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I have added page numbers to her study and made a TABLE OF CONTENTS so that it might be easier to see all that is contained within it. Some of the pages are not as clear as they should be, but Mrs. Moser's computer broke down, and we must take it as we received it. The Scripture Index makes reference to her original numbering system which I have retained on the various pages.

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The author, Mrs. Janet Moser, is now with the Lord. I appreciate all the good research she has done in this book. It is hoped that many will profit greatly by it.

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1 Corinthians 15:58

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GNOSTICISM: THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

2 Thessalonians 2:7

“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He who now letteth will let until He be taken out of the way.”

This study is dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has hindered the heresies of Gnosticism through the preserved Traditional Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words underlying the King James Bible which that Bible has faithfully translated into English. The King James Bible, because of its clear teachings, is the foremost foe of the philosophy and theology of Gnosticism anywhere to be found.

Irenaeus (130-202 A.D.) as a Roman Catholic theologian had many heresies of his own. Because of this, we cannot support him for the most part. I am glad, however, for at least two things about his positions and we are able to support: (1) He used, approved of and supported the Traditional Greek New Testament Textus Receptus in most of his quotations; and (2) He was also a strong opponent of Gnosticism. (See Dr. Jack Moorman’s book, *Early Manuscripts, Church Father, and the Authorized Version*, page 348. It is available as **BFT #3230 @ \$20.00 + \$8.00 S&H.**) Because of his opposition to Gnosticism (and only for that purpose), we are quoting some of Irenaeus’ statements.

These quotes are found in Book #33, pp. 315-316, 358:

*“Inasmuch as certain men have set the truth aside, and bring in lying words . . . I have felt constrained, my dear friend, to compose the following treatise in order to expose and counteract their machinations. **THESE MEN FALSIFY THE ORACLES OF GOD**, and prove themselves evil interpreters of the good word of revelation. They also overthrow the faith of many, by drawing them away, under a pretense of superior knowledge, from Him Who founded and adorned the universe; as if, forsooth, they had something more excellent and sublime to reveal. . . by means of specious and plausible words, they cunningly allure the simple minded to inquire into their system, but they nevertheless clumsily destroy them, while they initiate them into their blasphemous and impious opinions . . . and these simple ones are unable, even in such a matter, to distinguish falsehood from truth.*

ERROR, INDEED, IS NEVER SET FORTH IN ITS NAKED DEFORMITY**, lest being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But **IT IS CRAFTILY DECKED OUT IN AN ATTRACTIVE DRESS, SO AS**, by its outward form, **TO MAKE IT APPEAR TO THE INEXPERIENCED** (ridiculous as the expression may seem) **MORE TRUE THAN THE TRUTH ITSELF**. Lest, therefore, through my neglect, some should be carried off, even as sheep are by wolves, while **THEY PERCEIVE NOT THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THESE MEN**, because they outwardly are covered with sheep’s clothing (against whom the Lord has enjoined us to be on our guard) and because their language resembles ours, while their sentiments are very different, **I HAVE DEEMED IT MY DUTY (AFTER READING SOME OF THE COMMENTARIES . . . and after making MYSELF ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR TENETS . . .) TO UNFOLD TO THEE, MY FRIEND, THESE PORTENTOUS AND PROFOUND MYSTERIES . . . I DO THIS, IN ORDER THAT THOU**, obtaining an acquaintance with these things, **MAYEST IN TURN

EXPLAIN THEM TO ALL THOSE WITH WHOM THOU ART CONNECTED, AND EXHORT THEM TO AVOID SUCH AN ABYSS OF MADNESS AND OF BLASPHEMY AGAINST CHRIST. I INTEND, THEN, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, WITH BREVITY AND CLEARNESS TO SET FORTH THE OPINIONS OF THOSE WHO ARE NOW PROMULGATING HERESY . . .

I shall also endeavor, according to my moderate ability, to furnish the means of overthrowing them, by showing how absurd and inconsistent with the truth are their statements. Not that I am practiced either in composition or eloquence; but MY feeling of affection prompts me to make known to thee, and all thy companions, those doctrines which have been kept in concealment until now, but which are at last, through the goodness of God, brought to light.

'For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known' (Matthew 10:26b KJB).

*Thou wilt not expect from me. . . any display of rhetoric, which I have never learned, or any excellence of composition, which I have never practiced, or any beauty and persuasiveness of style, to which I make no pretensions. But thou wilt accept in a kindly spirit what I in a like spirit write to thee simply, truthfully, in my own homely way; whilst **THOU THYSELF** (as being more capable than I am) **WILT EXPAND THOSE IDEAS OF WHICH I SEND THEE**.*

*. . . For there will not now be need of many words to overturn their system of doctrine, when it has been made manifest to all. So, in our case, since we have brought their **HIDDEN MYSTERIES**, which they keep in silence among themselves, **TO THE LIGHT**, it will not now be necessary to use many words in destroying their system of opinions. **FOR IT IS NOW IN THY POWER, AND IN THE POWER OF ALL THY ASSOCIATES TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELVES WITH WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, TO OVERTHROW THEIR WICKED AND UNDIGESTED DOCTRINES**, and to set forth doctrines agreeable to the truth. **I SHALL FURNISH MEANS FOR OVERTHROWING THEM THAT I MAY NOT ONLY EXPOSE THE WILD BEAST TO VIEW, BUT MAY INFLICT WOUNDS UPON IT FROM EVERY SIDE.**"*

PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSE FOR GNOSTIC DOCTRINAL STUDY

1. The principles behind this study

a. Evil men can ONLY produce evil works/words

Matthew 7:15-20-- "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but **A CORRUPT TREE BRINGETH FORTH EVIL FRUIT**. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit. **NEITHER CAN A CORRUPT TREE BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT**. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 12:33-- "**EITHER MAKE THE TREE GOOD, AND HIS FRUIT GOOD; OR ELSE MAKE THE TREE CORRUPT, AND HIS FRUIT CORRUPT**; for the tree is known by his fruit."

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CORRUPT TREE/ROOT

(Gnostic root)

Alexandrian Gnostics

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Clement and Origen

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Westcott and Hort

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Philip Schaff

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Jesus Seminar

CORRUPT FRUIT

(Gnostic fruit)

GNOSTIC SCRIPTURES

BSA (Greek N.T. MSS)

∨

Commentaries using BSA AND

GNOSTIC SCRIPTURES

∨

Greek N.T. (Using BSA)

English Revised Version

American Standard Version

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Nestle/Aland Greek N.T.

Revised Standard Version

Berkley Bible

Amplified Bible

Jerusalem Bible

New English Bible

New American Standard Version

Living Bible

Today's English Version

New International Version

New King James Version

English Standard Version

∨

Scholars Version

(Combination of BSA

PLUS GNOSTIC SCRIPTURES)

b. Man condemns himself as a heretic by his own words (In commentaries, etc)

Matthew 12:34-37-- "*O generation of vipers, **HOW CAN YE, BEING EVIL, SPEAK GOOD THINGS?** for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and **AN EVIL MAN OUT OF THE EVIL TREASURE BRINGETH FORTH EVIL THINGS.** But I say unto **YOU,** that every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **FOR BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE CONDEMNED.**"*

c. Small corruptions introduced into Scripture contaminates it all due to the process of determining doctrine

Isaiah 28:9-10-- "*Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand **DOCTRINE?** them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **FOR PRECEPT MUST BE UPON PRECEPT, PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT; LINE UPON***

LINE, LINE UPON LINE; HERE A LITTLE, AND THERE A LITTLE.”

Galatians 5:9-- “A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.”

d. Corrupted Scripture and doctrine produces a corrupted faith

I Corinthians 2:17-- “For we are not as many, which CORRUPT THE WORD OF GOD.”

I Peter 1:23, 25-- “BEING BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTIBLE SEED, BUT OF INCORRUPTIBLE, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER. AND THIS IS THE WORD WHICH BY THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED UNTO YOU.”

Romans 10:17-- “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the WORD OF GOD.”

2. The purpose of this study

a. To prove that Origen and Clement were heretical Gnostics.

b. To prove that Westcott and Hort were Gnostics who were disciples of Origen and thereby had a purpose for creating a different Greek New Testament and Revised English Version based on the Gnostic Alexandrian Greek Texts.

c. To prove that the Greek variants found in the Alexandrian Greek Manuscripts (S, B, A) were not mistakes, but were intentionally changed to conform the Bible to Gnostic doctrine, due to the fact that Alexandria was the home of Gnosticism, and the major Gnostic teachers such as CLEMENT, ORIGEN, Basilides, Capocrates, Valentinus, and Apelles.

d. To prove that all the English versions that have come out after the King James Version have corrupted verses that allow for Gnostic doctrinal interpretation, because they have as their foundation the corrupted Alexandrian Greek Manuscripts.

