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# INTRODUCTION

There are people who want to learn truth and there are people who want truth to be what they learned. The first will listen even though what they hear challenges what they learned. The second will react, often with anger, when they hear something that challenges what they learned. Existing information can cause a person to reject truth and accept a lie. The reputation of the person speaking or writing can do the same. Some athletes will tell you the meanest person on the team is the coach. Some children think their parents are mean. There are different types of criticism. What the coach and parent say and do is motivated by their desire to help the player and child, reach their potential. Satan, and people inspired by him, use criticism to hurt and make a person feel less than what he is and quit trying. This kind of criticism is the name by which Jesus identified the pyramid system Satan uses to influence and control mankind. (Revelation 13:1). Using this system, Satan's purpose is not to help but to control and separate a person from God. A person's greatest barrier to receiving the benefits offered by a coach, a parent or God may be what he has already learned. There is no greater example of this than the Scribes and Pharisees who were leaders in the crucifixion of Jesus.

In construction, a building inspector's rejection of some part of the work done is not influenced by other work which is in compliance. There may be much work done well but he must bring to the contractor's attention work that is not done or work that is not in compliance with approved plans. The contractor does not answer to the inspector but to the authority that established the building code and approved his plans. Each contractor has his own plans and without approval, he is not allowed to build by the plans of another. Approval to proceed or stoppage of progress is determined by his compliance or non-compliance with his approved plans. Stopping one phase of the work may not affect other phases. People who are not totally committed to God may still do some acceptable work for God. An inspector only points out things not in compliance with approved plans. Like a building, many people (contractors) fail an in-progress inspection which prevents a CO being issued. Without a CO (certificate of occupancy) God is not able to occupy and reign in that person.

Because some inspectors acquire much knowledge from what they experience and observe, they may offer helpful information to a contractor. When he does this he is not a critic even though his words may be painful. Because he is familiar with the building code the information he shares is

valuable. He is not the authority and can only tell a contractor what is necessary for him to get approval. Authority resides with the municipality where the contractor is doing his work and approval is dictated by the plans approved for him by that municipality. The inspector is only a witness of the work in progress. The contractor can listen to the inspector and make appropriate corrections or he can ignore the words of the inspector. The inspector has no authority to judge or criticize. He can only remind of the plans approved by the boss of the contractor. This is the attitude with which this writing is conveyed to you.

### ICHTHUS-THE FISH SYMBOL



Often a symbol is seen on a vehicle or some other place in the form of a fish. Ichthus, the Greek word for fish, consists of five Greek letters and was used as an anagram by early Christians, in times of persecution, as a means of secretly identifying themselves as a follower of Iesous. The Greek word for fish begins with an, I not a J. This anagram, popular in current times, represents the correct name of the Savior and, who he was and is.

- I -Iota (pronounced e-o-tah) is the first letter of Iesous (i as in hit; e as in hey; sous as in soos).
  - There is no letter J in Iesous. Jesus is a name made up by translators by substituting J for the Greek letter, I (iota).
- X -Chi (pronounced key) is the first letter of Christos, the Greek word for Christ.
- Θ -Theta (pronounced tha-tah) is the first letter of theos, the Greek word for God.
- Y -Upsilon (oop-see-lon) is the first letter of uios (wheeos), the Greek word for son.
- $\Sigma$  -Sigma is the first letter of sotaria, the Greek word for savior.

A follower of Jesus, in an unsuspecting manner, would make one half of the fish symbol (a curved line) in the sand or in some other way. If the person to whom he was speaking was a believer he would casually make the other half. The five letters of the Greek word for fish were used to form an anagram for the following five words:

#### IESOUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, SAVIOR

The altered version reads:

#### JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, SAVIOR

Names are transliterated when they are transferred to another language. If translated the meaning of Iesous is "whose help is God". For some unexplained reason the King James Translators changed the Hebrew Y (yodh) and Greek I (Iota) to the letter J. This caused the Greek name Iesous to be spelled Jesous (Jesus) and the Hebrew name YHWH to be spelled JHWH from which came Jehovah. There is no Greek word that can be correctly transliterated "Jesus" and no Hebrew word than can be correctly transliterated JHWH or Jehovah.

Names are assigned to physical bodies not to the breath-being in the body. What a person is identifies the breath-being. Iesous was the name Gabriel told Mary to call her baby (Matthew 1:21) but the name of the one inside the baby's body was THE WORD OF GOD.

He is clothed in linen immersed in blood and has always been called by his name: THE WORD OF GOD. (Revelation 19:3)

This author does not make an issue of the fact the name Gabriel gave to Mary was not Jesus. Since God hears the intent of the heart and not the words of the mouth, the correct name may not make a difference to him. The correct name may be found in a Greek New Testament. In this writing the author uses the name Jesus in comments and Iesous in quotes from the Bible when referring to the Messiah.

## **DEBATE OR DISCUSSION**

Conversations are either debates or discussions. In a discussion each party is interested in learning what the other person knows and why he believes what he is saying. He is not offended if the views are different because that person with a different view is more important to him than his own opinion. In a debate the goal is to defeat the other person by presenting a better argument. In a debate, emotion often clouds the mind, deadens inhibitions and distorts the thinking process. This often produces anger and insults. To the debater the most important thing is not arriving at truth but winning the debate.

People are indebted to each other because all have learned more from other people than from schools of learning but, seldom is anything of value learned from a debater. It is tragic when what a person learns becomes more valuable to him than people and God. The Greek word "mammon" means "what you believe" or "that in which you put your trust". The greatest object of trust is not money or possessions but the information collected in the brain. Even family members have been shunned and killed to protect this. It was not status or possessions that caused Jewish leaders to reject and crucify Jesus; it was what they believed.

What a person believes must always be open for change because there is much more he doesn't know than he knows. People in religion and politics who put their trust in an object, word or symbol will fail to receive truth known by those who think differently from them. A different point of view is not a threat but an opportunity to learn something not known. Here is what Jesus told some people who made the greatest of all bad decisions because, instead of controlling the information they had learned, they permitted that information to control them. The way a person responds to information reveals the confidence or lack thereof, he has in what he has accepted as truth

No one is able to serve two Lords because he will hate one and love the other or he will embrace one and despise the other. You are not able to serve God and your own opinion. (mammon). Matthew 6:24

# **DON'T LOOK BACK**

In the old days, when mule-drawn implements were used for farming, there was a simple secret to plowing a straight furrow. When a farmer, at one side of the field, was ready to plow he selected an object on the opposite side of the field and focused on it while he plowed straight toward it. He never looked back. When the 8N Ford Tractor began to be used, a young teenager was asked to drive one to plow a field of cotton. Being excited about laying down his gooseneck, (a hoe used to chop cotton), he climbed into the seat of the tractor. He had previous experience driving a 1929 Ford car with no brakes and a half turn in the steering wheel and, a log truck so he thought driving a slow tractor would be easy. Within a few seconds after he began the farmer yelled for him to stop. He was looking back to make sure the plows were in the furrows between the rows of cotton but, to his horror, he was plowing up the cotton. The farmer told him to stop looking back and instead, look forward at a place on the front axle of the tractor and keep that spot over the row of cotton. That was much easier than looking back and now he was able to plow the cotton without plowing it up. He learned looking where he was going produced better results than looking where he had been.

Many times, a potentially good life is destroyed by living in the past instead of focusing upon the life ahead. Many believers feel empty and disillusioned because they keep looking back at what Jesus did for them instead of looking ahead to see what he wants to help them do. Many religious people fail to have the life God planned for them because they focus on something that happened in the past instead of seeking God and his plans for them in the present. The field to be plowed was large but the young man could not look where he had been or what he had accomplished if he was to do a good job. It is when a person focuses upon what is in front of him that he is able to do his best work.

In the Bible, the same Greek word can be translated "kingdom" or "reign". Though similar in meaning there is a slight difference. A kingdom is like a country reigned over by a ruler or a system of law. All citizens are a part of that kingdom but only the ruler or law reigns. A statement in the prayer taught by Jesus asks the Father to enable his reign to be on earth as it is in Heaven. A true believer is a person who wants God to reign in him. Jesus is the shepherd who walks in front of the sheep. He said any person who would follow him must deny self. Common sense dictates he can't be looking in different directions without losing sight of Jesus in front of him. To follow the shepherd a person must look ahead not behind. A person may know and remember what God did through Jesus 2,000 years ago but, to be faithful to God, he must follow the one leading him today.

Looking back will cause problems for today. Confidence from a previous success or doubt from a previous failure has no place in the need for today. Life's deck of opportunities and challenges is reshuffled each day. As good or bad as the past may have been, it is forever out of reach. Lessons learned in the past may not be relevant for the present. To look back can cause a stumble or miss of what is present. A person is what he is today. He can't go back and straighten out a crooked furrow but he can plow a straight furrow the rest of the way by doing what the farmer said...keep the spot on the axle over the row of cotton. I. E. focus on the shepherd. No one, who is looking behind him while he is plowing, is qualified for the reign of God. (Luke 9:62)

## **ENCOURAGEMENT**

Encouragement lets a person know someone cares. However, sorrow and failure are private matters and words of encouragement often lack the ability needed to remove that which causes sorrow and failure. For example, words will not bring back a loved one gone from one's life. Words will not restore

health lost because of disease, an accident or negligence. Words will not remedy a body born with defects that prevent it sharing a normal life with others. Words will not supply the means and effort needed to succeed but, words are valuable when they give a moment of relief. A compliment or words of encouragement are like a cool drink or a breeze on a hot day. They are like a place to sit and rest for a moment. Just for a moment there is relief from a downtrodden feeling or sorrow. Two ancient proverbs state, "A word properly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." "Heaviness in the heart of a person depresses it but a good word makes it glad." (Proverbs 25:11: 12:25). Encouragement may not remove sorrow or failure but it will let a person know he is not alone and there can be moments of joy and rest in the midst of the sorrow.

That person who has an awareness of the presence of God knows he is never alone. This was made clear by Jesus.

- "I won't leave you orphans; I will come to you."
- "I am with you continually to the end of your lifespan."

Jesus, who once spoke from a human body, is now the inaudible Word of God, speaking to us within as the Breath of God, telling us how to overcome problems we can overcome and strengthening us so we can endure problems stronger than our current ability.

### **JEALOUSY**

While it may only be a theory, it is interesting to note the following statement recorded in the Quran: "Iblis, the Devil, born under the name Azazel. A Jinn who refused to bow to Adam." Being the highest ranking servant of God and supposedly, second only to God in authority, became a challenge for Lucifer when God replaced him with a newcomer. To make matters worse this newcomer was imprisoned in a physical body which was a serious handicap to his ability to reflect the likeness God. How does a person respond if he is second in command and his boss places him under the authority of a bungling newcomer who is obviously less qualified to serve the boss than he? Is it possible this is the reason Satan (formerly called Lucifer) resents humans and is constantly looking for ways to cause them to forget who they are, make them forget the reality of God and become jealous and hostile toward each other?

