

**"Christian" Occultism:  
The Word of Faith Movement  
Pt. 1: Prolegomena**

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**Preliminary  
Considerations**

# Judging Heresies not Hearts

**"Judge not, that you  
be not judged."**

(Matt. 7:1)



**"Let two or three  
prophets speak, and  
let the others **judge.**"**

(1 Cor. 14:29)

## Romans 14:1

Receive

one who is weak in the faith  
but not to disputes

doubtful things

## Romans 16:17

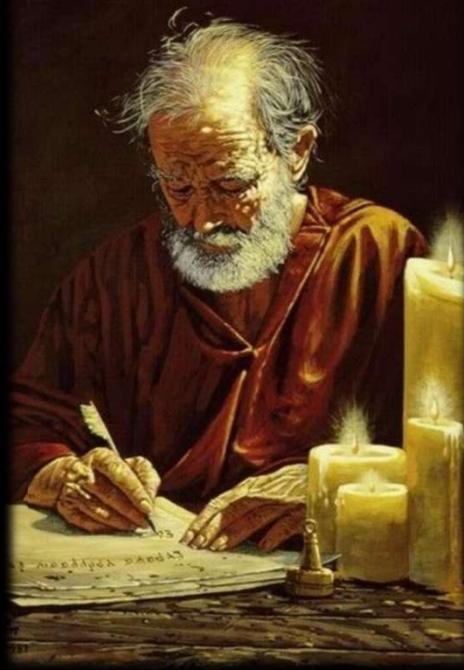
Avoid

those who cause divisions  
and offenses

the doctrine which you  
learned

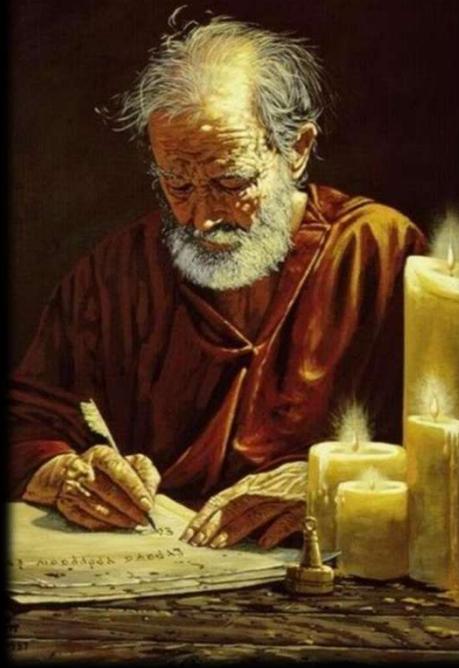
"... that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,"

Ephesians 4:14



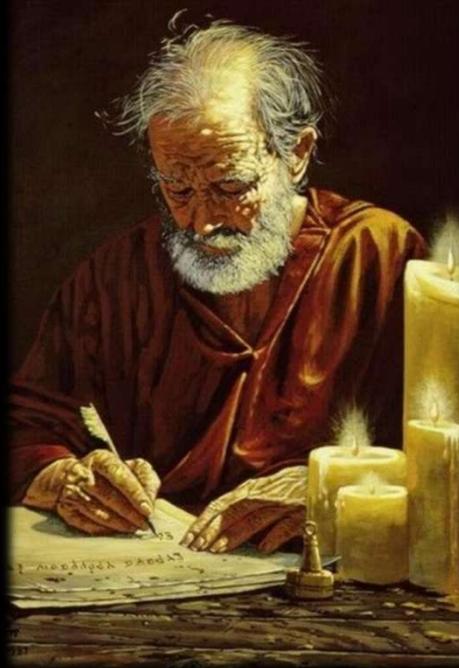
"Till I come, give  
attention to reading, to  
exhortation, to  
**doctrine.**"

1 Timothy 4:13



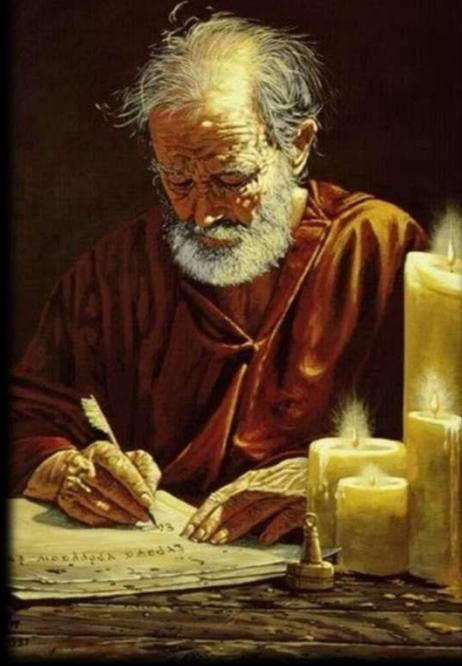
"Take heed to  
yourself and to the  
**doctrine.** Continue in  
them, for in doing this  
you will save both  
yourself and those  
who hear you."

1 Timothy 4:16



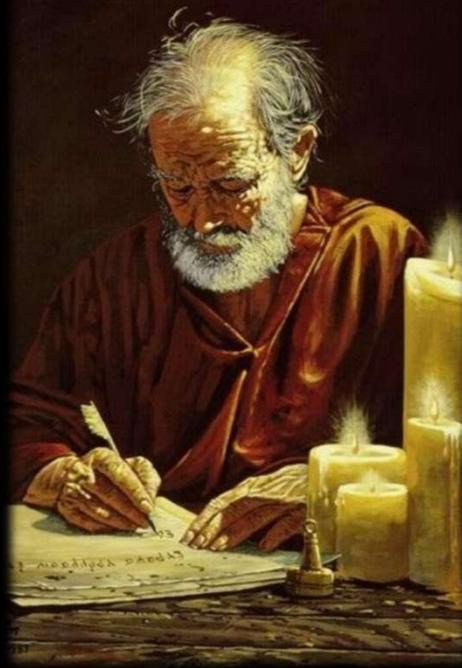
"All Scripture is given  
by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable for  
**doctrine**, for reproof,  
for correction, for  
instruction in  
righteousness,"

2 Timothy 3:16



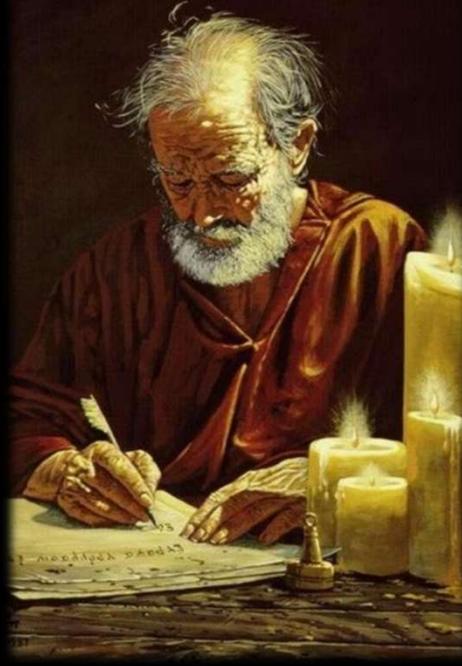
"For the time will come  
when they will not  
endure sound **doctrine**,  
but according to their  
own desires, because  
they have itching ears,  
they will heap up for  
themselves teachers;"

2 Timothy 4:3



"holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict."

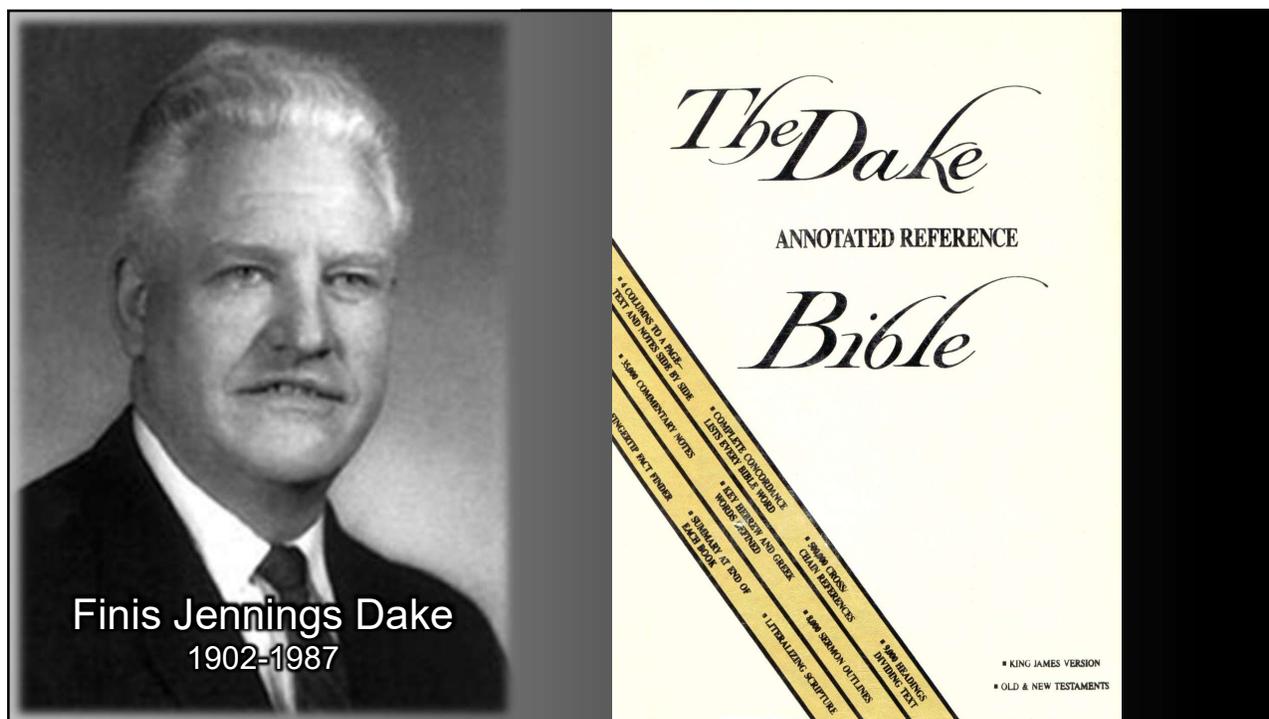
Titus 1:9



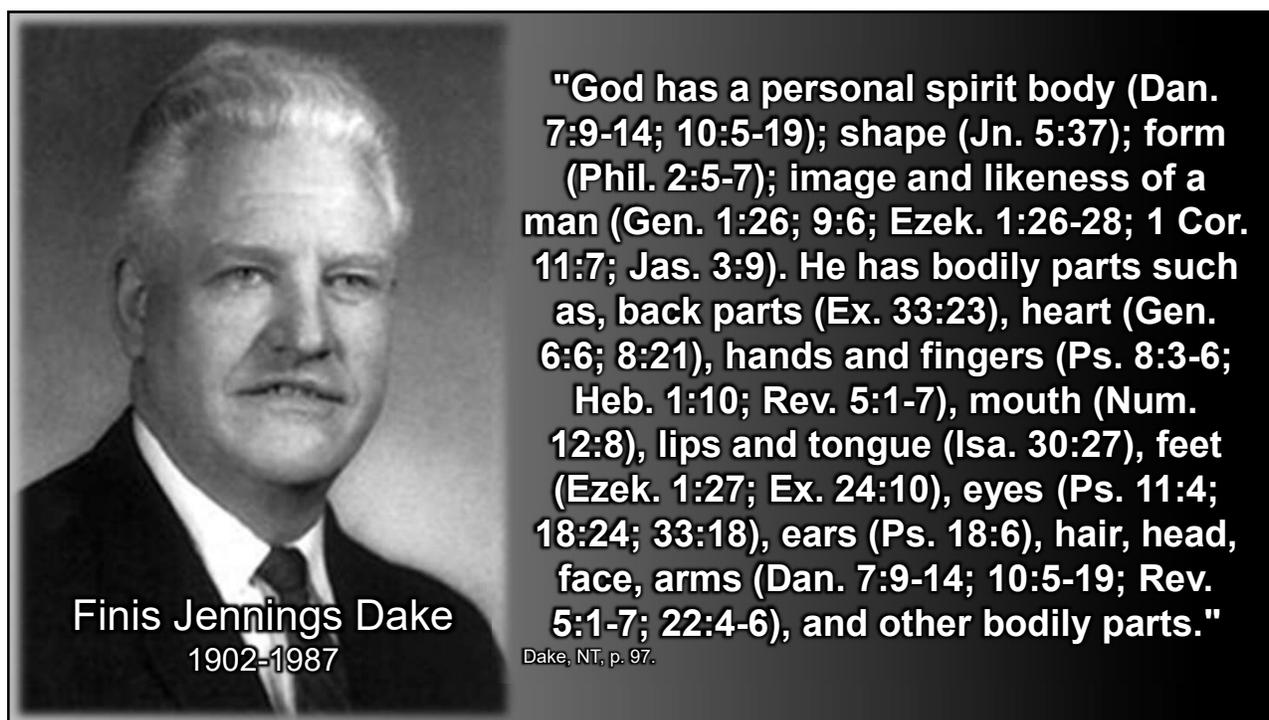
## Some of the Players



# How Bad Philosophy Can Corrupt Your Interpretation of the Bible



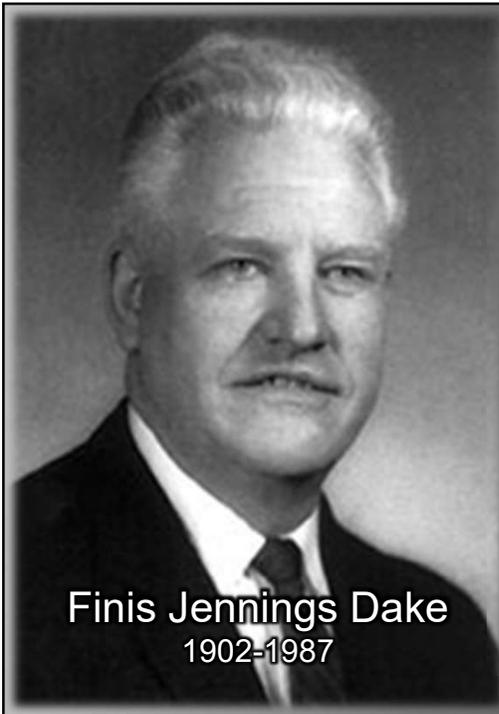
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**"God has a personal spirit body (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19); shape (Jn. 5:37); form (Phil. 2:5-7); image and likeness of a man (Gen. 1:26; 9:6; Ezek. 1:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9). He has bodily parts such as, back parts (Ex. 33:23), heart (Gen. 6:6; 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.



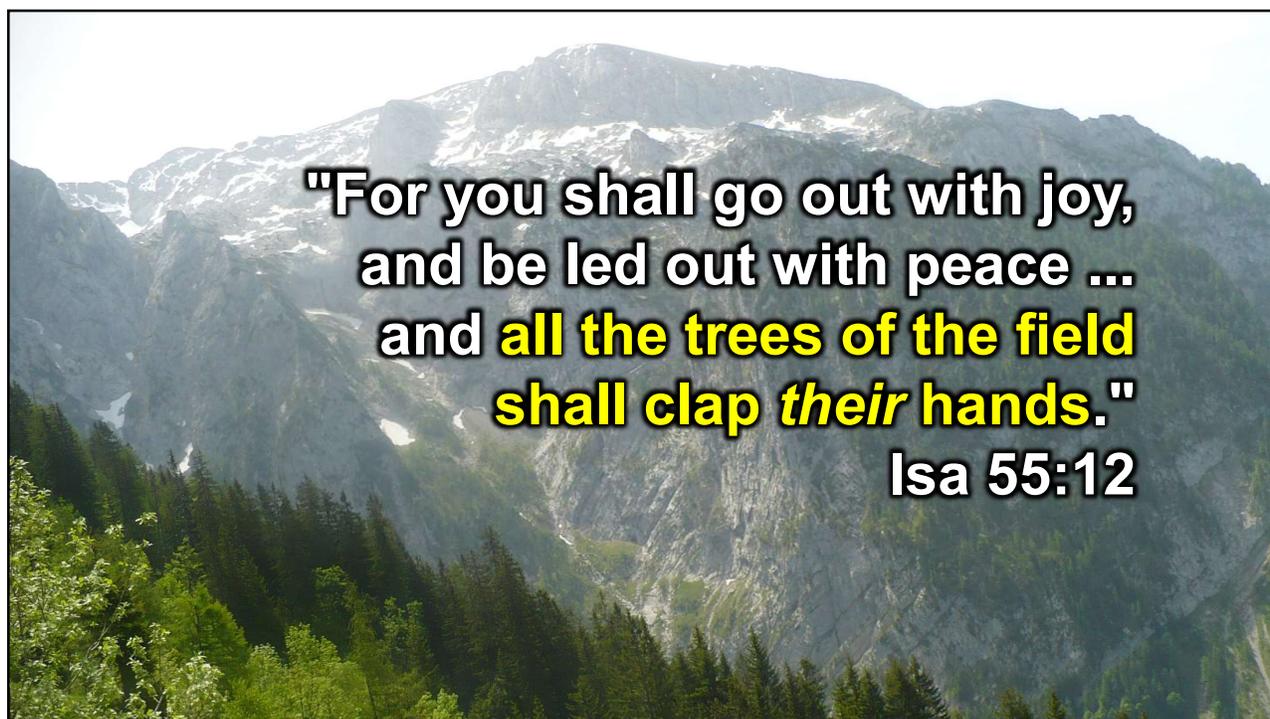
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"And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

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

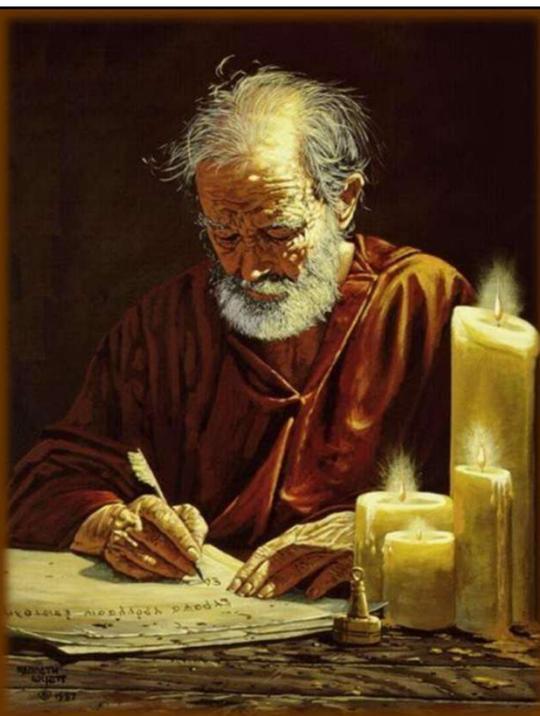


**"For you shall go out with joy,  
and be led out with peace ...  
and **all the trees of the field**  
**shall clap *their* hands."****

**Isa 55:12**

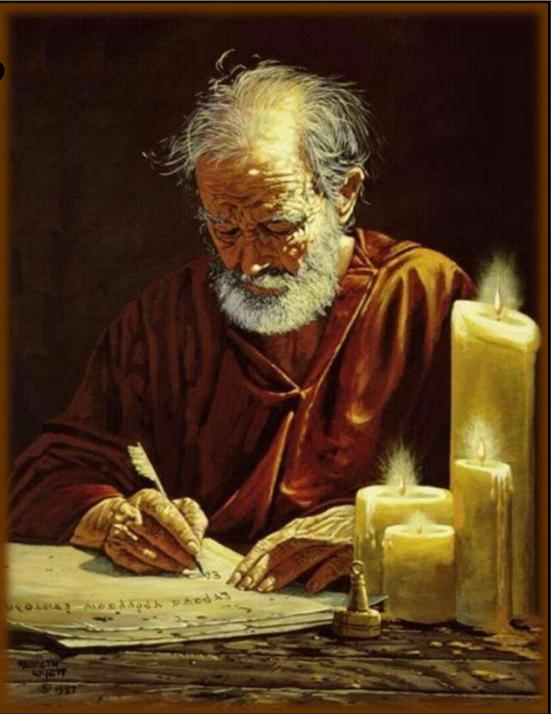
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**Rom. 1:20a**



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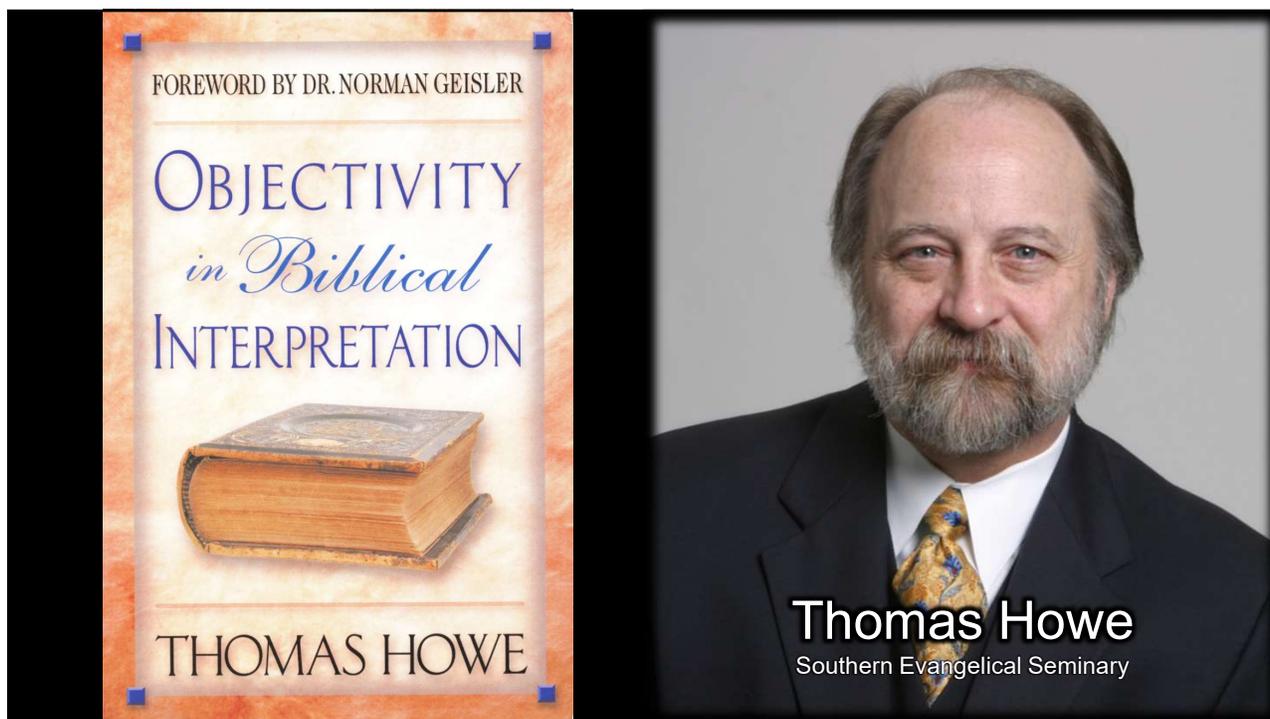
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"We must get our  
hermeneutics  
from the Bible  
otherwise we're  
lost in  
relativism!"

(caller to radio talk show)

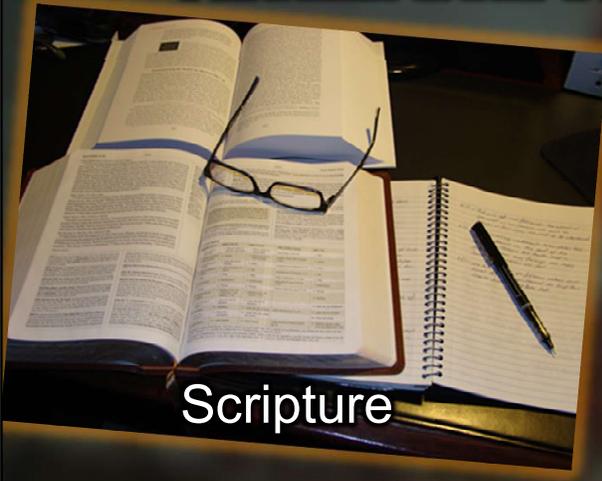




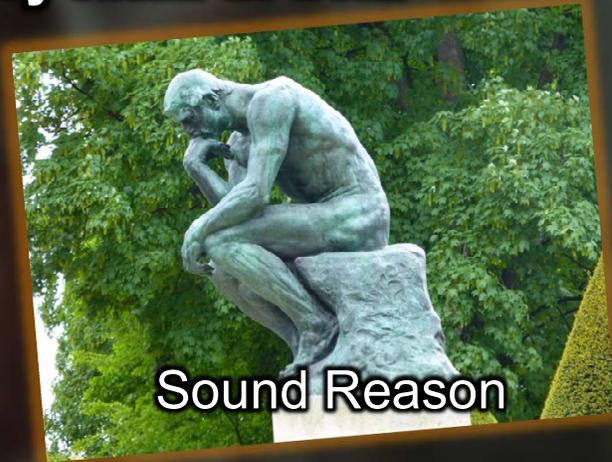
# Scriptural Guidance

☞ 1 Thes. 5:21-22 ☞

**"Test all things; hold fast what is good.  
Abstain from every form of evil."**



Scripture

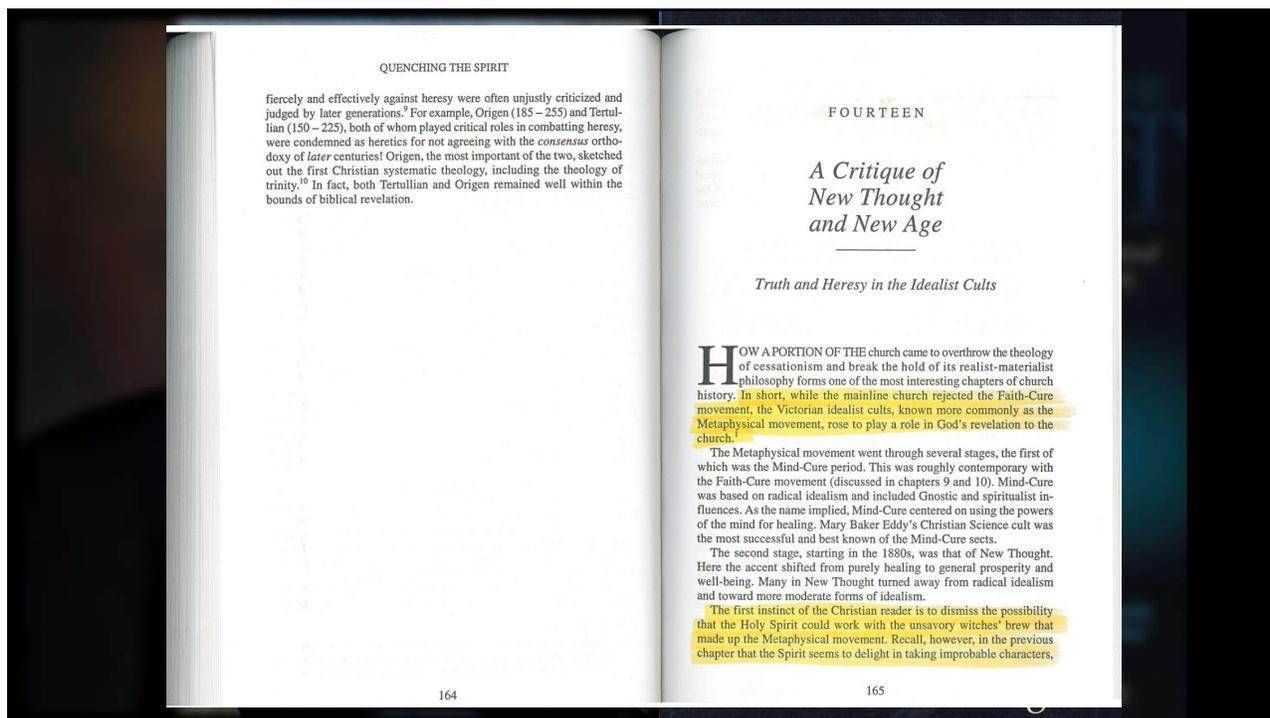
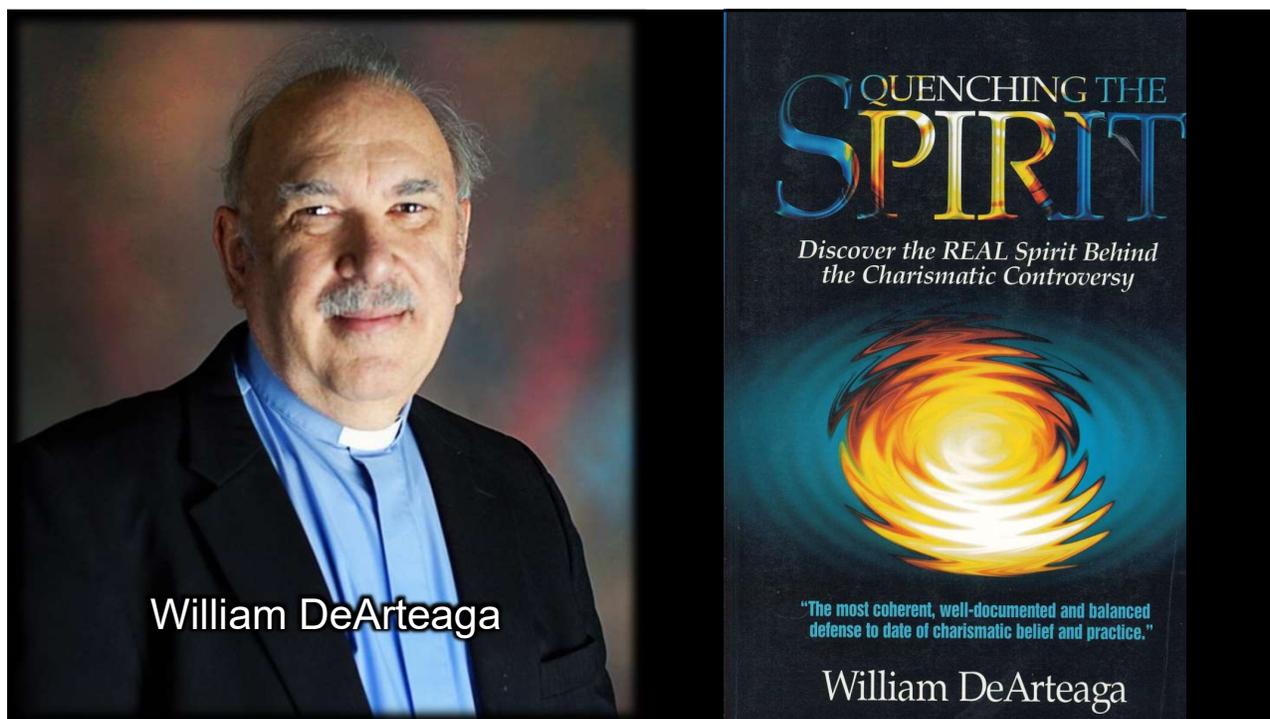


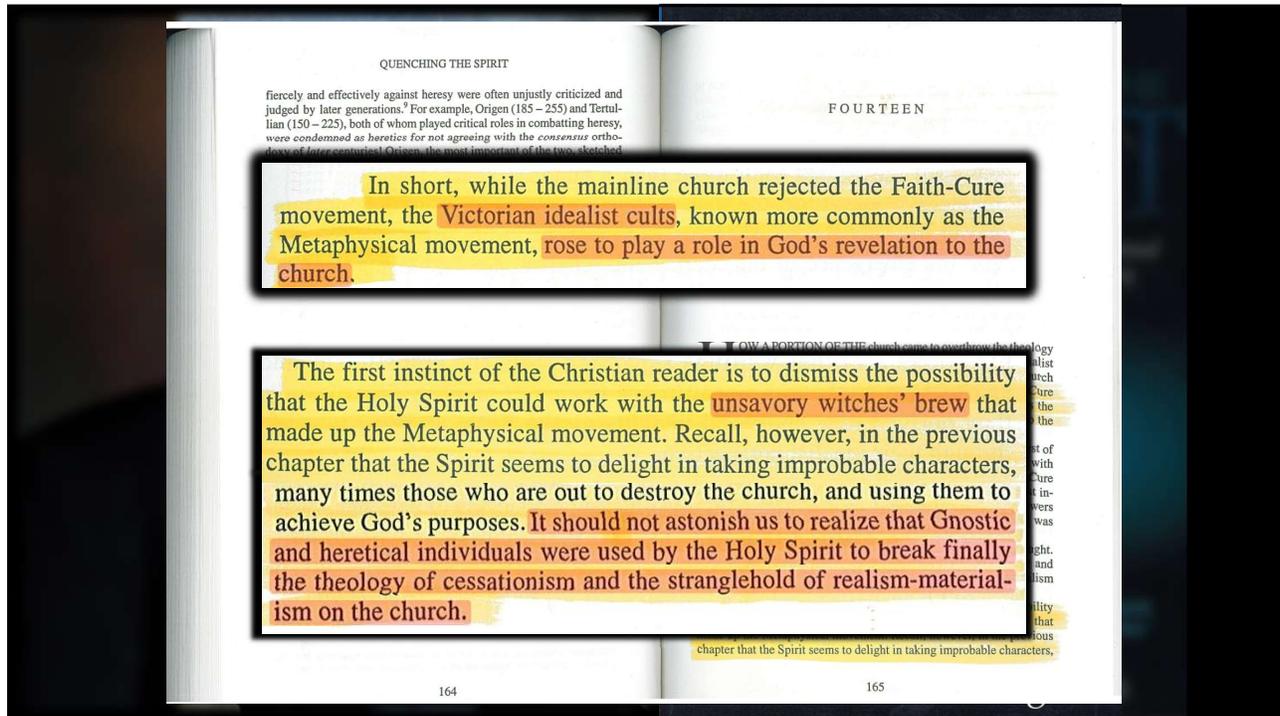
Sound Reason

**Background Issues**

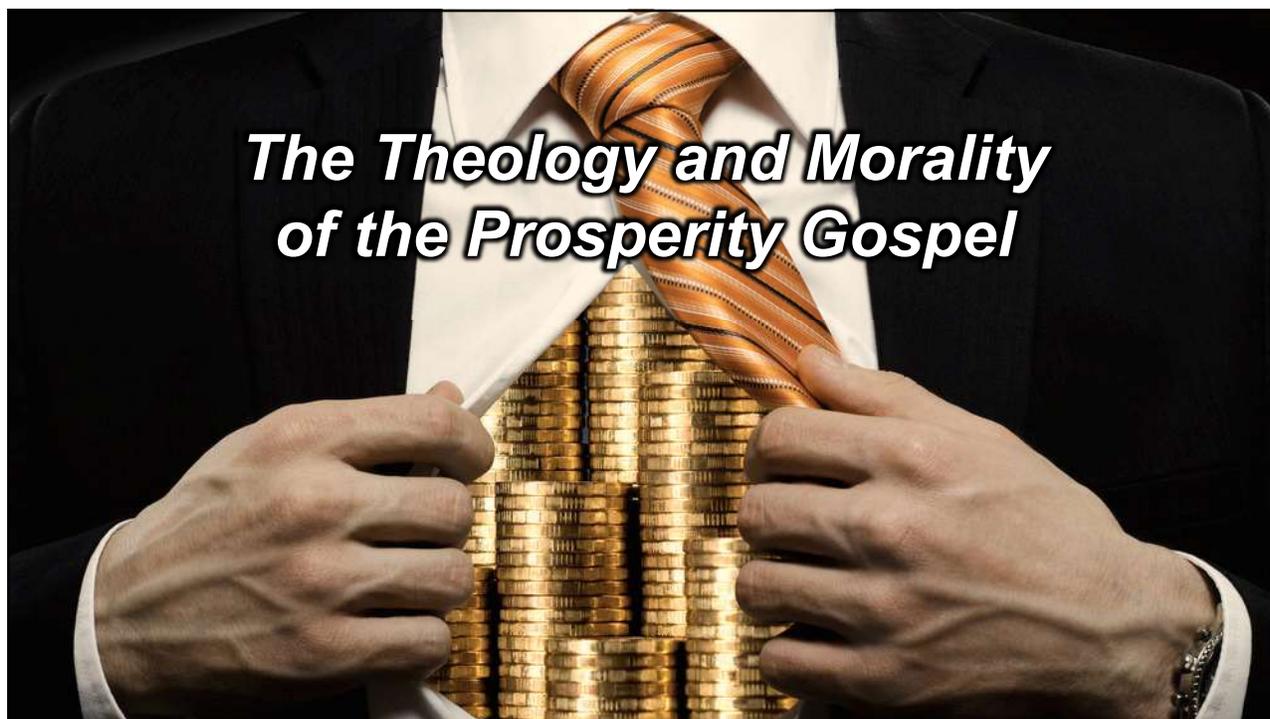
- ✓ *The Word of Faith Movement is not synonymous with the Charismatic Movement.*
- ✓ *The Word of Faith Movement is cultic, but not necessarily a cult.*
- ✓ *Matthew 18:15 does not require that we first go to the Word of Faith teachers with our disagreements.*
- ✓ *It is completely proper to "name names." (1 Tim. 1:18-20; 2 Tim. 2: 16-18)*
- ✓ *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.*

## **A Point About Logical Inferences**

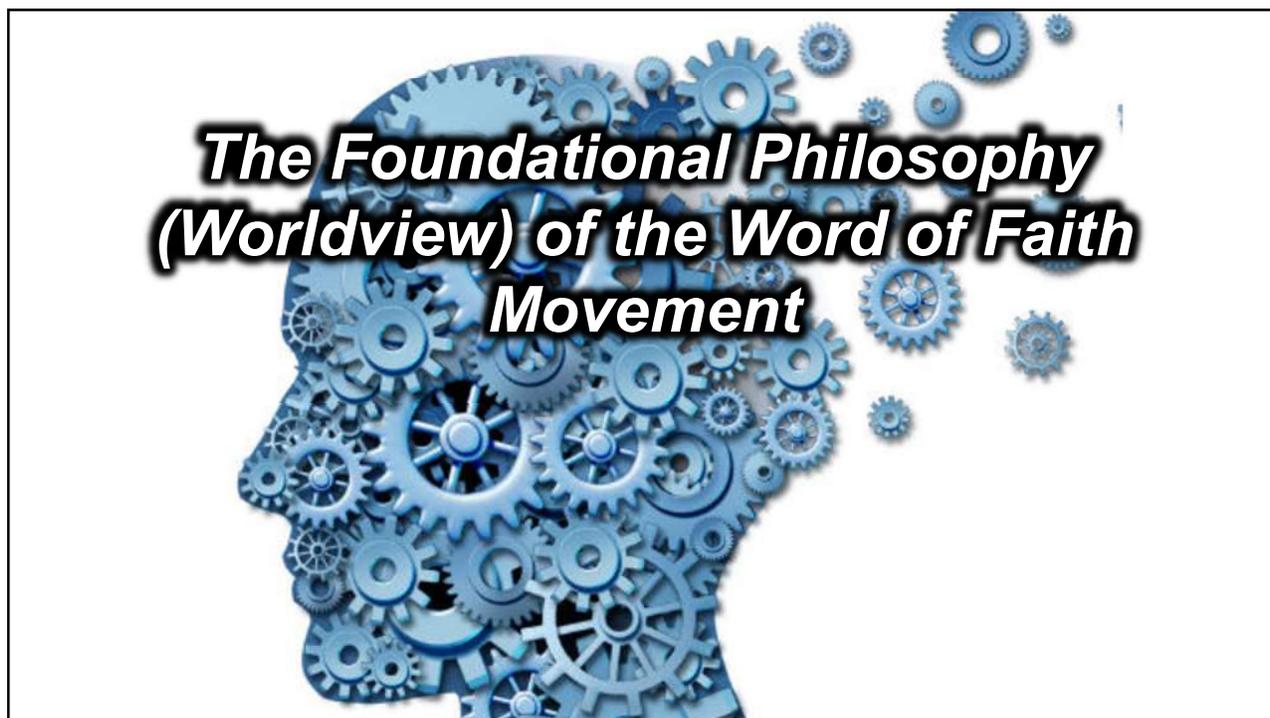




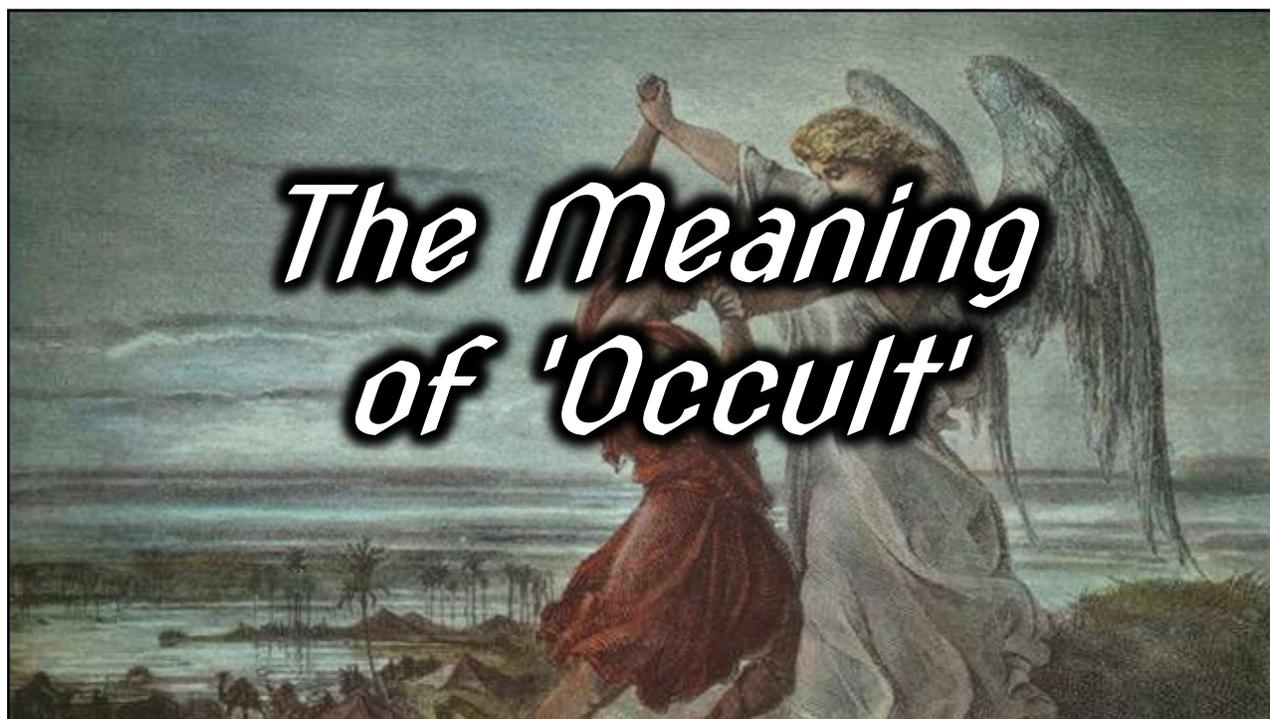
# Two Major Concerns



***The Theology and Morality  
of the Prosperity Gospel***



***The Foundational Philosophy  
(Worldview) of the Word of Faith  
Movement***



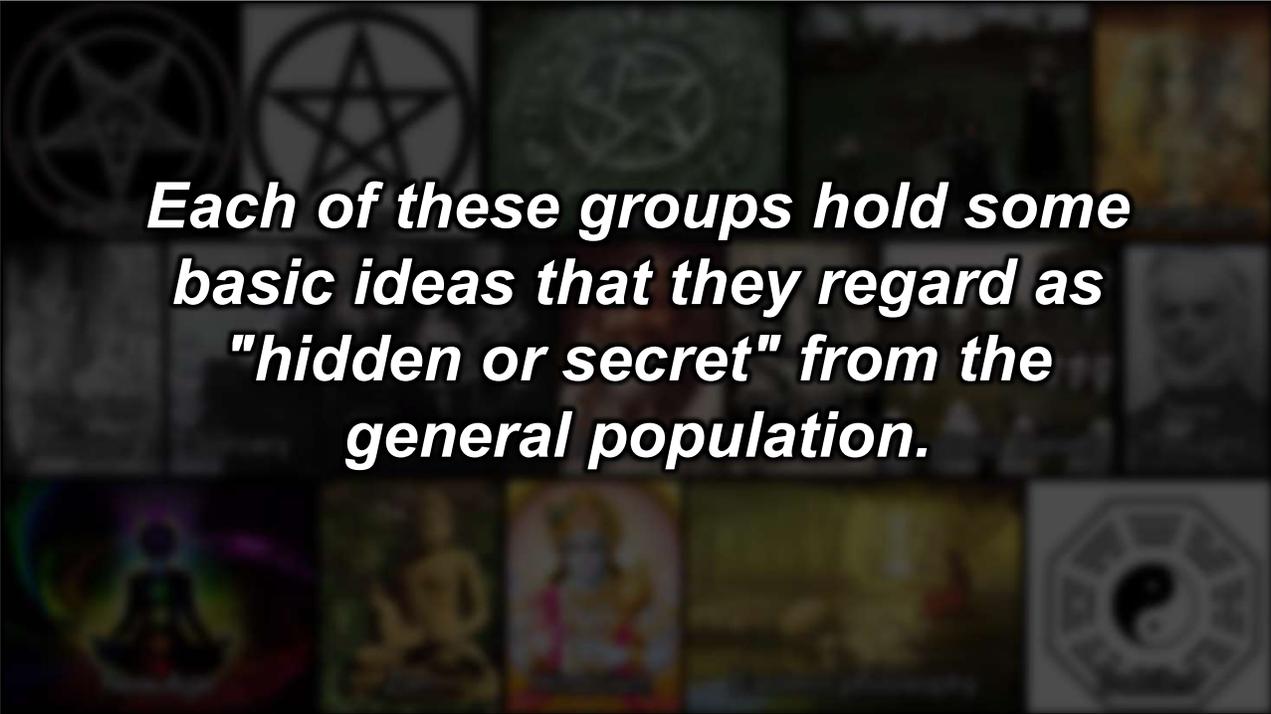
***The term 'occult' should not to be confused with the similar sounding word 'cult'.***

***'Occult' comes for the Latin 'occultus' meaning "hidden or secret."***

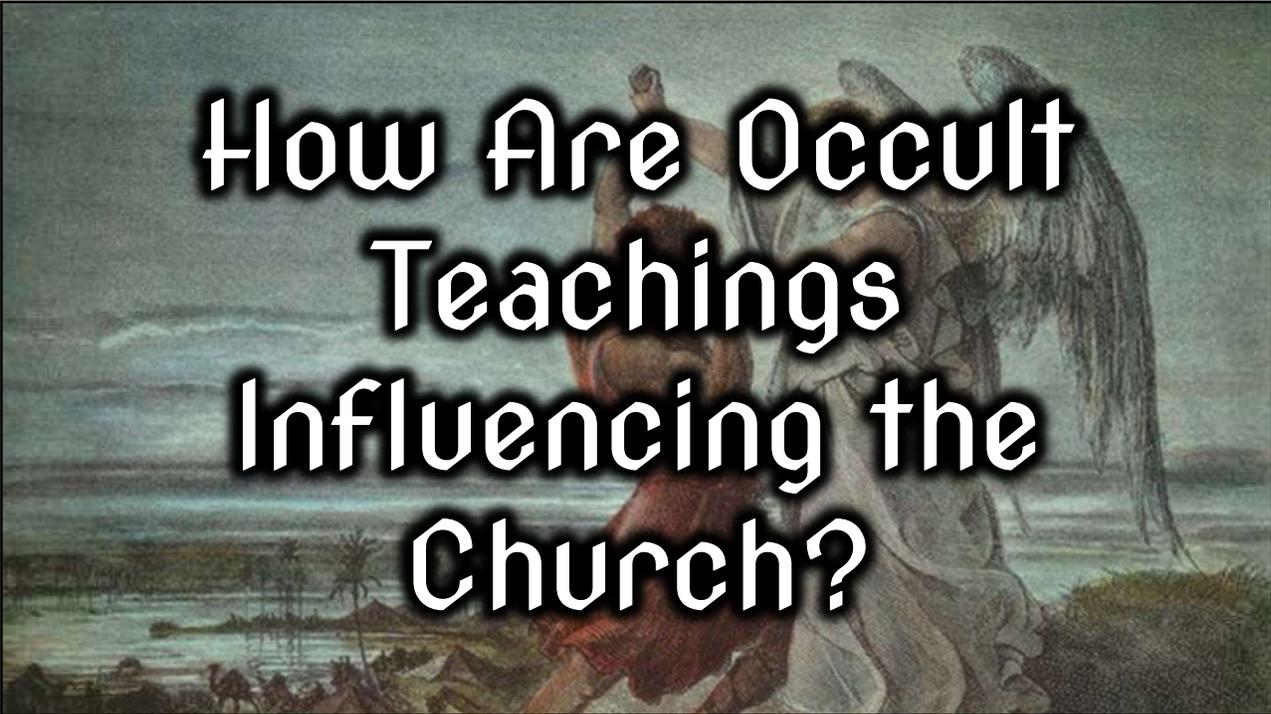
***Other terms one might encounter related to the occult include:***



***Though there are very important differences among these belief systems, there is a very important common ground which makes them all properly called 'occult.'***



*Each of these groups hold some basic ideas that they regard as "hidden or secret" from the general population.*



