the ruins of which are located about six miles southwest of the present day town of Summerville. William Hayne, the father of Susanna Hayne, wife of John Simmons, was a son of John Hayne and May Edings, daughter of William Edings and his wife Mary. John Hayne was a son of John Hayne, who came to South Carolina in 1700 from Schropshire, England, and his wife Mary Dean."

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[Hymn 41.]

1. The Evil One said, I fear Him, even Jesus, lest He destroy my arts. For lo! I am thousands of years old, and never have I had repose. I have seen nothing established, that I have turned from and left. There has come One making the unchaste pure: there is sorrow since He has destroyed all that I had built. Many have been my labours and my teachings, that I might cover all creation with all evils. R., Blessed is He Who came and laid bare the wiles of the Crafty One!

2. I matched my speed with the swift, and I outstripped them: I waged war; the tumult of multitudes was armour to me. In the tumult of the people I rejoiced, because it gave me ready room, for grievous is the onslaught of multitudes. By the strength of multitudes I raised a great mountain, a tower I stretched unto heaven. If they waged war with the Height, how much more shall they conquer Him whose warfare is on earth?...

~Ephraim the Syrian (c.306–373), [The Nisibene Hymns](#)

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"The chief and universal characteristic of the Greek masterpieces in painting and sculpture consists, according to Winkelmann, of a noble simplicity 'As the depths of the sea,' he [in "Von der Nachahmung der griechischen Vferke in der Malerei und Bildhauerkunst"] says, 'remain always at rest, however the surface may be agitated, so the expression in the figures of the Greeks reveals in the midst of passion a great and steadfast soul.'"

~ from Lessing's "Laocoon," translated by Ellen Frothingham.

(Note. See the church as our or a soul. Unseen or concealed as Eros is to Psyche?)

"Painting [and we might include in this motion PICTURES] can use only a single moment of an action in its coexisting compositions and must therefore choose the one which is most suggestive and from which the preceding and succeeding actions are most easily comprehensible." ~Lessing, Ibid.

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"Blabber mouth" Laocöon (and sons) getting only what was coming to him.

"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

We see manichean-like element or trend in both paganism and the old testament, and where the deity acts morally and at other times not so. Sometimes there is a concern for justice and basic fairness and decency; at other times not, or not so much: obedience to the deity being all or the most that mattered, irregardless of what would otherwise seem to us so obviously just and fair, or unjust and unfair.

If such events had the possibility of occurring today in the present time, should Abraham take the life of his son Isaac? Should Agamemnon sacrifice his daughter Iphigenia? Without hesitation and of course we would say no absolutely not. Letting them do that would be flat-out crazy. And yet in each instance Abraham and Agamemnon would be doing what then WAS the right thing: that is, unthinkingly, blindly obeying the divine command. Yet even back then, how did they know the given person commanding was divine and not an imposter taking on the form, say, of "an angel of light?"

Many now will understandably deplore the cruelty enjoined by God, whether in judgment or in deed, and that is sometimes presented in the old testament. And naturally quite what the meaning that ought to be read into the account is far from very clear or evident. One spirit person actually told me, in effect, that the bad behavior we find in the old testament Hebrews, at least such as we today would view as bad, cruel or unjust behavior, was a way of weaning them off from earlier, worse behaviors. Observe as well, that though both the religion of Israel and Greek and Roman paganism had brutal practices like animal sacrifices and the death penalty for what to us seem relatively minor offenses.

It was also routine in both Greek myths and in the old testament for the someone to be punished without even knowing, or at least being told, they had done anything wrong; such as Actaeon coming accidentally upon Diana bathing; or Moses striking the rock at Kadesh twice [Numbers 20:11]. This sort of thing is frequent in ancient stories involving the god or gods. If the god sees you do wrong, that's it, you are guilty and they can inflict punishment on you: without any hearing, chance to ask or to explain.

Leaving aside how ancient stories or old testament scripture should or might be viewed, this sort of cold, peremptory arrogance and judgment without a hearing is in any case very typical of autocratic criminal spirit people. And where people listen to spirit persons or those to act to represent them utter tragedy or calamity can result. It is worth noting in this respect that virtually all the events found in the famous Greek tragedies are instigated as a result of the machinations of a "god" or "gods" seeking to manipulate, subdue, chastise or otherwise control people. Be this as it may, it is vital and all important when considering a supposed "god," whether the reference employed is literal empirical, figurative abstraction and or poetic personification; since, after all, such distinctions make a crucial and huge amount of difference.

Both Joseph (Jacob's son) and Achilles (in the Iliad) believed dreams came from God. Yet never did either speak of the devil or implied they even knew of his existence. How, in retrospect, then can or might their judgments be trusted on this point?

We might say the fine forms of reasoning such as was cultivated and developed among the ancient Greeks was absent in old testament times and in the days before Greek philosophy; so that if an ancient person thinking "God" spoke to them can be excused or pardoned when in a given instance they may have been fooled, we who millennia later have the now far greater power available to discern should be able to "test the spirits" (1 John 4:1-6), or at least such should be demanded and expected of persons who think of themselves as more intelligent than a child.

It would appear to be a not uncommon misconception that witchcraft and the "black arts" are medieval in origin, or at least many would seem to hold such a view. But of course magicians and false prophets are spoke of in the Bible. Further we have witches or practitioners of the diabolical in Homer: Circe in the Odyssey, in Euripides and Apollonius of Rhodes: Medea; in Vergil: Alecto in the Aeneid, and in Lucan: Erichon in Pharsalia.) Apuleius has fun telling stories of ostensibly real life witches in his Metamorphoses

[Note. These anecdotes I would imagine or surmise as originating from "dream productions," at least in some measure. Also, by the way, the word "witch" itself is related to "wit," and implies "one who KNOWS."] The casting of spells and curses was practiced in ancient Rome, perhaps most famously as related with respect to the death of Germanicus as told by Tacitus. I mention this to correct the false idea some might have that witchcraft and the black arts only came on the scene after the arrival of Christianity; as if such things were only or merely a subsequent response to the latter.

This naturally raises the question: to what extent are those practices known as witchcraft or the black arts separate from or else co-joined to formal paganism (such as, for instance, the Greeks and Romans followed.) My own view is that the two were part and parcel of the same system of criminals spirit people governance, and not separate, except insofar as an organization or regime has separate departments, but which nonetheless are overseen by one ruler or single group of rulers; so that bright, shining Apollo and the Muses for example were after all merely kinds of cousins of Harpies or the Furies.

The Greeks and Romans had a deities like Hecate (first mentioned in Hesiod), and who was seen as benevolent, indeed some in some of her cults as the nurse of children, and yet was also the goddess of witchcraft and sorcery. This kind of evil blemish the sometimes ruthless Israelites were not contaminated with. Witches and sorceries were somewhat tolerated as common in some places of the Roman empire, but certainly not with the Israelites, at least not formally; since Saul was able to secure the services of one without too much trouble.

Yet both the Israelities and, as time went on, some non-Israelites, such as Plato for instance, condemned the gods or earlier notions of the gods handed down as being fallacious. It even got so among non-Jews that by the second century A.D., someone like Lucian of Samosata saw fit to ridicule the traditional Olympian deities.

But what then are we to make of those traditional gods like Venus, Apollo, Dionysus, Neptune, et al.? The simple fact is these personalities are in one sense mere poetic personifications, albeit such that may have some parallel (unknown to us except in the abstract) in the natural order of things. Alternatively, and in the context of a given story or reported encounter, they were or might have been criminal spirit people masquerading or taking on the particular deific role to further some private scheme of theirs; bearing in mind that criminal spirit people, while selfishly motivated, would and do at times like to play the role of the "good" god in order to obtain or effect what they want; like a con-artist, say, who while he would like to rob you has nothing against you personally. An example of this might be spirit people speaking through sybils at some oracle. They act as presiders over great events, would have you think them divine, and yet they are ultimately actuated for purposes of their own self-aggrandizement and or amusement.

The gospels are most unique and extraordinary for portraying demonic possession as a real life happening. These are not related simply to tell a story with a moral, but are recounted as having actually taken place. This I personally find very significant, and in my opinion helps to argue for Christianity's truthfulness. Even if what are reported as instances of demonic possession were only cases of mental infirmity, why is it we do not or else extremely rarely (if that) hear similar accounts of purported possessed persons elsewhere in other ancient or pre-medieval cultures?

Of passing note before bringing this section to a close In Book 6 of the Aeneid, where Aeneas visits the underworld, Vergil has shades or ghosts see things through the lens or filter of their past lives. For instance, ghosts of Greek warriors see Trojan Aeneas in full armor and run away at the sight. This I would take to be merely an invention, but I make note of it as a curious notion possibly that might and perhaps have some basis of truth worth considering.

Tales of ghosts coming back to this world to impart some message are fairly common in both literature and history. Two of the most famous being that told by Pliny the Younger (book 7, letter 27) and the account found in Joseph Glanvill of a murdered pregnant woman ("Saducismus Triumphatus" [1681], pp 1-4). And yet this sort of story, if it has any basis in fact, is, by comparison, told much less frequently in modern times. One possible explanation (and I offer this merely as a hypothesis, and again, for the sake of argument, granting the premise) may be that troubled "ghosts" with a story to tell have less opportunity now than they did in the past to appear among us and make a report of some hitherto unknown injustice done them; either because there are too many such deserving spirit persons to allow them to do this (i.e., it is perhaps too expensive and not cost effective), and or else it is now seen as an unnecessary or futile gesture.

Even more often reported are claims of "ghosts" visiting places they lived in or where some dramatic event transpired to them when they were alive. The vast majority of these, in my opinion, are more the result of people's wishful thinking or imagining than actual happenings; partly because it is natural to think this way, and also because ghost showing up in our midst, and as mentioned in my "New Treatise," involves some amount of monetary or other (to us unknown) expense that relatively few can afford and or else feel the need for; bearing in mind that professional criminal spirit people will rule the roost in such matters if they choose to; so that such occurrence does or could not take place without their approbation and say so. Such at any rate is my own mere, albeit somewhat informed, speculation on the matter.

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7. It should be observed, further, that all the legendary accounts which are deemed specially remarkable by the Greeks by reason of their antiquity, are found to belong to a period posterior to Moses; such as their floods and conflagrations, Prometheus, Io, Europa, the Sparti, the abduction of Proserpine, their mysteries, their legislations, the deeds of Dionysus, Perseus, the Argonauts, the Centaurs, the Minotaur, the affairs of Troy, the labours of Hercules, the return of the Heraclidae, the Ionian migration and the Olympiads. And it seemed good to me to give an account especially of the before-noted period of the Attic sovereignty, as I intend to narrate the history of the Greeks side by side with that of the Hebrews. For any one will be able, if he only start from my position, to make out the reckoning equally well with me. Now, in the first year of that period of 1020 years, stretching from Moses and Ogygus to the first Olympiad, the passover and the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt took place, and also in Attica the flood of Ogygus. And that is according to reason. For when the Egyptians were being smitten in the anger of God with hail and storms, it was only to be expected that certain parts of the earth should suffer with them; and, in special, it was but to be expected that the Athenians should participate in such calamity with the Egyptians, since they were supposed to be a colony from them, as Theopompus alleges in his Tricarenus, and others besides him. The intervening period has been passed by, as no remarkable event is recorded during it among the Greeks. But after 94 years Prometheus arose, according to some, who was fabulously reported to have formed men; for being a wise man, he transformed them from the state of extreme rudeness to culture.

~Julius Africanus (c.160-240), [Fragment 13](#)

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

Outside of legend, myth, and tradition, the true history of criminal spirit people is unknown to us, and of course it is highly dubious and questionable to what, if any, extent such sources as we do have and can resort to reflect much or anything like the facts.