It appears the jealousy which subdued Lucifer is contagious and exists in epidemic proportions among humans. Jealousy is like a bomb that can explode and blow peace and contentment to smithereens. It seems obvious

Lucifer didn't understand the reason God made Man. God didn't create man to be another servant like Lucifer, he created man as an equal so he could be free to accept or reject the love relationship God offered him. The position of the newcomer was/is not to serve God but to reign with him as an equal. To be a servant one has to know and obey the wishes of the master. It is common for servants to be jealous of any special treatment given to another servant by the master but he is not jealous if it is given to a son. Lucifer did not see man as a son but as a servant like himself. The gratitude that comes from being loved by God removes the need for jealousy and, God's willingness to make us his equal simply because we return his love to him is so grand, gratitude trumps jealousy.

### LIFE'S RUDDER

A mighty ship set out to sea with precious cargo on board. The value of ship and cargo were more that most could afford. Its massive bow plowed up waves and left them in its wake. Its engines scoffed at the powerful sea and dangers it could make.

After setting its course it got underway without a thought of fear. No one could see the danger which was hidden in something near. That something so small could spell doom never crossed their mind. It was not a danger in their path but a small thing positioned behind.

The rudder came loose and the mighty ship floundered out of control. The massive bow stopped plowing the waves as the ship began to roll. The powerful engines were useless as their efforts made matters worse. The ship wallowed in waves and troughs as though attacked by a curse.

It took much effort to build the ship; its appearance was a sight to see. It had the finest of everything; it was as good as good could be. Yet, a very small thing, unnoticed, turned might and beauty to naught. Very few people are aware of what uncontrolled rudders have wrought.

The human tongue is like a ship's rudder that guides a person through life. It's very small and when not controlled it causes much sorrow and strife. Loose at one end it flaps in the wind without thought of the force of its word. The controller of life-the agent of destiny; does that not sound absurd? Yet, whether a ship or a human, the rudder determines the course. Who would imagine such a small thing would have such terrible force? When performing as they are designed, the rudder and tongue perform well but turbulent winds or angry breath can produce storms as wretched as Hell.

Respect, power, fame and fortune are like the grandeur of the ship but, this valued treasure can be lost if the tongue is allowed to slip. It can speak either bad or good; to give comfort or make someone sad. Whatever it says reveals the one speaking, making him look good or bad.

Your tongue is your rudder and only you can set the course you will sail. Your tongue can hold your bow in the wind making certain you never fail. Respond to the voice of Captain God and he'll guide you through rough seas. He'll show you how to trim your rudder so you can make your trip with ease.

Observe, the ships which are so great in size and driven by the wind are led about by a small rudder. The violent motions are kept straight by its will. In the same way the tongue, a small member boasts greatly. Observe how great a fire a small piece of wood kindles. (James 3:4)

### MAN AND WOMAN

### The Beginning

No one can plumb the depth of the intelligence required to create the two different yet similar human beings. Together they are a replica of a nonphysical being like God, dwelling in a physical body. This body reveals supra-human engineering operated by an amazing computer-like instrument called a brain. Unknown to some who do not know or accept the Bible account of creation, this body, with its brain, is a dwelling for a god who is of the same substance and nature as God who created him. The purpose of this writing is to use information found in the Bible to get a general understanding of the origin, function and relationship of the male and female human to each other and God.

First, it is necessary to clarify the meaning of some of the words. The word "create" represents something made to exist that did not previously exist in any form. The word "made" represents something formed from existing material. For example, a person creates a previously non-existing idea and then uses existing material to make a physical replica of that idea. An idea is something nonphysical produced by its creator. This appears to be what God did. This two stage operation (created and made) is mentioned in Genesis 2:3. It is also seen by comparing verses 1:20-25 and 2:18-20 where the nonphysical idea of creatures was *created* on the fifth and sixth days prior to the creation of man and later had physical bodies *made* from the earth after the creation of man which occurred on the sixth day. Here the word man represents a nonphysical, twin being like God before God made a body for

them. This is the concept of faith where something exists in a nonphysical form before it becomes physical. The words "without form" can represent something in the idea stage, something that is in process and incomplete or an existing wasteland. The earth, completely covered with water, had no special form. The word "void" represents something that is empty. "The earth was without form and empty."

A correct translation is needed for the Hebrew word, "ruwach" (roo-akh) which means to blow or breathe and is equivalent to the Greek word pneuma which means "wind" or "breath". In verse 1:2 it was not a spirit but the breath of God that moved upon an incomplete (without form) and empty (void) body of water. Wind or breath is a physical representation of the nonphysical substance of life which is God. Like the water, the breath-being's body (man), made from dust particles, had no life until God breathed into it. How it was made from dust but ended up being mostly water is a mystery.

When God did this, the previously created, nonphysical breath-being entered the physical body and enabled the body to process physical air required to sustain that physical body. One ability of God's breath is seen when Jesus breathed on the apostles and his holy breath became the source of their power to perform what, in physical terms, is called miracles (John 20:22). When the breath-being, which lives in the body, leaves the body, physical air no longer has the ability to sustain the body. The body then begins returning to particles compatible with the substance from whence it came and the breath-being goes to the area of the nonphysical realm compatible with its nature. The desires and nature of a breath-being do not change when it leaves its human body. Loving or not loving God remains the same.

The Greek word "pneuma" means breath or wind and, like the Hebrew word ruwach, is a metaphor for the substance of life which is God. Neither the Hebrew nor the Greek word represents the idea of a spirit or ghost which, like a hologram, is an illusion without substance. For that reason, the word "breath" or "breath-being" is used instead of the traditional word "spirit" because God is not an illusion or superstition. God is nonphysical substance, described in human language as "breath", from which came/comes all that is substance. God's breath brooded over or, stirred the waters (1:2) like a hen stirring fertile eggs in her nest.

When God created man, he created one nonphysical being with separate and distinct male and female qualities (1:27). This created being was a creation of God not something made from existing matter as proposed by those who

embrace the theory of evolution. This breath-being was of the same substance as God which is what the word "image" represents. That this new creation consisted of the same substance as God, with both male and female genre, is seen in verse 1:26 where God said, "let *us* make man in *our* image." This statement gives an insight to the nature of God. It is not uncommon for a person to talk to himself so, to whom is he speaking when he talks to himself? Being a two-part being like God he can have a conversation with himself.

The substance of this new creation was the same as the substance of God but character (likeness) would be the product of a choice. This is seen in the difference in the meaning of the words "in our image" and "after our likeness" (See Genesis 1:26-27). Like a son or daughter born to parents, "in our image" is produced by the parents; "after our likeness" is produced by the choices of the child. God made man in his image with the ability to make choices that would make him like God. This is the same with parents who bear children. Becoming like someone is not accomplished with inheritance but by making the same choices as that person. Not doing this is what caused Lucifer to miss the mark (the meaning of sin).

The reporting in Genesis of what happened makes a distinction in creation and physical formation. Creation took place in a nonphysical form before it took in a physical form. The length of time between creation and formation varies with each creation. The first creation was time and, at the beginning of time, God created the skies (universe) and earth and after that he created light. With these the creating and making were simultaneous. The word "be" in the words "let there be light" indicates light did not travel from one place to another but was everywhere at the same time. This was accomplished with the speed of thought. Time, the universe, earth and light were created and made on the same 24 hour day. Creatures were created in nonphysical form on the fifth and sixth days, which was before man was created, but were not made physical until after a body was formed for man, sometime after the first week of creation (2:19-20). It appears God and his male/female creation, occupying one body, were playing with mud like children. God made a mud pie with a unique form and his new creation gave it a name. A look at creatures created causes one to think they were like two children having a good time. Jesus said Children were the kind of humans who enjoyed the reign of God.

Chapter one tells of creation, some of which remained in a nonphysical form for a time. Chapters two and three tell of some creations, including man, taking on physical forms after the first seven days of creating and resting. When created, this male and female was one breath-being like, and equal to, God. This two-in-one being communicated directly with God as another god both before and after a physical body was made for them. Before the body was made there was no physical brain to form a thought or apparatus to make the sound of a voice because neither existed at that time. Communication was awareness which, with few exceptions, remains the way of communicating with God. When God made the first physical body, they both lived in that body until a separate body was made for the female. The first physical body was not made during the first six days. It was not made until there was a need for physical care for the plant life in Eden. In verse 2:5 the word "man' now represents a physical body. Now the created and made man can meet the physical needs of his new world.

In 2:4 the word "generations" means progression in the sense of bearing or bringing forth as in a birth. This is compatible with the word "brood in 1:2. In the first six days God created and made the skies (universe) and earth and after that, what he created in a nonphysical form which had not been given a physical form, was given a physical form and produced what it was made to produce. There is no mention of the time needed for growth on or in the earth but, the time required for growth of plant life constitutes an estimate of the time after the first week before the first physical, human body was made.

The being created by God was not a physical man and woman. This is shown by the statement, "There was no man (with a physical body) to take care of the plant life" (verse 2:5). This Hebrew word for man is "adam". This word first represented the nonphysical male/female breath-being but here, in reference to the physical body, it means to show blood in the face or turn red or rosy. At first, the word "adam" (man) represented both, the male and female but after a body was made for the female, the word "adam" identified the male. God planted a garden he named Eden (soft, pleasant, to live voluptuously-2:7-8,) where he put the two-in-one, breath-being residing in one physical body. They lived there for a period of time while occupying that one physical body (2:15-17). They were living in that one body when God warned them not to eat of the tree of knowledge. Discontentment motivated God to make many creatures to solve the problem and when that didn't work he separated them and made a body for Eve. Because the serpent was physical and is said to approach Eve, Eve was probably in her own body when he approached her.

Verses 2:18-20 tell the reason the creatures of the earth were made. A perfect, God-like male and female, living in a perfect body, in a perfect environment, with everything the physical world could provide, were not

content. In an effort to pacify their discontentment, God made, from the earth, bodies for creatures previously created, to aid them (the meaning of help meet) in their effort to find contentment. Remember, the word "man" in 2:18 is speaking of both male and female residing in one body as one physical being. This nature of God, trying to please, is seen in parents who give things to their children to make them happy. Happiness comes from a happening and requires repeated happenings to maintain happiness. Contentment is an attitude of a breath-being that does not require a happening.