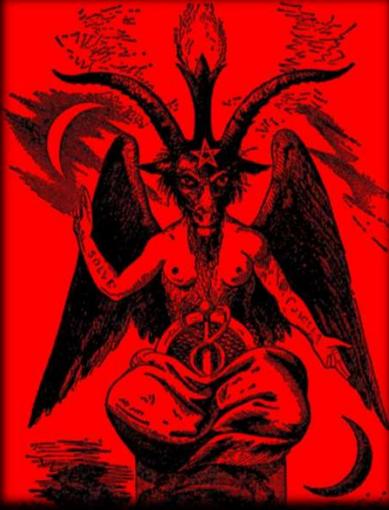
**How Are Occult Teachings Influencing the Church?**

**Spiritual Law**

**The Force**

**Words**

**Godhood**

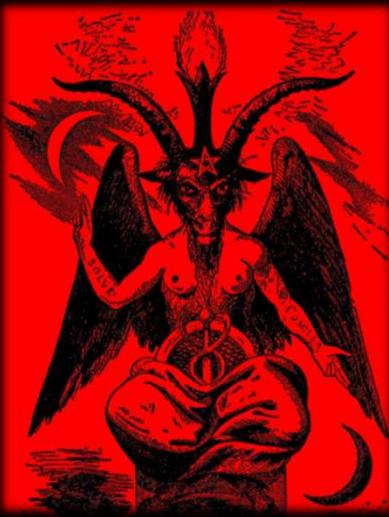


**The Occult**

**Word of Faith Movement**

**The Bible and Sound Reason**

**Spiritual Law**



**The Occult**



***Spiritual "Law" is the notion that the spiritual or non-physical realm operates according to laws or regularities like the physical realm does.***



***Much of occult practice is mastering these "laws" in order to manipulate the spiritual realm to get physical results.***



***This is often referred to as "magic."***



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



*... applying the same paradigm to the non-physical realm is the essential element of occult philosophy.*

### 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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# ISAAC BONEWITS

# Real Magic

*"Bonewits is witty and possessed of a mind that peers around corners . . . Real Magic is a fresh exploration of magic."*  
— Publishers Weekly

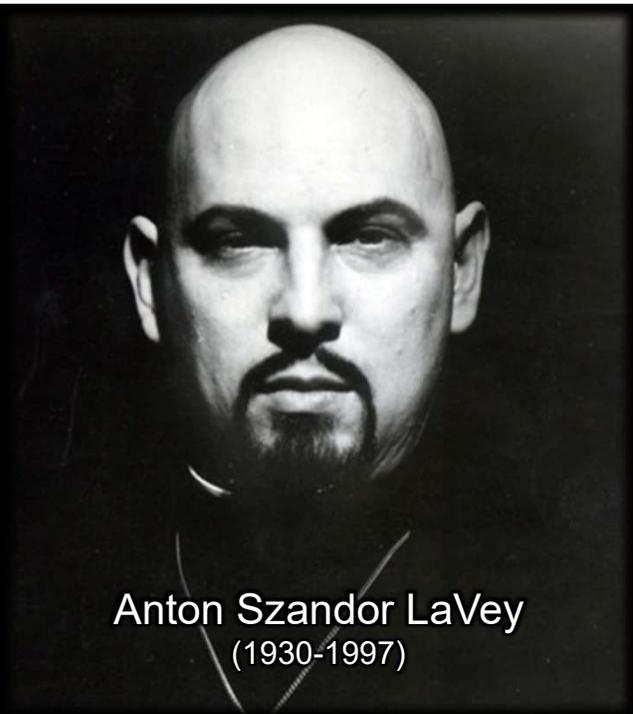


Isaac Bonewits  
(1949-2010)



***"Magic... is... the change  
in situations or events in  
accordance with one's  
will, which would, using  
normally accepted  
methods, be  
unchangeable."***

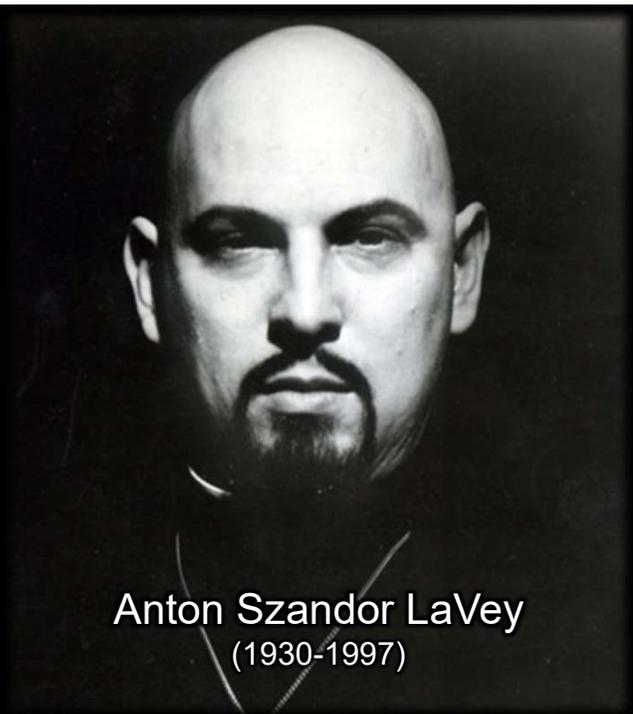
[Anton Szandor LaVey, *The Satanic Bible* (New York: Avon Books, 1969), 110]



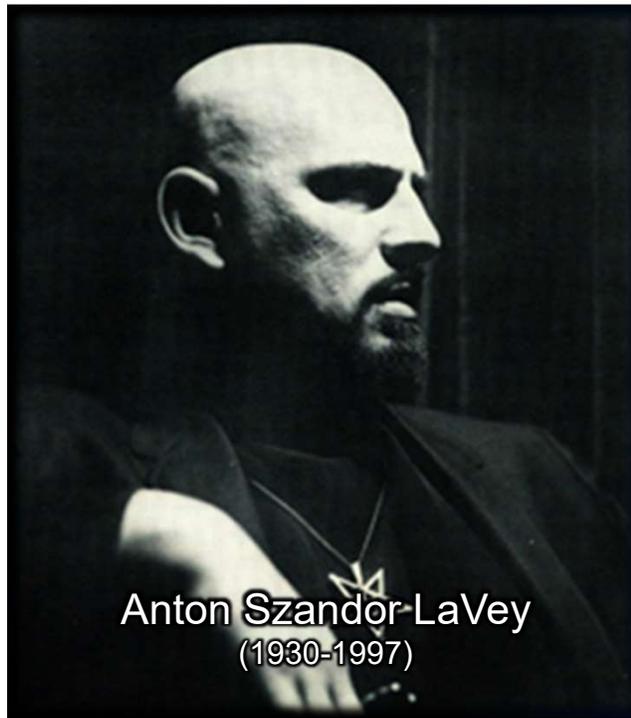
Anton Szandor LaVey  
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***"Magic is never  
totally scientifically  
explainable."***

[LaVey, *Satanic Bible*, 110]



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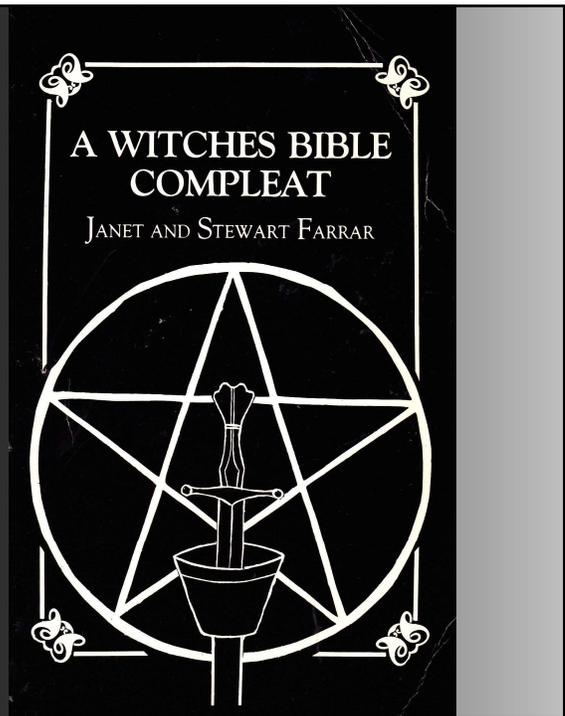
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*There is "balance in nature, a natural order. That's God. And that's Satan. Satan is God. He is the representation of the state of flux; he is **the action-reaction**; he is the cause and the effect; he is all the elements interwoven in what we call evolution."*

[LaVey, in Lawrence Wright, "Sympathy for the Devil," Rolling Stone no. 612 (September 5, 1991): 105]



Stewart Farrar Janet Farrar  
(1916-2000)



But Consciousness is human, too. The individual conscious mind is a comparative newcomer to the evolutionary scene on this planet, and – at least as far as land animals are concerned! – it is the unique gift of *homo sapiens*. No other physically manifested land animal has it, though one or two of the higher mammals seem to possess its first embryonic stirrings. Sentimentalists credit their favourite animals with it to a quasi-human degree, but this is pure projection (and a misunderstanding of the nature of consciousness) given colour by the fact that some of the animals' instinctual patterns, conditioned reflexes and learning ability overlap recognizably with human ones. Pet-owners would understand and learn from the creatures they love much better if they gave up this fantasy and saw (for example) a cat as a cat, with the dignity of its own nature, and not as a furry human.

Consciousness is not only a gift, it is a responsibility. It gives man 'dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth'. Dominion in this sense does not mean the right to exploit them; it means that, since man's growing complexity makes him, for better or worse, the spearpoint of Earth's evolution, he has the greatest responsibility (indeed, his is the only species with conscious responsibility) towards the whole of manifested Nature.

Witches are specially aware of it; Wicca as such is non-political, embracing voters and activists of many shades, but witches all tend to jump on the same soap-box when it comes to environmental issues.

But consciousness burdens man with a responsibility to himself, to his own race, as well. He must integrate conscious with unconscious, intellect with intuition, head with heart, brain with gut. If he does not, their conflict will paralyse or even destroy him, and possibly the Earth too; he will have betrayed the trust of his 'dominion'.

So it is incumbent upon witches, whose religion and Craft stem from the inner depths, to be truly the Wise People and show that Wicca satisfies the intellect as well. They have to demonstrate to themselves and to the world that their faith accords with reality and therefore does not (however beautiful it appears on the surface) contain the seeds of self-destruction.

The rationale of Wicca is a philosophical framework into which every phenomenon, from chemistry to clairvoyance, from logarithms to love, can be reasonably fitted. And since Wicca is a fast-growing movement, active in a real world, it must (without ever losing or weakening its preoccupation with the psychic depths) constantly explain, examine, develop and improve that philosophy.

The rationale of Wicca, as we see it, rests upon two fundamental principles: the Theory of Levels, and the Theory of Polarity.

The Theory of Levels maintains that reality exists and operates on many planes (physical, etheric, astral, mental, spiritual, to give a simplified but generally accepted list<sup>2</sup>); that each of these levels has its own laws; and that these sets of laws, while special to their own levels, are compatible with each other, their mutual resonance governing the interaction between the levels.

The Theory of Polarity maintains that all activity, all manifestation, arises from (and is inconceivable without) the interaction of pairs and complementary opposites – positive and negative, light and dark, content and form, male and female, and so on; and that this polarity is not a conflict between 'good' and 'evil', but a creative tension like that between the positive and negative terminals of an electric battery. Good and evil only arise with the constructive or destructive application of that polarity's output (again, as with the uses to which a battery may be put).

The Theory of Levels describes the structure of the universe; the Theory of Polarity describes its activity; and structure and activity are inseparable. Together, they are the universe.

Let us examine each of them in more detail.

The Theory of Levels (even if over-simplified to matter, mind, spirit and God) was more or less taken for granted until about a couple of centuries ago, when the avalanche of the Scientific Revolution (and its dark offspring the Industrial Revolution) really began to move. The Scientific Revolution, almost exclusively concerned with the physical level of reality, was a necessary if often temporarily disorienting stage in man's development; the time had come for him to understand and conquer matter and its laws.

The trouble was that he did it so brilliantly, with such awe-inspiring and heady success, that he deluded himself into thinking that matter was the only level of reality. He came to believe that mind was merely an epiphenomenon, an electro-chemical activity of the physical brain; and that 'spirit' was a fantasy, a symbolic projection of man's mental or even glandular conflicts and uncertainties, or at best of his urge to perfection, the true key to which (it was believed) lay in material progress.

One would have thought that organized religion would have put forward a meaningful corrective to all this; but in fact its voice was barely head crying in the wilderness of triumphant materialism. In all the active arenas of human ideas, religion was relegated to the ethical or charity-doling sidelines, or to moral rationalizations of the social consequences of industrialization. As far as philosophy, the interpretation of cosmic reality, was concerned, it could fight only rearward actions. Materialism was the actual dynamic force of the epoch.

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(They no longer use the term, because increased knowledge has shown it to be an over-simplification; but it is still a useful bit of shorthand to help the layman to understand what is going on.)

This event in the 'ether', as it stands, is undetectable by the human senses. We cannot see or hear it, in the sky or passing through our walls; but it is there, real and coherent.

In our living-room, another suitably designed equipment takes this 'etheric' event and transforms it, as if by magic, back into a movement-and-sound event. We see and hear a remarkably accurate re-creation of what is happening in the studio.

At the time of writing, this re-creation is merely in two-dimensional light and shade, colour and monaural sound; but there is already no technical reason (merely economic ones) why it should not be in three-dimensional vision and stereophonic sound. And in the future, television scientists may well be able to offer us smell, taste and touch as well.

The scientists here have been doing, between the sub-planes of their own recognized reality, precisely what the witches are doing between the major planes of their recognized reality; discovering and understanding the points and techniques of inter-resonance between them, and putting their new knowledge to practical use. In other words, 'opening up the levels'.

In this sense, television is magical; for that is exactly what magic is – in Aleister Crowley's words, 'the Science and Art of causing Change to occur in conformity with Will'. He goes on to say: 'Nature is a continuous phenomenon, though we do not know in all cases how these things are connected.' (*Magick in Theory and Practice*, Introduction pp. XII and XV.)

The discovery of those connections is the aim of the scientist (on the physical plane) and of the witch (on all the planes). The use of those discoveries is 'magic'. Magic does not break the laws of Nature; when it appears to do so, that is because it is obeying laws that the observer has not yet understood. A sixteenth-century scientist, for example, however intelligent and well-informed, if he could have seen television might well have branded it as supernatural.

As we have said, many modern scientists are becoming aware of (and some of them are investigating) phenomena which can only be explained on the basis that there are levels of reality other than the physical. Attempts to explain these phenomena in terms of still-undiscovered physical laws keep stumbling over fresh paradoxes. For example, if telepathy exists (and only willful ignorers of evidence can still deny that it does) and is due to some kind of brain-generated radiation – why does all the evidence show that it is not subject to the inverse square law<sup>8</sup> by which every other form of radiation known to

physical science is governed?

One could go on at length about recent research into such subjects as telepathy, telekinesis, the influence of thought on growing plants, the statistical analysis of Zodiacal birth-sign types and so on; but this is not the place to do it. For an overall review of the field, we recommend Lyall Watson's *Supernature*; and on telepathy in particular, Targ and Puthoff's *Mind Reach* (both in Bibliography).

We shall have more to say on the Theory of Levels in later Sections. Meanwhile, let us take a closer look at the Theory of Polarity.

This theory is not new, either; it is common to many philosophies, both religious and materialistic.

The trap into which monotheistic religions have fallen has been to equate polarity with good-versus-evil. They recognize that the activity of the world around them is engendered by the interaction of opposites; but they see this interaction only as the battle between God and Satan. When this battle ends with God's total victory at the Last Trump, they assume that activity will continue – but on what basis? Apart from mass choirs, and an excessive architectural use of gold, the prognosis is vague. Even the inspired visions of Heaven by gifted poets and seers are really just impassioned descriptions of contemporary evils that will not be there.

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physical science is governed?

One could go on at length about recent research into such subjects as telepathy, telekinesis, the influence of thought on growing plants, the statistical analysis of Zodiacal birth-sign types and so on; but this is not the place to do it. For an overall review of the field, we recommend Lyall Watson's *Supernature*; and on telepathy in particular, Targ and Puthoff's *Mind Reach* (both in Bibliography).

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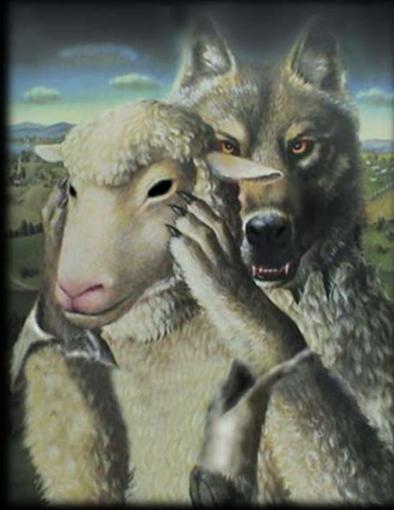
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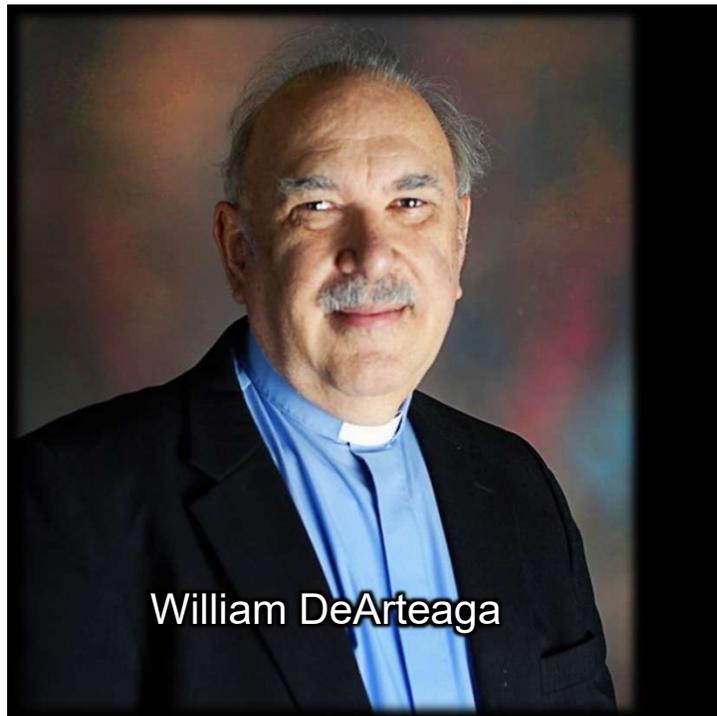
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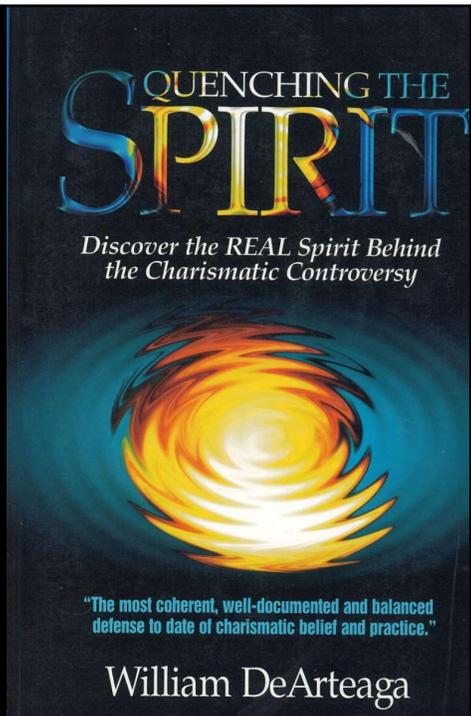
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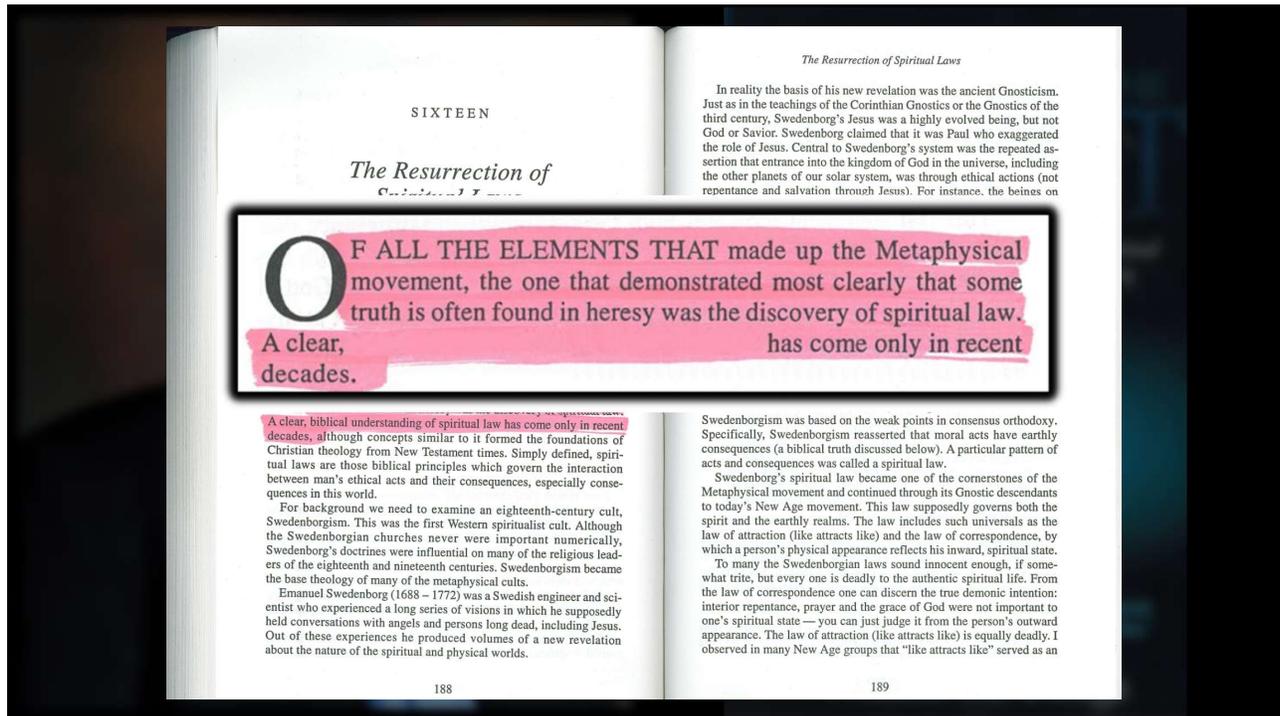
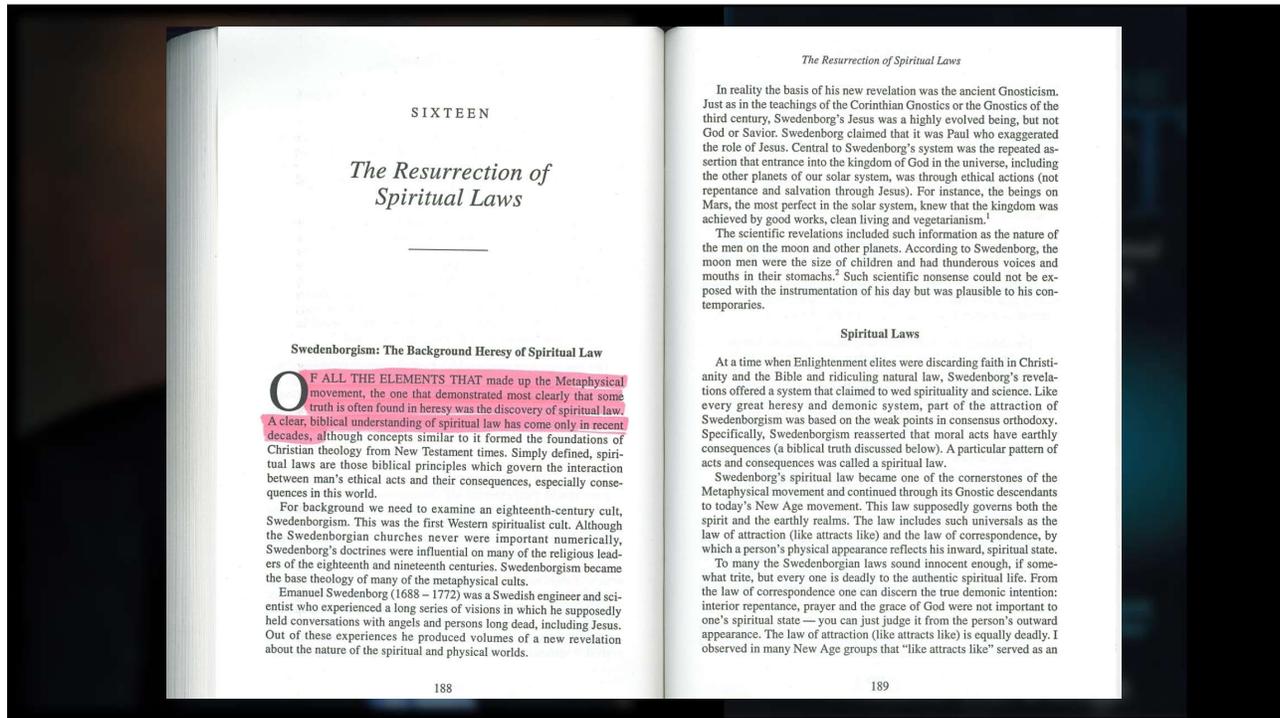


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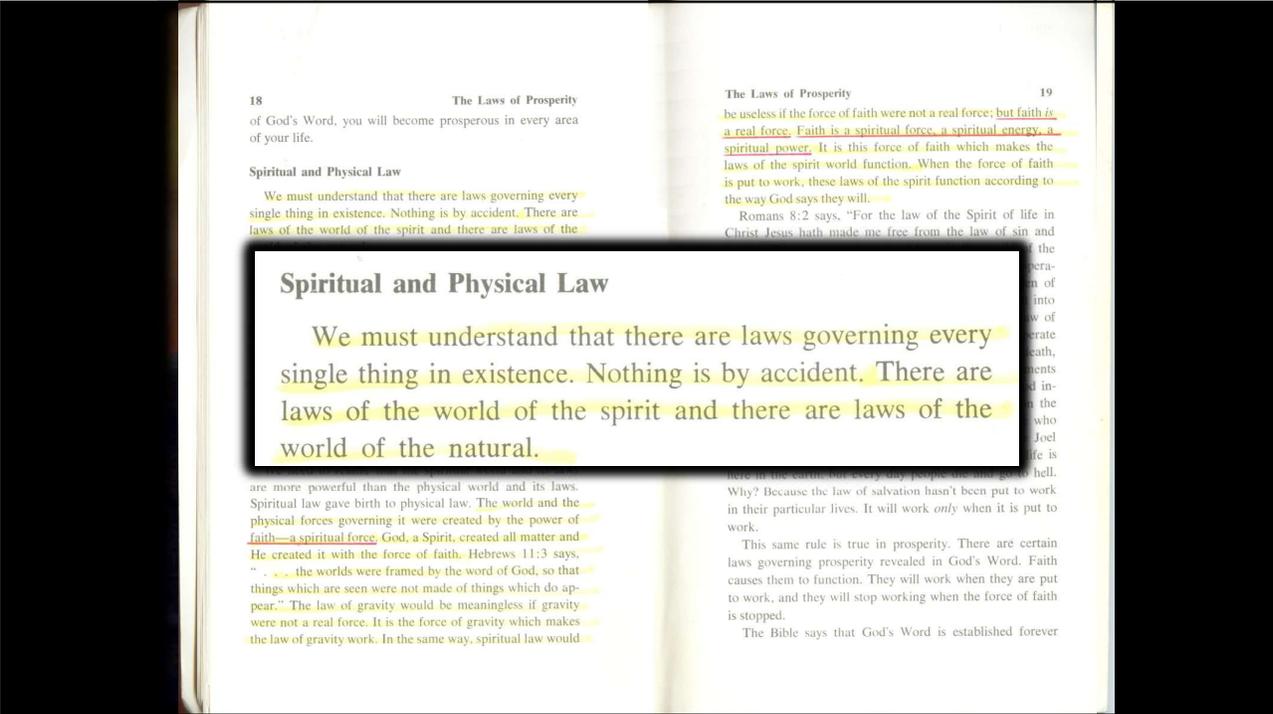


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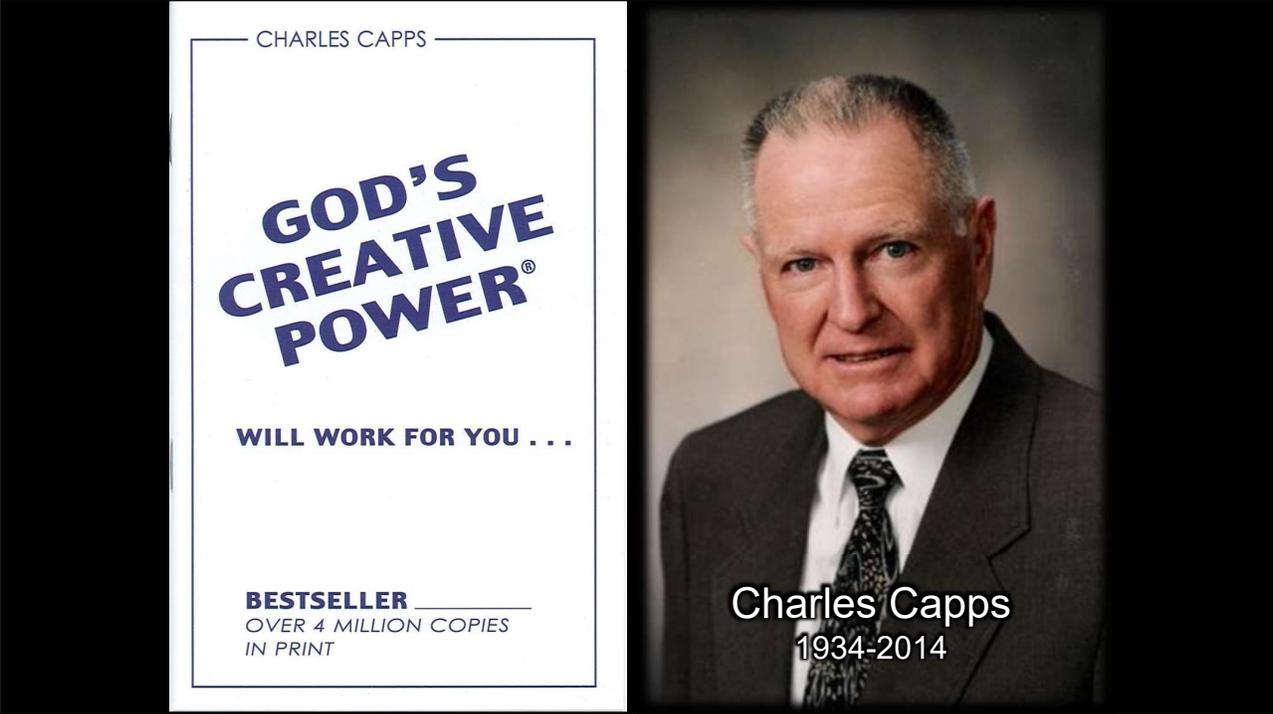
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Why? Because the law of salvation hasn't been put to work in their particular lives. It will work *only* when it is put to work.

This same rule is true in prosperity. There are certain laws governing prosperity revealed in God's Word. Faith causes them to function. They will work when they are put to work, and they will stop working when the force of faith is stopped.

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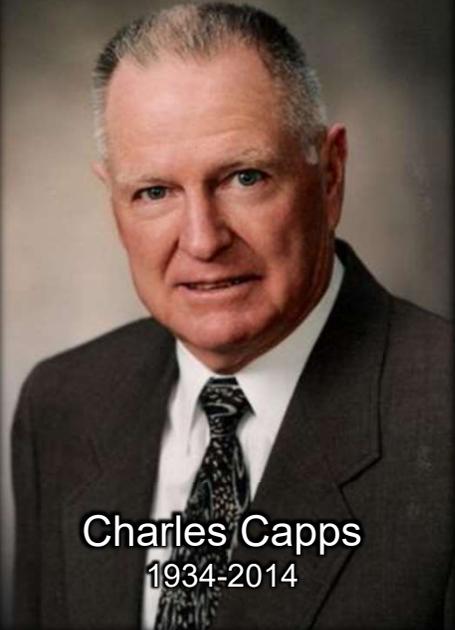


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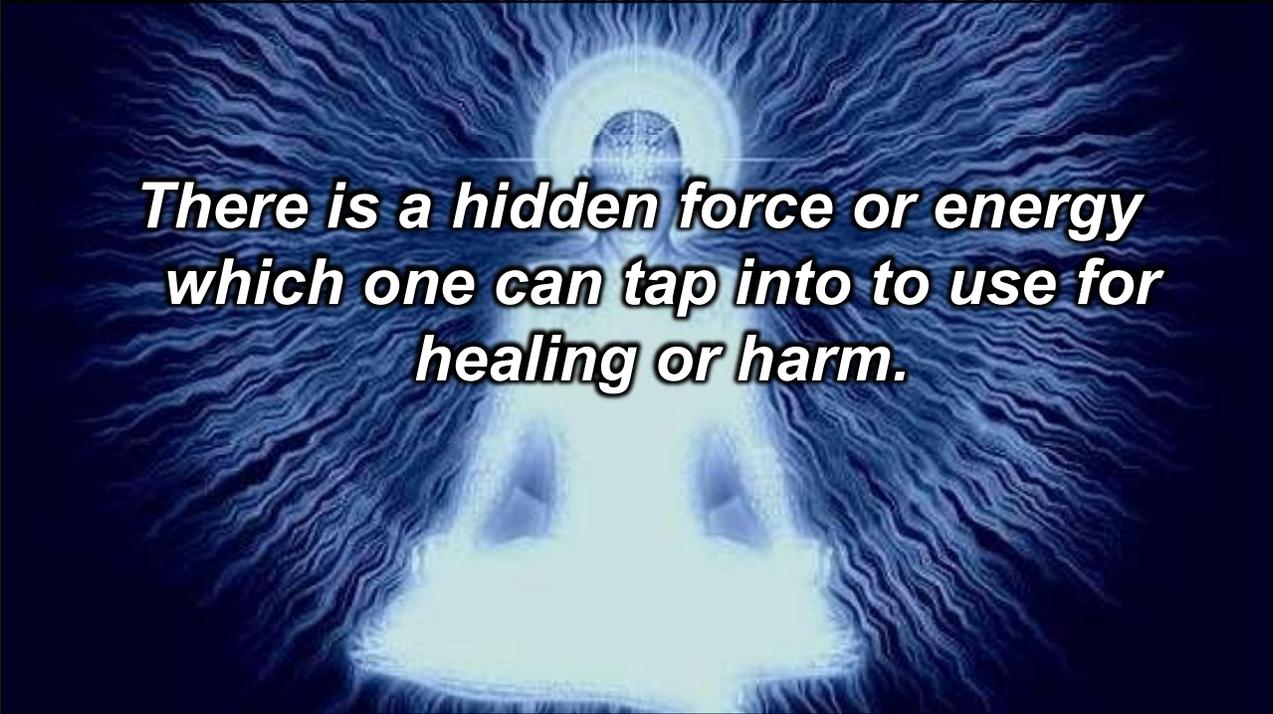
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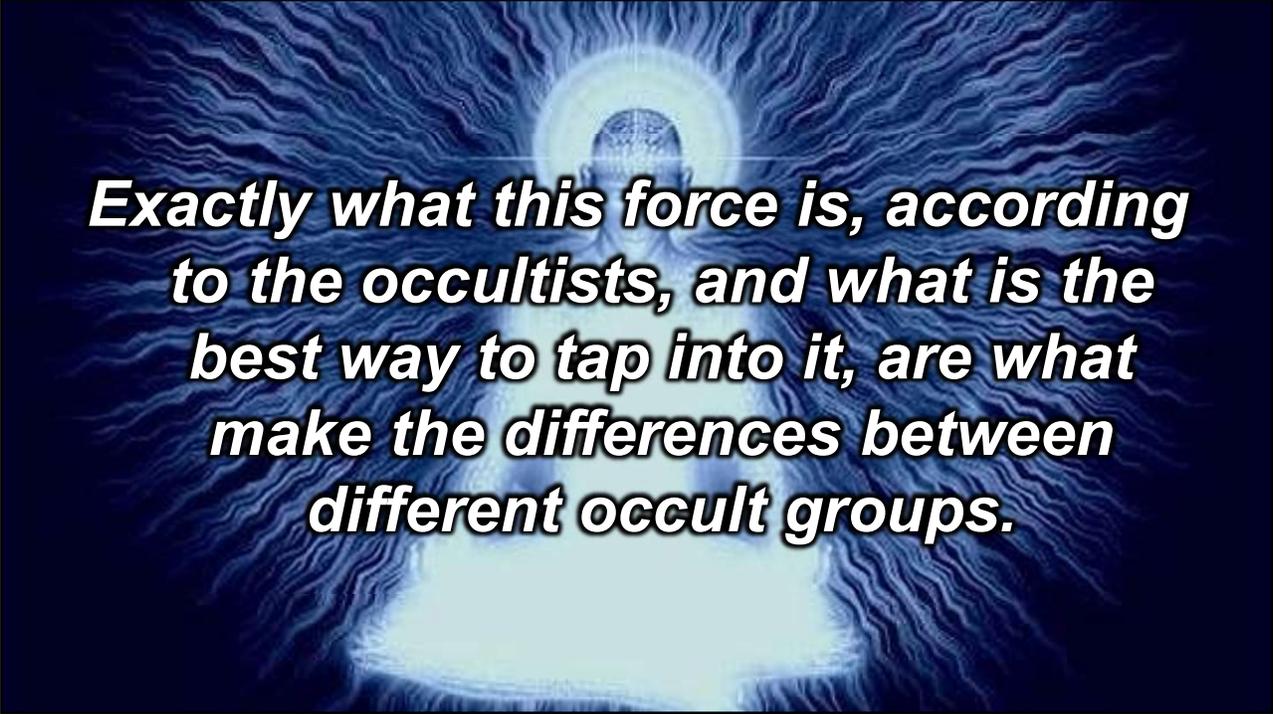
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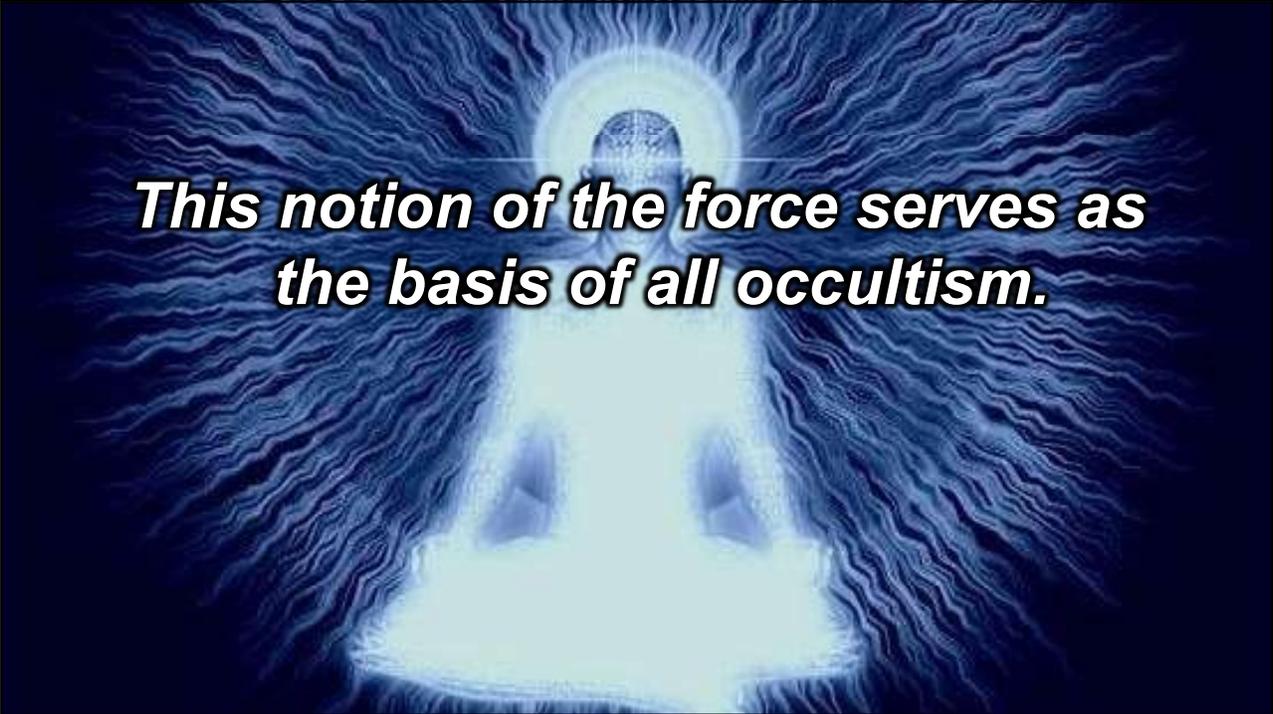
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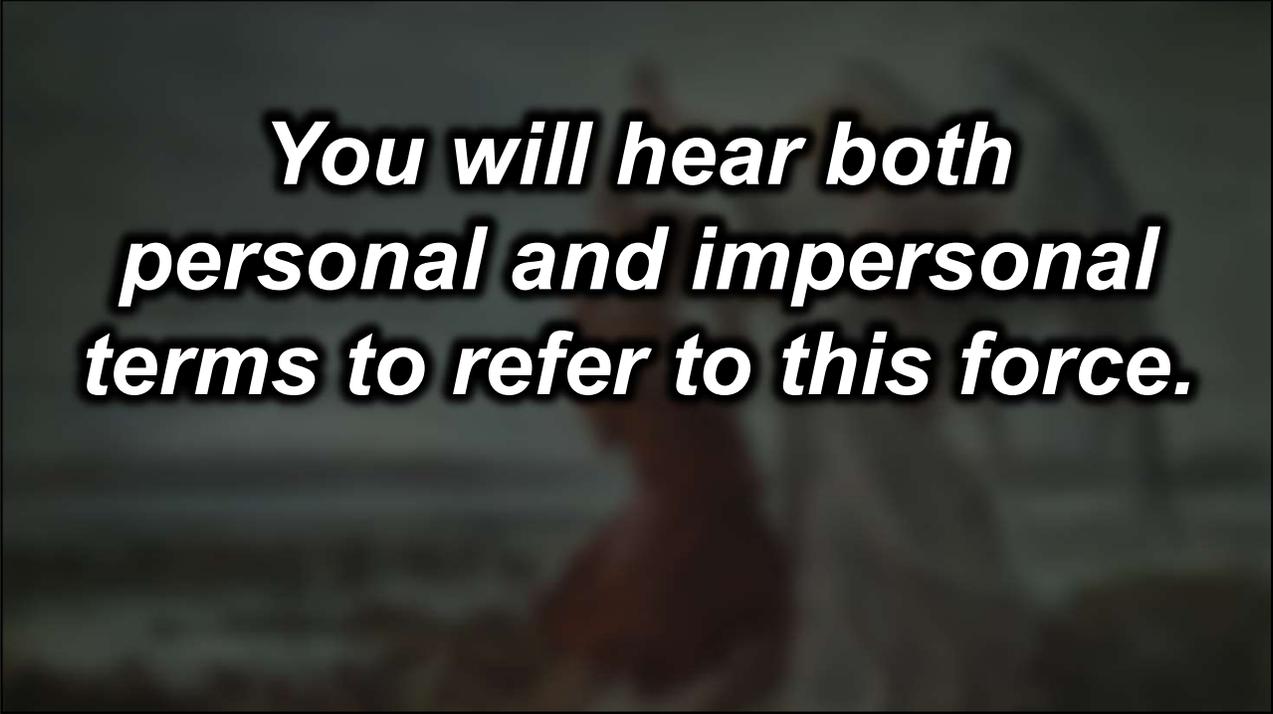
***There is a hidden force or energy  
which one can tap into to use for  
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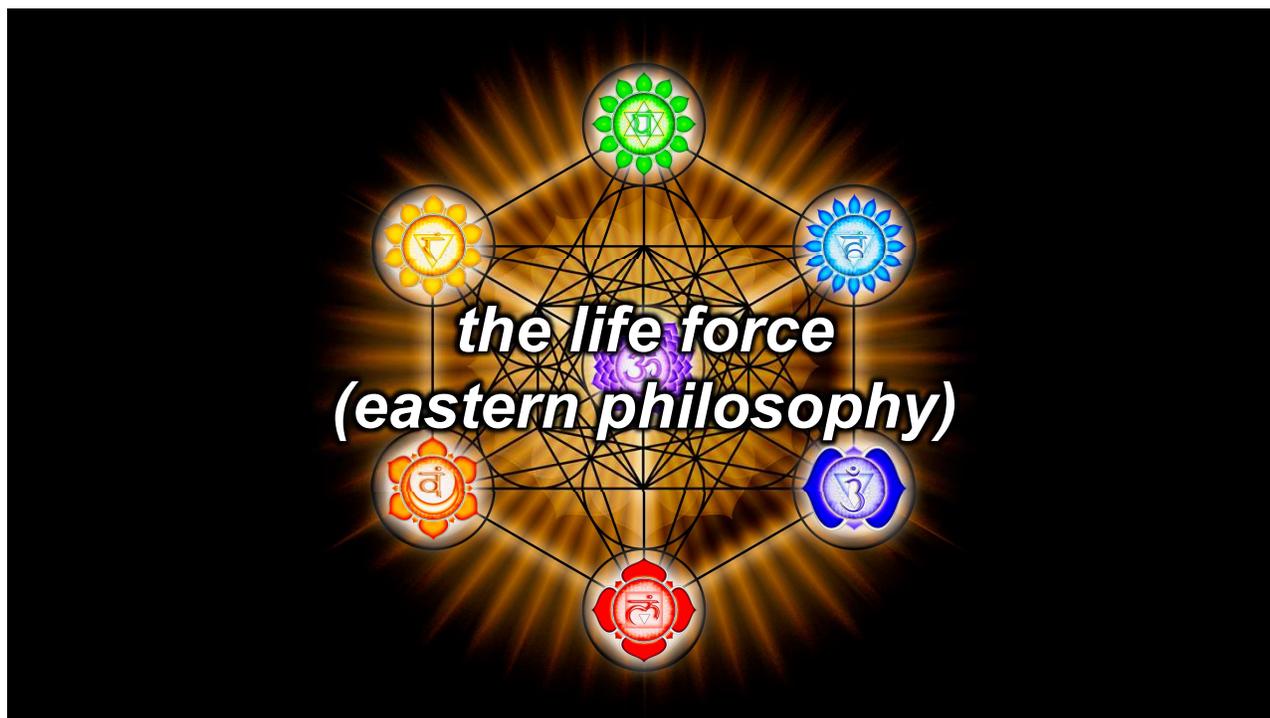
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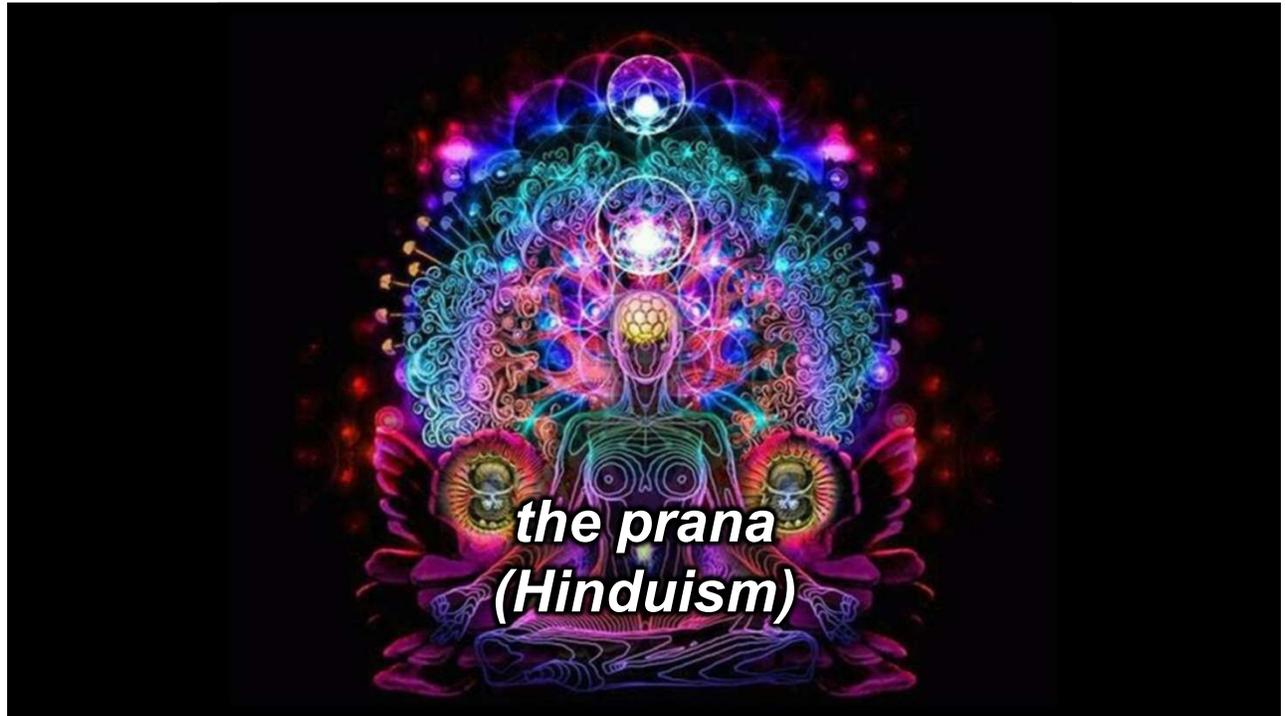
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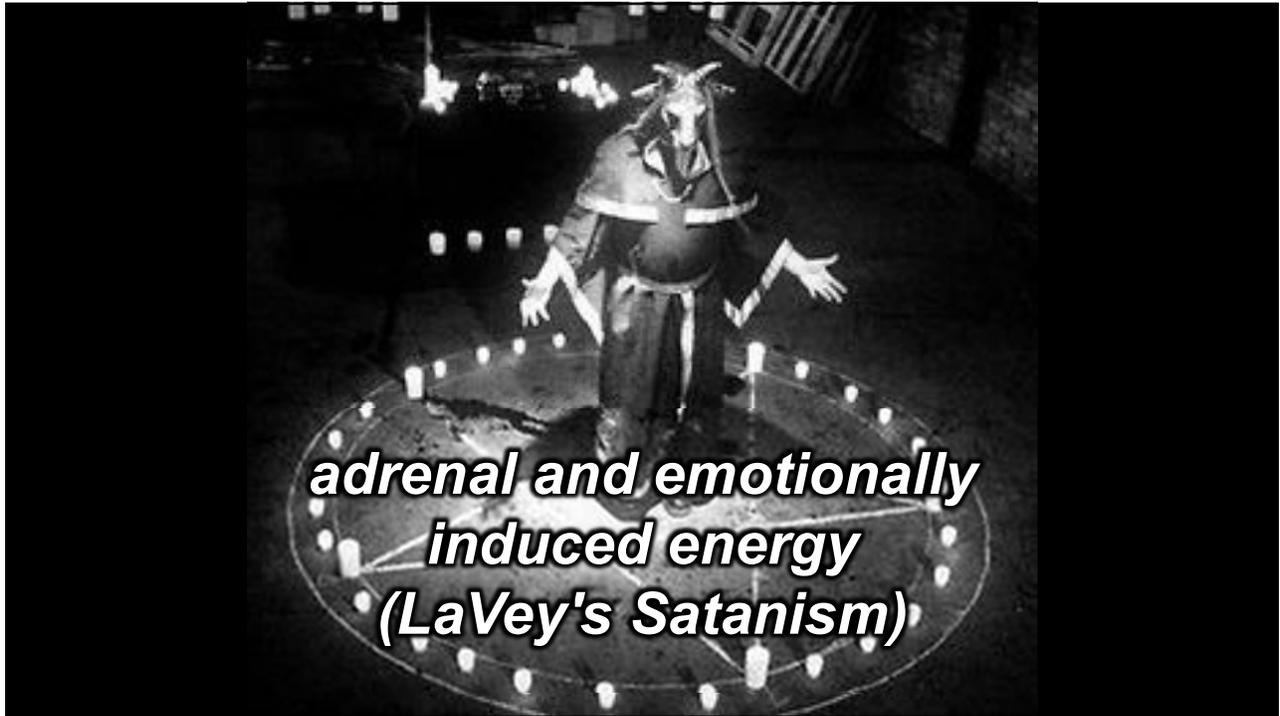


***getting in touch with mother  
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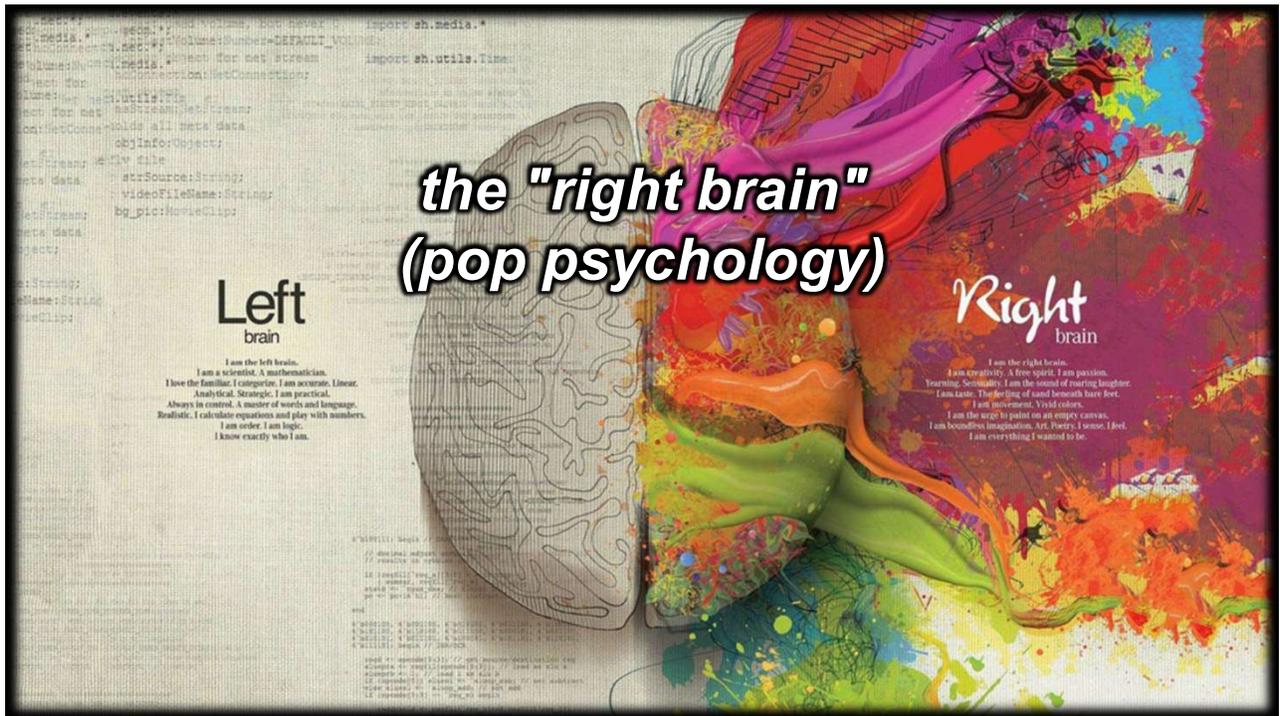


***the life force  
(eastern philosophy)***





**adrenal and emotionally  
induced energy  
(LaVey's Satanism)**



**Left  
brain**

I am the left brain.  
I am a scientist. A mathematician.  
I love the familiar. I categorize. I am accurate. Linear.  
Analytical. Strategic. I am practical.  
Always in control. A master of words and language.  
Rudolph. I calculate equations and play with numbers.  
I am order. I am logic.  
I know exactly who I am.