Many stories about the "gods" it seems, if not presumably, originated in some form and measure from criminal spirit people themselves. How and would we know or think they were "criminal" spirit people? Being spirit people they could speak on the subject as if they knew, and, as would be expected, regular persons would understandably believe and give credit to the story related. Second, because as or more often than not, the stories show the "gods" to possess what, applied to any one else, clearly is a criminal disposition: say, to abduct, rape, torture, and murder. And third, because such stories equates criminals with gods, and gods with criminals; thereby excusing and encouraging criminality, at least when practiced by persons possessed of higher standing and or designated as higher authority; or given permission to behave so by such who possessed these "divine" advantages. Also, we know that it is in the character of professional criminal spirit people to be highly equivocating and dubious in their honesty (they are more careful and shrewd than to simply be lying all the time), and because corrupting, hypnotizing and misleading us is an inherent part of their stock and trade, in addition to its being both amusing and of practical benefit to establish their assumed and imagined superiority and impose it upon the credulous; not unlike say how a sect of racists might attempt to justify their criminal abuse of some uneducated, primitive people of another color. That is, it isn't wrong if a "god" does it; though natural intuition and common sense would seem to argue otherwise.

Yet how "gods" and spirit people compare with each other, say, in Ancient Near East, Chinese, India, European and other lore invites some intriguing speculation and perhaps as well some fascinating and fruitful discoveries, that would in turn provide us with clues that will lead to the truth or some truth about criminal spirit people; thinking particularly of cases where the accounts of one culture closely match those of another and yet separated by remote time and or distance from each other. One of the most common features we do encounter, for example, in diverse and widely separated ancient cultures is human and animal sacrifice; something that on the face of it strikes one as a practice as absurd, ridiculous, and insane as any could possibly be. Despite it being made integral or incorporated into many long standing religions, I don't see how one can around this obvious fact; which of course was one of the points such as Pythagoras, Heraclitus, and Lucretius were making.

In what follows, I will focus primarily on ancient deity and "gods" as found in Western paganism and the Old Testament; simply because I am more informed about these than such as are found in other ancient cultures. Needless to add, however, a further comparison with accounts of gods and spirit people found elsewhere is and would be otherwise welcome and desirable for purposes of arriving at a more full picture that might be put together of what autocratic spirit people are like.

"He that sacrificeth an ox, is as if he slew a man: he that killeth a sheep in sacrifice, as if he should brain a dog: he that offereth an oblation, as if he should offer swine's blood; he that remembereth incense, as if he should bless an idol. All these things have they chosen in their ways, and their soul is delighted in their abominations."

~ Isaiah 66:3.

"And if you knew what this meaneth: I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: you would never have condemned the innocent."

~ Matthew 12: 7.

If this is so, someone might object, what about Christ's sacrifice as found in Christian teaching? This, to my mind at any rate, can be easily explained this way. Inasmuch as humanity made a deal or got itself into an arrangement with the "evil one," Christ offers himself as a sacrifice to win over the liberation of we the captives; not unlike how someone gives up their life in or to free or rescue hostages. In fact, Christ's self-sacrifice might also be viewed as, and in its way, a subtle mockery and ridicule of human and animal sacrifice so dear to the misled and falsely pious, mad and foolish. ["Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword." ~ Matthew 10:34-36.] Moreover, how completely absurd and deranged to think how any

"superior" or "divine" person, let alone God the Father himself, would need, desire or require the victimization of the innocent in order to placate a disappointment or appease a fit of pique.

Most any intelligent person acquainted with more than a superficial knowledge of military history knows that fought battles (as opposed to overwhelming over-runs or hopeless impasses that result in unavoidable surrender) are most often won where some soldiers are necessarily sacrificed in order to insure victory. The sacrifice then of Christ, soldiers, or such who act that role are not sacrifices in the age old barbaric sense; that is, where someone else is made a necessary sacrifice against their will or wishes. It is this latter form that originates with criminal spirit people, and where such was practiced, say, in the Old Testament, I would argue it was seen a) as a temporary stop-gap measure or regrettable concession to buy time and indulgence from criminal spirit people and their regular person adherents (long accustomed to such practices which they associated with "divinity"), and b) something it was foreseen would be ultimately phased out as true God's people grew to become more moral and rational.

None of the immediately preceding is intended, however and even if granted correct, as anything faintly resembling an exhaustive interpretation of the meaning of Christ's self-sacrifice and or how it relates or might relate, say, to traditional church teaching. Yet it is one interpretation, and one that seems far more viable and morally plausible than any others. The greater point and otherwise is how historically, time and again, we find high power criminal spirit people ask or demand human or animal sacrifice, and their reason for doing this, I would argue, is to make people in their hearts more unreflecting and stupid, and therefore more malleable for the purpose of turning them into unquestioning vassals and slaves. Also, we can add, if someone is given to believe ritual killing or torture of someone is acceptable and all right, if authorized, then they will have that much less reason to object if come the day the real or proverbial axe ever happens to fall on them; and which further helps to establish a social order that lives in sheer blind terror of supposed authority.

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When this first aired in 1966-67, I was some six years old, and caught two, maybe three, episodes; which is to say I hardly saw it, and was something aghast when the show disappeared forever. Here now is the complete series on YouTube. (And of course with Seattle's own -- Bruce Lee!)

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

["The Green Hornet - 01 - The Silent Gun"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JG1JnZ-eOHg>

["The Four Seasons - Let's Hang On (1965) [Digitally Enhanced" - Ed Sullivan show]

[Later, placed as a comment to the same post.]

On second thought, if the mountain won't come to Mohammed, Mohammed will have to go to the mountain (sorry no visuals however, music only.)

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

["Let's Hang On" Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons live 2001"]

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"Narrative of Events Happening in Persia on the Birth of Christ" [based on a purported Persian account discovered by Julius Africanus]

...And we came to that place then to which we were sent, and saw the mother and the child, the star indicating to us the royal babe. And we said to the mother: What are you named, O renowned mother? And she says: Mary, masters. And we said to her: From where

are you sprung? And she replies: From this district of the Bethlehemiters. Then said we: Have you not had a husband? And she answers: I was only betrothed with a view to the marriage covenant, my thoughts being far removed from this. For I had no mind to come to this. And while I was giving very little concern to it, when a certain Sabbath dawned, and straightway at the rising of the sun, an angel appeared to me bringing me suddenly the glad tidings of a son. And in trouble I cried out, Be it not so to me, Lord, for I have not a husband. And he persuaded me to believe, that by the will of God I should have this son.

Then said we to her: Mother, mother, all the gods of the Persians have called you blessed. Your glory is great; for you are exalted above all women of renown, and you are shown to be more queenly than all queens.

The child, moreover, was seated on the ground, being, as she said, in His second year, and having in part the likeness of His mother. And she had long hands, and a body somewhat delicate; and her colour was like that of ripe wheat; and she was of a round face, and had her hair bound up. And as we had along with us a servant skilled in painting from the life, we brought with us to our country a likeness of them both; and it was placed by our hand in the sacred temple, with this inscription on it: To Jove the Sun, the mighty God, the King of Jesus, the power of Persia dedicated this.

And taking the child up, each of us in turn, and bearing Him in our arms, we saluted Him and worshipped Him, and presented to Him gold, and myrrh, and frankincense, addressing Him thus: We gift You with Your own, O Jesus, Ruler of heaven. Ill would things unordered be ordered, were You not at hand. In no other way could things heavenly be brought into conjunction with things earthly, but by Your descent. Such service cannot be discharged, if only the servant is sent us, as when the Master Himself is present; neither can so much be achieved when the king sends only his satraps to war, as when the king is there himself. It became the wisdom of Your system, that You should deal in this manner with men.

And the child leaped and laughed at our caresses and words. And when we had bidden the mother farewell, and when she had shown us honour, and we had testified to her the reverence which became us, we came again to the place in which we lodged. And at eventide there appeared to us one of a terrible and fearful countenance, saying: Get out quickly, lest you be taken in a snare. And we in terror said: And who is he, O divine leader, that plots against so august an embassy? And he replied: Herod; but get up straightway and depart in safety and peace...

~Julius Africanus (c.160-240), [The Epistle to Aristides](#)

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

While I have already and somewhat considered and commented on the history of "gods" and criminal spirit people in my "New Treatise" that is, as they are known through tradition, scripture, and literature, needless to say the subject is at minimum deserving of an entire book, if not a series of books, on that subject alone. I can attempt once more to scratch the surface a little bit further, but that is all that what presently follows is intended to be, a further scratching of the surface, and yet still and hopefully enough to provide some useful insight into the minds and characters of other-worldly autocrats, bosses and oligarchs, and who play that most decisive part in helping to bring about cataclysmic and tragic woes, both to individuals and communities, upon the world.

In both primitive societies around the globe and from the dawn of civilization belief in supernatural and or preternatural beings has been a matter of course. Indeed was there ever a tribe or developed community or society without ideas of ghosts, spirits, or gods, on some level, and who interacted directly with their lives? I am not in a position to say there never was or were, but if so, such would have been an most unusually rare exception. And this of itself is telling and strong evidence of the palpable reality of the other-worldly, and in substantial refutation, as I think many will agree, of the idea that other-worldly persons are simply and only a result of people's imaginings.

Some in our times have seen these entities as space aliens or persons from a planet off in outer space, an interpretation I myself incidentally reject. Enumerating my arguments for doing so goes beyond the limits and purpose of this writing; so I will not take it up here. However, I would mention that ghosts or spirit persons as they have been understood historically show decidedly human characteristics in both their appearance and behavior. And if we do presuppose there being space aliens, these might be the supposed "fallen angels": that is, persons whose character and level of sophistication would argue something "more than human." But between "fallen angels" or space aliens, which should or would we find more formidable or intimidating as adversaries? Either way, and unless we ourselves abandon its power as a standard and measure of the truth and what is truthful, both types are and would be subject and answerable to right reason; for only by right reason could we possibly begin to comprehend and understand them. This, at any rate, is my own position on the question.

Similarly, quite how such traditional notions of "Hades" and "Olympus," if they have any basis in fact, are to be explained and reconciled is not for us to attempt just here. Rather at the moment our focus is more simply with (what we call) other-worldly or spirit persons who commit crimes on humanity and the world, and what might be observed, or reasonably inferred about the nature and character of such culprits and perpetrators.

This said, I am inclined myself to take the view that if we speak of there being high power spirit people possessing and governing what we might call an empire, at the most puissant level their span and scope is global and not merely regional. But if global, is such a

regime divided into subsidiary or regional governments? Who is or might be the leader of such a government? Does he have peers? What do his peers think of or say about him? Is such a government, whether in the short, long, or very long term, subject to regime change? Here again, and while we could speculate on any one and all of these things, we of course are not in a position, not yet anyway, to quite say. But again, it is still both worthwhile and sufficient at this juncture and for our purposes to at least ask the question, and as reminder of some of what of great consequence, and outside conjecture, we after all and simply don't yet know, but which naturally needs to be taken into consideration.

Being a fairly well read and yet admittedly only a mere arm-chair amateur in both anthropology and world religions, I am no way in a position to speak in depth or at length as to the myriad ways and manner of how seeming gods, ghosts and spirit people turn up in the numerous and societies, both primitive and civilized, around the world and down through history. Yet perhaps by making some mention, based on what I do know, it will help in making possible a start in having this topic addressed, specifically as it pertains to a better understanding of criminal spirit people as seen from a more material and empirical perspective.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bFhTV7KSJM>

"Mitch Miller Blue Tail Fly"

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[Epistle 7. To Philemon, a Presbyter.]

I indeed gave attention to reading the books and carefully studying the traditions of heretics, to the extent indeed of corrupting my soul with their execrable opinions; yet receiving from them this advantage, that I could refute them in my own mind, and detested them more heartily than ever. And when a certain brother of the order of presbyters sought to deter me, and feared lest I should be involved in the same wicked filthiness, because he said that my mind would be contaminated, and indeed with truth, as I myself perceived, I was strengthened by a vision that was sent me from God. And a word spoken to me, expressly commanded me, saying, Read everything which shall come into your hands, for you are fit to do so, who correctest and provest each one; and from them to you first of all has appeared the cause and the occasion of believing. I received this vision as being what was in accordance with the apostolic word, which thus urges all who are endowed with greater virtue, "Be skilful money-changers."