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY OF STUDY

Jeremiah 33:3-- “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

John 16:13-- “howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:”

I John 2:27-- “But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

1 Corinthians 2:13--“ . . . *the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*”

My research into historical Gnosticism and the application of Gnosticism to this present time was a result of seeking an answer from the Lord concerning a question that I had about Bible versions: **WHAT IS THE REASON BEHIND THE DIFFERENCES IN THE CRITICAL GREEK TEXTS THAT ARE THE BASIS FOR THE NEW BIBLE VERSIONS AND THE TRADITIONAL GREEK TEXT THAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE KING JAMES VERSION? IS THERE A COMMON PURPOSE BEHIND THESE DIFFERENCES?**

In my search for the answer, the Lord led me into studying II Thessalonians 2 (which reveals man's 'falling away' into Gnostic mysteries in the last days of the church) as well as many different subjects. I have sought to systematically outline the significant quotes about Gnosticism that I have found through researching these various subjects--both its historical facts and its future purpose. I have sought to keep my own observations to a minimum in the main outline points, and use Bible verses, books, and article quotes as the proof texts, allowing you to form your own judgment based on the words of men as opposed to the Words of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 12:48; Matthew 12:3-37).

I feel strongly that Christians are being deliberately misled concerning the following facts about the new versions, and this deception has caused many believers to turn away from using the King James Version and adopt the new versions.

- 1) The new versions are merely revisions of the King James Version
- 2) The changes found in the new versions do not affect any doctrine
- 3) The Greek texts upon which the new versions are based are the “oldest and best,” with the King James being based on inferior later texts

The truth of the matter is that the Greek manuscripts (Antiochian MSS.) behind the King James Version are the foundation of Christian **FUNDAMENTALISM**, while the Greek manuscripts (Alexandrian MSS.) behind the new versions are part of the foundation of Christian **GNOSTICISM** (the Nag Hammadi Library, part of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the N.T. Apocrypha being the rest of the foundation).

There is a movement within the Church, particularly in Bible Colleges and Seminaries to completely reject the King James Version and adopt the new versions ONLY. In Gordon Fee's book, *HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH*, he suggests that when studying the Bible “you should use almost any modern translation rather than the KJV” (p. 34). This is an important book because it is used at Cedarville College and other colleges as required reading early in the College years. He also endorses the book “*APOSTOLIC FATHERS*” by Lightfoot and in particular the new introduction in the book where it is stated that:

*“Lightfoot was convinced of the necessity of dealing with the New Testament, not in isolation as was the usual practice, but in relation to the **ENTIRE CORPUS OF EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITINGS.**”*

We find that what is being referred to as “*early Christian writings*” includes “*the apostolic fathers as well as Gnostic and apocryphal documents*” p. 14-15. So we see that he feels that one can best understand the New Testament only if he uses Gnostic documents to give him added insight, along with using the new versions.

In addition, Robert Gromacki, chairman of the Biblical Education Department at Cedarville College, adds

in His pamphlet *TRANSLATIONS ON TRIAL--Is Your Bible the Word of God?* on page 59, concerning textual variants that:

*“No basic evangelical doctrine is damaged or weakened by these omissions . . . **IT IS BEST NEITHER TO PROVE NOR DISPROVE ANY DOCTRINAL POSITION USING PASSAGES WITH DISPUTED VARIANT READINGS.** Serious Bible students should use passages where there are no disputed textual variations for presenting or negating a view.”*

He is saying that we cannot defend the Christian faith (Biblical fundamentalism) using any of the passages that contain changed readings--presumably using any Bible version. That adds up to over 8,000 word changes in the New Testament alone. That is a lot of verses that are now “out of bounds” for defending the faith. A question comes to mind concerning these two statements: if no doctrine is damaged or weakened, then why can't we use the changed verses? **OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE DOCTRINE HAS BEEN CHANGED!**

Upon your investigation of Section II “DOCTRINES OF DEVILS,” you will see that **THESE CHANGES DO AFFECT DOCTRINE** by allowing for a Gnostic doctrinal interpretation. The Lord Himself has prophesied that in the last days Christian doctrine would be affected by demonic doctrine--I Timothy 4:1, and that men would reject Christian doctrine, and be turned to Gnostic doctrines and fables (II Timothy 4:3-4).

Once the Church has adopted the new versions containing the leaven of Gnostic doctrine, the next step will be to change the Canon of Scripture by merging portions of Gnostic writings (“scriptures”) with portions of our Bible. We see the beginning of this process happening through the work of the Jesus Seminars on “*THE FIVE GOSPELS.*” In this book, they have discarded most of Words of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Canonical Gospels, as Words that the Lord Jesus Christ did not say. They have also added the Gnostic Gospel of Thomas, declaring that it “*represents an early stage in Christian gospel writing,*” and that “*the Fellows of the Jesus Seminar found them to be EARLIER VERSIONS OF CANONICAL SAYINGS AND PARABLES,*” p. 501. As one compares similar texts found in both the Canonical texts and the book of Thomas (i.e. Luke 12:49), preference is shown for the Thomas reading, an action which declares Thomas to be “*the oldest and best*” manuscript.

The final step will be to remove selected verses from our Bible. The Gnostic writings, and all the corrupt documents from the Ancient mystery religions, will be used to create a World Bible as the basis for the One World religion and the One World government which will be ruled over by the Antichrist during the Great Tribulation period.

For proof of the final step, please consider what the following New Agers have stated in their respective books:

- 1) Miriam Starhawk: *YOGA JOURNAL*, May/June 1986, p. 56
Article “Witchcraft and the Religion of the Great Goddess” “*We need to create a **RELIGION OF HERETICS** who refuse to toe any ideological lines or give their allegiance to any **DOCTRINES OF EXCLUSIVITY**” (Fundamental Christianity).*

- 2) Vera Alder, *WHEN HUMANITY COMES OF AGE*, p. 31

“The ANCIENT WISDOM, as it existed in all old civilizations, will be sifted, pieced together, correlated and synthesized with the finding of modern scientists and the developments in religious fields.”

- 3) Lola Davis, *TOWARD A WORLD RELIGION FOR THE NEW AGE*, pp. 187-188:
“Religious data previously unavailable has been found or released. Among these are the DEAD SEA SCROLLS; the vast treasures of religious writings found in the Potola in Tibet; CHRISTIAN WRITINGS DELETED FROM THE BIBLE DURING THE 4TH CENTURY (Gnostic); writings of Teilhard de Chardin; and previously carefully guarded knowledge of the ANCIENT WISDOM, including the writings of the Tibetan in the Alice Bailey books; writings of mystics from various religions; the materials offered by the Rosicrucians; and many books on Buddhism and Hindu philosophies and practices . . . Probably much of this knowledge could be advantageously used in SYNTHESIZING THE MAJOR RELIGIONS WITH A WORLD RELIGION FOR THE NEW AGE.”
- 4) Peter De Coppens, Forward, in F. Aster Barnwell, *THE MEANING OF CHRIST FOR OUR AGE*:
“If the final planetary synthesis of the Eastern and Western spiritual traditions is to be realized, EASTERN MYSTICISM must be INCORPORATED INTO TRADITIONAL CHRISTIANITY.”
- 5) William Thompson, in David Spangler, *REVELATION: THE BIRTH OF A NEW AGE*, Introduction:
“The new spirituality does not reject the earlier patterns of the great universal religions. Priest and church will not disappear; they will not be forced out of existence in the New Age; they will be ABSORBED INTO THE EXISTENCE OF THE NEW AGE.”
- 6) PERMANENT INSTRUCTION--drawn up by Italian Freemasons (exposed by Malachi Martin: *THE KEYS OF THIS BLOOD*, Touchstone, 1990:
“. . . we must turn our attention to an ideal that has always been of concern to men aspiring to the regeneration of all mankind . . . the liberation of the entire world and the establishment of the republic of brotherhood and world peace . . . Among the many remedies, there is one which we must never forget: . . . THE TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF CATHOLICISM AND EVEN OF CHRISTIANITY.”