**the "right brain"  
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**Right  
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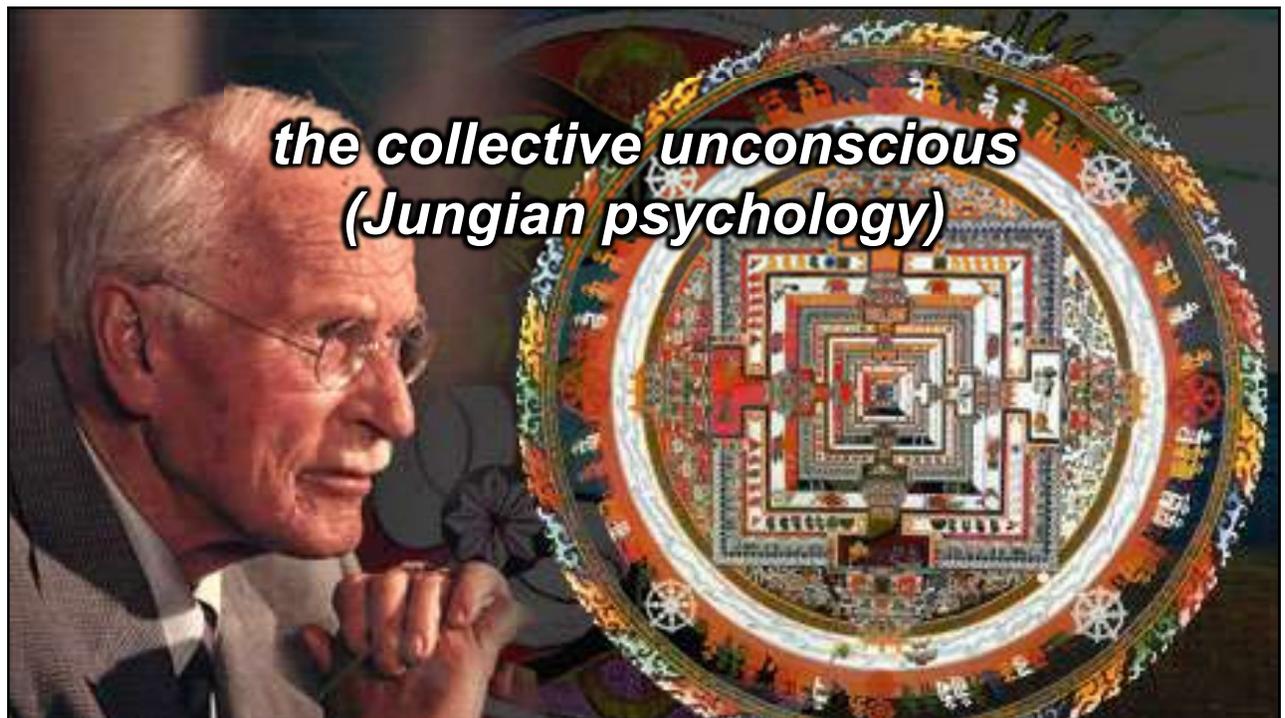
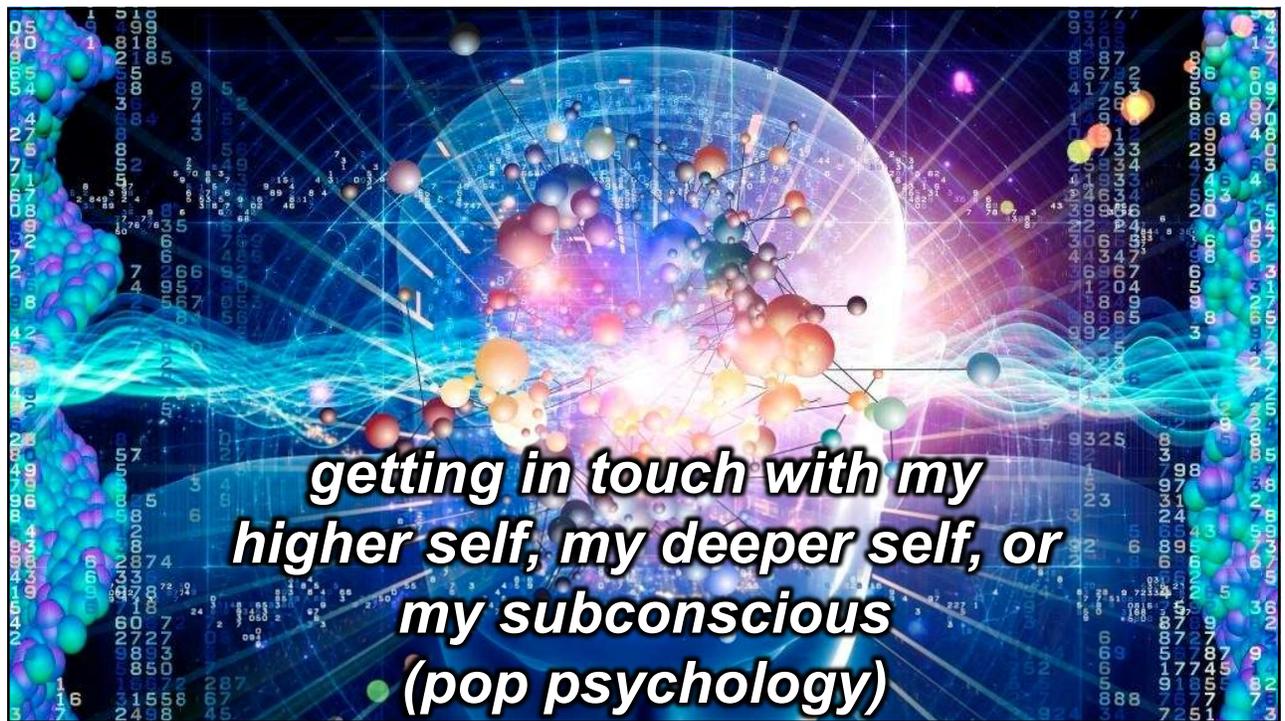
I am the right brain.  
I am creativity. A free spirit. I am passion.  
Yearning. Sensuality. I am the sound of roaring laughter.  
I am taste. The feeling of sand beneath bare feet.  
I am movement. I yield colors.  
I am the urge to paint on an empty canvas.  
I am boundless imagination. Art. Poetry. I sense. I feel.  
I am everything I wanted to be.



*the universe  
(New Age)*

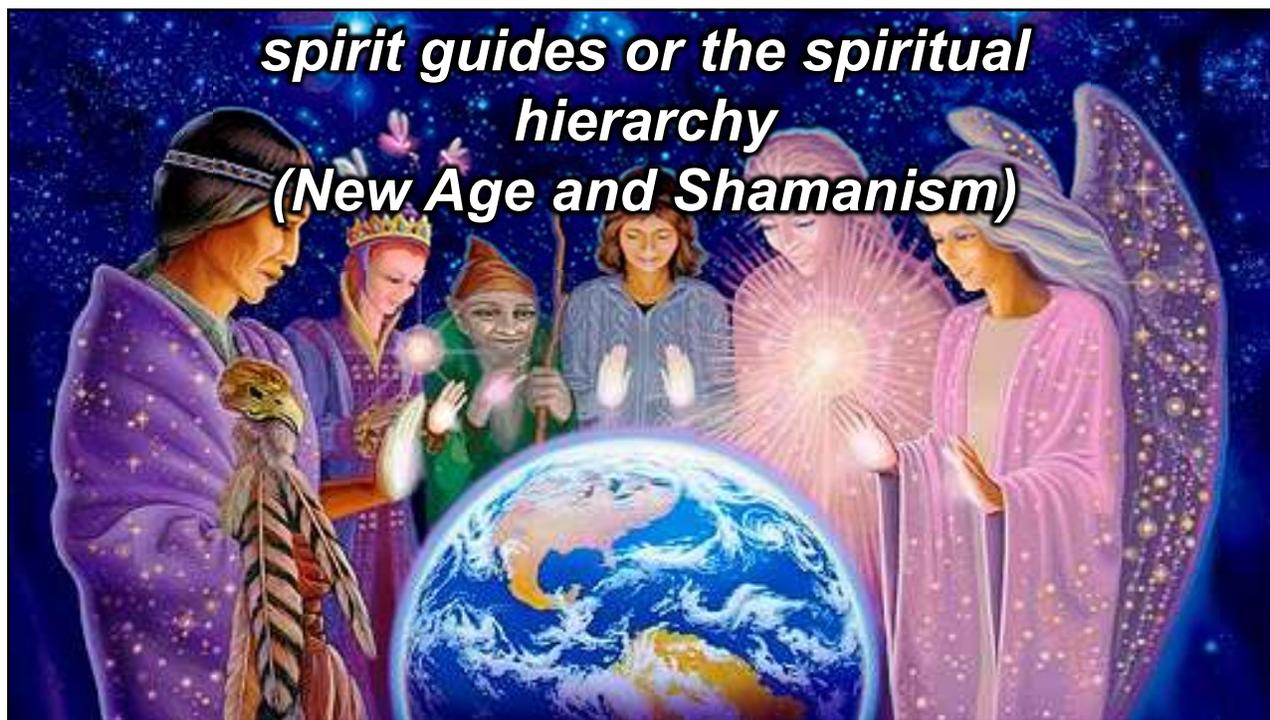


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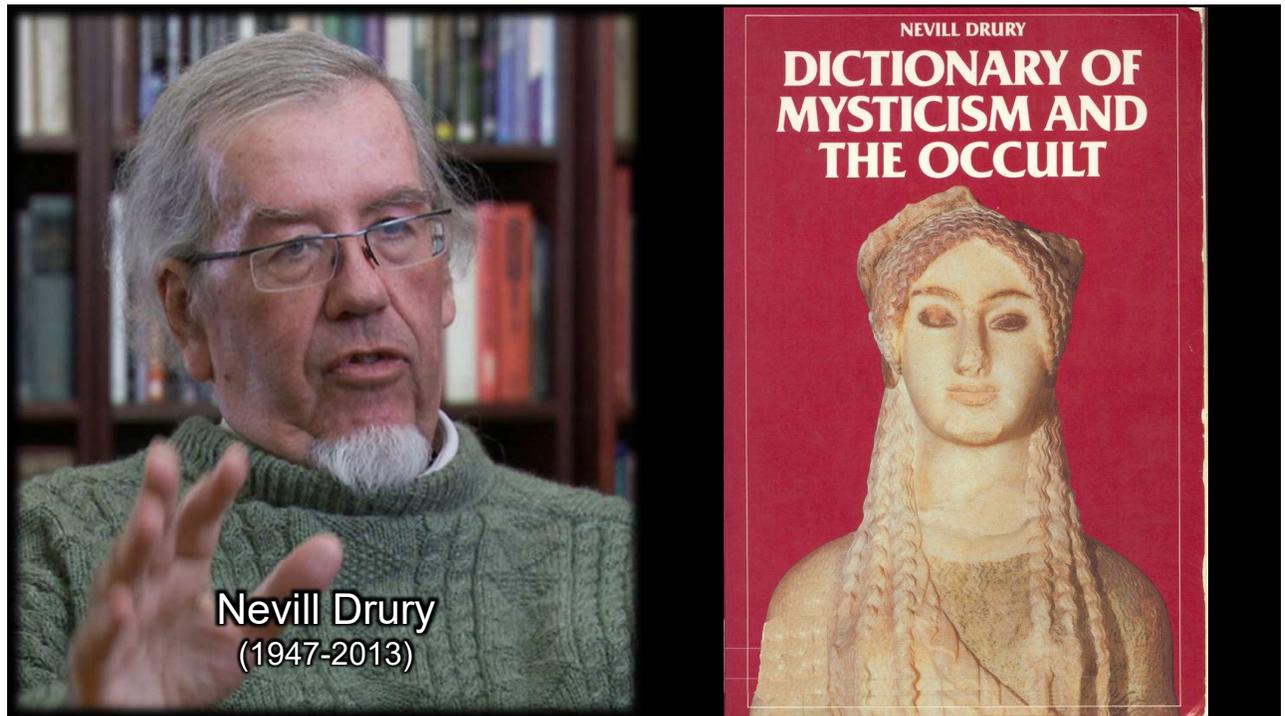
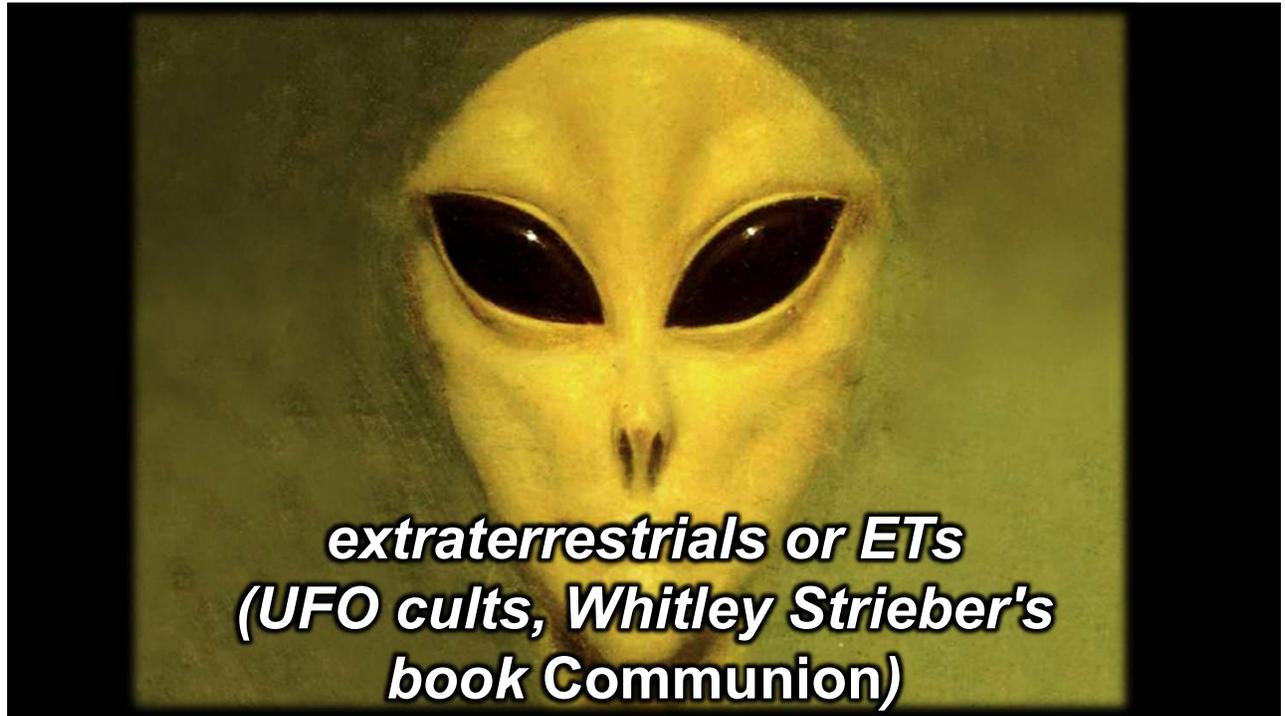




**inner counselors  
(Silva Mind Control and  
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**spirit guides or the spiritual  
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**Light.** English spiritualist journal, founded by Stainton Moses and Dawson Rogers in 1881 under the auspices of the London Spiritualist Alliance. The journal still exists and is now published quarterly by the College of Psychic Studies in London.

**Light, Collector of.** Term used in astrology to describe a situation where a planet receives aspects from two other significators who are in a position of dignity. The collector of light is then seen as a mediating influence and is said to bring a harmonious outcome to quarrels, disagreements, and lawsuits.

**Lightness.** Quality ascribed to the element Air, also associated with spontaneous dance and the urge to rise above oneself. It is thus linked to ecstasy, and is a quality described by those who have the out-of-the-body experience or claim the paranormal faculty of levitation.

**Light Planets.** In astrology, a reference to those bodies that are swift in motion and have a "light" gravity (the moon, Venus, and Mercury).

**Lights.** Term applied in astrology to differentiate the sun and moon from the other planets in the horoscope.

**Lila.** Hindu term referring to the divine "play" or "sport" of the gods, whether in love or in Nature.

**Lilith.** According to Hebrew tradition, the first wife of Adam. Lilith is a "dark" form of the goddess, identified as being vengeful, hostile to childbirth, and demanding of human sacrifice. Lilith's name means "night monster" and she was sometimes characterized as a night-demon or phantom who, like Hecate and Lamia, personified evil and darkness. In the magical tradition of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, Lilith is described as "Queen of the Night and of Demons" and is one of the Qliphoth, the negative form of Malkuth.

**Lilly, Dr. John** (1915 - ). American neurophysiologist who has been a major pioneer in the study of altered states of consciousness and is also well known for his work on communication with dolphins. In his book *The Centre of the Cyclone* (1972), Lilly described his theories of the operations of the human mind on the basis of his personal exploration of sensory deprivation states. Lilly found that visionary experiences could arise during extended periods of confinement in an isolation tank, and that these experiences related directly to the

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**Lion**

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**Lilly, William** (1602-1681). English astrologer who lived during the reign of Oliver Cromwell and was patronized by him during the dispute between the Royalists and Roundheads. Lilly is said to have predicted the death of Charles I, the Great Fire of London, and the Restoration, and wrote many works relating to astrology and prediction. His most famous almanac was *Merlinus Anglicanus* (1641).

**Lines of Power.** See *Leys*.

**Lingam.** Hindu symbol of the phallus, representing the life-giving powers of the universe. It correlates with the Chinese yang force. The term lingam, in its literal form, is Sanskrit for a "sign" or "form." The lingam is sacred to Shiva.

**Linga Sharira.** From the Sanskrit, "body pattern," the etheric counterpart of the physical body. It may thus be used to describe the astral body or *doppelganger*.

**Lion.** Animal with mythic and magical associations. The lion symbolizes gold and the sun and was sacred to the followers of the cult of Mithra. It was also worshipped by the devotees of Sekhmet, the ancient Egyptian lion-headed goddess. The lion, as Leo, is the fifth sign of the zodiac and is identified in this capacity as one of the three Fire signs (the other two being Sagittarius and Aries). The lion is also featured in the symbolism of the Major Arcana of the Tarot. On the card of *Temperance*, the lion sym-

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**Light.** Universal symbol of illumination and transcendence, equated with the Spirit and with the Godhead. In the Kabalah the supreme Reality is Ain Soph Aur, "the limitless Light," and mystics universally describe light filling their souls, or sweeping their minds into a state of transcendent bliss. White light contains all colors and also all "virtues." It therefore symbolizes Totality and Oneness. Many cosmologies, especially those of ancient Persia and Egypt, describe illumination and initiation in terms of the forces of Light conquering those of Darkness.

**Light.** English spiritualist journal, founded by Stainton Moses and Dawson Rogers in 1881 under the auspices of the London Spiritualist Alliance. The journal still exists and is now published quarterly by the College of Psychic Studies in London.

**Light, Collector of.** Term used in astrology to describe a situation where a planet receives aspects from two other significators who are in a position of dignity. The collector of light is then seen as a mediating influence and is said to bring a harmonious outcome to quarrels, disagreements, and lawsuits.

**Lightness.** Quality ascribed to the element Air, also associated with spontaneous dance

and the urge to rise above oneself. It is thus linked to ecstasy, and is a quality described by those who have the out-of-the-body experience or claim the paranormal faculty of levitation.

**Light Planets.** In astrology, a reference to those bodies that are swift in motion and have a "light" gravity (the moon, Venus, and Mercury).

**Lights.** Term applied in astrology to differentiate the sun and moon from the other planets in the horoscope.

**Lila.** Hindu term referring to the divine "play" or "sport" of the gods, whether in love or in Nature.

**Lilith.** According to Hebrew tradition, the first wife of Adam. Lilith is a "dark" form of the goddess, identified as being vengeful, hostile to childbirth, and demanding of human sacrifice. Lilith's name means "night monster" and she was sometimes characterized as a night-demon or phantom who, like Hecate and Lamia, personified evil and darkness. In the magical tradition of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, Lilith is described as "Queen of the Night and of Demons" and is one of the Qliphoth, the negative form of Malkuth.

**Lilly, Dr. John** (1915 - ). American neurophysiologist who has been a major pioneer in the study of altered states of consciousness and is also well known for his work on communication with dolphins. In his book *The Centre of the Cyclone* (1972), Lilly described his theories of the operations of the human mind on the basis of his personal exploration of sensory deprivation states. Lilly found that visionary experiences could arise during extended periods of confinement in an isolation tank, and that these experiences related directly to the

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inhibit mystical illumination and impose a limit or restriction on the experience of transcendental reality. Dr. Lilly's other books include *Programming and Metaprogramming in the Human Biocomputer* (1972); *The Dyadic Cyclone*, co-authored with Antoinette Lilly, (1976); *The Deep Self* (1977); and *The Scientist* (1978).

**Lilly, William** (1602-1681). English astrologer who lived during the reign of Oliver Cromwell and was patronized by him during the dispute between the Royalists and Roundheads. Lilly is said to have predicted the death of Charles I, the Great Fire of London, and the Restoration, and wrote many works relating to astrology and prediction. His most famous almanac was *Merlinus Anglicanus* (1641).

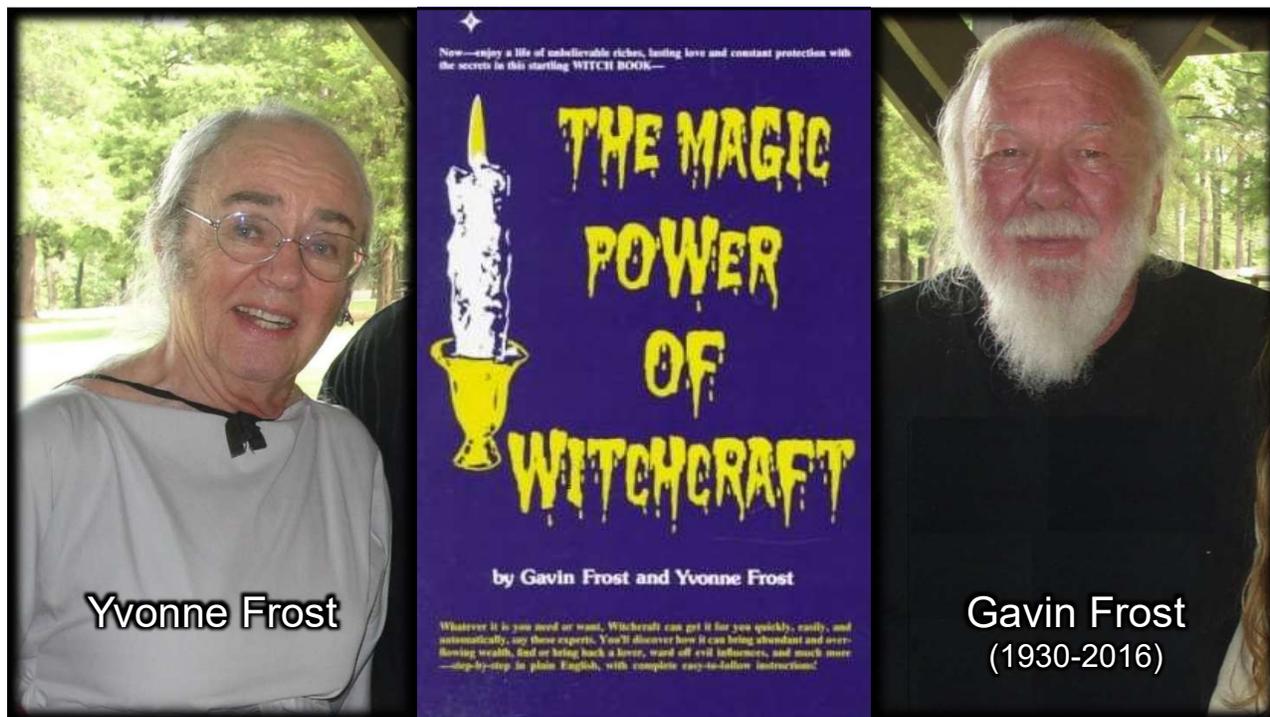
**Lines of Power.** See *Leys*.

**Lingam.** Hindu symbol of the phallus, representing the life-giving powers of the universe. It correlates with the Chinese yang force. The term lingam, in its literal form, is Sanskrit for a "sign" or "form." The lingam is sacred to Shiva.

**Linga Sharira.** From the Sanskrit, "body pattern," the etheric counterpart of the physical body. It may thus be used to describe the astral body or *doppelganger*.

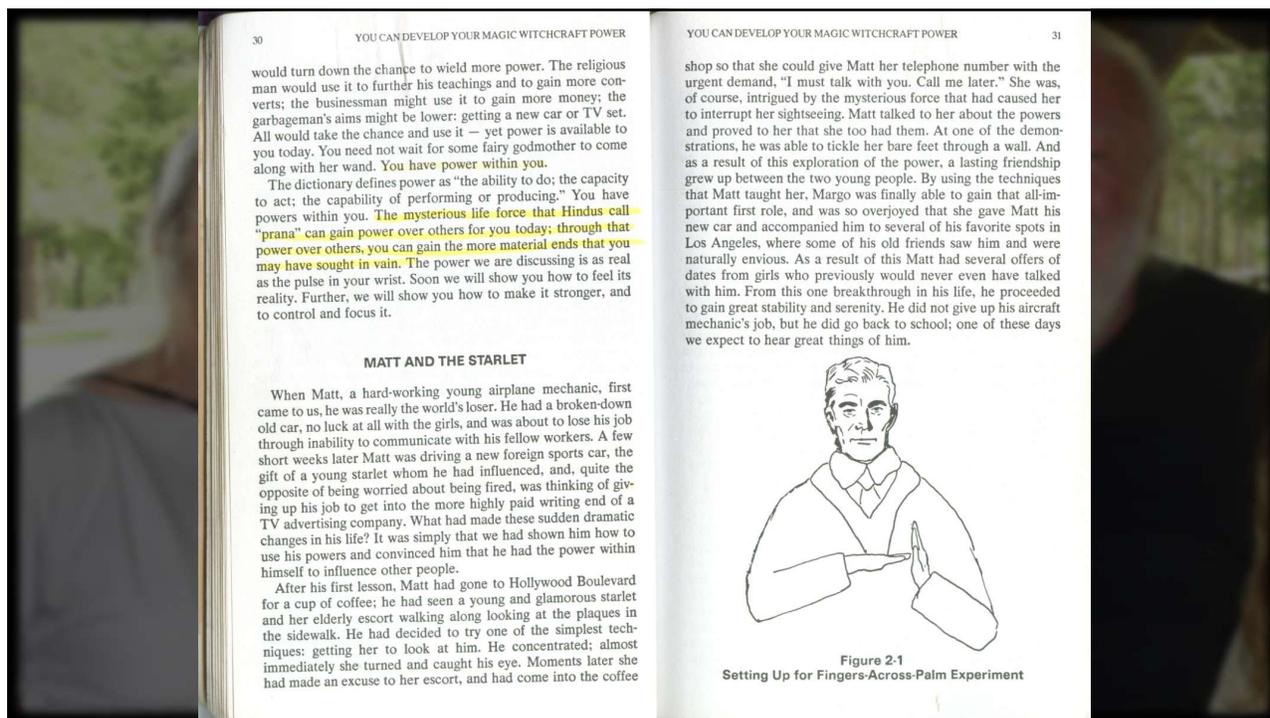
**Lion.** Animal with mythic and magical associations. The lion symbolizes gold and the sun and was sacred to the followers of the cult of Mithra. It was also worshipped by the devotees of Sekhmet, the ancient Egyptian lion-headed goddess. The lion, as Leo, is the fifth sign of the zodiac and is identified in this capacity as one of the three Fire signs (the other two being Sagittarius and Aries). The lion is also featured in the symbolism of the Major Arcana of the Tarot. On the card of *Temperance*, the lion sym-

**Life-force.** Term for the universal life energy that sustains all living things in the universe. It is known variously as prana (Sanskrit), ch'i (Chinese Taoism), and ki (Japanese Buddhism); and in animistic religions it is worshiped as god-in-nature. Compare with *Pantheism*.



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The dictionary defines power as "the ability to do; the capacity to act; the capability of performing or producing." You have powers within you. **The mysterious life force that Hindus call "prana" can gain power over others for you today; through that power over others, you can gain the more material ends that you may have sought in vain.** The power we are discussing is as real as the pulse in your wrist. Soon we will show you how to feel its reality. Further, we will show you how to make it stronger, and to control and focus it.

**MATT AND THE STARLET**

When Matt, a hard-working young airplane mechanic, first came to us, he was really the world's loser. He had a broken-down old car, no luck at all with the girls, and was about to lose his job through inability to communicate with his fellow workers. A few short weeks later Matt was driving a new foreign sports car, the gift of a young starlet whom he had influenced, and, quite the opposite of being worried about being fired, was thinking of giving up his job to get into the more highly paid writing end of a TV advertising company. What had made these sudden dramatic changes in his life? It was simply that we had shown him how to use his powers and convinced him that he had the power within himself to influence other people.

After his first lesson, Matt had gone to Hollywood Boulevard for a cup of coffee; he had seen a young and glamorous starlet and her elderly escort walking along looking at the plaques in the sidewalk. He had decided to try one of the simplest techniques: getting her to look at him. He concentrated; almost immediately she turned and caught his eye. Moments later she had made an excuse to her escort, and had come into the coffee

shop so that she could give Matt her telephone number with the urgent demand, "I must talk with you. Call me later." She was, of course, intrigued by the mysterious force that had caused her to interrupt her sightseeing. Matt talked to her about the powers and proved to her that she too had them. At one of the demonstrations, he was able to tickle her bare feet through a wall. And as a result of this exploration of the power, a lasting friendship grew up between the two young people. By using the techniques that Matt taught her, Margo was finally able to gain that all-important first role, and was so overjoyed that she gave Matt his new car and accompanied him to several of his favorite spots in Los Angeles, where some of his old friends saw him and were naturally envious. As a result of this Matt had several offers of dates from girls who previously would never even have talked with him. From this one breakthrough in his life, he proceeded to gain great stability and serenity. He did not give up his aircraft mechanic's job, but he did go back to school; one of these days we expect to hear great things of him.



Figure 2-1  
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#### MAGIC WITCHCRAFT POWER IS THE TOTAL ANSWER

Witchcraft has for centuries held the total answer. You will see as you read through this Witch Book how various writers have had just a piece of the truth and what awesome powers are available to the initiated Witch who has full knowledge of his or her powers. As you will see in reading this book, Witches can perceive the truth in its entirety. They realize the existence of the other nine-tenths of the iceberg. They have it all.

#### SATANISM

Witches are not Satanists, for Satan appears only in the Judeo-Christian Bible. But because thoughts are real things, each time you, dear reader, think of Satan, you add to the thoughtform stored in the vastness of cosmic space, the thoughtform labeled "Satan." This allows people who are practicing Satanists to draw energy from your very thoughts. Satanism is indeed real — but it is not Witchcraft. The Craft was in existence long eons before the name of Satan was inscribed in the Christian writings.

Because we Witches are not Christians, we do not have any real belief in the efficacy of the Christian form of prayer. It furthers me nothing, however, to mock the Christian mass or to say it backward, forward or sideways — any more than it would to reject religious acts of Muslim, Hinduism, Buddhism or Shinto. It is better by far to call on the old God Force and to form our own pure thoughtforms, avoiding any possible evil associated with a call to Satan or to some other devilish being.

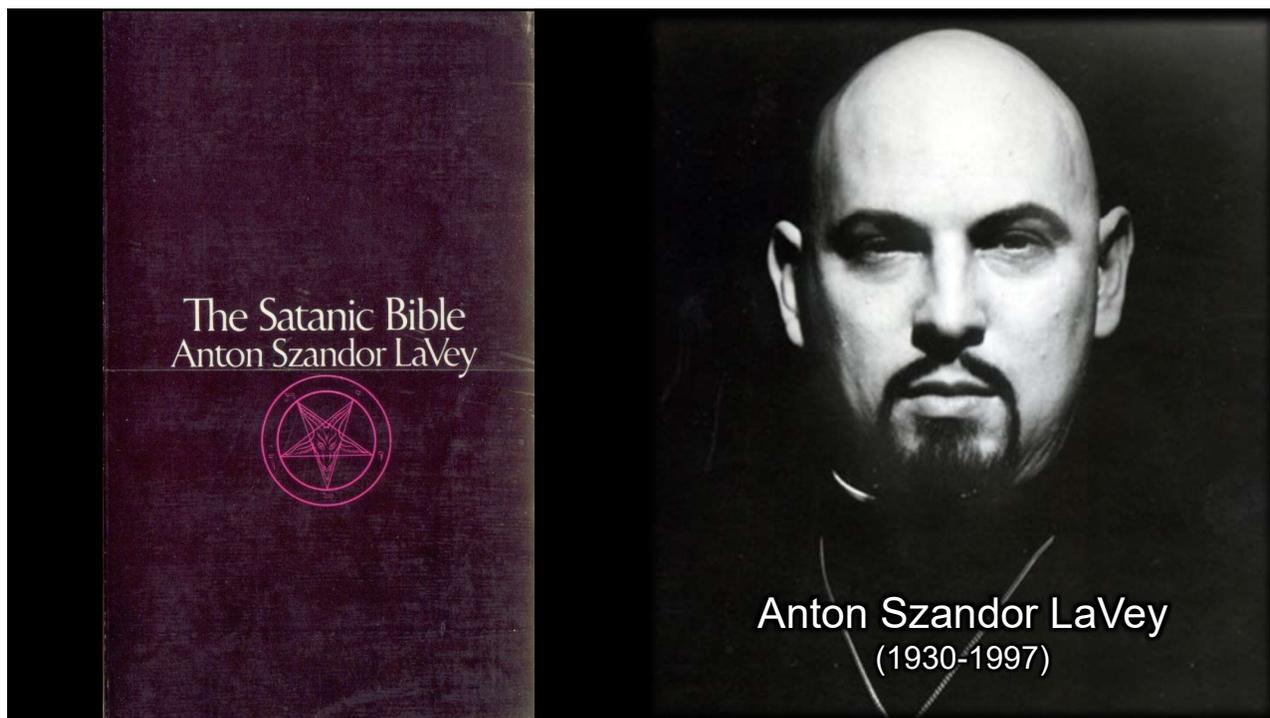
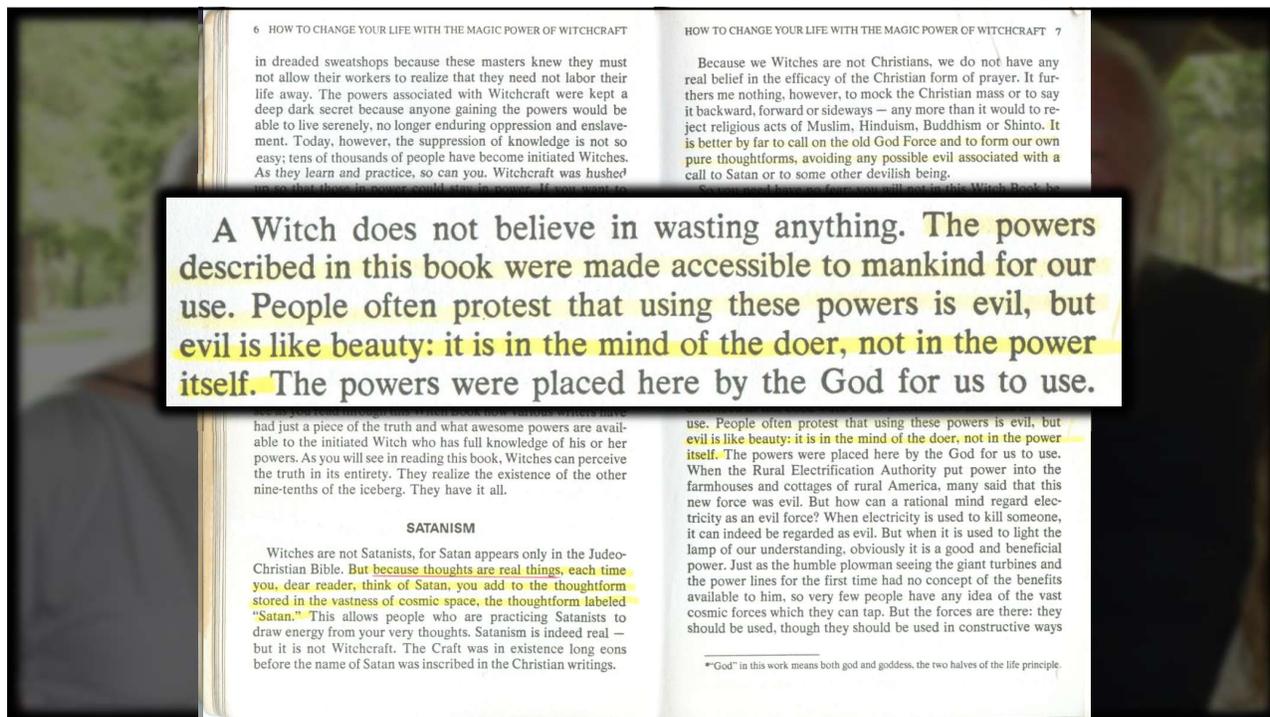
So you need have no fear: you will not in this Witch Book be instructed to deal with devils, demons or any of their ilk. You will be asked merely to apply the simple techniques and to raise your own magic Witchcraft power to change your life.

Remember: there are many people practicing these forms of magic in the world today — many of whom, unfortunately, know far too little about the forces with which they deal. In this book you have the opportunity, even the duty, to learn how to control and direct your magic Witchcraft power with assurance and purpose.

#### THE GOD\*-GIVEN POWER

A Witch does not believe in wasting anything. The powers described in this book were made accessible to mankind for our use. People often protest that using these powers is evil, but evil is like beauty: it is in the mind of the doer, not in the power itself. The powers were placed here by the God for us to use. When the Rural Electrification Authority put power into the farmhouses and cottages of rural America, many said that this new force was evil. But how can a rational mind regard electricity as an evil force? When electricity is used to kill someone, it can indeed be regarded as evil. But when it is used to light the lamp of our understanding, obviously it is a good and beneficial power. Just as the humble plowman seeing the giant turbines and the power lines for the first time had no concept of the benefits available to him, so very few people have any idea of the vast cosmic forces which they can tap. But the forces are there: they should be used, though they should be used in constructive ways

\*"God" in this work means both god and goddess, the two halves of the life principle.



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(Definition and Purpose).



THE definition of magic, as used in this book, is: "The change in situations or events in accordance with one's will, which would, using normally accepted methods, be unchangeable." This admittedly leaves a large area for personal interpretation. It will be said, by some, that these instructions and procedures are nothing more than applied psychology, or scientific fact, called by "magical" terminology—until they arrive at a passage in the text that is "based on no known scientific finding." It is for this reason that no attempt has been made to limit the explanations set forth to a set nomenclature. Magic is never totally scientifically explainable, but science has always been, at one time or another, considered magic.

There is no difference between "White" and "Black" magic, except in the smug hypocrisy, guilt-ridden righteousness, and self-deceit of the "White" magician himself. In the classical religious tradition, "White" magic is performed for altruistic, benevolent, and "good" purposes; while "Black" magic is used for self-aggrandizement, personal power, and "evil" purposes. No one on earth ever pursued occult studies, metaphysics, yoga, or any other "white light" concept, without ego gratification and personal power as a goal. It just so happens that some people enjoy wearing hair shirts, and others prefer velvet or silk. What is pleasure to one, is pain to another, and the same

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Non-ritual or manipulative magic, sometimes called "LESSER MAGIC," consists of the wile and guile obtained through various devices and contrived situations, which when utilized, can create "change, in accordance with one's will." In olden times this would be called "fascination," "glamour," or the "evil eye."

Most of the victims of the witch trials were not witches. Often the victims were eccentric old women who were either senile or did not conform to society. Others were exceptionally attractive women who turned the heads of the men in power, and were not responsive to their advances. The real witches were rarely executed, or even brought to trial, as they were proficient in the art of enchantment and could charm the men and save their own lives. Most of the real witches were sleeping with the inquisitors. This is the origin of the word "glamour." The antiquated meaning of glamour is witchcraft. The most important asset to the modern witch is her ability to be alluring, or to utilize glamour. The word "fascination" has a similarly occult origin. Fascination was the term applied to the evil eye. To fix a person's gaze, in other words, fascinate, was to curse them with the evil eye. Therefore, if a woman had the ability to fascinate men, she was regarded as a witch.

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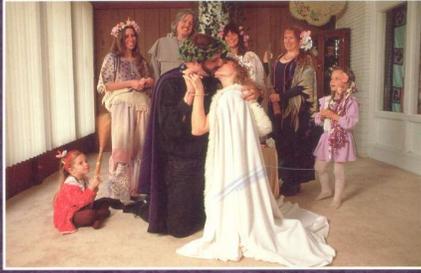
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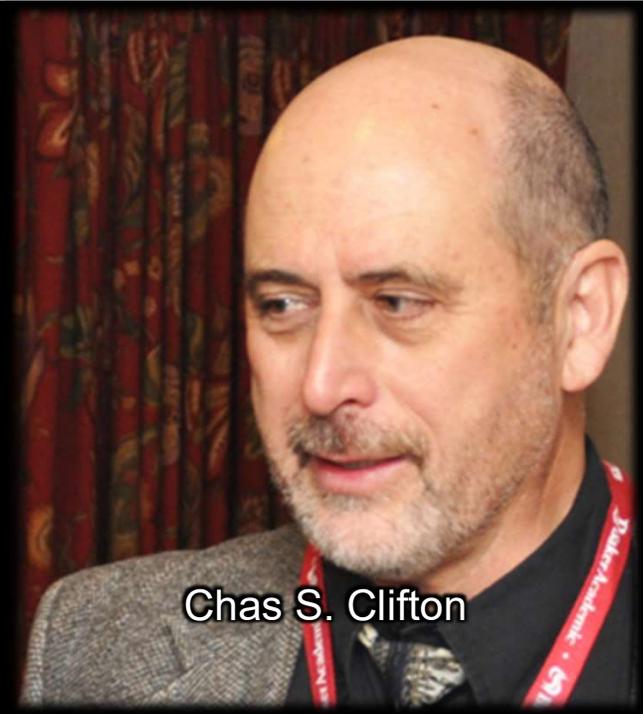
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interested in our knowledge and beliefs.

We therefore ask only that those who seek to identify with us accept those few basic principles.

1. We practice rites to attune ourselves with the natural rhythm of life forces marked by the full of the Moon and seasonal quarters and cross-quarters.

2. We recognize that our intelligence gives us a unique responsibility toward our environment. We seek to live in harmony with Nature, in ecological balance offering fulfillment to life and consciousness within an evolutionary concept.

3. We acknowledge a depth of power far greater than that apparent to the average person. Because it is far greater than ordinary, it is sometimes called "supernatural," but we see it as lying within that which is naturally potential to all.

4. We conceive of the Creative Power in the Universe as manifesting through polarity—as masculine and feminine—and that this same Creative Power lives in all people, and functions through the masculine and feminine. We value neither above the other.

5. We value sex as pleasure, as the symbol and embodiment of life, and as the interaction source of energies used in magical practice and religious worship.