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [*Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius*](#)

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

["My Darling Clementine" Mitch Miller"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdGphk-XTh8>

["Ramblin' Rose - Nat King Cole" -- from 1963 BBC special "An Evening With Nat King Cole"]

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So often, most especially in recent decades, seemingly "popular" trends and fashions are not infrequently the result of long standing, systematic propaganda, manipulation, bribery and mind control, and not really, as is assumed, people's free and thoughtful choice. Indeed, when you consider that autocratic criminal spirit people and their followers are at enmity with and opposed to the humanities, arts, culture and tradition generally, they make a point of endeavoring to take over, purchase, traduce, and corrupt these venues and institutions of thought and expression. In furtherance of this many are named, promoted and funded by them as artists and or scholars, in whatever cultural endeavor, whose purpose, whether wittingly or no, is to deliberately downgrade the arts, culture and tradition; that is, enlisting and employing persons usually too glad to do this if you pay them enough money; while, and simultaneously, this same way of thinking (that is that arts and culture are mere entertainment or leisure pastimes of marginal importance and significance) is introduced and inculcated into the public large. Indeed, there even some who are all too ready to have arts, culture and tradition destroyed and tossed aside wholesale and entirely if you pay them for their support.

So much of spiritual, moral and intellectual decay and debasement we have witnessed is the result then of people selling out their centuries old culture and heritage; based on the reasoning that only money and material things are what make life worth living. Everything else is seen as esoteric and frivolous luxuries and pipe dreams. Similarly, people are led to believe that the only arts, culture and heritage worth anything are those that sell and take in money.

True, the love of money and material wealth over arts, culture and higher education is an age-old complaint, say in the United States for instance, and far from anything new. What is new is not indifference to cultural, moral, intellectual, and spiritual advancement, but a movement to purposefully ruin and destroy culture, mind, and spirit; and which only serves the goal and ambitions of criminal spirit people to make us more crass, mindless, heartless and thus slave-like. We see this most unapologetically and blatantly in that neo-Hollywood which so celebrates and allies itself with witchcraft, sorcery and demonic themes; while ridiculing or making a mockery of anything sacred, traditional or suggesting of innocence. On the one hand, it identifies itself with real or purported humanitarian causes and yet at the same time favors and promotes the very worst criminals the world has ever had or known. And yet these whom such mass media moguls defer to and honor as friends and authority figures, whether explicitly or by implication, end up taking them over. Witness how, for example, previously family-oriented Disney, and Hollywood in general, in the last thirty years has been devoured and swallowed up whole by those championing new age devilment and the occult, even to and including putting out programs and shows for children incorporating motifs and subliminal indoctrination of this other-worldly cast. Even Mickey Mouse has been made into a vampire.

One of those no little ludicrous myths about culture and media success in our time is how would-be artists, and other cultural figures are led to believe their status is based on fair competition and popularity, and yet themselves being subsidized by criminal spirit people based organized crime, their competitors are not allowed to participate, and in some instances are subject to vandalism, robbery, violent crime, or worse; thus giving the former this most absurd and preposterous advantage. It is so bad they don't need talent, ability or actual popular appeal, but are made and designated celebrities by sheer decree and fiat of the powers that be, which latter are in place owing almost entirely if not solely to criminal spirit people (and their immediate hench-persons') patronage.

This sort of thing is in no small part a result of many over time coming to believe that powerful spirit persons hold highest authority and judgment; while the more just minded, honest and right reasoning among us are viewed and treated as sham or deluded persons seeking to trick and win people over to what is after all and merely their own personal prejudices and self-serving opinions.

But the practice of looking to "gods" or the agents and representatives of such for guidance of course can take on an even more sinister turn then the degradation of the arts, culture and heritage; so that if the "god" or the "gods" will, even murder can be justified. This excerpt from Plutarch's biography of Themistocles (ch. 13), although describing an occurrence from centuries past, gives one instructive illustration of how this is possible:

"When Themistocles was about to sacrifice, close to the admiral's galley, there were three prisoners brought to him, fine looking men, and richly dressed in ornamented clothing and gold, said to be the children of Artayctes and Sandauce, sister to Xerxes. As soon as the

seer Euphrantides saw them, and observed that at the same time the fire blazed out from the offerings with a more than ordinary flame, and a man sneezed on the right, which was an intimation of a fortunate event, he took Themistocles by the hand, and bade him consecrate the three young men for sacrifice, and offer them up with prayers for victory to Bacchus the Devourer; so should the Greeks not only save themselves, but also obtain victory. Themistocles was much disturbed at this strange and terrible prophecy, but the common people, who in any difficult crisis and great exigency ever look for relief rather to strange and extravagant than to reasonable means, calling upon Bacchus with one voice, led the captives to the altar, and compelled the execution of the sacrifice as the seer had commanded. This is reported by Phanius the Lesbian [i.e., of the island Lesbos], a philosopher well read in history."

And needless to say historically we will find no end of this kind of incomprehensible madness and lunacy in both Christian and pre-Christian eras; that is, where right and just reason, along with the most rudimentary morals and decency, are cast aside in the cause of obeying supposedly "divine" others who, without test or scrutiny, are presumed to be more wise than and superior to right, just, and moral argument.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kK96LN-NaSo>

["Shadow of Your Smile Sergio Franchi and Kessler twins" - on the Ed Sullivan show]

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11. But I shall give a more particular account of one case here which occurred among us: There was with us a certain Serapion, an aged believer. He had spent his long life blamelessly, but had fallen in the time of trial (the persecution). Often did this man pray (for absolution), and no one gave heed to him; for he had sacrificed to the idols. Falling sick, he continued three successive days dumb and senseless. Recovering a little on the fourth day, he called to him his grandchild, and said, "My son, how long do you detain me? Hasten, I entreat you, and absolve me quickly. Summon one of the presbyters to me." And when he had said this, he became speechless again. The boy ran for the presbyter; but it was night, and the man was sick, and was consequently unable to come. But as an injunction had been issued by me, that persons at the point of death, if they requested it then, and especially if they had earnestly sought it before, should be absolved, in order that they might depart this life in cheerful hope, he gave the boy a small portion of the Eucharist, telling him to steep it in water and drop it into the old man's mouth. The boy returned bearing the portion; and as he came near, and before he had yet entered, Serapion again recovered, and said, "You have come, my child, and the presbyter was unable to come; but do quickly what you were instructed to do, and so let me depart." The boy steeped the morsel in water, and at once dropped it into the (old man's) mouth; and after he had swallowed a little of it, he immediately gave up the ghost. Was he not then manifestly preserved? And did he not continue in life just until he could be absolved, and until through the wiping away of his sins he could be acknowledged for the many good acts he had done?

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [\*Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius\*](#)

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Now ALL animals LOVE Mighty Mouse, even cats! (Go ask them.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJvM8eYcpL0>

["Mighty Mouse Theme Song (From the Original Movies, 1958)"]



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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

As many are already aware, criminal spirit people and their followers are not lacking what are purported to be compelling arguments to persuade you into going along and cooperating with them and ways to account for why it is they behave as they do; of which we can review a few here.

Before proceeding, however, it is necessary to remark, and as I have maintained elsewhere, that there is or may be some truth, albeit in the given instance quite miniscule or minute, to any proposition, albeit only a small truth; especially so if the assertion is consistent with good and right morals (at least such will seem true to religious and who will, as matter of faith, see God as supporting that belief.) Likewise, given our contingent, finite intellectual natures, any proposition, at least taken the wrong way, contains some falsity, albeit and perhaps to a very small degree. Such seeming contradictions or paradoxes when we encounter them can be resolved, however, when we see or realize that the smaller truth is out-weighted by a greater. So, to look at one example, is teasing someone bad? It depends on the people involved, the circumstances of its being resorted to. Naturally, and with certain people in some instances it is quite harmless, even a good thing; while with other kinds of persons and situations it would be extremely cruel and inexcusable to tease someone. Therefore, and summing this up in simple terms for brevity's sake, a statement like "teasing is bad" in one sense is false and in another it is true. It all depends on exactly what and or whom one is talking about.

With then some of the arguments criminal spirit people or their followers do might employ, what they say may have some actual or else seeming truth to it. But as with any argument, it must be fairly and closely examined to separate what is true from false, and false from true; weighing the one against the other; including to what extent what seems true is only seems so because it is based on a false assumption. In other words, if we grant a certain assumption, yes the argument is true. But that is just it: is the assumption correct?

With this caution or caveat in mind, the following are some arguments or expressions of principle you might encounter from criminal spirit people, and or persons representing them, use; including some we already or earlier mentioned. Although I will not just here, as such, get into whether these are just or not, it is sufficient to name or mention them for informational purposes; and to note that these things, in one form or another, I have actually heard from these people, and are not mere surmises or inferences on my part.

\* God and or Christ is to blame for the worsen evil in the world; he makes life too difficult and is tyrannizing people by insisting they be honest and good.

\* It is not a perfect world; so it is foolish not to use bad or wrong doing to your advantage.

\* Crime victims are not perfectly righteous and or they "have it too good," (i.e., are too fortunate, privileged, or well off in some way) and therefore only suffer what they deserve (at the hands of criminals.)

\* Evil is necessary, and some amount of it must be done in the world (not unlike meeting a quota, and as if this were a necessary or unavoidable cosmological principle.)

\* Criminal spirit people are not to be discussed scientifically, and for you to do so will only incur their warranted and excusable wrath.

As was long ago observed by Joseph Glanvill, Mather, and others: those who deny the existence and or workings of criminal spirit people (my term, not Glanvill's, et al.) take that position in order to reject the idea that there is an after-life and or the idea that any punishment will follow wrong doing in this life. Consequently, one of the arguments one routinely hears from their followers (or they through their followers) is that death is the necessary and final end to life. Therefore, "eat, drink, and be merry," have a good time as you please, as if that were all there were to it; which attitude not so surprisingly lends itself (for many at least) to all kinds of reckless, harmful and depraved behavior; regarding which last it is the very policy of organized crime as practiced by criminal spirit people to incite and encourage for purposes of augmenting their power. The more irrational and morally debased people are, the easier it is to make vassals and slaves of them.

In practice, they are against fair competition based on merit and free speech generally, unless, that is with regard to speech, that is to their own advantage. In these kinds of matters then of seeking honors, status, place of office or position, their regular person followers, and with criminal spirit people in many instances empowering them behind the scenes, are not uncharacteristically shameless and brazen liars, bullies, thieves, cheaters and hypocrites; though granted a given individual may or may not be so much this or that particular way. This is the predictable consequence of small-minded persons who see selfish and narrow self-interest as being of far greater importance than public safety and welfare, and or quality of life (including their own.)

One gets the impression that for some kinds of criminal spirit people, if they don't do wrong they won't be able to escape insufferable living conditions; it then being preferable, as they see it, to "rule in hell than serve in heaven." This being the case they come up with an arch-philosophy, pseudo-theology or other ideology making it seem that doing the wrong thing is pardonable or justified. That everyone else who is not in their straits has their quality of life ruined or drastically diminished as a result, well that's their problem.

Another ostensibly decisive factor motivating high power criminal spirit people is that after ages of guilt, violence, irrationality, chaos, and interminable frustration they find themselves resting upon an accumulated reservoir (or powder keg perhaps?) of seething anger,

resentment, and aggression; that being too overwhelming to regularly suppress, is let lose in the form of the necessary (as they see it) victimization of others. Like an alcoholic or drug addict, at some point they cannot help themselves, with untrammelled violence and malicious mayhem being the chaos creating, destructive, agonizing and even tragic result.