The above statements from New Agers who want to create a world Bible that is **FREE FROM DOCTRINAL EXCLUSIVITY**, sounds very similar to a statement written by Dr. John Davis, “*THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION--Why another English translation of the Bible?*” appearing in *Spire*, Vol. 12, Book #2, p. 7--Fall, 1983 (a quarterly from Grace Theological Seminary):

“The answer to that question was that prior to the NIV most English translations suffered from archaic style, THEOLOGICAL BIAS or inadequate translation skill to be ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY AS A STANDARD BIBLE. . . . In an effort to PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF DENOMINATIONAL DISTINCTIVES OR THEOLOGICAL IDIOSYNCRASIES INTO THE TRANSLATION PROCESS . . . a five-step process was established for the translation.”

You will also discover in Section I, “PROPAGATORS OF GNOSTICISM,” that Westcott and Hort (the two men who were responsible for the Critical Greek text and the Revised English version in 1881) were

themselves heretics that embraced the Gnostic doctrines of Origen, and therefore had a hidden motive for creating a new Bible version. Philip Schaff (the man responsible for the American Standard Version of 1901) also was a heretic and was the father of the Ecumenical Movement. His purpose was to create a Bible version that would further the merger of all religions and nations into a New World Order. George Schriver, in his biography, *PHILIP SCHAFF, CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR AND ECUMENICAL PROPHET* says:

“he was convinced that such an ECUMENICAL REVISION (of the Bible) would foster the bond of INTERDENOMINATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNION” (p. 71-73).

Finally, proof that Gnosticism is the religion behind the New Age Movement is found in a book by Peter Jones, *THE GNOSTIC EMPIRE STRIKES BACK*, p. 16:

“The new spirituality of the West is, according to Theodore Roszak, a New Age spokesman, THE RECLAMATION AND RENEWAL OF THE OLD GNOSIS” (that is, pre-Christian Gnosis).

The purpose of this study is to prove that the new versions **ALLOW FOR THE TEACHING OF GNOSTIC DOCTRINE AND CONCEPTS**, because their chief architects were themselves Gnostics. It is my hope that you will see that this is so, as you seek the Lord's guidance through your own personal investigation of the following study. It is also my hope as you finish this study, that you will be moved to reject these new versions, and *“earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints”* (Jude 3)--that faith which is consistent with Fundamental Christianity, the Traditional (Antiochian) Greek manuscripts, and the King James Version.

Jude 3-- *“Beloved . . . it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”*

I Thessalonians 5:6-- *“Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”*

II Timothy 4:3-- *“For the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine. . . and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”*

Romans 13:11-- *“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”*

IDENTIFYING “THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY” AS GNOSTICISM **II Thessalonians 2:7**

1. Gnostic terminology and concept

II Thessalonians 2:7-- *“the MYSTERY of iniquity”*

Gnosticism is a Mystery Religion that sought to identify with Christianity in order to make disciples of Christians. It uses the term “mystery” concerning its secret Scriptures and doctrines.

2. Gnostic historical roots

II Thessalonians 2:7- *“the mystery of iniquity . . . doth already work: . . .”*

Gnosticism is the embodiment of the ancient Mystery Religions and was being practiced as Philosophy, Cabalism, and Essenism before the Lord Jesus Christ's first advent. It continued through the Apostolic period and then became known as Gnosticism, and later emerged as the Knights Templars, Jesuits, Freemasonry, Rosicrucians, and the New Age Movement.

3. Gnostic letters

II Thessalonians 2:2- *“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by **LETTER AS FROM US**, as that the day of Christ is at hand.”*

Gnosticism relies on extra-Canonical “apostolic” letters for its doctrines as Found in “The Nag Hammadi Library” and the Dead Sea Scrolls

- The Prayer of the Apostle Paul
- The Apocryphon of James
- The Apocryphon of John
- The Gospel of Thomas
- The Gospel of Philip
- The Book of Thomas the Contender
- The (First) Apocalypse of James
- The (Second) Apocalypse of James
- The Acts of Peter and the Twelve Apostles
- The Apocalypse of Peter
- The Letter of Peter to Philip
- The Act of Peter
- The Secret Gospel of Mark

4. Gnostic doctrine

II Thessalonians 2:4- *“ . . . so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that HE IS GOD.”*

Gnosticism's main doctrine and final goal is that **man will become God** (see Genesis 3:5).

5. Gnostic propagation/Method of operation

II Thessalonians 2:3- *“Let no man **DECEIVE YOU** by any means . . .”*

II Thessalonians 2:2- *“Be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither **BY SPIRIT**, nor **BY WORD**, nor by letters **AS FROM US** . . .”*

II Thessalonians 2:9- *“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all **POWER AND SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS**.”*

Gnosticism's main methods of operation is through deception and magic.

It seeks to deceive its own disciples concerning who they really worship (Satan), referring to him as the God of forces and Lucifer, the angel of light, and exalting him as the God of Wisdom (Gnosis).

It seeks to influence the Church by secretly introducing Gnostic doctrines through changing the Words in the true Canon of the Bible (see I1 Peter 2:1, Jude 4).

It seeks to deceive mankind through the use of SPIRIT GUIDES (prophetic mediums), and through SIGNS AND WONDERS (Hermetic magic) which they refer to as a New Pentecost.

6. Gnostic influence

II Thessalonians 2:3-- "*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come A FALLING AWAY FIRST, . . .*"

The "*falling away*" as seen in its context of verse 2 would have to refer to the FALLING AWAY FROM CHRISTIANITY INTO GNOSTICISM, which we see happening in the world today.

7. Gnostic purpose

II Thessalonians 2:4-- "*Who OPPOSETH AND EXALTETH HIMSELF above all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he AS GOD SITTETH IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD, shewing himself that he is God.*"

Gnosticism's main purpose has been to:

1. Overthrow and destroy the God of the Bible (which they view as the evil Creator (see Psalm 2)).
2. Rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and to place one of its own upon God's throne in the temple, thereby becoming the Messianic ruler of the world, the one which we know as the Antichrist.

IDENTIFYING THE 7-HEADED DRAGON AS GNOSTICISM

1. The dragon is Satan, and the dragon with 7 heads is a Gnostic symbol of spiritual resurrection power.

Revelation 12:9--"*And the great dragon was cast out, that old SERPENT, CALLED THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world . . .*"

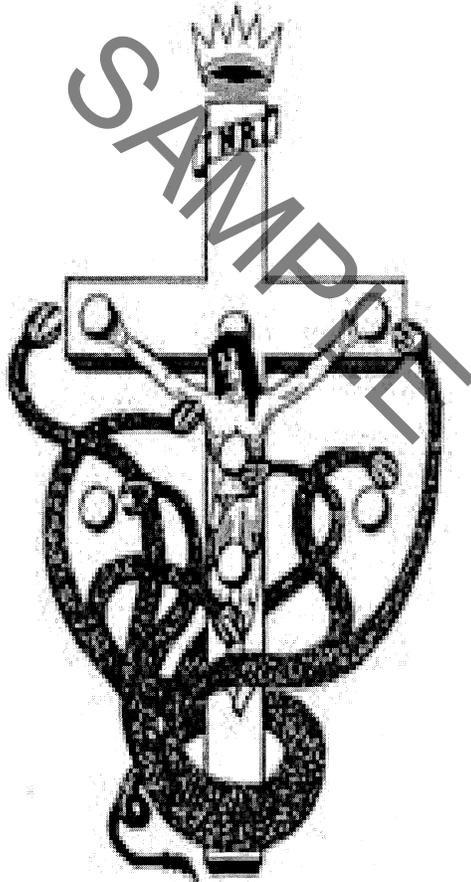
Revelation 12:3-- "*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red DRAGON, HAVING SEVEN HEADS and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*"

Revelation 13:1-2-- "*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, HAVING SEVEN HEADS and 10 horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads THE NAME OF BLASPHEMY. . . and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*"

2. The 7th head that is wounded to death represents the Gnostic dead Christ that supposedly resides within every man and must be resurrected through the initiation process, and is also known as the 'Higher Self'.

Revelation 13:3—“*I saw **ONE OF HIS HEADS AS IT WERE WOUNDED TO DEATH; AND HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED**: and all the world wondered after the beast.*”

(FIGURE 4)



This diagram appears on the lid of Christian Rosenkreutz's symbolic tomb in the Vault of the Adepti. It shows the candidate's ego submitting to the Higher Self (also known as the True Will or the Holy Guardian Angel), where it is freed from the corruption of the personal complexes. The candidate is symbolically bound to the Cross of the Elements; from this process the Rose blooms forth.