6. We recognize both an outer world and an inner, or psychological world—sometimes known as the Spiritual World, the Collective Unconscious, Inner Planes, etc.—and we see in the interaction of these two dimensions the basis for paranormal phenomena and magical exercises. We neglect neither dimension for the other, seeing both as necessary for our fulfillment.

7. We do not recognize any authoritarian hierarchy, but do honor those who teach, respect those who share

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their greater knowledge and wisdom, and acknowledge those who courageously give of themselves in leadership.

8. We see religion, magic, and wisdom in living as being united in the way one views the world and lives within it—a world view and philosophy of life which we identify as Witchcraft, the Wiccan Way.

9. Calling oneself "Witch" does not make a Witch—but neither does heredity itself nor the collecting of titles, degrees, and initiations. A Witch seeks to control the forces within her/himself that make life possible in order to live wisely and well without harm to others and in harmony with Nature.

10. We believe in the affirmation and fulfillment of life in a continuation of evolution and development of consciousness giving meaning to the Universe we know and our personal role within it.

11. Our only animosity towards Christianity, or towards any other religion or philosophy of life, is to the extent that its institutions have claimed to be "the only way" and have sought to deny freedom to others and to suppress other ways of religious practice and belief.

12. As American Witches we are not threatened by debates on the history of the Craft, the origins of various terms, the legitimacy of various aspects of different traditions. We are concerned with our present and our future.

13. We do not accept the concept of absolute evil nor do we worship any entity known as "Satan" or "the Devil" as defined by the Christian tradition. We do not seek power through the suffering of others nor accept that personal benefit can be derived only by denial to another.

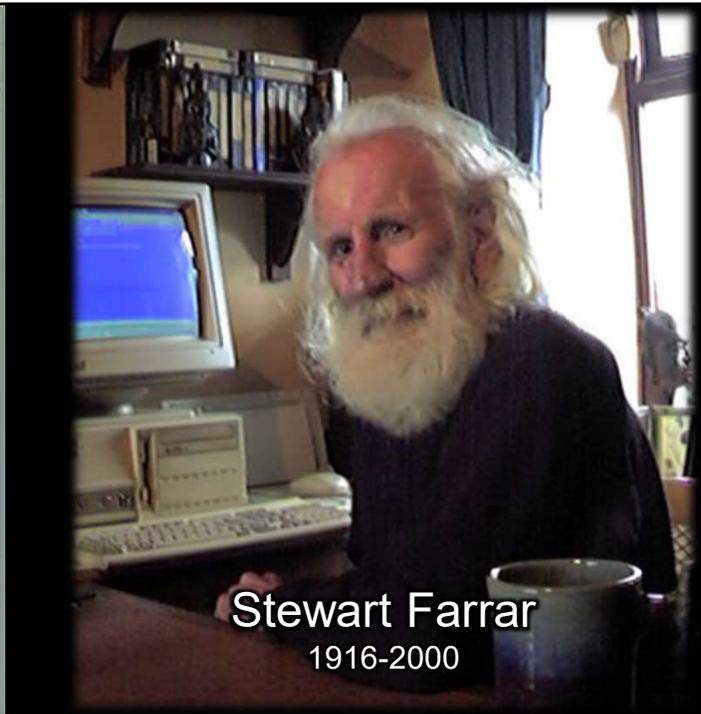
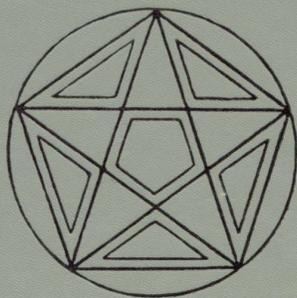
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## WHAT WITCHES DO



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Witchcraft is the raising and manipulation of psychic power.

Few thinking people would deny that the human psyche has vast areas that are at present untapped, dormant, and little understood. Such riddles as telepathy and precognition do not merely absorb the attention of fringe intellectuals. Budget-conscious universities investigate them, and hard-headed men in the Pentagon and the Kremlin devote public funds and personnel to trying to bring them under usable control. Their existence is widely acknowledged, but whether the key to them

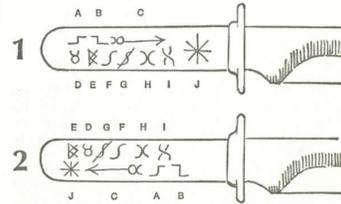


FIG. 2. Athame hilt symbols (1) as used by Alex Sanders, and (2) as given to him by a Gardnerian friend. The layout differs, but individual symbols are the same. (A) Kneeling man. (B) Kneeling woman. (C) Arrow of power. (D) The Horned God. (E) Disguised initial of Kamayna. (F) The Kiss. (G) The Scourge. (H) Waxing and waning moon. (I) Hebrew letter Aleph—initial of Aradia. (J) The Eight Paths to Magic.

lies in the individual, in a collective unconscious, or in a non-material plane that includes more than human forces and entities, remains a subject of debate. While the debate goes on, the witches' coven, as it has done from time immemorial, continues to work with them by methods that have been proved in practice.

There are many techniques for tapping psychic power; the witches' Magic Circle is only one of them. The outward expression of using the Circle dates from ancient times,' Alex points out, 'and this is the

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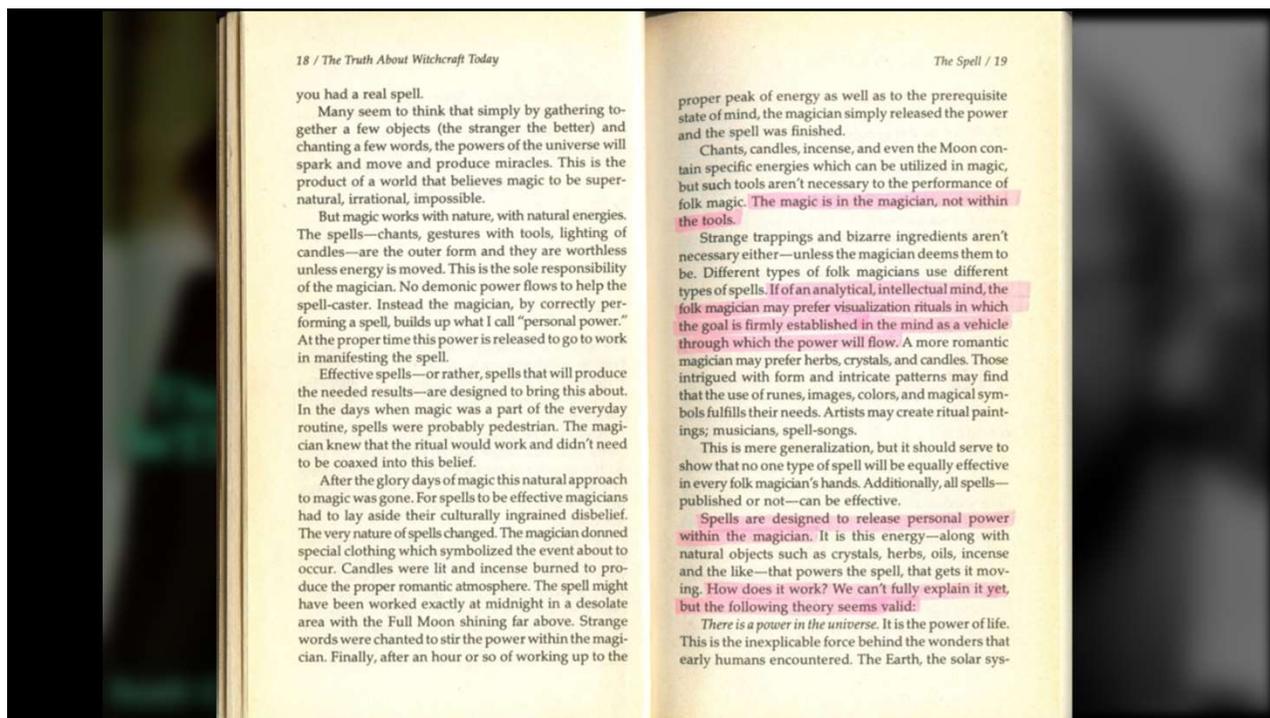
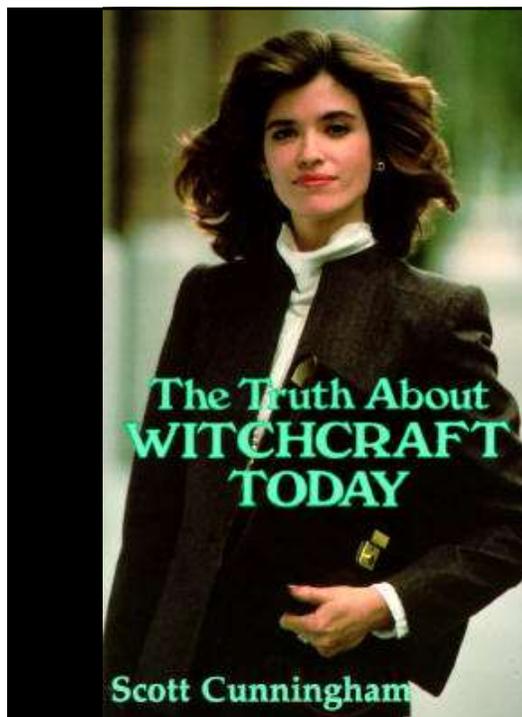
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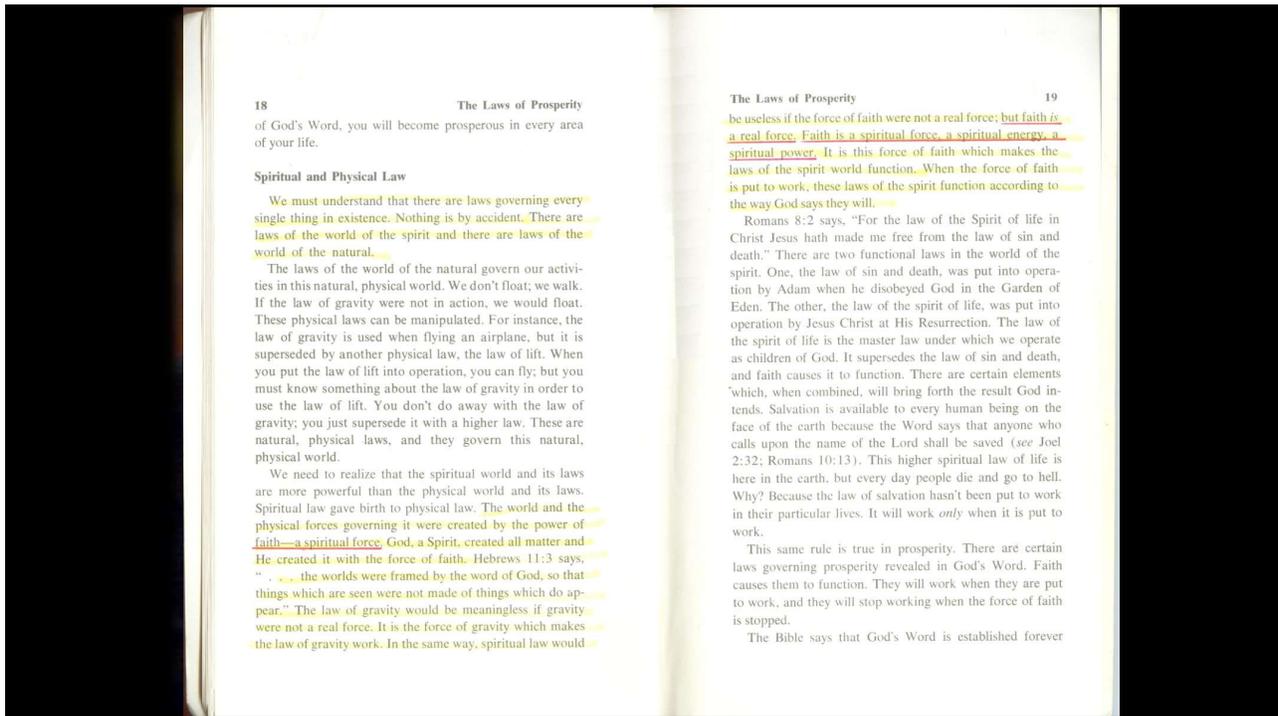
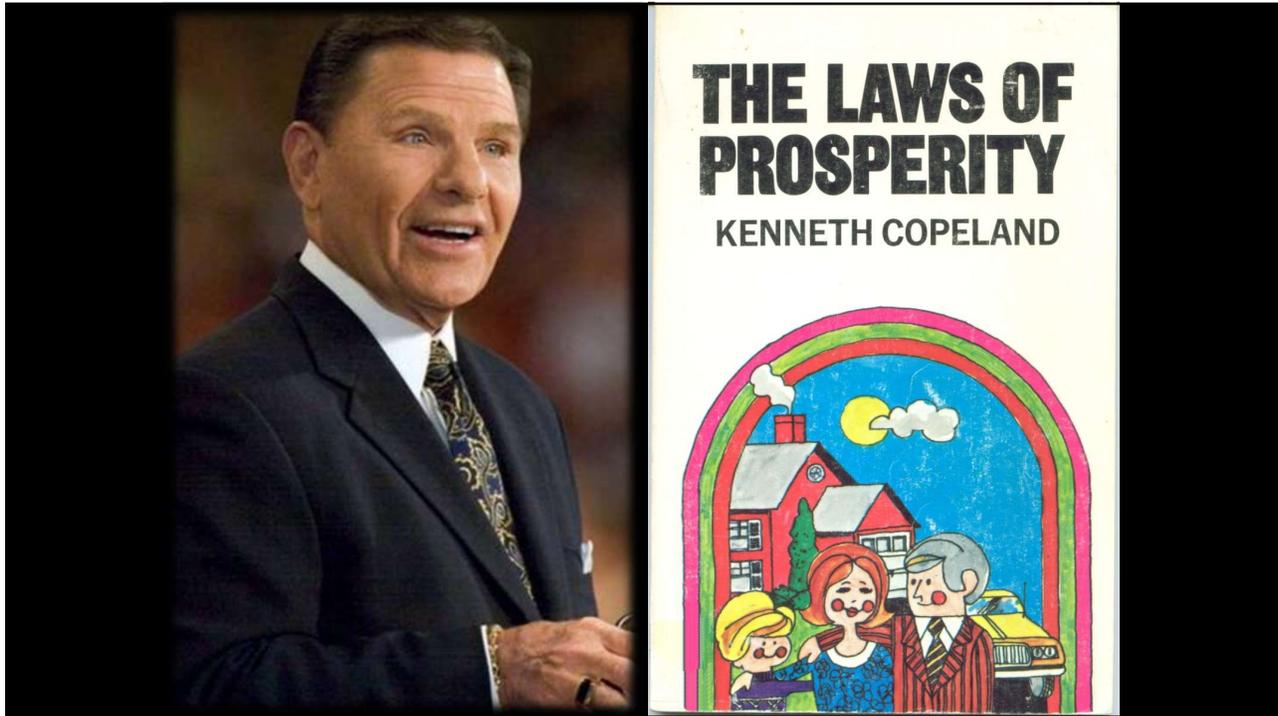
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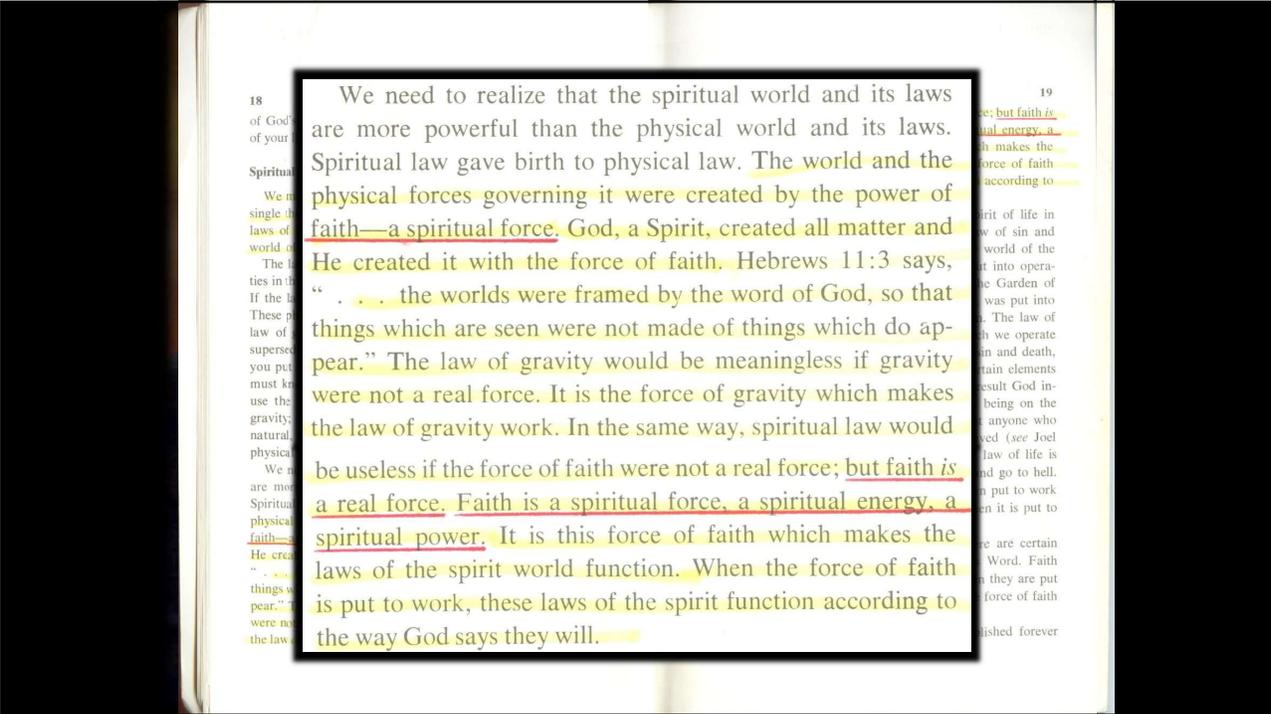
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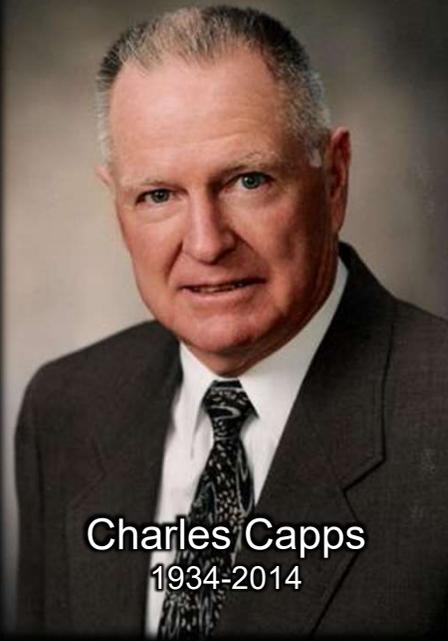
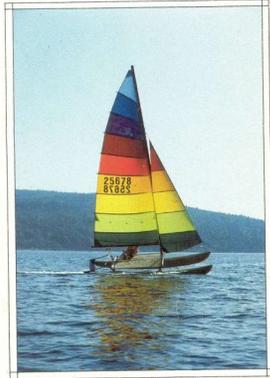
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# Changing the Seen & Shaping the Unseen



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God has chosen things that are not to bring to naught things that are! He is simply talking about things not revealed to the physical senses.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us: *Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Faith is the substance, the raw material. One translation says that faith is giving substance to things hoped for, to what you desire and what is not yet manifested to the physical senses.

Faith is the substance that God used to create the universe, and He transported that faith with His words. God used His words as containers to transport His faith out there into the vast nothingness, into the darkness.

He said, “Light, be!” (Gen. 1:3.)

And light was!

When there was nothing but darkness, God took the Word *light* and spoke it into existence. He took that

## Faith Is Unseen

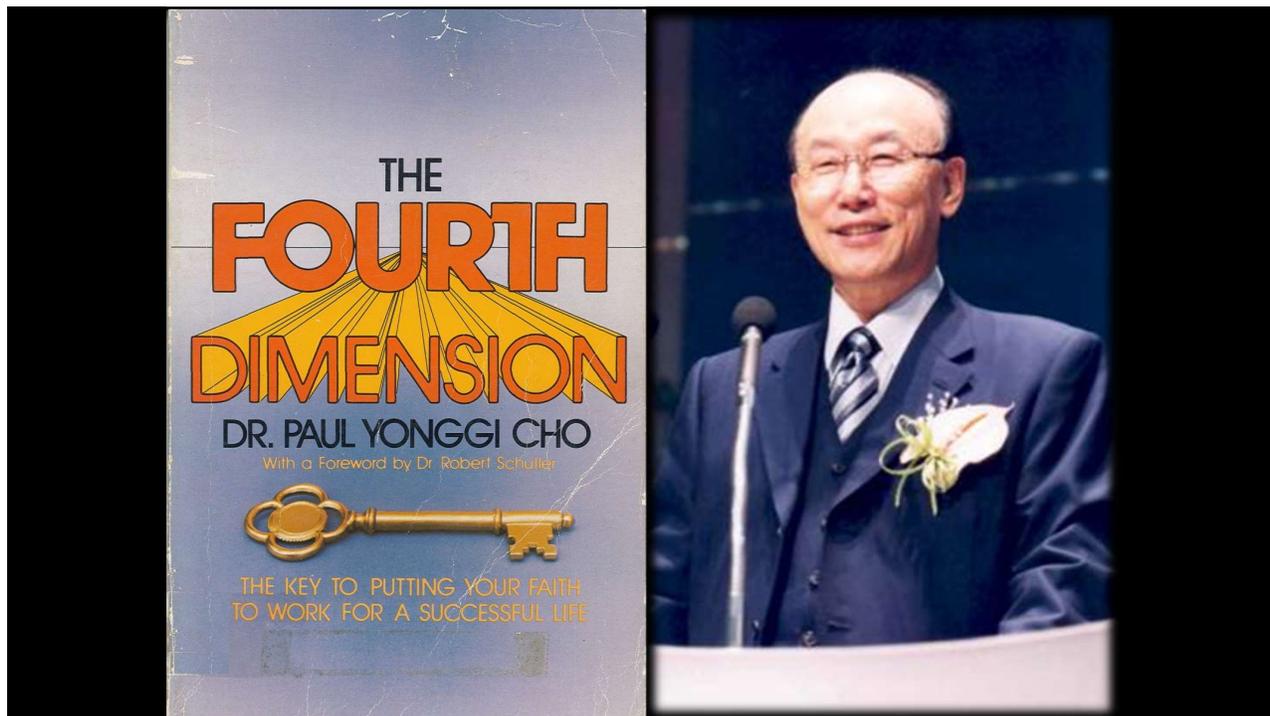
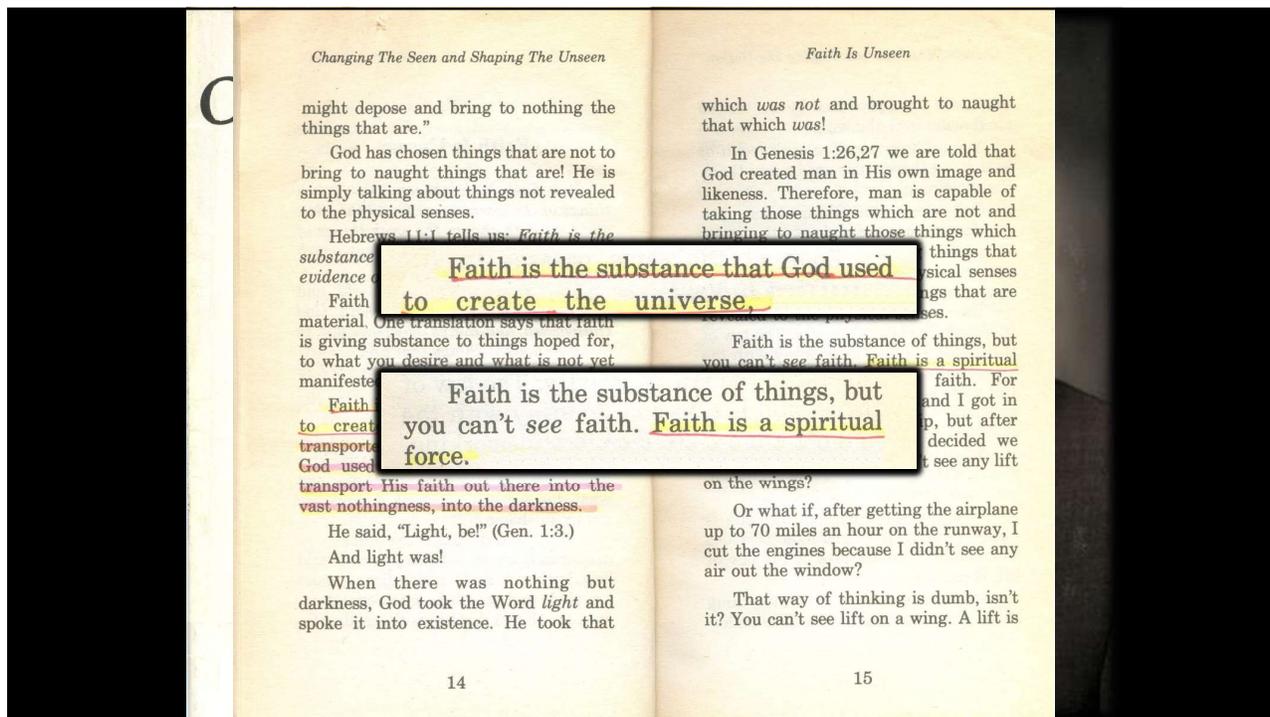
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In Genesis 1:26,27 we are told that God created man in His own image and likeness. Therefore, man is capable of taking those things which are not and bringing to naught those things which are! He is capable of taking things that are not revealed to the physical senses and bringing to naught things that are revealed to the physical senses.

Faith is the substance of things, but you can't see faith. Faith is a spiritual force. You can't see my faith. For example: What if my wife and I got in our airplane to go on a trip, but after looking out the windows, decided we couldn't go because we didn't see any lift on the wings?

Or what if, after getting the airplane up to 70 miles an hour on the runway, I cut the engines because I didn't see any air out the window?

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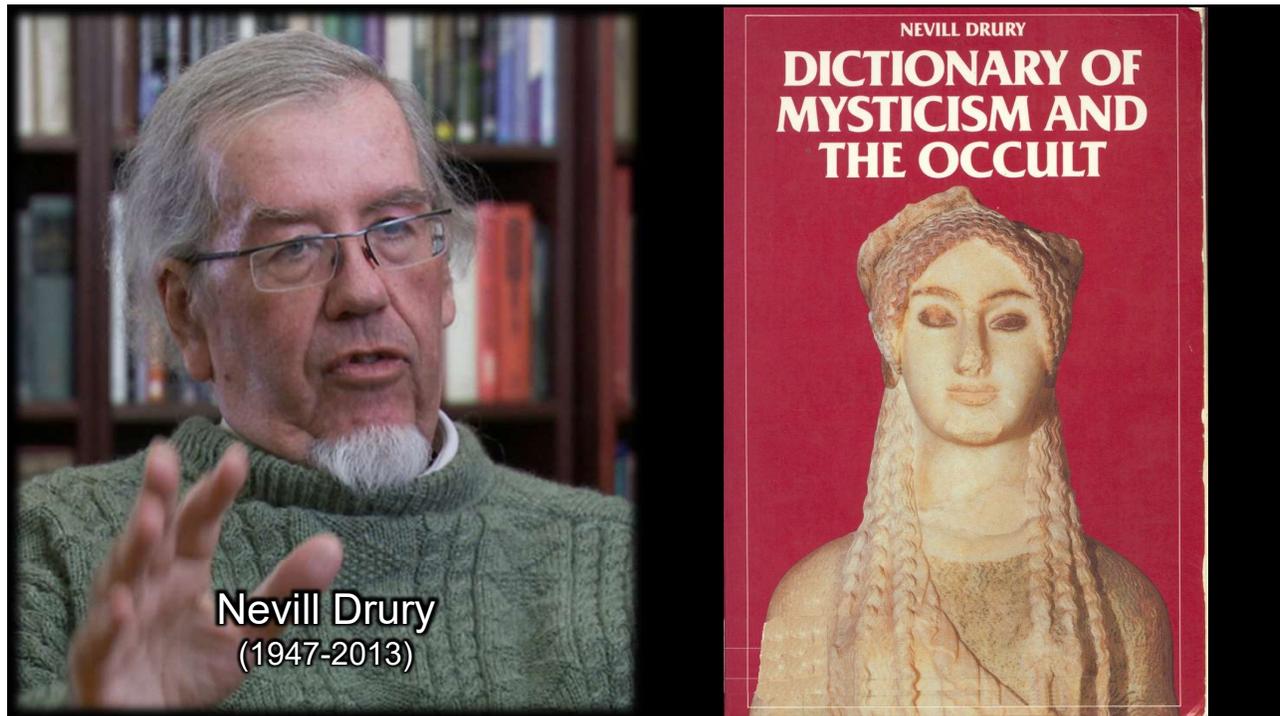
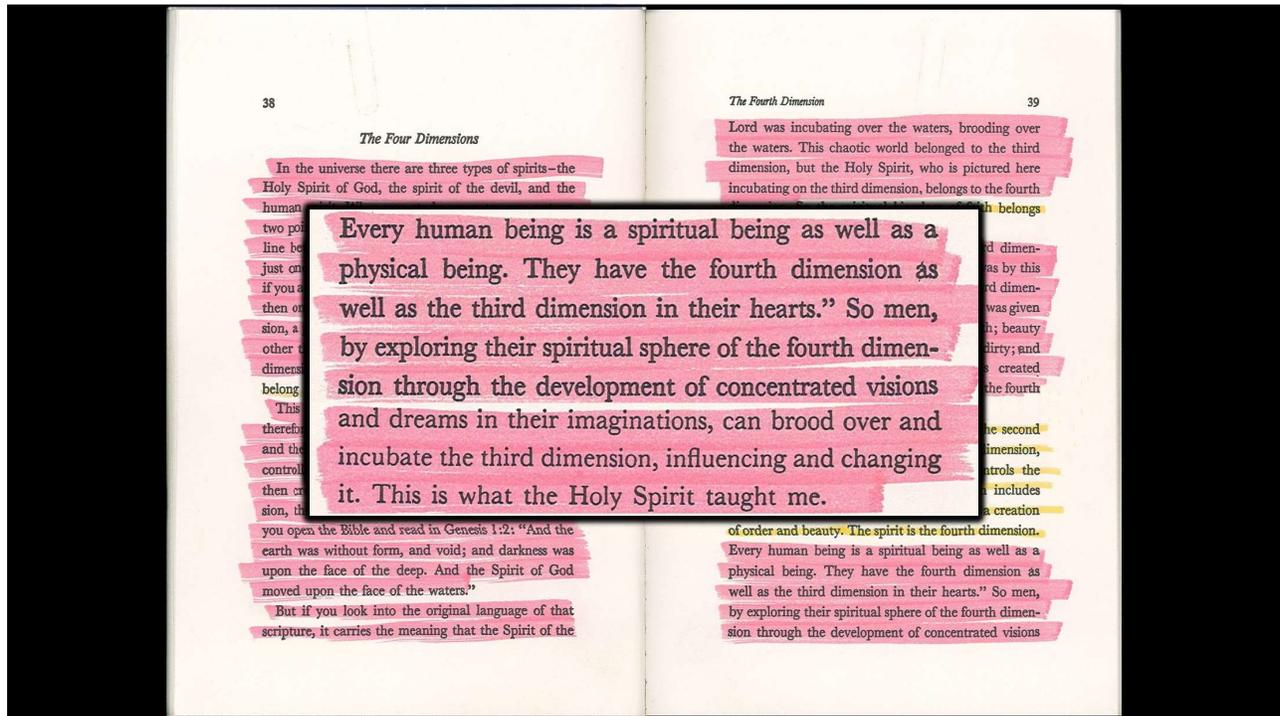
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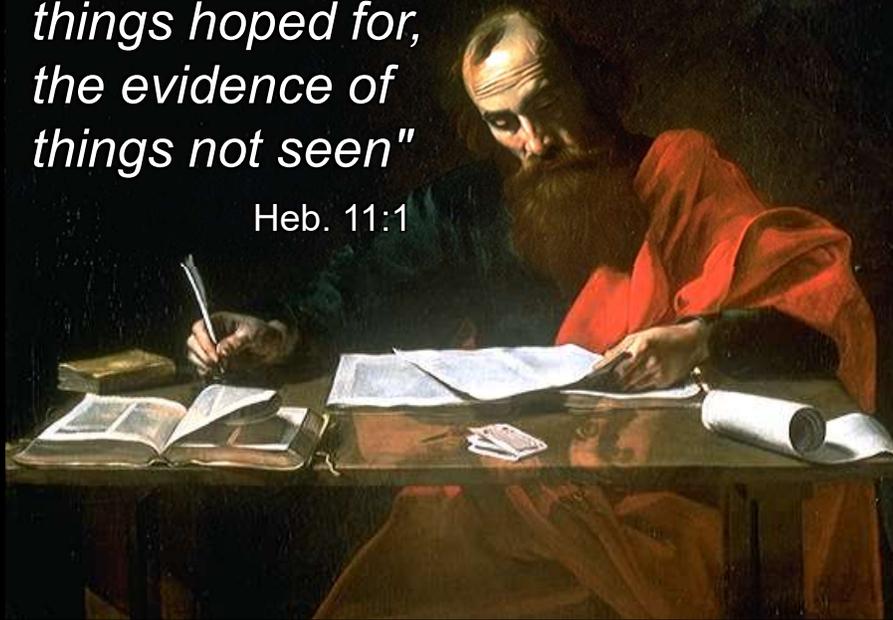
The Bible and Sound Reason

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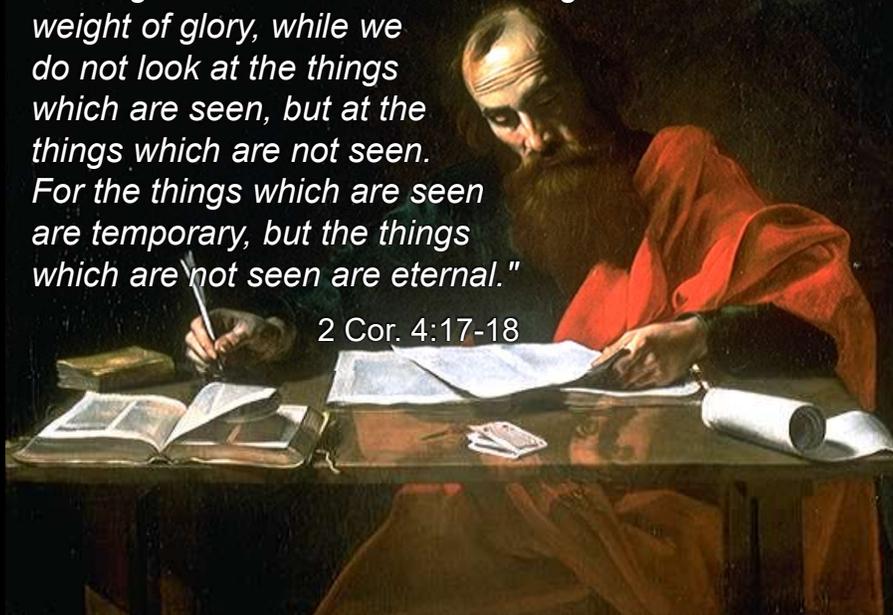
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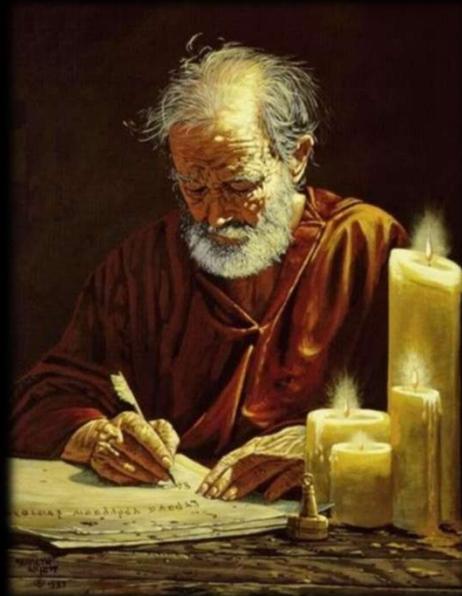
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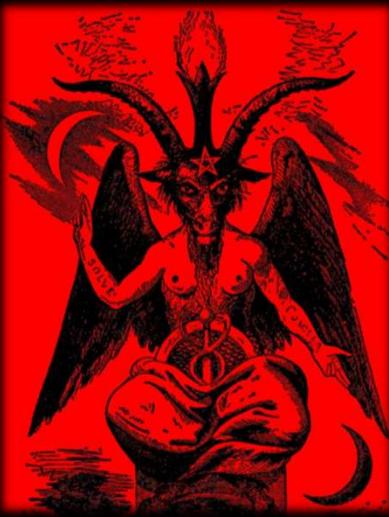


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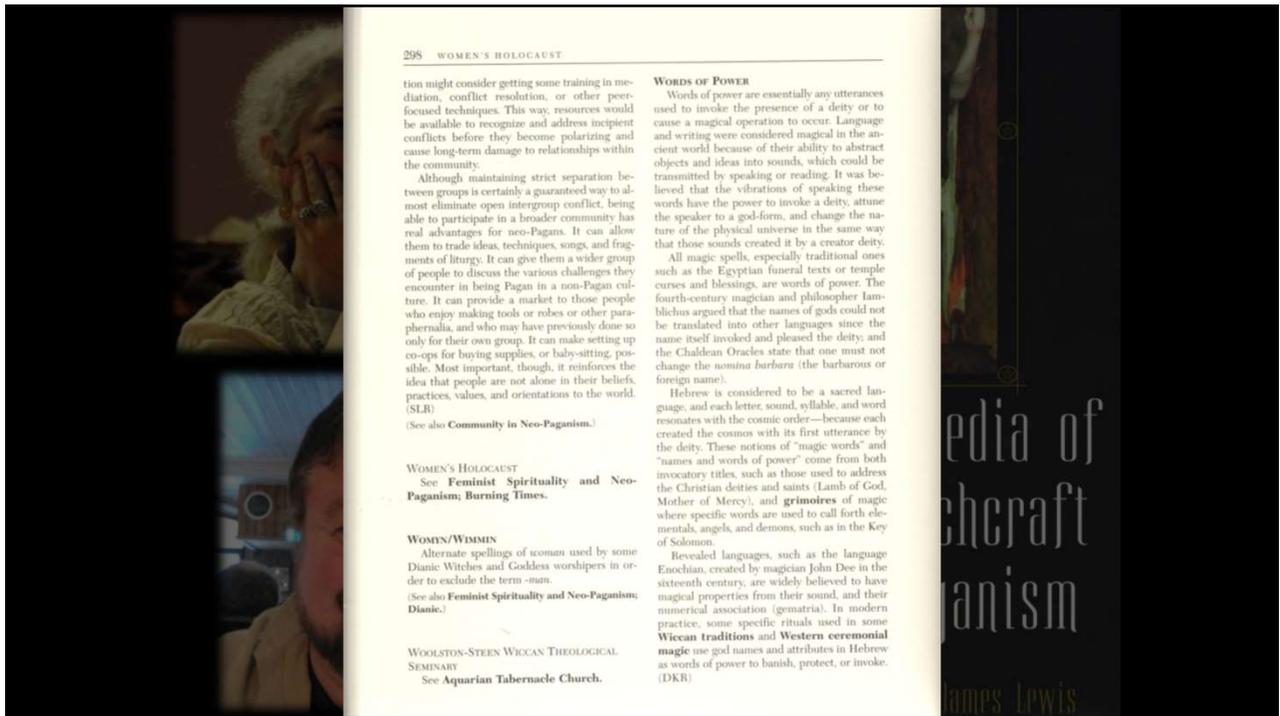
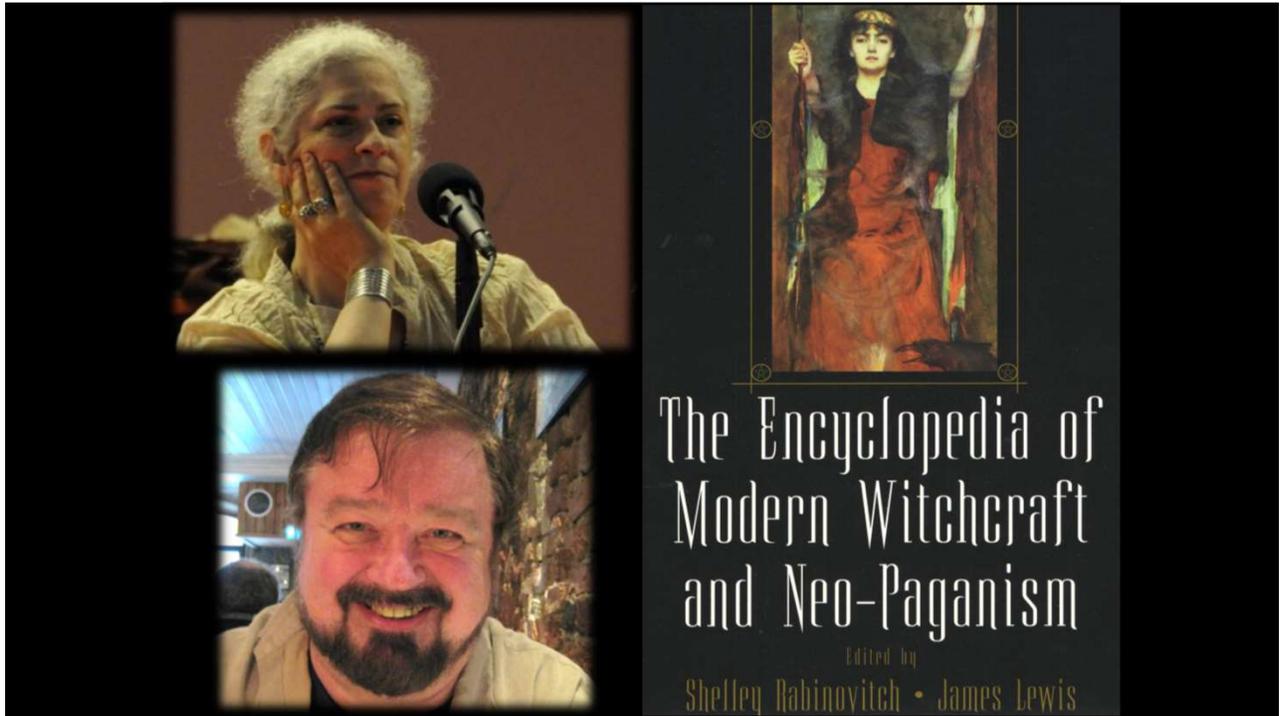
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It was Spee's duty to serve as confessor to the condemned in Würzburg. He began his job believing that real witches, servants of the devil, did exist. But in the course of watching one after another victim be condemned with no hope of a fair trial, Spee began to change his views. While he continued to believe that a few witches did exist, he became convinced that none of them had been found in Würzburg. The flimsy evidence and brutal torture sickened him. By the time he was 30, his hair was nearly white—"through grief," he explained, "over the many witches whom I have prepared for death; not one was guilty."

Spee observed that the slightest hint of witchcraft was sufficient to condemn a person to death and that once the accusation was made, there was no hope of escape. If the accused had led an impious life, she was certainly a witch; if she had led a good life, she also was a witch, because witches deceived others by appearing to be virtuous. If the defendant broke down readily under torture, it was proof of witchery; if she didn't, that was proof, too. If she died under torture, it was said that the Devil broke her neck, and that also was proof. Spee said:

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Spee also was concerned about the ever-widening ripple effects of the trials. Victims were always forced to name accomplices, and Spee feared that, as the trials mounted, "there is nobody in our day, of whatsoever sex, fortune, rank, or dignity, who is safe, if he have but an enemy and slanderer to bring him into suspicion of witchcraft."

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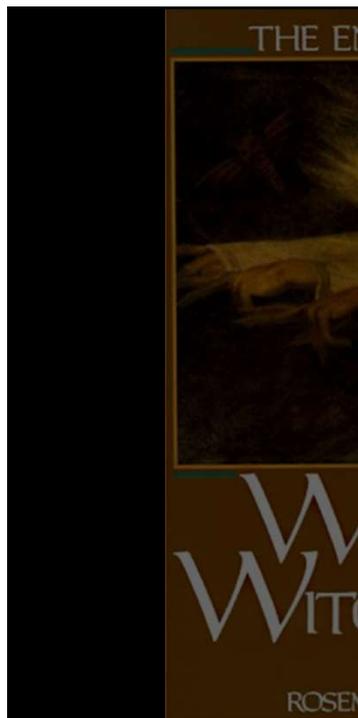
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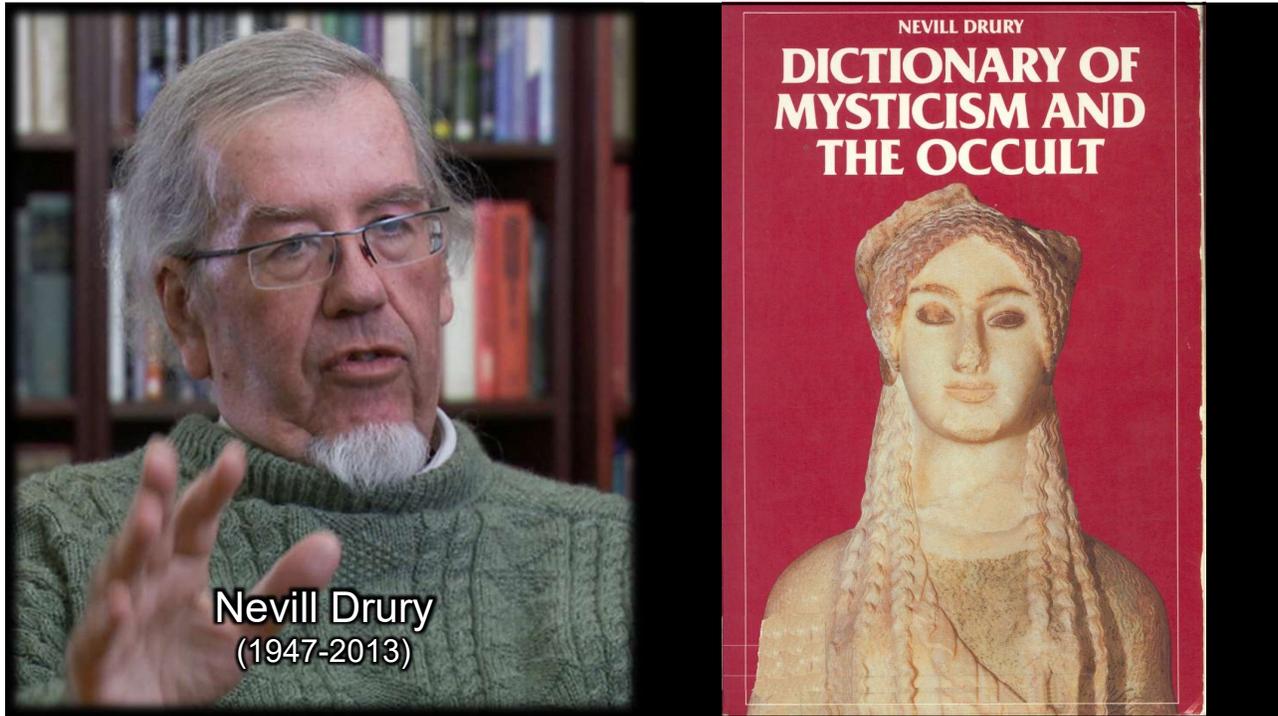
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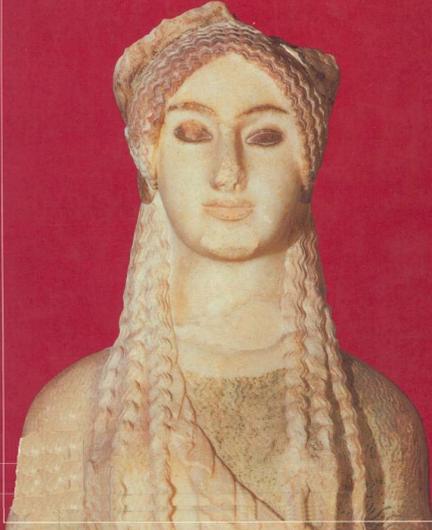
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**Impersonation Inconjunct**

Frenchman Alexis Berbiguer allegedly devised a variety of methods for trapping the imps he believed were persecuting him. Berbiguer concocted "anti-demonic" soups, stupefied imps with tobacco, and trapped them inside bottles. Others he "pinned" to his clothes and bed and kept captive. The term "imp" is sometimes used to refer to a witch's familiar.

**Impersonation.** In spiritualism, belief that one spirit can mimic and impersonate another, thus confusing and deluding the psychic medium receiving messages at a seance. Such spirits are often described as "naughty" or "mischievous."

**Imum Coeli.** In astrology, the lowest heaven—the lowest point of the ecliptic. It is the cusp of the fourth house, and often abbreviated to IC.

**Inanna.** In Sumerian mythology, a war goddess who was associated with the sky. She also personified the power of love and in due course became closely identified with the Babylonian goddess Ishtar.

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**Incarnation.** One's present life. Many mystics and occultists believe that the spiritual evolution of the soul occurs as the self passes through many incarnations, acquiring self-knowledge and insight from each lifetime. When mystical enlightenment and true self-realization are attained, further incarnations are unnecessary. Within Eastern mystical terminology, the wheel of life and death is then broken. See also Reincarnation.

