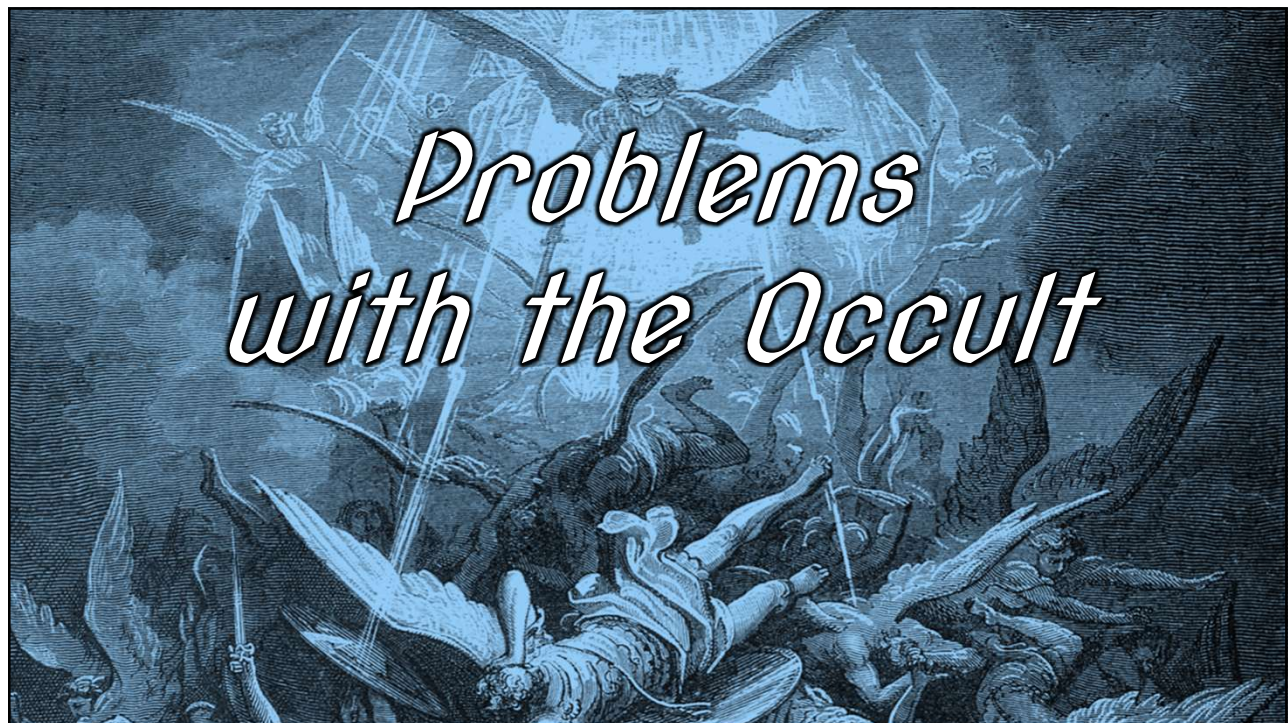
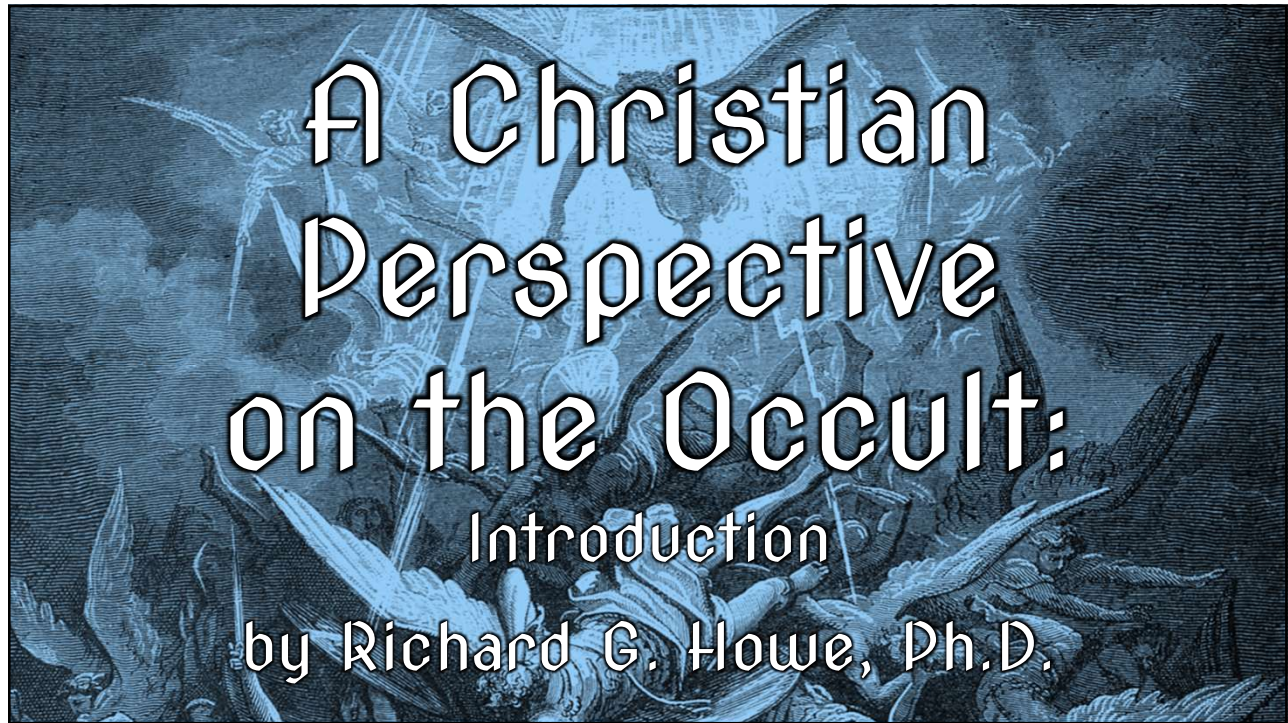
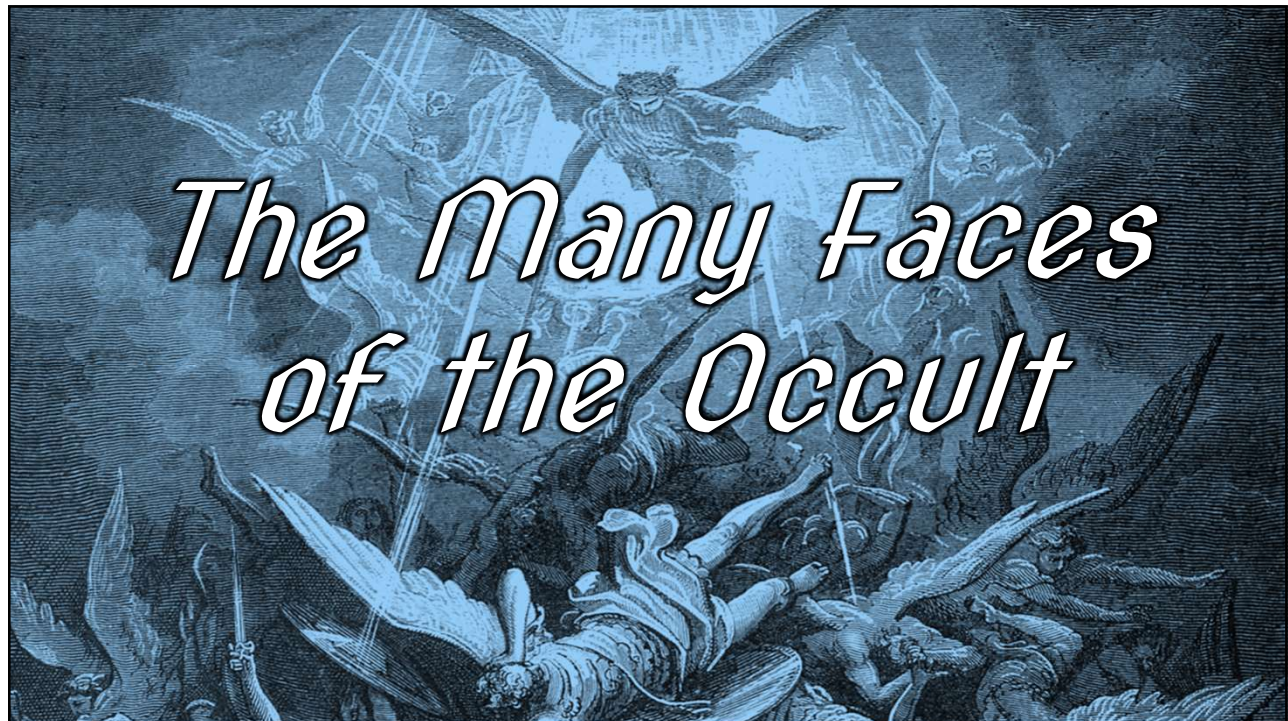


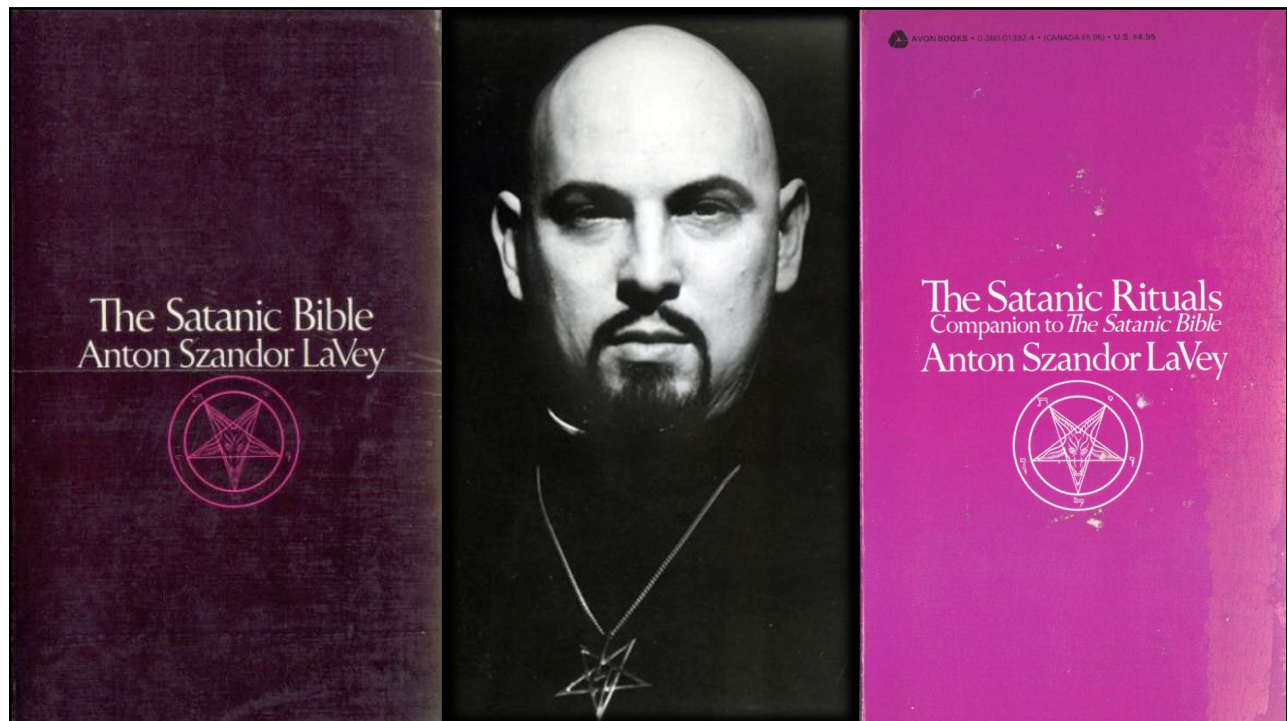
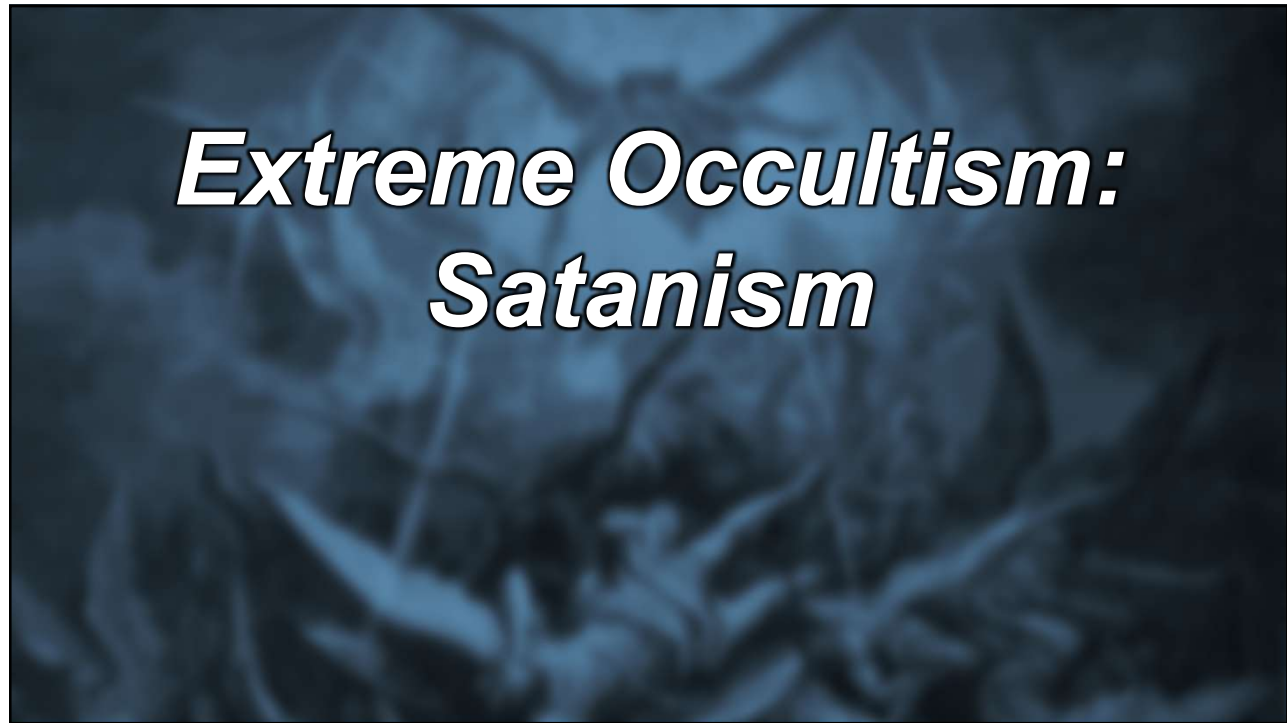


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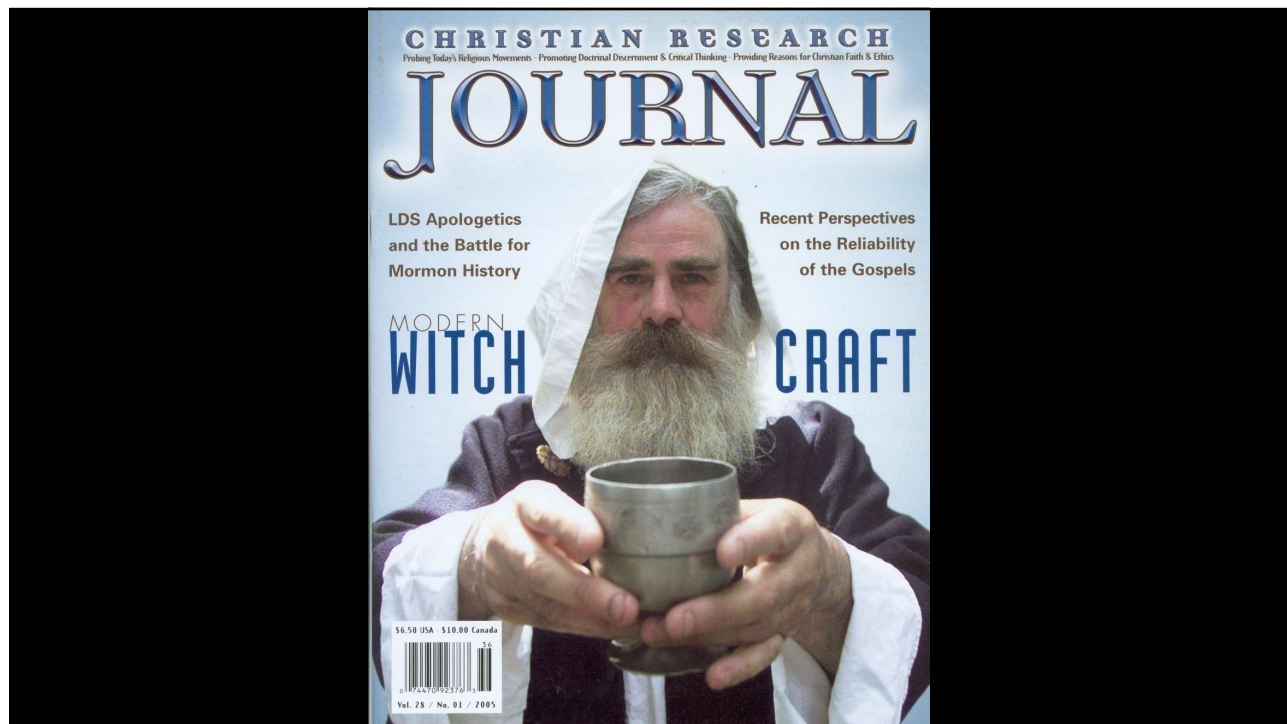


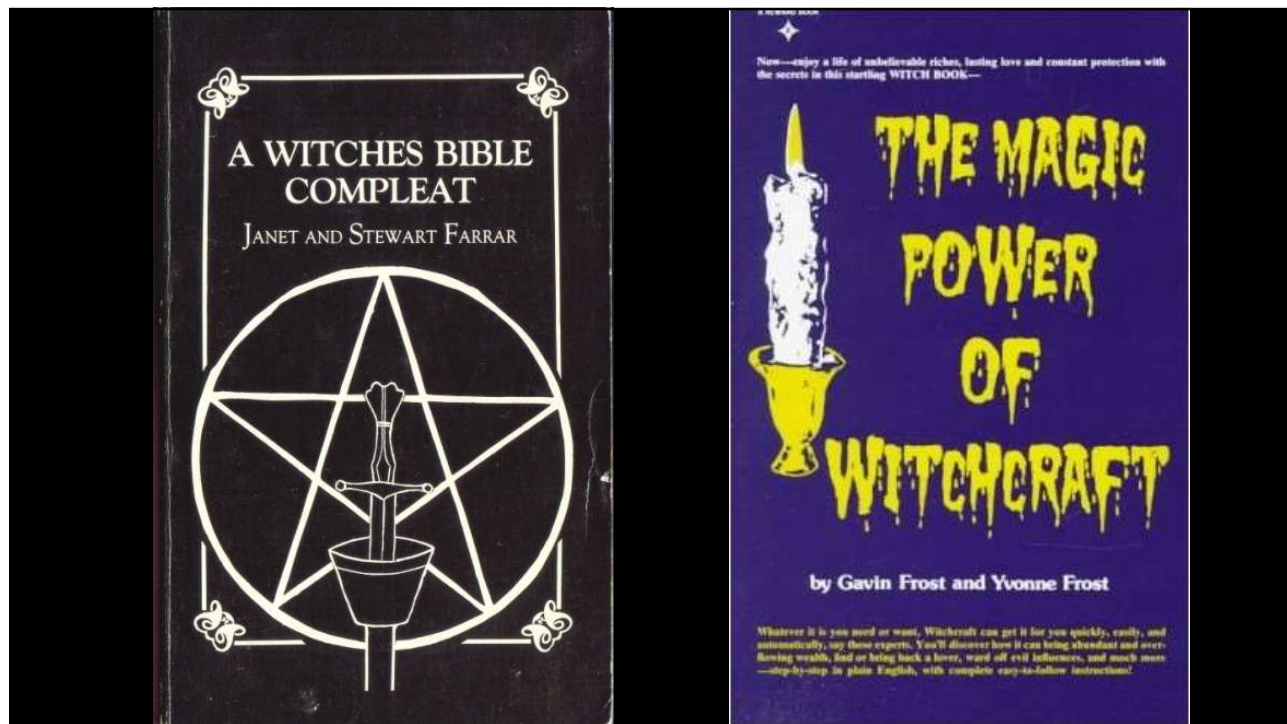


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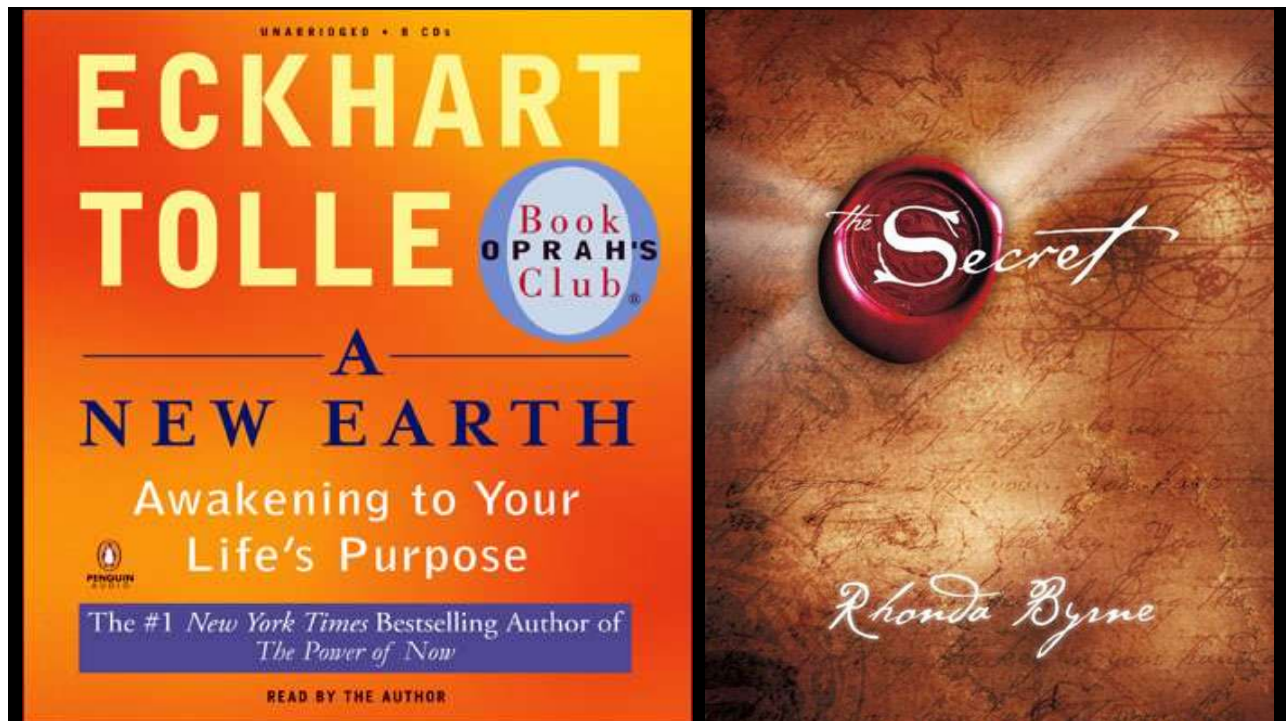
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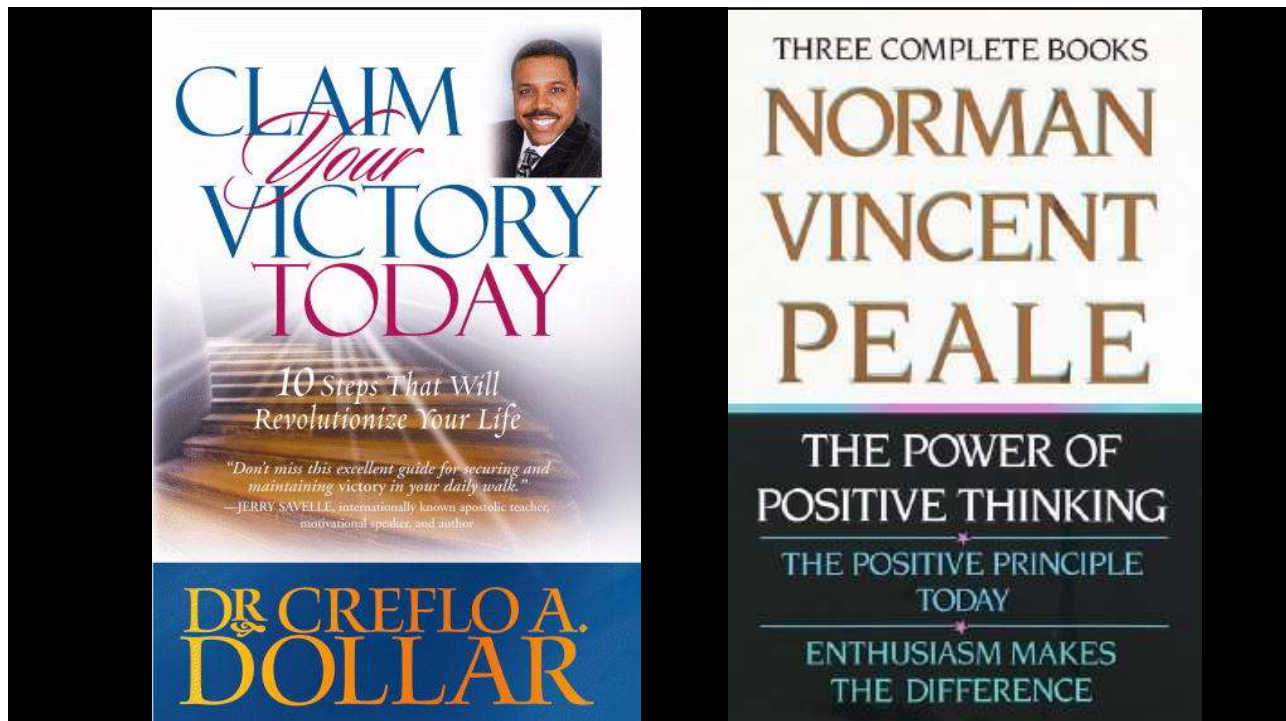