Yet another and perhaps likely incentive or purpose behind orchestrated and widespread wrong doing may be that they wish to hasten the end of the world; so that something conclusive can occur to finally bring a close to their dreary and depressing lives; despite appearances some of them do or might put on of being heavenly.

[To be resumed next week.]

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

While the line "First in war—first in peace—and first in the hearts of his countrymen" is probably the most famous verbal tribute ever bestowed on Washington; in his 1799 oration where it occurs, Henry Lee had considerably more to say about his former Commander in Chief. In commemoration then of President's Day, here's some further of what some may have missed.

"...First in war—first in peace—and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate and sincere; uniform, dignified and commanding, his example was as edifying to all around him, as were the effects of that example lasting.

"To his equals he was condescending, to his inferiors kind, and to the dear object of his affections exemplarily tender: correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence, and virtue always felt his fostering hand; the purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues.

"His last scene comported with the whole tenor of his life.—Although in extreme pain, not a sigh, not a groan escaped him; and with undisturbed serenity he closed his well spent life.—Such was the man America has lost—Such was the man for whom our nation mourns.

"Methinks I see his august image, and hear falling from his venerable lips these deep sinking words:

"CEASE, Sons of America, lamenting our separation: go on, and confirm by your wisdom the fruits of our joint councils, joint efforts, and common dangers: Reverence religion, diffuse knowledge throughout your land, patronize the arts and sciences; let Liberty and Order be inseparable companions, controul party spirit, the bane of free governments; observe good faith to, and cultivate peace with all nations, shut up every avenue to foreign influence, contract rather than extend national connexion, rely on yourselves only: Be American in thought, word, and deed—Thus will you give immortality to that union, which was the constant object of my terrestrial labours; thus will you preserve undisturbed to the latest posterity, the felicity of a people to me most dear, and thus will you supply (if my happiness is now aught to you) the only vacancy in the round of pure bliss high Heaven bestows."

FINIS.

For the full text, see:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/evans/N28374.0001.001?rgn=main;view=fulltext>

The Latin quote (since his college days at Princeton, Lee was an accomplished scholar in that language by the way) contained therein comes from Carmina, III, 3 by the Roman poet Horace, and can be translated:

"...not the rage of the citizens commanding wrongful measures, not the aspect of the threatening tyrant, can shake from his firm purpose the person who is just and resolute."

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"The Calumny of Apelles" (1494-95) by Botticelli. This needs to be seen large sized to best appreciate its labor-intensive intricate detail and simply amazing colors, so and for which see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calumny\\_of\\_Apelles\\_\(Botticelli\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calumny_of_Apelles_(Botticelli))

The following description of the painting, and that identifies the dramatis personae, comes from Wikipedia:

"From left to right...Truth, nude and pointing upwards to Heaven; Repentance in black; Perfidy (Conspiracy) in red and yellow, over the innocent half-naked victim on the floor, who is being pulled forward by the hair by Calumny (Slander), in white and blue and holding a flaming torch. Fraud, behind, arranges Calumny's hair. Rancour (Envy), a bearded and hooded man in black, holds his hand towards the king's eyes to obscure their view. On the throne, the king has the donkey's ears of King Midas, and Ignorance on his far side and Suspicion on the near side grasp these as they speak into them. The king extends his hand towards Calumny, but his eyes look down so that he cannot see the scene."

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10. Those sainted martyrs, accordingly, who were once with us, and who now are seated with Christ, and are sharers in His kingdom, and partakers with Him in His judgment, and who act as His judicial assessors, received there certain of the brethren who had fallen away, and who had become chargeable with sacrificing to the idols. And as they saw that the conversion and repentance of such might be acceptable to Him who desires not at all the death of the sinner, [Ezekiel 33:11] but rather his repentance, they proved their sincerity, and received them, and brought them together again, and assembled with them, and had fellowship with them in their prayers and at their festivals. What advice then, brethren, do you give us as regards these? What should we do? Are we to stand forth and act with the decision and judgment which those (martyrs) formed, and to observe the same graciousness with them, and to deal so kindly with those toward whom they showed such compassion? Or are we to treat their decision as an unrighteous one, and to constitute ourselves judges of their opinion on such subjects, and to throw clemency into tears, and to overturn the established order? ~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius](#)

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ntUGl1op4A>

["One More Time," Tom Hansen dancers, Feb. 1965"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNx0Jhymzds>

"A Lot of Livin' To Do - Sammy Davis Jr." - from the 1961 album "Sammy Belts the Best of Broadway"]

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

More familiar to most than the "technology" and bizarre pranks, such as we have partially enumerated, are the dodges, con-artist schemes, and arguments high power criminal spirit people and their followers engage in or utilize

It is typical for them to be the ones most to blame for some kind of wrong doing of which they themselves are the worst offenders. That is, they will be the most vociferous adversaries of some bad behavior, like sexual misconduct, and then arrange to have themselves appointed as the prosecutors for the same. Some individual, for instance, will be caught making some stupid passes at women; be found out on this and decried in front page headlines, and his reputation and career subsequently trashed and ruined. Meanwhile some of those who saw to his demise are or might be routinely engaged in gang rape or sado-masochism (behind closed doors of course.) Straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel: you've heard it before.

If one were to ask these kinds of people why they do something wrong, their response will almost invariably be because some else has robbed, cheated, or done them an injustice some how. They have been wrong; justice therefore demands that they do wrong. Two famous illustrations of this kind of psychology and personality found in deific history and other lore are Eris indignant at not being invited to the wedding of Peleus and Thetis (and evidently and in her way as or more powerful than Zeus), and Maleficent to the christening of Princess Aurora.

Then there is the case of someone who WON'T give in as demanded, and instead does the right thing in defiance of them. They then will have him brought up on charges, whether of something he did or didn't do. Only note, if he was (as it turned out) actually guilty of the said charge (they presently bring him up on), he most certainly would NOT have been brought up on said charge if he HAD originally given in to them; indeed and moreover would have been touted as a model or exemplar of moral and or civic virtue.

At the same time, high power criminal spirit people and or their immediate followers will make a virtue of a vice, and turn that vice into something chic or fashionable. This has been commonly observed historically, for example, in the romanticization of highwaymen, pirates, outlaws, and gangsters, and subsequently far worse; in which the criminal is treated as a hero or the good guy. While poetic or literary license can sometimes excuse this practice in the interest of story telling, there is on the other hand such a thing as relentless propaganda and over doing it. "Good guys finish last," but perhaps only now will some come to realize the actual or overriding reason for this.

Infiltrating political movements, social causes, religious faiths, and creeds, whether through their followers or, more rarely but not unknown behind closed doors, the criminal spirit people themselves, while impersonating representatives of causes and institutions is quite routine; nor is it the least unusual to those who are truth minded and sincere to be fooled and taken in by such impostures. In fact, every now and then some people, including activists, are so unwary and distracted by trifles that their more shrewd and shifty adversaries can use them to actually serve the cause of the opponents. Moreover, it can be or get so bad or ridiculous that in some instances you can have one "cointelpro" person (rightly or wrongly) accusing another of being "cointelpro" without realizing they are unknowingly "cointelpro" themselves. As rule of thumb then and in this regard, I would humbly suggest: beware of social reformers, activists, of whatever cause or creed, who evince a capacity to hate more deeply and destroy more eagerly than they do a capacity to love more deeply while promoting their cause in positive and constructive ways.

Of course, among the purposes or aims of masquerade and infiltration are to both corrupt and make the given cause or group look bad to others. This might be done further by placing incompetents, unqualified and or mediocre persons in positions of importance, while ousting, ostracizing, or even assassinating the better ones of intelligence and integrity. The regrettable appointees then might act to have the group or movement make ill advised decisions, misplace their priorities, or instill in its members the necessity of appeasing or accommodating public stereotypes, prejudices, current myths, and false idols of the day; even though doing so goes directly against what is supposed to be their primary interest or purpose. Examples of this in our own day is how groups of such divergent outlooks will come to agree that casual swearing, goatee beards, tattoos, junky throw-away music, comic book super-heroes for adults, the glowing or hallowed prestige of contemporary (i.e., monopolistic) moviedom, "net worth," or whatever is the supposed fashion or focus of greatest concern, are something they all like and agree upon as things that matter; even though perhaps they are dire enemies or completely at odds with each other on almost every thing else.

Notice in this respect and again, it is not what is right or correct based on better judgment and right (or more right) reason that prevails or deserves sway. Rather the more important standard becomes what "everybody" thinks; and this permits that much more a gaping whole for error and absurd conclusions to slip in; with truth as a matter of course taking a back seat to rhetoric. So often then what is interpreted as the choice, trends, or preference of the people is actually something they are systematically and patiently over time conditioned and manipulated into accepting, and this by a clever wealthy few that are experts at propaganda, psychological warfare, and crowd manipulation.

Sometimes the effect and influence of criminal spirit people, and their hench-people is laid on so thickly that a subject of such treatment becomes almost a zombie under their influence. How true, in their way, then are all those vampire movies where an otherwise good person, once bitten, is transformed in their moral character and basic sense of decency into something entirely different from what they were; having encountered this kind of things many times in the course of my own ordeal contending with these criminal spirit people. It is nothing short of amazing, to put it mildly, how when the heavy duty pressure of high powered criminal spirit persons is turned on the extent to which it can dramatically transform and pervert some people, and this perhaps in a

surprisingly abrupt span of time. People who earlier were your cordial and cooperative friends, family members, or acquaintances over-night will give you the cold shoulder or even betray you.

In practice, regular people and even animals are blamed and punished for wrong doing, yet, as you already know or could expect, never for a moment are criminal spirit made mention of, let alone blamed, let alone punished. Yet when it comes to serious wrong doing, they, and their knowing accomplices, invariably are the most guilty of all. God or religion can be faulted, ridiculed, vilified, and routinely are. But to even murmur under your breath that there are criminal spirit people or they may share in some blame in what goes on is impiety, heresy and anathema, and to be most loudly ignored and hushed with brutal silence. With such injustice that needs must result, is it any wonder the world knows and experiences so much chaos and madness and tragedy as it does? This, in short, I would submit, is after all is one of the primary reasons why life is so difficult, indeed for some unbearable, for many; with suicide rates in recent decades shockingly higher than in previous years.

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9. Moreover, others in large numbers were torn asunder by the heathen throughout the cities and villages. Of one of these I shall give some account, as an example. Ischyron served one of the rulers in the capacity of steward for stated wages. His employer ordered this man to offer sacrifice; and on his refusal to do so, he abused him. When he persisted in his non-compliance, his master treated him with contumely; and when he still held out, he took a huge stick and thrust it through his bowels and heart, and slew him. Why should I mention the multitudes of those who had to wander about in desert places and upon the mountains, and who were cut off by hunger, and thirst, and cold, and sickness, and robbers, and wild beasts? The survivors of such are the witnesses of their election and their victory. One circumstance, however, I shall subjoin as an illustration of these things. There was a certain very aged person of the name of Chaeremon, bishop of the place called the city of the Nile. He fled along with his partner to the Arabian mountain, and never returned. The brethren, too, were unable to discover anything of them, although they made frequent search; and they never could find either the men themselves, or their bodies. Many were also carried off as slaves by the barbarous Saracens to that same Arabian mount. Some of these were ransomed with difficulty, and only by paying a great sum of money; others of them have not been ransomed to this day. And these facts I have related, brother, not without a purpose, but in order that you may know how many and how terrible are the ills that have befallen us; which troubles also will be best understood by those who have had most experience of them.