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3. The 10 horns represent the kingdom of earth divided into 10 regions and reigned over by 10 Gnostic kings (reduced to 7 after the rise of the Antichrist) See following map of 10 world regions which was put out by the Club of Rome, high level occultic group, and is a Global blueprint for the New World Order (*Mankind at the Turning Point, The Second Report to the Club of Rome*, by Mihajlo Mesarovic and Edward Pestel, p. 38)

Daniel 7:7-8--“*After this I saw. . . a fourth beast. . . and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **TEN HORNS**. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up*

among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots. . . .”

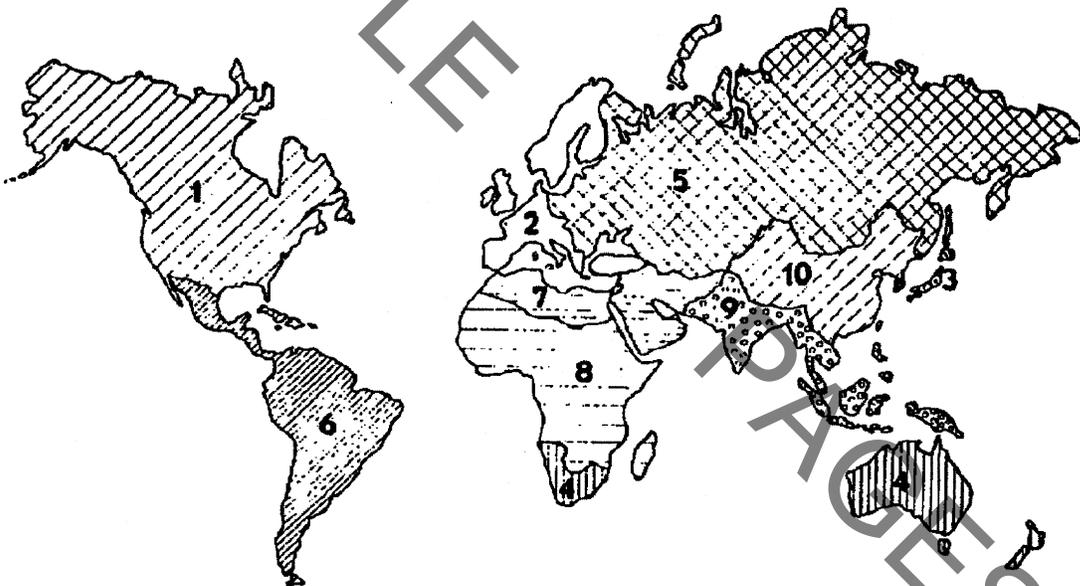
Daniel 7:24-- “*And the ten horns out of **THIS KINGDOM** are **TEN KINGS** that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*”

Revelation 17:12-13-- “*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*”

(FIGURE 4.1--Regionalization of the World System)

4. The 7th head (resurrected Christ within) is symbolized by the 7th point of light within the Star of David which is occultic version of Revelation 22:16.

Revelation 22:16-- “*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.*



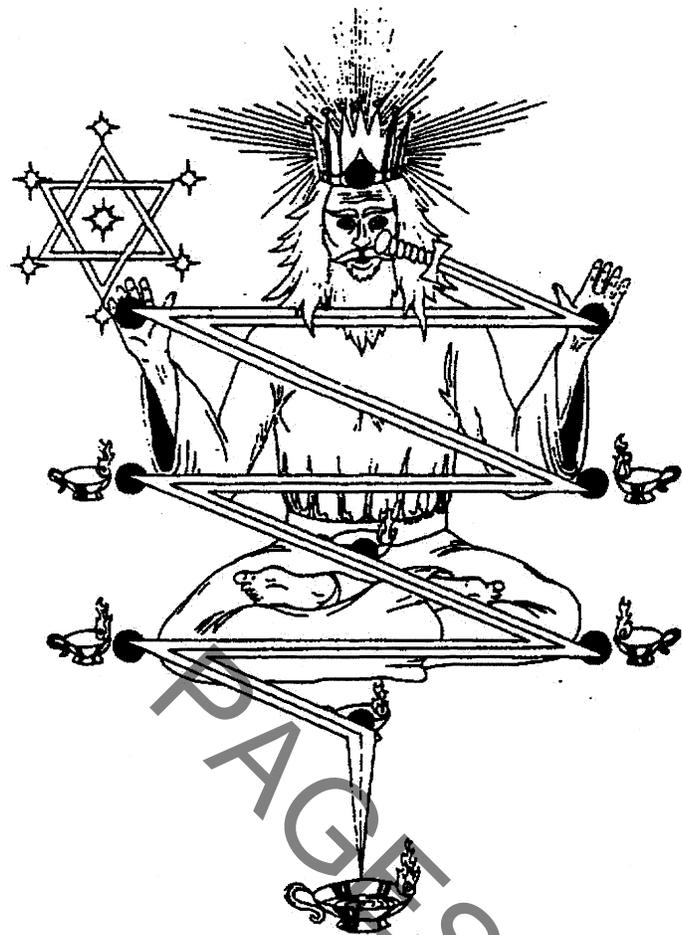
*I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright an morning **STAR**.*”

5. The 6 points of the occultic Star of David represents the outer man with the 7th point in the center representing the resurrected Christ within, and will probably become the mark of the beast, a mark **ALREADY BEING TATTOOED** on occultic Gnostic initiates (Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn's Aleister Crowley loved to call himself the “Beast” and said his number was 666. Also Christian Rosenkreutz, the supposed leader of the Rosicrucians, used this Gnostic mark.) Please note in the picture below that the Star of David is placed at the right hand of the Gnostic initiate.

Revelation 13:16-18—“*And he causeth all . . . to receive a MARK IN THEIR RIGHT HAND, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST; for IT IS THE NUMBER OF A MAN; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).*”

(FIGURE 5--Fall 1995/Gnosis Magazine 41)

This dragon, also from the lid of Christian Rosenkreutz's tomb, depicts the Higher Self enthroned in the candidate's psyche. The lightning bolt represents the influx of divine guidance and energy passing through the Tree of Life from on high. The cups at the lower stations hold this energy as it descends.



This dragon has a long history. It is found as early as the Paleolithic period in the form of the serpent associated with the consort of the Great Mother Goddesses as well as with her Tree of Life. This same serpent appears later in the Egyptian myths of Ra's struggles with the serpent-fiend Apep. In this same negative light, it is encountered yet again in the New Testament book of Revelation.

Nonetheless, the serpent remains an important symbol of resurrection and the renewal of life, since it sheds its skin on a regular basis. When interpreted psychologically, this serpentine dragon represents what Jung calls the complexes of the personal unconscious.

The unfolding initiatic process inevitably leads to the situation represented by the diagram entitled "The Garden of Eden after the Fall" (figure 3. Page 39). This diagram is shown to the candidate during initiation into the 4-7 Grade of Philosophus. Here, the heads of the dragon arise into consciousness; as shown in the diagram.

THE PROPAGATORS OF GNOSTIC DOCTRINE

(Specific doctrinal views of these men will be covered in Section II DOCTRINES OF DEVILS)

1. CLEMENT (Teacher at Alexandrian School)

The Stromata. Miscellanies, of S. Clement are our source of information about the Mysteries in his time. He himself speaks of these writings as a “miscellany of **GNOSTIC NOTES**, according to the true philosophy,” and also describes them as memoranda of the teachings he had himself received from Pantaenus . . .

*“The Lord . . . allowed us to communicate of those divine **MYSTERIES**, and of that holy light, to those who are able to receive them. He did not certainly disclose to the many what did not belong to the many; but to the few to whom He knew that they belonged, who were capable of receiving and being molded according to them. But **SECRET THINGS** are entrusted to speech, not to writing, as is the case with God. And if one say that it is written, 'There is nothing secret which shall not be revealed, nor hidden which shall not be disclosed,' let him also hear from us, that to him who hears **SECRETLY**, even what is **SECRET** shall be manifested. This is what was predicted by this oracle. And to him who is able **SECRETLY** to observe what is delivered to him, that which is **VEILED** shall be disclosed as truth; and what is **HIDDEN** to the many shall appear manifest to the few. . . . The **MYSTERIES** are delivered **MYSTICALLY**, that what is spoken may be in the mouth of the speaker; rather not in his voice, but in his understanding. . . . The writing of these memoranda of mine, I well know, is weak when compared with that spirit . . . which I was privileged to hear. But it will be an image to recall the archetype to him who was struck with the Thyrsus.*

(The Thyrsus, we may here interject, was the wand borne by Initiates, and candidates were touched with it during the ceremony of Initiation. It had a mystic significance symbolizing the spinal cord and the pineal gland in the Lesser Mysteries, and a Rod, known to Occultists, in the Greater. To say therefore “to him who was struck with the Thyrsus” was exactly the same as to say, “to him who was initiated into the Mysteries.”)