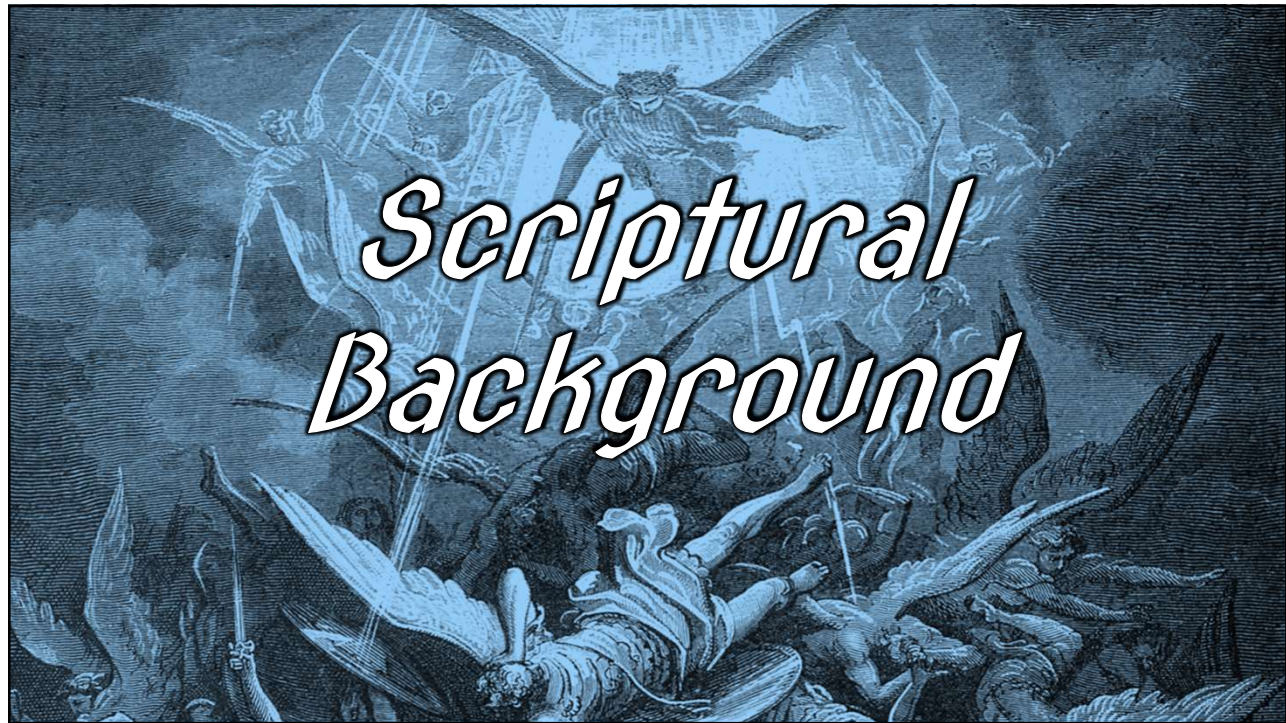
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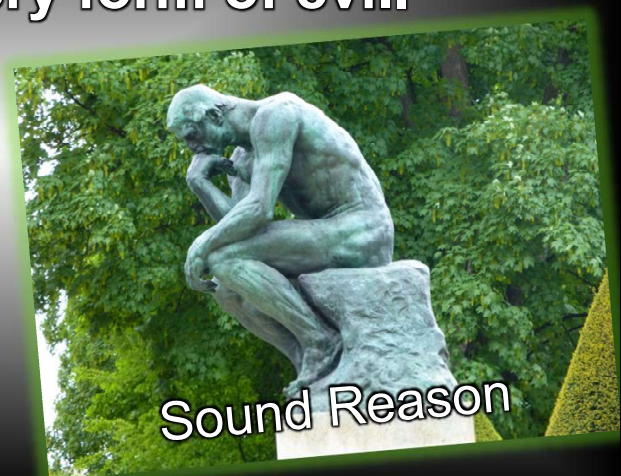
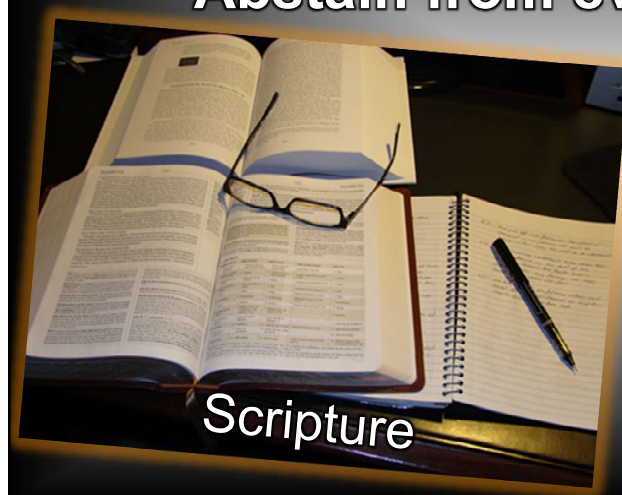
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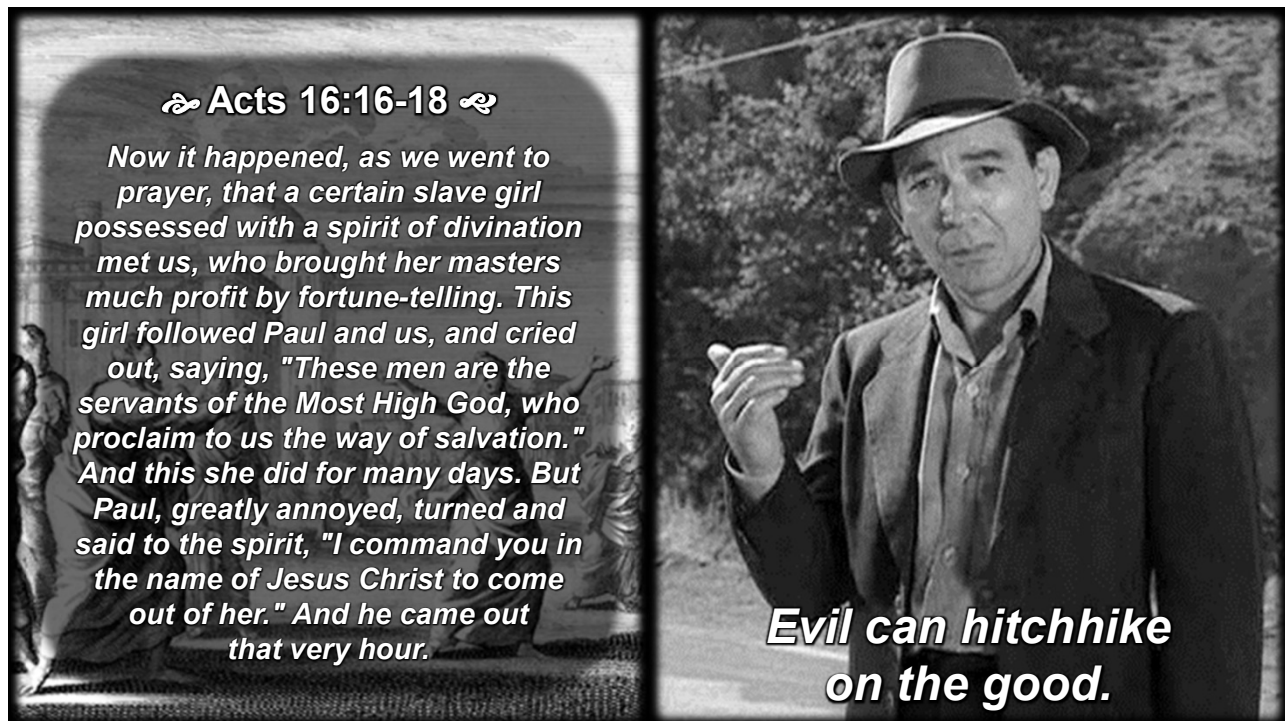
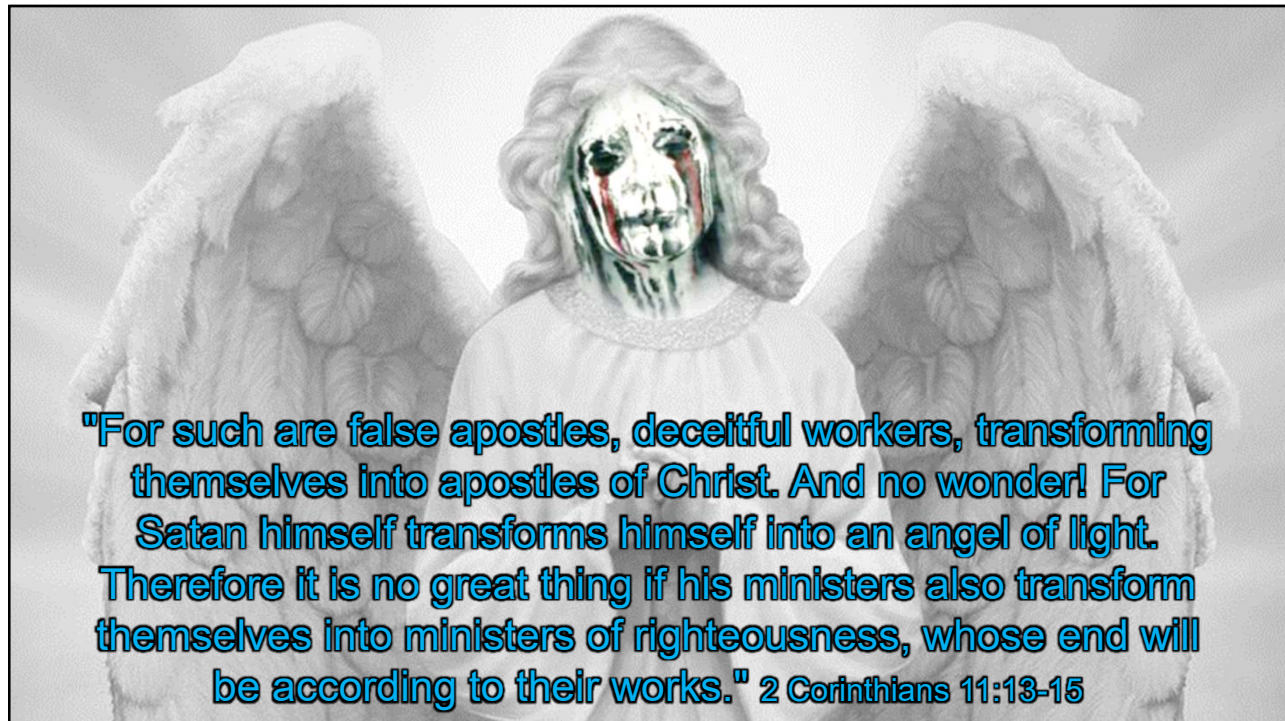




✠ 1 Thess. 5:21-22 ✠

"Test all things; hold fast what is good.
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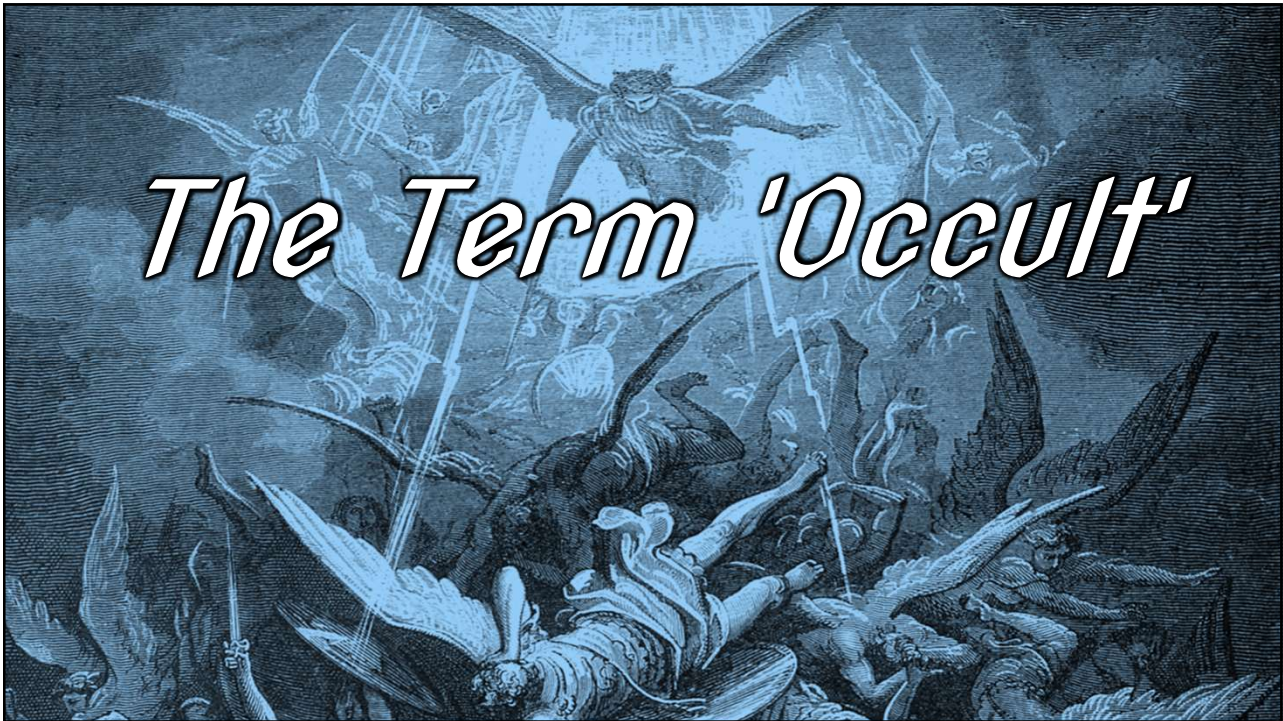




*For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves **will come in among you**, not sparing the flock. {30} Also **from among yourselves** men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Act 20:29-30*



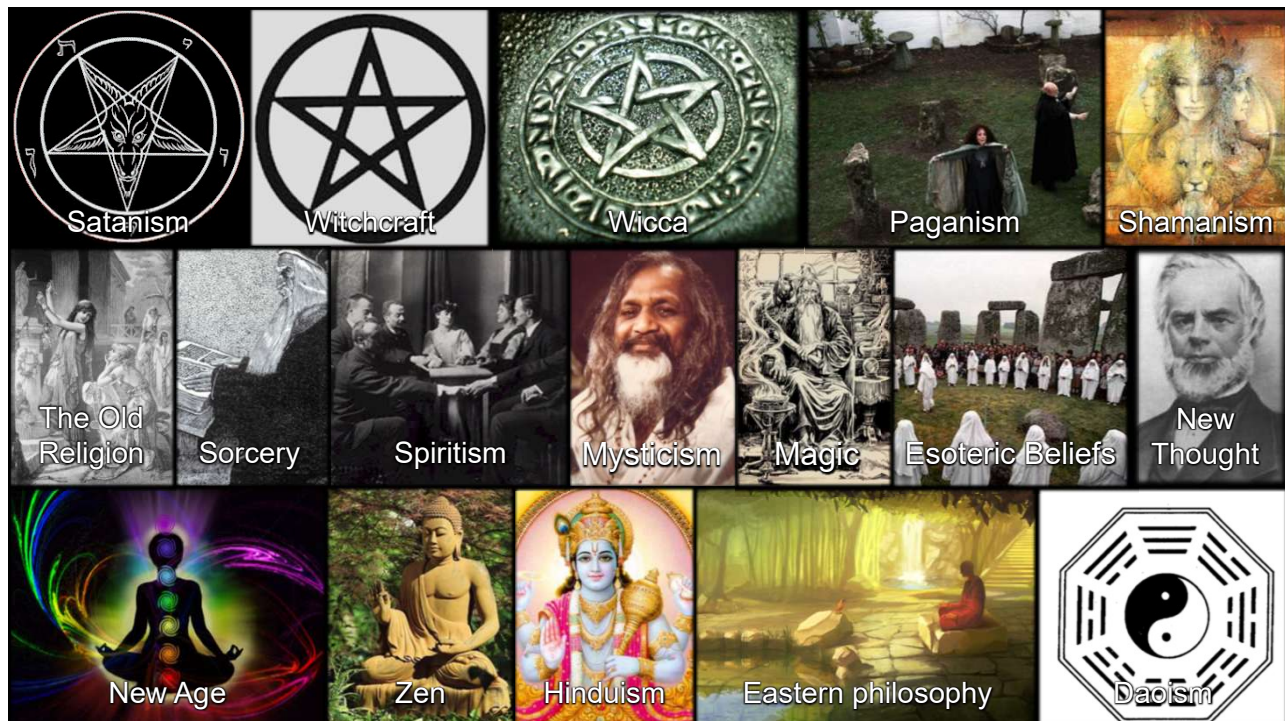
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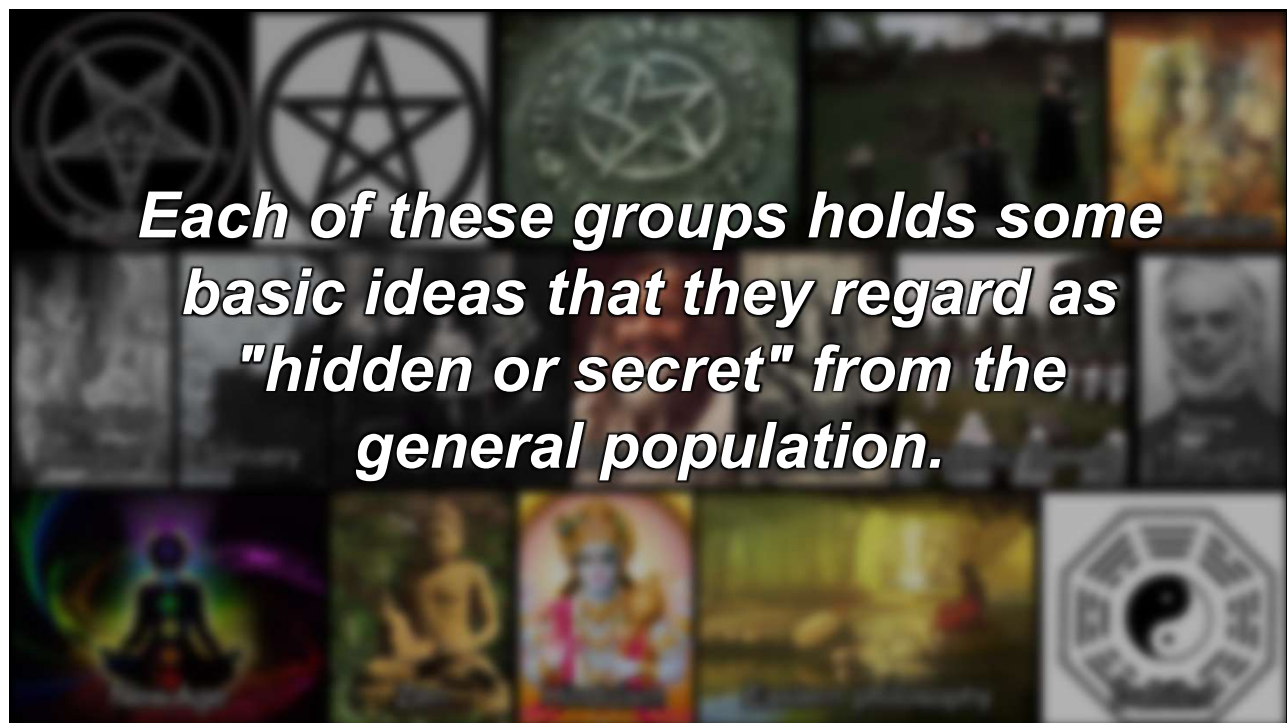
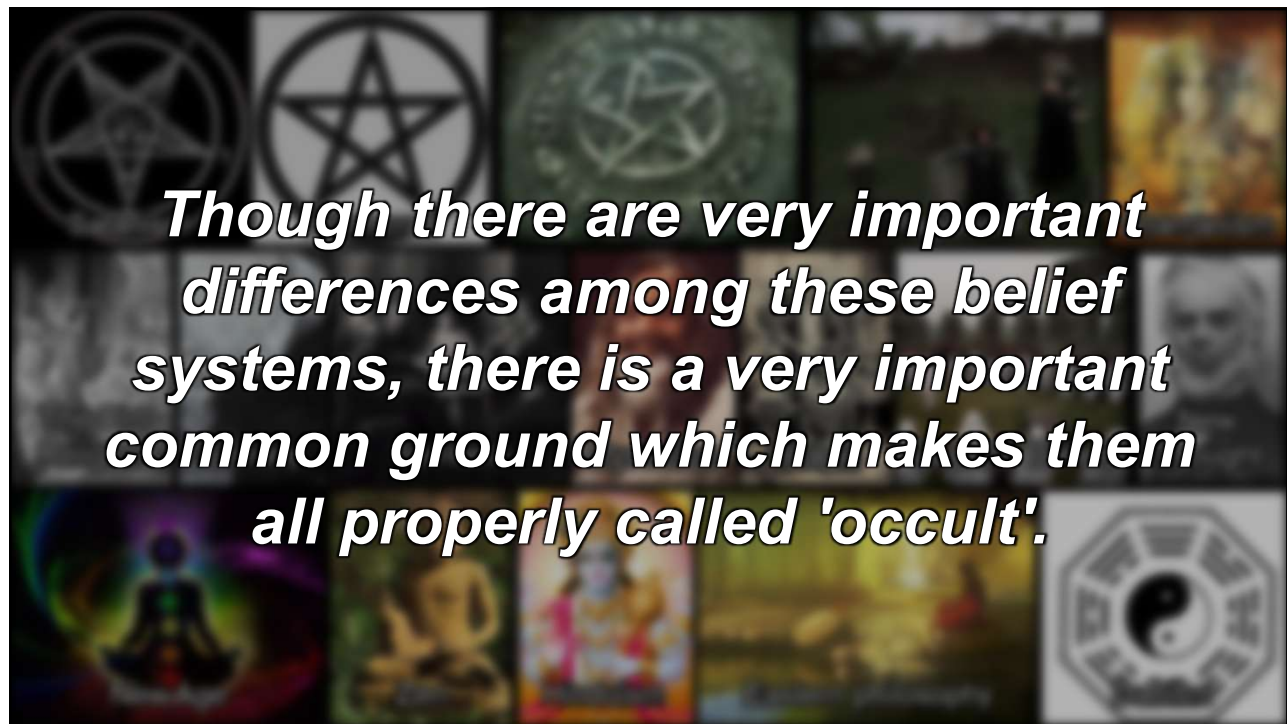


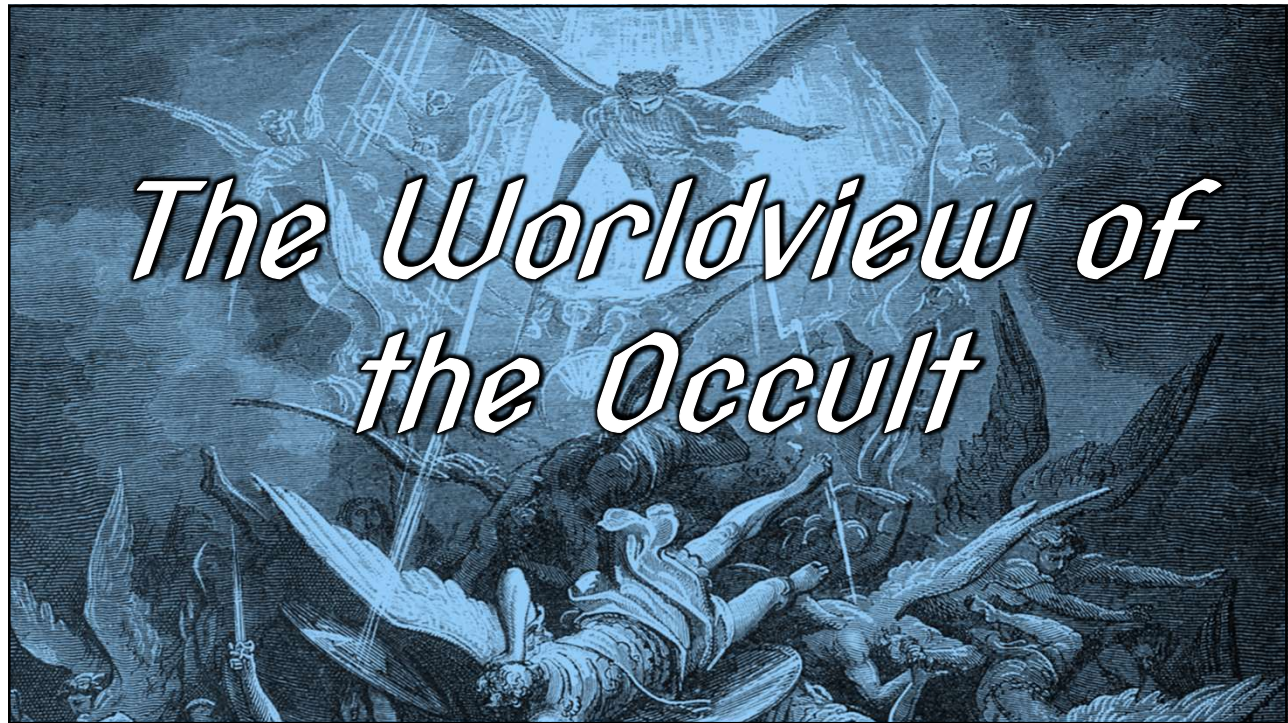
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'Occult' comes for the Latin 'occultus' meaning "hidden or secret."