A look at the variety of creatures in the world reveals the effort of God to produce something that would provide contentment for them. Nothing made from this world could provide contentment. The two of them, speaking as one person, gave the creatures names. Remember, at this time, adam meant man not male because God called both of them adam (man). They lived together in a body made of dirt. Making, naming and watching the creatures was entertaining but nothing God could produce from the earth (see verse 2:20) brought lasting satisfaction to them. This should be a lesson in wisdom; if God can't produce something from the earth to give satisfaction to man (male/female) living in a perfect environment, why does man (male/female) think he can use things to satisfy someone living in an imperfect environment? Because the basic person is a nonphysical person living in a physical body, the only thing that can give fulfillment and contentment is love, something nonphysical. Severe poverty or horrible experiences do not destroy contentment for two people who love each other and unlimited wealth and a trouble free relation do not produce contentment for two people who don't love each other.

Contentment is an elusive treasure that cannot be found in material things and activities of the earth and universe. Like the story "Acres of Diamonds", this treasure is not found by searching the world but by discovering what one already is and has. Getting whets the appetite for more getting. Neither does lasting contentment come with giving material things to others. Benevolent people will verify this. Contentment is a by-product of reciprocal love. It first comes with a love for self as mentioned by Jesus (Matthew 5:39). When the male and female characters living in one body love each other, that person has an ability to love others and God.

This love within one's self precedes love between two separate people or between a person and God. As John said, "The person without love does not know God because God is love." (I John 4:8). Love, between a male and a female breath-being living in one body, loving a male and female breath-

being living in a different body, is the physical parallel of love between a human and God. The sex of the body determines the dominant character in a body. The male character is dominant in a man's body and the female character is dominant in a woman's body. A person who thinks his dominant character is different from his physical body has fallen prey to the Devil who walks about like a roaring lion looking for his next meal. (I Peter 5:8). Overcoming an inner desire to be different from the gender of the physical body is as necessary as overcoming any other attack by Satan.

The male and female genre is in every person and represents the conflict in every person. These contrasting and conflicting personalities in each person cannot be resolved with knowledge they can only be resolved by embracing love. Love is what makes God one and love is what produces oneness in a person, oneness between two people and oneness with God. This is not mental or physical love. Adam and Eve proved, existing together in one body and later in separate bodies, with everything their hearts desired, does not produce contentment. Without mutual love, treasures and pleasures as great as those of Eden cannot produce contentment. With mutual love, contentment will flourish in the midst of squalor like a rose bush flourishing in a dunghill.

Contentment begins with a choice motivated by love. Without the freedom to reject there is no freedom to choose. The freedom to choose is one of the things that make a person equal to God. Like humans, God isn't looking for an inferior or a servant for his mate; he is looking for an equal worthy of admiration. In the relationship between physical man and nonphysical God, equality is not determined by equal mental or physical ability. This equality is like the relationship of an adult mother with her tiny baby or a prince with a Cinderella. Love enables the lesser to have access to all the greater is and has. All a lesser person has to do to be equal is accept what is offered. Concerning the male and female, equality only exists when there is freedom to choose. For a free choice to be made God had to separate the male and female and give them separate bodies where each could be dominant. With separate dominance each would have to find a way to resolve their contrasting qualities. Mental compatibility and physical pleasure could give limited agreement but time would erode that agreement. For a fortunate few who experience love, differences are washed away like a speck of dirt because each separate being wants what is pleasing for the other. When this happens, the two humans, with different bodies and natures, become a physical depiction of a union of God and a human.

Because he is in the image (same characteristics and nature) of God, every human seeks love. Without love from one considered equal, a person is incomplete and discontented. God's desire to find an equal to love, who would freely choose to love him over all other suitors, is the reason he created man equal to himself. In verse 1:26 two things are mentioned to define what God wants man to be. "In our image" means he will have the same substance and two-part nature as God. "After our likeness" means he will act like God. The first part was simple for God, who accomplished this by his ability to create man but, the second part requires a choice be made by man. Like two people in love choosing each other to the exclusion of all others, this requires man (male and female) to freely choose God over all other suitors in the face of all choices that contend for their love. Mutual love between God and a person produces contentment for both God and that person.

Man (male and female) began as one created god. Eden provided him with the best the world had to offer for the pleasure of his brain controlled body. Would man be willing to reject this world if it came into conflict with God or would he reject God? That is the crux of man's choice. The desires of the flesh and the desire of the brain to please the flesh are formidable forces against a breath-being who, in most cases, lives like a prisoner, in a physical body whose basic attraction is toward the earth from whence it came. Only God can free a person, not from that prison but in that prison. It is like Joseph in Pharaoh's prison; Joseph was as free when he entered the prison as he was when left. Only his physical body was affected while he was in the prison. Joseph remained free because he chose God when he was with his jealous brothers, when he was with a wanton woman, when he was one of many helpless men in prison and when he was second only to Pharaoh. When a person chooses God over the desires of his flesh and reasoning of his brain, love for God will be like mutual love of a man and woman; he will be and feel free and content.

**The Separation**: Without love, choice is motivated by selfishness. The attraction will be to the physical and/or mental aspects of another instead of the person and, familiarity over time will weaken the magnetism of the physical and mental. Choice is not a one-time thing but day-by-day decisions. A marriage vow or sense of obligation cannot produce contentment. When God saw nothing he made gave lasting satisfaction to the two-in-one body man (1:20), he separated them. He took a part of that one physical body where they both resided and made a second body. He then separated the female part of the nonphysical created being from the male part and placed the female in the new body. The first body was made completely from dust particles of the earth. The second body was made from a rib of the first body. This means God used higher quality and more attractive material

to form the body for the female. This is obvious from observation. The first body was made from dirt; the second body was made from what came from that dirt. A house, built with wood which grew out of dirt, is superior and more attractive than a house (a mud hut) built with that dirt.

Now the two are separate and independent of each other. Unity and agreement must now be based upon the un-coerced and un-bribed choices of each. Because they interpret knowledge and circumstances differently, there will be times of disagreement that cannot be remedied with their knowledge and God had already proven when he made all the creatures, "doing things to please" will only provide temporary relief for dissatisfaction. After Eve received her physical body, she and her body were 100% female and Adam and his body was 100% male. When they mated and bore a child, that child received a mental, physical and nonphysical part of both. This caused their offspring to be like they were before they were separated into two separate bodies.

The purpose of the physical body is to reveal which of the two in the body is dominant. The male body reveals a male dominance and a female body reveals a female dominance. Satanic influence can cause confusion in the brain that can cause a male to act like or think he is a female and a female to act like or think she is a male. Like the first male/female creation occupying one body, each person is a male/female being occupying one body. The breath-being in each human body is a male/female twin like God. An offspring receives the female gene of the female and the male gene of the male so it is a duplicate of its parents the way the first breath-being was a duplicate of God.

Separate bodies provide independent freedom to accept or reject each other. The degree of harmony within a male/female person determines the degree of harmony that person will have with other humans. The brain of one person will interpret the speech and conduct of another person consistent with the harmony or lack thereof of the male/female natures in his body. Inner disagreement produces an egocentric nature which leads to putting self before the other person and creates division inside and conflict outside. Differences will have to be resolved by compromise and compromise which requires undesired submission by either will diminish respect and admiration in self and in the other. This will widen the gap between the two and lead to more severe disagreements. Concession by the brain and submission by the body in an effort to produce contentment will not produce lasting success. A brain responding only to knowledge and a body responding only to desire will not produce contentment.

The attributes of the female are subjective and enable her to appreciate the esthetic qualities of creation more than the male. Knowing this, Lucifer, now referred to as Satan, the adversary of this creation of God, used a beautiful, suave and cunning serpent to approach Eve instead of Adam. Men are slower to pick up on those things and more content with the status quo than women. This is also why he can deceive a person who relies upon his brain for wisdom instead of himself, the nonphysical person living in the body. When Eve looked at the tree of knowledge she saw it was attractive, contained physical satisfaction (food et.al.), and would make her intelligent and equal to God. She was already equal to God. Adam just saw a tree God told him to avoid. Eve's observation was not evil it was natural. A man sees food as necessary nourishment; a woman sees food as an experience. A man only needs something to eat; a woman needs ambiance.

A woman is designed with intuitive ability to aid her in the care of infants who can't verbally communicate their needs. She has an emotional system which lets her "feel" the feelings of children and others. Her physical appearance does not appear threatening and her beauty and mannerisms make her a magnet for the male. This is the way God made her so, these things are not evil. As with all things in life, knowledge and natural traits are not evil, it is the wrongful use of knowledge and natural traits that is evil. God knows everything and is free to do anything but he remains holy by choice. It is not knowledge or traits but character that determines a person's choice.

Before Eve ate the fruit she had perfect knowledge in the sense she knew everything she needed to know. Unneeded and harmful information is harmful to the function of the brain like unneeded and harmful food is harmful to the function of the body. Before she decided to eat the fruit, information compatible with the words of God eliminated her need for a choice. Sin was complete as soon as she made the choice, not when she ate the fruit. As Jesus said, sin comes with a look and desire before the deed is committed. After she ate the fruit she acquired information not compatible with what God told her and was now forced to choose between the new information and what God told her. Before, her desires were regulated only by knowledge of what was good. Now, when her brain produces a thought or her body generates a desire, she, the breath-being in that body, is outvoted two to one.

She, a nonphysical being equal to God, has authority to veto decisions made by her brain and body but without a veto a democratic vote by her brain and body will be a majority. To be like God a person must operate as a theocracy. If she trusts God's instructions and exercises the authority of his words, she will use what he said to veto any wayward thinking in her brain and quell any destructive desire in her body. The brain and body are products of the earth and will always think and act in concert with the earth. A person (a nonphysical breath-being) who does not know or does not respect what God says will become a pawn of his brain and body. Like the ignorance of a child, the knowledge and instincts of the brain and body have little if any concern for risks that lead to bad consequences. A brain which favors knowledge from the world over what God says will trade the most precious of treasures for a moment of pleasure for itself and its body.

Emotions produced by thoughts in the brain are a powerful force. Preachers and other types of sales people use tear-jerking stories and emotional performances to convince people to do what they want them to do. Men have emotion but not to the degree of women unless they are effeminized. That's why Satan used a serpent and approached Eve instead of Adam. The serpent is described as being more cunning (smooth in speech) than any beast God made. He was chosen because the contest would be between, what God said and how well the serpent could use words to stimulate emotion that would cause Eve to question what God said. (3:1). This is how Satan was able to cause the Jewish leaders to crucify Jesus and how he manipulates some religious leaders in the church system to confuse the people to the point of opposing the words of God spoken through Jesus.

He began by asking Eve a question. Asking a person a question causes his brain to experience a certain amount of anxiety and puts him in a defensive mode. Lawyers are skilled in this tactic. Next, the serpent contradicted a part of her statement to put her brain in a mode of uncertainty. Then, when uncertainty initiated confusion, he told her she would become like a god. Now, there is a conflict with what God told her and what the serpent told her. She began to think about what the serpent said and current words of the serpent were more compelling than previous words of God. She forgot, she was already, not like a god, she was a god exactly like God who created her in his image. The serpent transferred her attention from who she was (a nonphysical breath-being like God) to what her body was (a product of the physical world of time, subject to death and therefore, not a god). The brain has no concept of God and has to use knowledge, images and idols to produce an opinion of God.