*“We profess not to explain **SECRET THINGS** sufficiently--far from it--but only to recall them to memory, whether we have forgot aught, or whether for the purpose of not forgetting. Many things, I well know, have escaped us through length of time, that have dropped away unwritten . . . There are then some things of which we have no recollection; for the power that was in the blessed men was great . . . There are also some things which remained unnoted long . . . **THESE I REVIVE IN MY COMMENTARIES**. Some things **I PURPOSELY OMIT**, in the exercise of a wise selection, **AFRAID TO WRITE WHAT I GUARDED AGAINST SPEAKING**; not grudging . . . but fearing for my readers, lest they should stumble by taking them in a wrong sense; and, as the proverb says, we should be found 'reaching a sword to a child.' For it is impossible that what has been written should not escape (become known) although remaining unpublished by me . . . Some things my treatise will hint; on some it will linger; some it will merely mention. **IT WILL TRY TO SPEAK IMPERCEPTIBLY, TO EXHIBIT SECRETLY, AND TO DEMONSTRATE SILENTLY.**”*

This passage, if it stood alone, would suffice to establish the existence of a secret teaching in the Early

Church. But it stands by no means alone. In chapter xii of this same book #1, headed, “The Mysteries of the Faith **NOT TO BE DIVULGED TO ALL,**” Clement declares that, since others than the wise may see his work,

*“It is requisite, therefore, to **HIDE IN A MYSTERY THE WISDOM SPOKEN,** which the Son of God taught. . . .”*

After much examination of Greek writers, and an investigation into philosophy, S. Clement declares that:

*“the **GNOSIS** imparted and revealed by the Son of God, is wisdom . . . And the **GNOSIS** itself is that which has descended by transmission to a few, having been imported **UNWRITTEN BY THE APOSTLES.**”*

A very long exposition of the life of the Gnostic, the Initiate, is given, and S. Clement concludes it by saying:

“Let the specimen suffice to those who have ears. For it is not required to unfold the mystery, but only to indicate what is sufficient for those who are partakers in knowledge to bring it to mind.” (Book #1, p. 55-62 Annie Besant, an occultist)

2. ORIGEN (Disciple of Clement, and teacher at Alexandrian school)

Harnack says of Origen's Christology:

*“**ALL IMAGINABLE HERESIES** have here been touched upon.”* (Book #70 p. 90)

Written by George Scholarius, the Byzantine philosopher and theologian:

*“Our Asian divines say on the one hand that 'Origen is the whetstone of us all,' but on the other hand, that '**HE IS THE FOUNT OF FOUL DOCTRINES.** . . he was also the father of Arianism, and worst of all, said that hellfire would not last for ever' . . . It has been disputed whether Origen could be saved . . . No discussion can proceed far without coming back to the perennial problem of his orthodoxy . . . The main contemporary gravamen against him was . . . on account of his **DOCTRINE,** in particular his eschatology.”* (Book #8, p. 95-98)

Writing in 374-75, Epiphanius concludes his immense attack on Origen's **HERESY** with the summary charge that Origen was “blinded by Greek culture.” (Book #8, p. 100)

“To Origen there flocked 'countless heretics' (EH 6.18.2) as well as orthodox, in order to be instructed by him in all areas of learning.” (Book #35, p. 59)

*“We have . . . seen that Origen, one of the sanest of men and **VERSED IN OCCULT KNOWLEDGE,** teaches that the Scriptures are threefold . . .”* (Book #1, p. 275-276)

3. HORT (Greek New Testament 1881, Revised English Version, 1881)

*“She (Hort's mother) was unable to enter into **HIS THEOLOGICAL VIEWS,** which to her school and generation **SEEMED A DESERTION OF THE ANCIENT WAYS.**”* (Book #10, Vol.1, p. 7-8, written by Hort's son)

*“**WESTCOTT . . . AND I HAVE STARTED A SOCIETY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF GHOSTS AND ALL SUPERNATURAL APPEARANCES AND EFFECTS.** . . our own temporary name is the **GHOSTLY GUILD**”* (Book #10, Vol.1, p. 211)

“I long to be rid of dear, good, prosy Justin Martyr, and in the midst of Tertullian and

ORIGEN . . .” (Book #10, Vol., p. 215)

“The positive DOCTRINES EVEN OF THE EVANGELICALS SEEM TO ME PERVERTED RATHER THAN UNTRUE.” (Book #10, Vol.1, p. 400)

“Also--but this may--I have a sort of craving that our text should be cast upon the world before we deal with MATTERS LIKELY TO BRAND US WITH SUSPICION. I mean, a text issued by MEN ALREADY KNOWN FOR WHAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TREATED AS DANGEROUS HERESY, will have great difficulties in finding its way to regions which it might otherwise hope to reach, and whence it would not be easily banished by subsequent alarms.” (Book #10, Vol.1, p. 445, written to Westcott concerning their soon to be published Greek text—the basis for the Revised Version of 1881)

“There is the strangest blindness about the UNITARIAN POSITION. It is . . . difficult to measure the weight of acceptance won beforehand for the Revision by the single fact of OUR WELCOMING A UNITARIAN . . .” (Book #10, Vol.2, p. 400--concerning having a Unitarian on the Revision committee of the Revised Version of 1881)

“. . . I have become Harold Browne's Examining Chaplain . . . I wrote to warn him that I WAS NOT SAFE OR TRADITIONAL IN MY THEOLOGY, AND THAT I COULD NOT GIVE UP ASSOCIATION WITH HERETICS AND SUCH LIKE; but after a single question he made no difficulty.” (Book #10, Vol.2, p. 165)

4. WESTCOTT (Greek New Testament 1881, Revised English Version 1881)

“He took a strange interest . . . IN MORMONISM . . . I recollect his procuring and studying the Book of Mormon about 1840.” (Book #23, Vol .1, p. 19-20, written by Westcott's son)

“Stanley's sermon on St. John, which I extremely admire, and yet it is called 'HERESY' at Oxford.” (Book #23, Vol.1, p. 53)

“I can never look back on my Cambridge life with sufficient thankfulness. Above all, those hours which were spent over PLATO and Aristotle have wrought that in me which I pray may never be done away.” (Book #23, Vol.1, p. 175-176)

“But from Cambridge days, I have read the writings of many who are called MYSTICS WITH MUCH PROFIT.” (Book #23, Vol .1, p. 231)

“I feel most keenly the disgrace of circulating what I feel to be FALSIFIED COPIES OF HOLYSCRIPTURES.” (Book #23, Vol.1, p. 228-229, concerning the Traditional Received Text basis of the King James Version)

“My father's orthodoxy was AGAIN called in question two years later. In 1867 he wrote a tract entitled 'The Resurrection as a Fact and a Revelation' . . . and was already in type, when one of the Society's episcopal referees detected HERESY in it. The writer was unable to omit the suspected passage, as he held it to be essential to his argument.” (Book #23, Vol.1, p. 25.6, written by Westcott's son)

“The Churchmen, I see, praises the book on the Canon as a necessary article in a clergyman's library. It is strange, but ALL THE QUESTIONABLE DOCTRINES WHICH I HAVE EVER MAINTAINED ARE IN IT.” (Book #23, Vol.1, p. 290)

“My father's promised contributions, however, were . . . his articles on the ALEXANDRIAN DIVINES, INCLUDING CLEMENT AND GREATEST OF ALL, ORIGEN. FOR TWENTY YEARS THE WORKS OF ORIGEN WERE CLOSE TO HIS HAND, AND HE CONTINUALLY TURNED TO THEM AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.”
(Book #23, Vol.1, p. 319--written by Westcott's son)

5. PHILIP SCHAFF (American Standard Version, 1901)

“It would be considered HERESY for any historian . . . to suggest that an appreciative study of the history of Catholicism had any value or relevance whatsoever for Protestants . . . This mind set could never entertain the idea that the ancient and medieval Catholic church played the major role in the organic development of Christianity from the days of Jesus to the days of Luther and Calvin . . . Schaff's approach to Christian history was bound to suffer misunderstanding and opposition in this context.” (Book #11, p. 18)

