

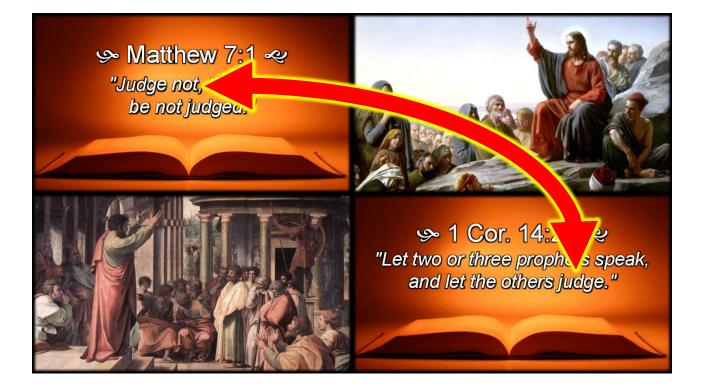


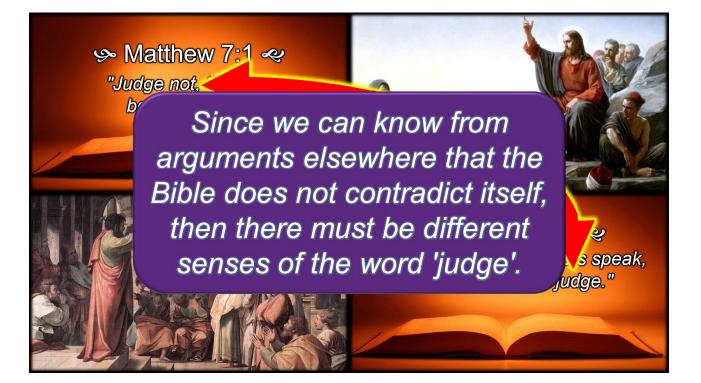
Judging Heresies not Hearts





 1 Cor. 14:29
 "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge."





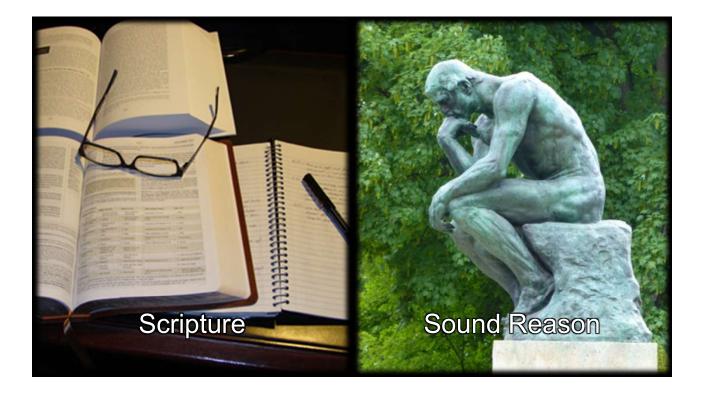
While we are not to try to judge people's hearts (Jer. 17:9-10), it is critical that we seek to judge (i.e., discern) doctrine, which is to say, that we seek to judge the truth of doctrine by sound reason and Scripture.



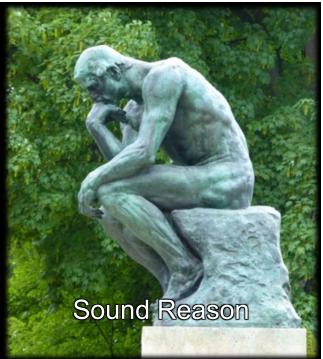


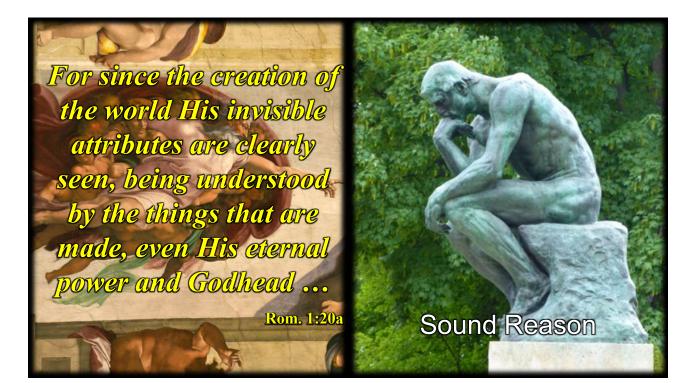
1 Thess. 5:21-22 "Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."

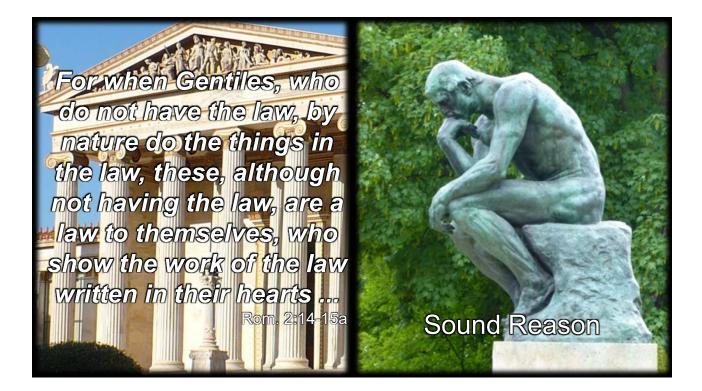




The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.