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius](#)

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O3DcP3M2AI>

["Al Stewart with Dave Nachmanoff - The News from Spain" - from 2010]

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

As well as dream productions, it is possible for a technically adept criminal spirit person, like a "ghost-magician," to project images, say for example a face of someone, and or patterns of images in ones head while you are awake (as opposed to asleep), and do this in such a pronounced, lively and prolonged manner that you know it is not merely or somehow your imagination. A ghost-magician, incidentally, may evince some caliber of artistic talent and ability, and this might be observed in say a dream production; where the story and or characters might be cleverly conceived and constructed. Even so, such expressions, whatever the means or medium will almost always be tainted with some amount of depravity, unnaturalness, or other quality that some will feel offends their own sensibility and or morals. [Note. Since first writing this they have made an effort to come up with "productions" of a more clean and innocent character with admittedly some success, but only slightly so.]

There is of course the age-old sending a "demon" or sprite into a person. The effect of which or harm done depends on the character and strength of demon/sprite in contrast to the intellectual and moral constitution of the victim. Again, this is one of those phenomena I have attempted to describe in other of my writings and would once more refer you on this topic to those.

Despite the "tin foil hat" type mockery we hear of among some online activists, more sophisticated and well-financed criminal spirit persons and their hench-people do in fact have psychotronic weaponry, including "brain torture radios," that is mundane, i.e., human, technology, now in their arsenal. This is in addition to their more traditional expertise at chemical/medical and biological warfare; and which they will resort to as they see a signal or worthwhile advantage to be gained by it. I myself have been subject to wide variety sicknesses and strange medical ills, including yellow jaundice, persistent constipation [Note. Prior to their invading my life in 1992, I did not even know what constipation was.], kidney stones, over-night appearances of warts, moles, and bodily scars, and advanced covid (I have had three versions of covid, overcoming two and am present suffering a third advanced more stubborn type; notwithstanding (i.e., given my very peculiarly isolated circumstances created for me) my having have little or no social contact); as well as having been poisoned, including by needle injection, on multiple occasions. Such occurrences may naturally, in a given instance, have required regular person assistance, as opposed to a spirit person's inflicting them. Nevertheless, there is no doubt in my own mind at least that many of these physical problems or disorders I was put through were brought on without such aid, if not all.

Although my proof is far from conclusive and while only at the moment positing this as theory, I have come to believe, indeed am myself fairly (95%) convinced, they can control and manipulate computer programs that are presently running. One example of this is playing PC scrabble and on occasions when there is no question of their being in my immediate vicinity, using both "brain torture radios" ( a worldly, not other-worldly, technology) and telepathic projection (of spirit person origin.) In a particular game, I might be winning, but when it comes to giving the final score the computer opponent receives total of (winning) points and I receive (instead its own total.) For example, on the last move of the game I might (using round figures here) have 300 points and the computer 200, but when I enter the last move, my score is switched to the computer player, and the computer player's score is made mine. This kind of cheating has happened innumerable times over the years in this in other computer games I have played. If this inference is correct, and the cause of these unexpected and strange kinds of software anomalies is NOT something else, then it would seem they can affect the working of a computer by remote means. In saying such, again, I am not in a position to insist that I am incontrovertibly right in this surmise. But if nothing else, it would be remiss of me to not at least make mention of this phenomenon, given the enormous implications such technological ability suggests, including the potential of manipulating software for purposes of determining political elections, and despite how else silly my speaking of it must admittedly and understandably sound to some.

Needless to say, it is by no means lost on me how so much of what I speak of sounds pretty crazy, and some might rather conclude rather and perhaps for that matter I am so, speaking as I do. But if you will take my word on anything when it comes to criminal spirit people, totally bizarre tricks and stunts, seemingly inexplicable, and intended to baffle, intimidate, impress and or dismay are an innate and essential part of how they act and operate. And there are in facts things even more strange they do or have done I could relate, but will be satisfied here instead with having at least presented some rudimentary, albeit sketchy, sense of the extremely kooky and weird things they do and are capable of.

But consider -- if it is the case that many physical sicknesses and psychological ailments are the result of purposeful vitiation and infection by professional criminal spirit people, including in this perhaps as well their concocting and or "sponsoring" new diseases, how much in utter darkness and confusion must medical science necessarily be that it categorically deny or blindly ignore the possibility of such insidious mischief. Not that there aren't or might not be doctors or researchers, suspending long standing conventional assumptions, who would impartially and objectively consider and explore the likelihood of such, but even if there were, there are inevitably persons of great wealth and influence, in some level of vassalage and or partnership with criminal spirit people, who would stymie, and thwart and proscribe their efforts; not least of which resorting to crime, if need be, to effect this.

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8. There was also a body of soldiers, including Ammon, and Zeno, and Ptolemy, and Ingenius, and along with them an old man, Theophilus, who had taken up their position in a mass in front of the tribunal; and when a certain person was standing his trial as a Christian, and was already inclining to make a denial, these stood round about and ground their teeth, and made signs with their faces, and stretched out their hands, and made all manner of gestures with their bodies. And while the attention of all was directed to them, before any could lay hold of them, they ran quickly up to the bench of judgment and declared themselves to be Christians, and made such an impression that the governor and his associates were filled with fear; and those who were trader trial seemed to be most courageous in the prospect of what they were to suffer, while the judges themselves trembled. These, then, went with a high spirit

from the tribunals, and exulted in their testimony, God Himself causing them to triumph gloriously.
~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [*Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius*](#)

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMf2bSNoK90>  
["Macbeth 1970 TV Series 1988 VHS" - Thames video collection/HBO]

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

As well as the traditional cunning, cleverness, and skill at mind control and behavioral manipulation, professional criminal spirit people have what we might (for lack of other ready term) call "spirit people technology." Where technology such as we ourselves know overlaps with kinds available and unique to them, and or whether in some measure such knowledge and methods are completely unknown to us, or even past our knowing, I myself couldn't say. I think it can however be reasonably and safely assumed or inferred that they have and have had technical advances overtime; both stemming both from their own endeavors and also benefiting from advances acquired or realized by and or in their partnership with regular people who are their friends and accomplices.

This understood, I will attempt a description, though lacking and flawed as it must necessarily be, based on my own years contending with the, some of what I have experienced or seen them do. This list or enumeration is admittedly sketchy and only partial in its coverage of the more strange devices they have and tricks they are capable of. Some of these things are also discussed in my "New Treatise" and "Narrative," and for more I would refer you to those writings.

As said elsewhere, the more professional types among them are experts at mind control, including things like hypnotism, and literal (physical) thought control carried out telepathically. Among some of their tricks are transferring thoughts into a person's head, including words, pictorial visions (static or, more rarely, in motion), and even creating and or manipulating a sleeping dream. As an instance of how sophisticated these things can be done, imagine an elaborately detailed painting like Napoleon's crowning Josephine by Jacques Louis David, and then visualize it coming to life in all its tiniest details as if it were not only like a movie, but an actual even taking place at the moment you (in your head) see it. Such a thing I will have experienced in what I have elsewhere referred as "dream productions;" that is, shows they are able to create that are made into sleeping dreams. These dream productions are well likened to a movie or tv show, in which you the dreamer are carried through a series of events; which, in my experience, typically have you degraded, insulted, made to feel isolated, or humiliated. To give you a working idea of how it is possible to recreate dreams (albeit in a different venue or medium than I am discussing) check out for instance the kitchen scene in "Salem's Lot" (1979) or the film "Blue Velvet" (1986). Now how criminal spirit people, such as a ghost-magician, are able to put or insert these "dream productions" they make into you head, I do not know to say. Yet it is worth noting that the literature and lore about spirit people going back to ancient times, whether fictitious or alleged to be true, abound with accounts of people experiencing dreams that take the form of messages being transmitted to the sleeper by some other worldly person.

Speaking generally, the significance attributed to dreams in conventional psychology and aside and outside their being used as mediums for persons external persons (such as a "ghost-magician" or related we discuss or allude to) to impart communications of one kind or another, has in my own view been grossly exaggerated; as for example where profound meanings casually are assigned to a dream's contents; as if such were necessarily symptoms of something significant. My own view rather is that dreams are nothing more than a state where our consciousness, because of our being asleep, is operating on what might be called "low batteries." That is our sleeping consciousness is able to function, but only barely; say like a computer running on low power. The sleeping mind can do some thinking, but not properly and far short of what it is capable of when awake; including things like observing measures of time. For example, the events of dreams ordinarily seem to take place in what would seem to be the day time, and yet during the dream we have no conception of what a day (or night) is; nor are we able to track time in any form. Rather what occurs is a sequence of events that, while we are dreaming, knows no measure of time. And I suppose a somewhat similar thing is true of space as well; that is, the significance of distance does not (at least in my own experience) occur to us as a matter or issue of any consequence or relevance in a dream. The significance of all this is perhaps by keeping the awareness of time and space muted or separate from us, people, things and events can be distorted from how we would see them if we were awake; the awareness of time and space acts as a filter or framework to organize and arrange our thoughts and perceptions, and if turned off it is, then our guard is down and not working; thus arguably and perhaps making the ghost-magician's job easier in attempting to fool someone.

Even so, I have had them attempt in dreams to deceive me about things that even asleep do not ring true to me, and that upon waking I realize what I dreamt was not me but someone else trying to get me to believe or see something in a way that is fundamentally alien to how I do feel and think, and that I myself do and in no way can relate to. I notice for instance in a dream production I am made to take on a certain kind of character that is entirely unlike myself, as if another person's personality and accompanying set of value was being projected on to me. The person in the dream is supposed to be me, and yet so much nothing like that it is clearly based on someone else; as if someone had written a script for me to follow; which then in the dream I am made to follow. And upon thinking out it after I wake up, that person most clearly is not me at all.

Nevertheless, as the years will have gone by (and it has been years), they would seem (so I would infer, that is) to keep a record of my behavior and behavior patterns, which then they are able to incorporate into the dream production version of me. Although the characterization now will ring more true, the character is still not me but a recreation of me. More like me, yes, but still not me.

One other and very unusual thing I had happened to me the other day and that I will mention in passing. I was lying in bed awake just before dawn, and I distinctly heard a dog's bark IN the room! (I have no dog, by the way.) Whether this was some kind of ventriloquism or what, I have no idea, but my guess is that this was a case of them being funny.

[To be resumed next week.]

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

## THE MISUNDERSTOOD PAST

In the past few years we have many statues and monuments taken down, most notably those commemorating Confederate generals. But even more recently Thomas Jefferson has gotten the ignominious boot as well, owing of course to his having been a slave holder. In retrospect it was indeed ill advised to not have followed the recommendation Tadeusz Kosciuszko of freeing his slaves as Washington had done in his will. And yet in this way, this is most ironic since in his day Jefferson was seen by many as far left in the American political spectrum as one could get. Pity Clay Jenkinson of the "Thomas Jefferson Hour;" who is an avid devotee of the sage of Monticello and at the same time about as politically left short of the rioters smearing paint and toppling the said statues.

Most notably as well, Robert E. Lee's statue has come down in several prominent locales. And yet there is this fundamental misunderstanding about Lee and his fellow Confederate generals that people simply do not understand, and there is no Shelby Foote around now to more properly explain things how things were. While yes it is true, slavery was undeniable integral to the Confederate position, and this was understood many decades in advance of the Civil War. Nevertheless, what people tragically fail to realize is the mentality of 19th century southern males. But Mark Twain knew and in his inimitable way made the point quite succinctly in his *Life on the Mississippi* (ch. 46):

"Sir Walter [Scott] had so large a hand in making Southern character, as it existed before the war, that he is in great measure responsible for the war. It seems a little harsh toward a dead man to say that we never should have had any war but for Sir Walter; and yet something of a plausible argument might, perhaps, be made in support of that wild proposition. The Southerner of the American Revolution owned slaves; so did the Southerner of the Civil War: but the former resembles the latter as an Englishman resembles a Frenchman. The change of character can be traced rather more easily to Sir Walter's influence than to that of any other thing or person."

So as much as anything else, for many of the southern soldiers like Lee, it was both a matter of chivalric honor and as well what we might today call a "macho" thing. "You don't tell us what to do without a fight -- even if we are wrong!" And there you have it. But then people these days have no shame standing up for ignorance and lack of education in the name of dignifying the human race.