A person seeking God with just the knowledge collected in his brain will not find God, he will find an opinion (mental idol) produced by his brain. The Instructions of God (Exodus 20:4) not to make any images or likenesses of anything in the skies, in the earth or under the earth were to keep visuals from generating emotions and mental opinions which would be misinterpreted as God. Like liquor, emotion distorts normal functions of the brain. A smooth talker, like the serpent, can stir emotions and distort the reasoning ability of the brain. Eve lost sight of what she was and the purpose for which God made her. What should have been a simple rejection of the con-serpent was overcome by the curiosity of her brain which activated a desire in her body. What God told her would happen if she ate the fruit was diluted by curiosity and desire. Her desire made her insensitive to something bad her decision might cause.

This is an example of the superiority of the female when in a discussion with a male. Consuming knowledge produced by the earth put them in conflict with the knowledge supplied by God. Now the two have agreed and, as Jesus said, if two agree, the Father will grant it. It is the agreement of the male and female parts of a breath-being that causes the object of the agreement, both good and evil, to be is granted. Having tasted knowledge from the earth they will continue to choose knowledge in spite of the problems it causes. Just as knowledge from God will draw a person to God, knowledge from the world will draw a person to the ways of the world.

#### **Equality**

The word "Adam", first used to represent both male and female, is now the name of the man and "Eve" (life giver) is the name of the woman. Adam, in the original body and male descendants, a facsimile of the original body, had/have a natural affinity with earth and nature. Eve and female descendants living in a second generation body are more attuned to what nature produces. She is more attracted to the offspring than to the producer of the offspring. This is seen after the first child is born. Circumstances related to her offspring attract her attention more than the co-producer of the offspring. Her penchant for emotion often causes her to go with emotionally charged feelings rather than common sense reality and, rationalizing with her emotions, she finds justifiable reasons for her decisions. Her weaker but attractive physical appearance makes a normal man reluctant of being harsh with her and his desire to please her gives her a distinct advantage over him. It doesn't take a genius to see which is superior of the two.

Like her first mother Eve, circumstances at hand may appear more important to her than what God says. A woman's sense of equality may cause her to challenge the position of authority God gave to man. Equality is not the same thing as authority. Exercising her equality may cause her to intrude into the area or authority God assigned the male. Because of God's love for him,

Lucifer was equal to God but his desire to be "like" or have the authority of God caused him to challenge the authority of God. God made woman equal to man but her desire to have the authority God assigned to man may cause her to challenge the authority God gave him over everything, including her. Lucifer wanting to be like God (Isaiah 14:13-14), and a woman wanting to be like a man is an example of becoming less by wrongfully striving to be more.

God made Lucifer more attractive than himself. Because of who he was, Lucifer was at his peak of glory and honor. He couldn't go higher. God made woman more attractive than man. Because of who she is, a woman is at the peak of her glory and honor. If she usurps the authority God gave to man she will make herself less than what God made her to be. Trying to be like a man will diminish her beauty, her unique gifts and all the other wonderful things she is. The women who assume the positions of men don't go up they go down. They don't become more they become less. Their assignment to teach children the ways of God is the most important of all responsibilities assigned by God. If they fail to perform their assignment, it doesn't matter what else they do, they fail. The conduct of the people of a nation reveals the failure or success of the women of that nation to do what God assigned them to do.

A woman who becomes unfaithful to the assignment God gives her may retain her looks and intelligence but, like Lucifer, fail to hear the only thing that counts when she departs her physical body... Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord. Her refusal to do the assignment God gave her leaves her children to learn from sources in the world that do not represent God to her children the way she can. Sons grow up to become men who never learn the wisdom of or respect for God from a mother. Daughters use the priceless gifts of beauty and intelligence God gives them to make gains for themselves. What God made as perfect grace and beauty becomes an ugly tool of Satan in his efforts to defeat God in man.

Fortunately for mankind, there are some men and women who learn and live by what God says. These are the remnant who perform the assignment God gave them. In fact, if the conditions of sparing Sodom are the same, this remnant is keeping the world from being destroyed. Many women leave the most important assignment ever given to a human to prove something they already are...equal to men. They become deceived by Satan and strive to obtain something less valuable than what they already have. They leave the acres of diamonds to be discovered by remaining where God assigned them and chase mirages. When it comes to decisions needing mental intelligence,

women outperform men. When a woman lays out her reasons for doing or not doing something a certain way that will lead to failure, something inside the man tells him it won't work (the proverbial "gut feeling") but he may not find words for a successful rebuttal. Because God does not argue, he depends upon the man to stand pat on what he (God) told him, without arguing. If the man tries to argue with the woman he will be won over by her and, like Adam, tell God it was her fault. A sign of the people of a nation turning from the words and ways of God can be seen in the prominence of women in leadership positions in religion, government and commerce. The children are sold out for fame and fortune.

The male brain, ignorant of or, too timid to do what God says, relies upon human reasoning instead of God's words to overcome the reasoning of the woman. God's instructions often come without an explanation or reason. Eve made up some reasons to blame the serpent but there are no reasons for disobeying a simple and direct instruction except disrespect for the one who gave the instructions. God told them not to eat from the tree of knowledge. That's about as simple as one can get. A person who trusts God only needs to know "what" he doesn't need to know "why". God intended the woman be equal in every way and superior in some ways to the man. Her equality is not proven by taking the assignment God gave man but by teaching a son to be what God designed a man to be. For a woman to desire to be equal to a man is like Eve believing the Serpent when he told her she would be like (equal to) a god. Eve was already a god and woman is already equal with man. Getting someone to want to become what they already are is Satan's way of getting people to become less than what God designed them to be.

## Women used by Satan

Satan's use of Eve to influence Adam was the first of many of Satan's victories using a female. Abraham is known as the father of faith because he was willing to sacrifice Isaac. This was his second chance to prove his allegiance to God because he failed to trust God when confronted by childless Sarah about giving her a son using a Heathen practice of a surrogate mother. The ability to wait a long time for something to be done is not the long suit of a woman. Her quick response system which triggers emotions of fear, anger and excitement is not well suited for waiting. Her prayer is, "God give me patience...right now."

Using knowledge to weigh her age against the promise of God for a son put Sarah in conflict with God. Like the first female, what God said was overcome by the emotional reasoning of her brain. Ignoring what God said, she decided to get a son by using a method used by the people of the land who didn't know God. She pre-emptied God's gift of Isaac with a son made hers by custom instead of birth. Because Abraham allowed this to be done, he was responsible the same way Adam was responsible for letting Eve convince him to do something contrary to God's instructions. This later caused Abraham to have to do a horrible thing and send Ismael and his natural mother into the desert without any means of help other than the God he didn't trust to keep his promise. Ismael became the father of a powerful people who, through the centuries to the present time, have been enemies of the people of God.

Some of God's instructions cannot be understood by a human brain but, trusting God eliminates a need to know. Circumcision was a physical seal that validated the covenant between Abraham and God. When Moses agreed to go to Egypt for God, he was to abide by the covenant and its seal. A five hundred year old religious requirement didn't make sense to Zipporah, the wife of Moses, so she refused to inflict pain upon her sons by cutting their foreskins. When Moses didn't overrule her refusal, he was marked for death by God (Exodus 4:24-26). His life was spared when Zipporah used a stone to circumcise her sons to save Moses. Her feminine persuasive ability put Moses' life at risk and deliverance of the Hebrews in Egypt in Jeopardy. Moses, like many men, was not willing to go against the wishes of his wife. Fortunately, for so many in need of God's deliverance by the hand of Moses, Zipporah recanted and obeyed the covenant. She is an example of the influence of a woman whose husband is strongly committed to God but not willing to oppose his wife to do what God tells him to do.

David had a reputation of being a man pleasing to God. His allegiance to God enabled him to slay Goliath, kill a bear and lion and be victorious in many battles. He was a prime example of a man who believed God. A woman did not initiate but became the reason for David's rebellion against God. He used the position and power God granted him to take another man's wife and then have the man killed to conceal the product of his evil. The son produced by his sin still holds the Guinness record for the man with the most wives. All the idolatry and excesses that came with these wives turned the people against Solomon, led to the secession of ten of the tribes of Israel and a forsaking of the ways of God. Solomon was an example of intelligence and stupidity residing in the same brain.

The King James translation tells of Solomon being more wise than all the leaders of kingdoms around him (I Kings 4:29-34). Instead of the word "wisdom" the word "intelligence" should have been used. Intelligence is the accumulation of information. What Solomon learned from one thousand

wives and concubines certainly provided him with a lot of information. Wisdom is the ability to use information for the best results. Some people acquire much more intelligence than others but often lack wisdom to use it for the best results. Many times a woman affects the course of a man's life. In Solomon's case it was one thousand women. They each needed their own palace so Solomon had to levy more and more taxes to pay for these dwellings. This led to a revolt by the people and eventually a division of the twelve tribes of Israel. The word "wisdom" in no way defines the conduct of Solomon.

Samson was chosen by God to free the Israelites from the oppression of the Philistines. A thousand men could not apprehend him but one woman did. Delilah, betraying Samson for money, destroyed the leadership role God gave him and stopped his victories over Israel's enemies.

These stories show the most beautiful and gifted of all God's creation becoming an instrument of Satan. One group of men, mentioned in Revelation (14:4), is called virgins because they did/do not pollute themselves with women. The word pollute is not referring to sex because the men mentioned above had wives. The word "virgin" usually represents a female who has not had intercourse with a man but here it refers to certain men who refused to be polluted by a woman's ability to persuade them to go against God's instructions. They were men, married and unmarried, whose first allegiance was to God. The number 144,000 does not represent 144,000 individual men it is one of the many metaphors used in Revelation. It is the product of 12 x 12 x 1000. The first twelve represents the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel. The second twelve represents the twelve apostles. 1000 represents the same kind, same family, same endeavor etc. (It is the Hebrew word-elef). Two is the number that represents one true witness. Two groups of twelve (twelve tribes and twelve apostles) saying the same thing (1,000) constitute one true witness (2). They, and those who do the same as they, are one family with the same message which is represented by the number 1,000.

The purpose of the statement is not to give a number of men. Rather, it is to show there were/are men who did not and do not permit anything or anybody to dilute their allegiance to God. Much of the female's success is because the reasoning of the female, using knowledge from the world, confuses the male who is designed for pragmatic reasoning. If he does not know God's instructions or does not give them priority over all other information, he may become effeminized and disobey God. Because his natural desire is to please the woman, there are many harmless reasons to agree with her which cause

him to become accustomed to letting her have her way without any negative feelings toward her. He is happy when she is happy. When she wants to do something that is contrary to his understanding of the will of God, his nature causes him to lean toward her way of thinking. All things being equal, any time a man enters the arena of reason with a woman, he will lose. If he attempts to overrule her use of intelligence with his intangible "gut feeling", he will appear stupid because he won't be able to give a logical reason for his reluctance to agree with her. Knowledge requires a reason; trusting God does not require a reason.