 "Nevertheless He did

 not leave Himself

 without witness, in that

 He did good, gave us

 rain from heaven and

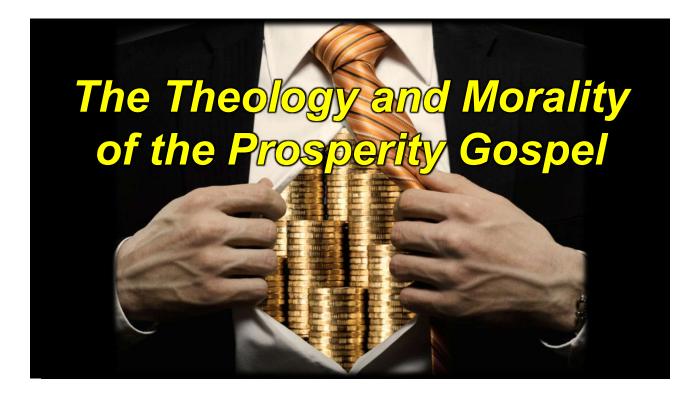
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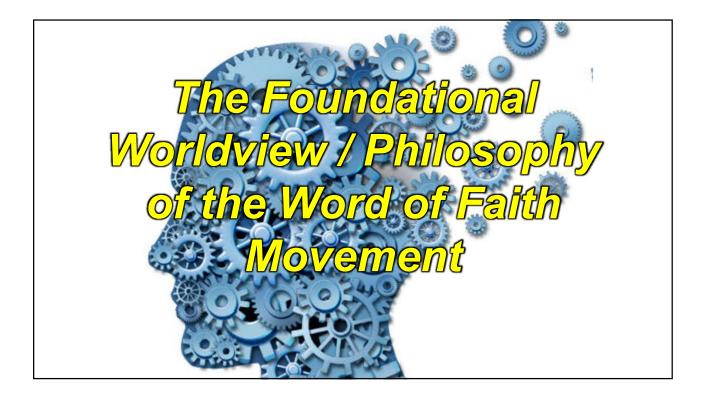
 our hearts with food

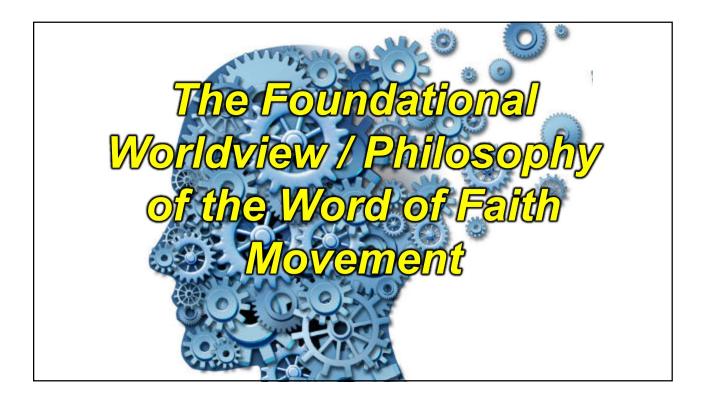
 and gladness."

 Acts 14:47

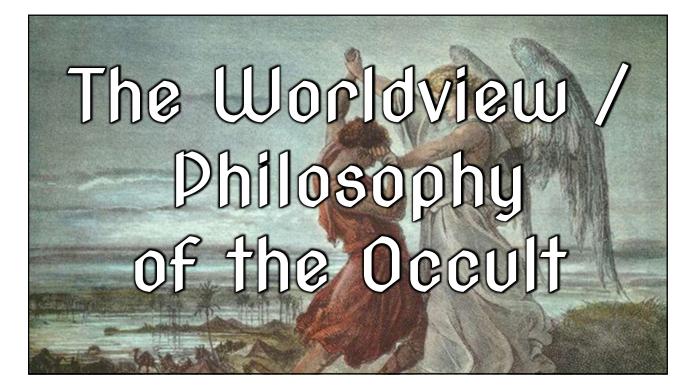
Two Major Concerns



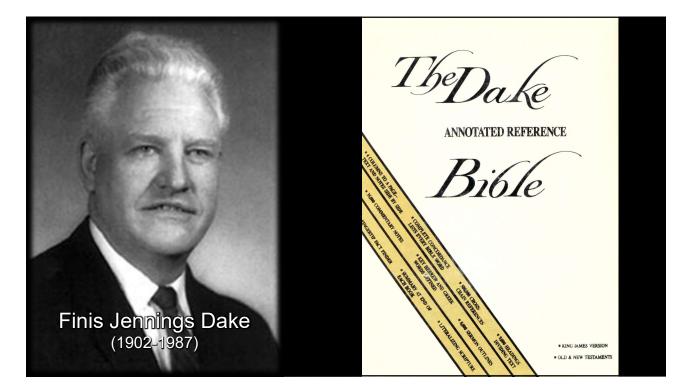








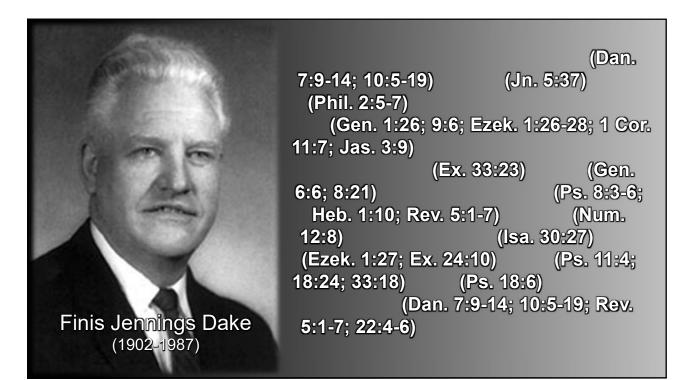
Bad Philosophical Assumptions Can Corrupt Biblical Interpretation



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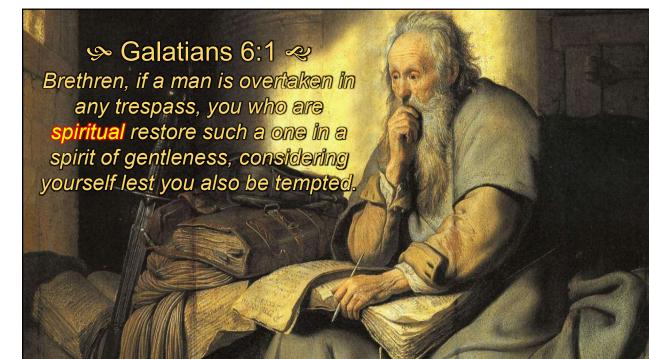
(1902<u>-</u>1987)