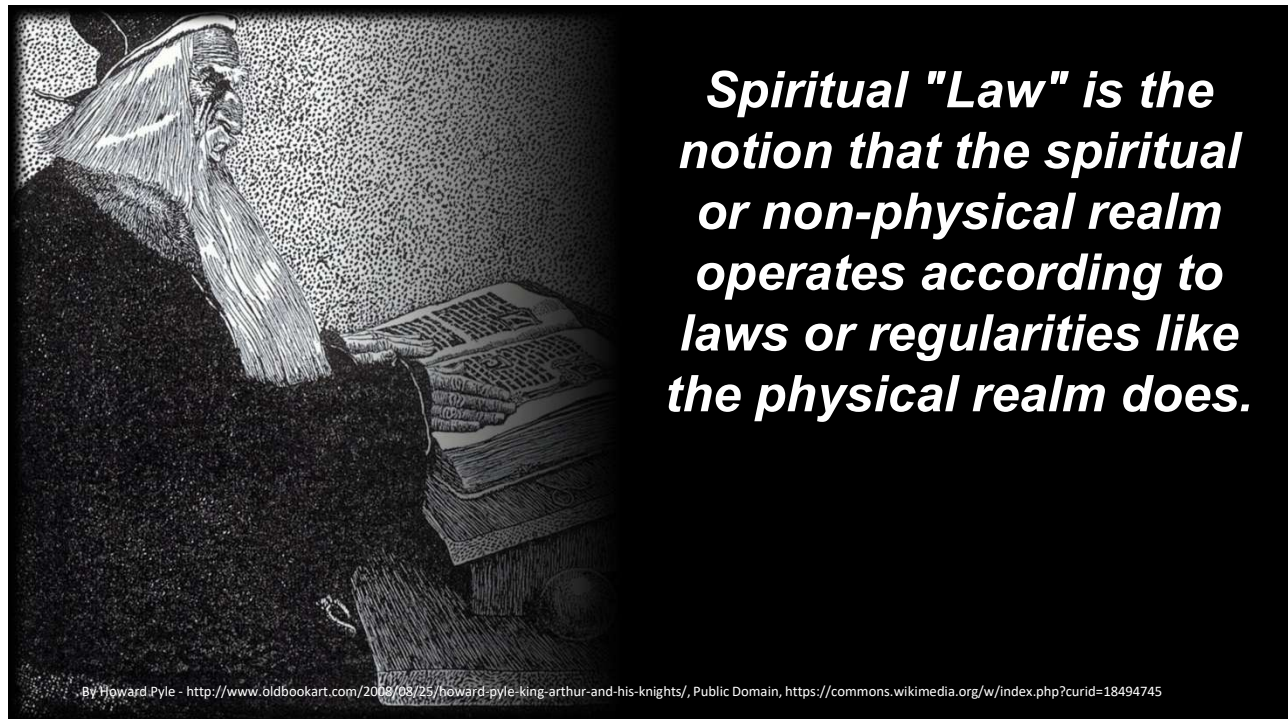
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Words of Power
Human Divinity / Godhood

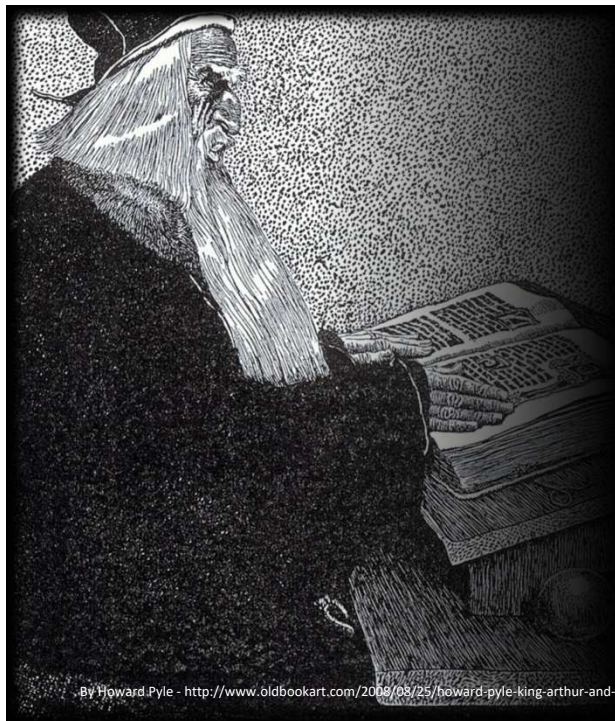


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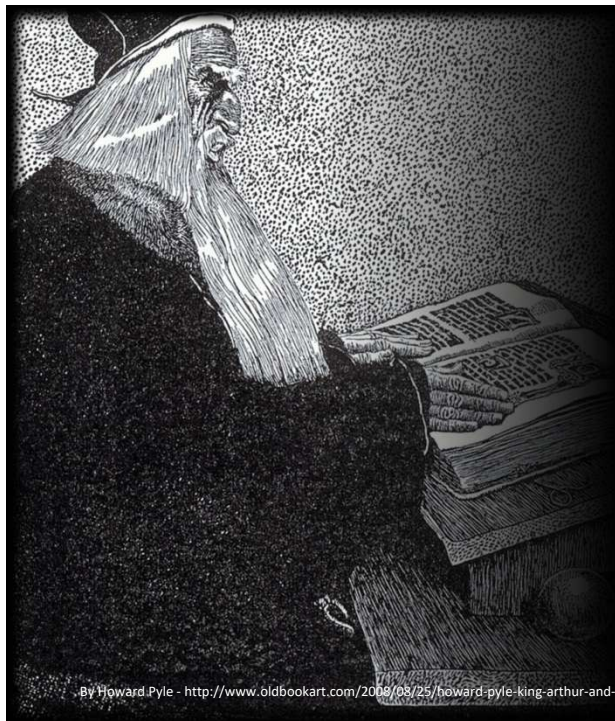
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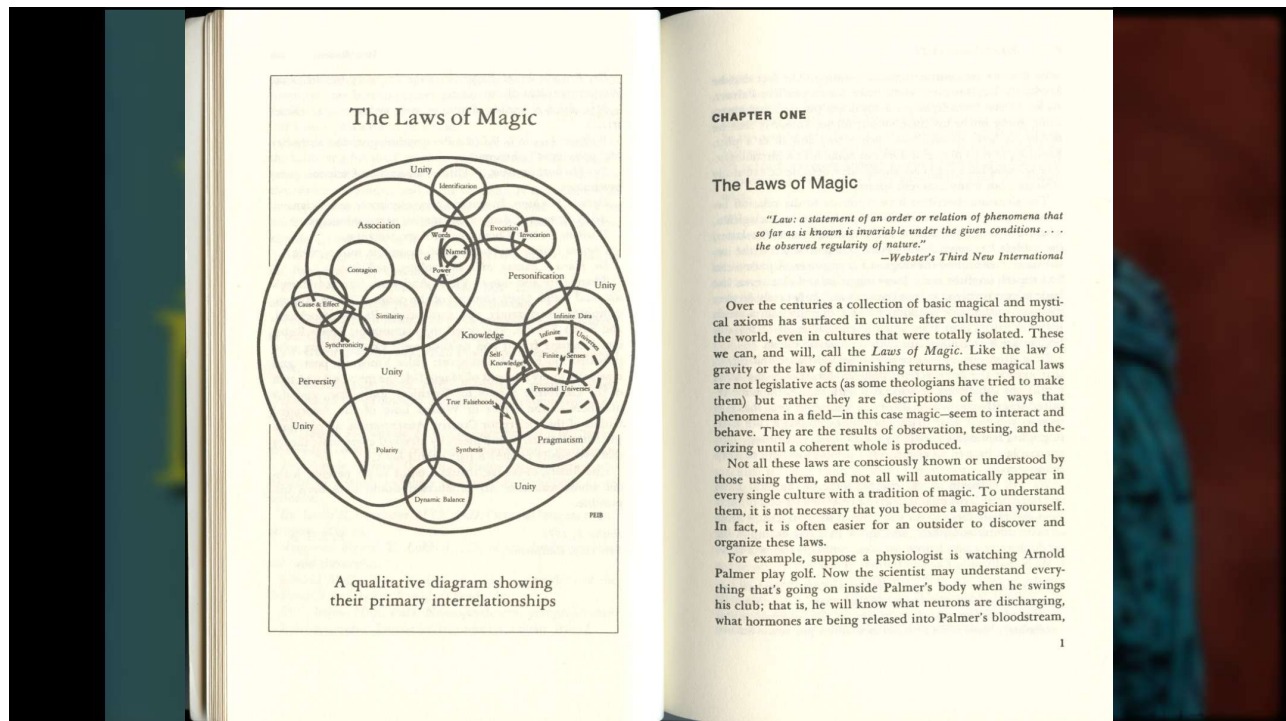
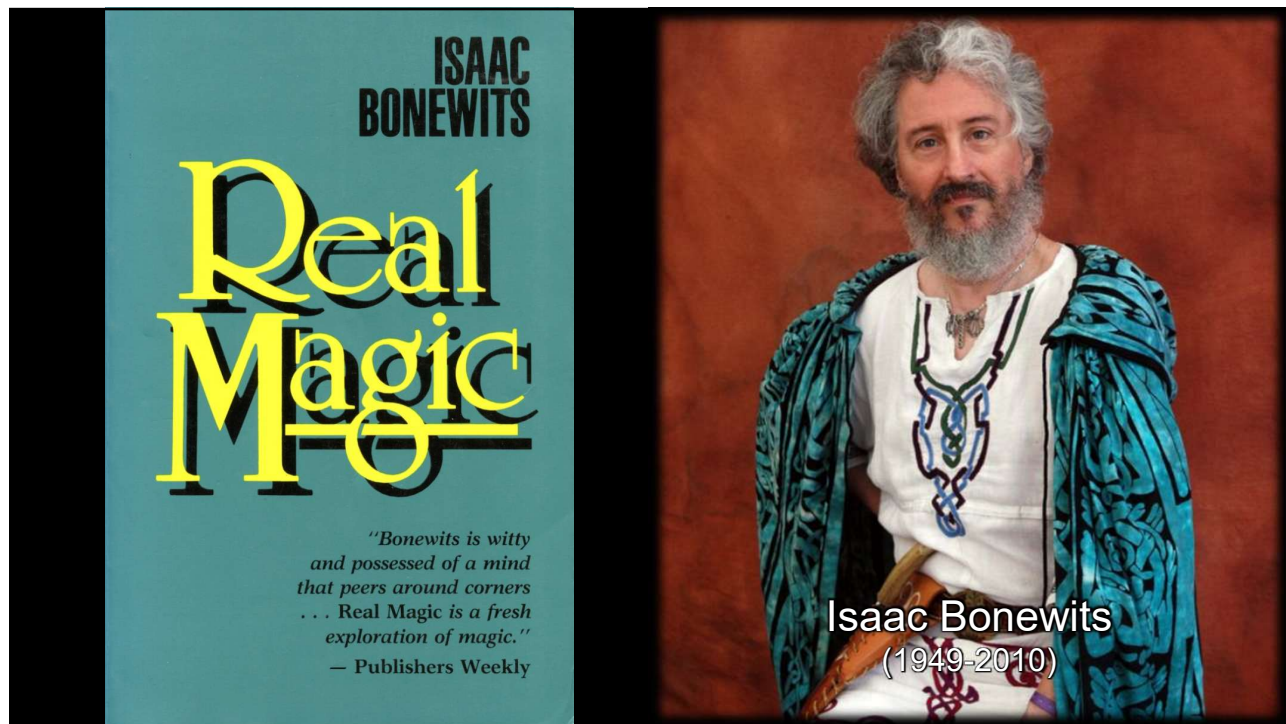
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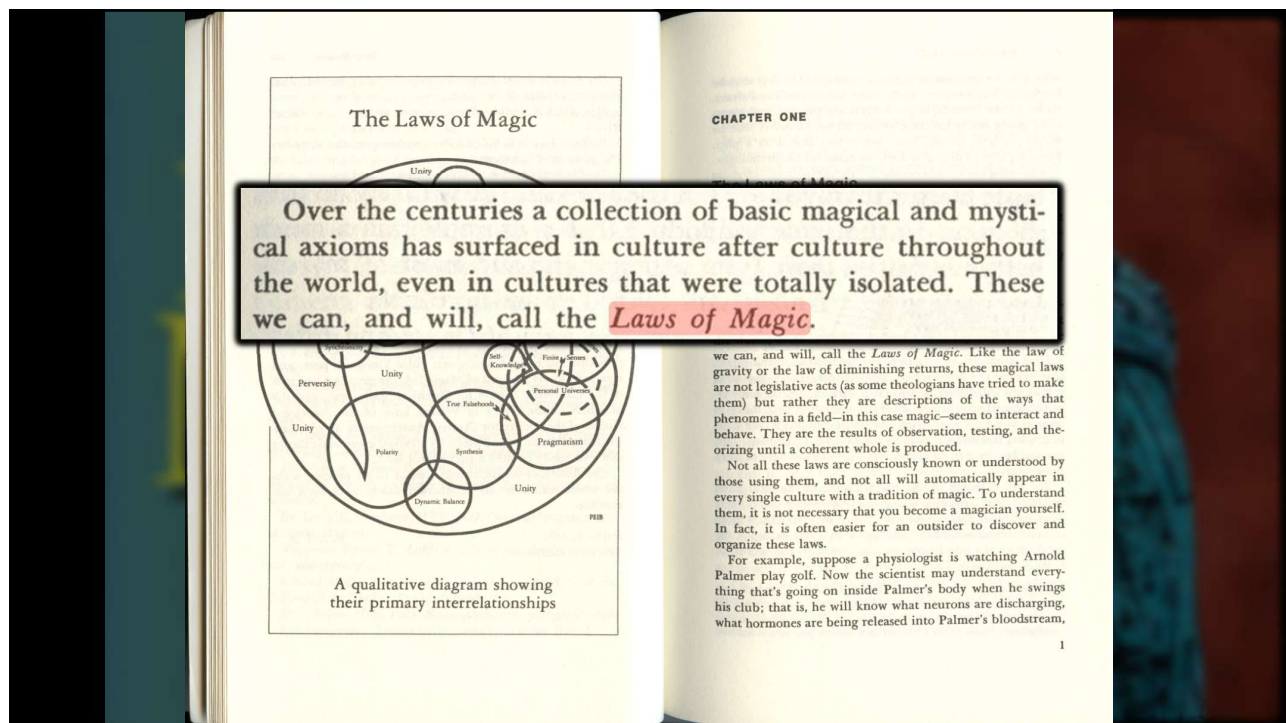
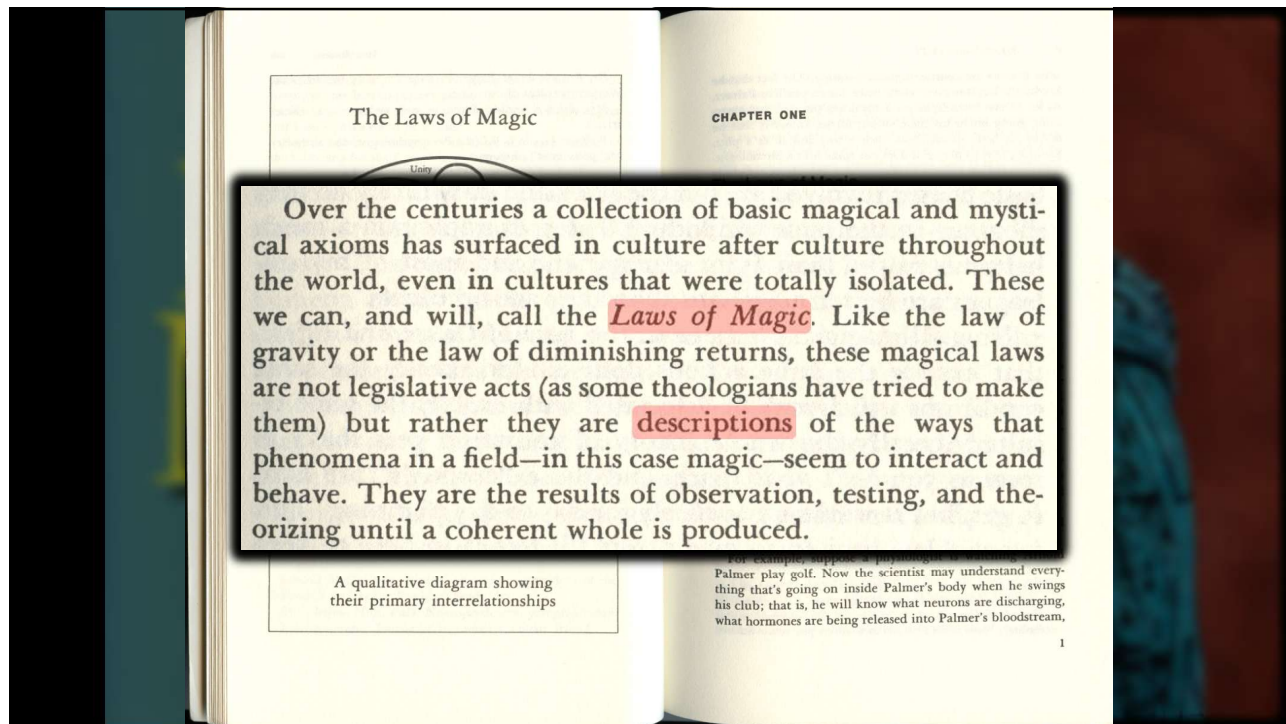
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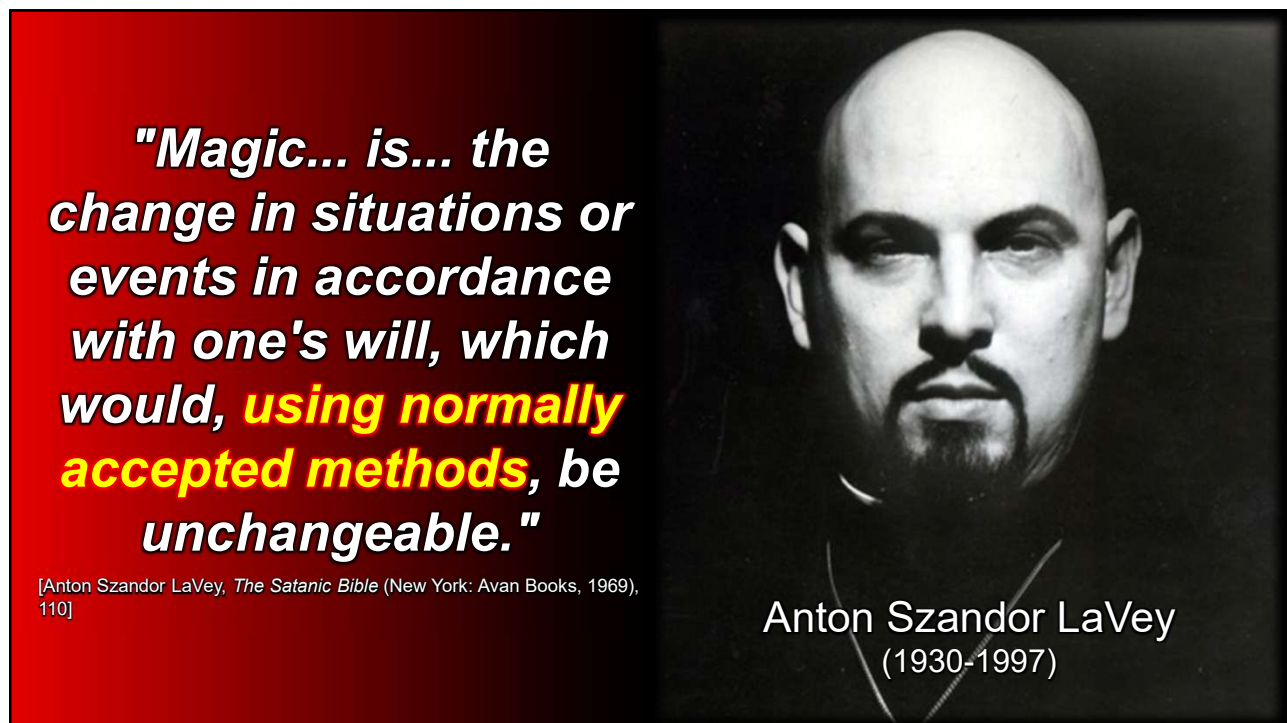
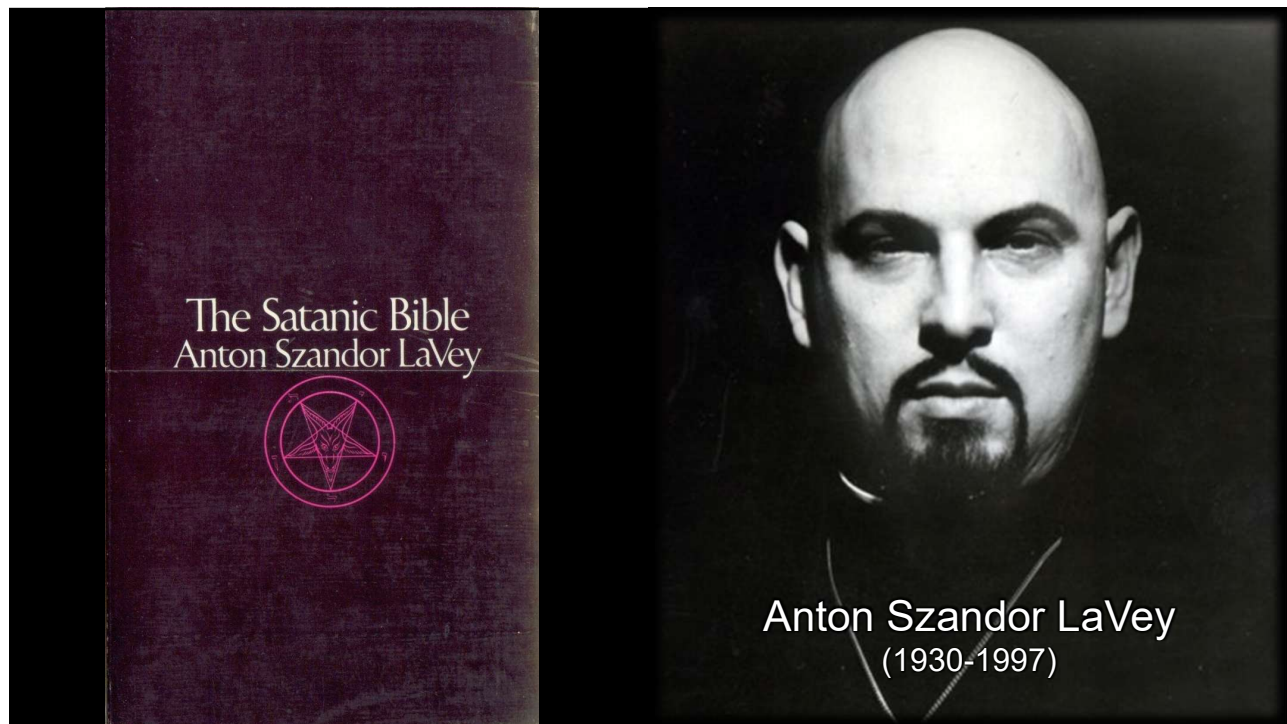


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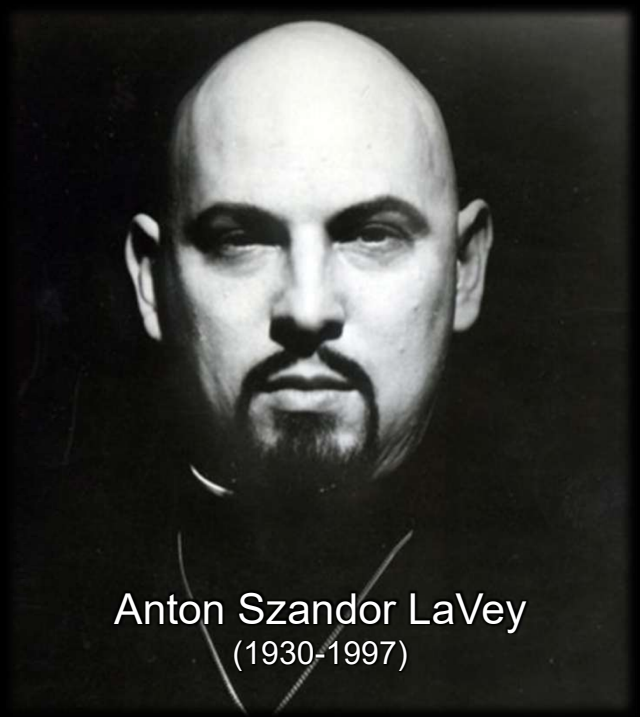




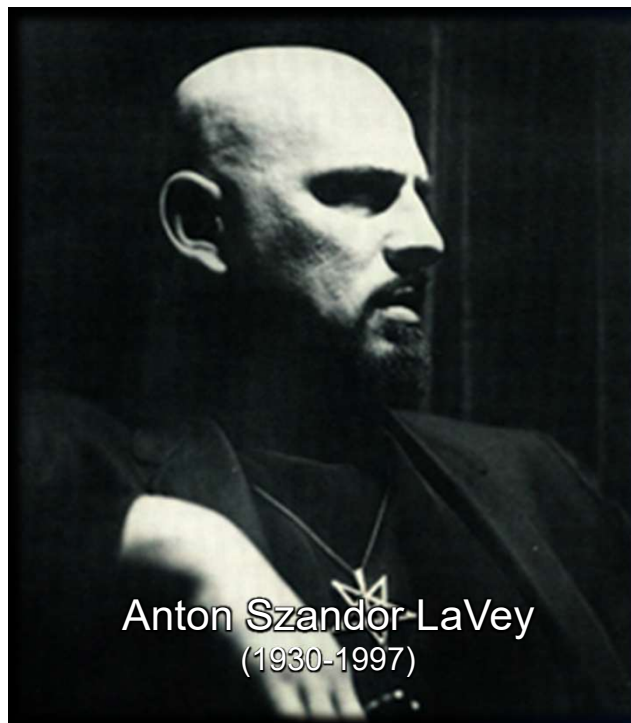


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[LaVey, *Satanic Bible*, 110]



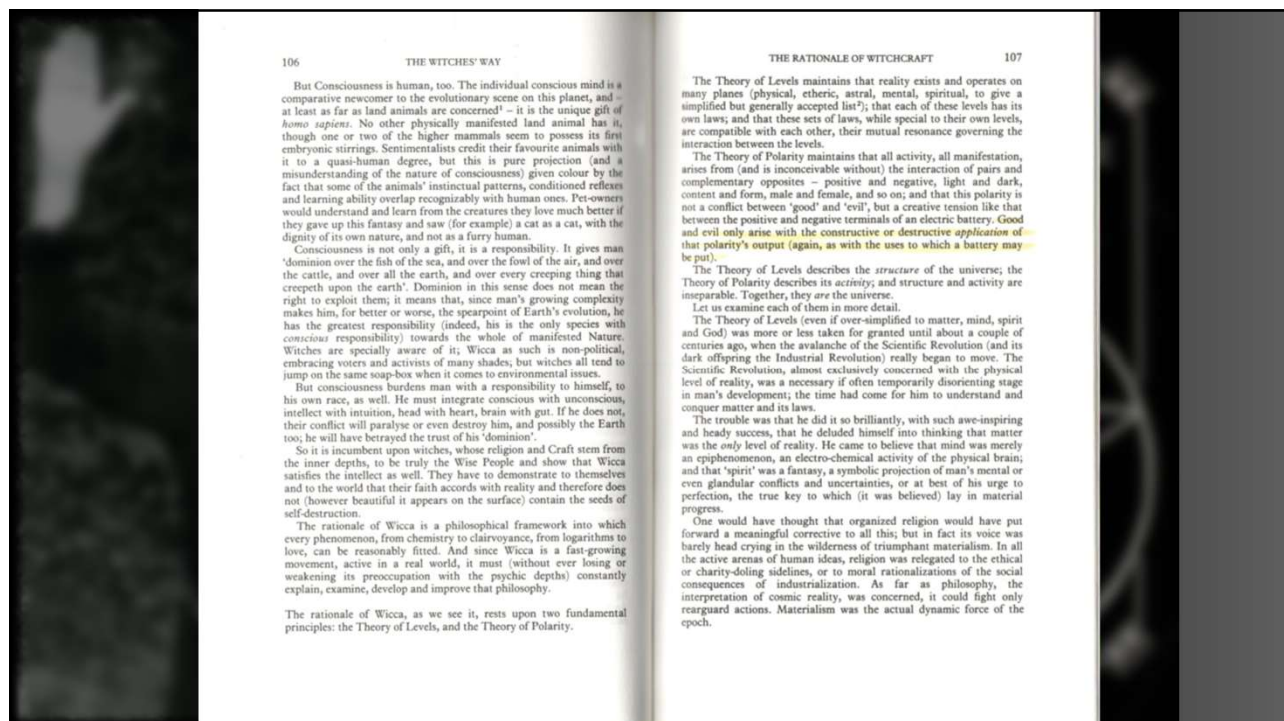
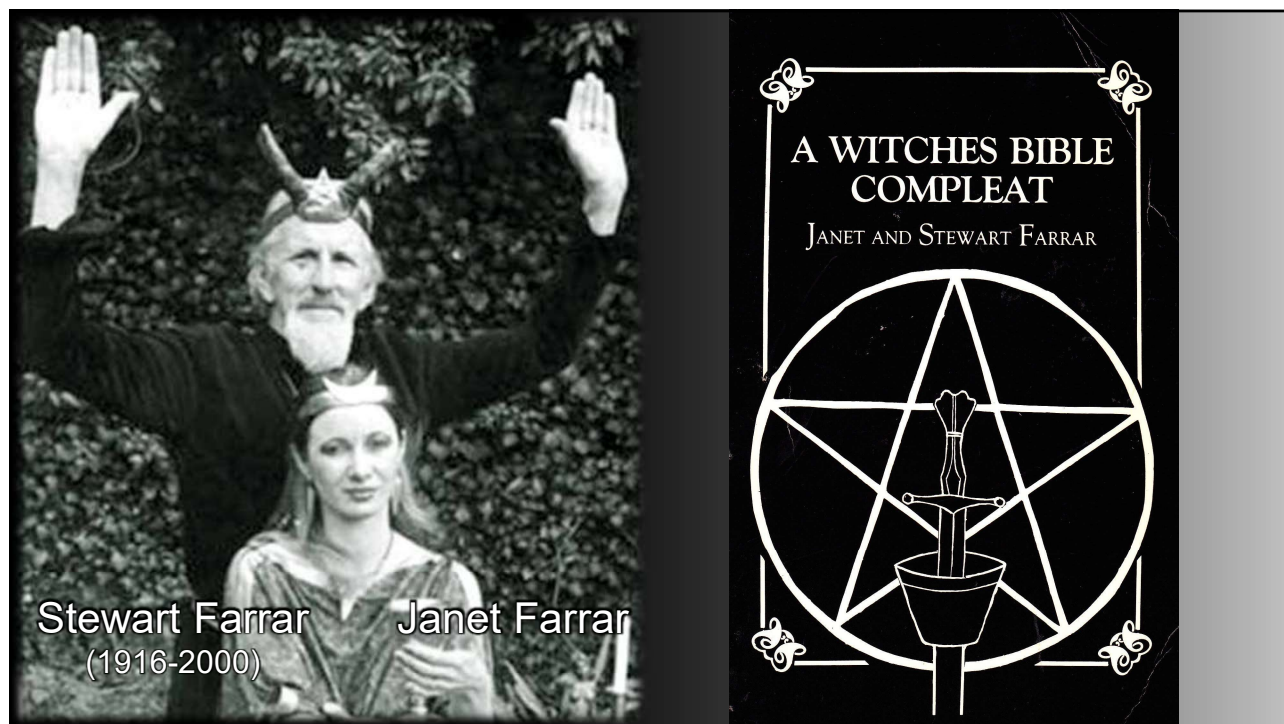
Anton Szandor LaVey
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***There is "balance in nature,
a natural order. That's God.
And that's Satan. Satan is
God. He is the
representation of the state
of flux; he is **the action-
reaction**; he is the cause
and the effect; he is all the
elements interwoven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

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



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

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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 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 progress, the true key to which (it was believed) lay in material forces.