When a male does not have and hold to the instructions of God, he too will rely upon knowledge accumulated by his brain. The brain uses knowledge to generate confidence which is often confused with faith. If he relies primarily upon his knowledge for solutions, he will become a prey to the deceptions of Satan who uses knowledge to confuse and defeat his victims. The brain uses logic to correlate existing information with circumstances while faith responds to the soundless voice of God. Because the woman is designed to use mental intuition, she is more skilled in dealing with problems using knowledge which makes her appear more intelligent than the man who is designed to consider non-mental communication. Non-mental awareness is Information that does not originate in the brain. This form of communication is not computable for a brain designed to compute information it contains to reach a reasonable and logical conclusion.

When the male and female respect the role God gave each of them, they become usable instruments for God. Religious teachings learned by the brain should not overrule direct communication from God and what is thought to be communication from God should be scrutinized by previous words and precedents of God. There is a continuous conflict between knowledge and faith. Knowledge is collected information; faith is awareness without previous learning. Faith may appear as a thought in the brain without an explanation to appease the brain. At other times there is awareness without a thought for the brain to process. The most important assignment from God is given to the female. She is to teach her children to honor what God says. The statement "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" is true. Some women live in situations where they have to do both, theirs and a male's assignment but, a woman who neglects her assignment from God for pleasure or to improve lifestyle may see her children paying the price for her being awol. No one, including another female can replace the mother of a child. There is a nonphysical connection between a mother and her child that can't be duplicated by another.

God loves and sees both as equals but he made the male responsible for the results. Because he is responsible God gave him primary authority. It is not a question of who is smarter or superior it is a structure of organization. In most human activity, the person with the skill to do the hands-on work is not the person with authority. In a marriage, a male without the help of a female to do God's work is as helpless as a general without an army. Authority is useless unless there is someone to do the work. That means the success or failure of God's efforts to save man is in the hands of the woman. A man, standing on a soapbox or in a pulpit, barking out pious platitudes is just hot air. It takes a mother to teach their children the written and non-written words and ways of God.

Men and women, not doing their assignment, find all kinds of scapegoats to blame for their negligence. Their reason for failure is seen when they blame inanimate objects such as, "the times in which they live" for ungodliness. The culprit is not the character of a time because God made each person capable of trusting him in any situation. The culprit is a mother whose negligence was permitted by the son of another mother who didn't use the authority God assigned him to make certain his children were taught about God by their mother. Both are equally at fault. Both Adam and Eve were evicted from Eden. If a man refuses to provide means for the children to be taught the words and ways of God by their mother, he is guilty of maleficence. Any time and as long as men and women choose knowledge and pleasures from the world over the words and ways of God they will lie about the cause of evil, remain ignorant of the only solution and self-destruct. When a people who profess to be believers in God begin to turn away from God's words, there will be an increasing number of women in prominent positions in religion, government and commerce who left the assignment God gave them to become successful in the ways of the world.

# **NEPHILIM**

Genesis 6:4 records-There were Giants in the earth in those days and also after that when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men and they bare children to them. The same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. (Read 6:1-13 for a complete account).

In this king James translation there are words in italics. These words are not in the text and are added by the translator to represent words he thinks are missing. Leaving these words out makes the end of the statement read, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men and they bare to them. The same mighty men were of old, men of Shem.

Some have proposed a theory this statement tells of supernatural beings mating with physical women to bear supra-normal men. This idea is demonstrated in God's impregnation of Mary but not mentioned in any other place. It is a careless reading of the above passage that led to some believing something that is not verified by an accurate reading of the text. God's law for reproduction was everything would reproduce after its kind. The word "kind" means same species. When a man and woman use an egg and sperm to make a baby the baby is the same species as they. If such a mating between nonphysical beings and physical women happened, why did the report mention male but not female offspring?

Just as there are no mid-stage ape-men to support the theory of evolution, no creature exist that represents this theoretical cross-species production. There are many supernatural, God-like beings in the world today who live in physical bodies. They are called "humans". To correctly understand communication a person must first know the meaning of the words used. Son is an anthropomorphic term ascribing God-like characteristics to an offspring. This offspring in question is a human which is not produced without the joint effort of a physical male and female in physical bodies. If this erroneous theory were true there would be many children born of virgins. Mary would not be the first. A man devoted to God who marries a woman of the world who knows nothing of God is the correct meaning of this statement.

**giants:** This word is Nephilim which means "of great statue, influence or aggressiveness."

**those days:** 120 years was the amount of time God allowed before the earth would be covered with water. 100 years before the onset of the flood Noah's wife had triplets who were named Shem, Ham and Japheth. Since Noah was already married these are the only men who would be identified as men of God who married women from the general population who were described as people whose thoughts were continually evil. The fact the families of the wives did not board the Ark tells what they thought of what Noah was saying and doing. For some reason Noah gave his first son Shem a name that means "shame". Ham means "hot" and Japheth means "to expand".

**and also after that:** These are the days after the flood. The only people living after the flood were Noah and his family. It is strange the Hebrew word Shem would be translated renown and that renown would evolve into meaning "name" as in "men of the name". The correct transliteration of the

word translated "renown" is Shem, the first son of Noah. The word Shem means shame. While people of giant sizes may have lived before the flood, the Nephilim, described as "men of Shem", lived after the flood. The Nephilim were male descendants of Shem. Names usually represented something about the person. There is no information indicating why Noah gave his sons their names.

when the sons of gods: Elohiym, which is plural, and the word gods used here represent the male-female character of God and the male/female character of a God-like being operating as one in a human body. This plural word "gods" is not speaking of more than one person but the male female parts of one person. This is what makes a person the image of God. They are further described as "men of Shem" not men of renown. Jesus referred to Psalm 82:6 when he told the Jews (John 10:30-39) men were gods because they were sons (off-springs) of God.

daughters of men: The word "men" is the word "Adam" which is the name that represented humans before and after God made a body for the breath being he created. At different times the word "Adam" represented both, the physical human body and the nonphysical being living in it. The word Shem is the word translated renown by some translators. The meaning of Shem is shame. The idea of them being Giants could be physical or their ability to hear and do what God told them to do. The only available women were the women who were the daughters of men who did not have a relationship with God. Marrying daughters of men who did not know God was their only choice. Noah was 500 years old when his triplet sons were born.

mighty men: This means men of great statue, authority and power. God gave man authority over all his creation and the ability to rule it. This was demonstrated when the earth stopped revolving and on another occasion, moved in reverse. How man responds to God determines how nature and the physical world respond to man. Men who had the faith-power to command nature qualified as "mighty Men". Man began with authority and power equal to God. The farther time moved him from the days of Eden the more he depended upon the reasoning of his brain and the more his authority and power weakened. His power was vested in his trust for God not in his knowledge. The brain can find ways to defend against nature but it cannot control it.

**of old:** This should read "Old men of Shem." These were sons of Shem. Abraham was the ninth generation of the descendants of Shem.

men of renown: The word renown is Shem which means shame. The idea the word means men of the name is not supported by the text. There is no identifying adjective (the) before the word which would be necessary if it was a reference to a particular name. The Nephilim were descendants of Shem after the flood. Shem was the first son of Noah (names were listed according to age) and the forefather of the Semites or Jews. Because these people honored God, God enabled them to do great things. This may be where the idea they were men of the name, meaning God's name, originated. The Old Testament is filled with stories of their achievements. God chose them to represent him and make him known to people in the world who were ignorant of him. They were men chosen by God to represent him. Abraham was a grandson of Shem, nine generations later. Being identified as giants would represent them both by reputation and physique.

#### **PRESUMPTION**

**Presume**-To take for granted as though true in the absence of proof to the contrary; to venture without authority or permission. (American Heritage Dictionary)

In the three+ years Jesus taught and exemplified the words and ways of God he enlisted twelve men who were to pass on what he taught them. His plan for these twelve was the same as the plan he gave the seventy pairs he sent out which was for them to announce the presence of the reign of God on earth in people so people could look to God for guidance instead of man. Each person's message was to be like a rock dropped into water, causing each wave to produce another. This is the plan Satan uses to win and maintain control of the people of the world.

That each person should attend to his own instructions from God is seen when Jesus told Peter what John did was not his concern. There are no instructions in any of the writings about Jesus that suggest he authorized the forming of an organization with leaders. In what is considered his last instructions called "The Great Commission" he gives instructions for individuals to be a witness or share their relationship with God but none for forming an organization. So, what is the source of the organization that replaced the guidance of God with the guidance of people?

Peter was a presumptuous person who received rebukes from Jesus. He often spoke when he should have been listening and acted when he should have waited for God to act. He heard what Jesus said about returning to him and the other apostles as the Breath of Truth to remind of what he had said and lead them to complete truth. This may be instructions to solve a problem or something he wanted them to do for him. Peter didn't seem to understand or correctly identify Jesus when he returned to them as fire. John the immerser did (Luke 3:16). This is strange since he was present when Jesus returned in the manner he promised. The apostle John heard, understood and recorded what Jesus said about his return and how he would personally guide those who trusted him. Peter allowed his Judaic teachings to have more influence on him than what Jesus told him. The age-old battle between acquired information and direct communication from God caused Peter to teach and do things which evolved into a tradition that greatly limits God's efforts to reign in people and communicate directly with them as he did with Adam, Moses, Jesus and many, of all generations who recognize his voice.

Not trusting the ability of God to communicate directly with people via his life-giving breath, incorrectly called "The Holy Spirit", Peter presumptuously decided to help God. He was instructed by Jesus to share what he had experienced with God. In a court of law the only information that is accepted from a witness is what he has seen and heard. Truth would never be ascertained if theories and opinions were accepted. Telling one's experiences with God causes the listener to turn his thoughts toward God. Unable to foresee a human controlled organization would interfere with the work of God, Peter presumptuously formed an organization.

An organization needs a leader to tell members what to think and do so, Peter became the leader. An organization needs finances to support its agenda so, a program of socialism was adopted to make a common fund of all the possessions the people owned. Rules were needed so everyone would know what to do and a penalty for not doing what the rules instructed. This led to peter murdering a man and his wife over money and blaming God for what he did. This replaced faith, the only avenue to God, with fear, a favorite tool of Satan. This kind of conduct has been repeated many times by people who are members of churches like the one Peter organized. What Peter did was the beginning of the replacement of God as the teacher and leader of believers. When teachings about God replace a personal, communicating relationship with God, God is replaced with religion.