"God has a personal spirit body (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19); shape (Jn. 5:37); form (Phil. 2:5-7); image and likeness of a man (Gen. 1:26; 9:6; Ezek. 1:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9). He has bodily parts such as, back parts (Ex. 33:23), heart (Gen. 6:6; 8:21), hands and fingers (Ps. 8:3-6; Heb. 1:10; Rev. 5:1-7), mouth (Num. 12:8), lips and tongue (Isa. 30:27), feet (Ezek. 1:27; Ex. 24:10), eyes (Ps. 11:4; 18:24; 33:18), ears (Ps. 18:6), hair, head, face, arms (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19; Rev. 5:1-7; 22:4-6), and other bodily parts." Dake, NT, p. 97.



"And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

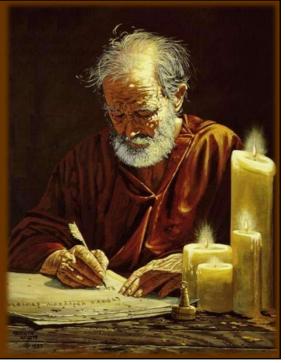
and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden." Gen. 3:8 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24



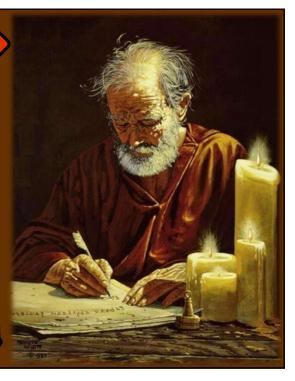
"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace ... and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands." Isa 55:12

"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace ... and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands." Isa 55:12 We are able to know that Isaiah is speaking figuratively (metaphorically) about trees because we are able to know enough about the nature of a tree to know that trees do not literally have hands.

The challenge is whether and how we can know enough about the nature of God to know when the Bible is speaking figuratively about God. "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead ..." Rom. 1:20a



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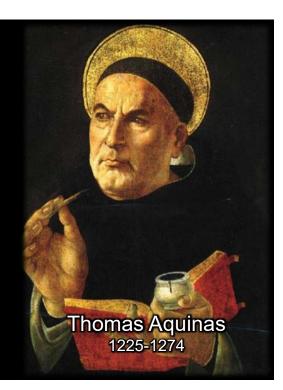


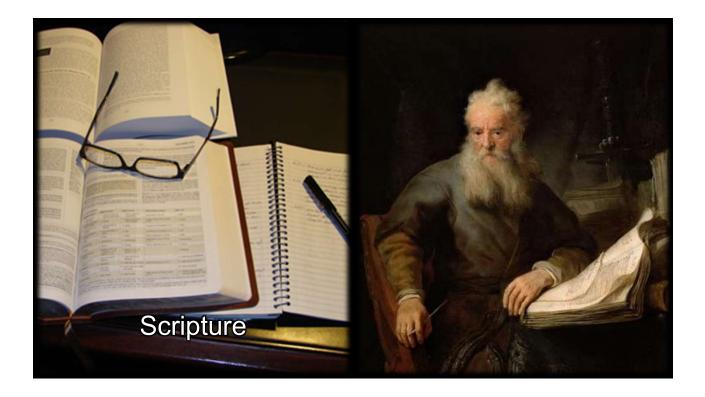
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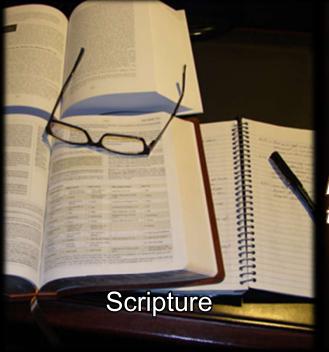
ex′sə∙jē´sis

From 'ex' ($\epsilon\xi$) "out of" and 'agō' ($\alpha\gamma\omega$) "I lead;" literally "to lead out" The excavating of truth from Scripture by a close and careful examination of the text, taking in consideration a number of factors including: lexigraphy (word usage), syntax (word arrangement), grammar, principles of hermeneutics, the immediate context, the broader context (the book and author in which a passage occurs), and historical context.

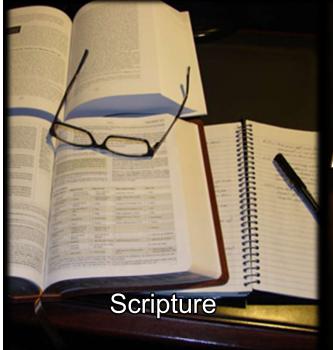
"Now, what we have said sets aside the error of certain Jews who attributed anger, sadness, repentance, and all such passions in their proper sense to God, failing to distinguish what in Sacred Scripture is said properly and what metaphorically."



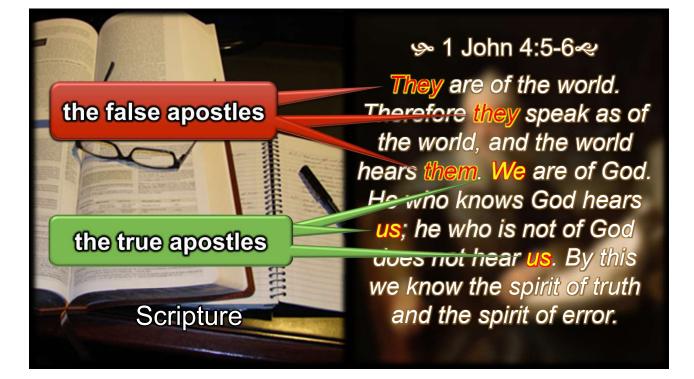


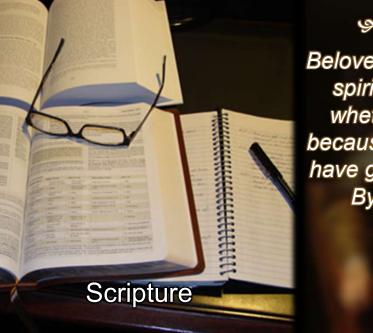


 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."