One would have thought that organized religion would have put forward a meaningful corrective to all this; but in fact its voice was barely heard crying in the wilderness of triumphant materialism. In all the active arenas of human ideas, religion was relegated to the ethical or charity-doing 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 rear-guard actions. Materialism was the actual dynamic force of the epoch.

(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 it 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* 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.

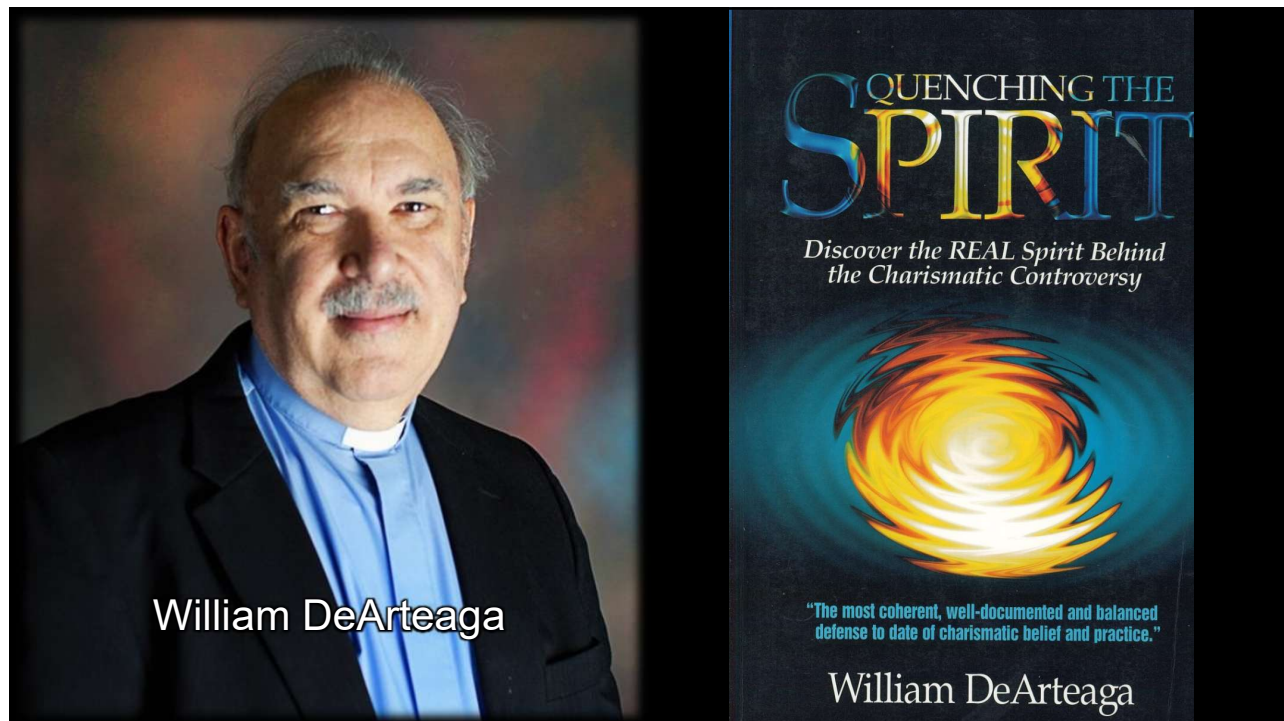
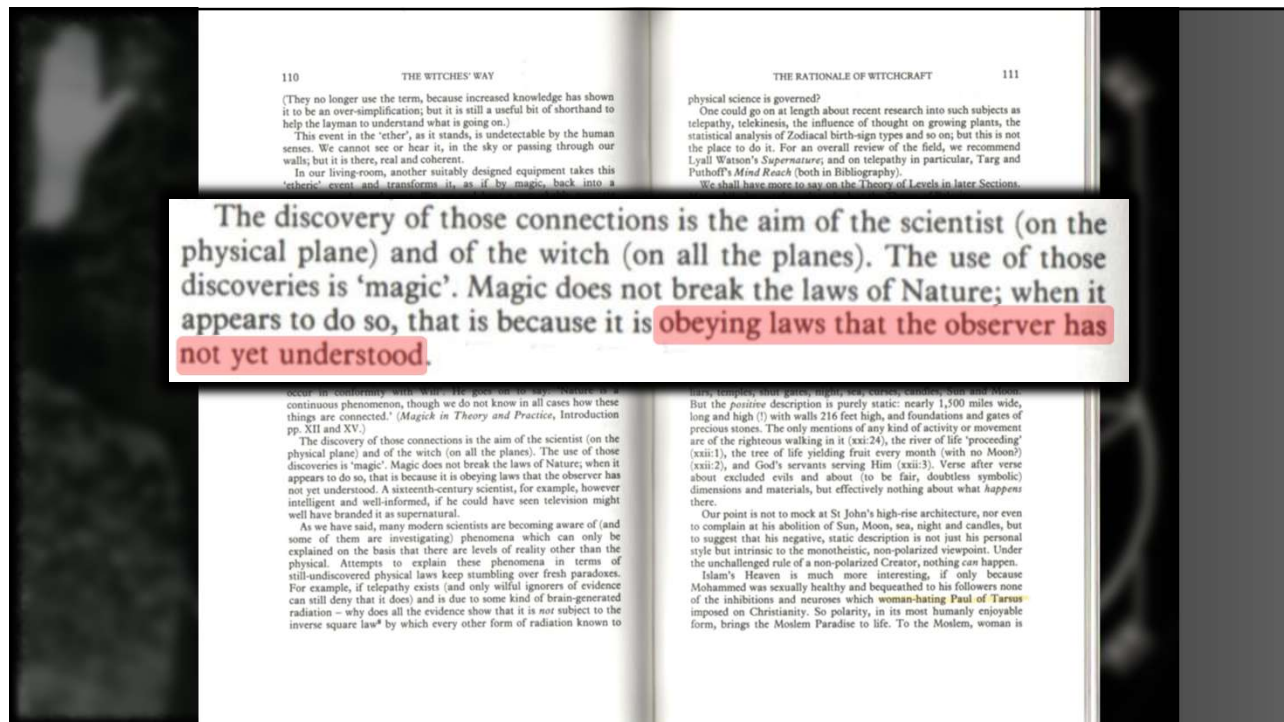
This theory is not new, either; it is common to many philosophies, both religious and materialistic.

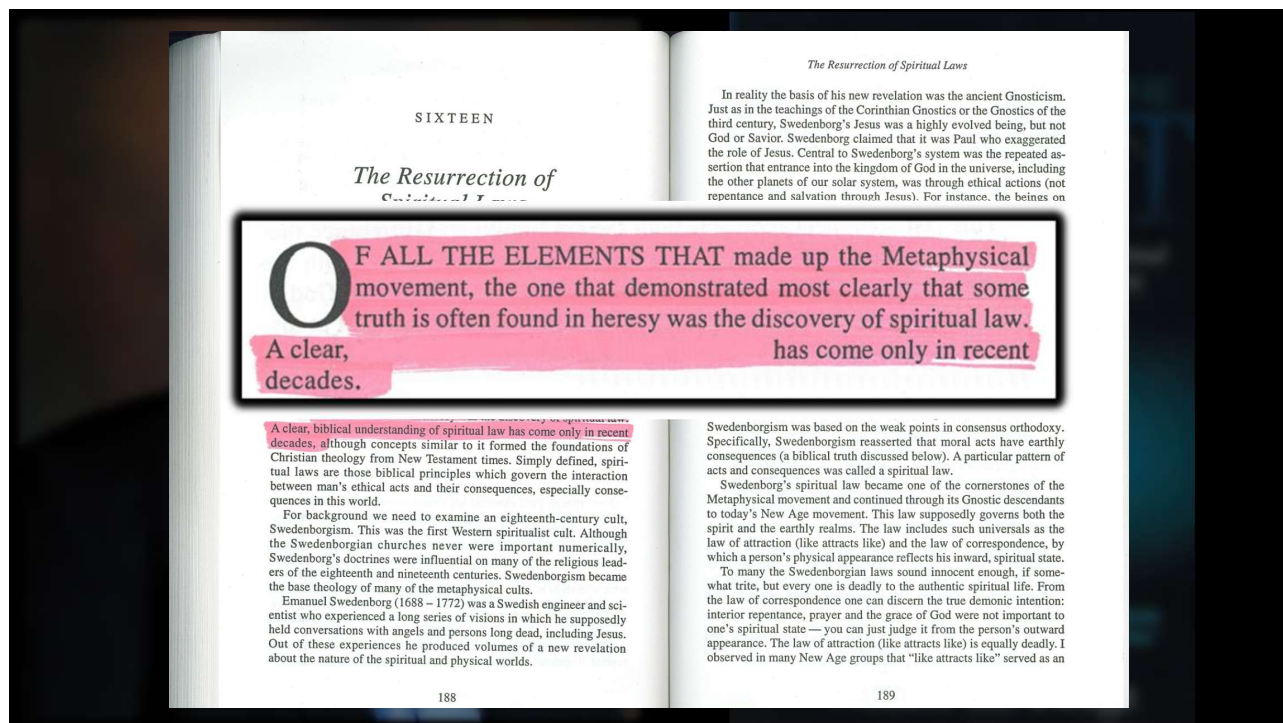
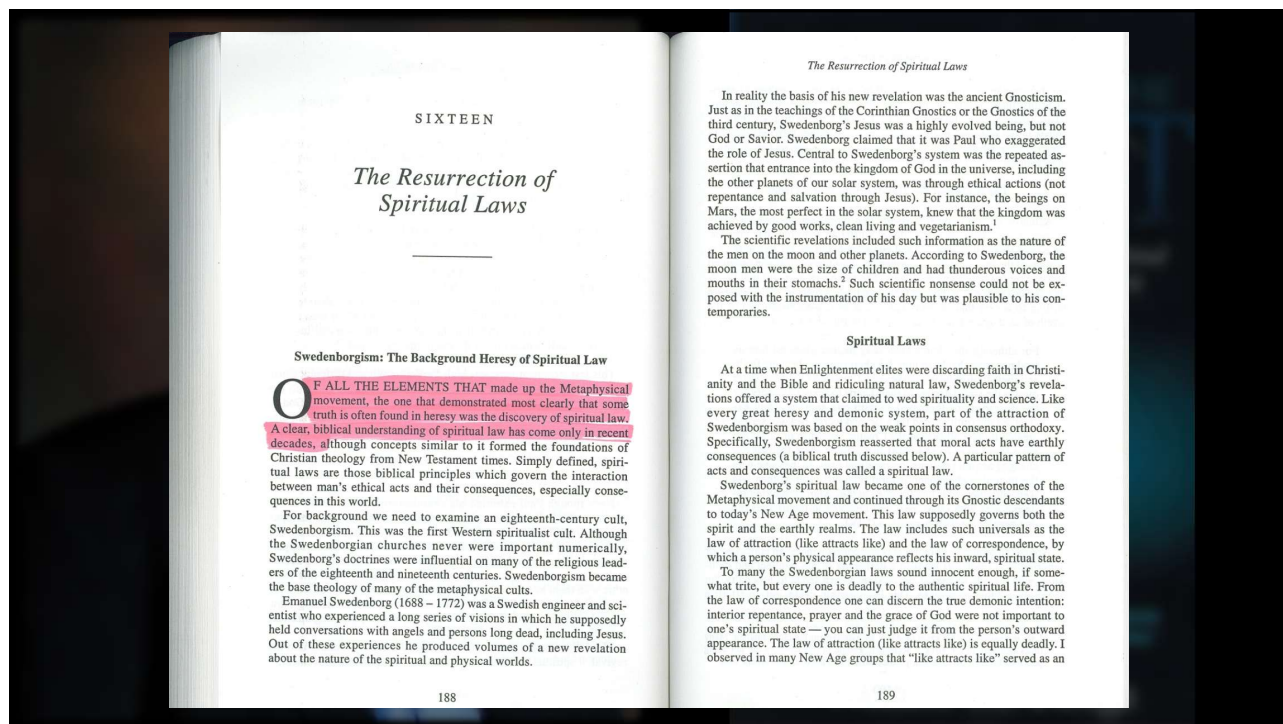
The trap into which monotheist* religions have fallen has been to equate polarity with good-versus-evil. They recognize that the activity of the world around them is engendered by the interaction of opposites; but they see this interaction only as the battle between God and Satan. When this battle ends with God's total victory at the Last Trump, they assume that activity will continue – but on what basis? Apart from mass cheers, 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.

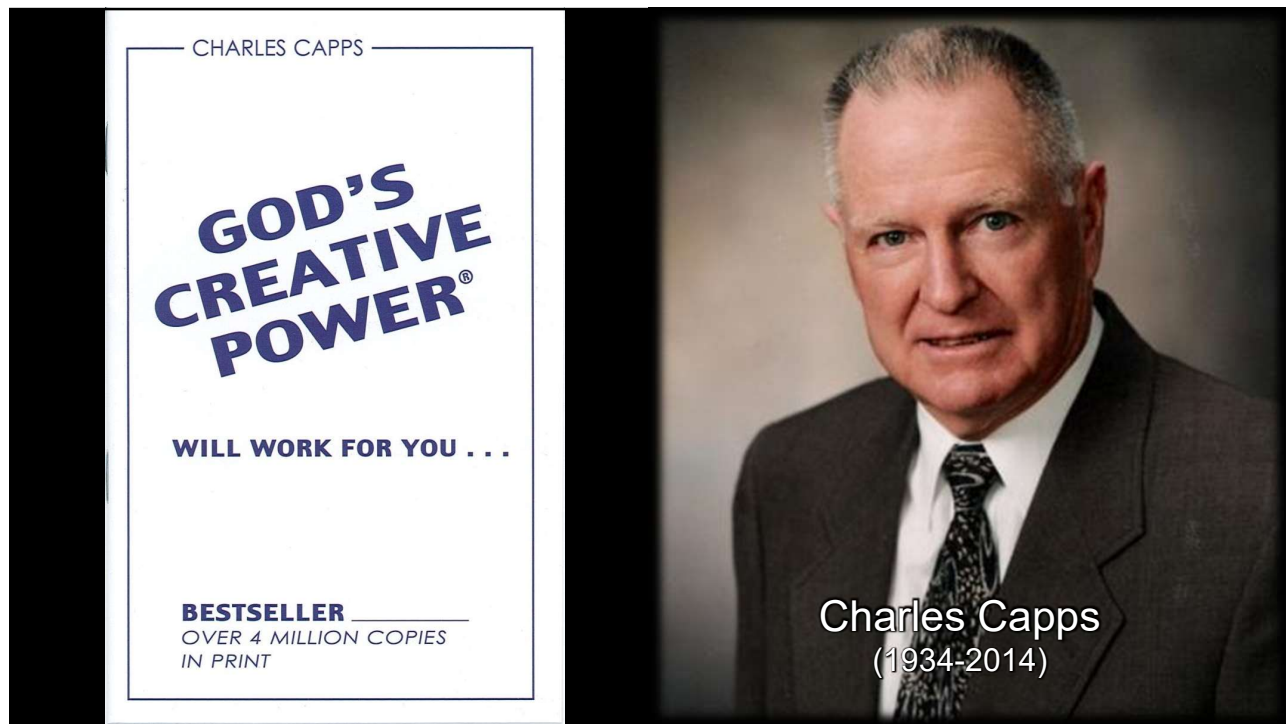
The most-quoted example, in Revelations xxi and xxii, exists in the New Jerusalem's absence of tears, death, sorrow, crying, pain, fear, unbelief, abomination, murder, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, liars, temples, shut gates, night, sea, curses, candles, Sun and Moon. But the *positive* description is purely static: nearly 1,500 miles wide, long and high (!) with walls 216 feet high, and foundations and gates of precious stones. The only mentions of any kind of activity or movement are of the righteous walking in it (xxi:24), the river of life 'proceeding' (xxii:1), the tree of life yielding fruit every month (with a Moon!) (xxii:2), and God's servants serving Him (xxii:3). Verse after verse about excluded evils and about (to be fair, doubtless symbolic) dimensions and materials, but effectively nothing about what *happens* there.

Our point is not to mock at St John's high-rise architecture, nor even to complain at his abolition of Sun, Moon, sea, night and candles, but to suggest that his negative, static description is not just his personal style but intrinsic to the monotheistic, non-polarized viewpoint. Under the unchallenged rule of a non-polarized Creator, *nothing can* happen.

Islam's Heaven is much more interesting, if only because Mohammed was sexually healthy and bequeathed to his followers none of the inhibitions and neuroses which woman-bating Paul of Tarsus imposed on Christianity. So polarity, in its most humanly enjoyable form, brings the Moslem Paradise to life. To the Moslem, woman is







to him that believeth." Matthew 17:20 says, "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Mark 11:23 says, "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; 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."

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.

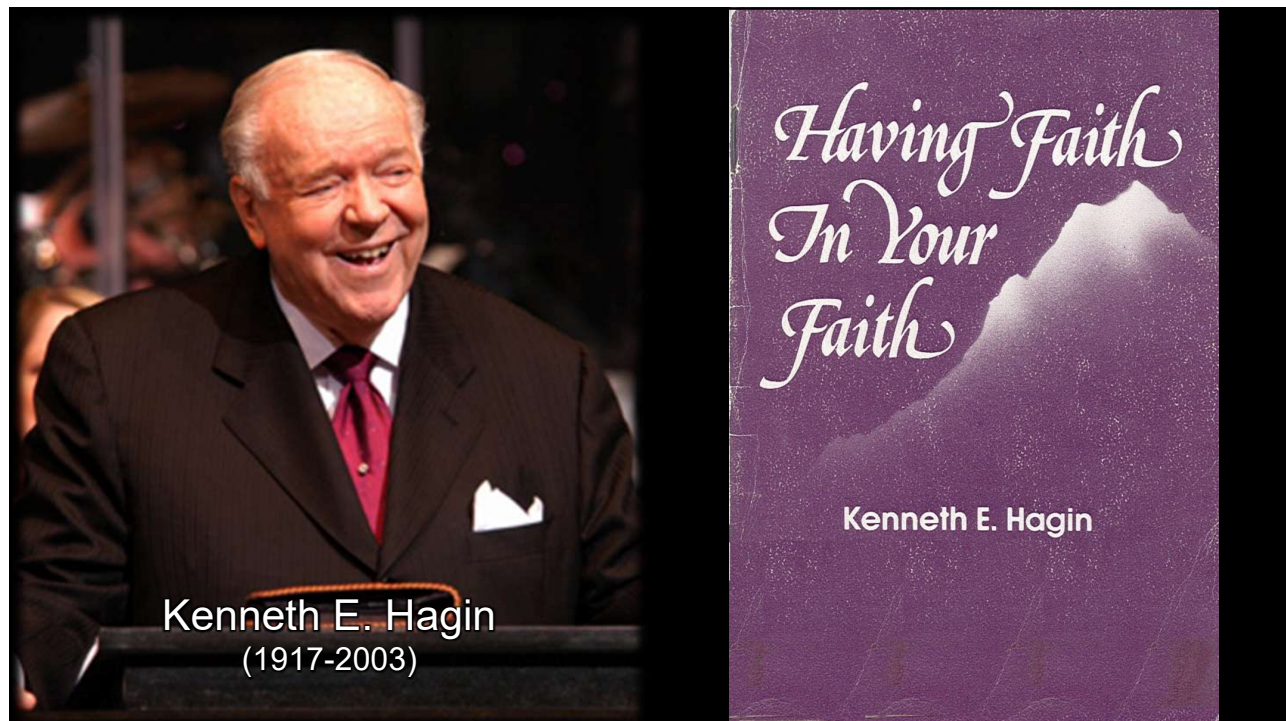
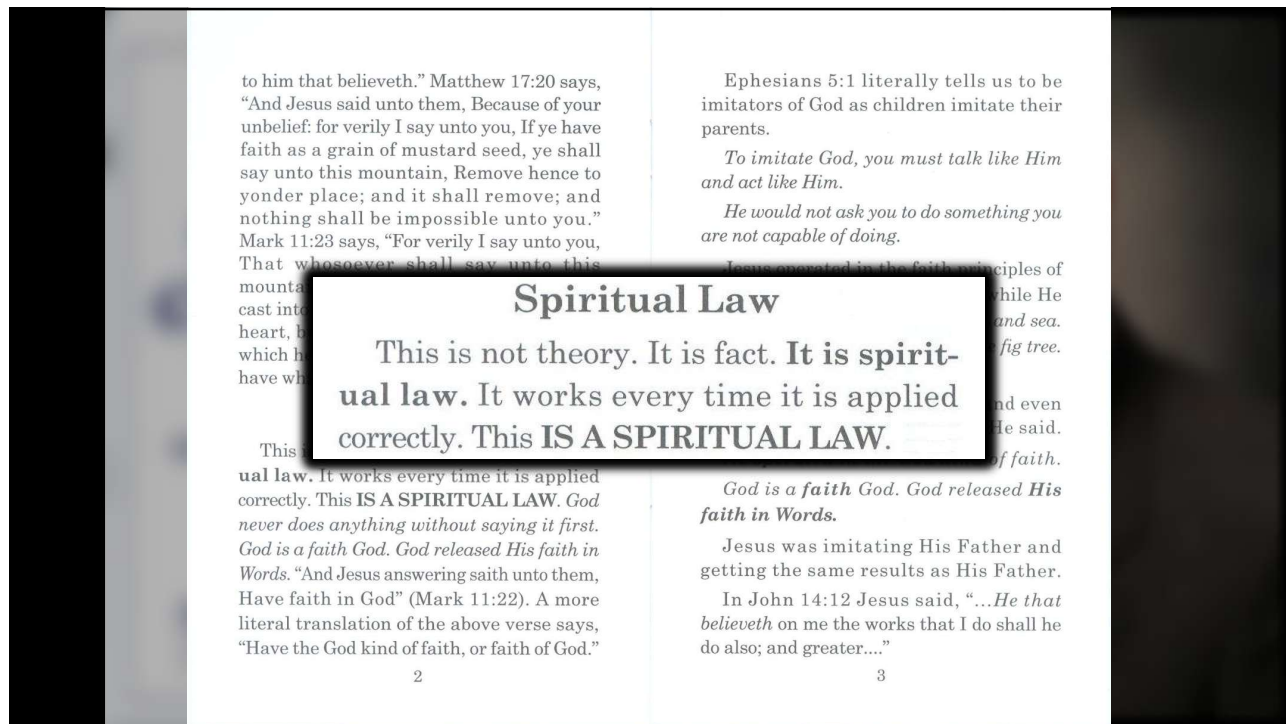
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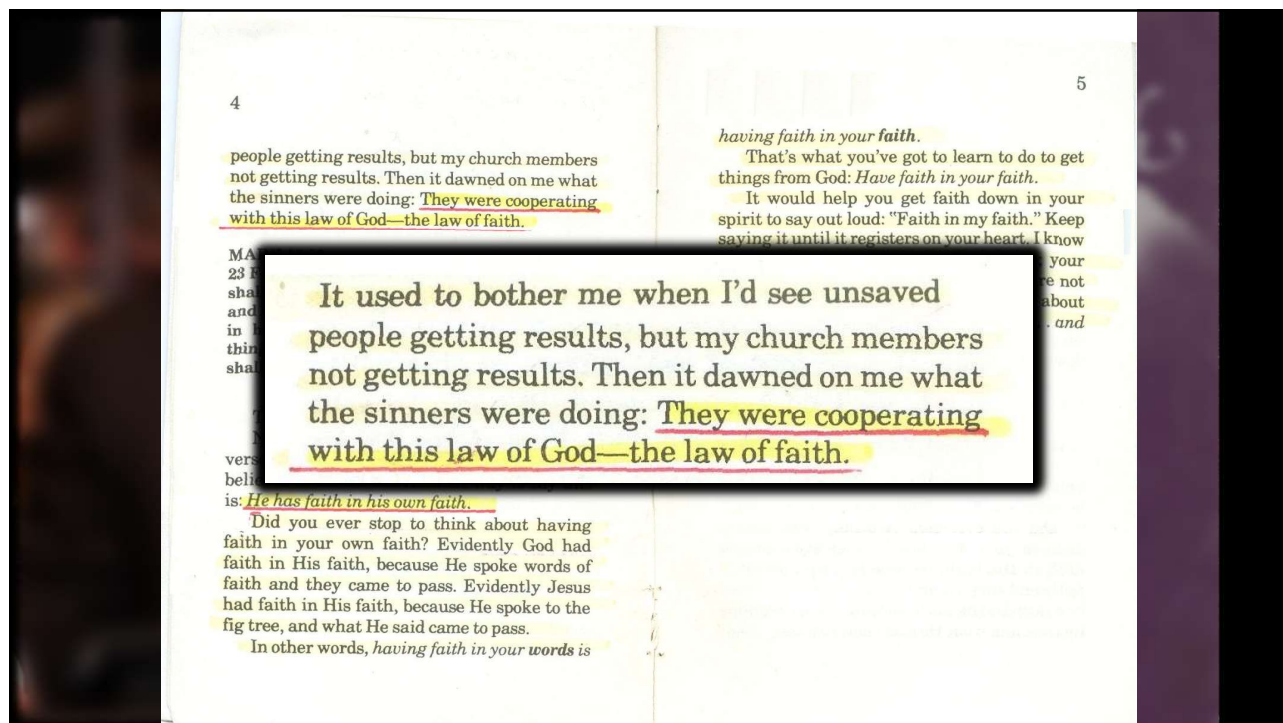
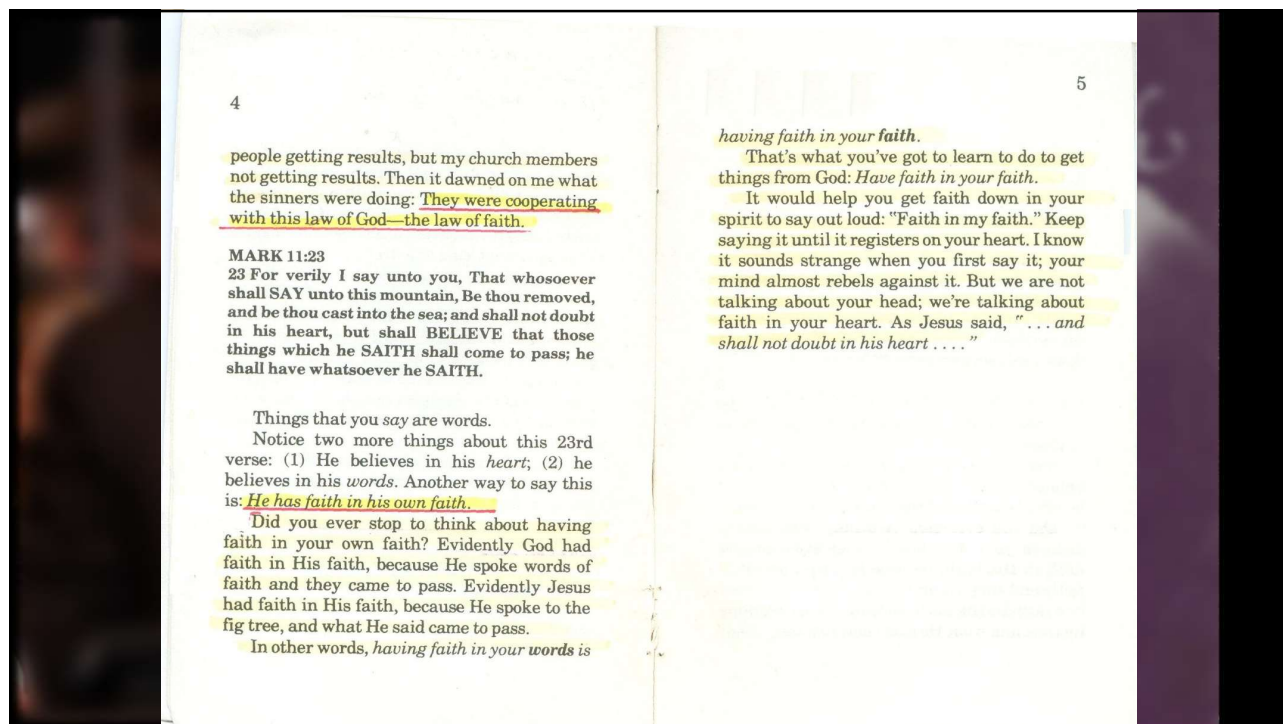
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Jesus was imitating His Father and getting the same results as His Father.