Even so Lee *was* wrong, and was damned in his own time for it, by such as Henry Adams. And though I agree on that, I will always have a fondness for the excellent job he did re-issuing his father's memoirs in 1869; a book I have always treasured since childhood days.

Then there is old Jeff Davis. Now he still has a place in statuary hall, for Mississippi, in the national capitol. The Confederacy badly needed a George Washington figure, but due to the fatally flawed character of the cause, Davis occupied a most hopeless position. At least Lee, Jackson, et al. made good knights.

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7. Heron also, and Ater, and Isidorus who were Egyptians, and along with them Dioscorus, a boy of about fifteen years of age, were delivered up. And though at first he, the judge, tried to deceive the youth with fair speeches, thinking he could easily seduce him, and then attempted also to compel him by force of tortures, fancying he might be made to yield without much difficulty in that way, Dioscorus neither submitted to his persuasions nor gave way to his terrors. And the rest, after their bodies had been lacerated in a most savage manner, and their steadfastness had nevertheless been maintained, he consigned also to the flames. But Dioscorus he dismissed, wondering at the distinguished appearance he had made in public, and at the extreme wisdom of the answers he gave to his interrogations, and declaring that, on account of his age, he granted him further time for repentance. And this most godly Dioscorus is with us at present, tarrying for a greater conflict and a more lengthened contest. A certain person of the name of Nemesion, too, who was also an Egyptian, was falsely accused of being a companion of robbers; and after he had cleared himself of this charge before the centurion, and proved it to be a most unnatural calumny, he was informed against as a Christian, and had to come as a prisoner before the governor. And that most unrighteous magistrate inflicted on him a punishment twice as severe as that to which the robbers were subjected, making him suffer both tortures and scourgings, and then consigning him to the fire between the robbers. Thus the blessed

martyr was honoured after the pattern of Christ.

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265). [Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]

I wrote the following in a chat with someone just now, and thought I might as well throw the question out more "at large" in case some one knows the answer (if so please do contact me.)

"Dean Silverstone, Seattle wrestling entrepreneur in the 70s and 80s, and owner of Golden Oldies records in Wallingford. You don't mean to tell me you don't know about Paddy Ryan, Lumberjack Luke and the Hells Angels on Saturday morning or afternoon on (as I recall) KSTW? Are those shows by chance on DVD? If so they are just about worth their weight in gold."

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

As discussed in my "New Treatise," criminal spirit people that act as "bosses" will invariably have "regular" (flesh and blood) persons routinely carrying out tasks for them, indeed such are necessary and vital to carrying out organized criminal operations; since obviously regular persons can do things that spirit people can't: such as hold money or carry out more involved and heightened forms of violence and vandalism. With respect to vandalism, these sorts of things can be anything from annoying, pointless pranks to acts of extreme viciousness and depravity. To give you an example of the former, I have had these people break into my house and repeatedly do things like put holes in my clothing and steal tableware (all my spoons, for instance.) Other sort so pranks I have had deal with are huge infestations of ants, or constant influxes of rats over the years; no matter how many (and there were at least several dozens) were already removed or exterminated using traps, air guns, and such. [Note. The rat problem only happened about 2011, before that, and outside of pictures, I had never even seen an actual rat in all my life.]

Some professional criminal spirit people, such as a ghost-magician, are in their way medical experts of a kind, and will do things like give you multiple warts and loves overnight, disfigure your skin with scars, give you diseases, prevent bodily functions from working properly, and other kinds of bodily related harassments, invariably done or carried out on you when you are asleep.

Much of this sort of carrying on is as much playing games, confusing, disorienting, and perhaps intimidating you as much as anything else, and which typically serve as reminders that they will or would have their way and preferably as they please. As remarked by me elsewhere, their customary penchant to be idle only works to prompt such mischief and or worse; and sometimes these sorts of things can go on relentlessly for relatively long stretches of time, say months or even years.

Other behavior we might mentioning passing are acting friendly or neutral while they are abusing or otherwise taking advantage of you. As we know, "the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." Part of the idea here is that manichean-like mentality of trying to have it both ways. Some will actually be fooled and taken in by kindness offered by an oppressor; while the more wary and wise will see for it what it is. If they do an unsolicited favor for you, you are in no way obliged to owe them or pay for it, and if you don't know and understand this you can be tricked or manipulated into something you might perhaps later regret. If for example they spent 10 million dollars just to play a funny practical joke on you, say a "Candid Camera" or "The Magic Christian" type stunt (like we mentioned earlier), they might have or insist that it was all in good fun, or served some alleged good (perhaps religious) purpose, and you should be flattered by all the expense they went to and the trouble they took. This sort of thing is typical of the kind of arrogance and over-reaching they are known for. And yet as cocky and insufferable as such tactics will seem, there are people who will end up timidly acquiescing and foolishly yielding to them. Such scams or charades, and this is also true with magic tricks generally, when they do not succeed in fooling, criminal spirit people will pretend as if they did succeed.

As is already known or could be expected, trades and exchanges are an essential part criminal spirit people operations, nor, need I add, is it in their nature to deal fairly. That Goethe's Faust could come out with a happy ending thanks to the intercession of Gretchen is about as incredible a fairy tale ending as was ever written; my point being not that God or the Virgin Mary could not be so merciful where there is true repentance, but that it is extremely unlikely that Mephistopheles would not know how to get the better of a willing, deliberate compact such as Faust had made. Such after all is part of his professional business, and on this question Goethe, albeit unintentionally, is leading people astray and playing into the wrong hands into thinking works and the pity of good women will of themselves save. In this regard, Maturin's "Melmoth" is, at least by comparison, more like the real thing. Granted it may have happened historically that someone was so shrewd, wise and fortunate that to some significant extent it was possible to have it "both ways," and yet not suffer for it, or at least not too much, in the after-life. But if this has happened, one cannot help but assume cases of playing with fire and winning are exceptionally rare, at least when it comes to persons who made out and out and deliberate "pacts."

Despite the often grandiosity of the largess they proffer, the generosity of professional criminal spirit people is always and ultimately false and an illusion. For they are not such dim-witted fools, in this regard at least, to have it otherwise where they can help it. What they take will always be more than they give, and what they give was invariably and originally obtained by theft. And it is an inherent part of their character to be the one who is more clever and cunning in trades and exchanges, and other than showing off with magic tricks, perhaps priding themselves on this more than anything else.

[To be resumed next week.]

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#### FOUR FAMOUS SAYINGS

There is no shame in being condemned by the damned.

“You win if you think you win.” Rod McKuen

(i.e., even if you actually lost.)

Are they gone?

I know you are, but what am I?

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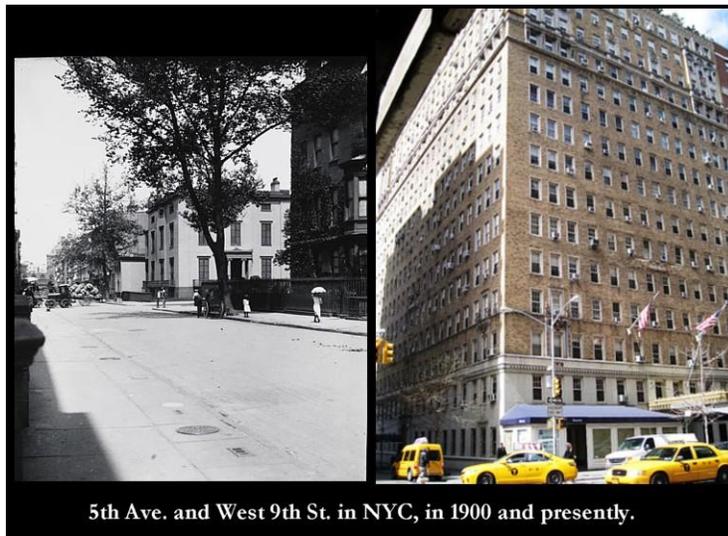
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THAT WAS THEN - THIS IS NOW

45 Pine Street (Manhattan) today.

As a follow up to my earlier post on the last whereabouts of physician-poet, Friendly Club member Elihu Hubbard Smith (1771-1798), here is a photo and some links to give a sense to how things may have looked then and as they appear today.

The first is a photo of the (now demolished) Brevoort mansion in about 1900 and as the site is currently. Although 45 Pine would not have been anything so grand as the Brevoort mansion, still the photo imparts some sense of the more residential character of New York city back in the 1790s as compared with now.



5th Ave. and West 9th St. in NYC, in 1900 and presently.

Next, here are two YouTube links taking you on a walk down Pine Street, Manhattan today, with notes as to where "45" is.

* walking westward, at 5:31 (on the left)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_4O-VMDm6E&t=404s

["PINE STREET Walking tour DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN NYC NEW YORK"]

* walking eastward, at 2:10 (on the right)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1IN8z7HXEs&t=172s>

["Walking Manhattan | Pine Street | Financial District"]

While the pause (if any) at 45 is extremely brief in these videos, the location where Smith and his friends took in the shunned, mortally ill yellow fever victim Dr. Joseph Scandella, and where shortly thereafter Smith himself came down with the fatal disease is interestingly just across the street from Our Lady of Victory (Catholic) Church is today. My father told me he happened to attend services there in his career days when doing business on the stock market (back in the 50s-60s), and says the church is rather small.

For more on the same, see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Victory_Church_\(Manhattan\)?fbclid=IwAR2op6hwS_fA8GpqT3pbwA3Wcpj31Y61bQ0MIs9t1uejVco_OgITHVRj4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Victory_Church_(Manhattan)?fbclid=IwAR2op6hwS_fA8GpqT3pbwA3Wcpj31Y61bQ0MIs9t1uejVco_OgITHVRj4)

This is all the more poignantly touching, given that Smith, martyr like, heroically ended up giving his life in order to attempt to save that of another, and considering also that he was a raised Congregationalist (from Litchfield, Conn.) turned avowed deist. For more on this topic, see my earlier article, "The Last Days of Smith," downloadable in .pdf, at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E0NWD0UUL3sn59LZNt4WXOpzVkGZdE8n/view?fbclid=IwAR0Y8PXxKAmqygDRpb2KI12E88bmfS1qJmtDyIn01XBmXPqDZo0zGYhfU>

Finally, we noted earlier as well that Smith was interred at the First Presbyterian Church previously located at 10 Wall Street. It is likely the burial vault contents there have been long since removed; given that the church was torn down in the 1830s. And yet and on the other hand it may be the case that those vaults (as far as I know at any rate) are still there - underground. In 2015 Presbyterian burial vaults were discovered accidentally under Washington Square, further north on Manhattan. This link gives a look at what they found at that time, and perhaps suggests what was or is under 10 Wall Street today.

<https://abc7ny.com/remains-found-burial-vault.../1068922/>

For more respecting the Brevoort mansion, see:

<https://daytoninmanhattan.blogspot.com/2013/04/the-lost-brevoort-mansion-5th-ave-and.html?fbclid=IwAR11NhgC8TkpDvtoMVKTWZ1GODZmZ1qwKKhXRKJxAmDZFrENSRna72V7eo>

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6. And along with these there were four women. Among them was Ammonarium, a pious virgin, who was tortured for a very long time by the judge in a most relentless manner, because she declared plainly from the first that she would utter none of the things which he commanded her to repeat; and after she had made good her profession she was led off to execution. The others were the most venerable and aged Mercuria, and Dionysia, who had been the mother of many children, and yet did not love her offspring better than her Lord. These, when the governor was ashamed to subject them any further to profitless torments, and thus to see himself beaten by women, died by the sword, without more experience of tortures. For truly their champion Ammonarium had received tortures for them all.