I John 4:5-6
 They are of the world.
 Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God.
 He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.





Scripture

ഴ 1 John 4:1-3 «

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God:



Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

৯ 1 Timothy 4:1 ৰু

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons ... "



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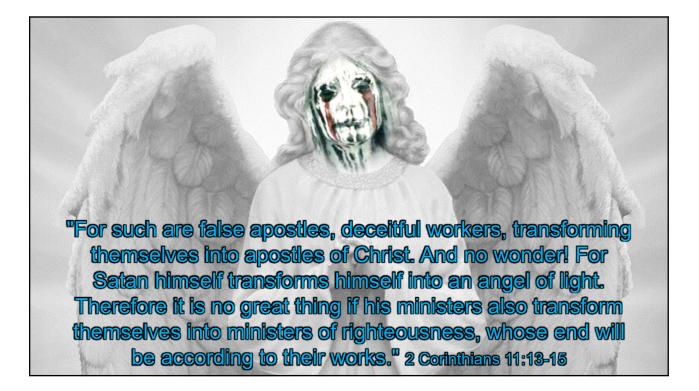
"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' {23} And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' "

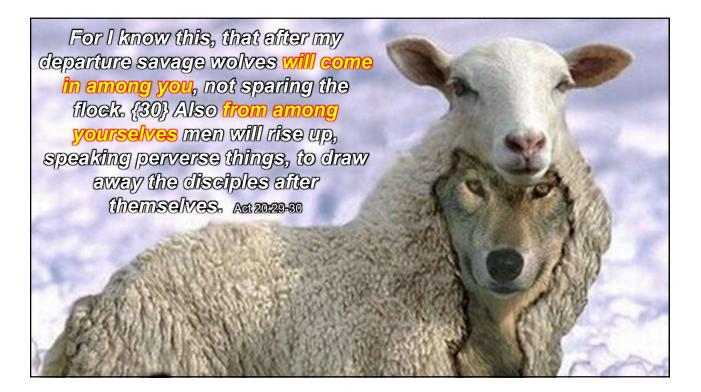
\$ 2 Timothy 3:1 &

But know that in the last days perilous times will come . . . having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

అం 2 Thessalonians 2:3 🛩

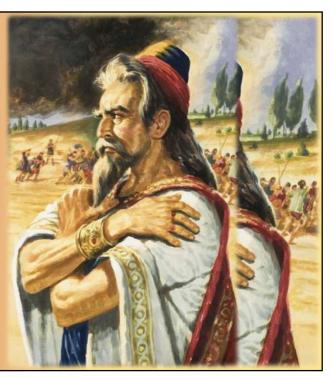
Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first . . .





🦫 Jeremiah 44:17-18 🛩

"But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem.



🦫 Jeremiah 44:17-18 🛩

"For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine."



Romans 14:1



one who is weak in the faith

but not to disputes about doubtful things

Romans 16:17 AVOID

one who causes offenses and divisions

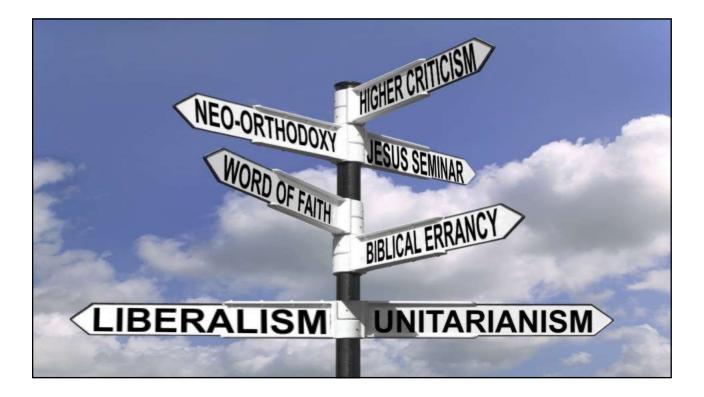
contrary to the doctrine which you have learned

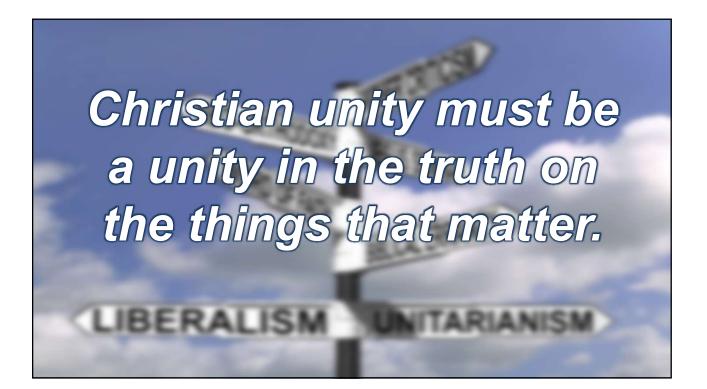


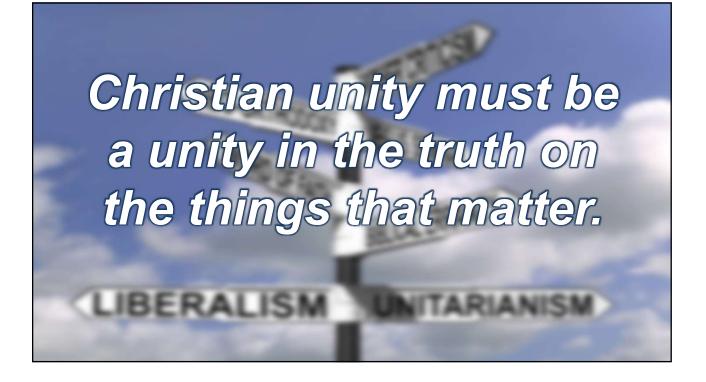


➢ Matthew 22:29 <</p>

Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.