In John 14:12 Jesus said, "...*He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater....*"

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The Laws That Govern Faith



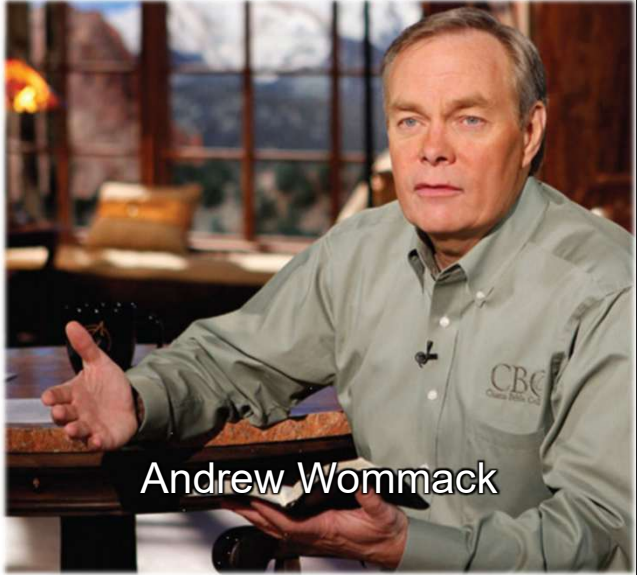
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The Lord showed me that there are laws governing how faith works and therefore how we receive from Him. We can depend on faith just as surely as we can depend on natural laws, but we have to know what those laws are.

For example, electricity has been around since creation. I've read that a typical thunderstorm produces enough electricity to power a large city for a year, but mankind only recently learned how to harness that power. It wasn't God who kept people from having all the benefits of electricity that our modern lives have; it was their ignorance of those laws.

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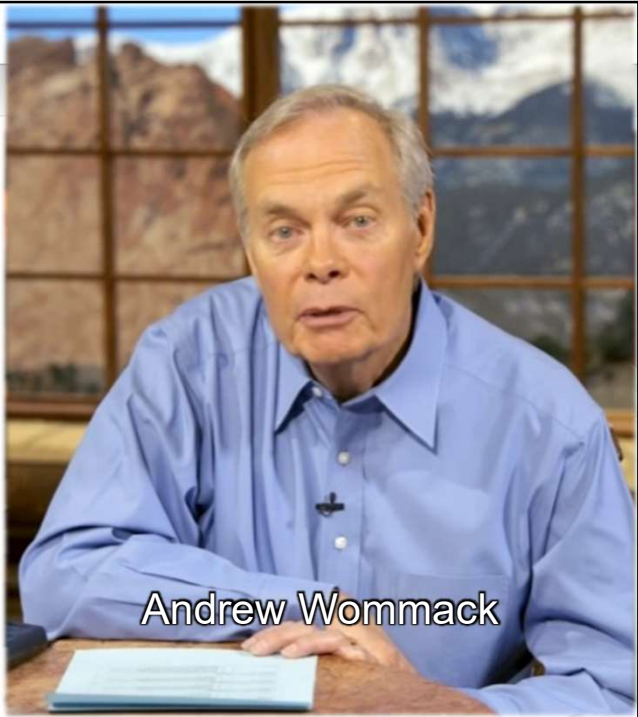
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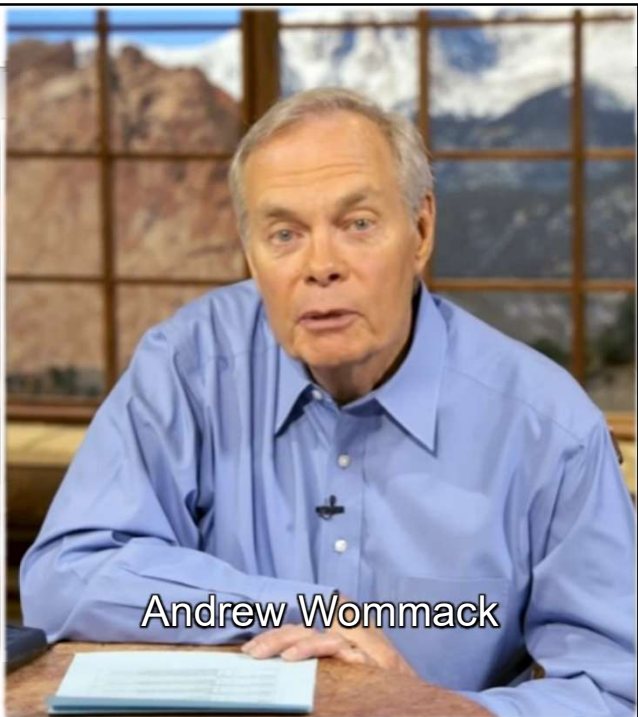
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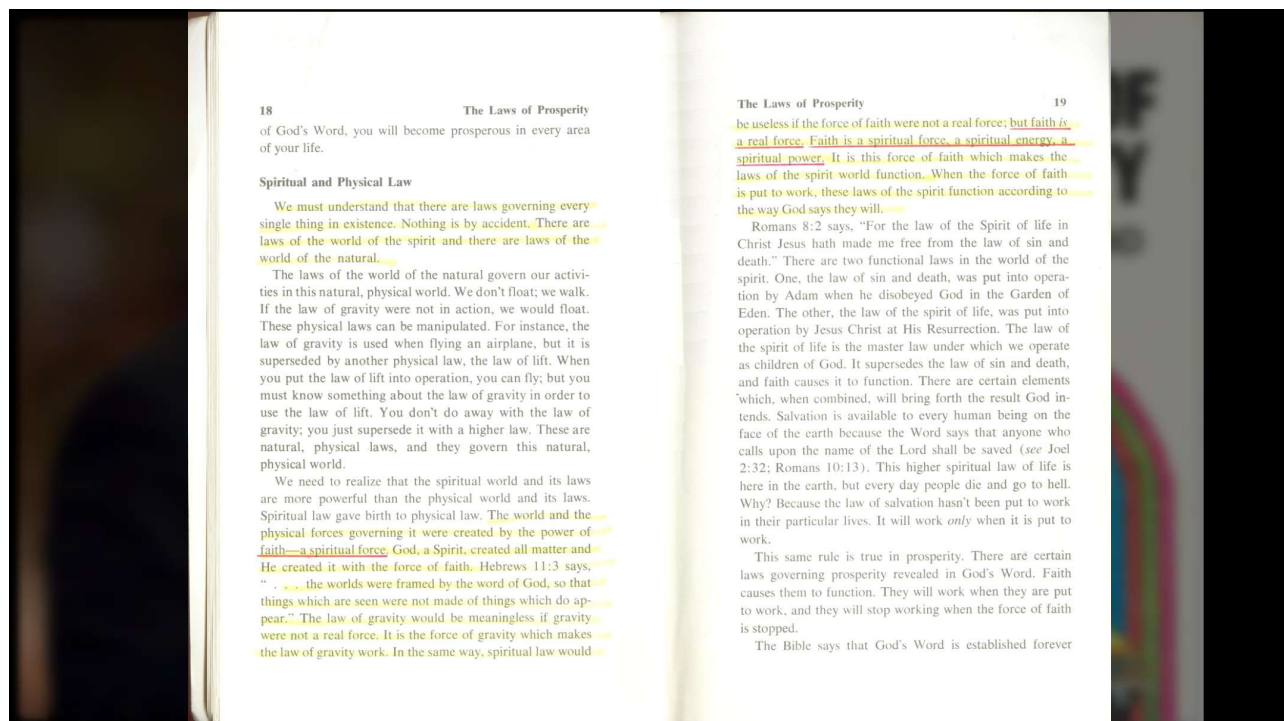
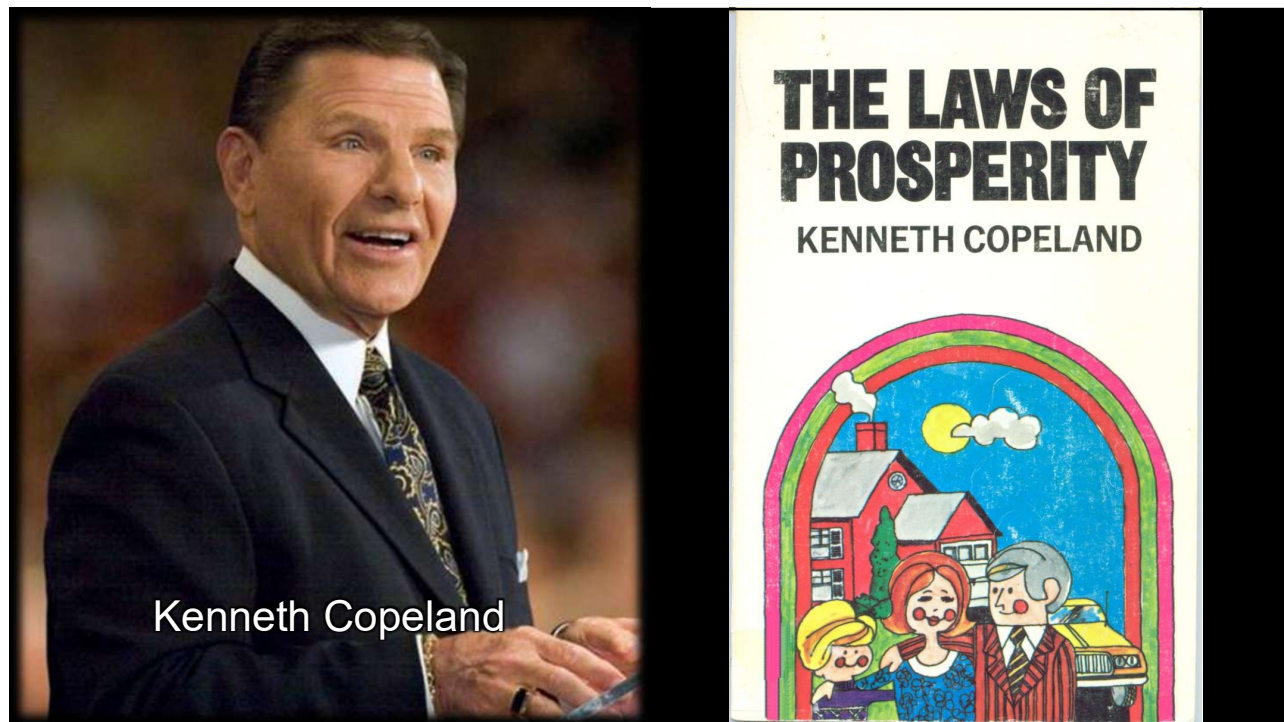


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"There are laws that govern faith, and when those laws are put into action, God's power just flows. It's like turning on lights. You don't plead with the electric company to turn your lights on. They generate the electricity, but the power to turn the lights on has been placed in your hands. You have to flip the switch."



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18 The Laws of Prosperity
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Spiritual and Physical Law

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Spiritual and Physical Law

We must understand that there are laws governing every single thing in existence. Nothing is by accident. There are laws of the world of the spirit and there are laws of the world of the natural.

We need to realize that the spiritual world and its laws are more powerful than the physical world and its laws. Spiritual law gave birth to physical law. The world and the physical forces governing it were created by the power of faith—a spiritual force. God, a Spirit, created all matter and He created it with the force of faith. Hebrews 11:3 says, "...the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." The law of gravity would be meaningless if gravity were not a real force. It is the force of gravity which makes the law of gravity work. In the same way, spiritual law would

here in the earth, but every day people die and go to hell. 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.

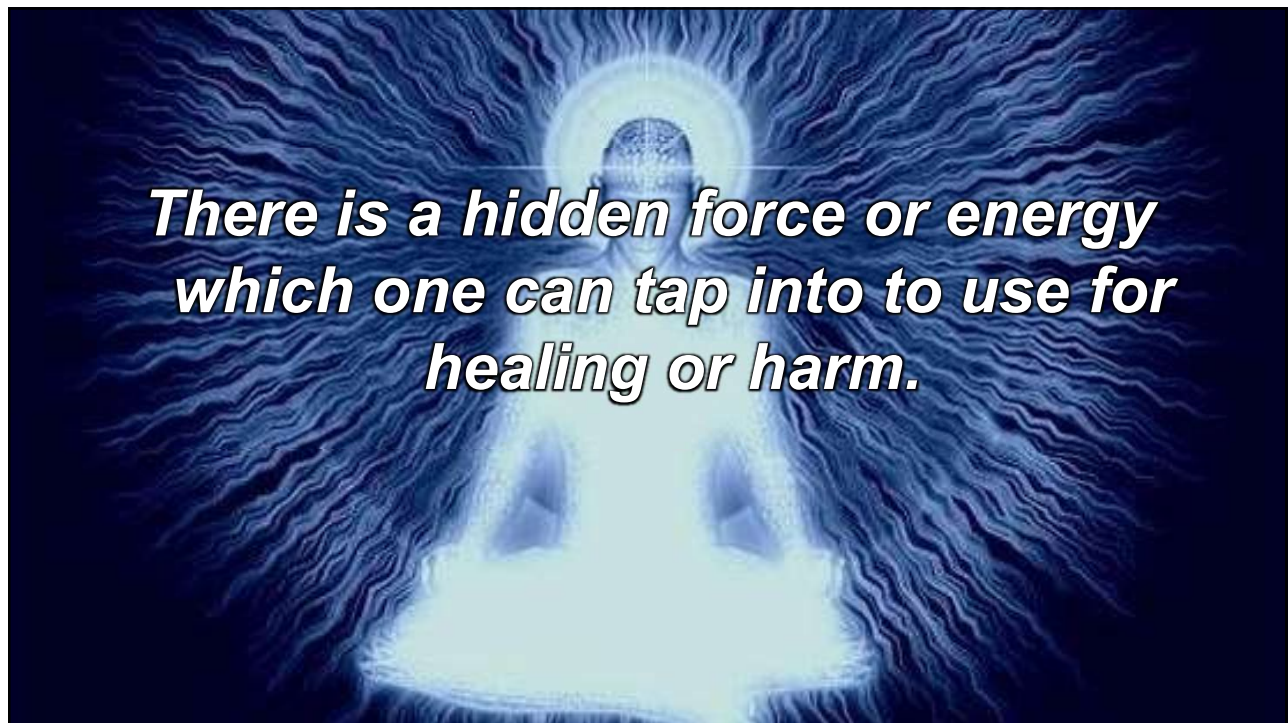
This same rule is true in prosperity. There are certain laws governing prosperity revealed in God's Word. Faith causes them to function. They will work when they are put to work, and they will stop working when the force of faith is stopped.

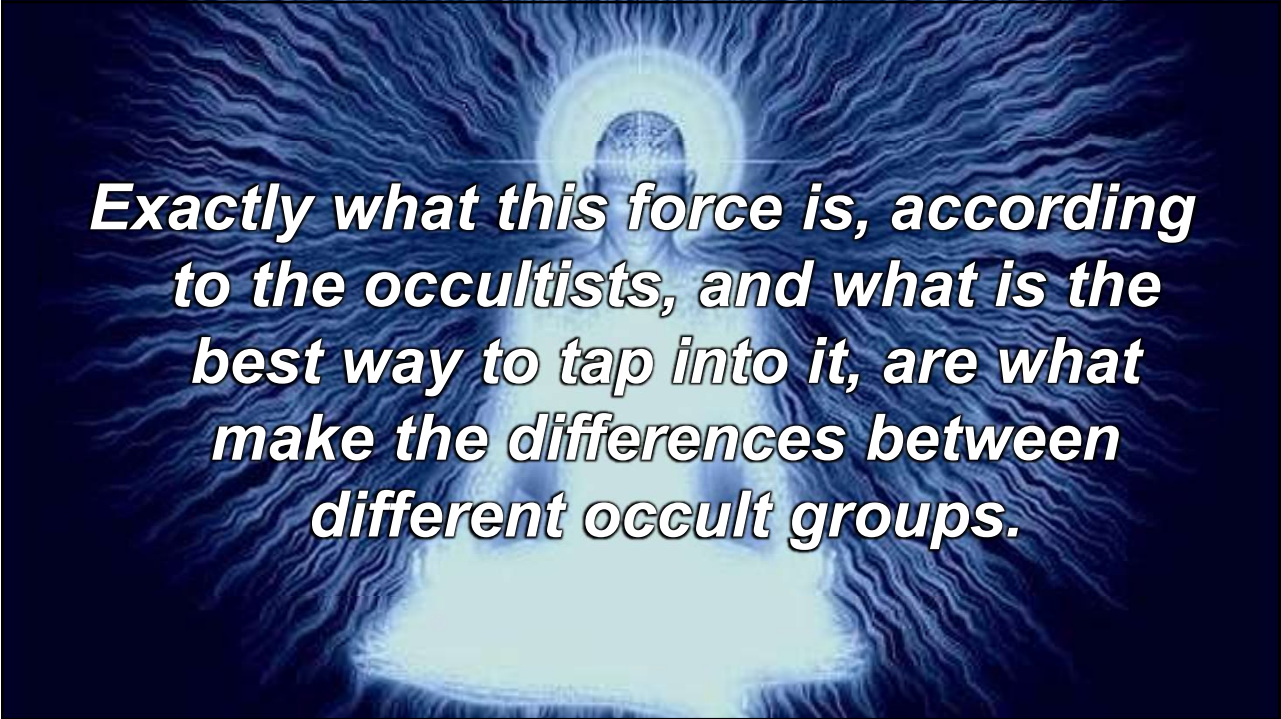
The Bible says that God's Word is established forever



"We need to understand and realize that this actually is the base of all spiritual understanding. 'Cause people have had the idea that the spiritual world is just, you know 'well, you just never know what God's gonna do; I just, well you never know. I don't know why that happened. I don't know why that didn't happen.' No, no, no. The spiritual realm is highly regulated by laws—spiritual laws—that govern everything."

Kenneth Copeland



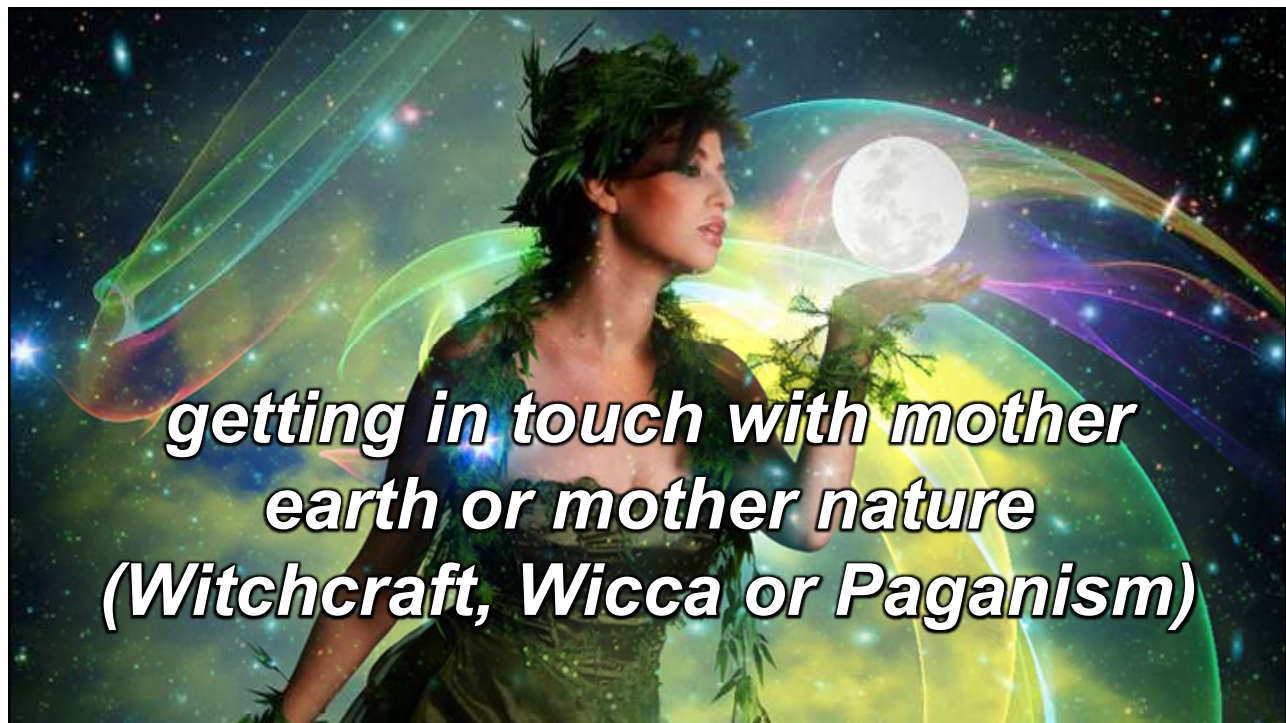


Exactly what this force is, according to the occultists, and what is the best way to tap into it, are what make the differences between different occult groups.