**Incarnations, Divine.** In mysticism and comparative religion, the concept that the Godhead incarnates in the form of an avatar or spiritual leader who subsequently gives rise to a new religious expression. In Christianity, Jesus Christ is regarded as a divine incarnation of God (God the Father and God the Son being "one"); while in Hinduism, Krishna is considered to be an incarnation of Vishnu. In Tibet, the Dalai Lama is thought to be an incarnation of Chenresig while in ancient Egypt the pharaohs incarnated Ra.

**Incarnations, Satanic.** Term sometimes applied to political tyrants and dictators who have inflicted such terror, misery, and bloodshed upon the world that they are assumed to be incarnations of Satan or the Devil. Examples from world history include Attila the Hun, Adolph Hitler, and Joseph Stalin.

**Incense.** From the Latin *incendere*, "to set on fire," a substance used in ceremonial worship which, when burned, gives off a pleasant aroma. The fumes of incense are believed by some to please the gods and ward off demons. Occultists, however, believe that the smoke of incense may be used to manifest spirits and elementals generally and, in this regard, the magical entity summoned to visible appearance may be either good or evil. See Magic, Ceremonial.

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**Independent Voice Communication.** In spiritualism, phenomenon where the voice of a spirit or disincarnate entity does not manifest through a medium but is heard from a separate location. Skeptics have interpreted this as an act of ventriloquism on the part of the medium, but spiritualists regard it as a type of direct voice communication.

**Individuality.** In occult and mystical belief, one's persona or ego. It is essentially illusory and transient—disappearing at death. Most occultists believe it should be distinguished from the self which survives death and reincarnates. See also Reincarnation.

**Individuation.** In the analytical psychology of Carl Jung, the concept of "making the self whole." For Jung, this process included harmonizing the forces of one's external life with the events of both the human unconscious and the collective unconscious. Jung became very interested in mystical systems that could lead people towards spiritual transformation. See also Harmony of Opposites.

**Indra.** In Indian mythology, the main Vedic god. He was lord of thunder, warfare, and storms, and was also associated with fertility because of the rain he brought to the parched earth. Indra was often depicted carrying a bow in one hand and a thunderbolt in the other.

**Inductor.** In psychometry, an object that is handled by the practitioner in order to receive "psychic impressions." This object is often a piece of jewelry or some comparable personal possession.

**Inedia.** The apparent ability of certain mystics, fakirs, and saints to survive without food.

**Ineffable Name.** In Jewish mysticism, the sacred name of God deemed too sacred to be pronounced. See also Tetragrammaton.

**Inferior Planets.** In astrology, those planets whose orbits are within that of the Earth: Venus and Mercury. Sometimes the hypothetical planet Vulcan, said by some astrologers to orbit between Mercury and the sun, is also included.

**Infernal Court.** Dignitaries and officers forming a hierarchy within the kingdom of Satan, or the Devil. Within the Infernal regions, there are said to be dukes, ambassadors, ministers, and so forth, who promulgate evil in the world.

**Infernal Regions.** The Underworld. See also Hades; Hell.

**Infinite.** That which has no boundaries or limitations. This word is often used to describe the qualities of wisdom and knowledge ascribed to ruling deities or to God. In many mystical systems God is referred to as Infinite Light.

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**Solar Revolution Horoscope.** See *Horoscope, Solar Revolution*.

**Solistry.** Divination by interpreting the lines and markings on the soles of the feet. This mystical art was practiced in ancient times in China, India, and Persia. Compare with *Palimistry*.

**Solomon.** Legendary King of Israel (c. 974–937 B.C.). Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba and was famed for his wisdom. He acquired considerable wealth through trade and built his legendary temple in Jerusalem. Many works have been attributed to him, including the biblical books *Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes*, and *The Song of Songs*; and in the Middle Ages he was claimed to be the author of several magical grimoires including *The Lesser Key of Solomon* and *The Greater Key of Solomon*. See also *Key of Solomon*.

**Soma.** Sacred plant that was used to make a narcotic drink, consumed in Vedic sacrificial rites held in honor of the warrior god Indra. Soma was said to be the drink of the gods and to bestow divinity upon mortals. Soma has been identified by some writers as the leafless plant *Sarcostemma acidum*, but the ethnobotanist R. Gordon Wasson has produced impressive evidence that soma was in fact *Amanita muscaria*, the hallucinogenic red-and-white-spotted mushroom also known as fly-agaric. See also *Hallucination*.

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**Son of Light.** Occult term for a practitioner of white magic.

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**Soothsayer.** From the Old English *soth*, "the truth," one who has the supernatural ability to divine future events. See also *Divination*.

**Sophia.** In Gnosticism, the female personification of Divine Wisdom. In the *Gnostic of Valentinus*, she is an archetype of the Great Mother and in some Gnostic cosmologies bears resemblance to the Virgin Mary. Sophia is sometimes referred to as the female logos.

**Sophic Hydrolith.** Traditional alchemical term for the Philosopher's Stone. It is also the title of an anonymous seventeenth-century book that describes how to manufacture the secret stone—which bestowed immortality and wisdom.

**Sorcereer, Sorceress.** A magician, wizard, or shaman who uses magical spells and incantations to summon spirits for evil purposes or to gain personal power.

**Sorcery.** The act of summoning supernatural powers or spirits through spells and incantations. The word is generally applied to black magic and witchcraft. See also *Goetic Magic*.

**Sorilege.** Divination by casting or drawing lots. It can take various forms: drawing straws from a cluster or a card from a pack; opening a book at random and taking the first passage one notices as an oracle; or simply throwing dice.

**Soul.** The eternal, immaterial, spiritual dimension of an organism, which animates its physical form and gives it life. In some mystical traditions animals, plants, and even inanimate objects such as rocks can have souls. The Greek philosopher Plato believed that the soul could exist independently of the body, although it was still part of God; and in many traditions the projection of the soul beyond the body (as in the spirit-journey of the shaman) is taken as proof of immortality and the transitional nature of death. In Hinduism and most branches of occultism, the soul is believed capable of reincarnation or transmigration into human or animal forms. Sometimes the soul is regarded as a unified entity (as in Platonic thought), while at other times it is divided into different parts. In the Kabbalah, for

example, the soul has three divisions: the *Neschamah*, the *Ruach*, and the *Nepheesh*. Of these the first, or "higher soul," shares the spiritual qualities of the Trinity (the sephiroth above the Abyss), while the other divisions of the soul are less elevated. See also *Self Spirit*.

**Soul, Old.** See *Old Soul*.

**Soul Body.** See *Astral Body*.

**South.** In Western ceremonial magic, the direction associated with the element Fire. It is said to be ruled by the archangel Michael. See also *Directions, Four*.

**Sovereign Grand Architect of the Universe, The.** In Freemasonry, the name by which the Supreme Being is known. Belief in God is a condition of membership for those seeking to be initiated as Freemasons. It is normal to refer to God by an acronym made up of the initials of his title: T, U, S, G, A, O, T, U.

**Spagyric Art.** A term used to describe alchemy. It is thought to have been coined by Paracelsus.

**Spare, Austin Osman** (1886–1956). English trance artist and occultist who won a scholarship to the Royal College of Art when he was only sixteen. Spare came into contact with Egyptian mythology, witchcraft, and the magician Aleister Crowley, and began to incorporate his occult beliefs into his art. Spare believed in reincarnation and claimed that his former lives—whether as a human or as an animal—were deeply imbedded in his unconscious mind and could be rediscovered in trance. Spare developed his own alphabet of sigils, which could be used magically to unleash atavistic imagery. Spare was one of England's finest illustrators, although his work is less well known than that of Aubrey Beardsley, Arthur Rackham, or Edmund J. Sullivan. Spare's best work is contained in his *Book of Pleasures*, first published in 1913 (reissued Montreal, 1975).

**Speaking in Tongues.** See *Xenoglossy*.

**Specter.** In spiritualism, an apparition or ghost.

**Soul,  
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**Speculum.** Any object used in scrying to focus one's gaze in entering a state of trance-consciousness. Examples include the crystal ball, or any objects with shiny, reflective surfaces that are used for this purpose.

**Spell.** An incantation or invocation, performed by a witch, wizard, or magician, which is believed to have a tangible outcome—for either good or evil. Spells can be a form of absent healing, or can be used to inflict harm to person or property. See also *Enchanted Magic*.

**Spence, Lewis.** British occult author whose major work, *Encyclopedia of Occultism* (London 1920), remains a standard reference on the subject. Spence was generally sympathetic to occult groups and societies while maintaining a sense of distance from their more extravagant claims. He found it difficult to believe in such concepts as "the church existing before the foundations of the world" and the "inner sanctuary of Christianity," but nevertheless believed strongly in the value of authentic mysticism. Spence was a prolific author and wrote on a variety of occult subjects. His other books include *The History of Atlantis*, *The Magic Arts in Celtic Britain*, and *The Fairy Tradition in Britain*.

**Spheres.** In mystical cosmology, levels of spiritual awareness or specific celestial objects in the heavens (e.g., planetary spheres). See also *Muscle of the Spheres*. Compare with *Aeonis; Emanations; Spheroth*.

**Sphinx.** Composite mythic creature consisting of a human head and breast, the body, feet, and tail of a lion, and the wings of a bird. The most famous example is the Great Sphinx at Giza, which represents Horus and has a king's head. The Greek sphinx had a woman's head and breasts and was said to be the offspring of Typhon and Echidna. Travelers who came near her were devoured if they could not answer her question: "What creature goes on four legs

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**Soothsayer**. From the Old English *soth*, "the truth," one who has the supernatural ability to divine future events. See also **Divination**.

**Sophia**. In Gnosticism, the female personification of Divine Wisdom. In the Gnosis of Valentinius, she is an archetype of the Great Mother and in some Gnostic cosmologies bears resemblance to the Virgin Mary. Sophia is sometimes referred to as the female logos.

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**Soul, Old**. See **Old Soul**.

**Soul Body**. See **Astral Body**.

**South**. In Western ceremonial magic, the direction associated with the element Fire. It is said to be ruled by the archangel Michael. See also **North**.

**Soul, Old**  
**Sphinx**

**Speculum**. Any object used in scrying to focus one's gaze in entering a state of trance-consciousness. Examples include the crystal ball, or any objects with shiny, reflective surfaces that are used for this purpose.

**Spell**. An incantation or invocation, performed by a witch, wizard, or magician. See also **magic**.

**Sphinx**. Composite mythic creature consisting of a human head and breast, the body, feet, and tail of a lion, and the wings of a bird. The most famous example is the Great Sphinx at Giza, which represents Horus and has a woman's head and breasts and was said to be the offspring of Typhon and Echidna. Travelers who came near her were devoured if they could not answer her question: "What creature goes on four legs?"

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**Son of Light**. Occult term for a practitioner of white magic.

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**Speaking in Tongues**. See **Xenoglossy**.

**Specter**. In spiritualism, an apparition or ghost.

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**Cobobas**. Hallucinogenic snuff, made from the beans of *Anadenanthera colubrina* and *peruviana* (also known as *yopo*, *yojo*, and *huila*). It was used by the precolonial Incas to obtain a visionary hypnotic state and remains in use among the Mashco Indians of northern Argentina. Its use in the West Indies has died out. See also **Hallucination**.

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**Conjunctions**. In astrology, the situation when two planets occupy the same degree position on a horoscope.

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**Constant, Alphonse Louis**. See **Levi**, **Eliphas**.

**Contact Healing**. Spiritual healing by means of laying-of-hands, as distinct from **absent healing**, where the subject and healer are located at a distance from each other.

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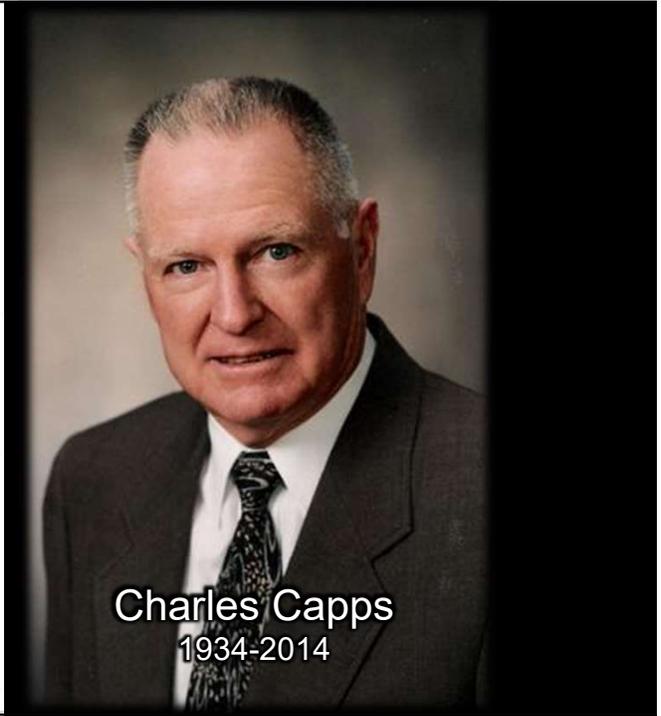
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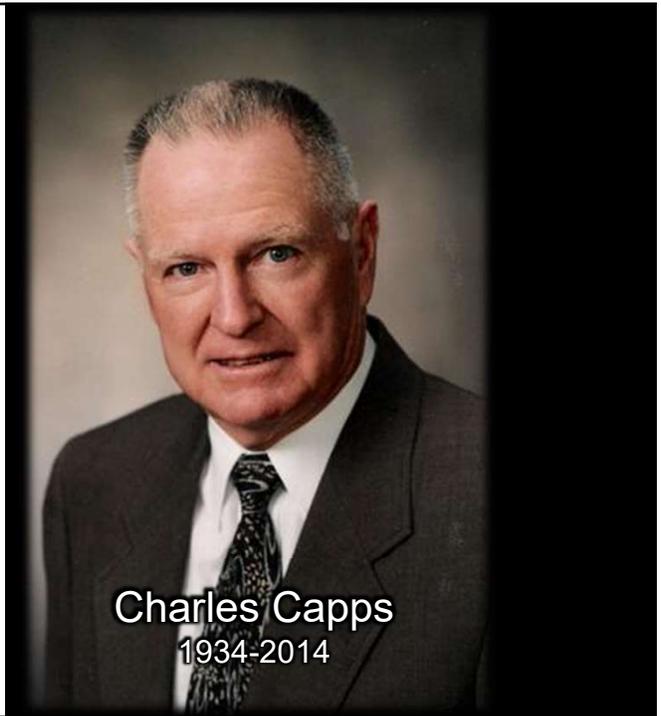
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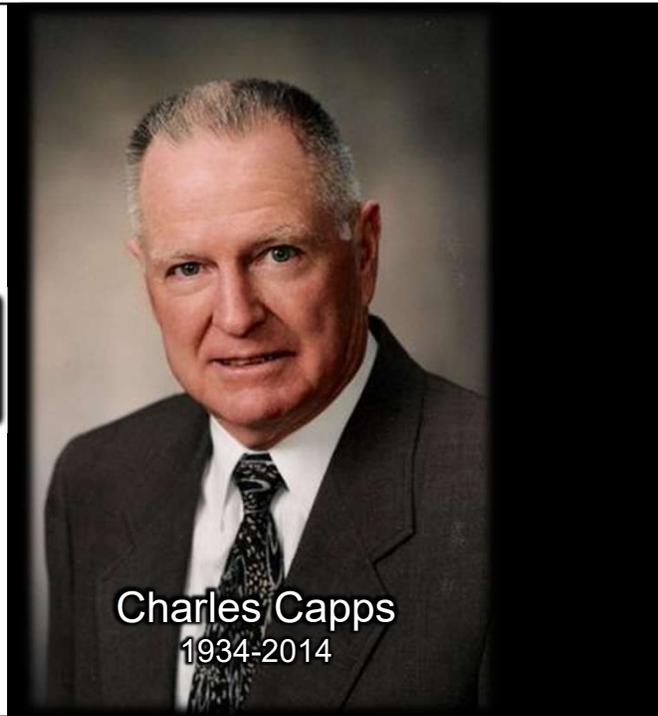
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Man is a spirit being, very capable of operating on the same level of faith as God. We read in Mark 9:23, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible

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Do you really want all the negative things you have been confessing to come to pass? Are you believing for those things?

If Jesus came to you personally and said, from this day forward it will come to pass, that everything you say will happen exactly as you say it; would that change your vocabulary?

I believe it would.

#### Binding and Loosing

In Matthew 16:19 Jesus said, "I give you the keys of the kingdom, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Psalms 119:89 tells us, "For ever O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." What God said is already established.

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**Whose words will you establish on earth?**

The power of binding and loosing is on earth.

#### Spoken Words

Spoken words program your spirit (heart) either to success or defeat.

*Words are containers. They carry faith, or fear, and they produce after their kind.*

"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). Faith comes more quickly when you hear yourself quoting, speaking, and saying the things God said. You will more readily receive God's Word into your spirit by hearing yourself say it than if you hear someone else say it.

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### Spiritual Law

This is not theory. It is fact. It is **spiritual law**. It works every time it is applied correctly. This **IS A SPIRITUAL LAW**. *God never does anything without saying it first. God is a faith God. God released His faith in Words.* “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22). A more literal translation of the above verse says, “Have the God kind of faith, or faith of God.”

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Ephesians 5:1 literally tells us to be imitators of God as children imitate their parents.

*To imitate God, you must talk like Him and act like Him.*

*He would not ask you to do something you are not capable of doing.*

Jesus operated in the faith principles of Mark 11:23, and Matthew 17:20 while He was on earth. *He spoke to the wind and sea. He spoke to demons. He spoke to the fig tree. He even spoke to dead men.*

The wind, sea, tree, demons, and even the dead were obedient to what He said.

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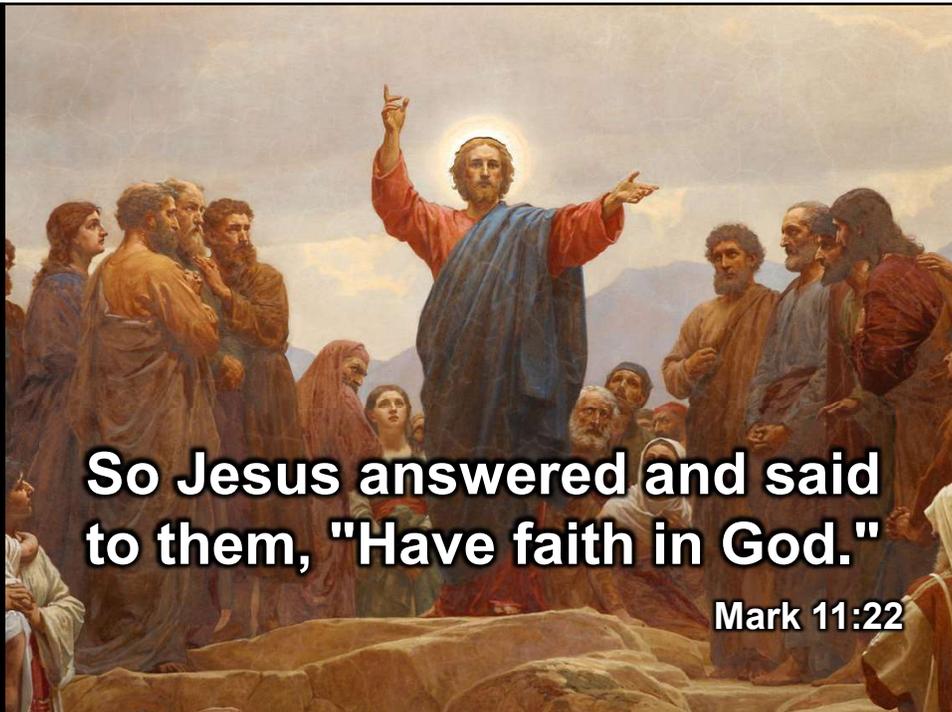
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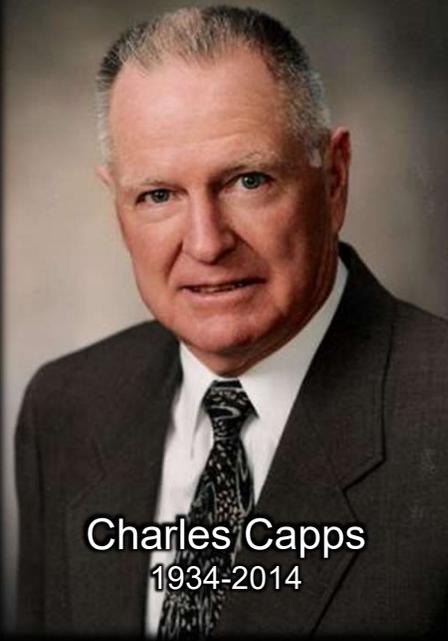
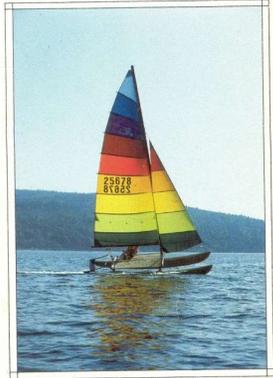


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## Changing The Seen and Shaping The Unseen

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God has chosen things that are not to bring to naught things that are! He is simply talking about things not revealed to the physical senses.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us: *Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Faith is the substance, the raw material. One translation says that faith is giving substance to things hoped for, to what you desire and what is not yet manifested to the physical senses.

Faith is the substance that God used to create the universe, and He transported that faith with His words. God used His words as containers to transport His faith out there into the vast nothingness, into the darkness.

He said, "Light, be!" (Gen. 1:3.)

And light was!

When there was nothing but darkness, God took the Word *light* and spoke it into existence. He took that

## Faith Is Unseen

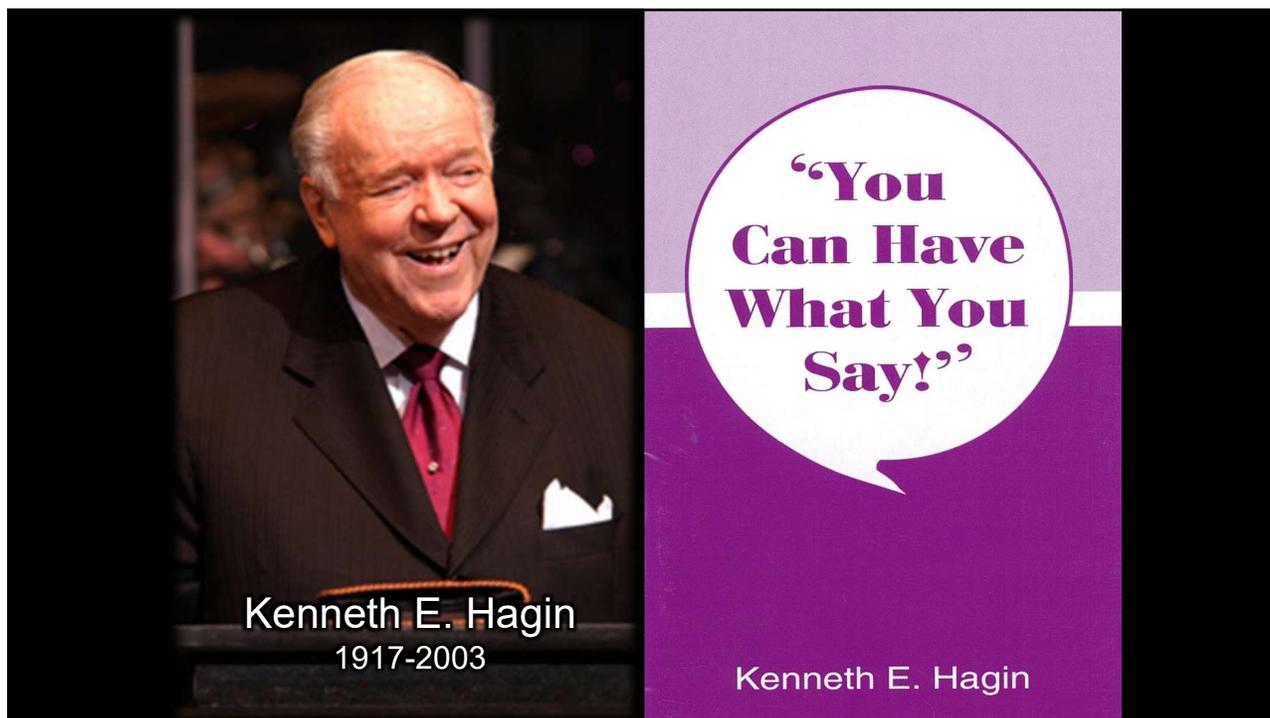
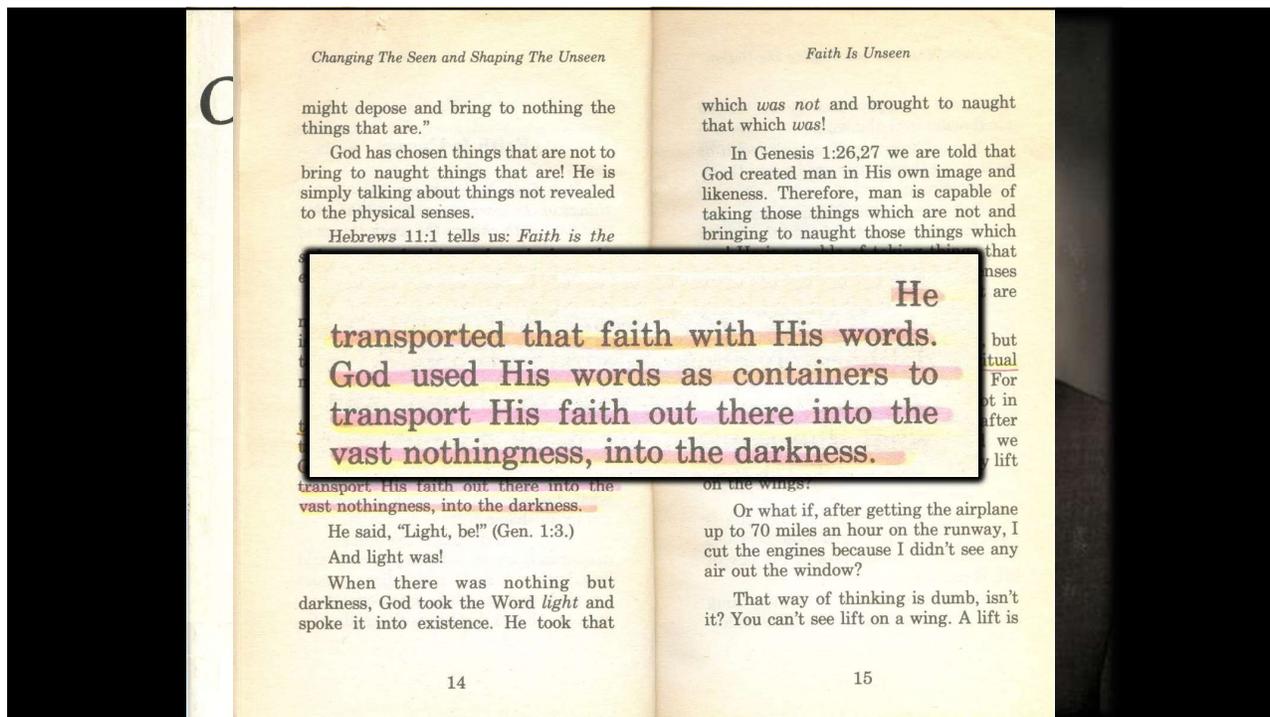
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In Genesis 1:26,27 we are told that God created man in His own image and likeness. Therefore, man is capable of taking those things which are not and bringing to naught those things which are! He is capable of taking things that are not revealed to the physical senses and bringing to naught things that are revealed to the physical senses.

Faith is the substance of things, but you can't see faith. Faith is a spiritual force. You can't see my faith. For example: What if my wife and I got in our airplane to go on a trip, but after looking out the windows, decided we couldn't go because we didn't see any lift on the wings?

Or what if, after getting the airplane up to 70 miles an hour on the runway, I cut the engines because I didn't see any air out the window?

That way of thinking is dumb, isn't it? You can't see lift on a wing. A lift is



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Ten of them said, "It's true, all right, that the land is flowing with milk and honey." They even displayed the giant clusters of grapes, pomegranates, and other fruit they had brought back from Canaan. "But," they warned, "there are giants in the land. And in our eyes we are as grasshoppers in their sight."

When you analyze their report, they were saying, "We can't do it. We can't take the land." And all of Israel accepted this report. (Some people believe the majority report is always right, but if you follow the majority of Christians—even Full Gospel Christians—you will walk in unbelief.) By accepting the majority report, the children of Israel were saying, "We can't take the land."

You can have what you say. The children of Israel got exactly what they said. They

believed they couldn't take it, so they said they couldn't take it. And they didn't.

After all, even when you doubt, you believe something; you just believe the wrong thing. That is the only difference.

You always get and have in your life what you believe for and say. If you do not believe what you are saying, you should not say it, because if you say something long enough, those words eventually will register on your spirit and will control your life.

Each one of those ten spies got exactly what he said. Not one of them entered the Promised Land. They all wandered in the wilderness until they died. What they said came to pass.

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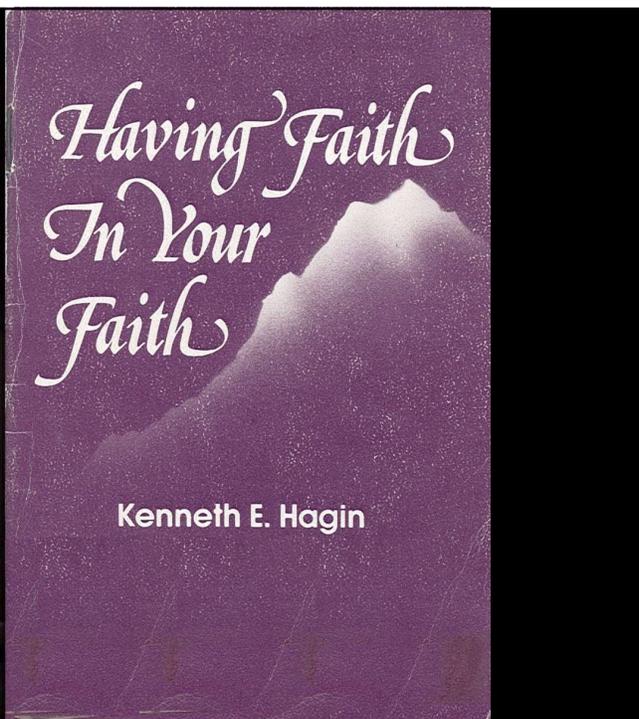
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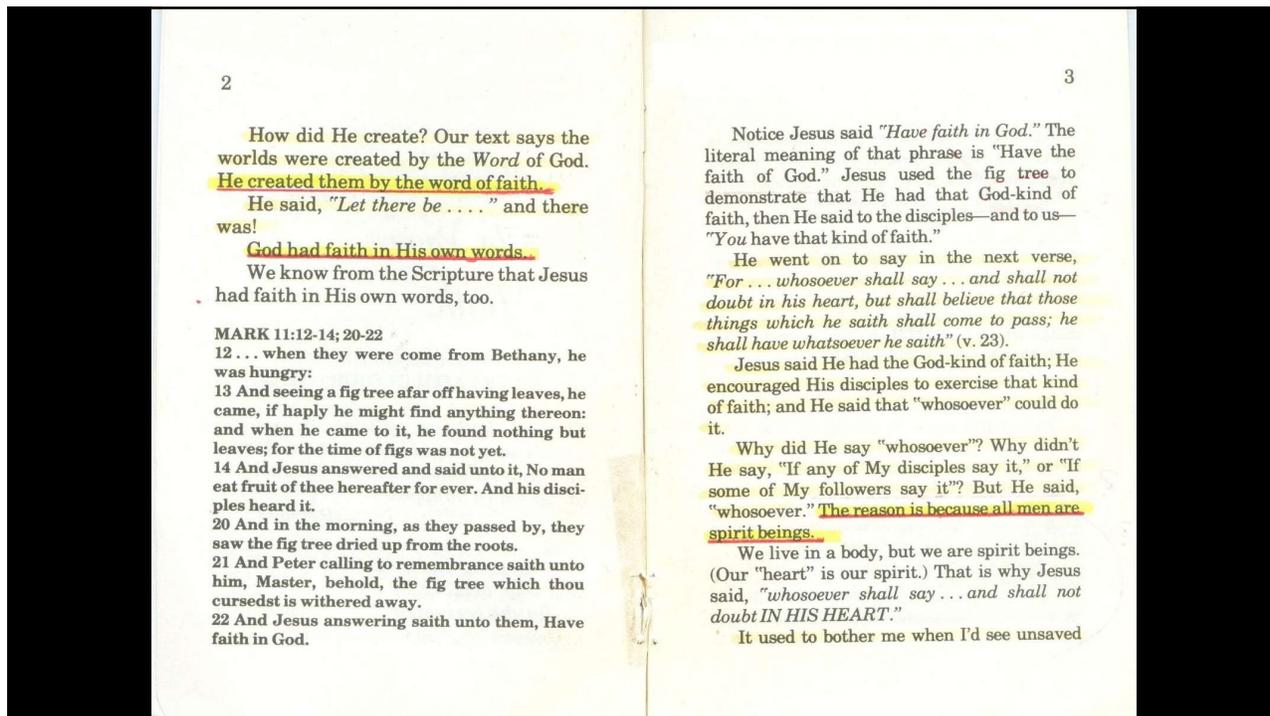
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How did He create? Our text says the worlds were created by the *Word of God*. **He created them by the word of faith.**

He said, "*Let there be . . .*" and there was!

**God had faith in His own words.**

We know from the Scripture that Jesus had faith in His own words, too.

MARK 11:12-14; 20-22

12 . . . when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Notice Jesus said "*Have faith in God*." The literal meaning of that phrase is "Have the faith of God." Jesus used the fig tree to demonstrate that He had that God-kind of faith, then He said to the disciples—and to us—"*You have that kind of faith*."

He went on to say in the next verse, "*For . . . whosoever shall say . . . and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith*" (v. 23).

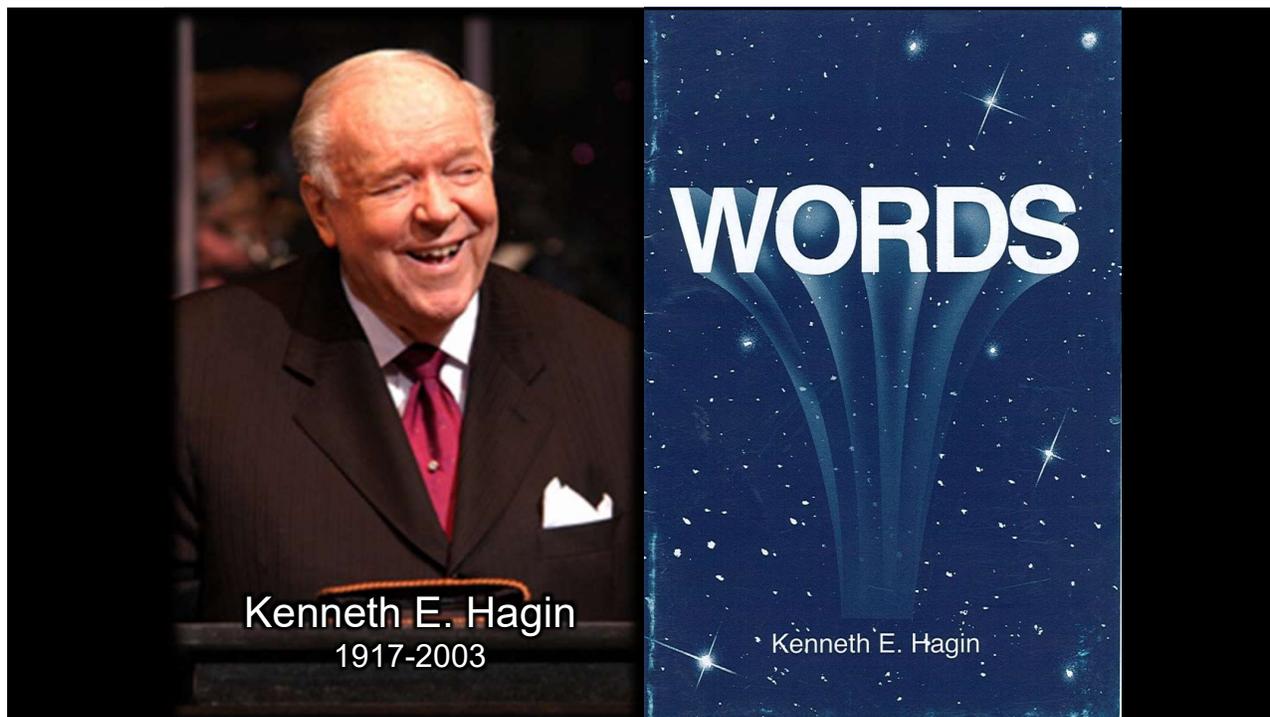
Jesus said He had the God-kind of faith; He encouraged His disciples to exercise that kind of faith; and He said that "whosoever" could do it.

Why did He say "whosoever"? Why didn't He say, "If any of My disciples say it," or "If some of My followers say it"? But He said, "whosoever." **The reason is because all men are spirit beings.**

We live in a body, but we are spirit beings. (Our "heart" is our spirit.) That is why Jesus said, "*whosoever shall say . . . and shall not doubt IN HIS HEART*."

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# WORDS

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## Chapter 1 TALKED TO DEATH—OR LIFE

Jesus Himself said, *"For by thy WORDS thou shalt be justified, and by thy WORDS thou shalt be condemned"* (Matt. 12:37).

When I was meditating on this subject, one word from this text kept going over and over in my spirit, and that was the word WORDS. Something on the inside of me seemed to impress me to teach on WORDS. WORDS are more important than a lot of people realize.

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You could read that like this: *"He shall have whatsoever—the WORDS—he speaks."*

In June 1943, I was starting a meeting for a Pastor A. in the East Texas oil fields. He had had a serious heart attack. One of the neighboring pastors told me, "Brother Hagin, for two or three days the doctor tried to get us to quit praying for Pastor A. He was between life and death, and the doctor said, 'You're holding him here by your prayers and faith. If he does revive—which I doubt—his mind will never be right, because blood didn't get to his brain for more than 10 minutes.'

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**I never prayed in my life that either of my children would be saved. Not one single prayer. I never prayed a prayer that either one of them would be filled with the Spirit. They're adults now with families of their own and I don't believe I prayed more than half a dozen times for both of them in all these years.  
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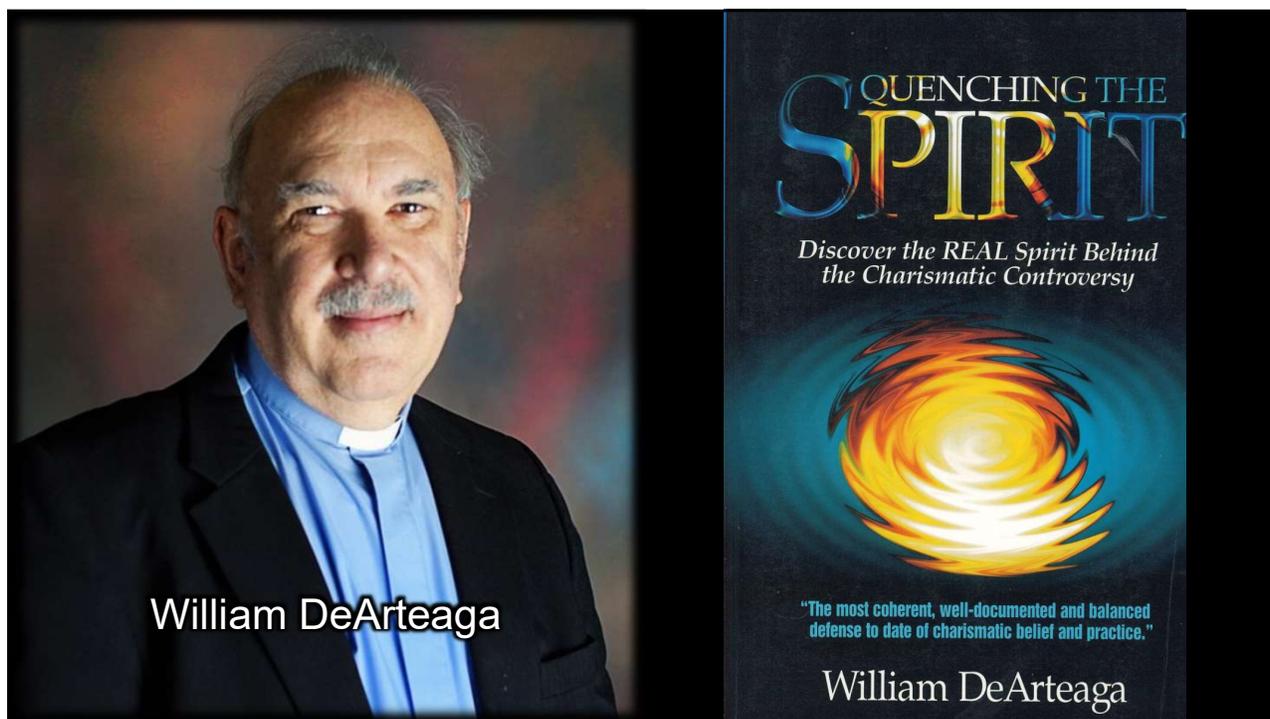
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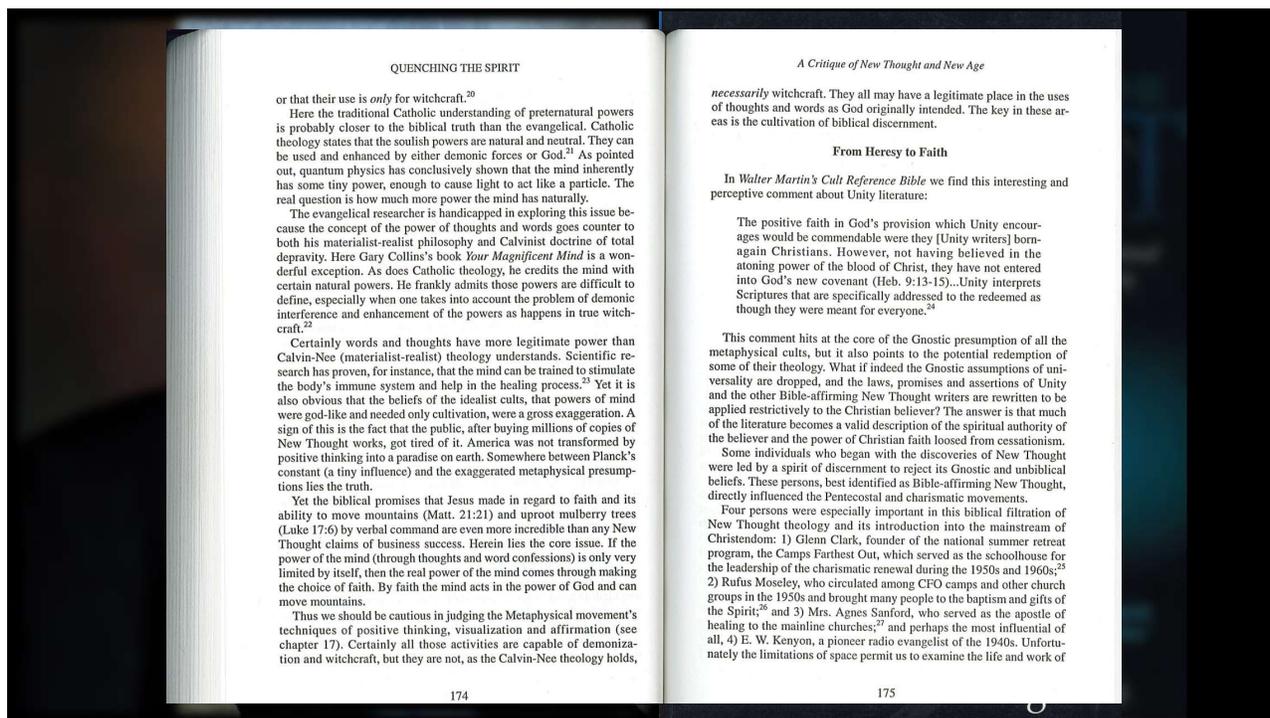


Hinn: "Because, see, I had a witch tell me this. And I said, 'What?' She said 'Listen to me.' She said 'Did you know that we are taught in witchcraft how to kill birds with words and how to kill people with our mouth.' I said 'What's that mean "kill people"?' She said, 'We were taught with words to bring disease on men.' And I said, 'Well how?' She said 'Well, by speaking certain words' (that they teach them) she said 'we can actually cause sickness that could very well kill.'"



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QUENCHING THE SPIRIT

or that their use is *only* for witchcraft.<sup>20</sup> Here the traditional Catholic understanding of preternatural powers is probably closer to the biblical truth than the evangelical. Catholic theology states that the soulish powers are natural and neutral. They can be used and enhanced by either demonic forces or God.<sup>21</sup> As pointed out, quantum physics has conclusively shown that the mind inherently has some tiny power, enough to cause light to act like a particle. The real question is how much more power the mind has naturally.

The evangelical researcher is handicapped in exploring this issue because the concept of the power of thoughts and words goes counter to both his materialist-realist philosophy and Calvinist doctrine of total depravity. Here Gary Collins's book *Your Magnificent Mind* is a wonderful exception. As does Catholic theology, he credits the mind with certain natural powers. He frankly admits those powers are difficult to define, especially when one takes into account the problem of demonic interference and enhancement of the powers as happens in true witchcraft.<sup>22</sup>

Certainly words and thoughts have more legitimate power than Calvin-Nee (materialist-realist) theology understands. Scientific research has proven, for instance, that the mind can be trained to stimulate the body's immune system and help in the healing process.<sup>23</sup> Yet it is also obvious that the beliefs of the idealist cults, that powers of mind were god-like and needed only cultivation, were a gross exaggeration. A sign of this is the fact that the public, after buying millions of copies of New Thought works, got tired of it. America was not transformed by positive thinking into a paradise on earth. Somewhere between Planck's constant (a tiny influence) and the exaggerated metaphysical presumptions lies the truth.

Yet the biblical promises that Jesus made in regard to faith and its ability to move mountains (Matt. 21:21) and uproot mulberry trees (Luke 17:6) by verbal command are even more incredible than any New Thought claims of business success. Herein lies the core issue. If the power of the mind (through thoughts and word confessions) is only very limited by itself, then the real power of the mind comes through making the choice of faith. By faith the mind acts in the power of God and can move mountains.

Thus we should be cautious in judging the Metaphysical movement's techniques of positive thinking, visualization and affirmation (see chapter 17). Certainly all those activities are capable of demonization and witchcraft, but they are not, as the Calvin-Nee theology holds,

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necessarily witchcraft. They all may have a legitimate place in the uses of thoughts and words as God originally intended. The key in these areas is the cultivation of biblical discernment.