🖝 Ephesians 4:15 🛩

"...but, speaking the truth in love, [that we] may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ."

Some of the Public Players of the Word of Faith Movement





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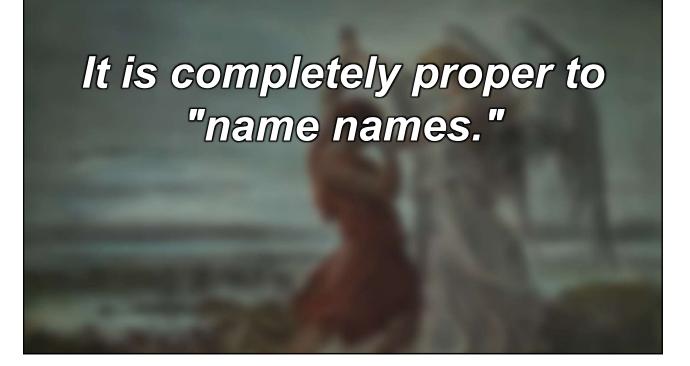
The Word of Faith Movement is not synonymous with the Charismatic Movement. Having said this, I know of no Word of Faith teacher who is not also Charismatic, though I do some Charismatics who are not Word of Faith.

However, it seems to me that the line between the two systems is becoming increasingly blurry.

The Word of Faith Movement is cultic, but not necessarily a cult. Matthew 18:15 does not require that we first go to the Word of Faith teachers with our disagreements.

a Matthew 18:15 🛩

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother."



≈ 1 Timothy 1:18-20 ≪

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme."



2 Timothy 2:16-17 "But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Dhiletus are of this sort."

In criticizing the Word of Faith teachers, we are not "stretching out our hands against God's anointed" which 1 Samuel 24:6 and 26:9 forbid.

"And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

a 1 Samuel 26:9 🛩

"But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?" Despite the fact that David would not "stretch out his hands against God's anointed," he nevertheless rebuked Saul for his false beliefs.

≈ 1 Samuel 24:9-10 «

"And David said to Saul: "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Indeed David seeks your harm'? Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'



Consider the Word of Faith Movement in light of Matthew 7:21-23.

Matthew 7:21-23

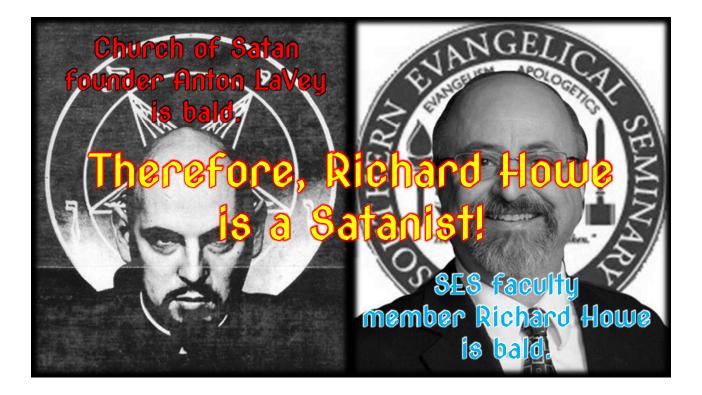
"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