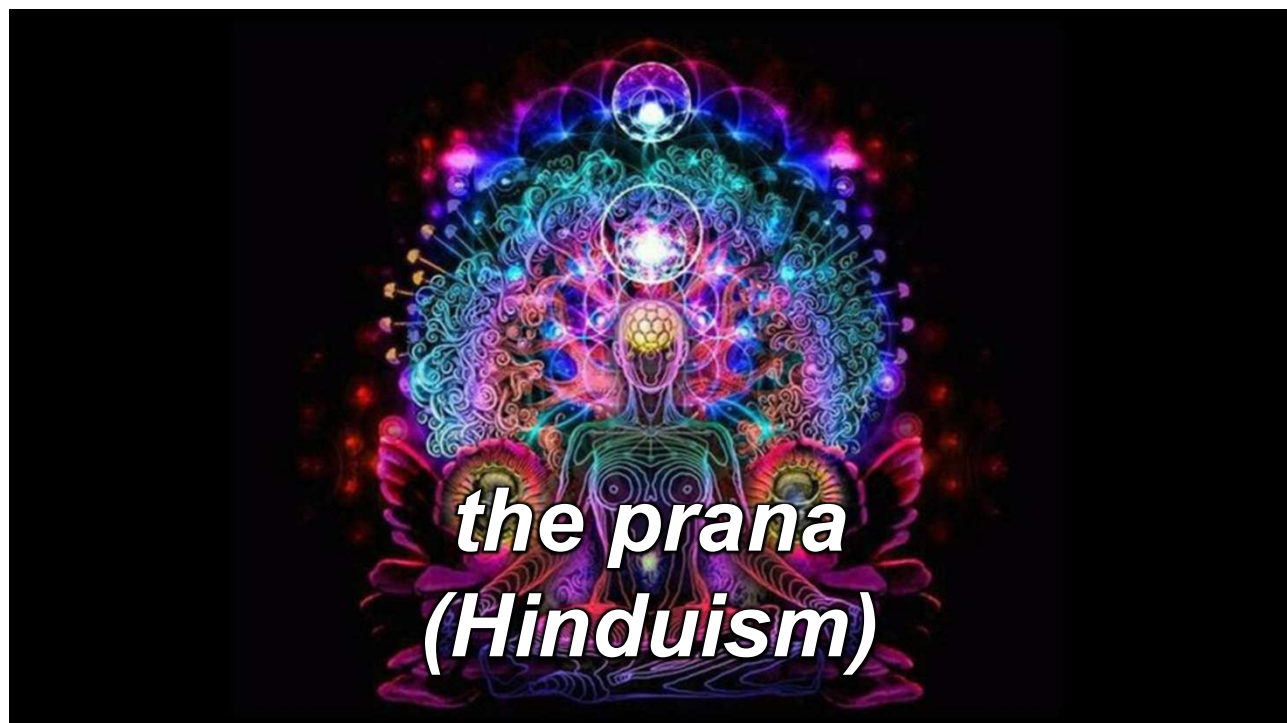
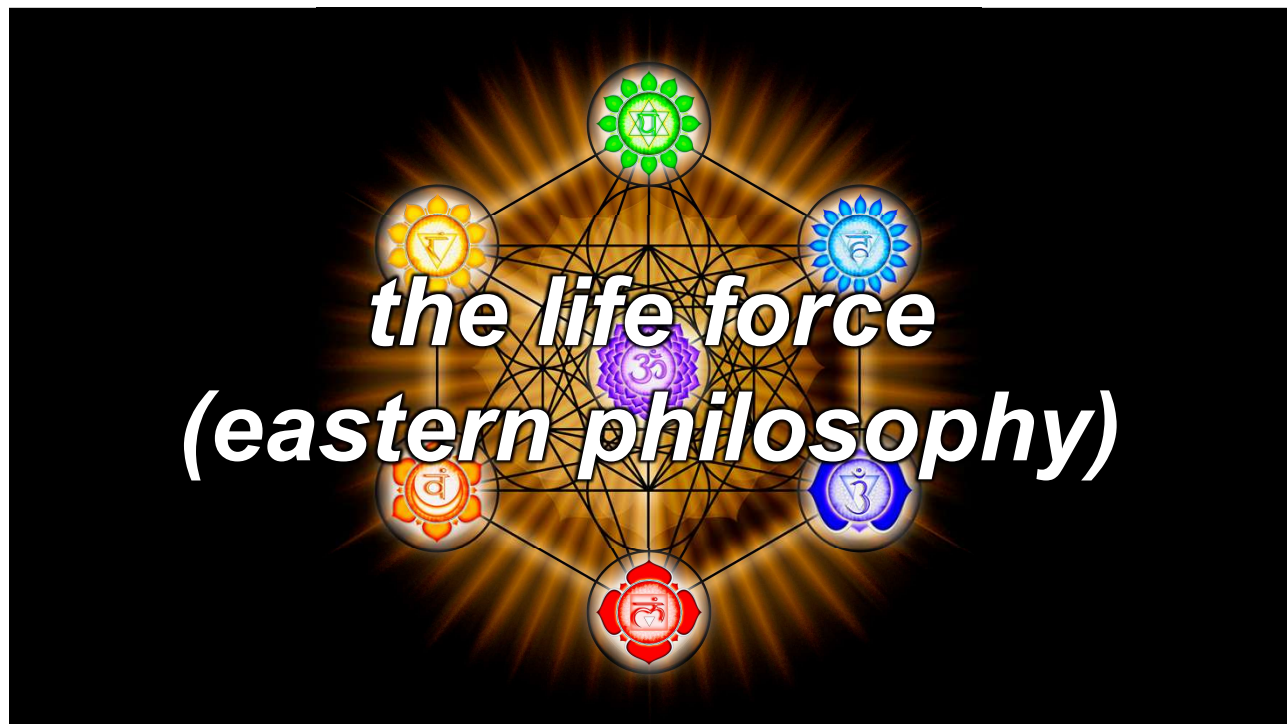


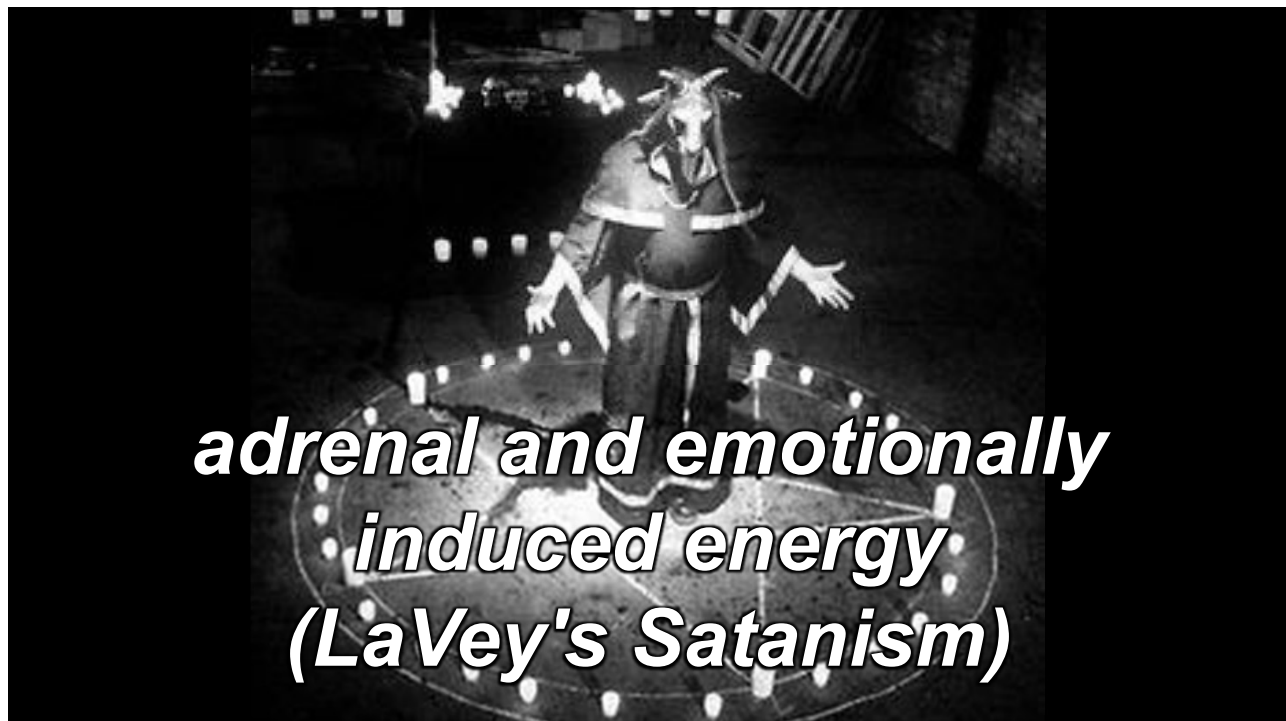
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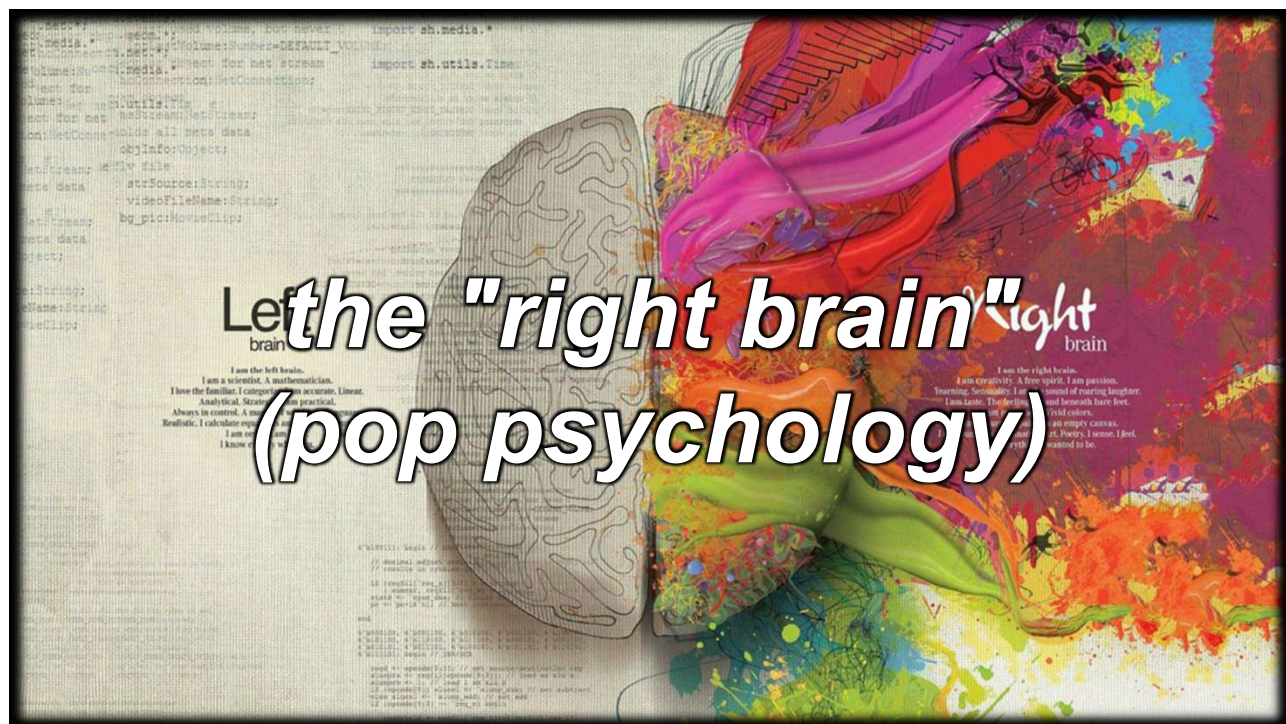
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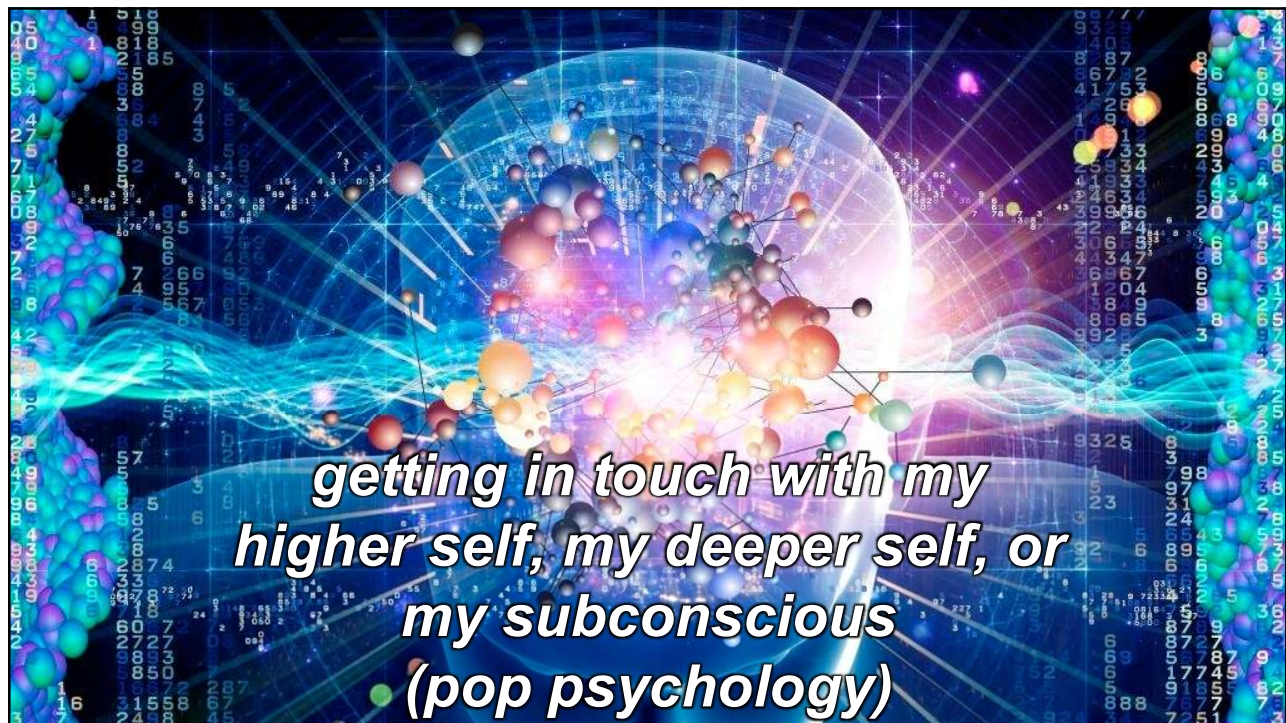


***getting in touch with mother
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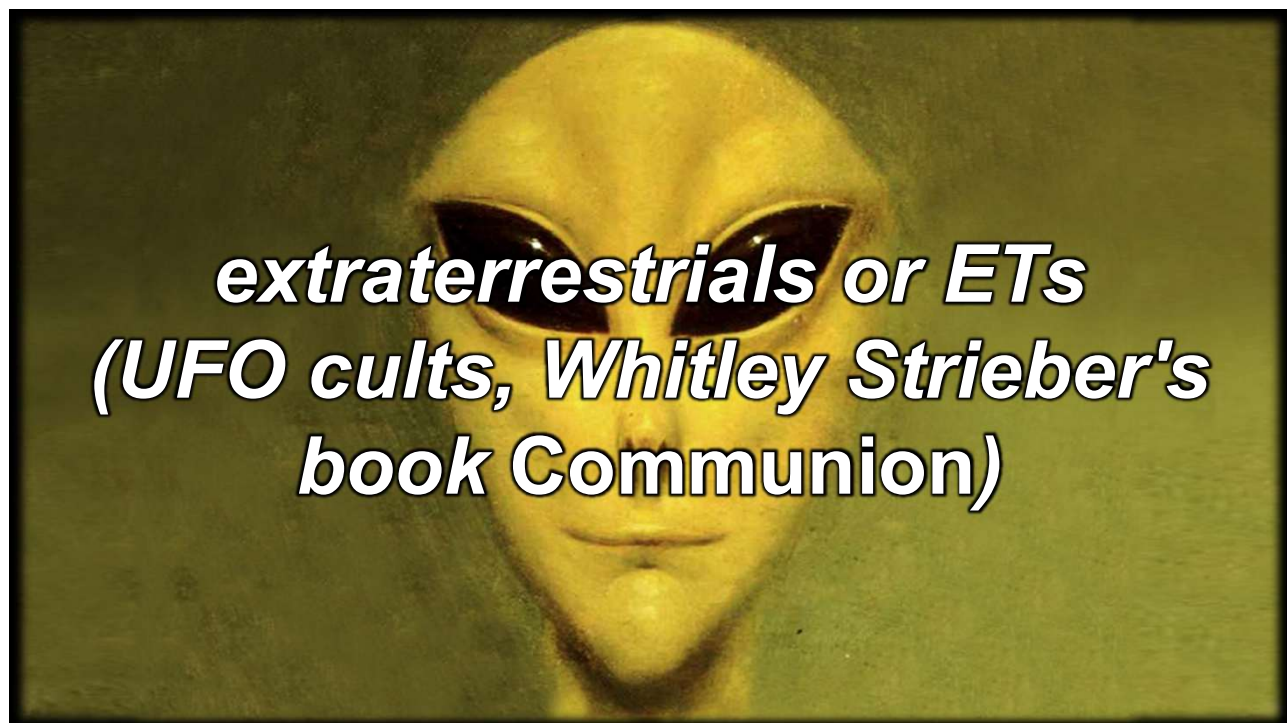
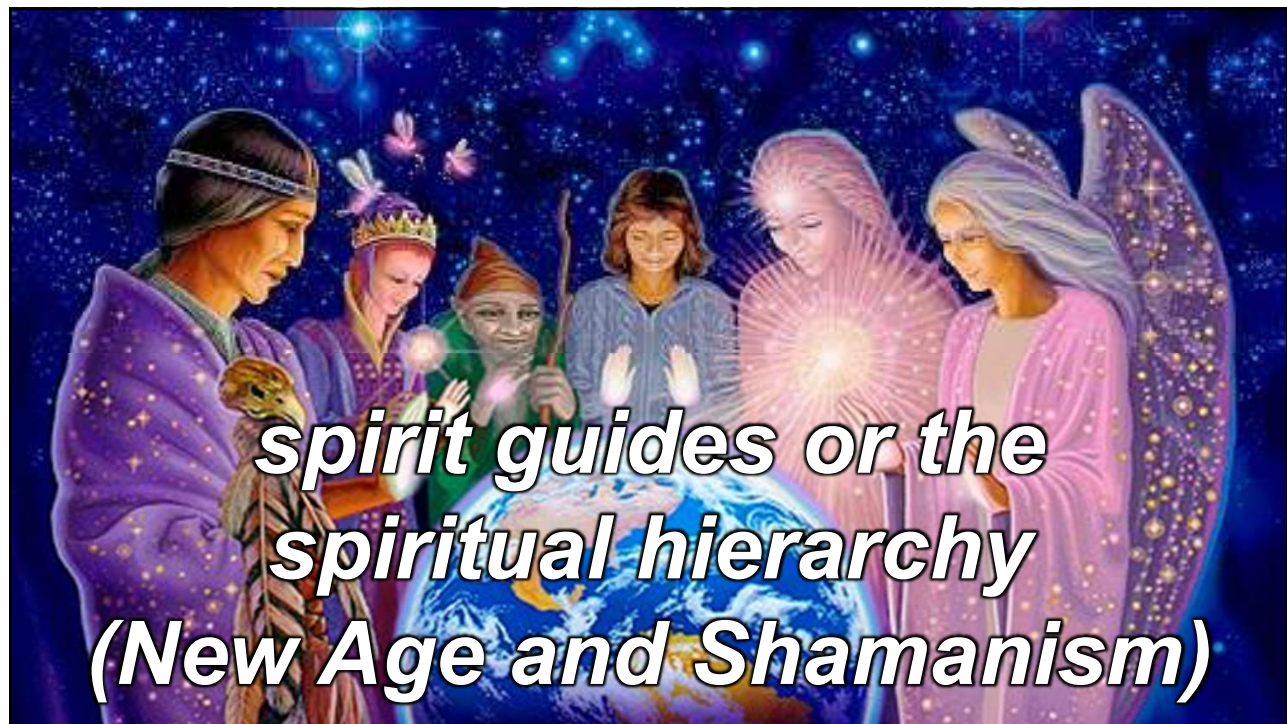




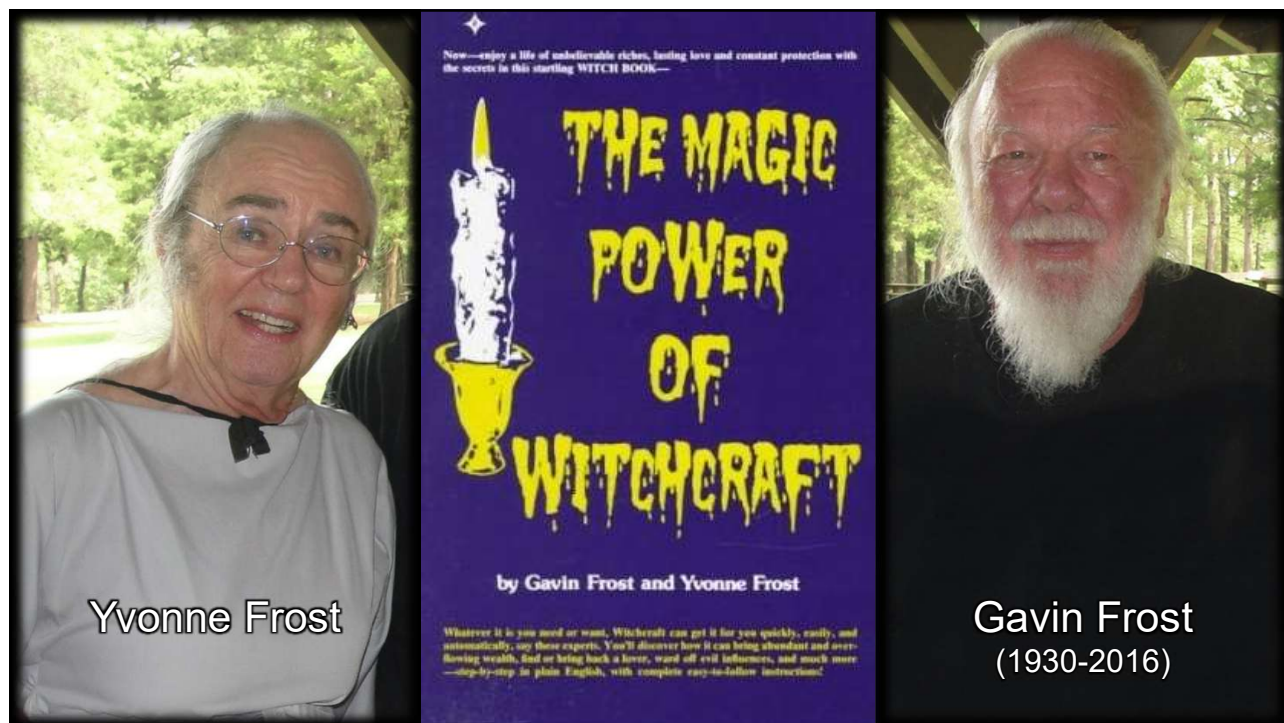
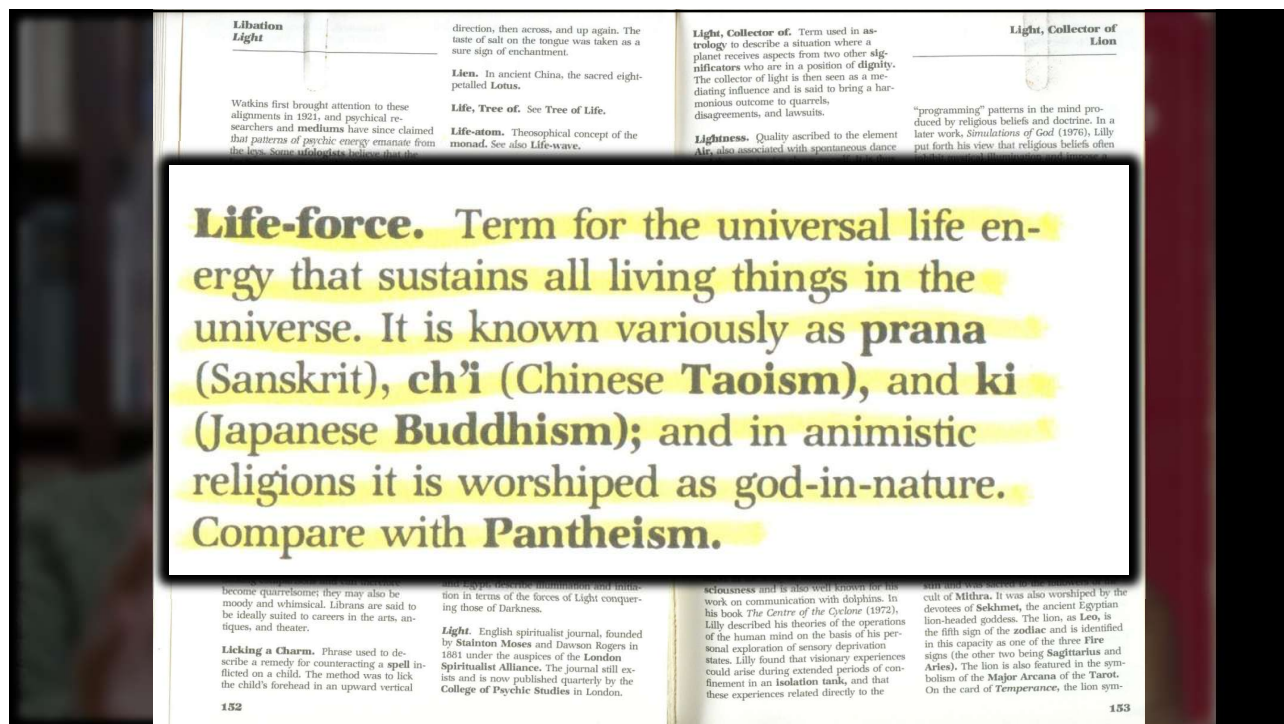


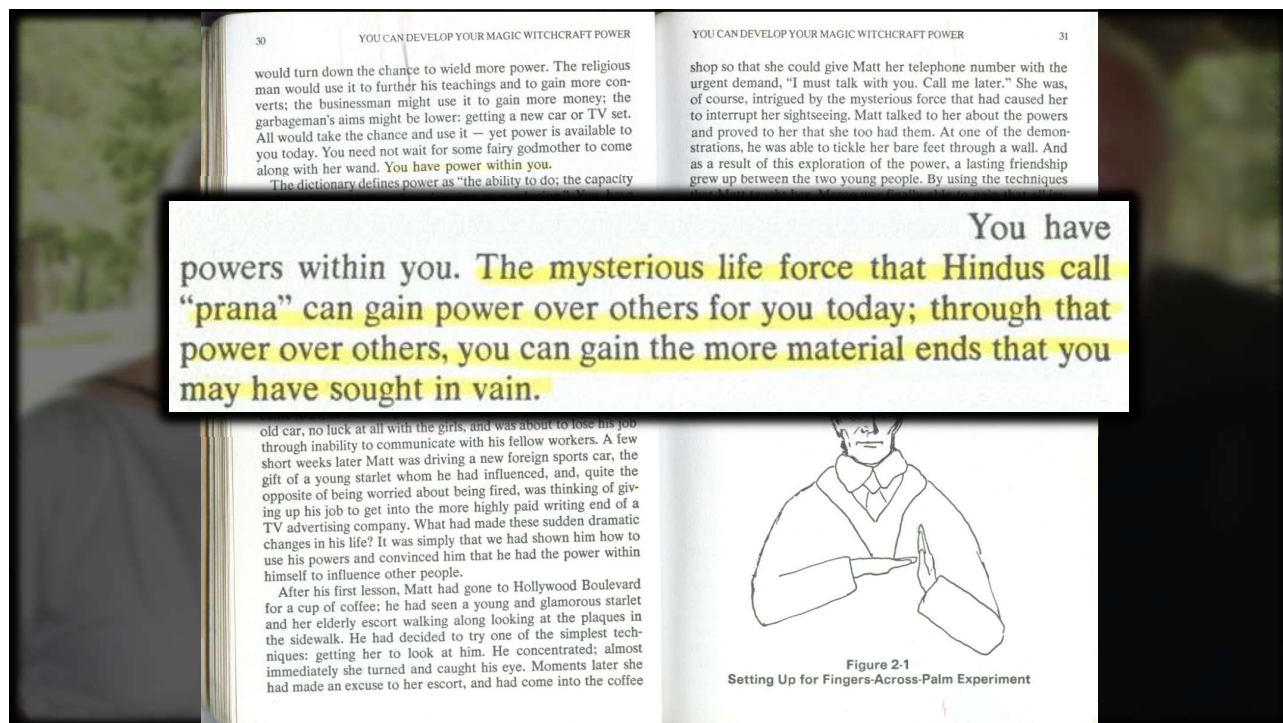
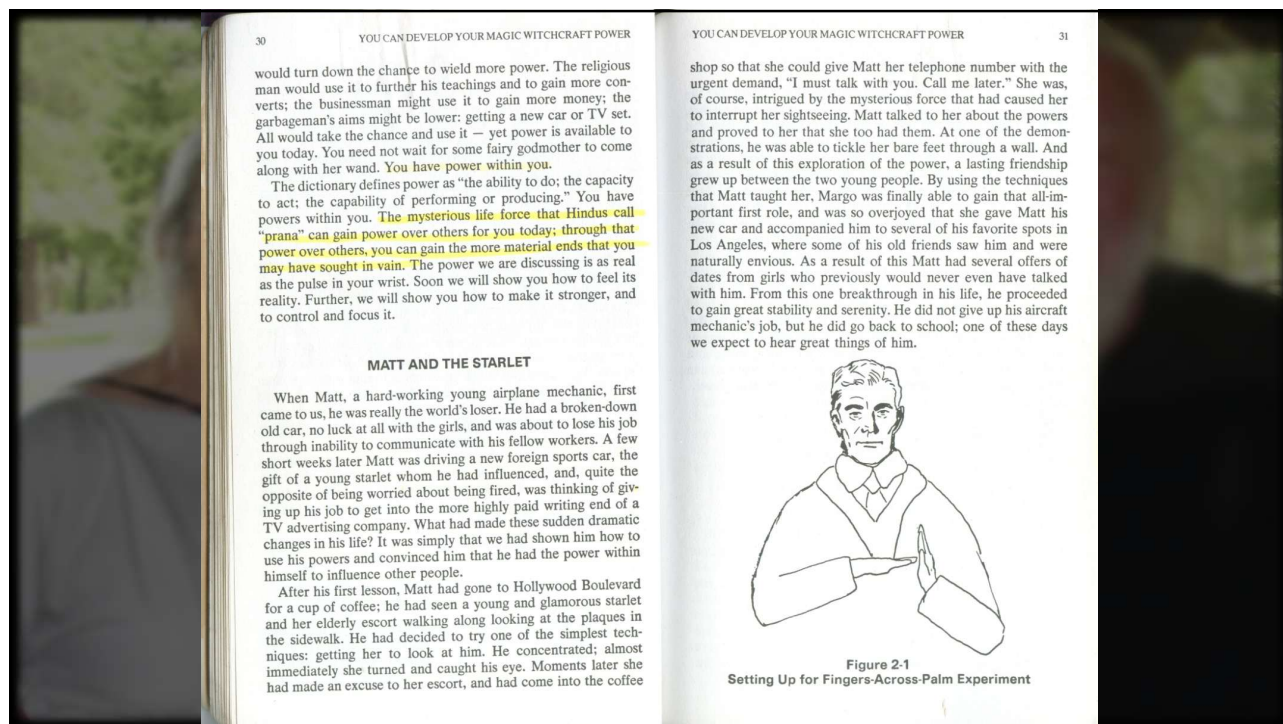