“This meant, in part, that PROTESTANTISM WAS NEITHER A REVOLUTION NOR A RESTORATION; It organically evolved out of MEDIEVAL CATHOLICISM, WHICH IN ITS OWN WAY HAD BEEN THE BEARER OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD . . . He valued the empirical church and yet hoped for some union or age of EVANGELICAL CATHOLICISM in the future when the best of Protestant and Catholic TRADITIONS MIGHT ORGANICALLY EVOLVE INTO THE HIGHER AGE.” Book #11. p. 22)

(Schaff's HERESY TRIAL begins in which he is exonerated of all charges in 1845. Book #11, p. 24)

“(He) was invited to chair the committee whose main responsibility was a revision of the English Bible . . . It was one of his most ECUMENICAL EFFORTS bringing together many of the finest scholars from the leading Protestant denominations of Great Britain and the United States . . . Schaff was deeply committed to the project, for he was convinced that such an ECUMENICAL REVISION would foster the bond of INTERDENOMINATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNION. . . .” (Book #11, p. 71-73)

“THE CHANGES thus far are in the right direction and should CONTAIN THE GERMS OF A NEW THEOLOGY. Every age must produce its own theology. Such a theology will prepare the way for the reunion of Christendom.” (Book #34, p. 142, quoted from ‘*THE LIFE OF PHILIP SCHAFF.*’)

“Schaff's remaining energies were reserved for a major task that had been assigned to him--the presentation of a paper at the unprecedented World Parliament of Religions, to be held in Chicago . . . From the early stages of planning Schaff had supported the concept of a gathering of representatives from ALL THE MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE”

WORLD. He believed that it would offer the 'broadest platform for the broadest study of comparative religion.' HE NEVER BELIEVED THAT HE WAS COMPROMISING ANY OF HIS CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES BY PARTICIPATING IN DIALOGUE WITH OTHER RELIGIONS. HE COULD EASILY SIT ON A PLATFORM ALONG WITH MOSLEMS, HINDUS, AND BUDDHISTS WITH NO EMBARRASSMENT OR QUALMS OF CONSCIENCE." (Book #11, p. 102-103)

"Even in the wake of the First Vatican Council of 1870, he insisted that the future would bring a changed atmosphere within the Roman Catholic church that would lend itself to union efforts . . . Schaff was convinced that any future organic union must be preceded by a spiritual union . . . The 20th century ecumenical movement committed itself early to this ideal . . . This insight also appropriated the BASIC TRUTH OF THE PRIORITY OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OVER 'PURE DOCTRINE.'" (Book #11, p. 110)

"He insisted that each section of Christendom must come to the realization that its tradition does not possess the whole truth nor the fullness of catholicity." (Book #11, p. 112)

"Schaff admitted that the orthodox system of Christianity is 'a human system which requires CONSTANT REFORMATION.' Opposed to all 'blind TRADITIONALISTS,' he declared it to be the great mission of German theology 'TO RESTORE THE OLD FAITH (Gnosticism), but in a new form, which shall make real progress toward the ultimate reconciliation and free, intelligent agreement of the human mind with divine truth." (Book #19, p. 187)

"So there is a BELIEVING AND CHRISTIAN GNOSTICISM as well as an unbelieving and anti-(or pseudo-) Christian Gnosticism." (Book #19, p. 207)

SECTION II: DOCTRINES OF DEVILS (I Timothy 4:1)

A. Satan's lies concerning Scripture changes of Greek, Hebrew, English

II Thessalonians 2:11—"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe A LIE."

John 8:44—"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, AND ABODE NOT IN THE TRUTH, BECAUSE THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE SPEAKETH A LIE, HE SPEAKETH OF HIS OWN: FOR HE IS A LIAR, AND THE FATHER OF IT."

I Timothy 4:1-2--"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; SPEAKING LIES in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

Romans 1:25—"Who CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, . . ."

1. The basic lie concerning textual changes (They do not affect doctrine)

“People usually say, ‘The Westcott and Hort text has a few omissions **BUT NO MAJOR DOCTRINES ARE INVOLVED.**’ WELL, MAJOR DOCTRINES ARE INVOLVED. Secondly they say, ‘If they take a doctrine out here, it is found somewhere else in the New Testament.’ Well, I don’t care if they leave it in 100 other places; if they take it out any place, it is a defective, deficient Greek version and a defective, deficient English version based upon it. You know why the heretics took out some things but not all of them? **THEY WANTED THE BIBLE TO AGREE WITH THEM.** The heretics who flourished in the first hundred years after the Bible was written did not have every New Testament book in their possession, so they couldn’t rip out, change, recopy, or forge various verses throughout the New Testament. **THEY COULD ONLY DO SUCH THINGS WITH THE BOOKS THEY HAD IN THEIR HANDS. . . . HOW MANY WORDS OF GOD HAVE TO BE LEFT OUT OF YOUR BIBLE BEFORE IT IS NO LONGER 100% GOD’S WORD?** Just one? That would be enough for me. But when you have over 5,600 changes involving almost 10,000 words, you have serious trouble.” (Book #5, p. 44)

2. Examples of the lie concerning scripture changes

“The main differences between the KJV-NKJV and the NASB-NIV can be seen in the **OMISSION OF . . . VERSES, PARTS OF VERSES, AND SHORT PASSAGES. . . . NO BASIC EVANGELICAL DOCTRINE IS DAMAGED OR WEAKENED BY THESE OMISSIONS.**” (Book #4, p. 59 - Robert Gromacki, Pres. Cedarville College)

“Only about 400 affect the sense; and of these 400 only about 50 are of real significance for one reason or another, and **NOT ONE OF THESE 50 AFFECT AN ARTICLE OF FAITH OR A PRECEPT OF DUTY** which is not abundantly sustained by other and undoubted passages, or by the whole tenor of Scripture teaching” (Book #5, p. 133, quoting Philip Schaff, who also stated “The changes thus far . . . should contain the germs of a **NEW THEOLOGY**”—a statement concerning his changing of the “Creed.”)

“. . . **NOT ONE** (doubtful disputed rendering) **AFFECTS A SINGLE VITAL DOCTRINE OF THE WORD OF GOD**” (Book #5, p. 134, quoting Dr. Arthur T. Pierson)

“The differences in the translations are so minor, so insignificant, that we can be sure **NOT A SINGLE DOCTRINE, NOT A SINGLE STATEMENT OF FACT, NOT A SINGLE COMMAND OR EXHORTATION HAS BEEN MISSED** in our translations.” (Book #5, p. 134, quoting Dr. John R. Rice)

3. Promotion of the lie concerning textual changes--(They will need to change verses that would convict of sin against the word of God.)

(John 3:19-20—“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, **LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE REPROVED.**”

Romans 13:9--(Example of key Greek textual change)
 BYZ S >KJV -- "THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS."
 BYZ BA > WH NU >NASV NIV ESV -- omit

4. Purpose of the lie concerning textual changes

a. To make man the final authority concerning Scripture rather than God thereby validating textual criticism

Romans 1:25--"*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, AND WORSHIPPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR . . .*"

b. To render changed passages 'out of bounds' as doctrinal proof texts

II Timothy 3:16--"ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for DOCTRINE, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

"It is best neither to PROVE NOR DISPROVE ANY DOCTRINAL POSITION USING PASSAGES WITH DISPUTED VARIANT READINGS. Serious Bible students should USE PASSAGES WHERE THERE ARE NO DISPUTED TEXTUAL VARIATIONS FOR PRESENTING OR NEGATING A VIEW." (Book #4. p. 59)

5. Exposing the lie concerning- (Compare Gnostic doctrines with changes in the Critical Greek/English versions)

1 Corinthians 2:13--"*. . . the Holy Ghost teacheth; COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL.*"

B. Satan's lies concerning doctrine

I Timothy 4:1--"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and DOCTRINES OF DEVILS;"

II Timothy 4:3-4--"*For the time will come when THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."*

Matthew 16:12--"*Then understood they how that He bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the DOCTRINE OF THE PHARISEES AND OF THE SADDUCEES.*"

Revelation 2:15--"*So hast thou also them that hold the DOCTRINE OF THE Nicolaitans which thing I hate."*

Revelation 2:14--"*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold THE DOCTRINE OF BALAAM, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before*

the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”