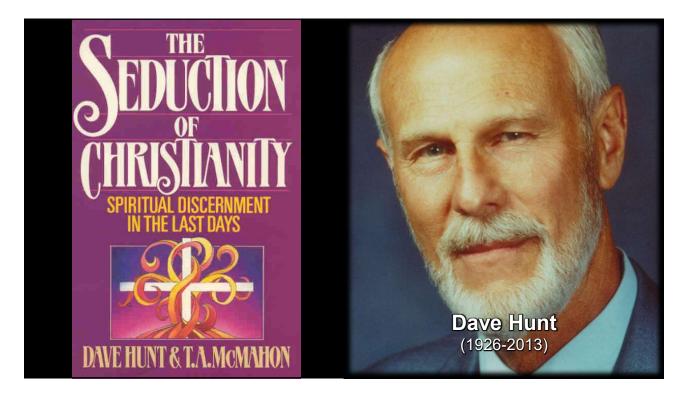


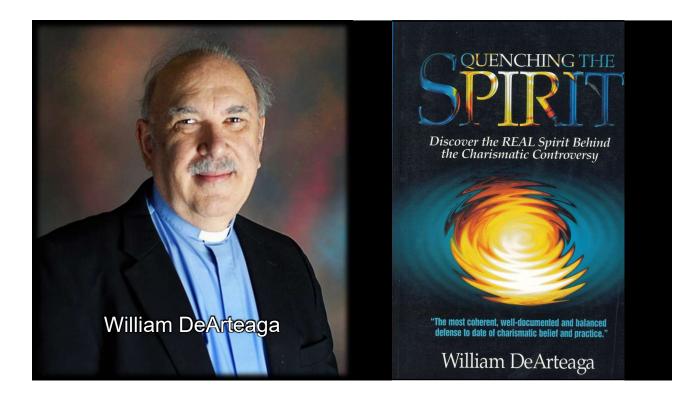
🌫 John 6:28-29 🛹

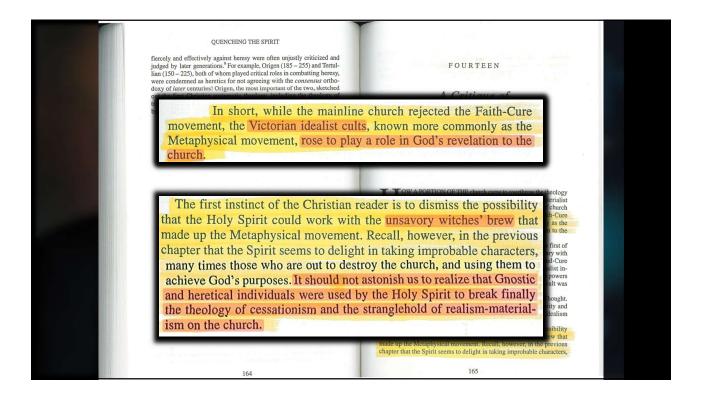
"Then they said to Him, 'What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? "Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.' "