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), *Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius*

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

In "The Ch-un Ts-ew, with the Tso Chuen: Duke Ch'aou" [And as found in "Chinese Classics" by James Legge, Vol. V. Part II (1872), p. 618], there is this passage:

"Tsze-t'ae-shuh asked his reason for making these arrangements, and Tsze-ch'an replied, 'When a ghost has a place to go to, it does not become an evil spirit...'" [Book X, Year VII.]

This helps to explain in part ancestor worship among such as the Chinese and Japanese, and yes indeed, and outside "fallen angels," criminal spirit people one infers originated largely from social outcasts, such as we contemplate with bands of robbers, thieves and other sorts of criminals; as persons who were displaced from or never had a proper home, family, or else morally minded brethren to find healthy companionship with. For this reason, there is certainly a place among feeling and compassionate persons to pity and sympathize with them. And yet such sympathy, if not guided by shrewdness and caution can simply be used against a person; as for instance when one pities and trusts a dangerous snake. Our pity is or might be justified, and yet if we are not careful, it might be used merely as a handle to bite and get the better of us. And even if it were possible to care for or take them in, it is only a matter of time before their owner shows up to claim them.

Such alienation they feel or live with is expressed and comes out in a variety of ways. This would include a penchant and with some an obsession to invade and act as an interloper and busy-body in the lives of others; getting attention, say and for example, by shocking and surprising people' showing off their skill at being able to perform some unusual trick or similarly putting on an very elaborate, perhaps show of some kind well planned out in advance, say like a "Candid Camera" or "Magic Christian" type stunt.

Likewise, to compensate for such inferiority and alienation as they might feel, they might put on airs and have you think them superior in some grandiose way; as would of course be the case when a high power spirit person would have you see them as god-like. Another

not uncommon related behavior of theirs is that they will abuse you while acting as though they are your friend, and in fact be even sincere in desiring, albeit in a perhaps warped and demented way, to be your friend.

It is also not in the least unusual, based on the belief some among them hold that wrong doing is not only excusable but and somehow cosmologically necessary, and thus and on this basis they would have you believe they somehow have some claim on everyone. Everyone owes them, every one MUST measure up to their standards or answer for their complaints; so all important are their selfish interests and the role the universe requires of them. Likewise, there is this mentality that if there is wrong or harm done, then God, as it were, will foot the bill. And if He won't, well then he's not much of a God or else there is no God. Implied by this is the belief that God is, at bottom, at fault for any and everything wrong, or as Goethe put it "Nemo contra Deum nisi Deus ipse." While this may and understandably perhaps challenge some philosophically, even so and not surprisingly, such tenet becomes an all too convenient excuse for a very guilty individual to absolve themselves of blame and responsibility. At the same time and in practice, such who do take this view are themselves hardly ever, if ever, either honest or rational moralists, and instead invariably are little better than conscience-less yahoos or anarchists seeking to justify their own amorality and hypocrisy.

In sum, owing in large part to the often sick, deranged, and horrendous crimes they have committed they have made themselves detestable, and thus are understandably shunned. As a result they seek to get attention and or raise themselves up to a position of highest importance in the grand order of things, and this lack of self-esteem, you see, is often the cause or else part of the cause of their arrogance and trouble making.

As a further aspect of this mindset in question, it is routine among many of them to make it their business to cause trouble, whether a little bit or much, simply and solely for the purpose of causing trouble; though and of course they will have what they claim is a just and compelling reason for their acting so. And they do this both to get attention and because they are told to do so by higher-ups, and who firmly believe, and religiously, that violence and vandalism and or other obnoxious pranks are fully justified if carried out on behalf of motives of envy and or self-pity. From which one is inclined to infer that even if evil can't succeed in conquering, it ever and apparently gives them infinite self-satisfaction to just needle and harass others.

With respect to the question of spirits or sprites (i.e., by this we mean spirit persons unusually small or tiny in size) entering and leeching on a regular person's body, as, for example, is associated with demonic "possession," it is unclear whether such are a) just entering a person to "ride" them, say like a horse; b) find shelter and inhabit the host as in a sort of mobile dwelling, and or c) whether they are literally "feeding," somehow, off the regular person's physicality; and or some combination of these possibility. In passing, it is worth mentioning that these possessing or inhabiting spirits can sometimes be ejected or cast out by placing the regular person victim nearby to heavy metal machinery, particularly thinking of a jack hammer. The vibrations of the latter will, as likely or not and if the vibrations are sufficiently violent and the exposure is for more than just a brief length of time, shake the spirit from the nest they have created for themselves in the host.

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## GRAVE MATTERS

Where did they go? So I wondered concerning physician, poet, polymath Elihu Hubbard Smith (1771-1798) and US Navy captain Alexander Slidell MacKenzie (1803-1848) of Somers Mutiny fame, and whom I have earlier written about both in posts here at the Lee's Legion page and in my Continental Army Series books (see my website [www.gunjones.com](http://www.gunjones.com) or else [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) .)

For those who might be curious this is what I learned.

Smith first became ill of the yellow fever in mid Sept. 1798 at his residence at 45 Pine Street on Manhattan; was shortly after removed to 111 Liberty Street where he died on the 19th. He was subsequently buried at the First Presbyterian Church pastored by acquaintance Rev. Samuel Miller (brother of Smith's friend Dr. Edward Miller [1760-1812] ) at 10 Wall Street (and which specific I only discovered today.) 10 Wall Street presently is occupied by some business offices, but quite what happened to the burial vaults there at the later demolished church I haven't yet been able to ascertain. Attached is a map showing these locations.

Slidell Mackenzie was found dead in 1848 astride his horse, heading home after some errand, having suffered a heart attack; this was near his Tarrytown home. His remains however were taken to the Slidell family vault located at St. Mark's Church in the Bowery also on Manhattan. I wrote the church asking if there was a marker, but was informed not specifically for MacKenzie but one only for the vault itself, and they were very kind to send me a photo of the same. See also attached.

(For my article on the Somers Mutiny, see: <https://archive.org/details/a-proposed-solution-to-the-somers-mutiny> .)

Interestingly, MacKenzie's brother in law, Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, brother of Oliver Hazard Perry and famous for opening up Japan to the US was first buried in the Slidell vault; hence his name on the marker. However, his body was later removed to Rhode Island. For the full story on this topic, see: <https://www.findagrave.com/.../804/matthew-calbraith-perry>



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

["Till We Meet Again" - from the LP "Sing Along with Mitch Miller & the Gang"]

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5. But there were also others, steadfast and blessed pillars of the Lord, who, receiving strength from Himself, and obtaining power and vigour worthy of and commensurate with the force of the faith that was in themselves, have proved admirable witnesses for His kingdom. And of these the first was Julianus, a man suffering from gout, and able neither to stand nor to walk, who was arranged along with two other men who carried him. Of these two persons, the one immediately denied Christ; but the other, a person named Cronion, and surnamed Eunus, and together with him the aged Julianus himself, confessed the Lord, and were carried on camels through the whole city, which is, as you know, a very large one, and were scourged in that elevated position, and finally were consumed in a tremendous fire, while the whole populace surrounded them. And a certain soldier who stood by them when they were led away to execution, and who opposed the wanton insolence of the people, was pursued by the outcries they raised against him; and this most courageous soldier of God, Besas by name, was arranged; and after bearing himself most nobly in that mighty conflict on behalf of piety, he was beheaded. And another individual, who was by birth a Libyan, and who at once in name ' and in real

blessedness was also a true Macar although much was tried by the judge to persuade him to make a denial, did not yield, and was consequently burned alive. And these were succeeded by Epimachus and Alexander, who, after a long time spent in chains, and after suffering countless agonies and inflictions of the scraper and the scourge, were also burnt to ashes in an immense fire.  
~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265). [Epistles and fragments of epistles of Dionysius](#)

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

Earlier in my "New Treatise" I mentioned how getting or making others guilty is fundamental to (what I referred to as) "Hell" policy. One might say that inasmuch as hard core criminal spirit people are the most guilty people there are, it is as if they own the rights to wrong doing. So that if you act badly, and the more you act badly, you transgress or infringe on their rights and domain, and thus, at least if they care to make a case of it, you become answerable to them. This is in addition to the useful principle that, and generally speaking, the more stupid, and irrational a person, the easier it is for criminal spirit people in charge to control and, as need be, make use of them. As a logical corollary for establishing their criminal rule and themselves as would-authority, they seek to eliminate or remove from power and influence leadership among people that is most moral and rational. In this respect, they endeavor to remove more moral and virtuous persons from positions of leadership to increase their own power; at the same time in doing so they, by implication, send a signal to the other would-be moral and virtuous not to challenge their sway and governance. In sum, by skimming off or removing the most good people from off the top tiers of society, they preserve, indoctrinate, and cultivate for their own benefit the much larger collective situated below that of the highest in the varied subsidiary moral, cultural, and political hierarchies of society.

Yet being "bad" or guilty is not, at least for many at any rate, without its down or regrettable side. For example, some might after all feel remorse or conscience for massacring innocents. One way they have or try to get around this as a possible problem is to deny or play down free will; the logic being that if a person is forced or compelled into wrong doing then they are not guilty or else coercion by others makes them seem less so. Such reasoning is not infrequently welcome by many, as they just as soon not be more guilty than they are. Consequently, the illusion is created and encouraged that they ARE forced, say by some mysterious greater order of the universe, to do wrong; so that given this approach a person feels less compunction acting badly since they have been led to believe they cannot or cannot much (depending on the crime) really help it. Guilt implies punishment which they understandably fear; indeed "Fear has to do with punishment," 1 John 4:18. And thus ways are sought to avoid guilt or the implication of such.

To make this all the more easy to take in and apply as a principle, there is this pronounced tendency among them to be childish, as if they were just and only mischievous children behaving in error, and not really BAD people as their actions might else suggest or imply.

In Matthew 11: 16-17, Jesus says: "To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children who sit in marketplaces and call to one another, We played the flute for you, but you did not dance, we sang a dirge but you did not mourn." "This generation" is acting as a tempter, a veritable devil, and seeking to draw God out to what they want him to do. And yet they are also seemingly and merely playful children just having fun.

As stated, they have different personalities, characters and backgrounds and when we speak of certain tendencies and attitudes such might be true of some and yet not others. Envy, jealousy, and self-pity are characteristic and not untypical of their leadership. Nor is it unusual to encounter these disposition from among their regular person followers. Indeed, if one have the least familiarity with how some of these sorts typically think, you will know one of their most favorite rebuttals or grounds of refusal to any and anything you might constructively suggest; and no matter how genuinely helpful to them your suggestion might be, is: "Absolutely not! I do it MY way -- not YOUR way," and this oft times with a sneer implying they don't think you are SO great as to do anything YOU think (i.e., such that they somehow, to their great insult and dishonor, MUST listen to you.)

With respect to darker behavior, some will have an acute and unbelievably high tolerance for cruelty, and make light of things that others would dread, blush at, or be utterly ashamed of. Truly, many would be utterly surprised and amazed at how persistently and incorrigibly bad, that is for such very long periods of time, some these people can be. Then there are those somewhat like this, but not so much so. "Fear is the father of cruelty," said James Kirke Paulding, [Note. From "The Little Dutch Sentinel" found in his short story collection "The Book of Saint Nicholas" (1836).] The more terror rules, the more cruelty can be expected. And in a world ruled by an amoral regime like this and for which terror, along with deception, are the basis and foundation of their power, there can be no wonder so many, whether people or animals, suffer so harshly and or unspeakably in this life (as many do.)

Again they like to pride themselves on the idea that they know virtually everything, at least that is worth knowing; often imagine themselves to be funny when they rarely are ever actually so; all of which only serves, as they see it, to excuse their not infrequent cold blooded arrogance.