Revelation 2:24—“*But unto you I say, and unto the rest of Thyatira, as many as do not have THIS DOCTRINE, AND WHICH HAVE NOT KNOWN THE DEPTHS OF SATAN, as they speak; . . .*”

1. Ecumenical unity is more important than pure Biblical doctrine

II John 9-10—“*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the DOCTRINE of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the DOCTRINE of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this DOCTRINE, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:*”

“The union of Christ with his church, Schaff considered a divine gift. The 20th century ecumenical movement committed itself early to this ideal of the necessity of the recognition of the prior koinonia as a preface to anything else. This initial realization and experience would provide the right atmosphere for formal ecumenical efforts. THIS INSIGHT ALSO APPROPRIATED THE BASIC TRUTH OF THE PRIORITY OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OVER 'PURE DOCTRINE.'” (Book #11, p. 110)

2. Gnostic doctrine is the true doctrine

Genesis 3:5—“*For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and YE SHALL BE AS GODS, knowing good and evil.”*

“... Gnosticism produced real thinkers who unfolded the contents of the secret 'knowledge' in elaborate DOCTRINAL SYSTEMS . . .” (Book #20, p. 35)

“Emanation from the Deity of ALL spiritual beings, progressive degeneration of these beings from emanation to emanation, redemption and return of ALL to the purity of the Creator; and, after the re-establishment of the primitive harmony of ALL, a fortunate and truly DIVINE CONDITION OF ALL, in the bosom of God; SUCH WERE THE FUNDAMENTAL TEACHINGS OF GNOSTICISM.” (Book #6, p. 248)

KEY TO DOCTRINAL STUDY OUTLINE

a) Rejected truth

These are verses that both refute Gnostic doctrine and are verses which the Gnostics disregard when coming up with their doctrine.

b) Gnostic doctrine

These references are either from Gnostics themselves (past and present) or are about the beliefs of Gnostics such as from the writings of Irenaeus.

c) Gnostic Scriptures

These are references from Gnostic writings that are part of the Nag Hammadi Library, or the Dead Sea Scrolls.

d) Greek textual changes

1. Early “Church” (Gnostic) Fathers

Clement

Origen

Marcion

2. Greek Manuscripts

BYZ = Byzantine (a.k.a. Antiochian, Textus Receptus, Traditional)

Alexandrian texts

S = Sinaiticus

B = Vaticanus

A = Alexandrinus

C

Present Greek texts used

WH = Westcott and Hort, 1881

NU = Nestle/Aland - United Bible Society, 26th Edition

3. English versions

KJV = King James Version

NASV = New American Standard Version

NIV = New International Version

ESV = English Standard Version (added to the original book)

4. English text wording is slightly different from the English versions represented above because it follows word for word from the Greek/English Interlinear New Testament by Thomas Newberry (Book #24)

DOCTRINES OF DEVILS - I Timothy 4:1

1. Bibliology (Scriptures)

a. Revelation

- 1) God reveals truth both to writers of Scripture and **PHILOSOPHERS**.
- 2) The Bible is **NOT** God's **PRIMARY REVELATION** to man.
- 3) Occult Gnostic revelations form the basis for the Bible and are **SUPERIOR** to the Bible which is incomplete.

- 4) Jesus revealed Gnostic scriptures IN SECRET to the apostles after he died.
- 5) Purpose of revelation is to reveal man's deepest self (GOD WITHIN).
- 6) Present new revelations are given by 'SPIRIT GUIDES' and are SUPERIOR to the written word of God.

b. Inspiration

- 1) God did not superintend EVERY word of Scripture.
- 2) Jesus DID NOT SAY EVERYTHING attributed to him in the Gospels.
- 3) God's word is FULL OF ERRORS.

c. Preservation

- 1) The Apostolic Bible is only a TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE until the real one is revealed to future generations.

d. Authority

- 1) Only Gnostic scriptures are AUTHORITATIVE.

e. Propagation

- 1) The true word of God is KEPT SECRET through an ORAL TRADITION.

f. Interpretation

- 1) The Bible can only be understood in the light of OTHER DOCUMENTS.
- 2) The Bible is to be INTERPRETED ALLEGORICALLY.
- 3) Only the spiritually mature can understand HIDDEN MEANING.

2. Theology (God)

a. Person of God

- 1) There is an UNKNOWN GOD who is not the Creator.
- 2) God is a MONAD existing in THREE FORMS--Father, Mother, and Son.
- 3) God has a FALLEN NATURE and only the father is good.
- 4) God is ANDROGYNOUS.
- 5) The term Lord refers to the Father, and NOT TO JESUS.
- 6) The son is NOT EQUAL to the Father.
- 7) The son is WISER than the Father.
- 8) The third person of Gnostic trinity is the GREAT MOTHER who is the personification of wisdom (SOPHIA) and the holy spirit.
- 9) God is the UNIVERSAL FATHER of all mankind.

b. Works of God

- 1) An EVIL GOD or 7 powers CREATED the world which is also evil.

c. Worship of God

- 1) Serpents are worshipped as representing God.

d. Abiding place of God

- 1) Androgynous God and his spirit is WITHIN EVERY MAN.

3. Christology (Christ)

a. The pre-existence of Christ

- 1) The Christ was a CREATED BEING and therefore had a beginning in time.
- 2) The Logos is the angel of the Lord (Demiurge) BEFORE HIS REBELLION.
- 3) The Logos was DEFECTIVE before he was illuminated.
- 4) The living word is the SON OF CHRIST.
- 5) The PRIMAL MAN revealed himself in Christ.
- 6) The Primal Man is ANDROGYNOUS (bisexual).
- 7) The SERPENT in the garden with the LUMINOUS JESUS.

b. The Incarnation and birth of Christ

- 1) Jesus was NOT GOD INCARNATE and did not have all of God's ATTRIBUTES.
- 2) The Savior became manifest in an INVOLUNTARY SUFFERING.
- 3) JOSEPH, not God, WAS FATHER of Jesus.
- 4) Incarnation of Christ is CONTINUING PROCESS, not historical event.
- 5) Jesus was begotten by the Logos, and is NOT THE LOGOS.

c. The life and person of Jesus

- 1) Jesus is NOT the "LORD GOD ALMIGHTY."
- 2) The SON OF MAN IS SEPARATE from Jesus Christ.
- 3) Jesus had a SIN NATURE like every other man.
- 4) The CHRIST IS SEPARATE from Jesus.
- 5) The Christ came upon Jesus at his BAPTISM in order to ENLIGHTEN AND PERFECT him.
- 6) Jesus was DEIFIED IN STAGES by the Logos and DID NOT HAVE A SPIRIT until later in life (at baptism or death).

d. The Words of Jesus Christ

- 1) The Words of Jesus do not cause man to have ETERNAL LIFE.

e. The work of Christ

- 1) The savior came to DESTROY BAD PEOPLE AND SAVE GOOD PEOPLE.

- 2) Jesus DOES NOT CALL people to enter the heavenly kingdom.

f. The miracles of Christ

- 1) Jesus performed natural MAGICAL ACTS that APPEARED as miracles.

g. The suffering and death of Christ

- 1) The Primal Man is slain for man's redemption at the BEGINNING OF CREATION and CONTINUES TO DIE DAILY.
- 2) Jesus DID NOT FULFILL O.T. MESSIANIC SUFFERINGS because HE IS NOT THE ONLY CHRIST.
- 3) The savior DID NOT DIE on the cross, but rather another Jesus who was a demoniac.

h. The resurrection of Christ

- 1) The resurrection of Christ was SPIRITUAL, NOT BODILY.
- 2) The resurrection of Jesus happened BEFORE HE DIED.
- 3) The resurrected Christ meets with his disciples through DIVINATION in order to reveal to them his SECRET PLAN.

i. The return of Jesus Christ

- 1) Second coming of Christ is NOT LITERAL, but figurative and refers to the spiritual coming of Christ into the life of the believer.

4. Pneumatology (Holy Spirit)

a. Person of the Holy Spirit

- 1) SOPHIA is the Holy Spirit.
- 2) The Sophia spirit reveals HERSELF as a saint and as a WHORE.

b. Works of the Holy Spirit

- 1) The Sophia spirit CREATED the world.
- 2) The spirit is the source of DIRECT REVELATION.

c. Indwelling of the spirit

- 1) The Sophia spirit is INCARNATED AND REINCARNATED in human bodies.