A Point About Logical Inferences

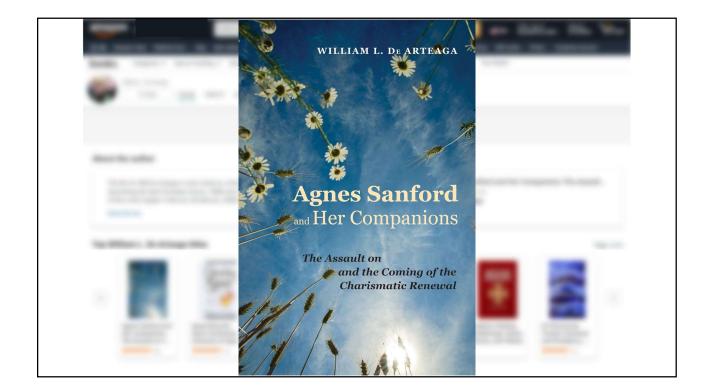


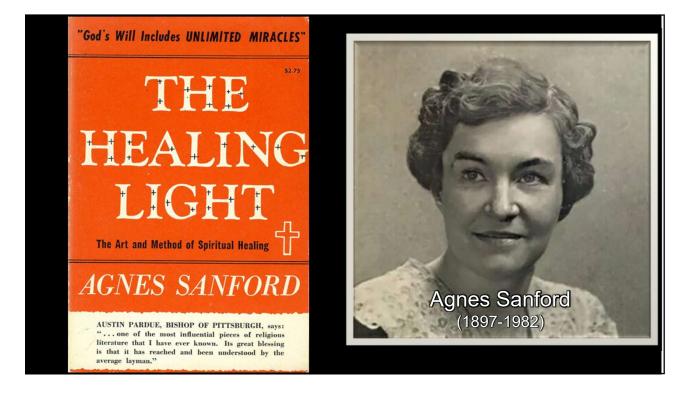


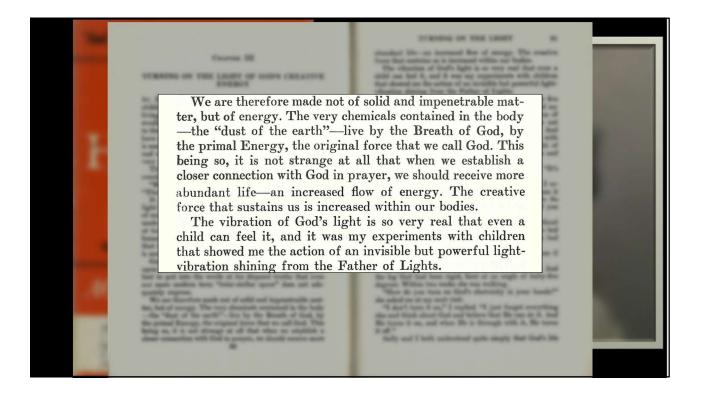


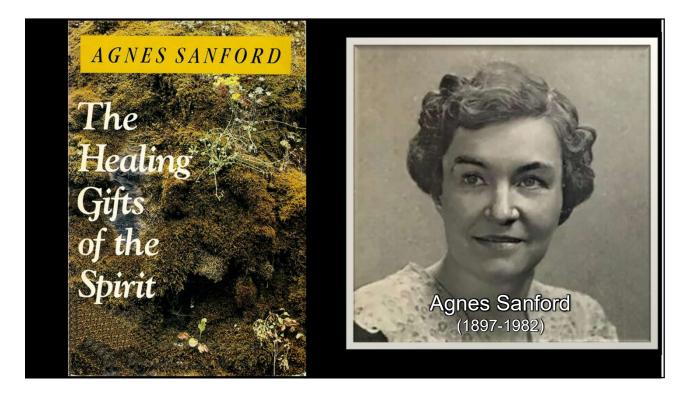


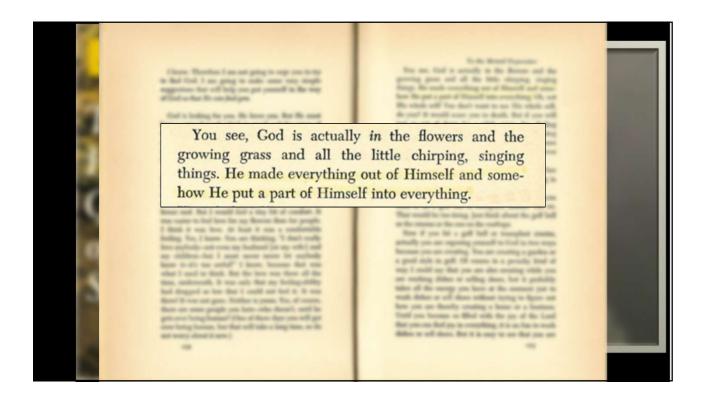


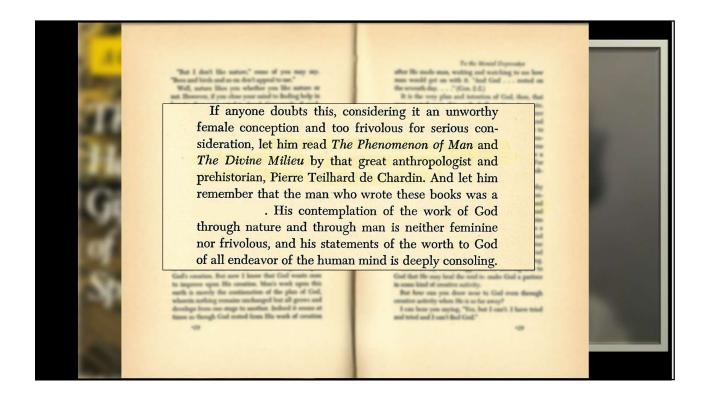


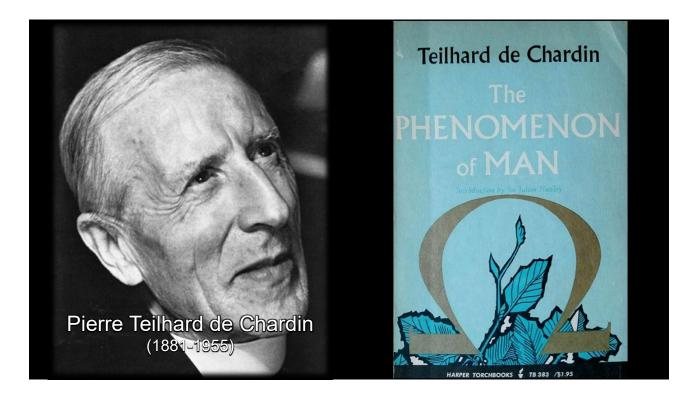


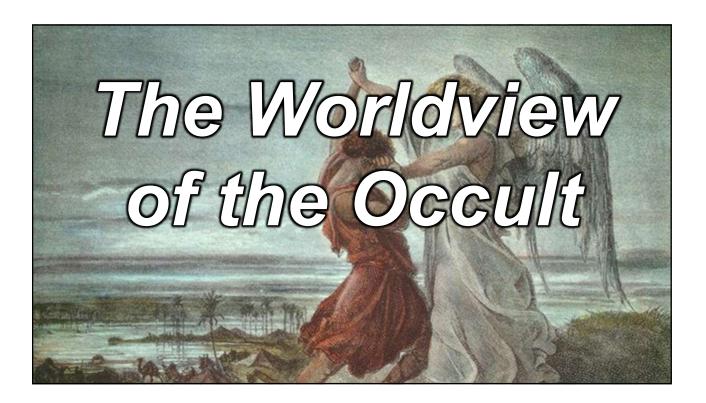




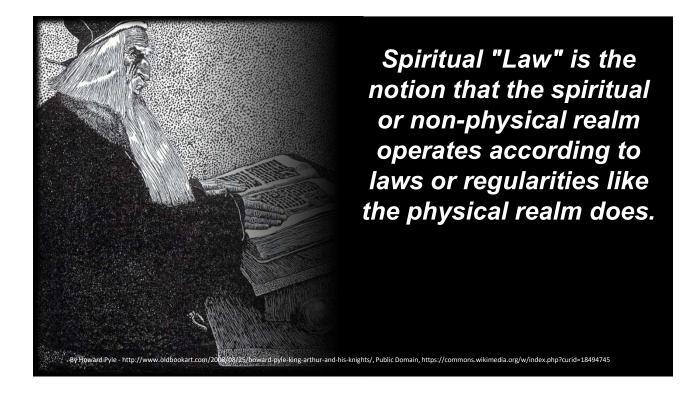


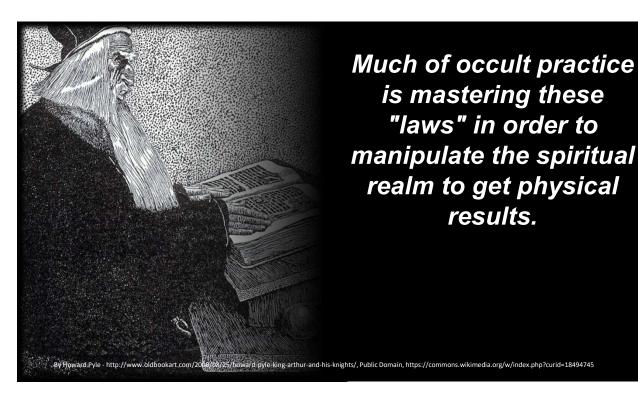


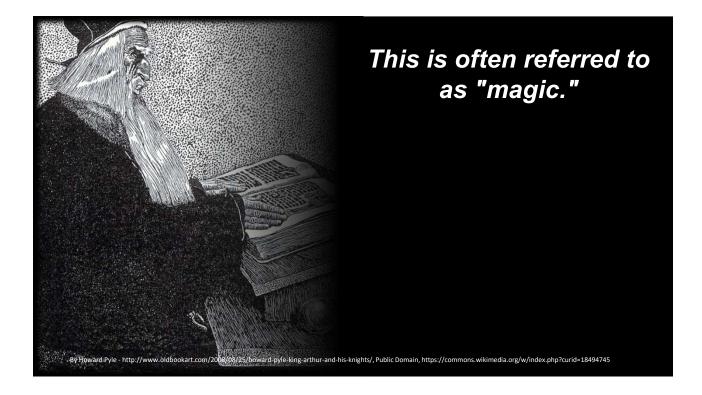


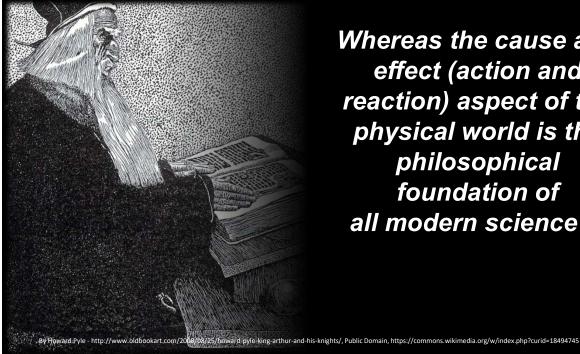




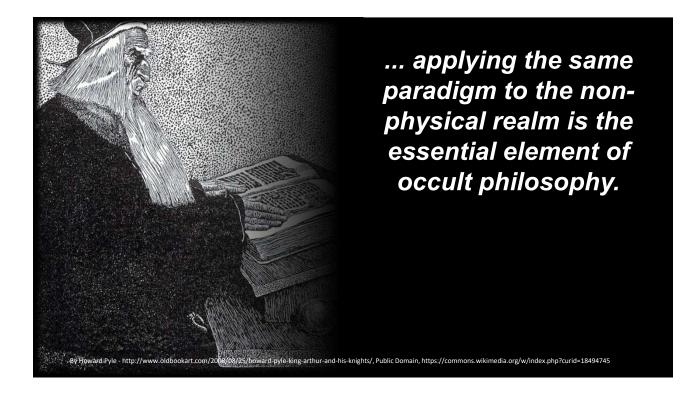








Whereas the cause and effect (action and reaction) aspect of the physical world is the philosophical foundation of all modern science ...



Natural Science

Mastering the laws that describe the behavior of the physical realm to enable us to control physical things and forces for the purpose of manipulating the physical world



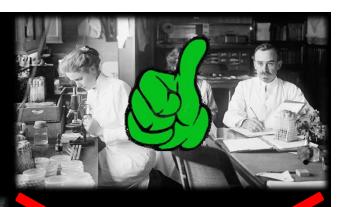