**From Heresy to Faith**

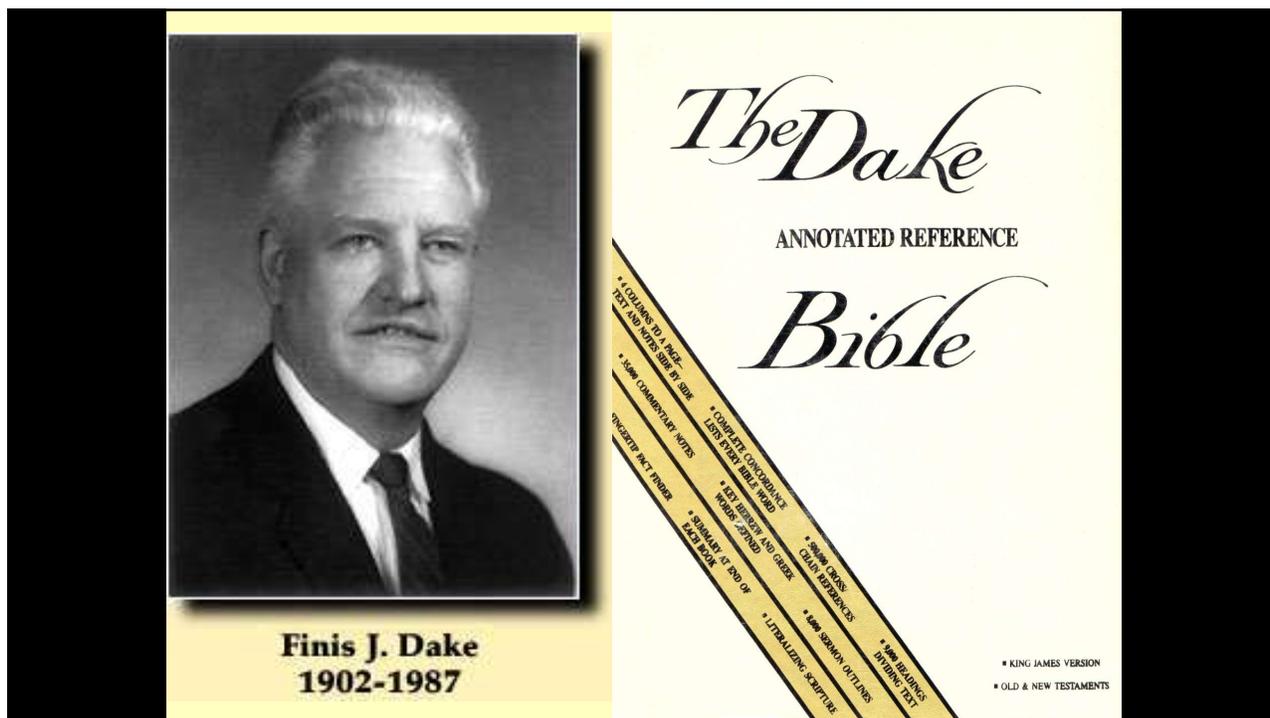
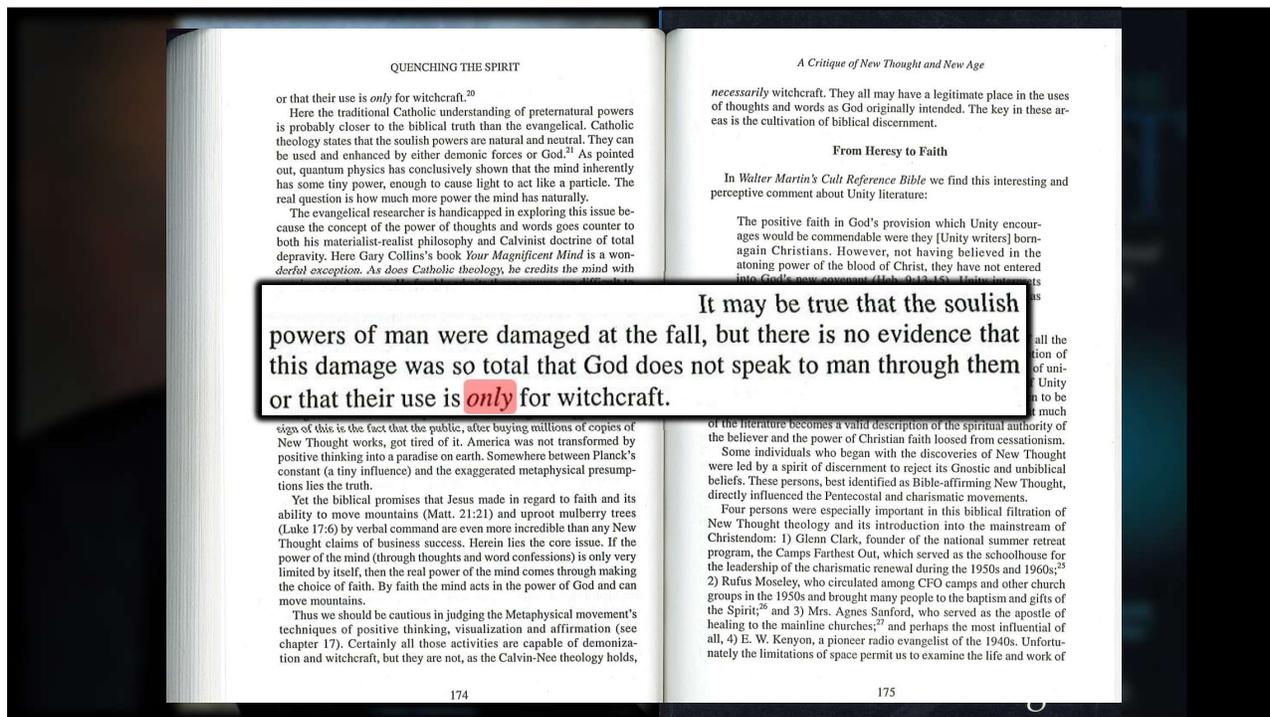
In *Walter Martin's Cult Reference Bible* we find this interesting and perceptive comment about Unity literature:

The positive faith in God's provision which Unity encourages would be commendable were they [Unity writers] born-again Christians. However, not having believed in the atoning power of the blood of Christ, they have not entered into God's new covenant (Heb. 9:13-15)...Unity interprets Scriptures that are specifically addressed to the redeemed as though they were meant for everyone.<sup>24</sup>

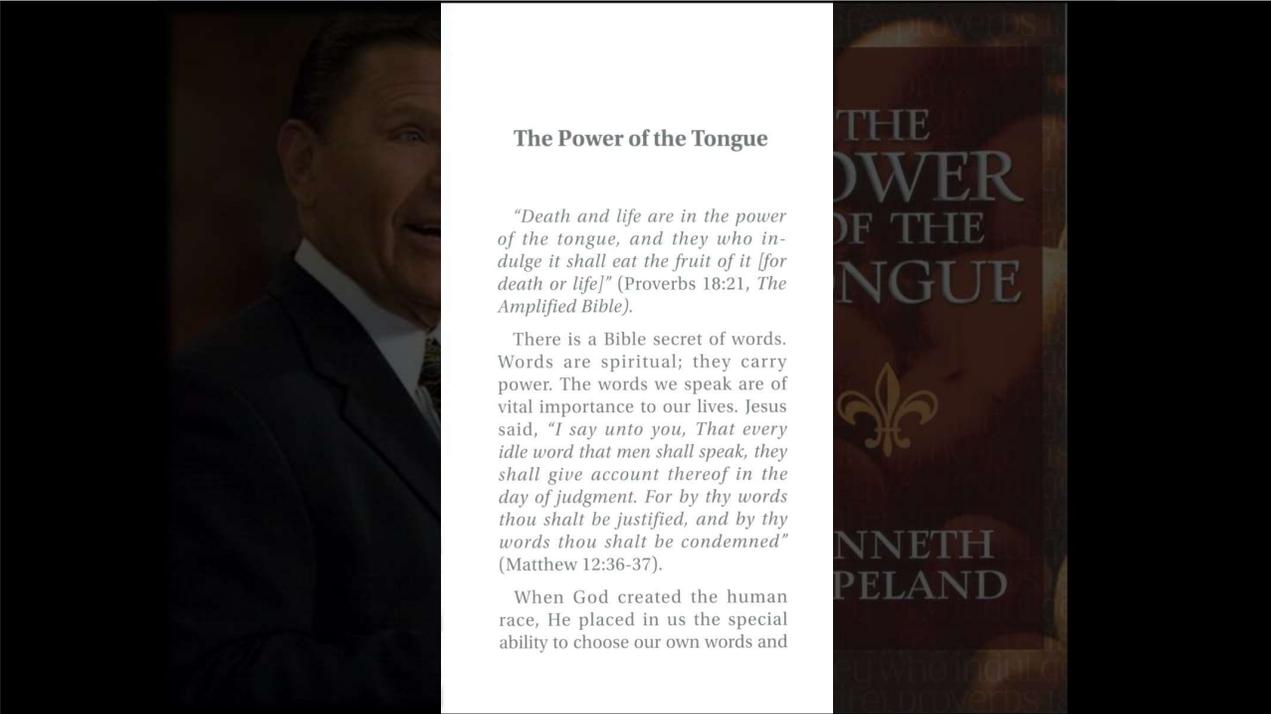
This comment hits at the core of the Gnostic presumption of all the metaphysical cults, but it also points to the potential redemption of some of their theology. What if indeed the Gnostic assumptions of universality are dropped, and the laws, promises and assertions of Unity and the other Bible-affirming New Thought writers are rewritten to be applied restrictively to the Christian believer? The answer is that much of the literature becomes a valid description of the spiritual authority of the believer and the power of Christian faith loosed from cessationism.

Some individuals who began with the discoveries of New Thought were led by a spirit of discernment to reject its Gnostic and unbiblical beliefs. These persons, best identified as Bible-affirming New Thought, directly influenced the Pentecostal and charismatic movements.

Four persons were especially important in this biblical filtration of New Thought theology and its introduction into the mainstream of Christendom: 1) Glenn Clark, founder of the national summer retreat program, the Camps Farthest Out, which served as the schoolhouse for the leadership of the charismatic renewal during the 1950s and 1960s;<sup>25</sup> 2) Rufus Moseley, who circulated among CFO camps and other church groups in the 1950s and brought many people to the baptism and gifts of the Spirit;<sup>26</sup> and 3) Mrs. Agnes Sanford, who served as the apostle of healing to the mainline churches;<sup>27</sup> and perhaps the most influential of all, 4) E. W. Kenyon, a pioneer radio evangelist of the 1940s. Unfortunately the limitations of space permit us to examine the life and work of





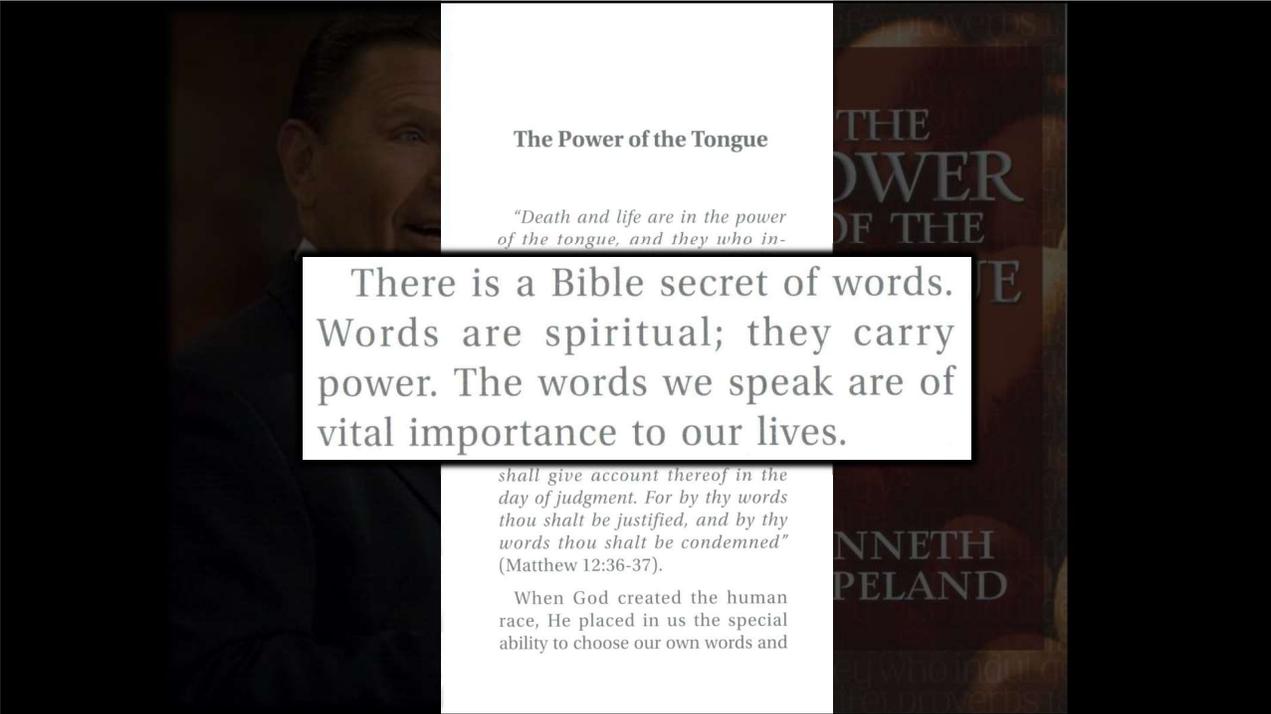


**The Power of the Tongue**

*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]" (Proverbs 18:21, The Amplified Bible).*

There is a Bible secret of words. Words are spiritual; they carry power. The words we speak are of vital importance to our lives. Jesus said, *"I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"* (Matthew 12:36-37).

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Man's unique ability to choose and speak words has become a key factor in the development of the human race.

#### The Creative Power in Words

Words have played a vital role in life since the beginning of time. God used words when He created the heaven and the earth. *"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God"* (Hebrews 11:3). God *spoke* the worlds into existence, as evidenced in the first chapter of Genesis: *"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light"* (verse 3). The literal Hebrew says, "God said, 'Light, be';

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and light was." All power in the natural, physical world came into being when God spoke those words.

And God said, Let there be a firmament.

And God said, Let the waters be gathered together.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass.

The words, *And God said*, appear ten times in the first chapter of Genesis. To the natural mind, the repetition is almost monotonous, but through spiritual understanding, you will realize that the Holy Spirit had it written that way to stress how vital a part words played in Creation.

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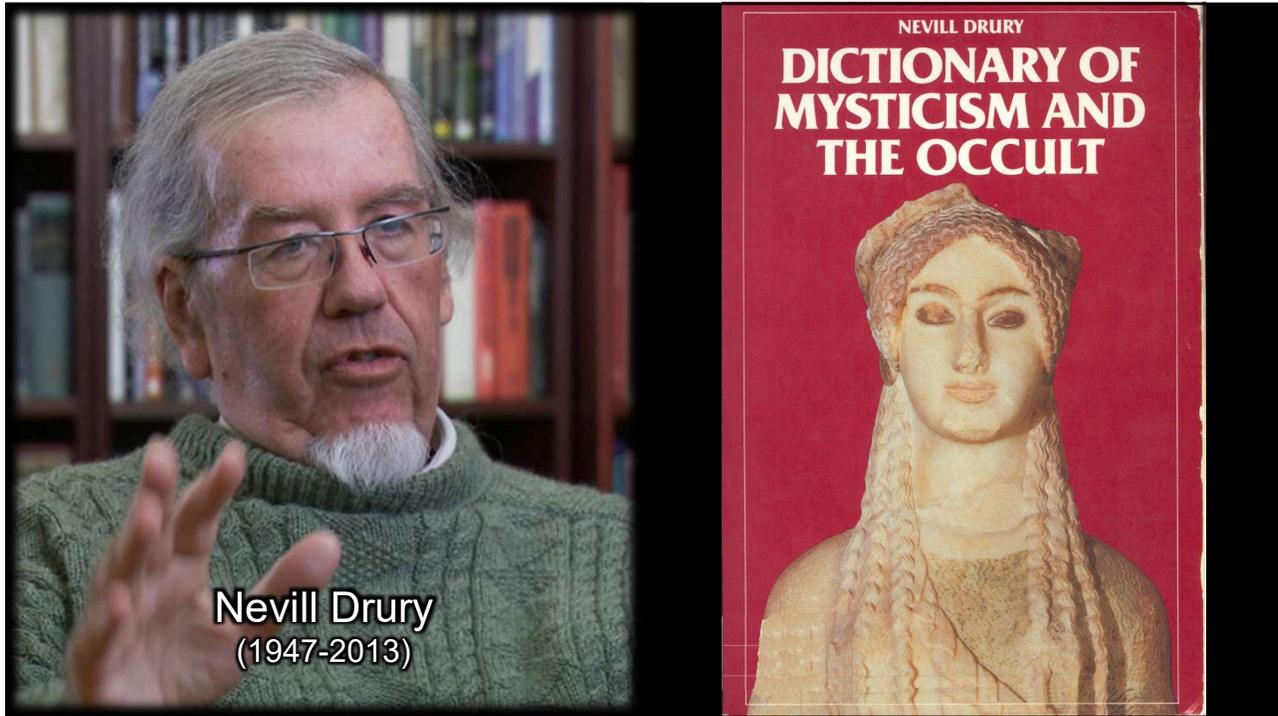
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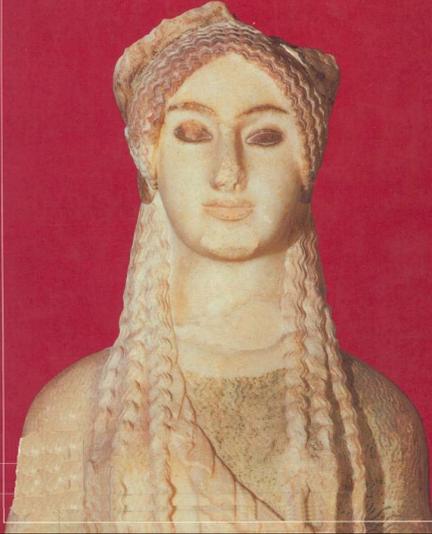
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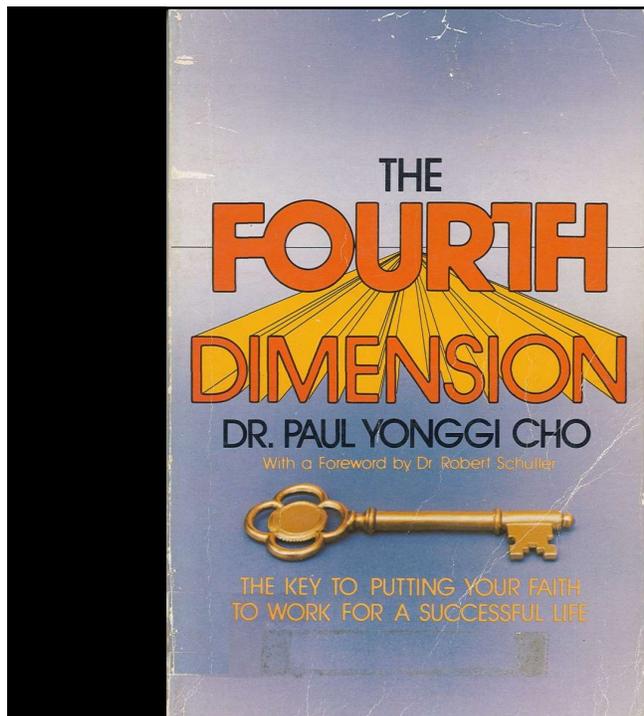
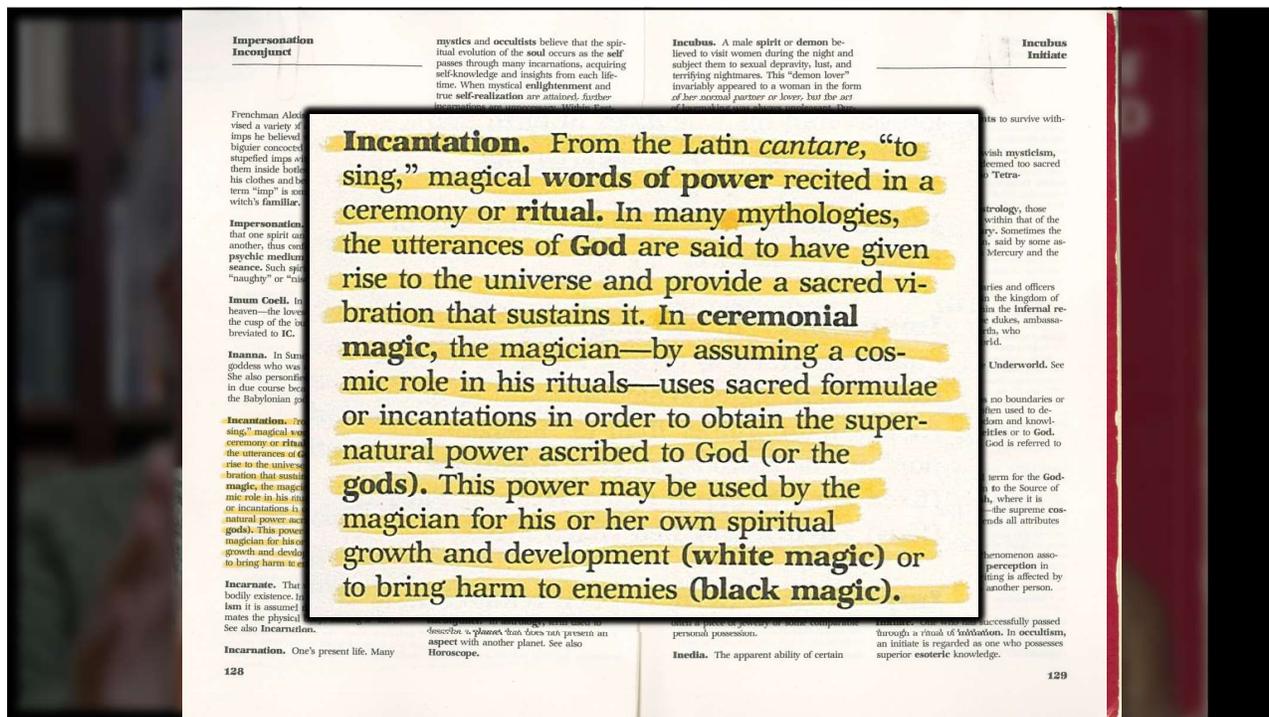


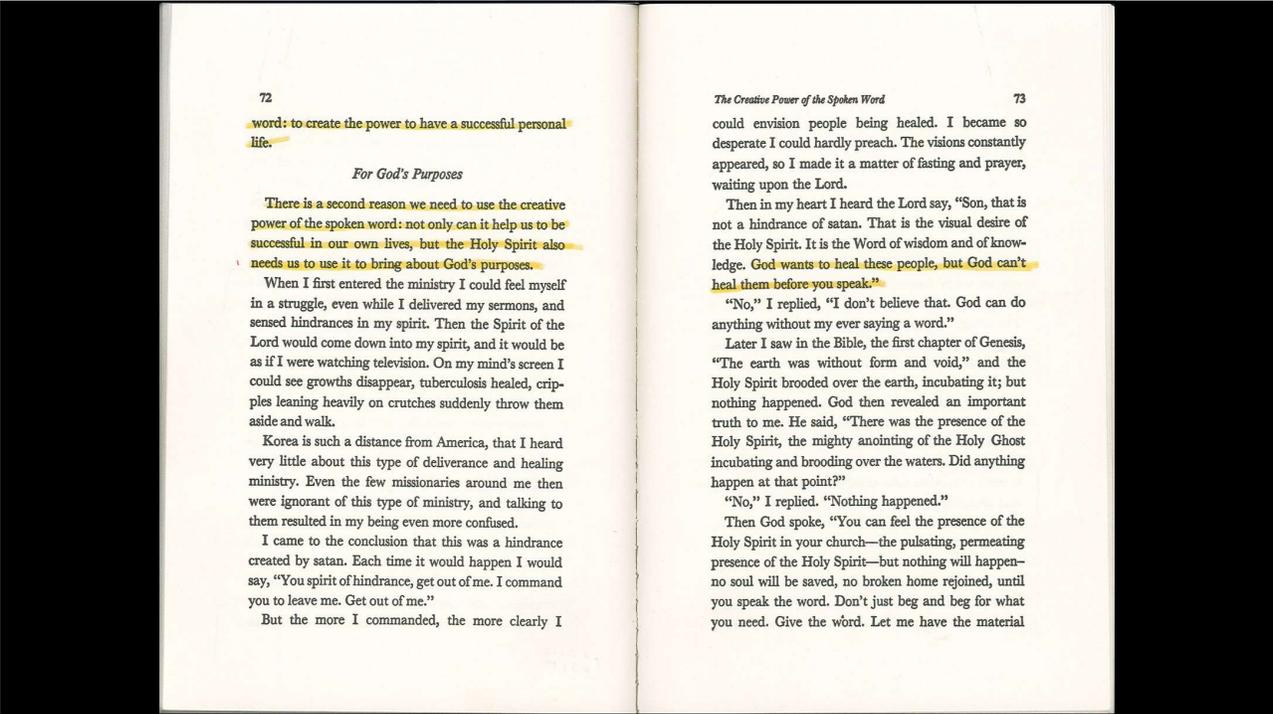
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<p><b>Impersonation</b> <b>Inconjunct</b></p> <p>Frenchman Alexis Berbiguier allegedly devised a variety of methods for trapping the lumps he believed were persecuting him. Berbiguier concocted "anti-demonic" soups, stupefied lumps with tobacco, and trapped them inside bottles. Others he "pinned" to his clothes and bed and kept captive. The term "lump" is sometimes used to refer to a witch's familiar.</p> <p><b>Impersonation.</b> In spiritualism, belief that one spirit can mimic and impersonate another, thus confusing and deluding the psychic medium receiving messages at a seance. Such spirits are often described as "naughty" or "mischievous."</p> <p><b>Imum Coeli.</b> In astrology, the lowest heaven—the lowest point of the ecliptic. It is the cusp of the fourth house, and often abbreviated to IC.</p> <p><b>Inanna.</b> In Sumerian mythology, a war goddess who was associated with the sky. She also personified the power of love and in due course became closely identified with the Babylonian goddess Ishtar.</p> <p><b>Incantations.</b> From the Latin <i>cantare</i>, "to sing"; magical words of power recited in a ceremony or ritual. In many mythologies, the utterances of God are said to have given rise to the universe and provide a sacred vibration that sustains it. In ceremonial magic, the magician—by assuming a cosmic role in his rituals—uses sacred formulae or incantations in order to obtain the supernatural power ascribed to God (or the gods). This power may be used by the magician for his or her own spiritual growth and development (white magic) or to bring harm to enemies (black magic).</p> <p><b>Incarnate.</b> That which has a physical, bodily existence. In mysticism and occultism it is assumed that a spirit or soul animates the physical body, making it "alive." See also <i>Incarnation</i>.</p> <p><b>Incarnation.</b> One's present life. Many</p>	<p>mystics and occultists believe that the spiritual evolution of the soul occurs as the self passes through many incarnations, acquiring self-knowledge and insights from each lifetime. When mystical enlightenment and true self-realization are attained, further incarnations are unnecessary. Within Eastern mystical terminology, the wheel of life and death is then broken. See also <i>Reincarnation</i>.</p> <p><b>Incarnations, Divine.</b> In mysticism and comparative religion, the concept that the Godhead incarnates in the form of an avatar or spiritual leader who subsequently gives rise to a new religious expression. In Christianity, Jesus Christ is regarded as a divine incarnation of God (God the Father and God the Son being "one"); while in Hinduism, Krishna is considered to be an incarnation of Vishnu. In Tibet, the Dalai Lama is thought to be an incarnation of Chenrezig while in ancient Egypt the pharaohs incarnated Ra.</p> <p><b>Incarnations, Satanic.</b> Term sometimes applied to political tyrants and dictators who have inflicted such terror, misery, and bloodshed upon the world that they are assumed to be incarnations of Satan or the Devil. Examples from world history include Attila the Hun, Adolph Hitler, and Joseph Stalin.</p> <p><b>Incense.</b> From the Latin <i>incendere</i>, "to set on fire," a substance used in ceremonial worship which, when burned, gives off a pleasant aroma. The fumes of incense are believed by some to please the gods and ward off demons. Occultists, however, believe that the smoke of incense may be used to manifest spirits and elementals generally and, in this regard, the magical entity summoned to visible appearance may be either good or evil. See <i>Magic, Ceremonial</i>.</p> <p><b>Inceptional Astrology.</b> See <i>Astrology, Inceptional</i>.</p> <p><b>Incommunicable Axiom.</b> See <i>Ineffable Name</i>.</p> <p><b>Inconjunct.</b> In astrology, term used to describe a planet that does not present an aspect with another planet. See also <i>Horoscope</i>.</p>
<p><b>Incubus</b></p> <p>A male spirit or demon believed to visit women during the night and subject them to sexual depravity, lust, and terrifying nightmares. This "demon lover" invariably appeared to a woman in the form of her normal partner or lover, but the act of lovemaking was always unpleasant. During the medieval witch trials, it was often maintained that a demon or devil had an ice-cooled penis or an organ made of steel. The female equivalent of the incubus is the succubus.</p> <p><b>Independent Voice Communication.</b> In spiritualism, phenomenon where the voice of a spirit or disincarnate entity does not manifest through a medium but is heard from a separate location. Skeptics have interpreted this as an act of ventriloquism on the part of the medium, but spiritualists regard it as a type of direct voice communication.</p> <p><b>Individuality.</b> In occult and mystical belief, one's persona or ego. It is essentially illusory and transient—disappearing at death. Most occultists believe it should be distinguished from the self which survives death and reincarnates. See also <i>Reincarnation</i>.</p> <p><b>Individuation.</b> In the analytical psychology of Carl Jung, the concept of "making the self whole." For Jung, this process included harmonizing the forces of one's external life with the events of both the human unconscious and the collective unconscious. Jung became very interested in mystical systems that could lead people towards spiritual transformation. See also <i>Harmony of Opposites</i>.</p> <p><b>Indra.</b> In Indian mythology, the main Vedic god. He was lord of thunder, warlike, and storms, and was also associated with fertility because of the rain he brought to the parched earth. Indra was often depicted carrying a bow in one hand and a thunderbolt in the other.</p> <p><b>Inductor.</b> In psychometry, an object that is handled by the practitioner in order to receive "psychic impressions." This object is often a piece of jewelry or some comparable personal possession.</p> <p><b>Inedia.</b> The apparent ability of certain</p>	<p><b>Incubus Initiate</b></p> <p>mystics, fakirs, and saints to survive without food.</p> <p><b>Ineffable Name.</b> In Jewish mysticism, the sacred name of God deemed too sacred to be pronounced. See also <i>Tetra-grammaton</i>.</p> <p><b>Inferior Planets.</b> In astrology, those planets whose orbits are within that of the Earth: Venus and Mercury. Sometimes the hypothetical planet Vulcan, said by some astrologers to orbit between Mercury and the sun, is also included.</p> <p><b>Infernal Court.</b> Dignitaries and officers forming a hierarchy within the kingdom of Satan, or the Devil. Within the Infernal regions, there are said to be dukes, ambassadors, ministers, and so forth, who promulgate evil in the world.</p> <p><b>Infernal Regions.</b> The Underworld. See also <i>Hades; Hell</i>.</p> <p><b>Infinite.</b> That which has no boundaries or limitations. The word is often used to describe the qualities of wisdom and knowledge ascribed to ruling deities or to God. In many mystical systems God is referred to as Infinite Light.</p> <p><b>Infinite Light.</b> Mystical term for the Godhead. It is the name given to the Source of All Being in the Kabbalah, where it is known as Ain Soph Aur—the supreme cosmic reality, which transcends all attributes and limitations.</p> <p><b>Influenced Writing.</b> Phenomenon associated with extrasensory perception in which a subject's handwriting is affected by thought impressions from another person. See <i>Mental Telepathy</i>.</p> <p><b>Initiate.</b> One who has successfully passed through a ritual of initiation. In occultism, an initiate is regarded as one who possesses superior esoteric knowledge.</p>





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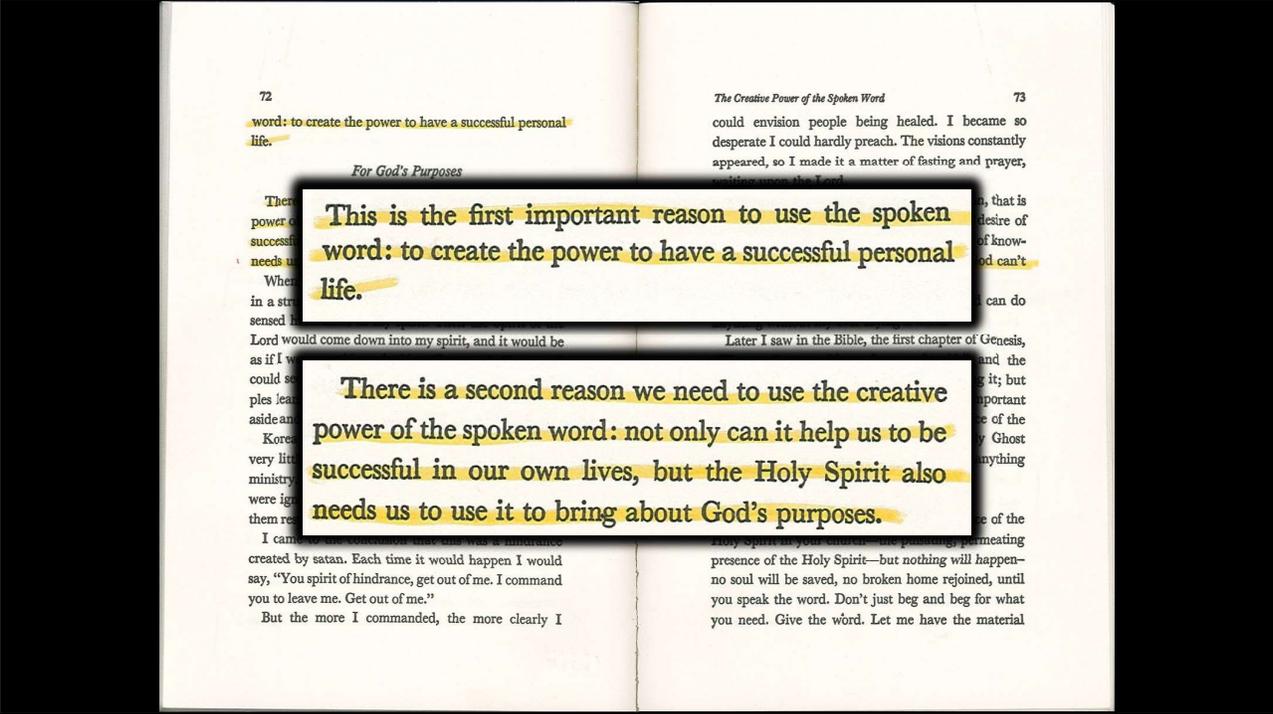
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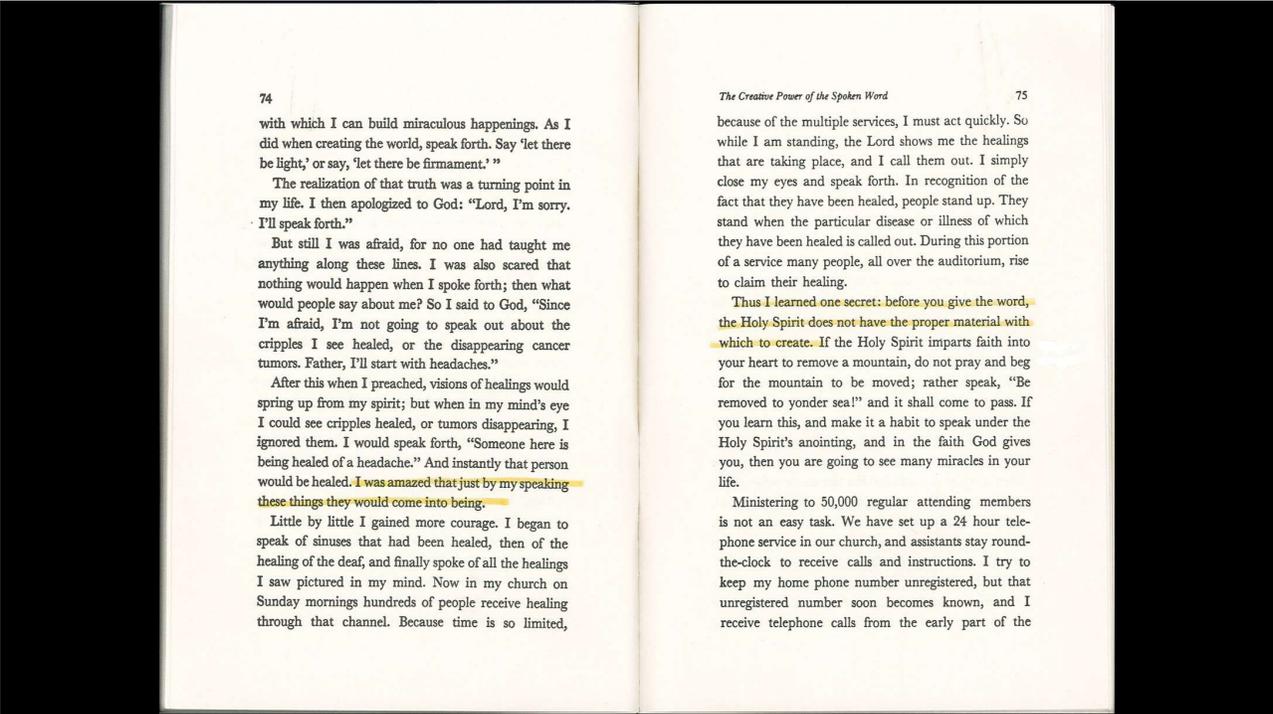
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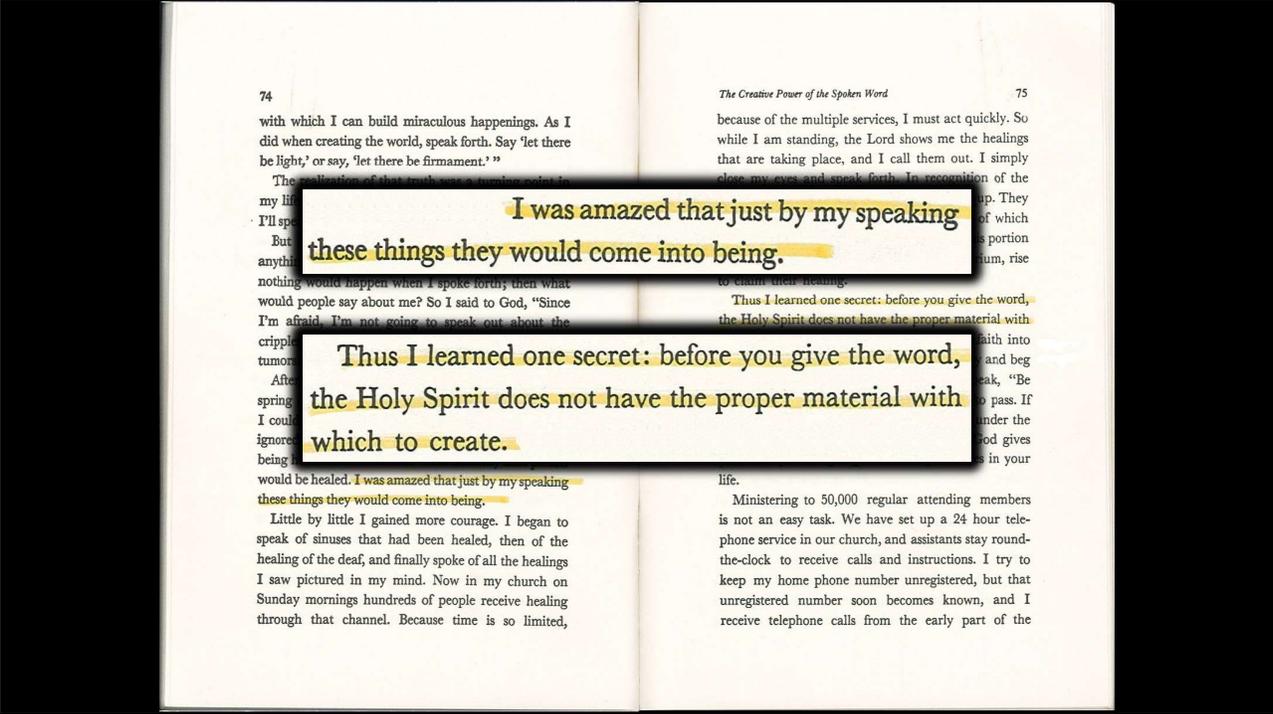
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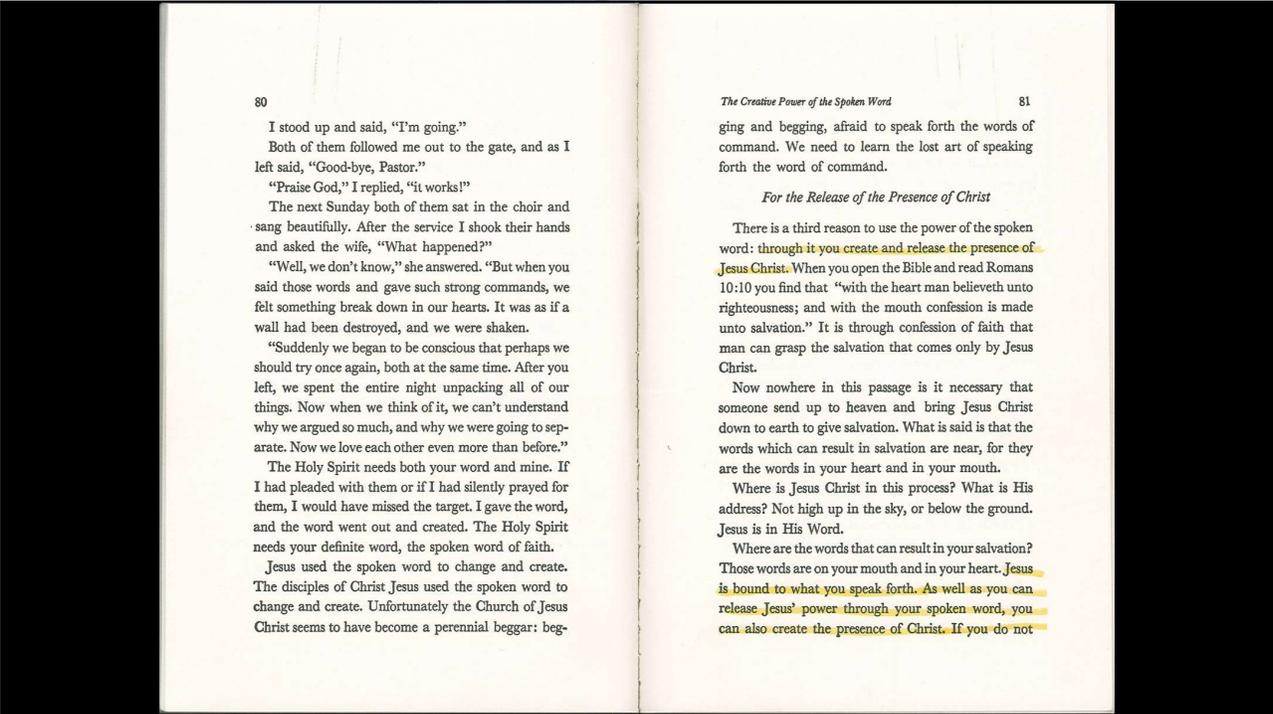
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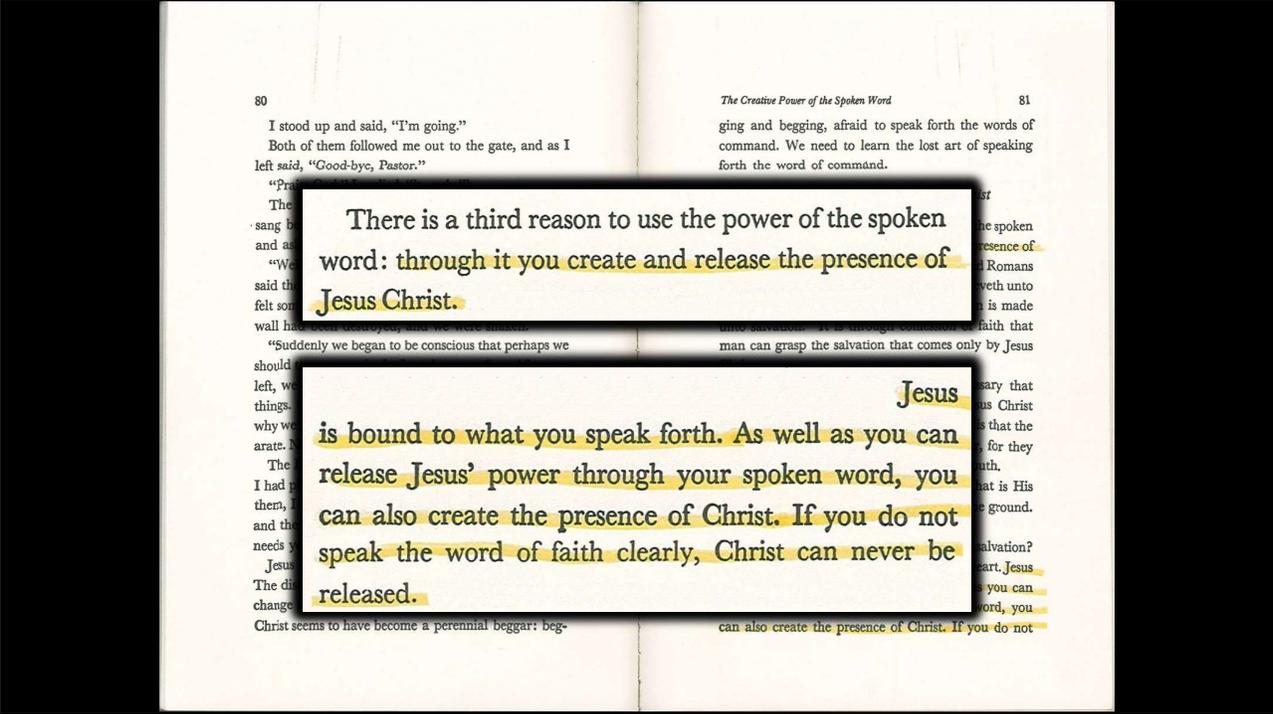
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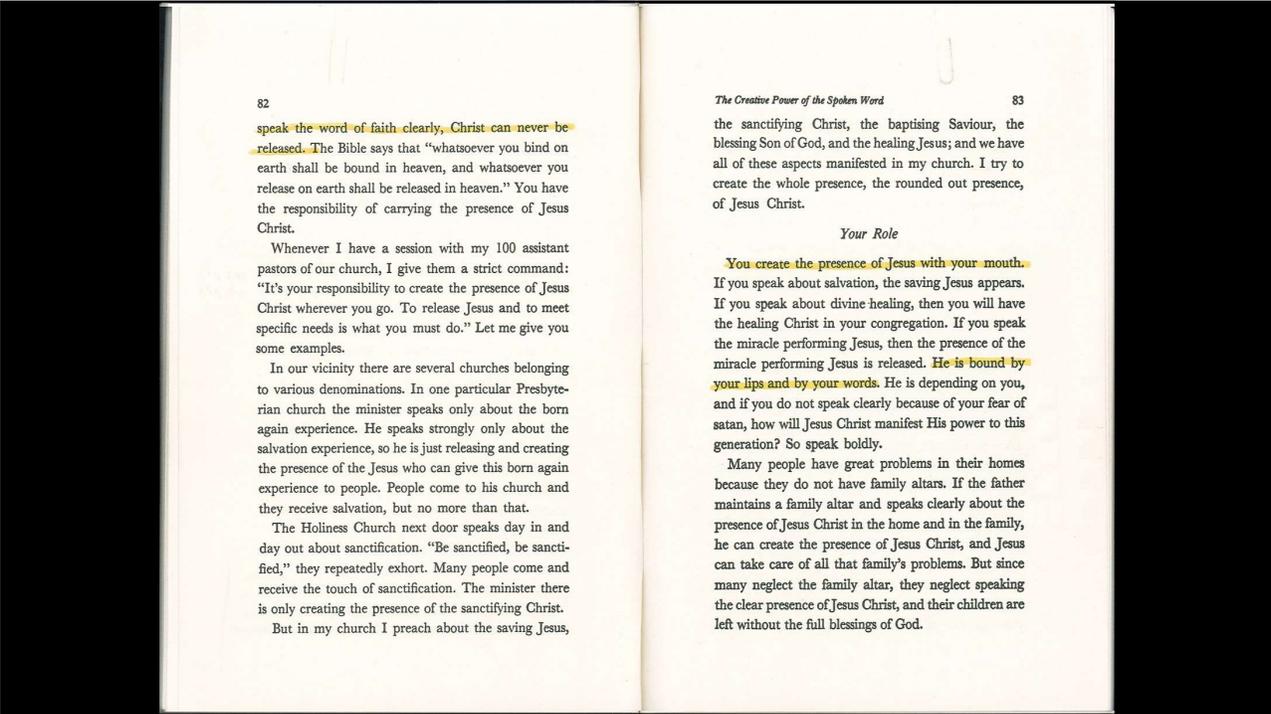
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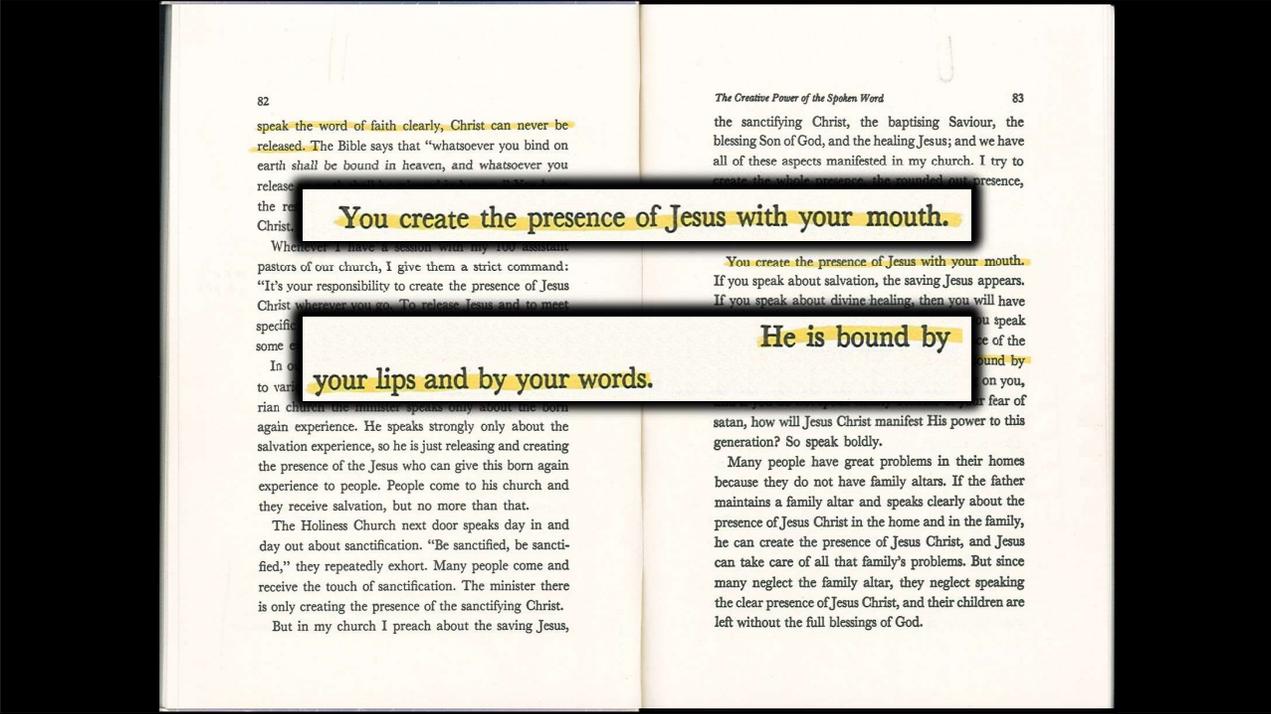
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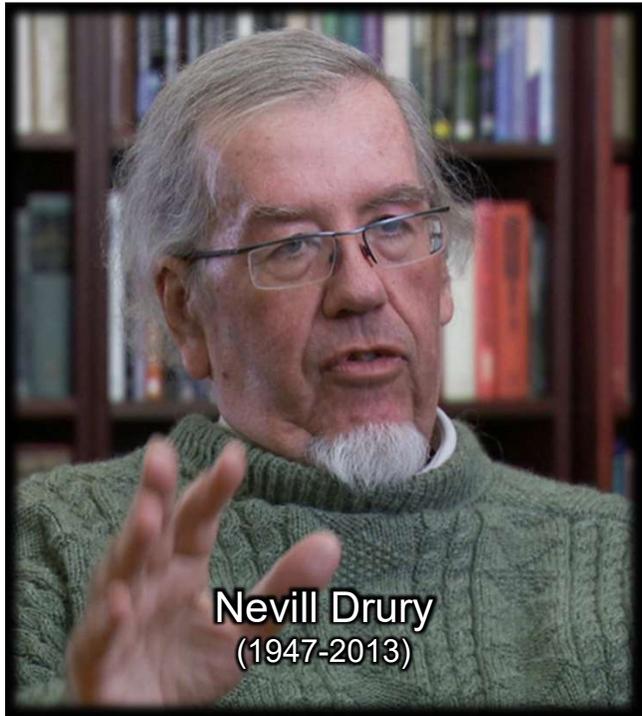
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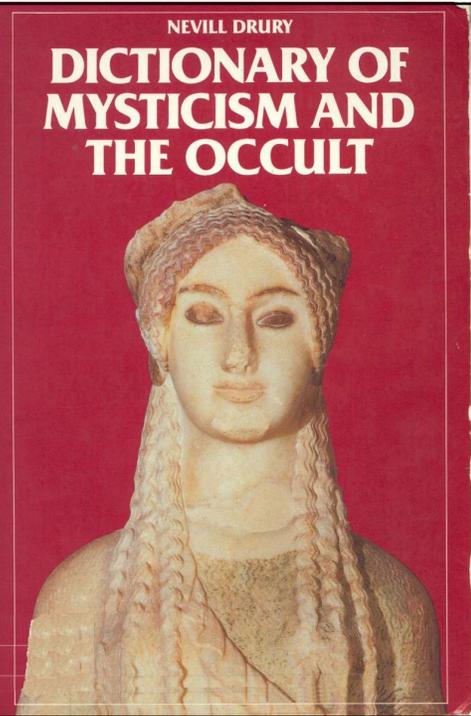
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year-old daughter Elizabeth, and Parsons was prosecuted.