Religion is the embracing of information collected by the brain which correlates thought and conduct. Because there is a mixture of truth and error in the information, there is a need for someone to be at hand at all times to help a person distinguish between the two. Since God's Word (Jesus) is truth, he is the only one who can do this. In religion a person is persuaded with a bribe of Heaven or a coercive threat of hell to accept God but a relationship

with God is formed when an un-bribed and un-coerced person freely returns God's love to him. Love is not produced by a fear of Hell or a bribe for Heaven. Love is motivated by a person not a promise, pardon or place. Religion requires; a relationship shares. In religion, prayer is a person speaking to whatever his imagination imagines to be God. In a relationship there is a two-way conversation between a person and God.

In a family siblings may teach and aid each other but each child is subject to the instructions of the parent. Just as many children have replaced the lovebased advice of their parents with the vain ideas of peers, many have replaced the love-based advice of God with the conflicting and confusing teachings of religious leaders and dangerous ideas of secular people who seem to think much knowledge equals much truth. God is not dead. He speaks to everyone. Because some of the things he says contradict what religious teachers and the secular world teach, many refuse to listen to him. Religion uses emotion and the secular world uses knowledge to lead people into error and rob them of the freedoms of truth God wants to give them. To help overcome this problem read the Gospel of John repeatedly until the errors of religion and the secular world have been flushed out of the brain. Conditioned your brain to recognize God's voice and have confidence in what he says. Peter, like many others, was dedicated but it is obvious from his words and conduct, dedication and loyalty did not guarantee what he thought, was truth. Finding someone to blame for bad results will not undo the damage done. This is not an effort to demagogue Peter but to show that the most dedicated of Christians can be caught in the snare that caused Lucifer, "The Morning Star" to presume upon God and become Satan "The Adversary".

The human brain is the most magnificent of all physical things made by God and can only reach its potential if taught by the one who made it. If it is not taught by God it will become deceived, deceitful, desperately wicked and impossible to understand and control. If a person really believes God is a real being who likes him enough to talk to him, he should talk to him and then make sure the brain doesn't do a "Presumptuous Peter" and speak for him. Speak to God then make the brain be quiet and still. God will respond. Knowing and trusting what John wrote about Jesus will help a person recognize his voice which is usually manifest as a thought in the brain.

If you love me do what I told you and I will ask the Father and he will give you another, identical to me, to be with you in the realm of time. He will be the breath of truth which the people of the world are not able to experience because they can't see or know him. You know him because

he abides with you and is in you. I will not leave you orphans, I AM coming to you. I told you these things while with you but the Father will send the Holy Breath to be with you. He is me. He will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I said to you. (John 14:15-18; 25-26). It is written in the scriptures, "Everyone will be taught by God... everyone." -Jesus- John 6:45

# **RULES VS PRINCIPLES**

People of good character are governed by principles; people who put self, first, or have a slave mentality need rules to coerce them for proper conduct. A rule requires obedience; a principle allows a choice. A principle represents the first and foremost concept that reaches back to the beginning of time to the program installed in man by God. The Ten Instructions (Commandments) God gave Moses are principles that identify this program. Because four hundred years of being treated like animals in Egypt produced a slave mentality in the people of Israel, God gave them instructions with penalties for refusing to obey the instructions. This was done to teach them how to make beneficial choices. When love is not present pain and pleasure are the two basic ingredients that produce discipline. Discipline is conforming to rules and guidelines. It is the pain that comes from breaking the rules and the reward that comes from keeping the rules that train a person or creature to respond to the rules. This is seen in Pavlov's experiment with a dog.

No one can learn all the rules but everyone can learn two principles. Jesus grouped the Ten Instructions into the two principles which all the rules represent. These principles are (1)-love God with your total being and, (2) love your fellowman with the same love you have for yourself. These two principles are the key to peace in a person's life which is a prerequisite for peace with other people. This love resides in the nonphysical part of man erroneously called "spirit". Two facsimiles of this sacred love reside in the reasoning area of the brain and the natural desires of the body but because they are products of a physical world they are different from the love provided by God. Many good deeds are produced by these facsimiles of love, in response to need and tragedy, by people who do not love God with their total being and do not love the person they are helping the way they love themselves. This causes confusion as to the meaning of love.

Wars, crime, toleration of damage caused by vices, the never-ending list of rules and laws, the millions in penal institutions and many self-serving leaders are testimony America's citizens know little about the love provided by God. Like animals, most respond to the pain or pleasure of their lifestyle

without any sense of wrongdoing or offence toward God. Only physical activity can be controlled by rules. Rules cannot control the thoughts of a person's brain. If the brain is to produce good conduct it must develop a respect for principles that make rules unnecessary. When the brains of children are programmed with evil channeled through communication systems, a God-less educational system that teaches history that contradicts the Bible and parents who condone or are indifferent to the problem, America has no hope of going anywhere but down. Ignorant, evil, self-serving leaders cannot solve America's problems with laws. The only hope for America is for individuals to accept personal responsibility and embrace the two principles of love taught by Jesus. Saving the nation begins with saving self. Saving self requires respect for principles that represent the character of God.

## WHY IS THE SEA SURFACE ROUND

How can the surface of the seas be round? Gravity pulls objects toward the center of the earth until the object is impeded by another object stronger than the pull of gravity. Water will seek the lowest, unhindered level and wherever it stops, the bottom of the water will conform to that surface but the top will become flat with the same elevation. This law of gravity permitted people in ancient times constructing a large edifice to make the foundation level by digging trenches encompassing the proposed structure. They then filled them with water and, using the surface of the water in the trenches as a benchmark, they could determine the exact elevation needed anywhere in the construction area. A long, clear hose filled with water can be used to accomplish the same thing.

Sometimes to get a smooth translation a translator will use a word he thinks represents the meaning of the original word or words. As new generations cause word meanings to evolve, the original meaning may be lost. The original meanings of words used in Genesis 1:1-8 are listed so the reader can decide for himself what happened. The first word in bold print is the King James translation followed by the original meaning of the Hebrew word.

Beginning-the front end of time
Heaven-loftiness
Earth-to be firm
Form-waste, desolate
Void-empty, undistinguishable ruin
Darkness-black
Eace-surface

**Deep**-an abyss of a surging mass of water; from a word meaning to agitate **Firmament**-to pound with passion; to cause to spread or expand from pounding

Waters-a plural word used as a singular

Midst-to sever, a bi-section, the center or middle

Moved-To brood like a bird on a nest

**Divide-**separate

So-to plant, set upright

**Evening-**Covering

Morning-morning

**Create**-to cut down, select (like selecting a tree to be cut down to use for something suggesting there is much more to the realm of God than this earth and universe.)

The following translation is an effort to use the original meanings of the words:

1:1-2: At the front end of time God selected the lofty and the firm. The firm was a desolate waste of undistinguishable ruin and the surface of the abyss of the surging mass of water was black. The breath of God brooded upon the surface of the water.

1:6-8: God said, "Let there be a pounding that causes a spreading in the center of the water and let it separate the water." God caused the expansion by pounding and separated the water under the lofty from the water above the lofty and set it upright. God called the spreading by pounding, Lofty. The covering (blackness) and morning were the second day.

Different elevations of the surface of the earth are feasible because solid material can support different elevations but the seas are not solid matter. Why do they not obey the law of physics concerning liquids and settle with a flat surface? Knowing the law of physics concerning water gave people in pre-Columbus days a logical reason to believe the seas of the world were flat and at some point a ship would fall off the edge of the flat surface.

The words in Genesis 1:9-10 cause some people to think the dry land floated up out of the waters but that is not what God said. The whole surface of the earth was raging waves of water until the breath of God changed it. God's breath was like a nesting hen covering and warming an egg until it hatches. God said, "Let the water under the Heavens (lofty) be gathered together in one place." Like a scattered brood of chickens water was all over the area. God gathered it the way a hen gathers her chicks and the way Jesus wanted to gather Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37). God gathered the scattered waters to form

the round planet called earth. The whole surface was water until God ordered dry land to appear. The words "set it upright" tell why the surface of the water is round instead of flat.

If the waters in the oceans were to obey the law of physics instead of the word of God, they would seek their lowest, unhindered level and cover the earth in water as they did before God assigned a place for them. In the flood of Noah's day there was much rain but to cover the entire earth the waters only had to obey the law of gravity and move downward until the surface was level. This would have caused the surface of the earth to again be covered with water. Another phenomenon of water defying the law of gravity occurred when the sea waters separated and stood up like walls when Israel crossed the Red Sea. A wind with enough force to separate the water of the Red Sea would have had too much force for the people to cross on the bed of the sea. The foolish who say they crossed over the Reed Sea when the tide was out need to explain how Pharoah's army perished in such shallow water. God's Breath has different effects upon different things and people.

The words of God are not always understood or accepted by some people but they are always true. This does not present a problem for a person whose love for God enables him to trust God. Trust is a product of love. Like the waters of the seas defying gravity, many people have experiences that defy the laws of physics when they believe God. The waters of the seas are round instead of flat because God ordered them to be that way. A person of faith experiences things that violate laws of cause and effect because God said their faith would do that.

Some of the greatest of all forces are forces that can't be seen. Wind can benefit by producing power or it can wipe a surface clean. Wind represents the nonphysical realm. The word for both is the same. Sometimes the wind is worthy of praise and at times worthy of shame.

The wind blows where it wills; its origin and destination not known. It defies all powers around it and seems to have a mind of its own. The same can be said of gravity. True explanations are seldom heard. Gravity is not a physical force but something produced by God's Word.

Gravity draws things to the lowest level consistent with their weight. No matter how high man may fly, he finds gravity will always dictate. There is a place, easily seen, where gravity does not heed this law. Does this mean that in God's design there is to be seen a flaw?

In ancient times most people thought the seas were surely flat. They knew water could not stand upright; they were certain of that. Was this not proven by gravity? It was obvious for anyone to see. Water can't stand up round, that's for sure. To this all will agree.

So, why doesn't gravity make the seas flat? What is the mystery here? Waters of the sea are in an arch. On a globe that's how they appear. Perhaps it's because all things have ears that can hear God most high. If God tells the waters to stand upright, they stand without asking, why.

The brain of man is a marvelous thing as it searches the how and why of God's creation, both near and far, from the tiny to the distant sky. The brain is man's gravity that holds him down, forbidding eternal view. It limits his vision to physical things and even then he sees only a few.

The human brain is like a small child with so many things to know. But, it need not know if it will respond to that which God says is so. Like the waters of the seas, stand upright and wave to God above Then accept life's ebb and flow controlled by the gravity of love.

Like the sea, the brain has a shoreline to keep waves of thoughts in place but God can make it stand up tall and see the realm beyond physical space. When a brain submits to its breath-being, it rises to a height where it can see a glimpse of the greatness of the kingdom, God has prepared for you and me.