There is, based on my own experience dealing with them, good reason to believe that it is not unusual for some to get high on some kind of drugs or intoxicants and or group orchestrated hysteria or terror of the moment, and which might on a particular occasion, disperse any qualms and free up dispositions for wrong doing which the targets of such manipulation might not else be so inclined to. Then there are things like bribes and various sorts of mind control and clever sophistry to persuade the potentially reluctant. But the

fact is almost no one can escape the necessity of the moral law. Even so there are ways, and depending on the individual, that it can to some degree be minimized if not quashed and eradicated entirely.

I can by no means speak as somehow having proven the fact, but I would take it as a given that many if not all of the hideous and unnatural practices of tribal and primitive peoples were prompted and instilled by criminal spirit people. Such, at any rate, seems to me (though others are free to disagree) the more likely explanation for things like cannibalism, human and animal sacrifice in its various forms, as well as and incidentally practices like making shrunken heads or outlandish bodily disfiguring, as in tattooing and, as in the case of some African tribes, artificially stretched neck and lip extensions. Based on this surmise, it was criminal spirit people who conveyed to both the ancient Egyptians and Aztecs that if such and such ritual, no matter how absurd and or inhuman, proposed was not followed, the sun would not rise. This understood, the ancient Egyptians and Aztecs were (insofar as we know) sure to do what they were told. If he can get people to agree to make complete fools of themselves, what else can't the more cunning and sophisticated person acquire or get out of them?

Hard core criminal spirit people not unusually tend to be obsessed with degradation and humiliation, all the more so as they are inebriated with absolute power. And this, in part at least, is a product of perhaps their own self-loathing combined with a wish to more effectively mold and accustom unfortunate subjects and recipients of such treatment to wholesale submission and subservience, such as (for one of many instances that might be mentioned) how black slaves were sometimes brutally treated. One might object and say that it was "regular" people who acted thus. Yet for those who have ever been involved with criminal spirit at length, this preoccupation with degradation and humiliation will be readily recognized as being familiar; hence it is not entirely unreasonable to infer the possibility of criminal spirit people, on some level, influencing such actions and atrocities. Again, we cannot say we have proven HERE that such was necessarily the case, but it won't hurt to make mention of what I think many will agree, particularly those who are acquainted with these people, is a more than likely and correct explanation for grotesque and bizarre sadism, whether in our own times or historically.

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### **The WORLD of prime minister ROBERT WALPOLE**

(in office 1721-1742)

Though perhaps these days now more famous as the father of author, antiquarian, man about society Horace, Robert Walpole, self-made Earl of Orford, most famous achievement was that of the fixed establishment of the office of Prime Minister and Cabinet government, revolutionary transitions in their way in the evolution of the British Constitution. He was in office 4 April 1721 – 12 February 1742, that, aside from the rather silly and theatrical war of Jenkin's Ear (with Spain), is a period you hardly hear anything about; since compared to prior and subsequent decades, the era was so loudly peaceful; preoccupied as it was instead with building and developing on various trade, scientific, technological, cultural, and settlement fronts. It was also the time of "salutary neglect," when it was Walpole's policy to let the American colonies mostly do as they pleased, say with regard to trade. And when Royal governors wrote him complaining about being too lenient, he did not even bother reading their letter, but put them in the "done" box.

While doing so for real would no doubt be even more impressive, just taking a tour of Walpole's Norfolk "Hall" on YT is, well, stunning. It makes Mount Vernon and Monticello look like caretaker's side buildings. Here's one such video.

For more and fascinatingly in depth, see: <https://tinyurl.com/2ntpvt4d>

For some, it perhaps may be not too far-fetched to say that your view of your own house and home will never be the same.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G11oTM0XXBQ>

["William Kent at Houghton Hall, William Kent: Designing Georgian Britain"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MAC7mnyOKg>

["Eddie Rabbit - I Love A Rainy Night - [Solid Gold Show]"]

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4. But speedily was the change from that more kindly reign announced to us; and great was the terror of threatening that was now made to reach us. Already, indeed, the edict had arrived; and it was of such a tenor as almost perfectly to correspond with what was intimated to us before-time by our Lord, setting before us the most dreadful horrors, so as, if that were possible, to cause the very elect to stumble. All verily were greatly alarmed, and of the more notable there were some, and these a large number, who speedily accommodated themselves to the decree in fear; others, who were engaged in the public service, were drawn into compliance by the very necessities of their official duties; others were dragged on to it by their friends, and on being called by name approached the impure and unholy sacrifices; others yielded pale and trembling, as if they were not to offer sacrifice, but to be themselves the sacrifices and victims for the idols, so that they were jeered by the large multitude surrounding the scene, and made it plain to all that they were too cowardly either to face death or to offer the sacrifices. But there were others who hurried up to, the altars with greater alacrity, stoutly asserting that they had never been Christians at all before; of whom our Lord's prophetic declaration holds most true, that it will be hard for such to be saved. Of the rest, some followed one or other of these parties already mentioned; some fled, and some were seized. And of these, some went as far in keeping their faith as bonds and imprisonment; and certain persons among them endured imprisonment even for several days, and then after all abjured the faith before coming into the court of justice; while others, after holding out against the torture for a time, sank before the prospect of further sufferings.

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius](#)

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"On Reason, Morality and the would-be gods" (rough draft) continued from earlier.

In broad, working terms, and given that due to lack of more direct information it is not possible for me as yet to be more specific, we can speak of three basic classes of criminal spirit people: 1) the executives or bosses (and to which class we can, if we care to, include a single overriding ruler); 2) the lieutenants of the executive or executives, and who typically are skilled and adept at magic (i.e., as in the creation of illusions), deception, mind control, and or perhaps some other expertise calculated to frighten, intimidate or fool people, and 3) servants and slave people. There may perhaps be posited a fourth category; that is, those who are not "lieutenants" but are not quite slaves either, and whom we might think of as part-time rather than regular employees or servants, and who, depending on circumstances, possess some amount of independence ("Puck" in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" comes to mind as perhaps an out of hand illustration in literature of this type.) Inasmuch as we have contact with criminal spirit people or they come our way, it would seem highly unlikely that we very rarely, if ever, will be dealing directly with the executive sorts. Nevertheless, such leaders are the ones who make policy, call the shots and wield the far greater sway over what goes on. For which reason, it is necessary therefore to keep in mind the command and policy setting position they occupy, and even though they are or might be absent from our own midst; since, for one thing, being the ones in charge, they naturally are the ones most deserving of blame and therefore the ones that most need to be combated and stopped. True the servant may plague us, but the servant after all, whether coerced or for hire, is only doing and at the behest of the master's bidding.

To what extent are the overlords working in tandem or direct cooperation with the lower classes? For this, and to my own knowledge, we have as yet no ready or easy answer. But it would seem reasonable to infer and looked at from a broader perspective that we have here something not unlike a military hierarchy with higher ups giving orders, officers under them transmitting and carrying out the same, and the lowest ranks acting and doing as they are assigned, and yet each potentially, depending on their character and disposition, having the ability to do things on their own initiative, and perhaps not always in a way that is entirely pleasing or acceptable to their possible peers and or their superiors.

Returning to the question of motive, does a supposed "evil one" seek to breed, groom and indoctrinate people to be his slaves and victims and thus, as a matter of false pride, mock higher good? And or does he seek annihilation of who and what is good and morally virtuous in order to more effectively enslave people for his personal benefit? Or both? Evil or willful, deliberate and serious wrong doing is or can be both an end and a means, depending on the individual and present circumstances. And perhaps in the extended time frame a high power criminal spirit person is living in (i.e., as opposed to time as we ordinary mortals see it), it is not necessarily quite one or the other, and perhaps he oscillates between "end" and "means" depending on his mood and exigencies of the moment. One certainly does in any case get the sense that the battle between good and evil is something like a game; for which reason, motives and policy for some, and again given the sort of individual criminal spirit person is, may actual change over time depending on how things are going. This possibility, at least, is something to be borne in mind when attempting to ascertain and identify purpose and intent.

Ideologically speaking and in practice criminal spirit people are manichean-like or moral dualists/relativists in their thinking. With such, "Good" (as, say, Good as it is commonly thought of) is good and "Bad" is good, or "Good" is bad or "Bad" is bad as suits the occasion. Now many will object that this (in most instances at least) would be highly irrational. But then there are, as we know, people like this, and whom it does not bother being irrational. And after all, we don't expect a "devil" to concern himself with acting rightly, justly, or with rational consistently.

Conceivably or at least in theory a supposed Orkonist only adopts a manichean-like guise but is not actually one. Alternatively, his pro-evil stance is something adopted to advantage him in immediate circumstances. Either way, the end goal of his actions and decisions will be the furtherance and aggrandizement of his self-interest (such, at any rate, as he perceives his self-interest to be.) Ordinarily and among more common ranks, some version of manicheanism or moral dualism is the prevalent or would-be theology and outlook; that is, few or nothing is good or bad but that it serves cravenly selfish self-interest.

This naturally raises the question as to what they see constitutes good for them. Revenge against God? A bitter hatred and contempt, perhaps jealousy, of humanity (ostensibly inspired or instilled by "fallen angels")? Power and dominance over others? Material wealth? Receiving or acquiring the recognition, esteem, and or admiration of others? For a given individual it may be some combination of these. But needless to say what a given individual sees as higher good depends on that individual. And also presumably, individuals though they are of the same party, it is possible will differ to some extent in their priorities of what they value; which itself may change depending on circumstances; that is, present priorities might at a later time vary from what was decided upon earlier.

These qualifiers and caveats aside, it is possible otherwise to make out their general characters and personality types based on their behaviors; bearing in mind that much of these behaviors, emotional dispositions, and attitudes, and to some greater or lesser degree depending on the individual, are shared by their "regular" people hirelings or hench-people.

As alluded to earlier, by getting people generally and at large to be more stupid, irrational, coarse and profane, it becomes that much easier for them to be lorded over, frightened, manipulated, and controlled. Insofar as they do not infrequently require the talents of experts and technicians, some of those working for criminal spirit people can be quite intelligent in a given field of expertise. But these are a relatively rare exception, and even among these some can still in other way prove to be rather dumb, else wise ignorant and not very bright or thinking people. Again, much ultimately depends on the character of the individual and how best to effectively use and manipulate them for purposes of serving the master or masters.

The bad behaviors of criminal spirit people are, at least to a large degree as administered by higher-ups, a matter of formal policy and doctrine. While, true and for example, a particular individual might or will have no qualm forcing themselves physically on another (i.e., without that's other's consent), the practice of violating or forcing oneself on another or their property is, as we could expect and by definition, part and parcel of being a serious criminal. So even if a given criminal spirit person, again in a given instance, is not necessarily so disposed to force themselves on someone else, they would or might do so if paid and or commanded to do so. Yet others might do so readily and on their own initiative, and not feel the least compunction about being so arrogant and obnoxious.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRQIqV24z8M>

["Everyone's Gone to the Moon" - Percy Faith]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAcoG6qVRDQ>

["The Windmills of Your Mind" - Percy Faith]

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3. But they also seized that most admirable virgin Apollonia, then in advanced life, and knocked out all her teeth, and cut her jaws; and then kindling a fire before the city, they threatened to burn her alive unless she would! repeat along with them their expressions of impiety. And although she seemed to deprecate her fate for a little, on being let go, she leaped eagerly into the fire and was consumed. They also laid hold of a certain Serapion in his own house; and after torturing him with severe cruelties, and breaking all his limbs, they dashed him headlong from an upper storey to the ground. And there was no road, no thoroughfare, no lane even, where we could walk, whether by night or by day; for at all times and in every place they all kept crying out, that if any one should refuse to repeat their blasphemous expressions, he must be at once dragged off and burnt. These in inflictions were carried rigorously on for a considerable time in this manner. But when the insurrection and the civil war in due time overtook these wretched people, that diverted their savage cruelty from us, and turned it against themselves. And we enjoyed a little breathing time, as long as leisure failed them for exercising their fury against us.

~Dionysius of Alexandria, "the Great" (bishop c.247-265), [*Epistles, and fragments of epistles, of Dionysius*](#)

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