**Coelus.** In Roman mythology, the personification of the "overhanging heavens" and the equivalent of the Greek *Uranus*.

**Coffin Texts.** In ancient Egypt, inscriptions on the sides of coffins assuring the deceased that they would be sustained with good food and drink and confirming the immortality of the soul. The Coffin Texts were the successors of the earlier Pyramid Texts, which included spells and incantations for the safe passage of the pharaohs to the next world. The Coffin Texts extended these benefits beyond the exclusive domain of the pharaohs, to the Egyptian nobility.

**Cobwebs.** Hallucinogenic snuff, made from the beans of *Anadenanthera colodrinis* and *peruviana* (also known as *yopo*, *vevo*, and *huila*). It was used by the precolonial Incas to obtain a visionary hypnotic state and remains in use among the Masoko Indians of northern Argentina. Its use in the West Indies has died out. See also **Hallucination**.

**Coincidence.** An event or two or more events at one time happening without any apparent cause. Occultists incline to the view that no events are coincidental, but form part of a universal plan or "cycle." All predictive occult sciences (e.g., astrology and the many other forms of divination) take this view; and in the East the law of karma states that every action has a consequence—in this or in future lives.

**Collective Unconscious.** Concept of psychologist Carl Jung, who believed that certain primordial images in the unconscious mind were not individual in origin, but "collective"—being symbolic expressions of the "constantly repeated experiences of humanity." In Jung's view, these collective images were mostly religious motifs, acknowledged almost universally as significant. An example would be the mythic image of the sun, represented in numerous legends as the sun-hero and worshiped in Greece as *Apollo*, in Egypt as *Oshiris*, and in ancient Persia as *Ohmazd*.

**College of Psychic Studies.** Organization founded in 1884 by the Reverend **Stanton Moses** and **Alfred Russel Wallace**, and originally known as the London Spiritualist Alliance. It encourages free enquiry into psychical research and does not tie its members to specific opinions or beliefs. Membership of the college is worldwide and it has attracted many well-known supporters, including **Sir Oliver Lodge**, the famous writer **Algernon Blackwood**, and **Sir George Trevelyan**. The College has a library containing eleven thousand volumes on all matters pertaining to **extrasensory perception**, and publishes a quarterly journal called *Light*.

**Co-Masonry.** Also, adoptive Masonry. Term used in **Freemasonry**, allowing for the admission and initiation of women. Traditionally, women were not allowed into the Order of Freemasons; but historically there have been certain exceptions. **Count Cagliostro** admitted women in the so-called Egyptian rite and the Duchess of Bourbon presided as Grand Mistress in the Grand Orient of France (1775); the Rite of Mizraim established Masonic lodges for both men and women as early as 1819. In authentic Co-Masonic orders, the rites have the same structure as in orthodox Freemasonry and men and women hold corresponding ranks.

**Commanding Signs.** In astrology, the signs **Aries**, **Taurus**, **Gemini**, **Cancer**, **Leo**, and **Virgo**, which are said to be "powerful" because of their proximity to the zenith.

**Communicograph.** In spiritualism, a device used for contacting the spirits of the dead. It consists of a small table whose surface has letters of the alphabet that can be illuminated electrically. Beneath the table is a small pendulum that swings freely. When spirits are summoned and the pendulum begins to swing, the electric circuit is closed and letters light up on the table—allowing a spirit-message to be spelt out.

**Compact.** In satanism, an agreement by which a person renounces **Christ**, the apostles, the saints, and all Christian values, in order to follow **Lucifer**. In return, **Lucifer**

bestows upon his followers worldly possessions or special powers. In an example that survives from the events associated with the **Aix-en-Provence Nuns**, **Father Louis Gaudfrid** offered himself to the Devil and received the following benefit: "I, **Lucifer**, bind myself to give you, **Louis Gaudfrid**, priest, the faculty and power of bewitching by blowing with the mouth, all and any of the women and girls you may desire. . . ." Unfortunately, the compact was short-lived. **Gaudfrid** was accused of **seduction** and publicly burned at **Aix** in 1611.

**Compacts, Death.** In spiritualism, an agreement between two people that the first one to die would endeavor to communicate psychically from the "other side," as proof of survival.

**Concentration.** The act of focusing one's attention on a particular point, image, or thought. It is a common feature of meditative disciplines requiring mind control (e.g., magical visualization and **yogo**).

**Cone of Power.** In witchcraft, the ritual act of visualizing a "cone of energy" and directing it towards whatever goal or task is at hand. Witches with psychic vision claim it is perceived as a silver-blue light that rises from the magic circle in a spiral.

**Conjunction.** In astrology, the situation when two planets occupy the same degree position on a horoscope.

**Conjunction.** In Neoplatonic magic, the act of invoking a number of gods collectively, or "in conjunction." According to **Paelias**, **Julian the Chaldean** summoned **Aion**, **Apollo**, and **Hecate** simultaneously in certain magical rites. See also **Neoplatonism**.

**Conjurations.** The act of evoking spirits by means of ritual formulae or words of power. In ceremonial magic, these spirits are used to manifest within a triangle inscribed on the floor of the Temple (the triangle being a symbol of manifestation). Usually incense, or smoke, or some other "manifesting medium" is provided so that the spirits can be conjured to visible appearance rather than remain unmanifested on the astral plane.

**Consciousness.** From the Latin *conscire*, "to know," the faculty of being aware, of feeling and perceiving. Often equated with **Mind**. The conscious mind, which functions in the everyday world and determines what, for each of us, is our operative reality, is often distinguished from the unconscious mind of dreams, repressed memories, unfulfilled fantasies, delusions, and hallucinations, which are only experienced in an altered state of consciousness. Many mystical traditions teach that true enlightenment is not experienced unless the mind is transcended.

**Constant, Alphonse Louis.** See **Levi, Eliphas**.

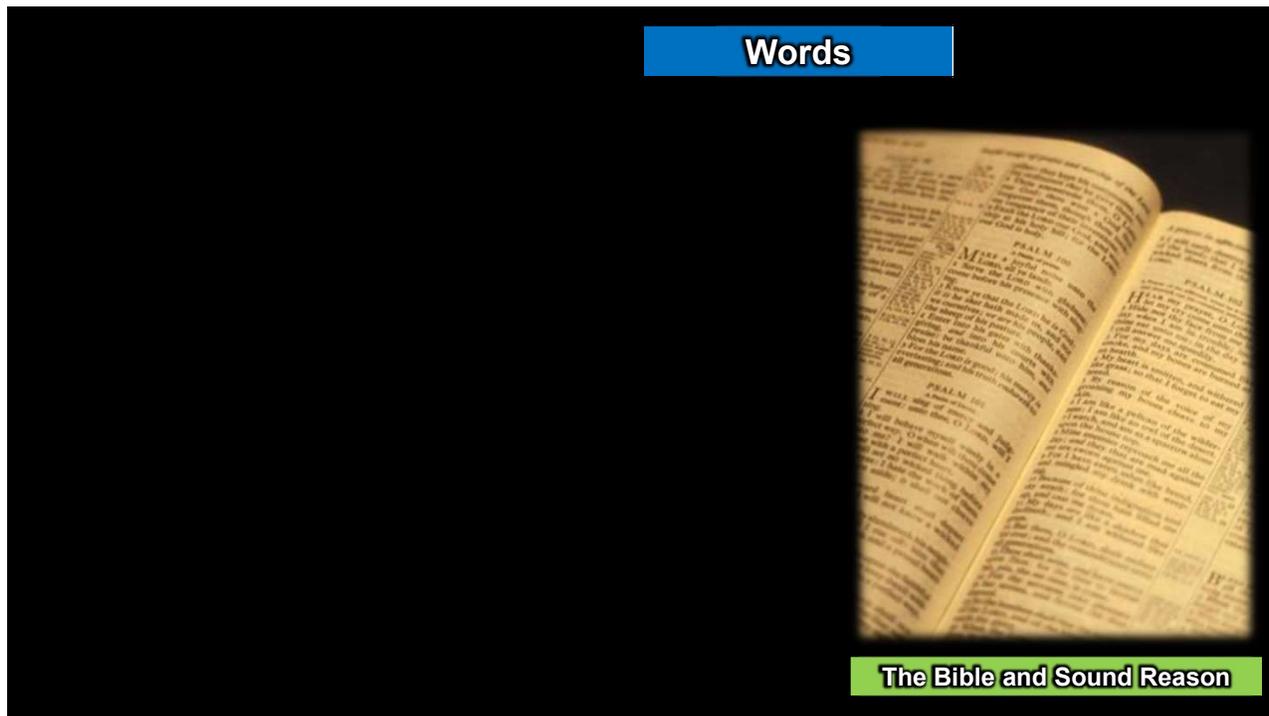
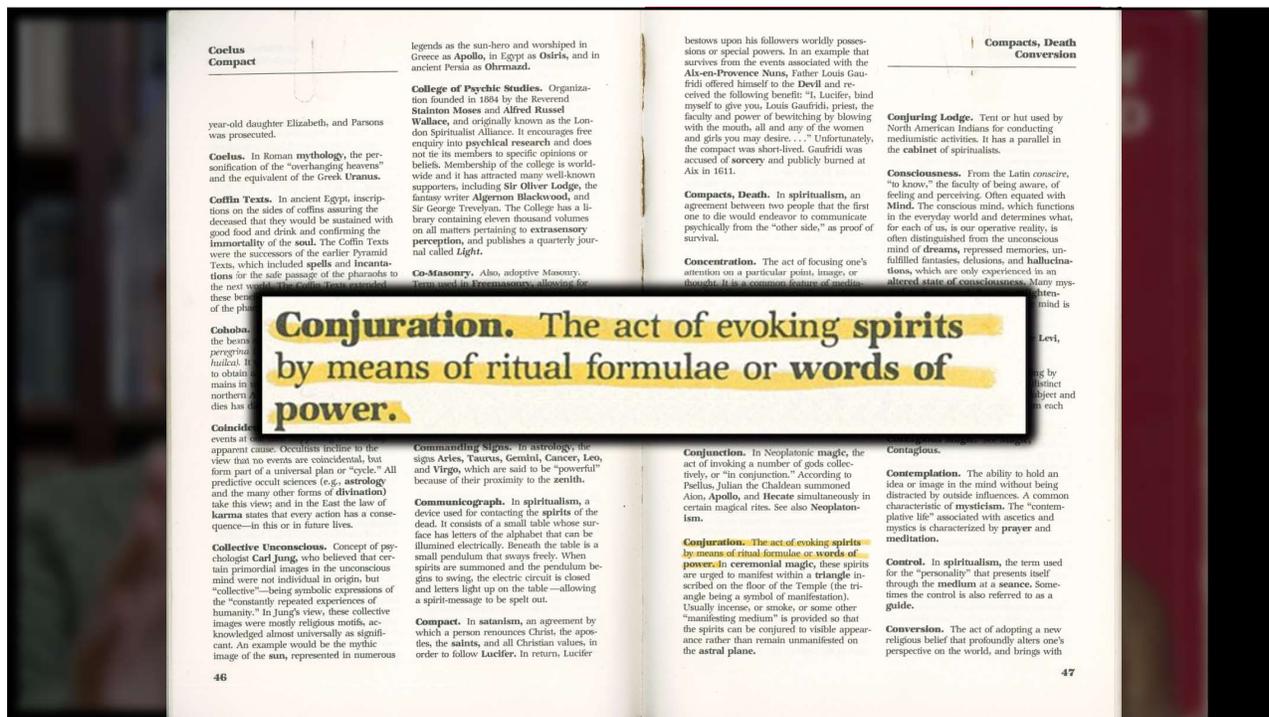
**Contact Healing.** Spiritual healing by means of laying-on-of-hands, as distinct from **absent healing**, where the subject and healer are located at a distance from each other.

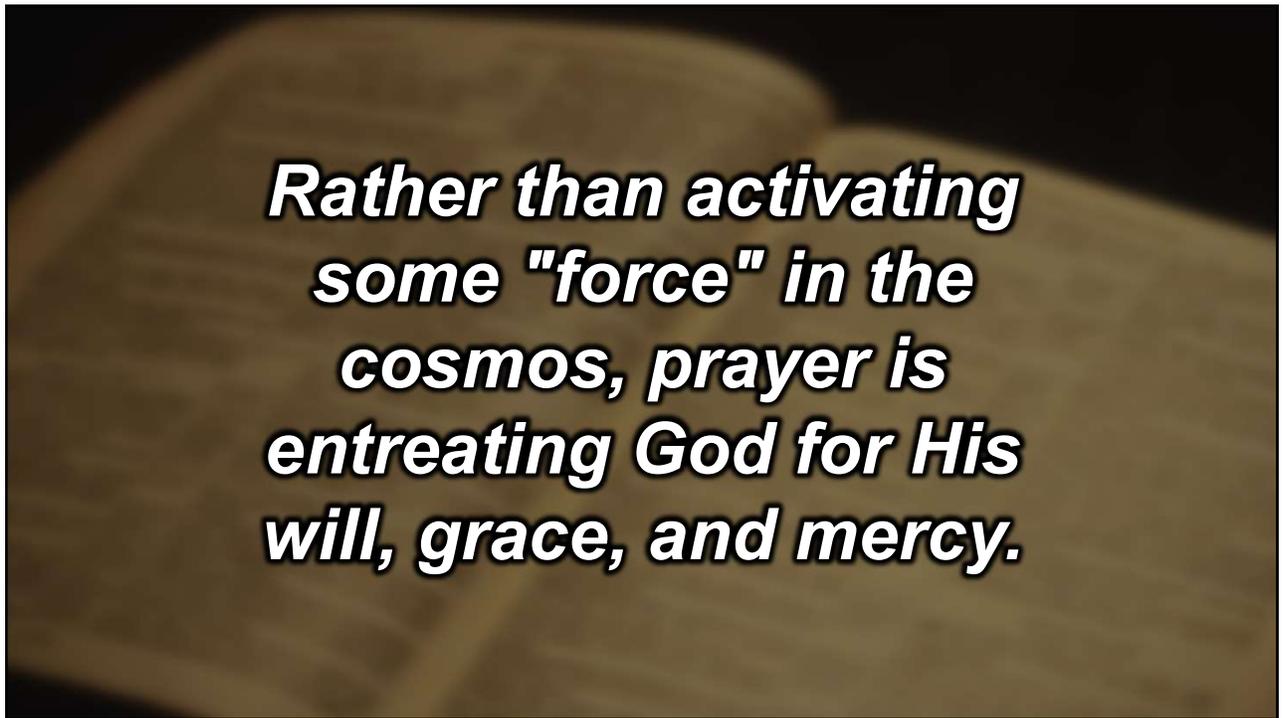
**Contagious Magic.** See **Magie, Contagious**.

**Contemplation.** The ability to hold an idea or image in the mind without being distracted by outside influences. A common characteristic of mysticism. The "contemplative life" associated with ascetics and mystics is characterized by prayer and meditation.

**Control.** In spiritualism, the term used for the "personality" that presents itself through the medium at a seance. Sometimes the control is also referred to as a **guide**.

**Conversion.** The act of adopting a new religious belief that profoundly alters one's perspective on the world, and brings with it







## **Other Characteristics of Prayer**

*We must pray for our daily needs. (Mk. 6:11)*

*We must not faint in praying. (Luke 18:1)*

*We must let our requests be made known unto  
God. (Phil. 4:6-7)*

*We must pray according to God's will. (1 John  
5:14-15)*

*We must not pray for the wrong things or for the  
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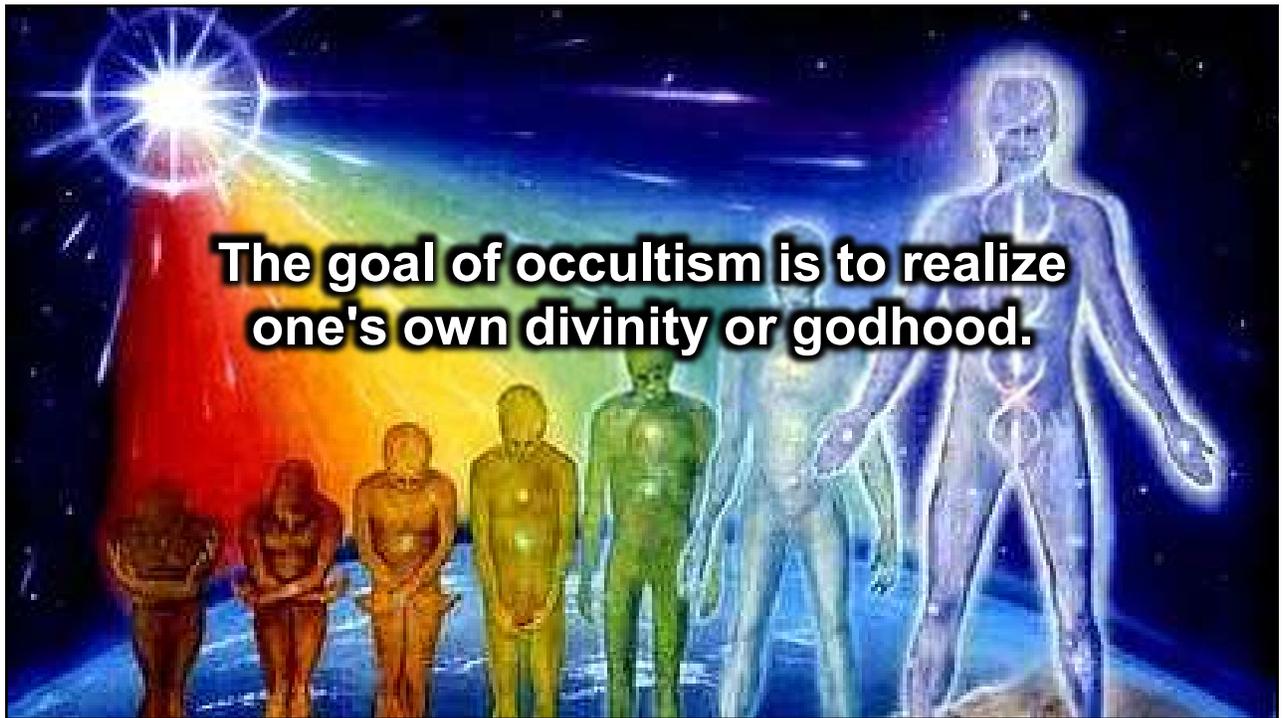
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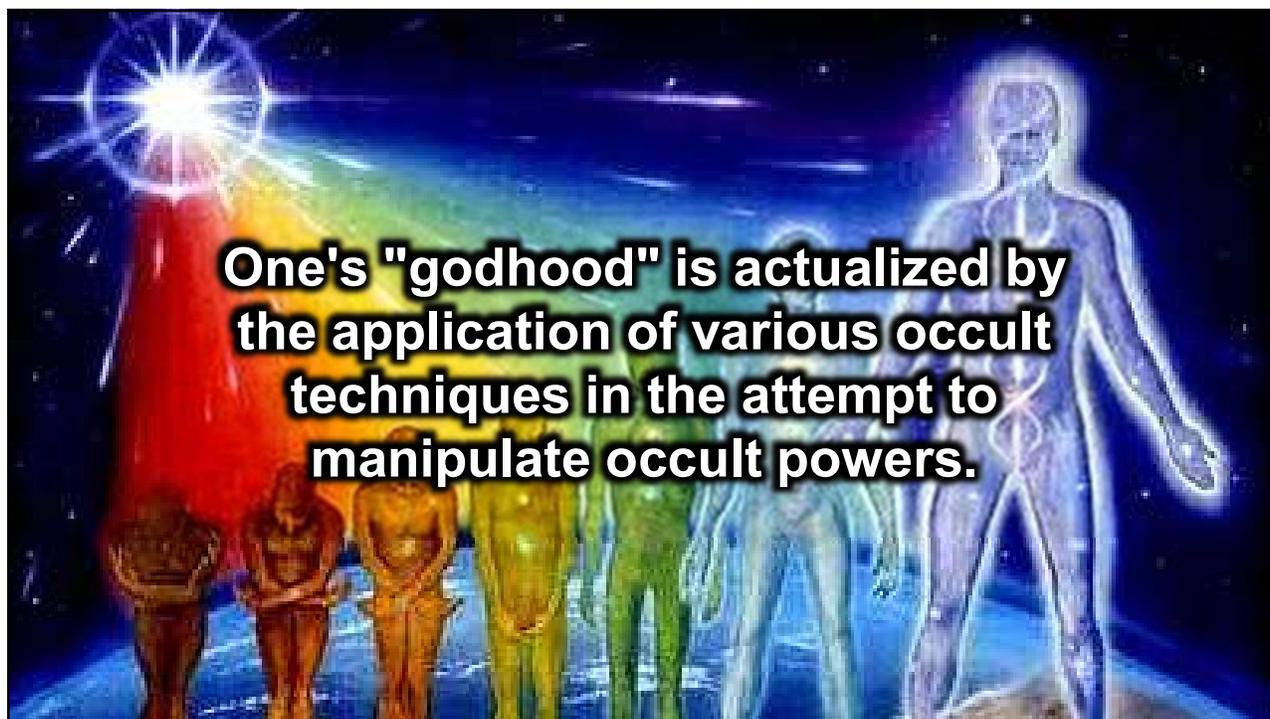
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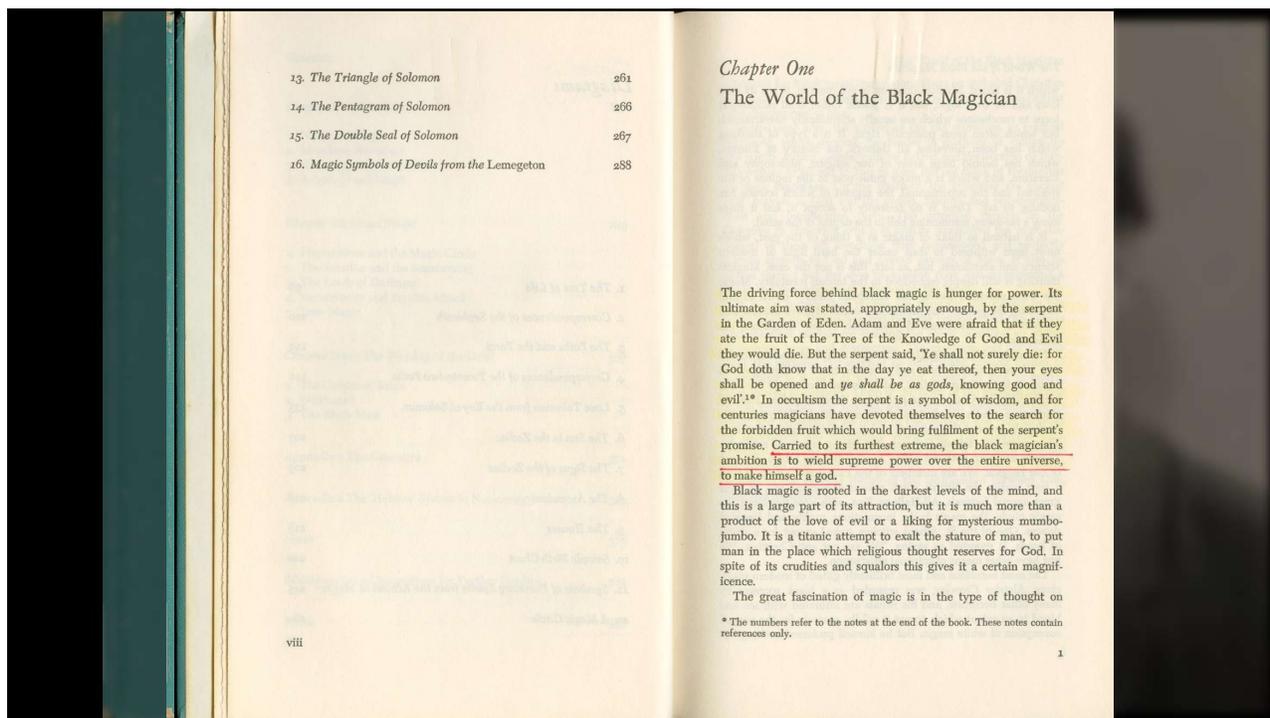
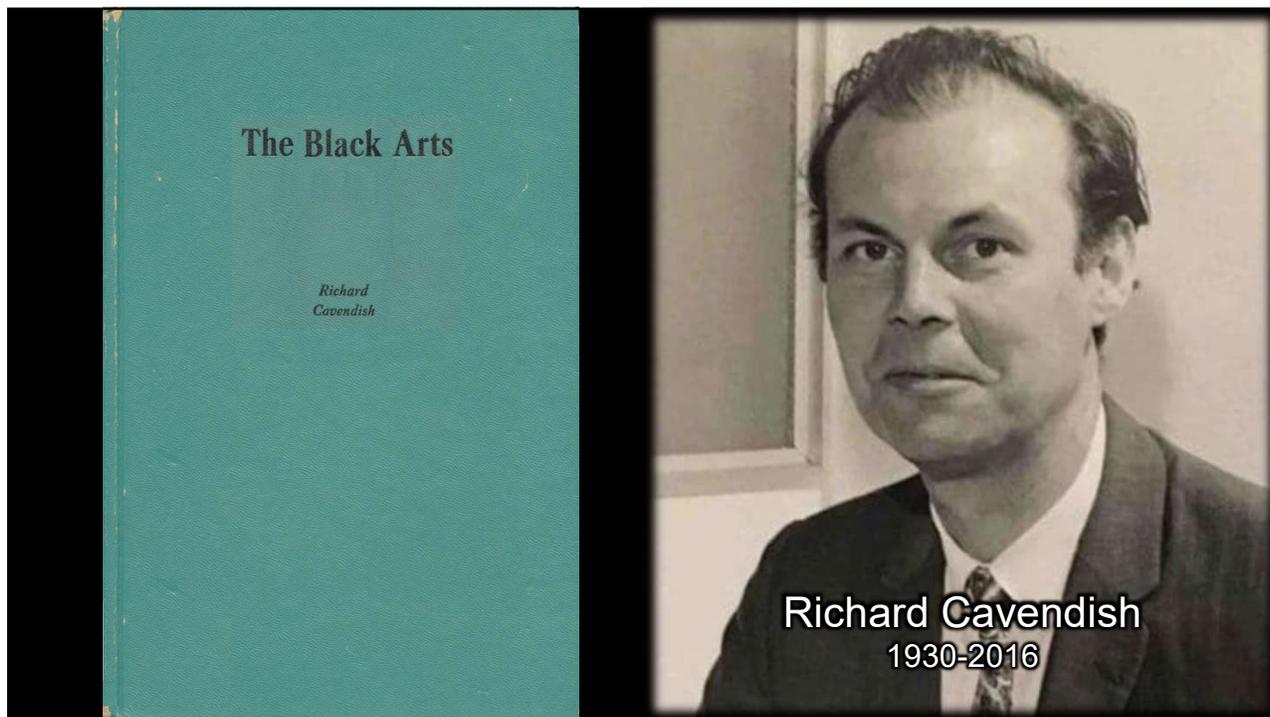


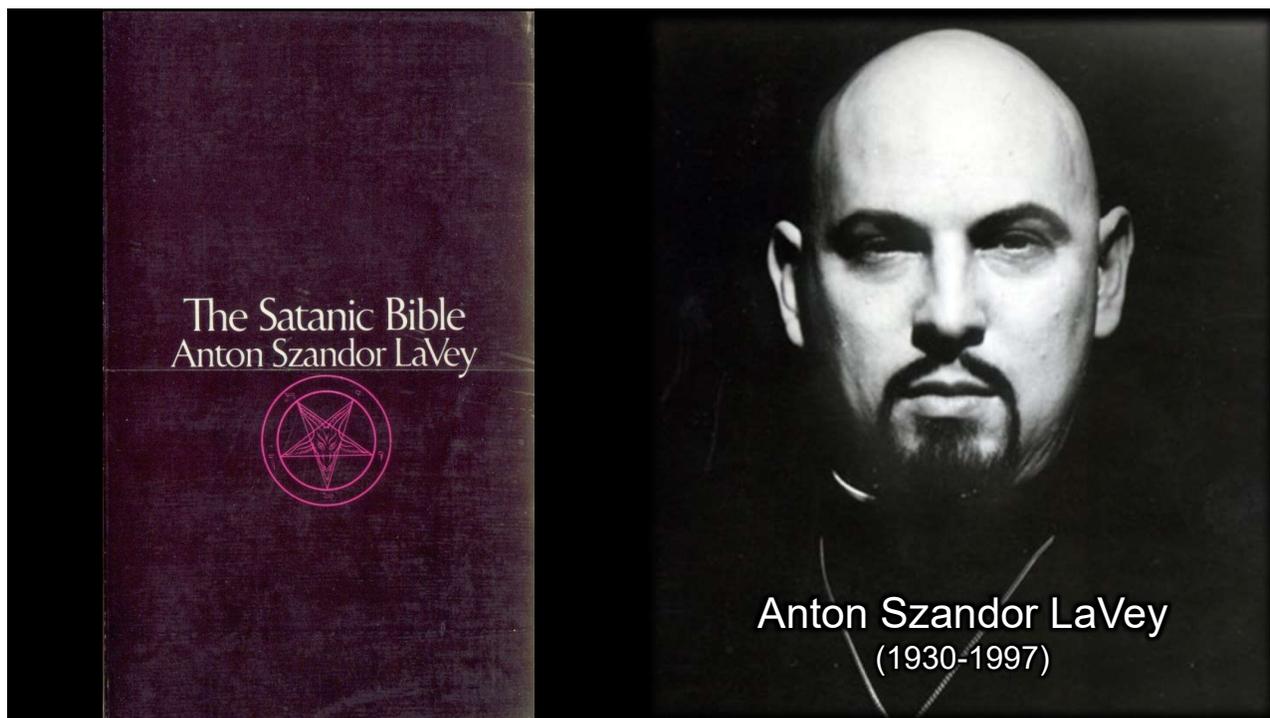
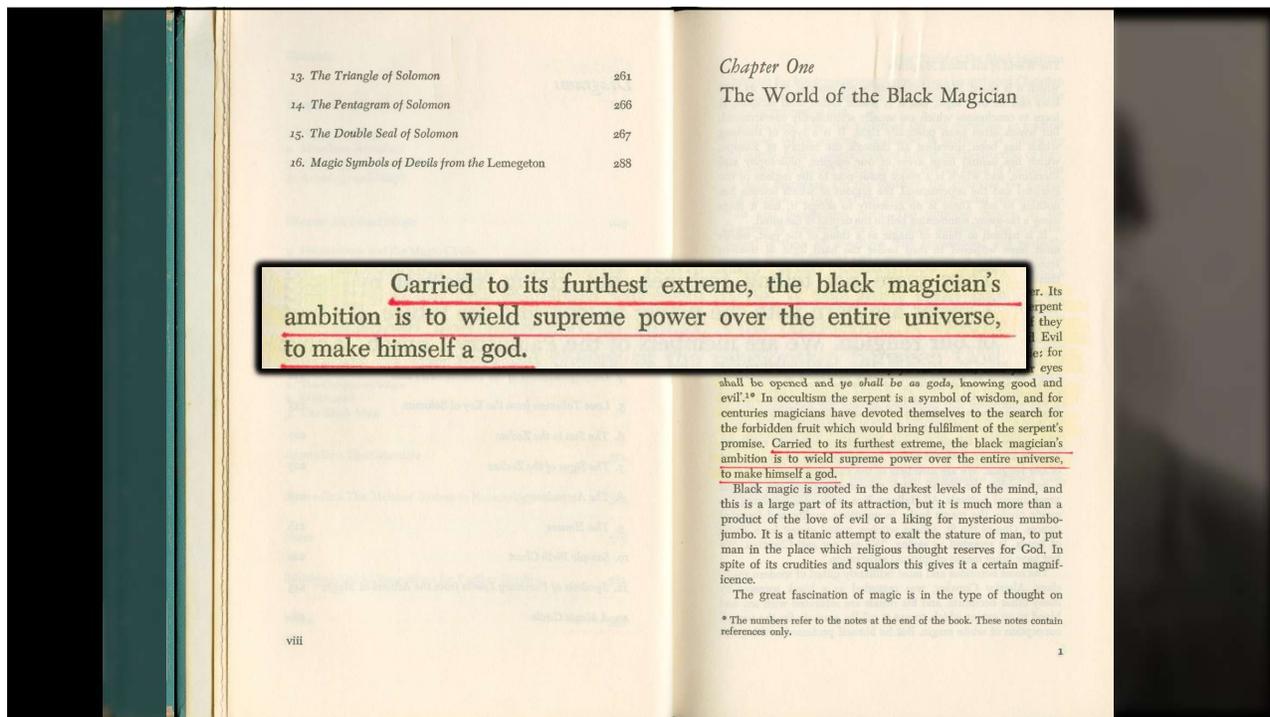
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If you do not believe in what your religion teaches, why continue to support a belief which is contradictory with your feelings. You would never vote for a person or issue you did not believe in, so why cast your ecclesiastical vote for a religion which is not consistent with your convictions? You have no right to complain about a political situation you have voted for or supported in any way—which includes sitting back and complacently agreeing with neighbors who approve the situation, just because you are too lazy or cowardly to speak your mind. So it is with religious balloting. Even if you cannot be aggressively honest about your opinions because of unfavorable consequences from employers, community leaders, etc., you can, at least, be honest with yourself. In the privacy of your own home and with close friends you *must* support the religion which has YOUR best interests at heart.

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White witchcraft groups say that if you curse a person, it will return to you three-fold, come home to roost, or in some way boomerang back to the sender. This is yet another indication of the guilt-ridden philosophy which is held by these neo-Pagan, pseudo-Christian groups. White witches want to delve into witchcraft, but cannot divorce themselves from the stigma attached to it. Therefore, they call themselves white magicians, and base seventy-five per cent of their philosophy on the trite and hackneyed tenets of Christianity. Anyone who pretends to be interested in magic or the occult for reasons other than gaining personal power is the worst kind of hypocrite. The Satanist respects Christianity for, at least, being consistent in its guilt-ridden philosophy, but can only feel contempt for people who attempt to appear emancipated from guilt by joining a witchcraft group, and then practice the same basic philosophy as Christianity.

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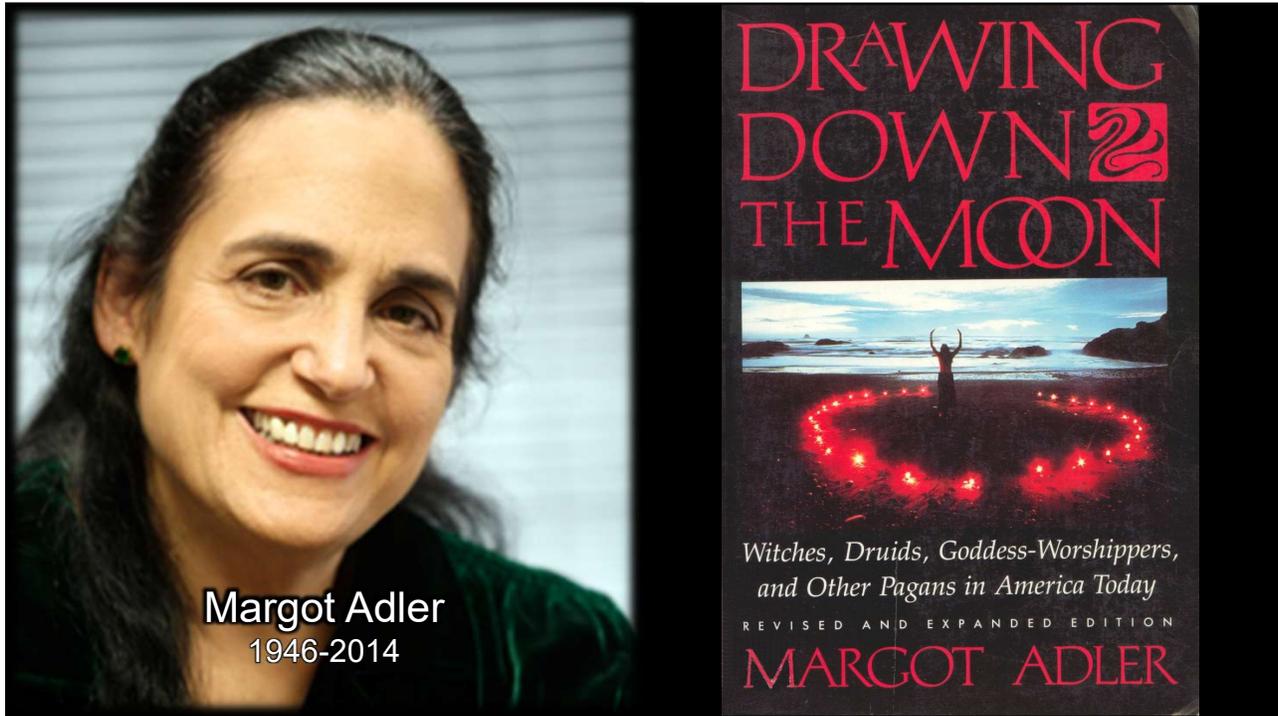
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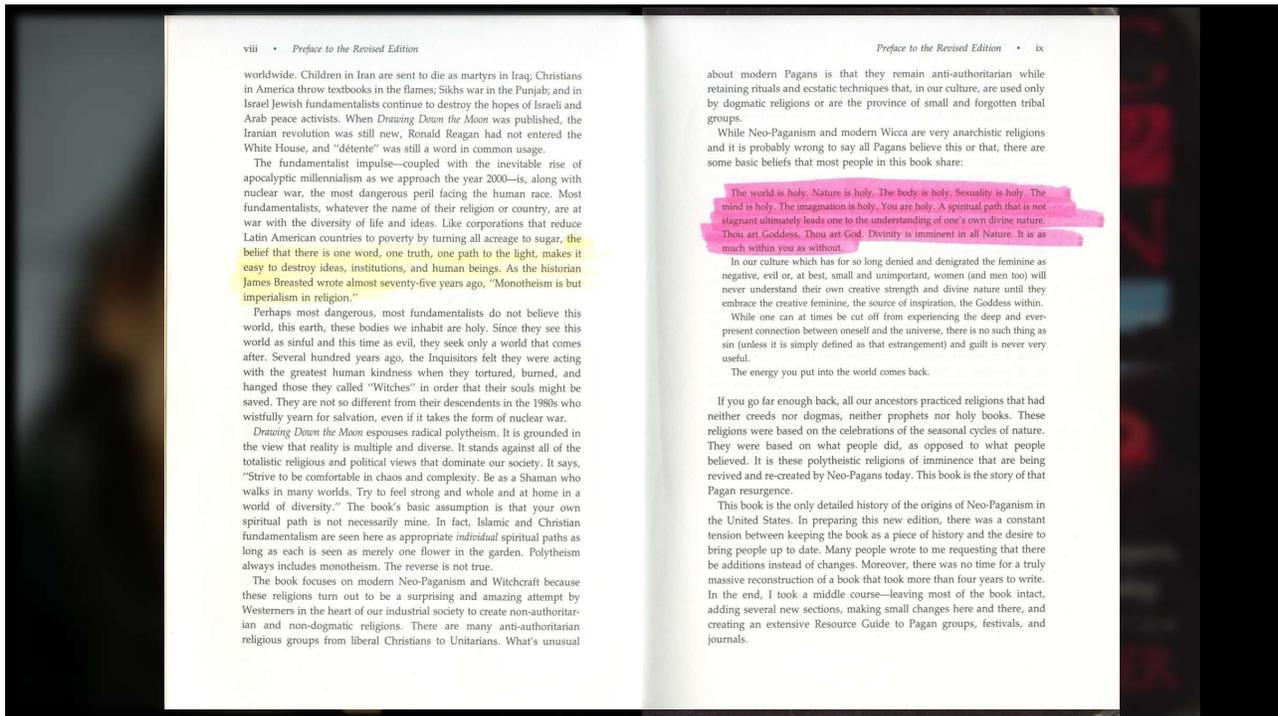
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Perhaps most dangerous, most fundamentalists do not believe this world, this earth, these bodies we inhabit are holy. Since they see this world as sinful and this time as evil, they seek only a world that comes after. Several hundred years ago, the Inquisitors felt they were acting with the greatest human kindness when they tortured, burned, and hanged those they called "Witches" in order that their souls might be saved. They are not so different from their descendants in the 1980s who wistfully yearn for salvation, even if it takes the form of nuclear war.

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In our culture which has for so long denied and denigrated the feminine as negative, evil or, at best, small and unimportant, women (and men too) will never understand their own creative strength and divine nature until they embrace the creative feminine, the source of inspiration, the Goddess within.

While one can at times be cut off from experiencing the deep and ever-present connection between oneself and the universe, there is no such thing as sin (unless it is simply defined as that estrangement) and guilt is never very useful.

The energy you put into the world comes back.

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## Godhood



## Word of Faith Movement

God came from heaven;  
Became a man;  
Made man into little gods;  
Went back to heaven as a  
man.  
He faces the Father as a  
man.  
I face devils as the Son of  
God.



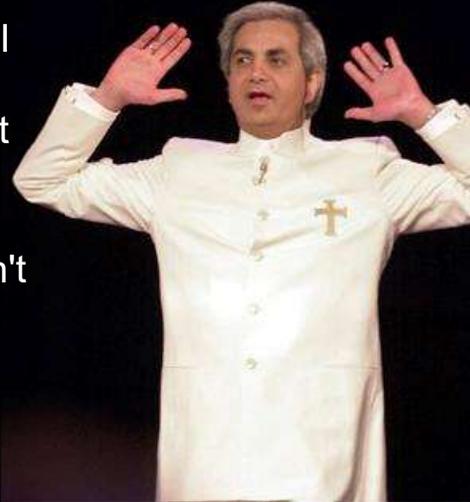
**Benny Hinn**

Do you see what I'm talking  
about?



**Benny Hinn**

You say "Benny Hinn, am I  
a little God?"  
You're a son of God, aren't  
you?  
[audience] "Yes."  
You're a child of God, aren't  
you?  
[audience] "Yes."  
You're a daughter of God,  
aren't you?  
[audience] "Yes."



**Benny Hinn**

What else are you?  
[audience indistinct]  
Quit your nonsense.  
What else are you?  
[from the audience] "I am."



**Benny Hinn**

If you say "I am" you're  
saying "I'm a part of  
Him." right?

[audience] "Right."

Is He God?

[audience] "Yes."

Are you His offspring?

[audience] "Yes."

Are you His children?

[audience] "Yes."

You can't be human.