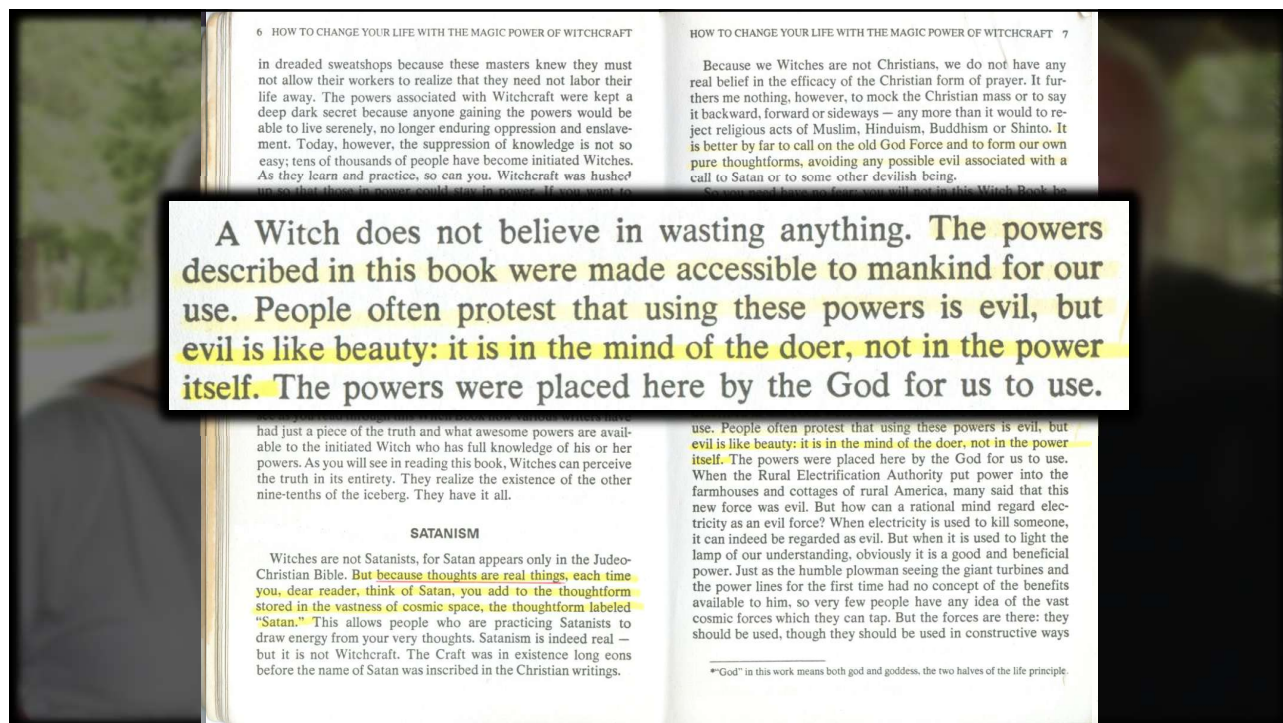
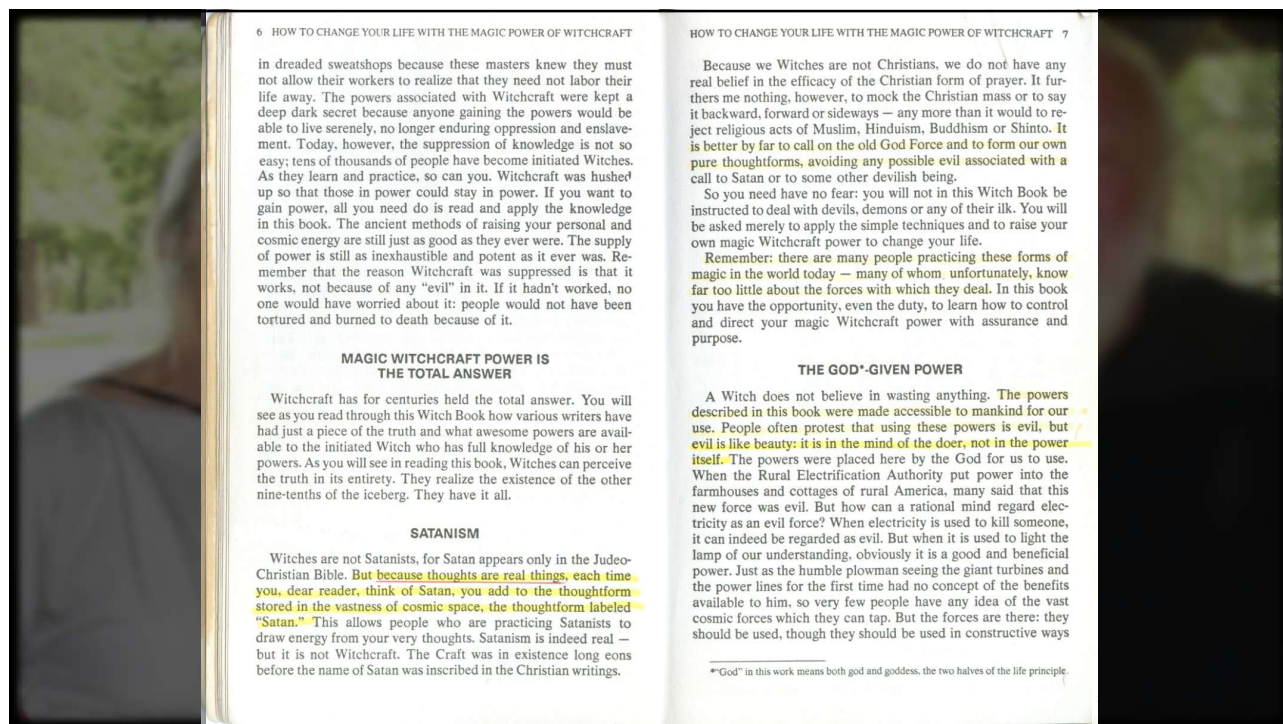




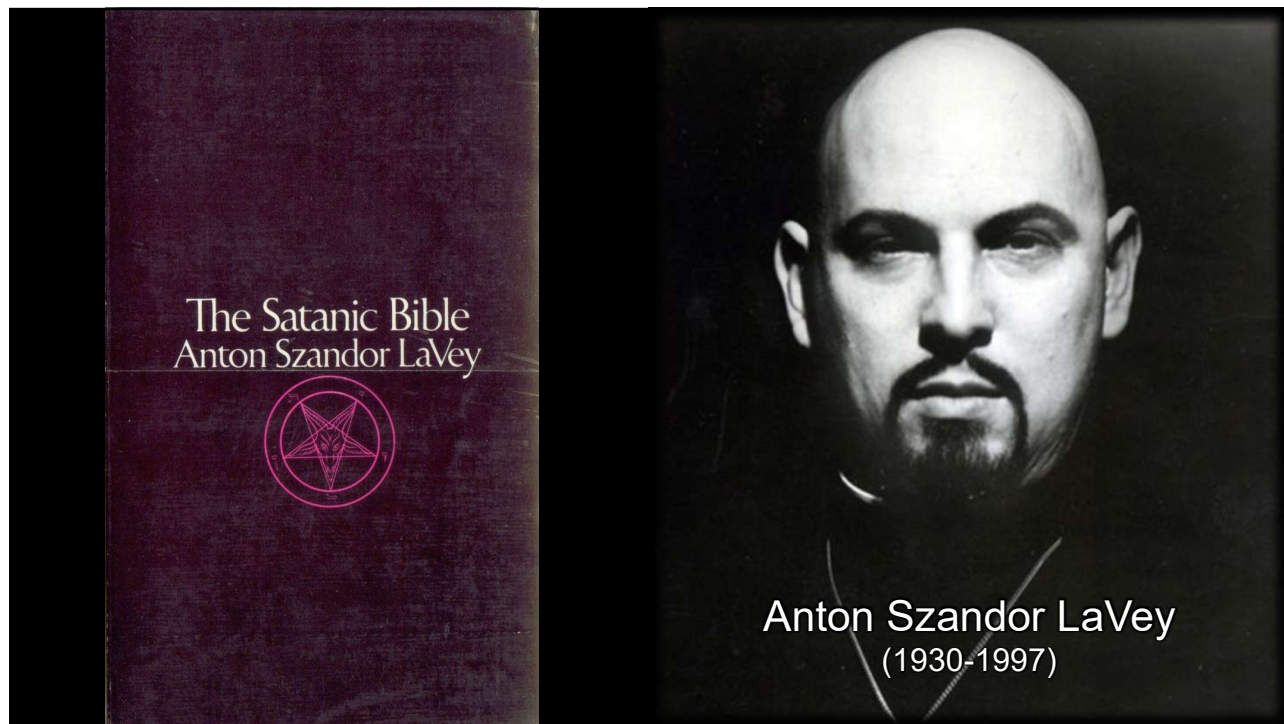




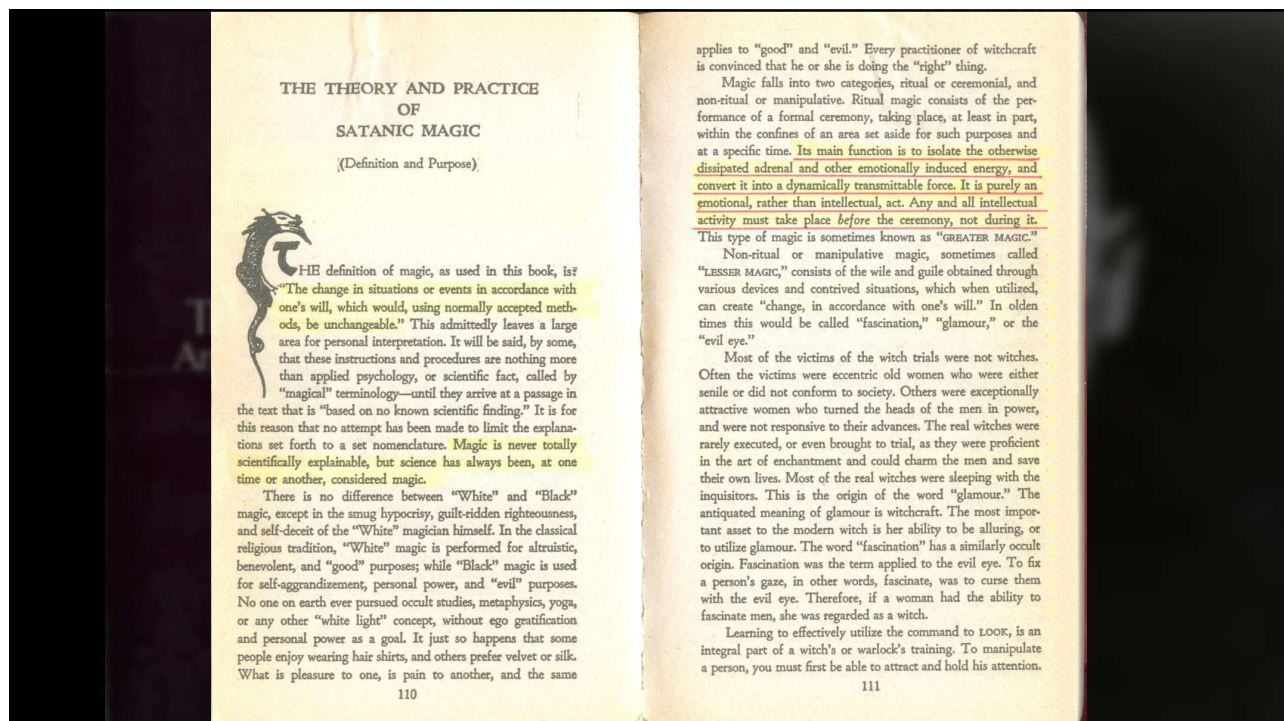


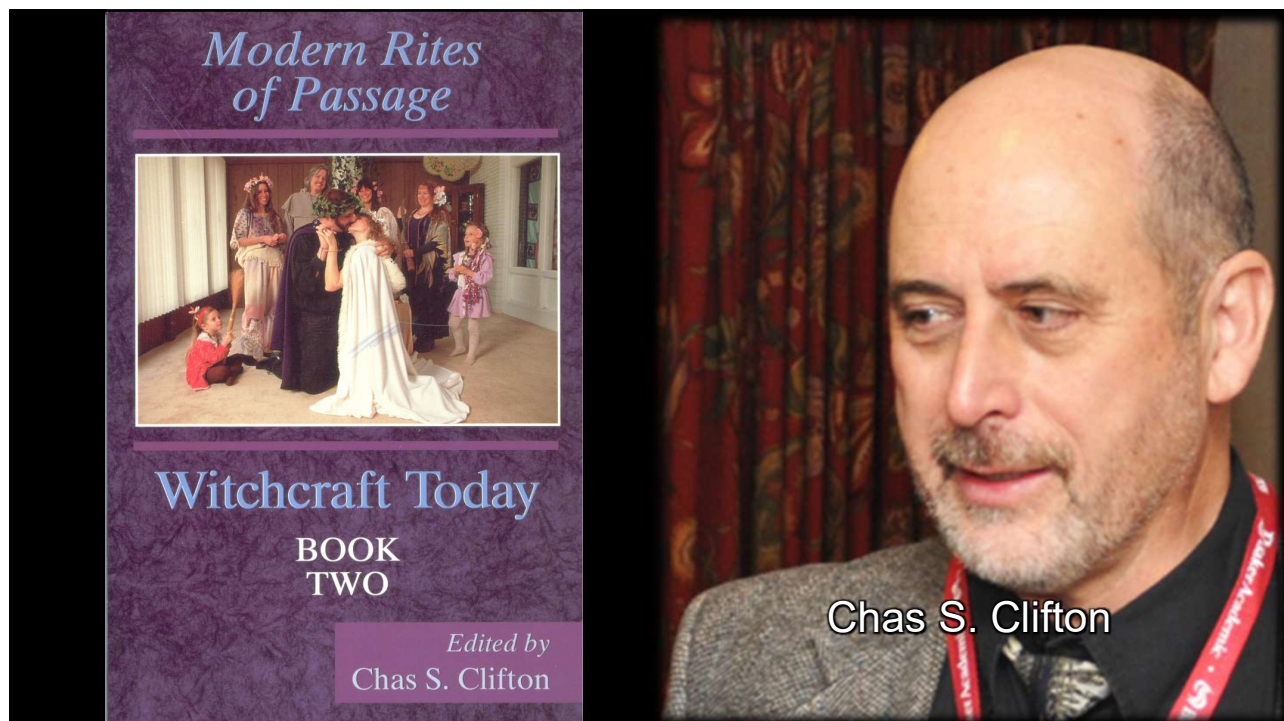
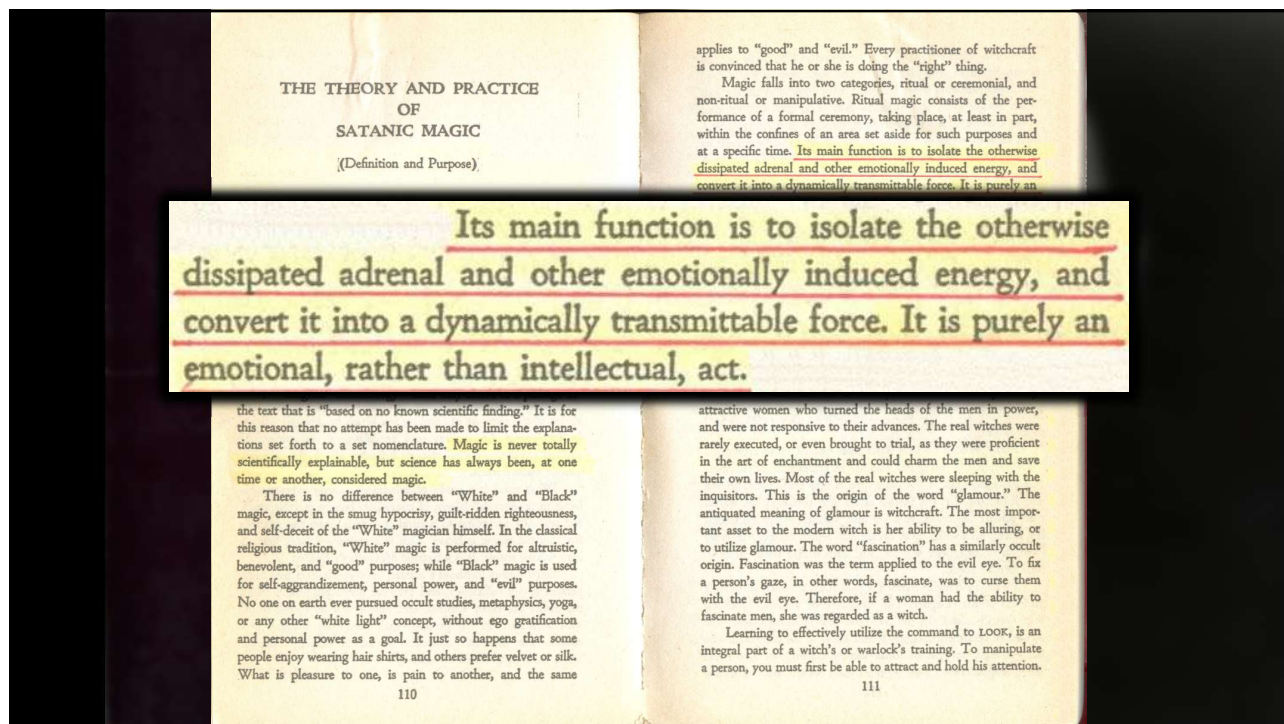


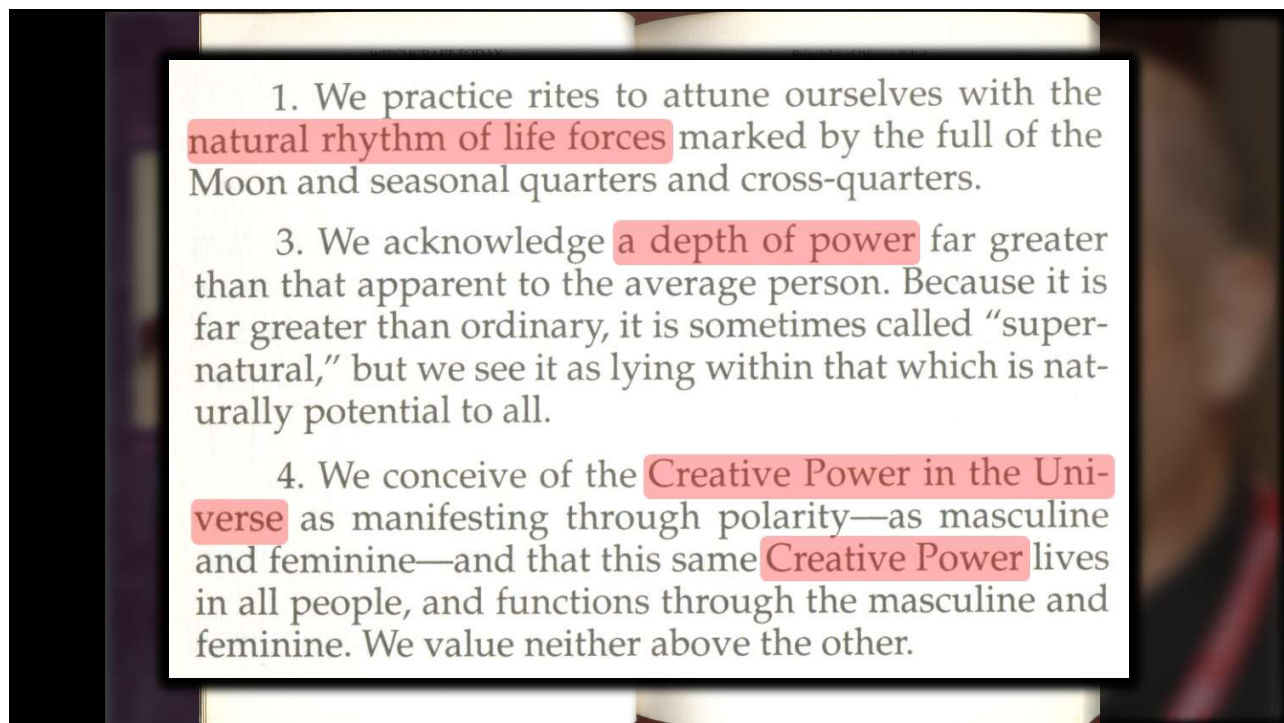
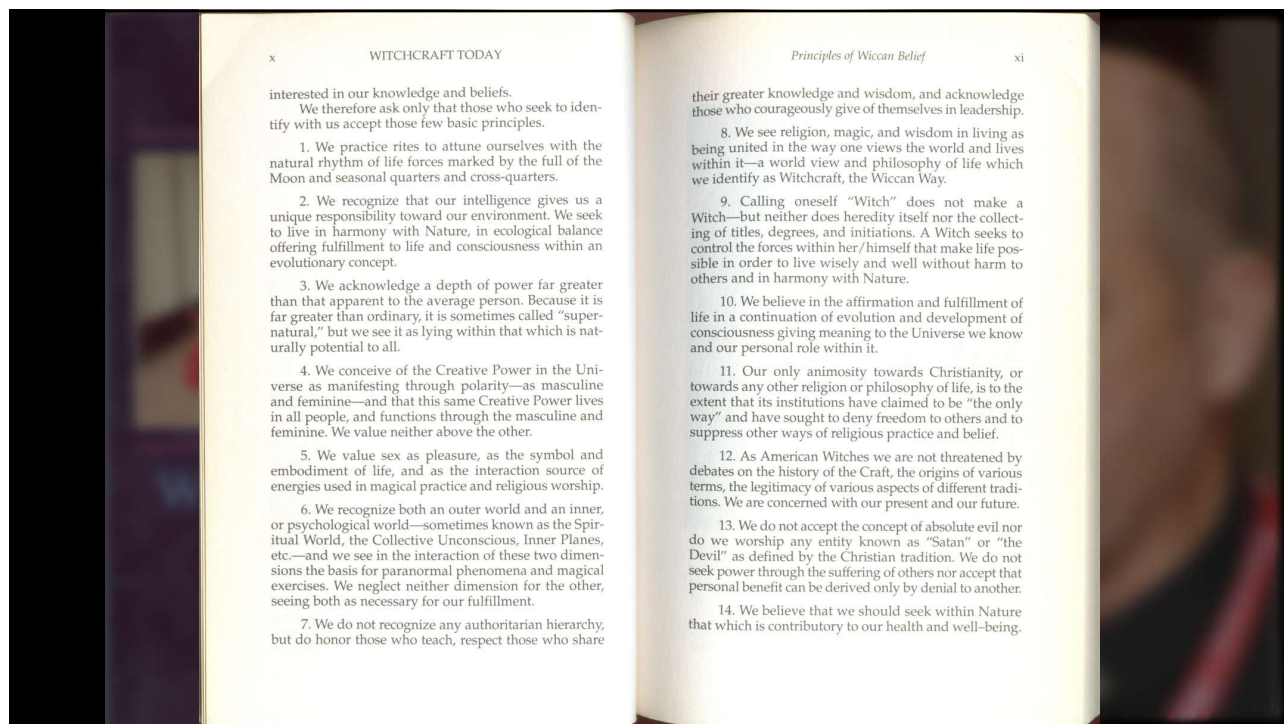
A Witch does not believe in wasting anything. The powers described in this book were made accessible to mankind for our use. People often protest that using these powers is evil, but evil is like beauty: it is in the mind of the doer, not in the power itself. The powers were placed here by the God for us to use.