## THE SHOVEL

As more and more tools are invented, people do more and more in groups and less and less as individuals. As churches, businesses and governments grow larger and larger, individual effort seems less important. Large churches tout their accomplishments and invite others to do their part for God by becoming a member of their large group. Right and benevolence are no longer decided by individual opinion but by a majority of a group of people. Importance and success is measured with numbers and money. If something needs to be done much money and/or many people are called on to do it. Little value is placed upon one person trying to accomplish something. This is appropriate for government and commerce which are motivated by laws and rules but if applied to Christians it usurps the position of God to lead each person and teach him to become self-sufficient like God.

If every Christian should do what God wants him to do, he would be

attending the needs of people to whom God would send him. This personal touch would not only supply a need, it would also inspire the recipient to do the same for others. Because organizations of people do things in such a big way, a person may decide his small effort is not worth doing so he decides to join a group or coast through life not doing much of anything. If 1,000 individuals, individually help someone God told them to help, would that not be more beneficial for all concerned than a group of 1,000 doing something they agreed to do? With God giving instructions the recipient would not only acquire his needs, he would also meet a friend.

The translation "Go ye therefore" makes it sound like Jesus is sending those listening somewhere. This interpretation evolved into sending people from their homes to some different place. A certain church gave money to send missionaries to Africa to tell Negroes about Jesus but forbad their minister to walk across the road in front of the church to talk to Negroes. Their message was not about their experiences with God (witness) but their agenda and a misunderstanding of what Jesus said. A sincere motive to help someone in need becomes tainted by a desire for the recipient to show gratitude by joining and supporting the group that helped him. A church or religious group who broadcasts their good deeds exposes an ulterior motive for their good deeds.

The word Jesus used is poreuthentes which is a participle. The correct translation is, "as you are going". This represents the normal routine of people as they attend their daily responsibilities. Speaking only to one's race or someone of the same belief is eliminated by his words "every nationality". This was to be individual effort done while engaged in normal and casual activity. This casual conversation about one's experience with God would not be done to persuade but to share. The person listening would not think his belief system was being challenged because the subject would be God not an interpretation of teachings about God. The assignment given by Jesus is not to be a messenger for a church or creed but to be a witness of one's experiences with God. It was/is to be done the same way a parent talks to someone about their child's accomplishments or someone telling of the accomplishments of someone they know. When churchanity replaced Christianity individual responsibility and effort assigned by Jesus was lost in the crowd. God made each person an individual. Becoming a part of a group causes a person to lose some and sometimes all of his individuality.

Because God works with individuals, the only motive a person has for sharing experiences with God is to possibly be the messenger of God to help someone solve a problem. A Christian of meager means visited a family in need. As he was preparing to leave he asked them if they would like to pray for God to help them. As if God didn't already know, he was explaining to God their need when God interrupted him and told him to give all the money in his pocket to the needy family. Both the family and that Christian received much more than the value of the money he gave them.

What God assigns a person to do is the most important assignment in this world to that person. A famous person speaking to many people for God is praised by people on earth. The individual who introduced that famous speaker to God is praised in Heaven. A person must not compare his effort with others. He must not permit a church he attends, a creed he believes or any kind of racial or status bias to cause him to neglect his assignment or bury the talent God gave him to do his assignment. As the song lyric states, "Little is much if God is in it."

A man decided to build a large house but only had a shovel with which to dig.

Digging the foundation for a large house with a shovel is a task much too big. A man with a machine agreed to do the work but at work time he failed to appear.

Many calls produced no response. Something must be done; that much was clear.

With his shovel in hand, he began digging. Though massive, it was a task he must do.

It was a long way from start to finish. It would take much hard work to see it through.

Inch-by-inch was the best he could manage. Little-by-little he dug the footing trench.

This was too large a task for a shove but you must use what you have in a pinch.

There was a man who owned a business. He assigned all his work to just a few.

To one he gave five pieces of equipment; to another, with less ability, he gave two.

For the third, the only tool left was a shovel. No one thinks his hand will fit that tool.

With dread and low esteem, he was wondering what to do to not look like a fool.

He hid the shovel for safekeeping. This was honest, but a foolish thing to do. He knew his boss would want his shovel but never guessed he would want two.

Some people are blessed with many talents. They can perform the larger task. They do great things and it seems easy; others gladly help them when they ask.

It isn't the same for one with a shovel. Little-by-little he works and works alone.

If compared, his work will seem trivial for the work he does is little known.

The first to draw attention is big equipment. The work it can do is great, indeed.

The shovel stands alone, without notice awaiting a smaller task that has a need.

The truth in this story is not the size of talents or the number of things they can do.

The key is to use what God gives you. Big equipment may not come. God needs you.

Equipment God gives is the only difference. It is not men's hands, they are the same.

Everyone working for God is considered equal when the work is done in Jesus' name.

It is like a man going abroad who called his servants and gave them his possessions. To one he gave five silver coins, to one he gave two and to another he gave one. He gave to each according to his ability and went abroad. Immediately, the one with five silver coins went from place to place, working with them and acquired another five. In the same way the one with two acquired another two. The one who received one dug a hole in the ground and hid his lord's silver coin.

After a long time the lord of those servants came to have an accounting with them. The one who received five silver coins took them and brought another five silver coins saying, "Lord, you gave me five silver coins. Look; I have acquired five more silver coins." His lord told him, "You did well, good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. You may share the joy of your lord." The one with two silver coins came and said, "Lord, you gave me two silver coins. Look; I have acquired two more coins." "You did well good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things; I will put

you in charge of many things. You may share the joy of your lord."

The one who received one silver coin also came and said, "Lord, I know you are a harsh man, reaping where you have not sowed and gathering where you have not winnowed. I was afraid and hid your silver coin in the ground. Look; you have what is yours." His lord replied, "Evil and lazy servant! You knew I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not winnowed! You should have known to give my silver coin to the banker so, upon my arrival what was mine would have been cared for with interest. Take the silver coin from him and give it to the one with ten silver coins. To the one who has (who produces), all things will be given and he will have in abundance. From the one not having (not producing), even what he has will be taken from him. Throw the useless servant into outer darkness where there is weeping and grinding of teeth. -Jesus- (Matthew 25:14-30). Note: Outer Darkness is a metaphor for ignorance which isolates a person from God or causes him to fail to use what God gives him to help people. Weeping depicts sadness caused by the results of this ignorance. Here, gritting teeth represent the agony of poverty for a person who does not do what God asked him to do to be protected from the effects of his sin.

The person who is dependable in small matters is also dependable in large matters, and the person who is deceitful in small matters is also deceitful in large matters. Therefore, if you are not faithful to what you believe, how can someone believe you are true? If you are not faithful towards another who will give you anything? –Jesus- (Luke 16:10-12)

## THE TRINITY

**Hear O Israel!** The Lord our God is one Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:4). This was a message God gave Israel and every person born into the human race. People who knew little or nothing about God believed there was something or someone like God who controlled everything. Like Muhammad, many worshipped the moon along with other things they thought might represent a god. Each god represented some kind of ability to bless or curse people. The ten plagues of Egypt challenged the existence of ten different gods worshipped by the people of Egypt. Because the understanding of man's brain is limited to understanding that which is associated with the physical world, he concocts ideas about a god that satisfy his mental need for a god.

The idea of God being a trinity began in the late fourth century when there were many weird teachings taught by people who called themselves

Christians. Much of their information was different from writings that were included in the New Testament. What is so amazing, for many centuries the New Testament has been in existence and contains information given by Jesus that explains his relationship to God. Why, is what he said not believed? Because things in the physical realm are patterns of things in the nonphysical realm, Jesus taught by using these parallels or parables to explain the nonphysical realm. By understanding a physical truth a person could grasp the nonphysical idea parallel to that truth.

Man was created in the image and likeness of God. This means the breath-being residing in a human body was/is a carbon copy of God and thus a god. To understand the relationship of Jesus to God one simply has to look at what John said about Jesus and then what Jesus said about himself. John said Jesus was the word of God. What is someone's word? What is its source? How is it produced? What does it represent? Its source is the one speaking. It is produced by the breath of the one speaking. It represents a thought of the one speaking. Jesus was the vocalized breath of God which revealed the thoughts of God.

What caused the initial misunderstanding is not known but the mistranslation of the Greek word pneuma has caused much of the current misunderstanding. Pneuma means wind or breath not spirit. A spirit is a separate something and certainly is not something associated with God. Look at the physical parallel: A human has breath which is essential for him to live. He forces this breath past vocal chords to produce sound, some in the form of words. Are the human, his breath and his words three people? Breath requires a physical apparatus to produce audible words. Wind does not make a sound until it makes contact with something physical. God formed a physical body named Jesus which he used to vocalize his words to the human race so he could speak to their physical brains.

Jesus told the apostles he would return to them, not as he was then but as the breath of God. This meant he would no longer convey information with sound but by his breath, to a God-like being of the same substance as his breath. He would by-pass the reasoning of the carnal (physical) brain and speak directly to the person in the body. Forty days after he ascended he returned as the breath of God on the day of Pentecost. Since then God has done the same thing he did in Jesus. He has relied upon a newborn baby, born from above, living in a human body, to use his physical vocal chords and ability to make God known to others.

God is one being; Jesus was a physical means of vocalizing his words to

mankind. God's words, vocalized by Jesus, were processed by physical, human brains and those carnal brains rejected God's words and killed Jesus, the messenger delivering his words.

The breath of God speaks directly to the breath-being living in the body. Because the breath-being and the breath of God are of the same nature, a breath-being can hear and understand the voice of God speaking as breath. If a breath-being is too preoccupied to listen to the breath of God, he will not know what God wants to tell him. In the same way man, his breath and his word are one and the same; God, his breath and his word are one and the same. If the need is urgent and the person to do the task is so preoccupied he doesn't hear the breath of God, God will use sound as he did with Paul. The sound may be heard by others but the words are only heard by the person assigned to the task. The sound of the words does not enter through the ears but appears inside the brain.

Whether speaking of man or God, here are some interesting paradoxes:

A word is the offspring (son) of a speaker but is as old as the speaker.

A word has equal authority with its speaker but is subject to its speaker.

A word of a speaker can be changed without changing the speaker.

A word is the only offspring that accurately represents the speaker

A man's audible word is full of his breath. God's audible word is full of his breath.

Both God and man can convey thoughts without using physical means.

Knowledge in a brain can let a person know about God but it is not capable of knowing God. Only the breath-being residing in the body can know God. A person must bypass his brain to know and experience God. Only a person who knows God can love him. Only a person who loves God will trust him. Only a person who trusts God can share the redemption offered by him.

Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is one lord and you will love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and with all your ability. (heart-that's you; soul-that's your brain; ability/might- that's your body).