[audience applause]



**Benny Hinn**



**Morris Curello**



**John Avanzini**

*John, come on up here.  
Come on. John Avanzini;  
one second; I want you to  
tell me what you hear the  
Spirit of God saying this  
morning. Tell me.*



Morris Curello



John Avanzini

*What the Spirit of God . . .  
yes sir.*



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*That's it's being declared in the Earth today what the eternal purpose of God has been through the ages and it's coming clearly now that God's people . . . that He is duplicating Himself in the Earth.*



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Amen, amen.  
[audience applause]



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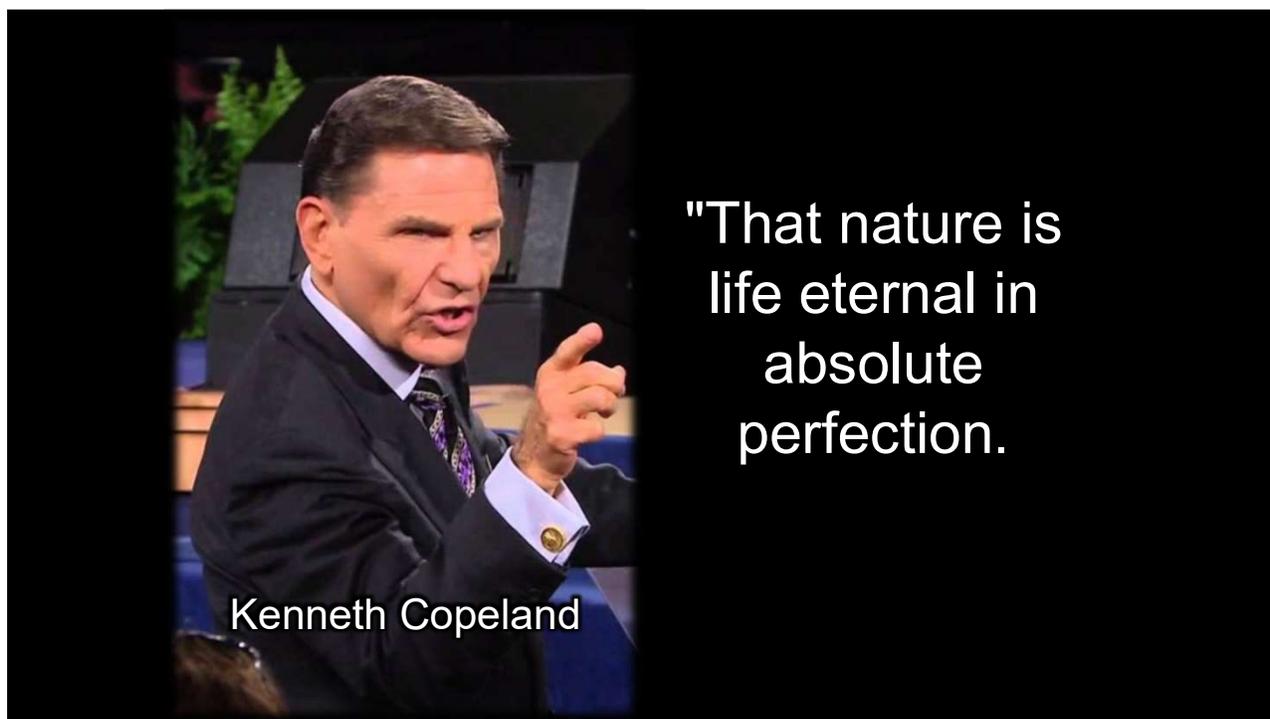


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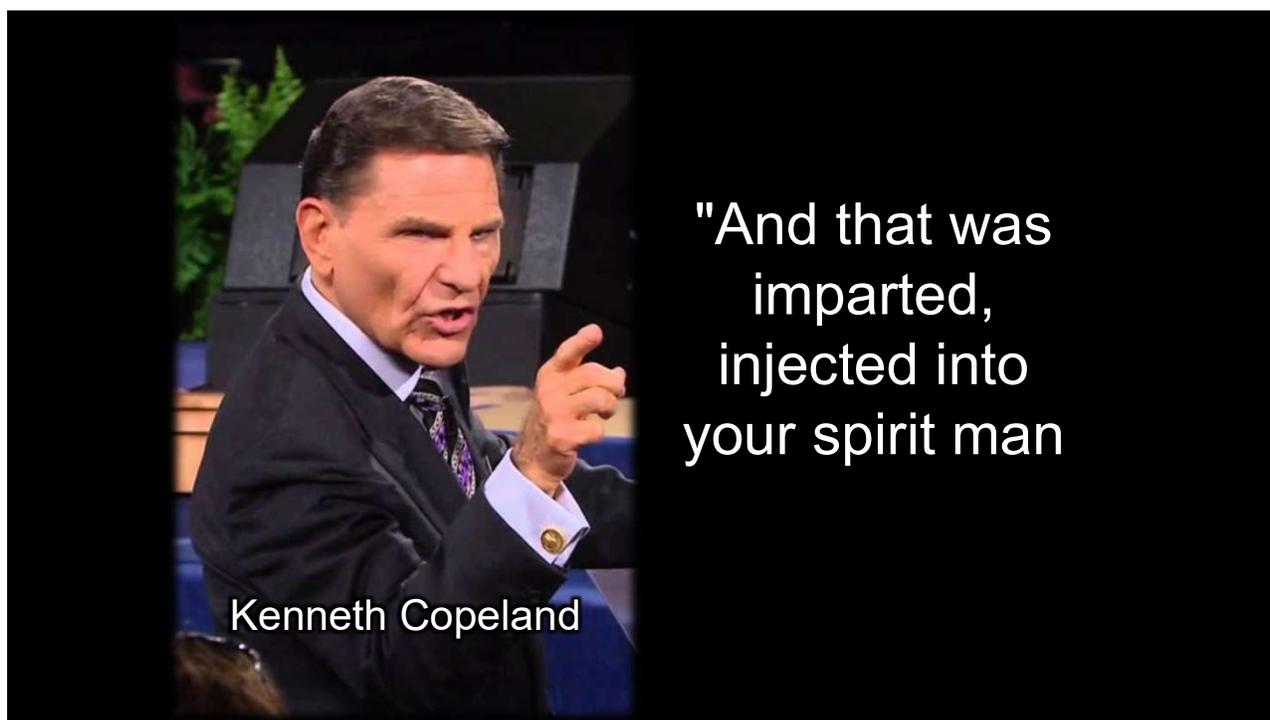
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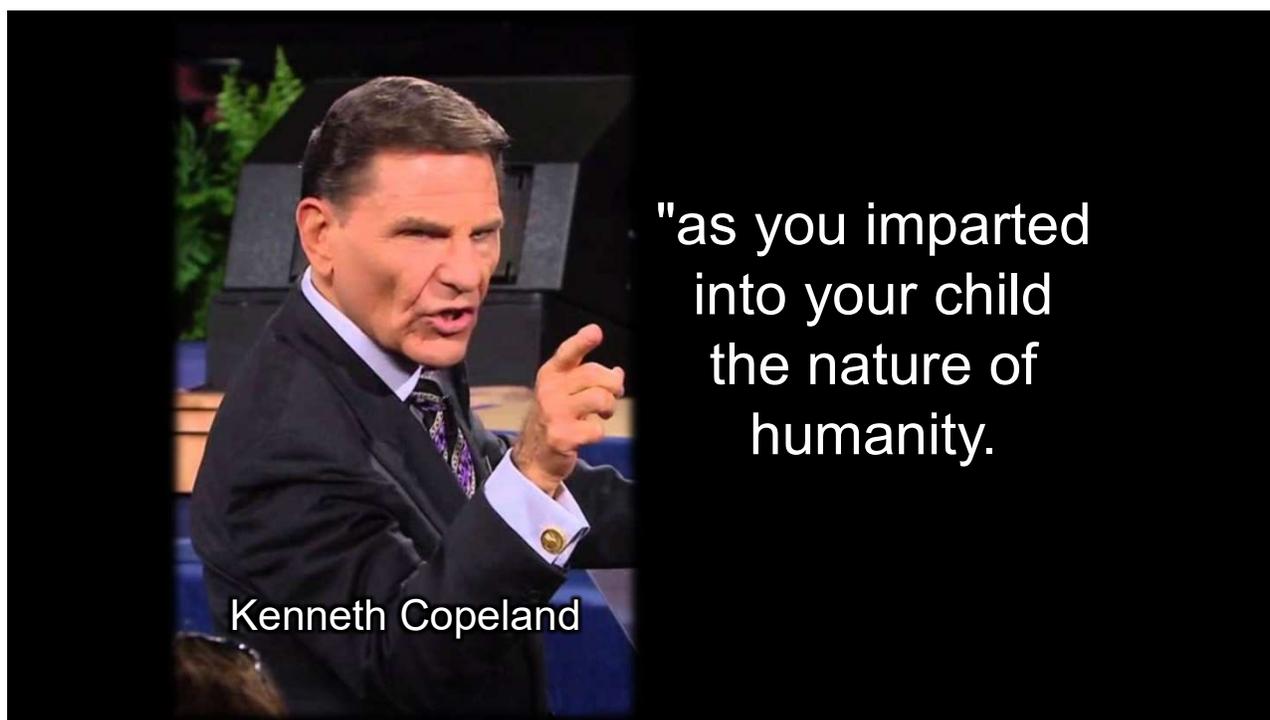
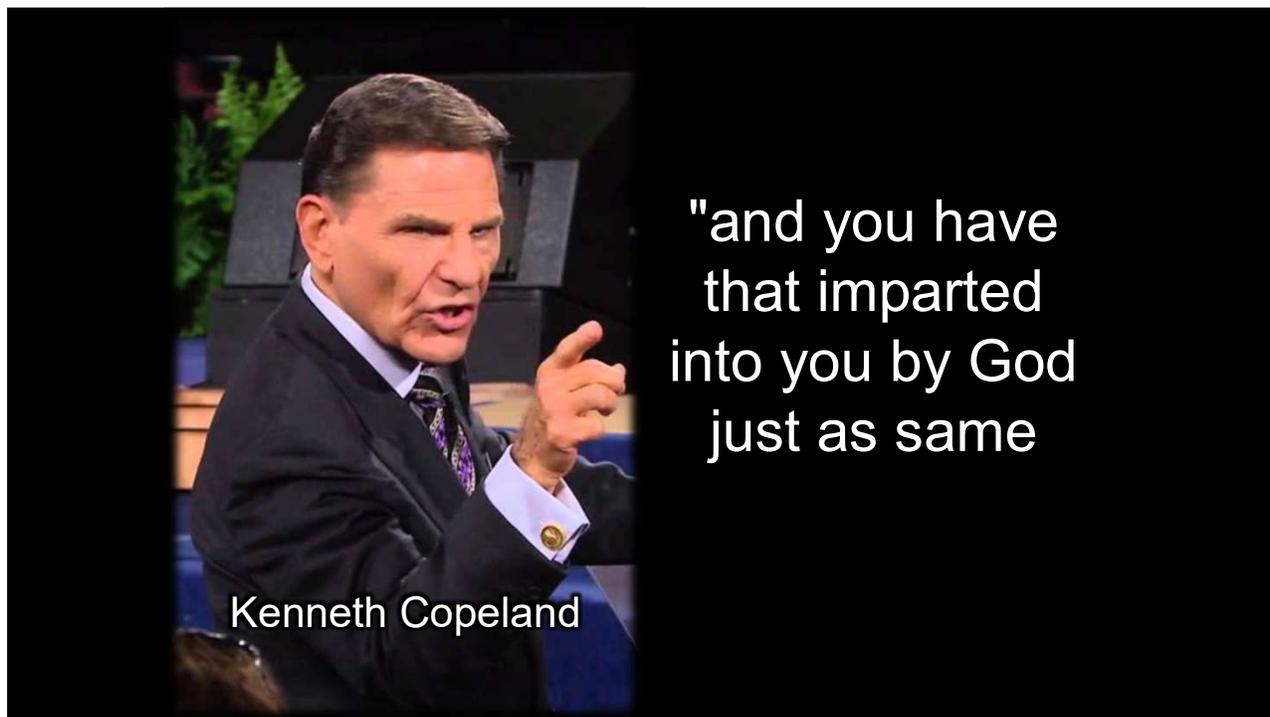
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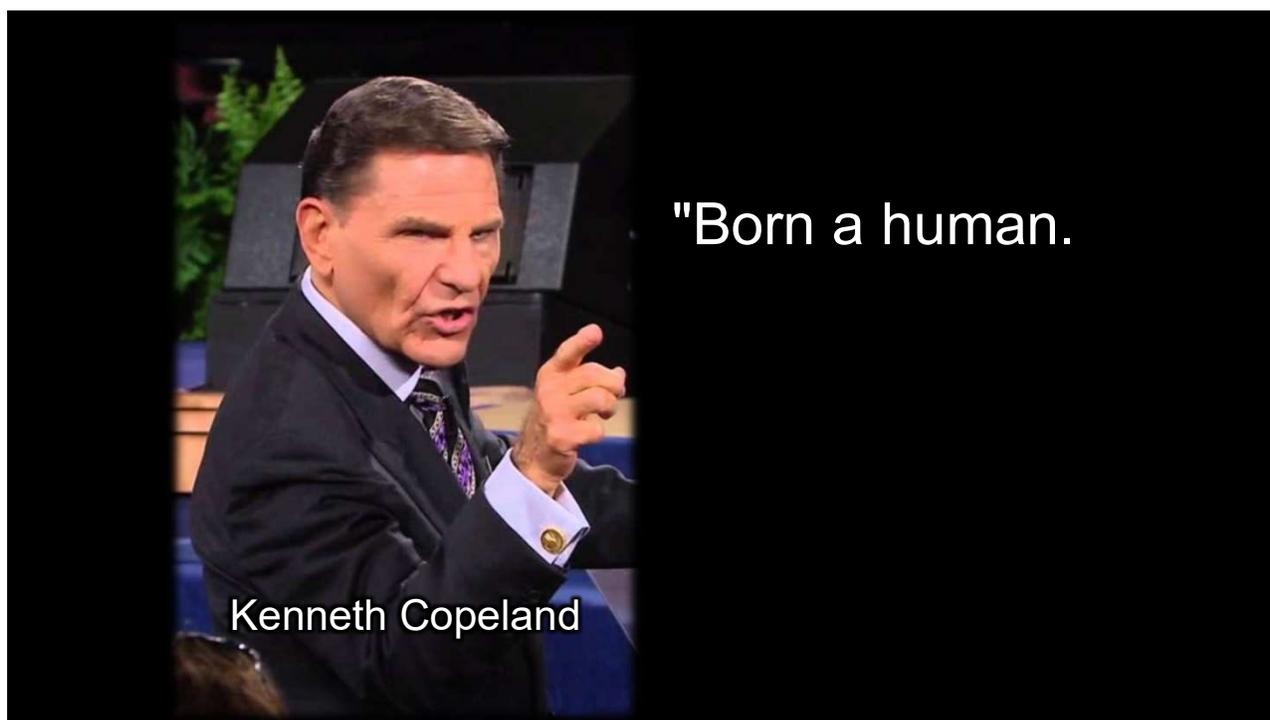
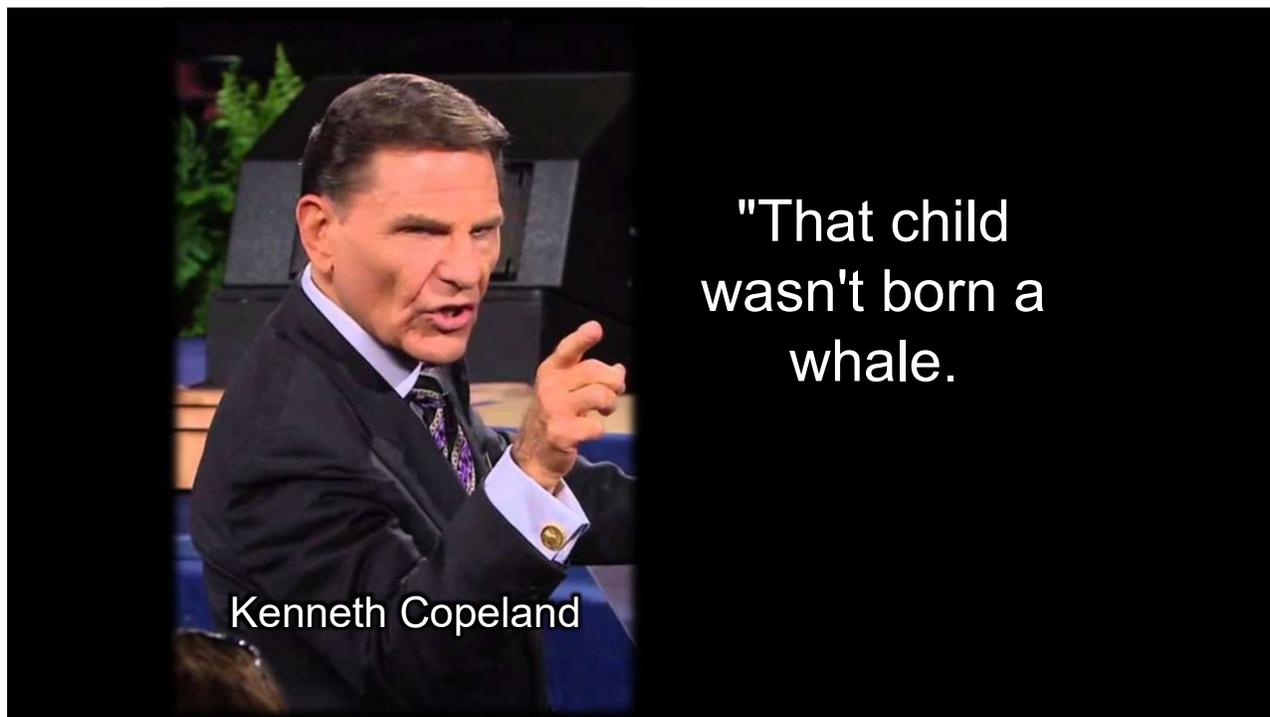
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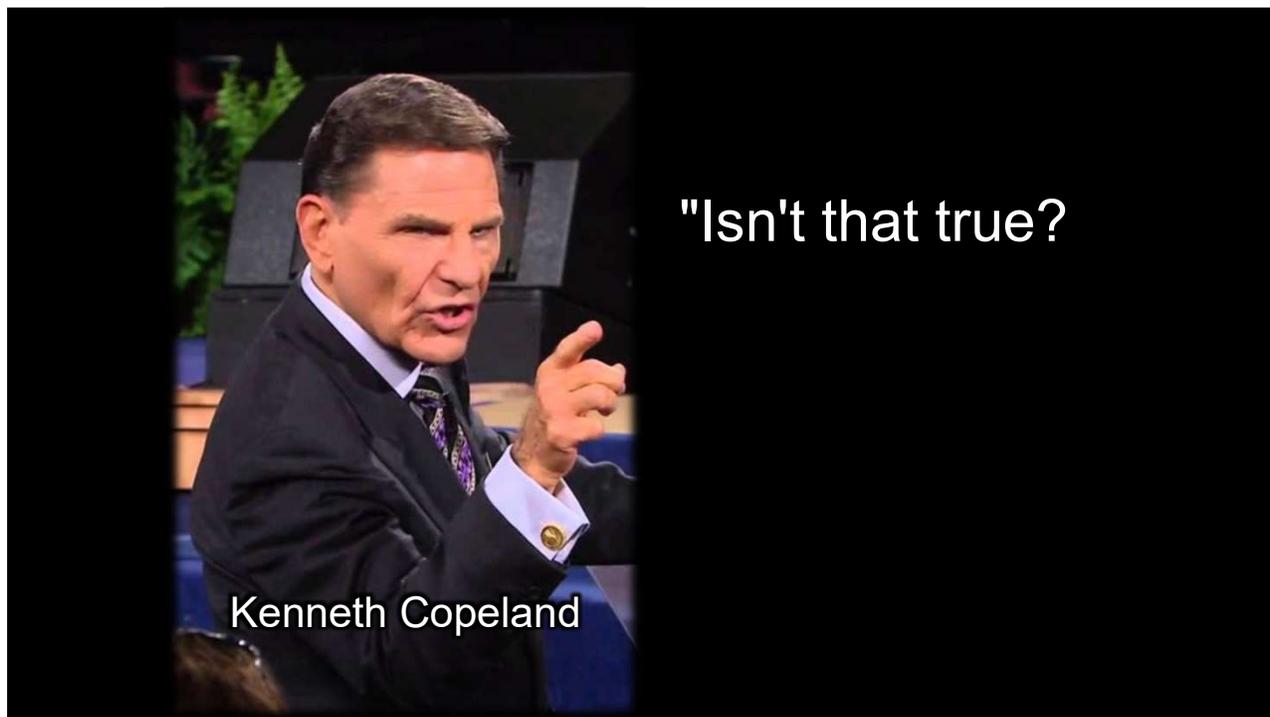


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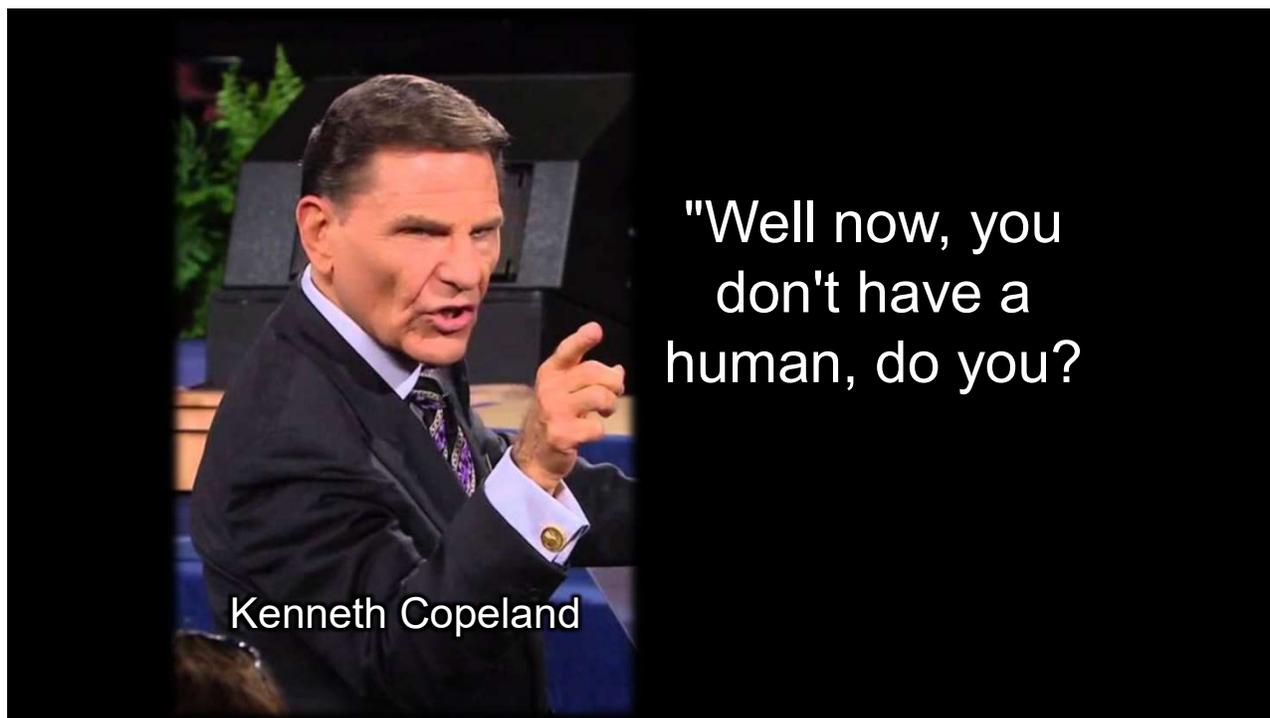






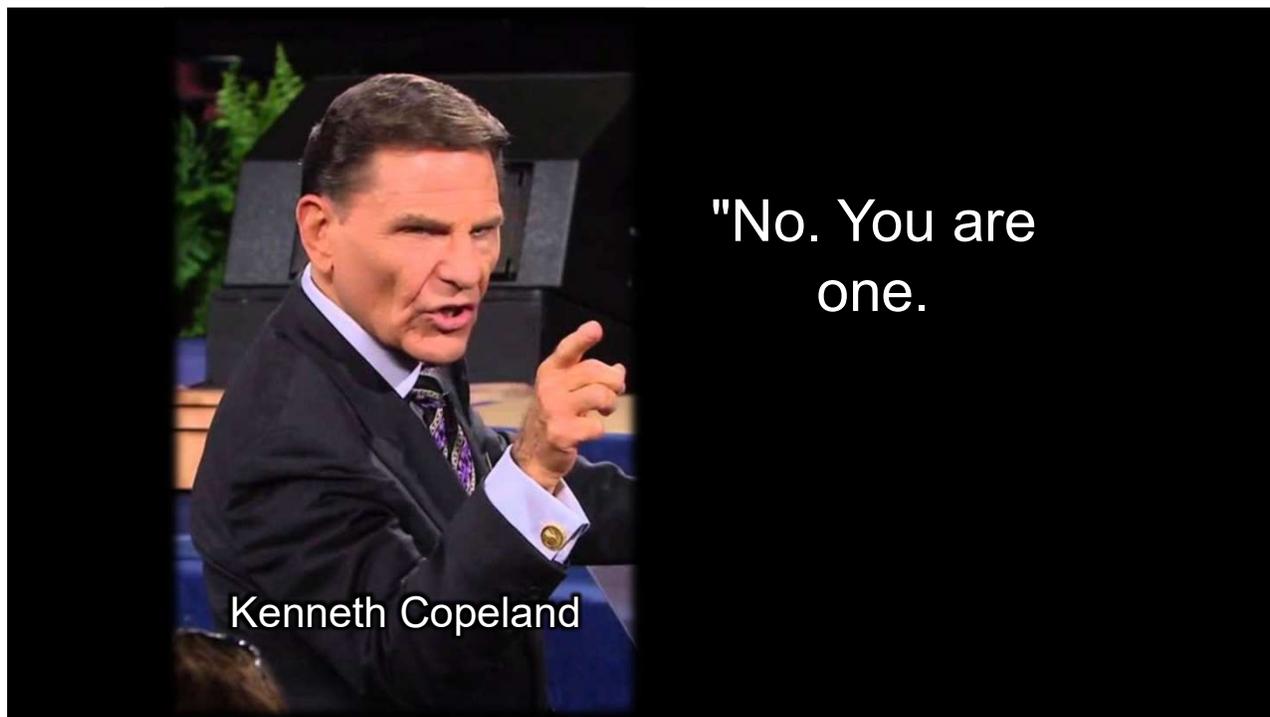
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"Isn't that true?"



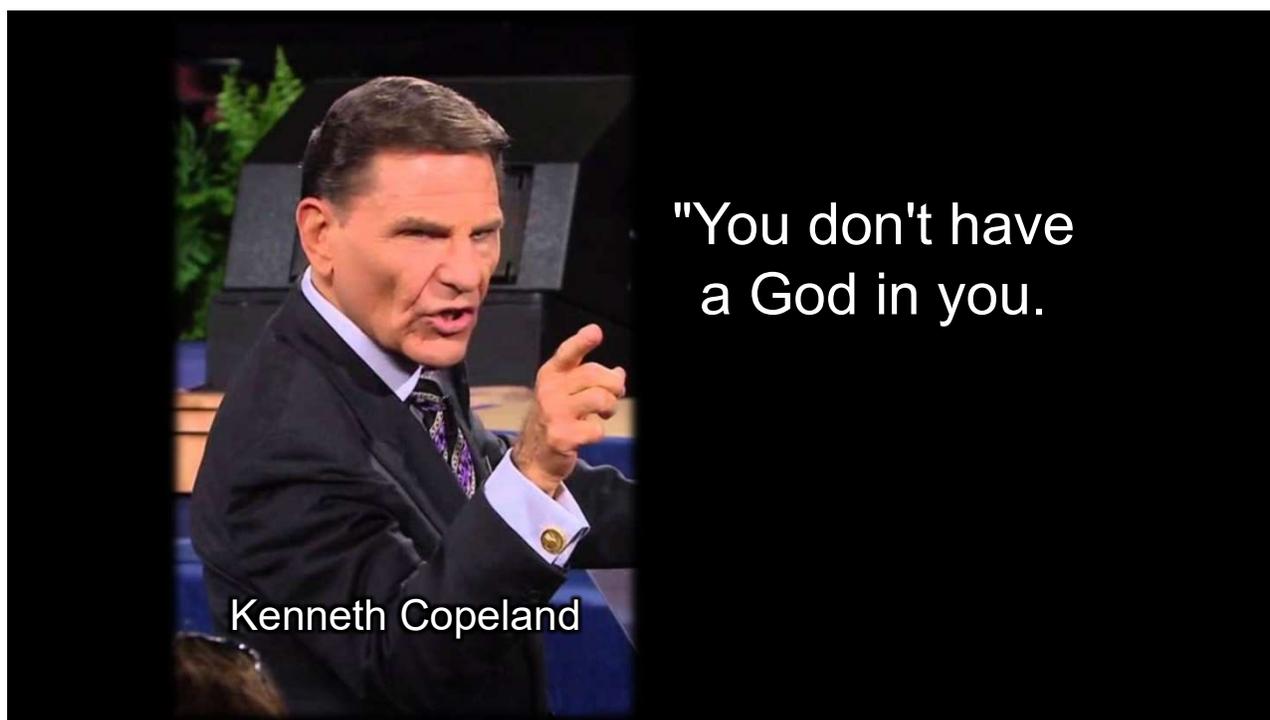
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"Well now, you  
don't have a  
human, do you?"



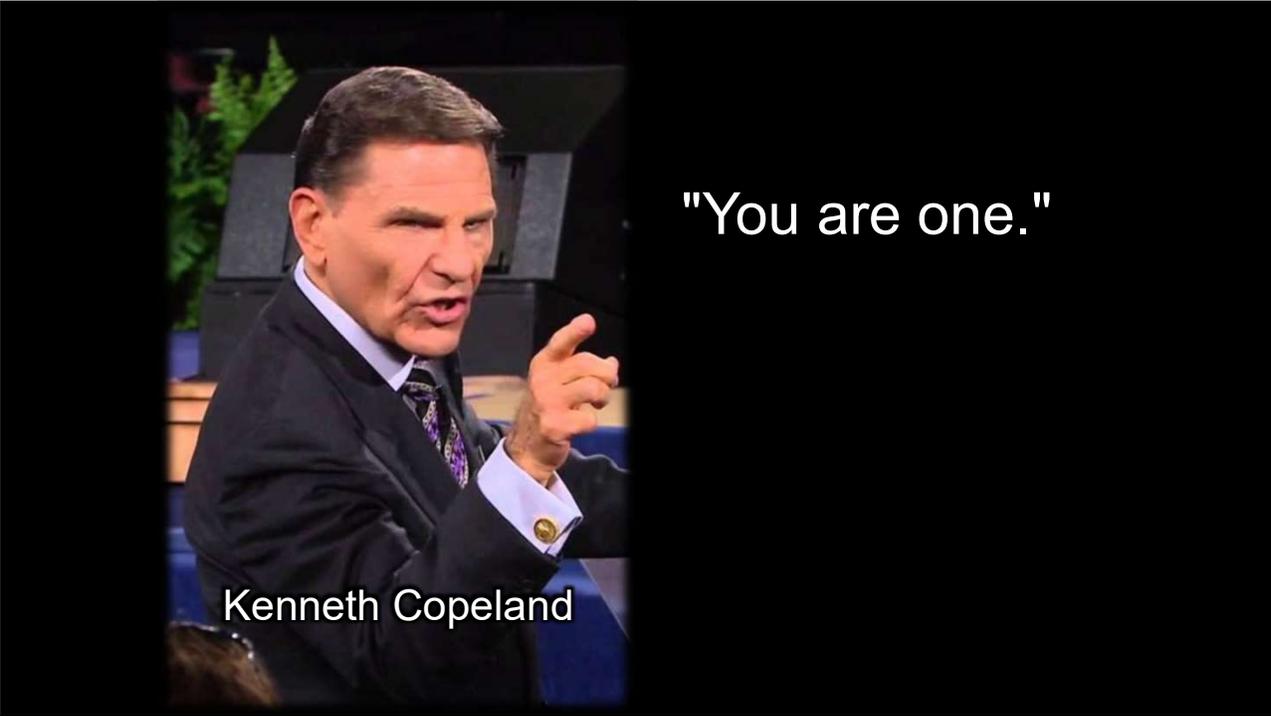
"No. You are one."

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"You don't have a God in you."

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He doesn't even draw a  
distinction between Himself  
and . . .



Never, never. You never can  
do that in a covenant  
relationship.



Do you know what else that's settled then tonight?



This hue and cry and controversy that has been spawned by the Devil to try and bring dissension within the Body of Christ—that we are gods.



I am a little god.



He gave us his name.

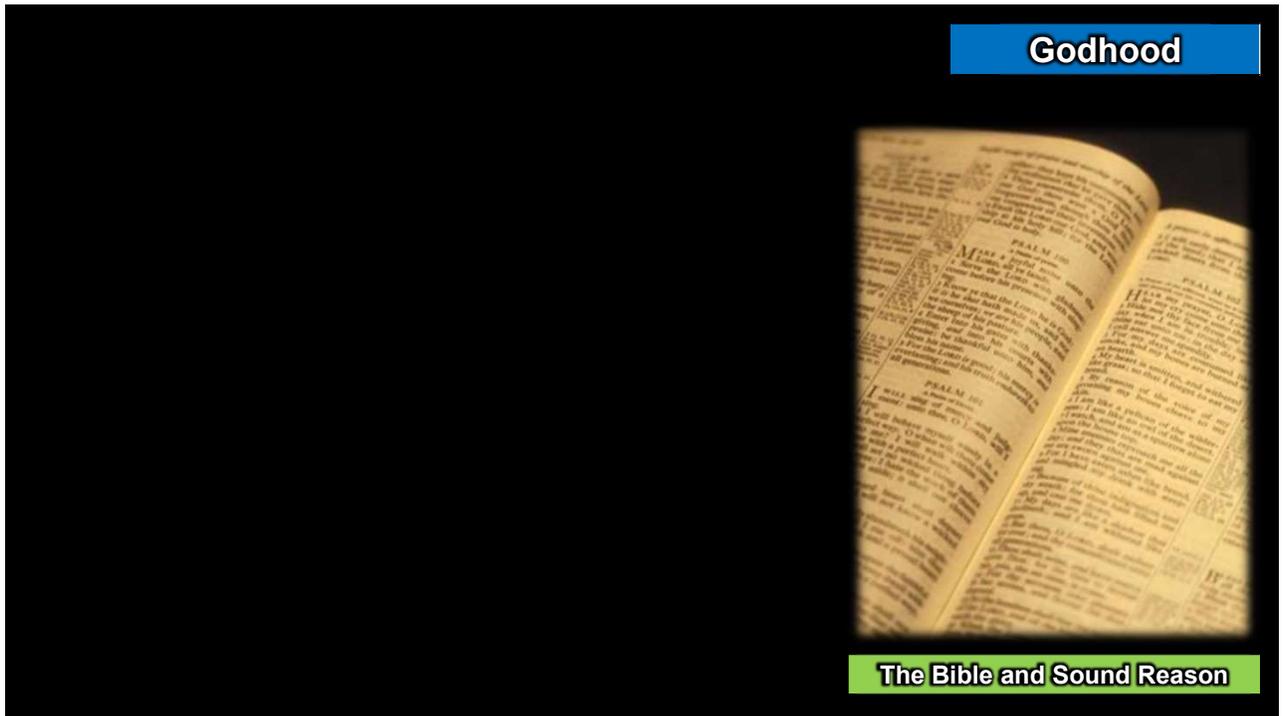
Yes. Yes.



I have His name. I'm one with him. I'm in covenant relation. I am a little god. Critics begone!



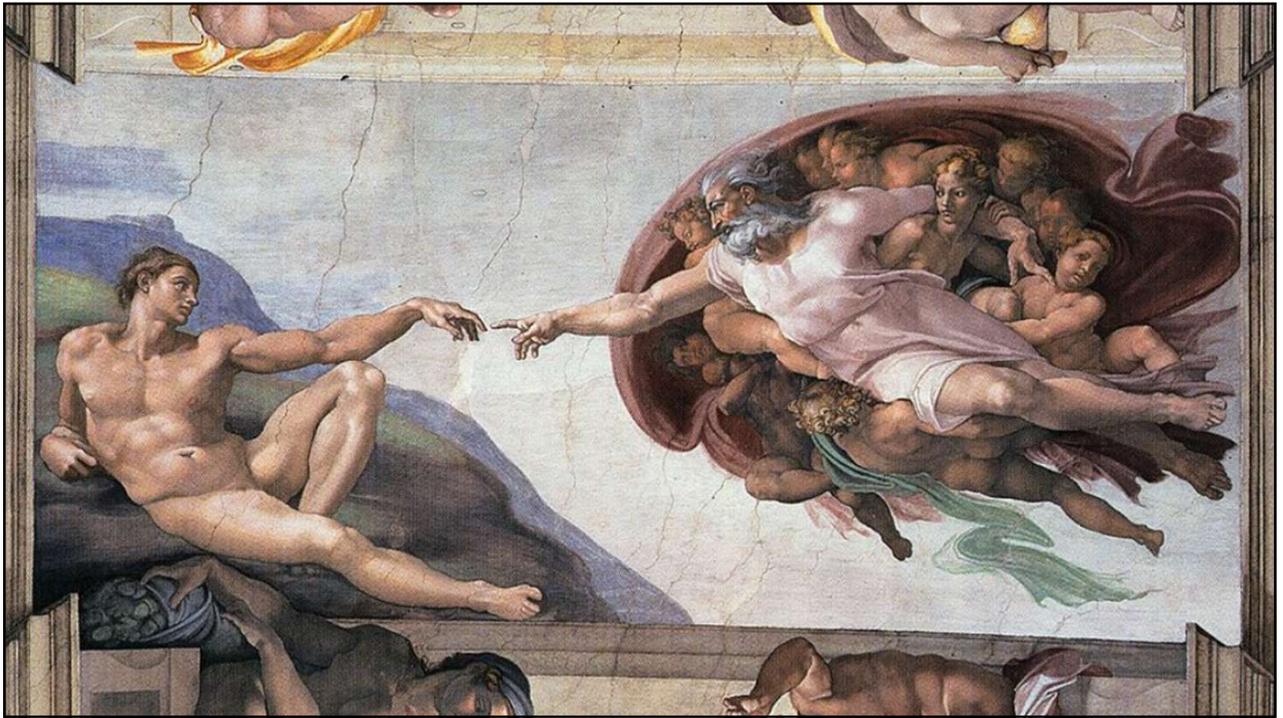
You are anything that He is.





But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens." Jer 10:10-11



Our being in the  
image of God  
does not make  
us divine.

*"as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

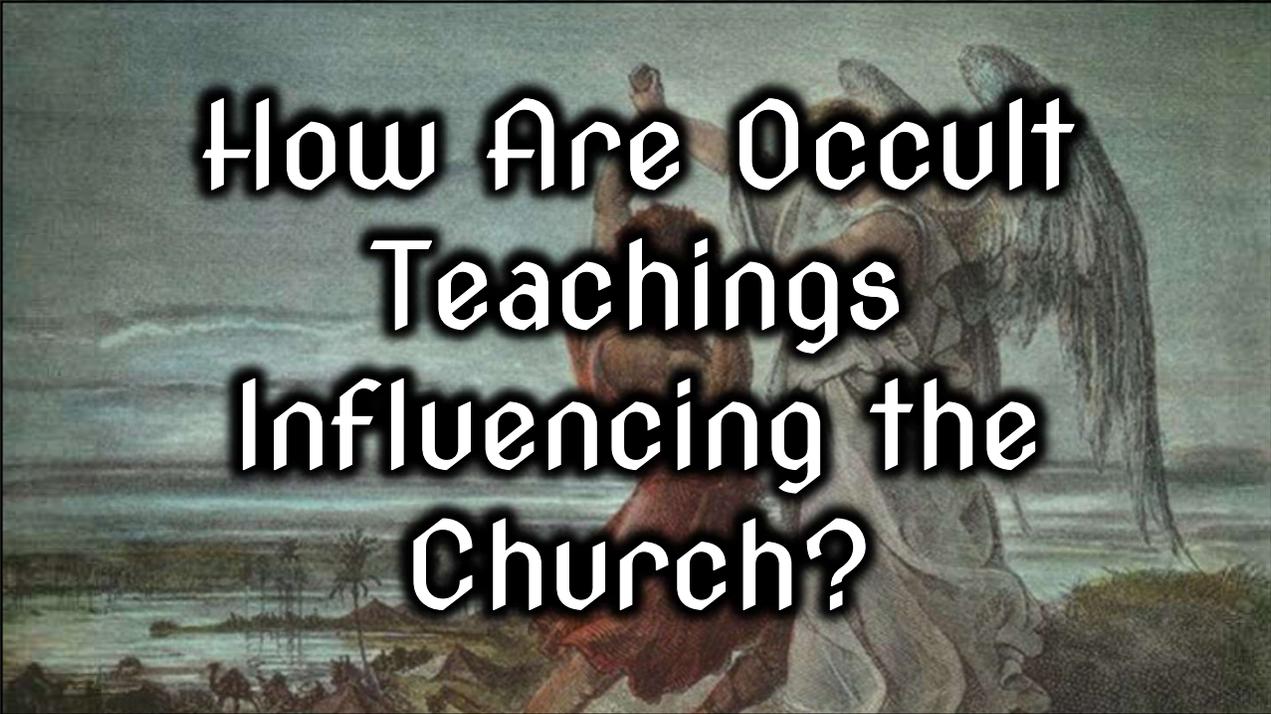
*2 Peter 1:3-4*



*"Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be **partakers of His holiness**."*

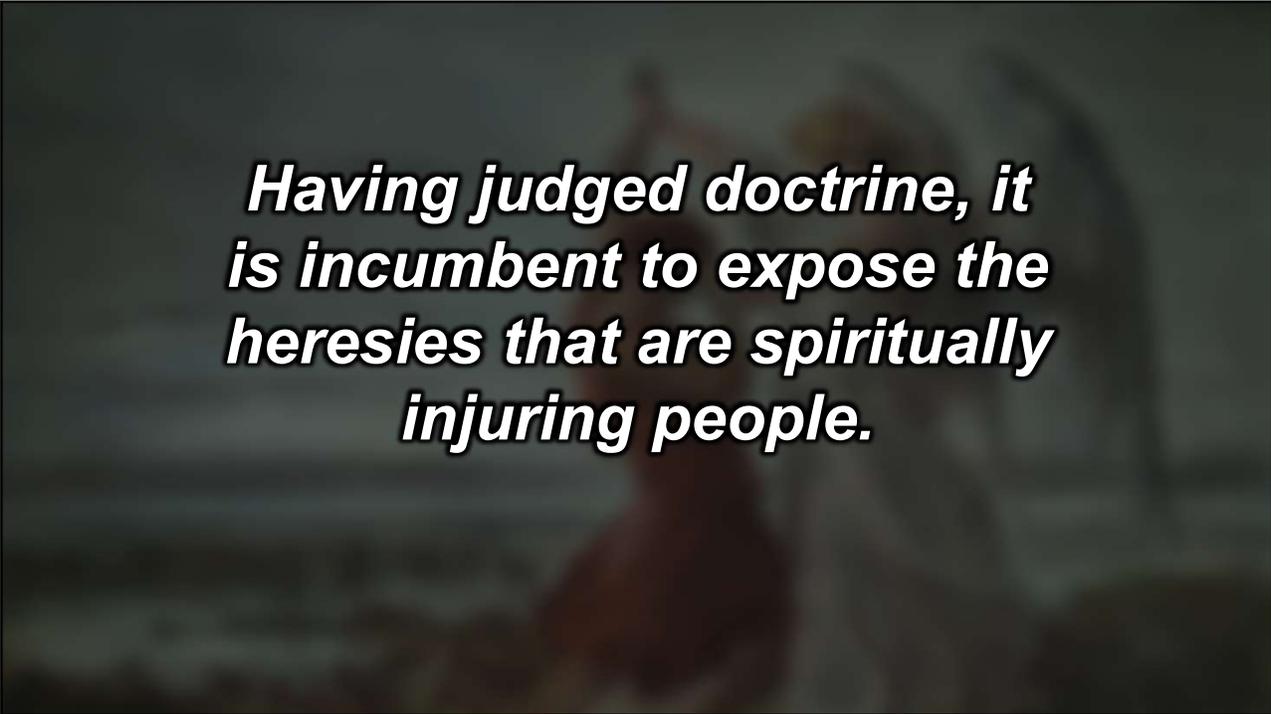
*Heb. 12:9-10*



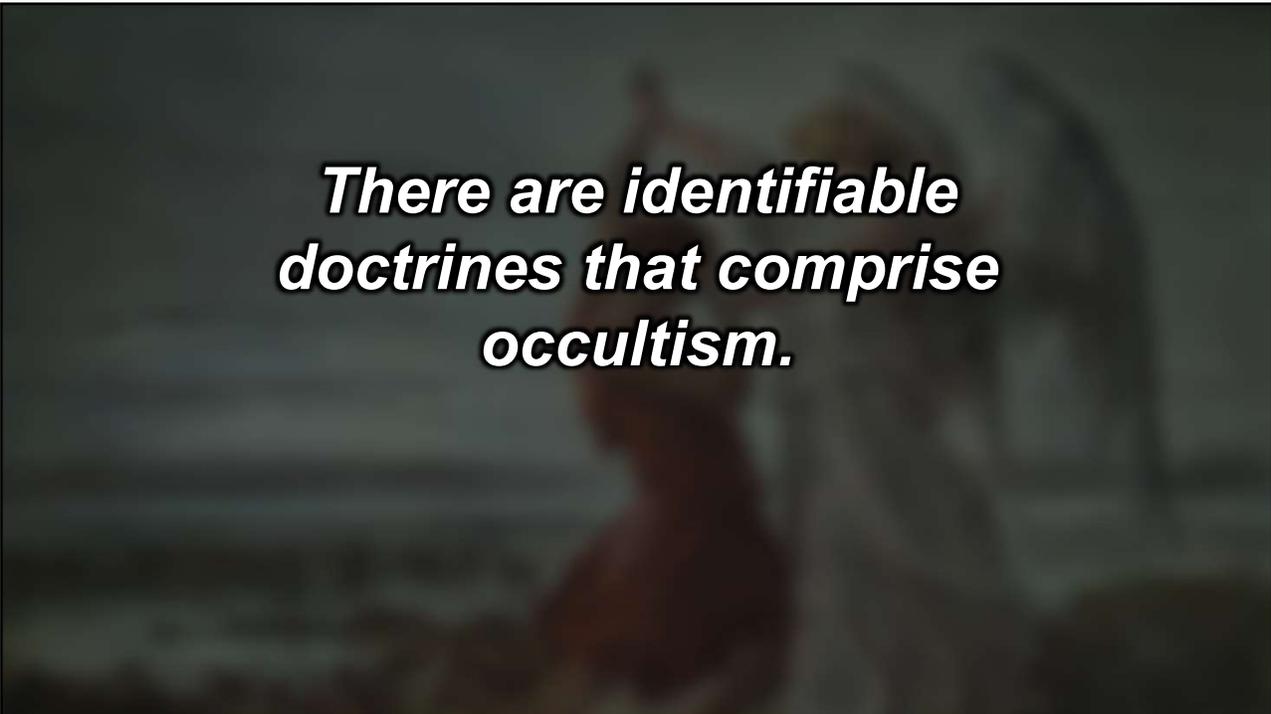


# How Are Occult Teachings Influencing the Church?

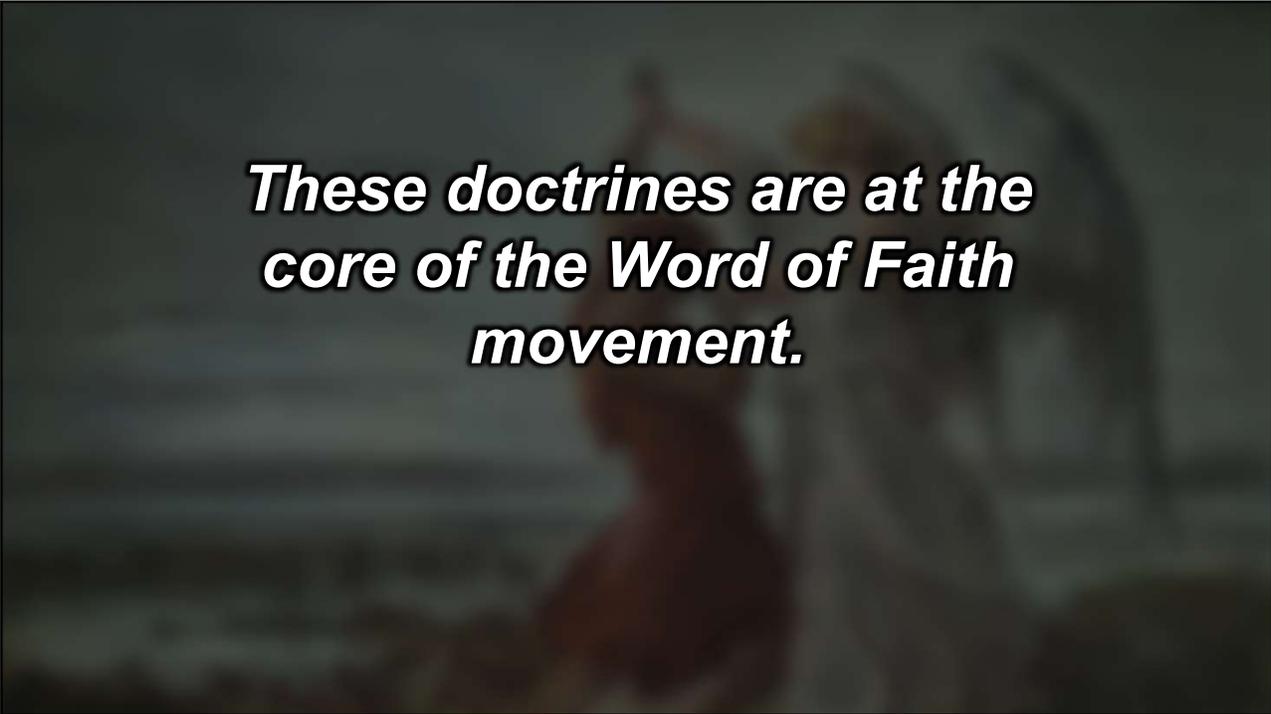
*It is completely appropriate to judge doctrine.*



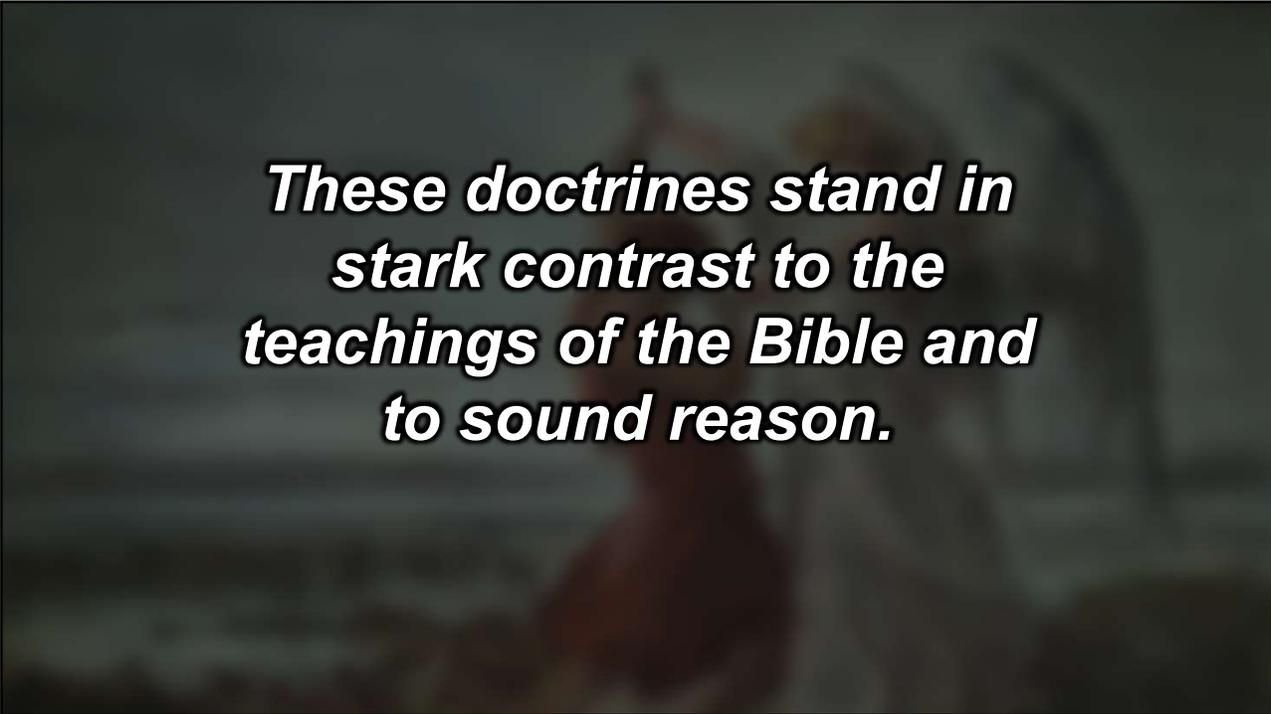
***Having judged doctrine, it  
is incumbent to expose the  
heresies that are spiritually  
injuring people.***



***There are identifiable  
doctrines that comprise  
occultism.***



***These doctrines are at the  
core of the Word of Faith  
movement.***



***These doctrines stand in  
stark contrast to the  
teachings of the Bible and  
to sound reason.***