5. Anthropology (Man)

a. The creation of man

- 1) Man was created by the ANGELS.

b. The person of man

- 1) Man was PRE-EXISTENT before he was born and was ONE WITH GOD.
- 2) Man SINNED IN HIS PRE-EXISTENT STATE and became a soul before he was born.
- 3) The DIVINE SPARK (Christ) IS WITHIN ALL MANKIND, and all have potential to BECOME CHRISTS, DIVINE, AND GOD.
- 4) Man has a spiritual 'twin' which is his transcendental, higher self.
- 5) Man becomes PERFECTED through a series of REINCARNATIONS or EVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES.
- 6) Some races of man are INFERIOR TO OTHER RACES due to evolution.
- 7) Perfect man is BISEXUAL (androgynous).
- 8) Perfected man STOPS BEING A SOUL and becomes spirit.

c. The person of Mary

- 1) Mary is THE LOGOS, THE WORLD MOTHER.

d. The propagation of man

- 1) Marriage and sexual propagation is EVIL.

6. Angelology (Angels, Satan)

a. Lucifer, Satan, Serpent, Devil

- 1) The Devil is an INSTRUMENT OF GOD and will ultimately BE PARDONED.
- 2) Lucifer is CHRIST and the GOD OF TRUTH.
- 3) Satan is NOT A PERSON, but rather an evil FORCE.

b. Angels

- 1) Angel of the Lord was DEMIURGE who had not yet rebelled against God.
- 2) Man's is his TRANSCENDENTAL SELF.
- 3) Man can SEE his guardian angel.
- 4) The guardian angel is our SPIRIT GUIDE.

7. Hamartiology (Sin)

a. The causes of sin, evil

- 1) EROS (sex) is the ORIGIN OF DEATH.
- 2) UNCONSCIOUSNESS (lack of gnosis) and not sin is the CAUSE OF EVIL.

b. Freedom from the law

- 1) The LAW is to be REJECTED.

c. Sinful acts

- 1) Idolatry is NOT EVIL.
- 2) Marriage and sexual propagation IS EVIL.
- 3) Prostitution is NOT EVIL.
- 4) Homosexuality/bisexuality is NOT EVIL, but is sign of perfection.
- 5) Eating meat IS EVIL.
- 6) Drinking alcohol IS EVIL.
- 7) Killing people is sometimes NECESSARY.
- 8) Pride is NOT EVIL, but is the means of salvation.

8. Soteriology (Salvation)

a. Saviour of salvation

- 1) LUCIFER is the Savior.
- 2) APOSTLES will help save the world.
- 3) SOPHIA is the redeemer.
- 4) The SOTER (heavenly savior) saves the Gnostics, while the earthly Jesus saves the Psychics.

b. Means of salvation

- 1) Man is saved through GNOSIS.
- 2) Man is saved by the SYMBOLIC DEATH of Christ WITHIN MAN, NOT BY THE BLOOD of Christ.
- 3) Man is saved/perfected through ASCETICISM (extreme self-denial).
- 4) Man is NOT saved just BY WORDS.
- 5) Man is saved by FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE REDEEMER in obedience.
- 6) Man is saved through SACRAMENTS.
- 7) Man is saved through SACRED FORMULAS AND NAMES.
- 8) Man is saved by INITIATION RITES (baptism, bridal chamber).
- 9) Man is saved through FAITH IN HIMSELF and his own good works rather than the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- 10) Man is saved (born again) when he RECOGNIZES that he has the MYSTICAL CHRIST IN HIM and is therefore divine or God ("I AM").
- 11) Man is saved through SECRET SYMBOLS.
- 12) Man must be BORN AGAIN TWICE.

c. Objects of salvation

- 1) Redemption includes the ANGELS, even SATAN.
- 2) Redemption includes JESUS CHRIST (the Primal Man).
- 3) The WHOLE WORLD has been redeemed (UNIVERSAL SALVATION).
- 4) Only THE GOOD are saved.
- 5) Souls of men are saved, NOT THEIR BODIES (NO BODILY RESURRECTION).

d. Process of salvation

- 1) Man is saved/perfected IN STAGES.

e. Event of salvation

- 1) Salvation is a MYTH and NOT AN HISTORICAL EVENT.

f. Proofs of salvation

- 1) The saved person will SHINE (BE LUMINOUS).
- 2) He will enter the kingdom LAUGHING.
- 3) He will have VISIONS of God and the Savior.
- 4) He will speak in TONGUES.
- 5) He will LIFT UP HIS HANDS in praise.
- 6) He will have OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCES.
- 7) He will experience DIRECT NEW REVELATIONS from God.

g. Meaning of redemption

- 1) Is the returning of man to his pre-existent STATE OF DUTY before his fall in eternity past.

h. Purpose and results of salvation

- 1) To know that MAN himself IS THE SON OF MAN.
- 2) To UNITE the Gnostic with the Savior, not with God.
- 3) To be WEDDED TO THE ANGELS.
- 4) To experience SINLESS PERFECTION while on earth.
- 5) To attain CHRISTHOOD AND BECOME DIVINE through Gnosis.
- 6) To become ABSORBED BACK INTO THE GODHEAD (BECOME GOD.)

9. Ecclesiology (Church)**a. Organization of the church**

- 1) There is an UPPER CLASS of the elect.

b. Works of the church

- 1) Don't pray, fast, or give alms.
- 2) Don't witness to unbelievers or large crowds.

c. Members of the Church

- 1) The church consists of MANY pre-existent souls.

d. Worship of the church

- 1) SABBATH OBSERVANCE is necessary to see God.

e. Ordinances of the church

- 1) The Eucharist IS JESUS.

f. Place and headquarters of the true church and God's temple

- 1) Is in ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.

10. Eschatology (Future things)

a. Resurrection/rapture

- 1) There is NO BODILY RESURRECTION or rapture.

b. Second coming of Christ

- 1) Is FIGURATIVE AND PRESENT, not literal and future.

c. Heaven

- 1) Is NOT LITERAL PLACE, but is figurative.

d. Hell

- 1) Is NOT LITERAL PLACE, but figurative, and is a type of PURGATORY.
2) Is NOT the place of EVERLASTING JUDGMENT.

e. New heavens and earth

- 1) Will come about when a portion of mankind has REDEEMED ITSELF.
2) There will be a GODLESS and classless SOCIETY (Man will be god).

1. BIBLIOLOGY (Scripture)

a. Revelation

1) God reveals truth BOTH to writers of Scripture and Philosophers

- a) Rejected truth.

Colossians 2:8–“Beware lest any man spoil you through PHILOSOPHY and vain deceit after the TRADITIONS OF MEN, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

b) Gnostic doctrine

MASONIC-- "THE GNOSTICS DERIVED THEIR LEADING DOCTRINES AND IDEAS FROM PLATO AND PHILO, the Zend-avesta and the Kabalah, and the Sacred books of India and Egypt; and thus introduced into the bosom of Christianity the cosmological and theosophical speculations, which had formed the larger portion of the ancient religions of the Orient, joined to those of the Egyptian, Greek, and Jewish doctrines, which the neo-Platonists had equally adopted in the Occident . . . THE DOMINANT DOCTRINES OF PLATONISM WERE FOUND in GNOSTICISM."
(Book #4, p. 248-249)

"It (Masonry) is **PHILOSOPHICAL**, because, it . . . revives the Academy of Plato, and the wise teachings of Socrates. It reiterates the maxims of Pythagoras, Confucius, and Zoroaster and reverentially enforces the sublime lessons of Him who died upon the Cross." (Book #6, p. 221)

SCHAFF--"**THERE IS NO NECESSARY CONFLICT** between faith and criticism any more than between revelation and reason or **BETWEEN FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF BOTH**, and he cannot contradict himself." (Book #19, p. 205)

c) Gnostic scriptures,

d) Greek textual changes

Acts 17:18 (Critical text does not reveal that Paul preached the gospel to the philosophers)
BYZ > KJV-- because he preached **UNTO THEM** Jesus and the resurrection
SB > WH NU > NASV NIV ESV - **omits "unto them"**

II Peter 1:21

BYZ > KJV - . . . **HOLY** men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost
B > WH NU > NASV NIV ESV- omits "**holy**"

Revelation 22:6

BYZ (pt) > -the Lord God of the **HOLY** prophets
BYZ (pt) SA > WH NU > NASV NIV ESV - omits "**holy**"

2) The Bible is not God's primary revelation to man (comp. Psalm 138:2)

a) Rejected truth

Psalm 138:2--". . .for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name."

Romans 10:17--"Faith cometh by hearing . . . the word of God"

b) Gnostic doctrine