Occultism



Mastering the "laws" that describe the behavior of the non-physical realm to enable us to control non-physical things and forces for the purpose of manipulating the physical world

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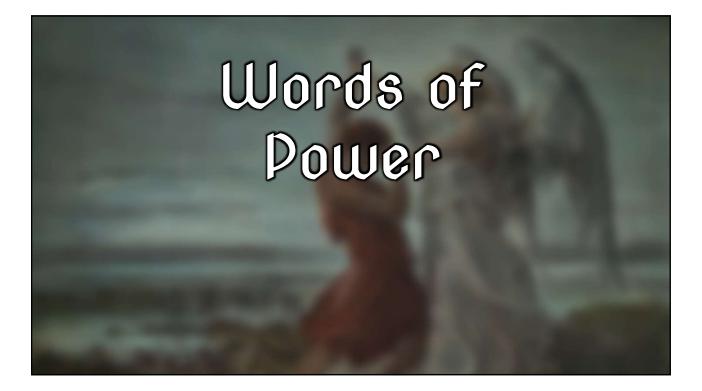
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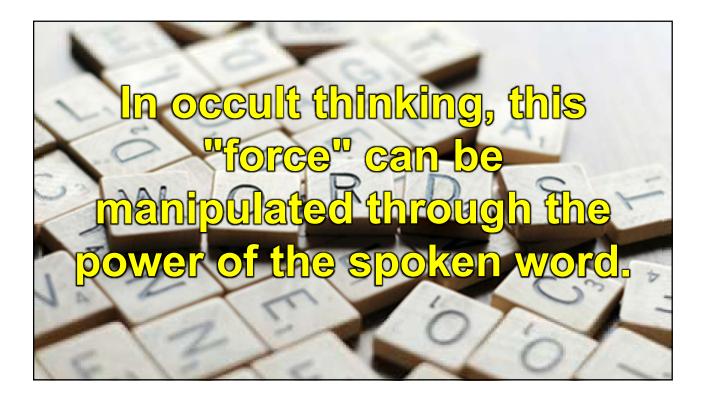


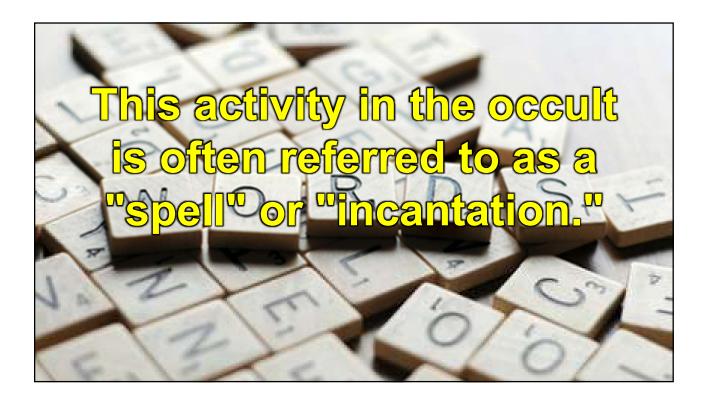
There is a hidden force or energy which one can tap into to use for healing or harm.

This force is manipulated by the powers of thought, words, or visualization. Exactly what this force is, according to the occultists, and what is the best way to tap into it, are what make the differences between different occult groups.

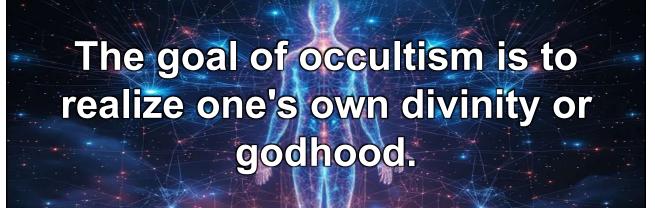
This notion of the force serves as the basis of all occultism.











One's "godhood" is actualized by the application of various occult techniques in the attempt to manipulate occult powers.