## THE SECOND COMING

Whether it is sports, work or life the thing that does the most damage to success is giving the opposition an advantage by making a mistake. In sports many games are lost in the final seconds of the game when a player, usually

one of the best, makes a mistake that gives advantage to the opposition. According to information about him, Paul was one of the most dedicated and intelligent people ever to proclaim the good news of God. It is reasonable to think he would not propose an idea that contradicted what Jesus told the Apostles but, he did.

His error is the same error he and other Jewish leaders made about the coming of the Messiah. They thought the Messiah would come from somewhere out of this world, defeat Israel's enemies and make Israel the rulers of the earth. Paul told the Thessalonians the same erroneous theory about, what is referred to as, "the second coming of Jesus". When the Messiah came he did not come from some place out of this world but from a simple maiden called Mary. He did not come as a mighty conqueror of Israel's human enemies but as a helpless baby. Because he did not meet the expectations of the Jewish leaders, including Paul, and agree with their traditions, they rejected him. They rejected the Messiah sent to them from God whom they believed they worshipped.

Now, one of their former leaders named Paul is telling the same kind of erroneous information to the Thessalonians. Hearing the voice of Jesus on the road to Damascus only corrected one of his errors, he still had to correct many errors he learned as a student of Judaism. Because someone, erroneously included the writings of the New Testament as a part of the scripture mention by Paul as being inspired by God, Christians began equating the words of Peter and Paul with the words of Jesus in spite of the fact both men taught and did things that opposed what Jesus taught and did. The only Scripture in existence when Paul stated, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" was the Old Testament. He never thought what he was writing was Scripture.

Since the time when Adam and Eve trusted the reasoning of their brains instead of the words of God, man has consistently chosen the reasoning of his brain to protect traditions that contradict what God said through Jesus. Prior learning consistently overrules recorded and direct communication from God. Peter ignored the precedent set by Jesus and Jesus' last instructions to announce the reign of God on earth had arrived. He established a church system patterned after the synagogue system. His evil acts of murdering two people over money and saying God approved it set a precedent for some of the most atrocious evils known to man committed by people who claimed to be serving God. Faith, the only way to communicate with God, was replaced with fear, a favorite tool of Satan. Paul became a part of this system and taught much of the organizational structure used in churches through the

centuries. Where is the believer who will do what Jesus instructed instead of abiding by God-less traditions which have been in force for many centuries?

Jesus told the apostles he would not leave them orphans, he would come to them. To return to them he had to return in their lifetime. He didn't return as a physical person but he did return as what he was before he became the audible word of God. He returned as the breath of God. Just as there is no life in a newborn until he breathes air, there is no life in a breath-being residing in a human body until he breathes the breath of God. Calling the life-giving breath of God, holy spirit is a mistranslation of the word and has given advantage to Satan, the opponent and adversary.

Jesus returned to the apostles, as he promised, forty days after he ascended. He has been present in or at the door of every human heart every moment since then. In his efforts to deceive a person Satan adds a lie to the recipe for truth. Many preachers are aware of misleading lies in translations but will not risk income and status to tell the truth. A Christian may be asked how he knows Jesus was resurrected and is still alive. Often the answer is, "I know he is alive because he lives in my heart." Does that statement not contradict the idea Jesus is away somewhere waiting to return? If he is in that person's heart, when did he return and why did the people awaiting his return not see him?

When a player does something that gives advantage to the opponent, his team members encourage him to be more careful and keep playing. They put forth extra effort to overcome the error. Paul's dedication to God is strong evidence he did not know what Jesus told the apostles about his return. The fact he spent time talking to Peter indicates Peter didn't understand what Jesus meant. Every human has times of error and perhaps the greatest error is in believing what has been learned is all there is to know. Jesus told the Apostles he, as the breath of Truth would remind them of what he had said and lead them to complete truth. Complete truth is problem solving truth. Being led to complete truth means complete truth is not acquired while en route. What Peter, Paul and others said was not complete truth because they, not God, were the ones speaking. They gave it their best but they, like every other believer, were burdened with circumstances and incomplete information that led to errors that gave Satan advantage in opposing God's plan to reign in man on earth. How can God reign in a person who depends upon his church and minister for instructions? How can God reign in a person if he is somewhere out of this world?

Satan had such an advantage over Jesus, all who observed thought Jesus

would lose the contest. When the final whistle was sounded about 3 P. M. on that Thursday (Thursday, Friday and Saturday equal three days and three nights), he and all who would honor him were declared winners and those with ringside seats in Heaven cheered and shouted the words "It is Finished!". (Revelation 12:10-12). Loser Satan had to find a way to block what Jesus had done so he convinced a dedicated Christian named Paul to teach Jesus was away from the earth waiting to return some unknown day so people wouldn't know the one beside and in them each step of their life was Jesus as the inaudible Breath of God. He persuaded ministers to ignore the words of Jesus just before he ascended, "Be aware, I am with you every day until the completion of your lifespan." In spite of millions of preachers talking about the erroneous "return" of Jesus after waiting 2,000 years for him to return, many people know the truth... "I know Jesus lives because he lives in my heart." He is not there, he is here.

God, who is breath, looked down upon earth and saw his chosen people astray.

Their desire for power and personal gain made them choose their own way. They did not reject the word of God they adjusted it to fit their many desires. Their eyes only saw physical things. Their minds closed to what God inspires

Tradition was more precious than truth, religious views more sacred than God.

Their Satanic zeal ignited their anger and they beat the Savior with a rod. With a broken heart God plead with them, to show them the way to life. Blinded by pride they made a trade; the Prince of Peace for a man of strife.

Time repeats the foolishness of that trade. It's still seen in many, striving to be true.

They say they believe the word of God but trust tradition to tell when Christ is due.

"I will come to you" was his promise, to confused and frightened apostles that day.

He kept that promise, not as a man but as God's breath of truth, a much better way.

It's both hard and easy to find God's truth. It's hard to let go of what's been taught.

But, when God inspires the brain to know, it is easy to see what he has wrought.

"I believe in Jesus!" the Christian exclaims. "In my heart I can feel his presence burn!"

recorded in the Bible need not be concerned about the absurdities of some modern day theorists who say they believe in God but refuse to accept the information that tells about him. That qualifies as an oxymoron.

All the people of the world again, except Abraham, reached a time of unacceptable ignorance and rebellion against God. Abraham had little if any influence on the people who worshipped something other than God. From Abraham came Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob whose twelve sons became the foundation of the people called "Israel". Joseph, one of those sons, became Egypt's prime minister. About 350 years after Abraham, Moses, born in 2519 (1481 B. C.), spent the last forty of his 120 years leading the descendants of Jacob in a barren, uninhabited region where the only source for physical needs was God. The Exodus began in 2599 (1401 B. C) and 40 years later the screening out of the self-willed of the mixed multitude that came out of Egypt was sufficient for Israel to enter the land God gave Abraham, now possessed by people who didn't know or want God. It is wise to remember, man is not the owner of any part of the world including his body. It is owned by God and leased to humans as tenants. The only part of man not owned by God is the being living in the body. God made that part free so each person could make and be responsible for his decisions.

300+ years eroded the people's memory and belief in God who could divide the waters of a sea, make bread fall, like dew, upon the ground and pour water out of a solid rock. They wanted a leader they could see with their eyes and manipulate by making him responsible for their well-being and problems. Their new king would be more understanding and tolerant of the desires of the people. Saul's large physical size was compatible with their physically oriented brains. In time, God chose David, a man who trusted God, to be king (about 1000 B. C). Then, for 1000 years God tried to protect these descendants of Jacob (Israel) with guidelines for living, which, like children interpreting the advice of parents, saw as laws which deprived them of what they wanted to do. God sent teachers and prophets to help them understand who he was but the ego of the people always prevailed. In the fourth day of creation God put lights

in the heavens to provide light and distinguish light from darkness in the physical world. Now, in the fourth 1,000-year-day, after 4000 years of futilely appealing to the human brain with physical revelation and reason, God put human flesh on his word and made him the light of the world now filled with darkness (ignorance). He tried to enlighten minds by performing deeds and teaching truths only God could do and know.

The Hebrew word "elef" represents the number 1000 but also means "the same kind" or "same family". Four is the number that represents the earth. God had to appeal to the brains of humankind which was in control because the human nonphysical being in the body had been dead (existence without God like Satan) since the day it died in Adam. Unlike the human breath-being which originally came from the substance of God, the substance of a human brain is dirt and can only comprehend physical things. A human brain is limited to confidence based upon the information it has collected. This includes information that may have come directly from God. Even if it receives information from God it still has to be willing to do what God says to gain understanding. Jesus spoke in metaphors (parables) so only those willing to do what God said would understand.

A human breath-being can become aware of truth not based upon learned information. This awareness, if trusted, becomes the substance of faith. When the fullness or the 4000 years allotted for this period of time elapsed, God changed his approach to man. He offered man a choice to trust confidence based upon knowledge from the world or his word which he manifest in a human body called "Jesus". The second choice would not provide confidence in knowledge limited to the capacity of the brain but a relationship with God produced by love, the parent of faith. Neither love nor faith can be explained by a human brain because it is a higher level of intelligence beyond the capacity of the human brain. A brain can recognize the presence of faith and love but cannot explain or duplicate them. Faith, love and other nonphysical things of God are like lights on the path of life. Light only shows the way; each person must choose if he will walk in the light. The light of God is now shining in the world.

The number 2 represents a viable witness. A viable witness, consisting of the same kind of people (1000), have represented God before (Abraham to Jesus) and after the crucifixion. It has been 2000 years since religion and government joined forces to extinguish God's light of the world. During those 2000 years a small remnant of each generation reigned with God on earth by embracing a nonphysical and non-mental force called faith. The seventh 1000 year period has begun. When Jesus said it is finished, the six 1,000 year days of creating and making were complete. God is resting from his labor while man and his other creations are doing what they were designed to do. Concerning man, he was designed to have the freedom to make his own choices. God is resting. He isn't forcing anyone to do anything. He is always present as Truth to advise but he leaves decisions to each person.

When he rested on the first Sabbath, all he created and made continued to operate according to its nature. Six days (6000 years) have passed and now, God is resting. The few who freely embrace the information brought into the world by Jesus, become a member of the family of God. People programmed with information that doesn't represent God, though sincere and confident in religious and secular information derived from human teachers, will only reach the stalk or sheaf stage of corn. They will not be a "born-from-above" member of God's family. At the end of the seventh day (7000 years) the fullness of all time will arrive and, except for the redeemed, everything God created and made in time, including time, will cease to exist. The eighth day, like the eighth note on a musical scale will begin a facsimile of the first but on a higher scale of existence. Because the physical brain and body will no longer exist, the problems caused by them will not exist. The Lake of Fire will eliminate everyone and everything not compatible with the new heaven and new earth.

As each person leaves his earthly body he is attracted to an object he thinks will satisfy a desire. This is what he did while he existed in time. If he desired the light of truth he will be drawn to Heaven where that light shines brighter than the sun. If his desires are evil he