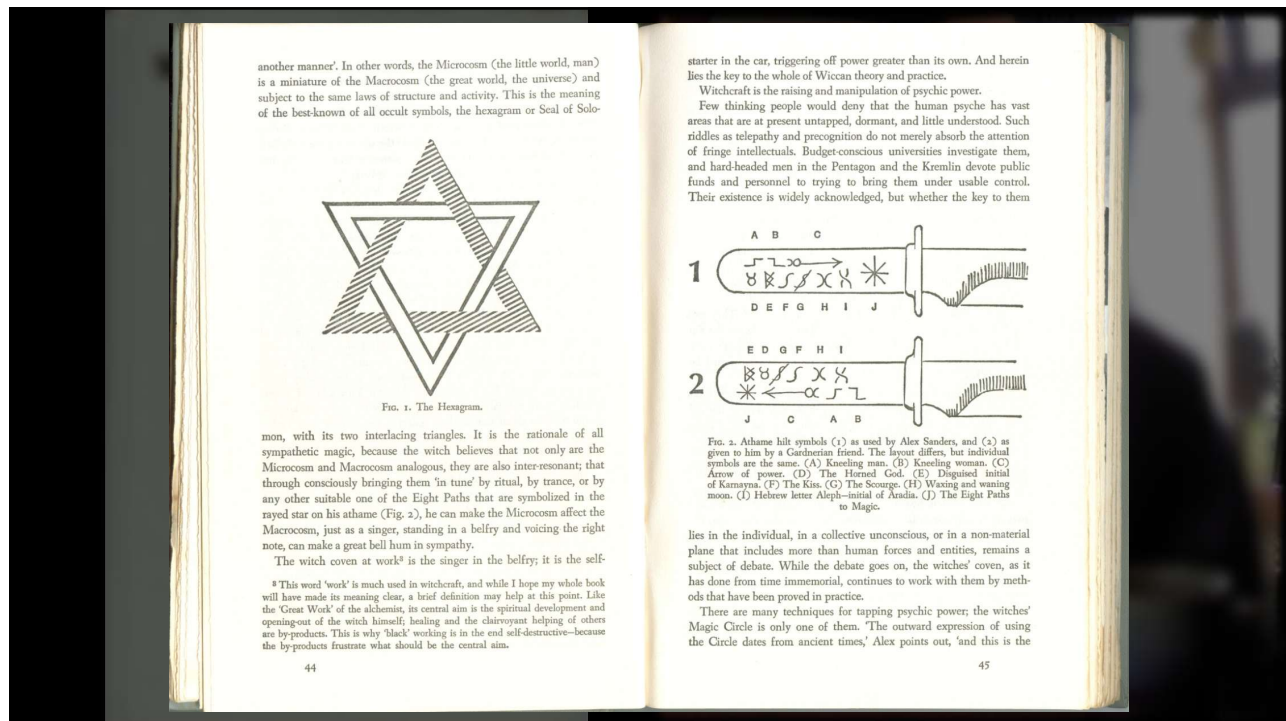
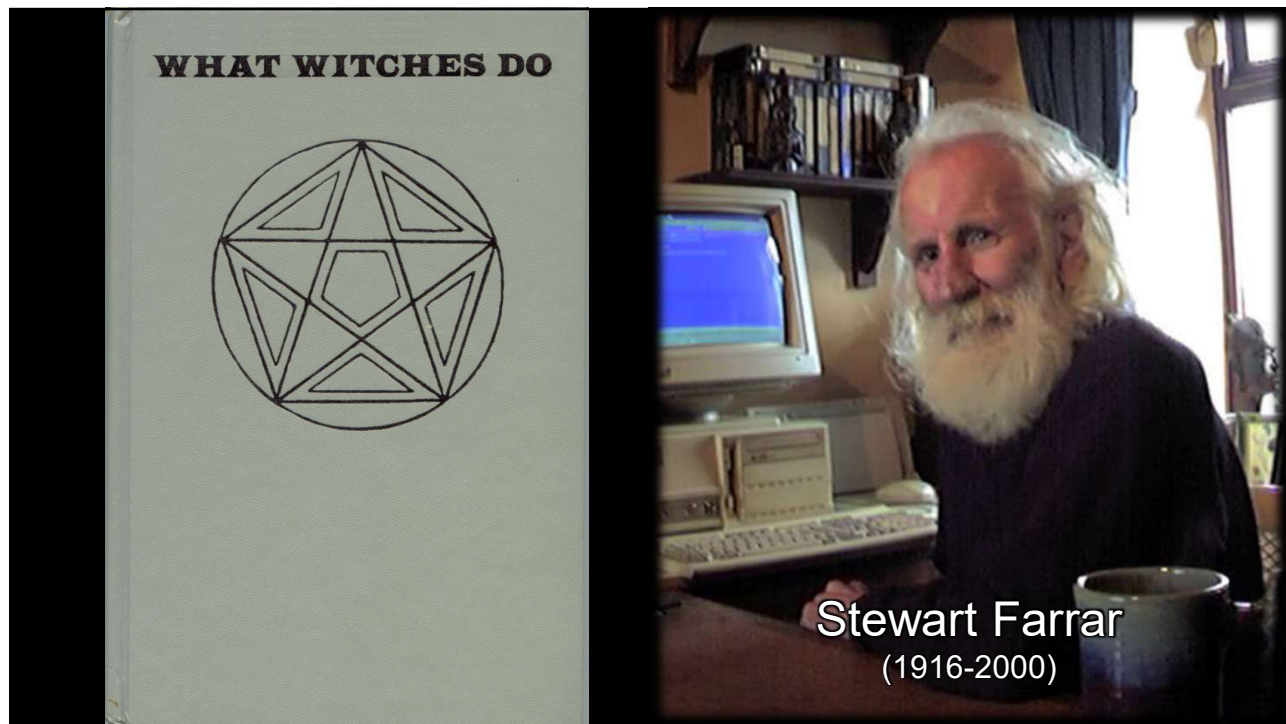


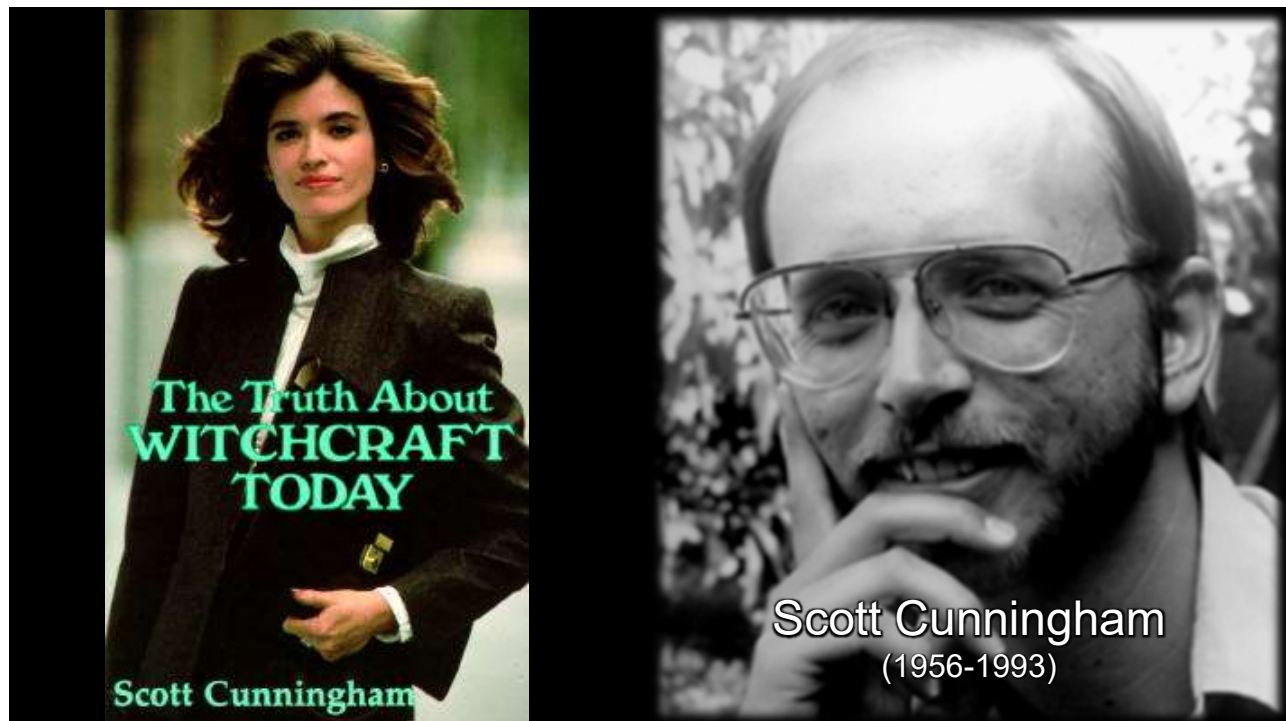
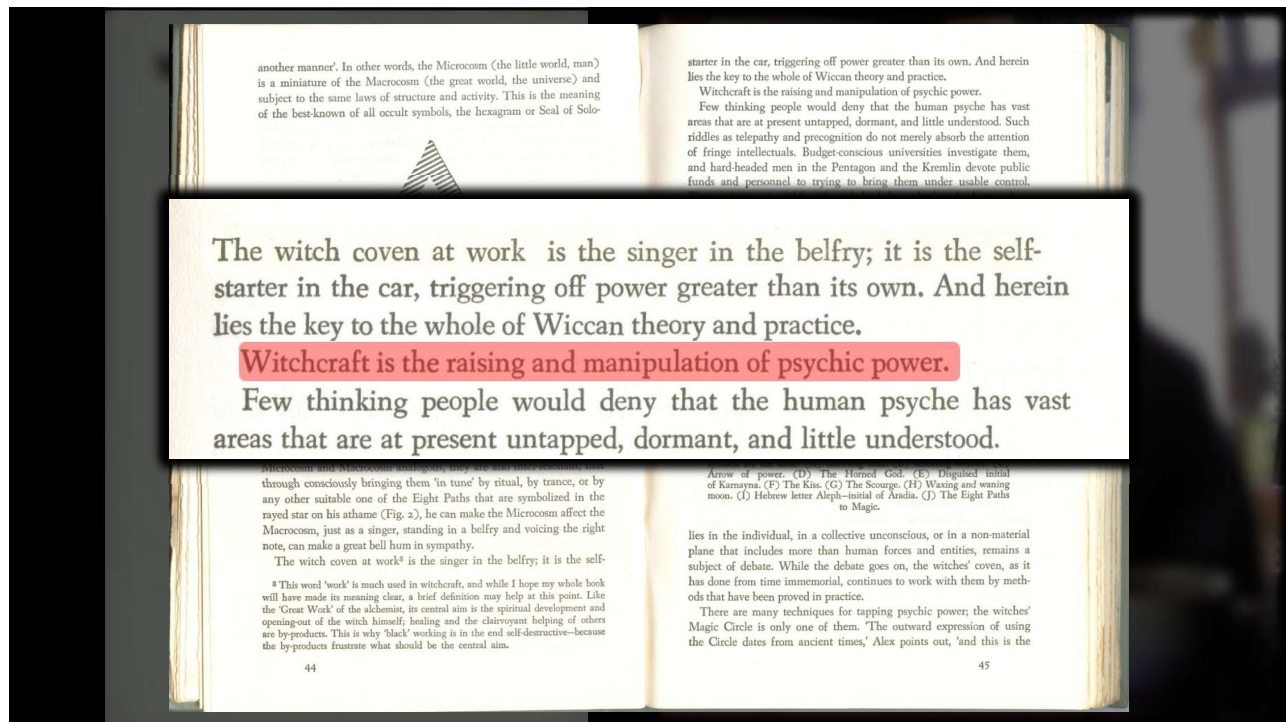
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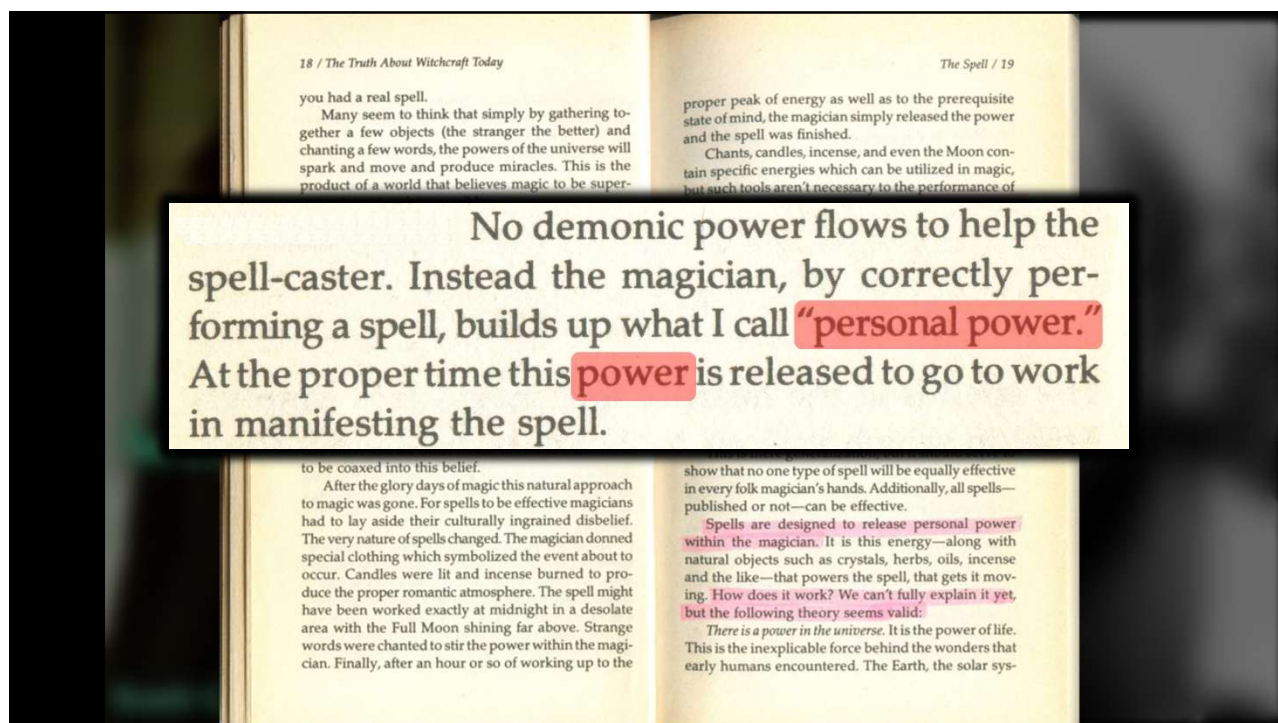
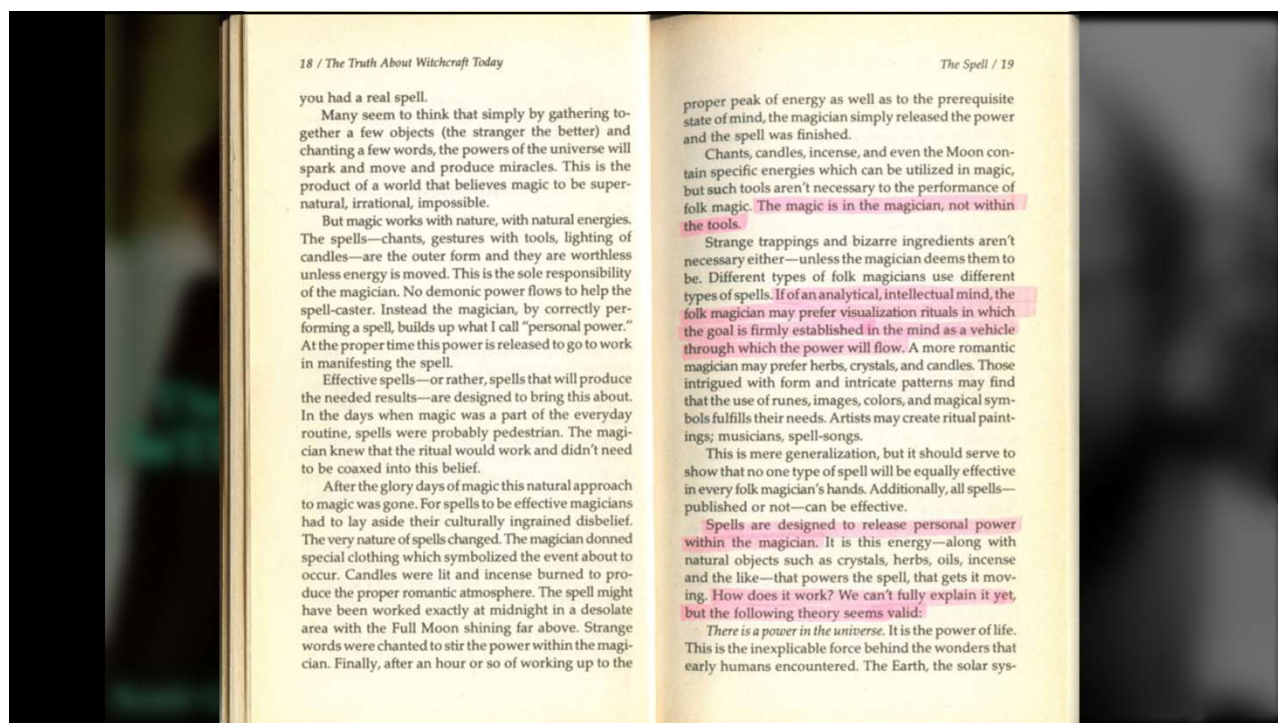


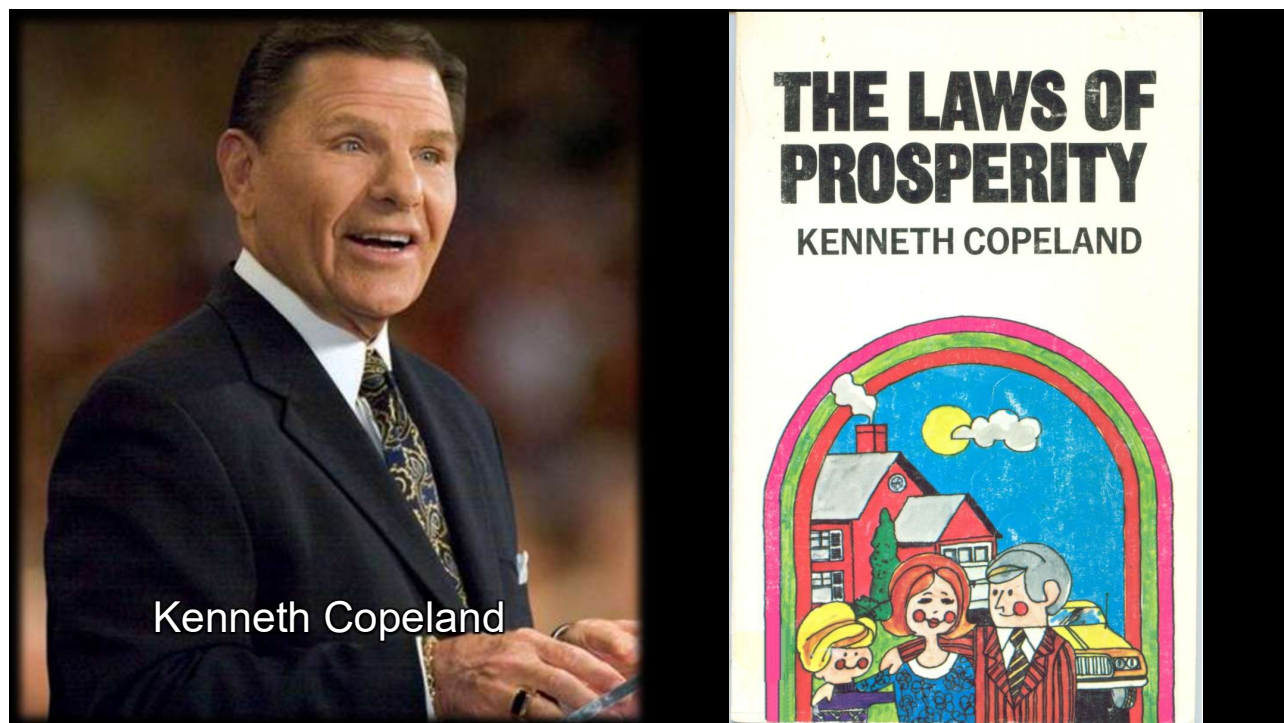
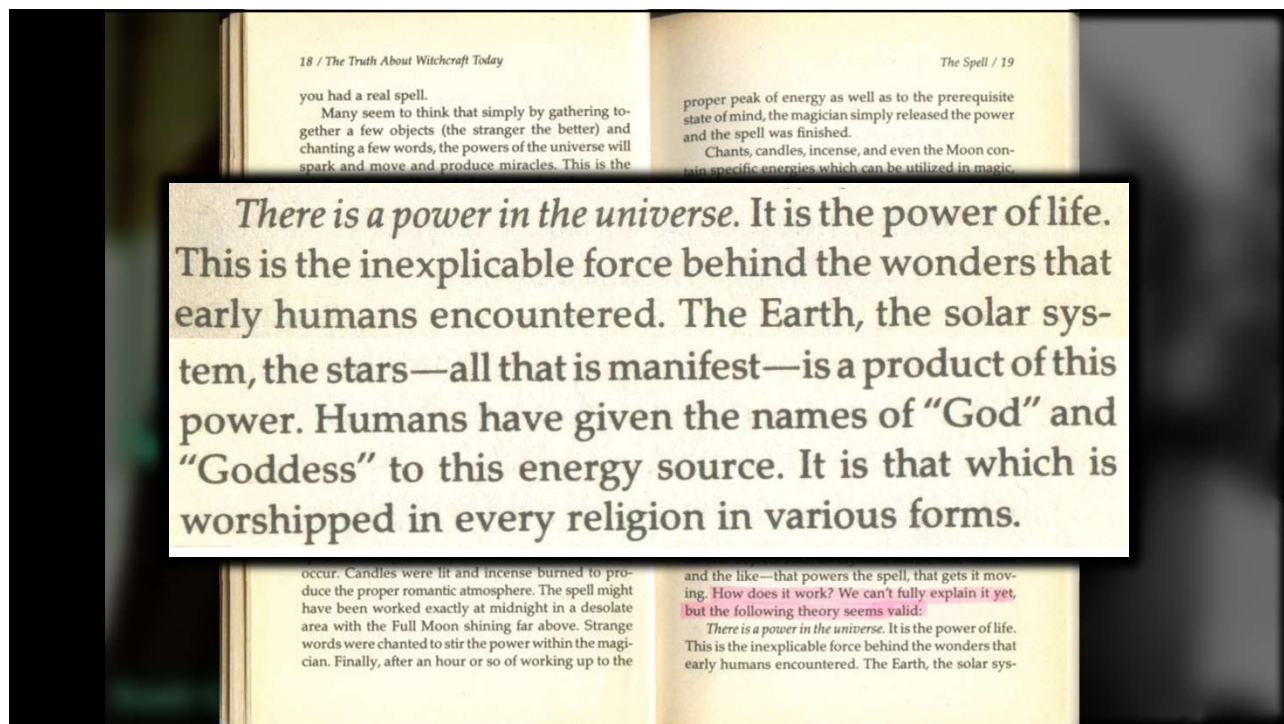


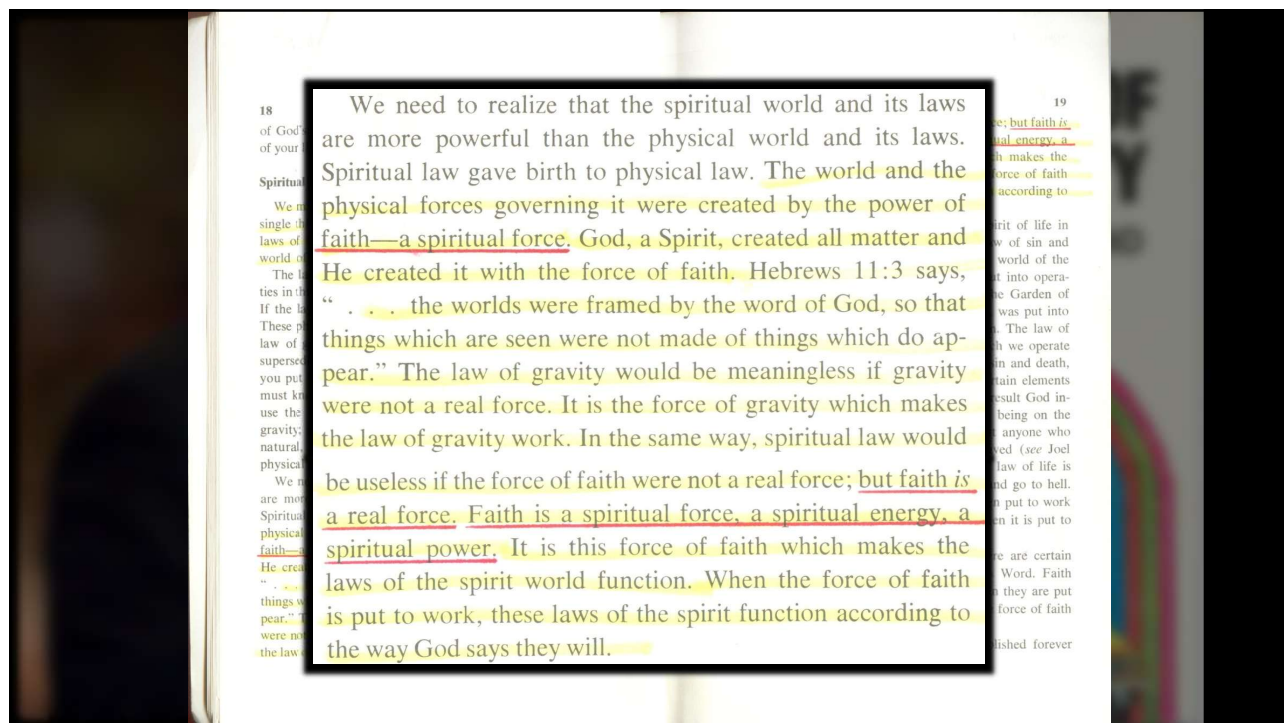
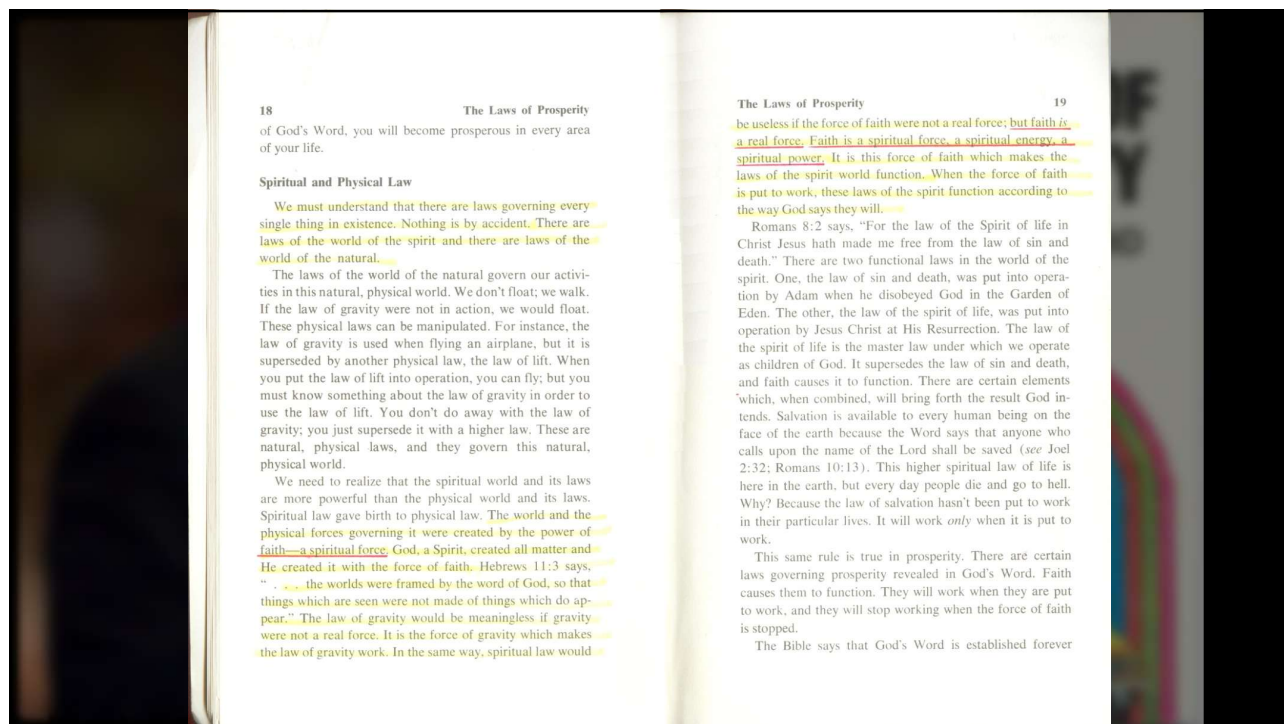


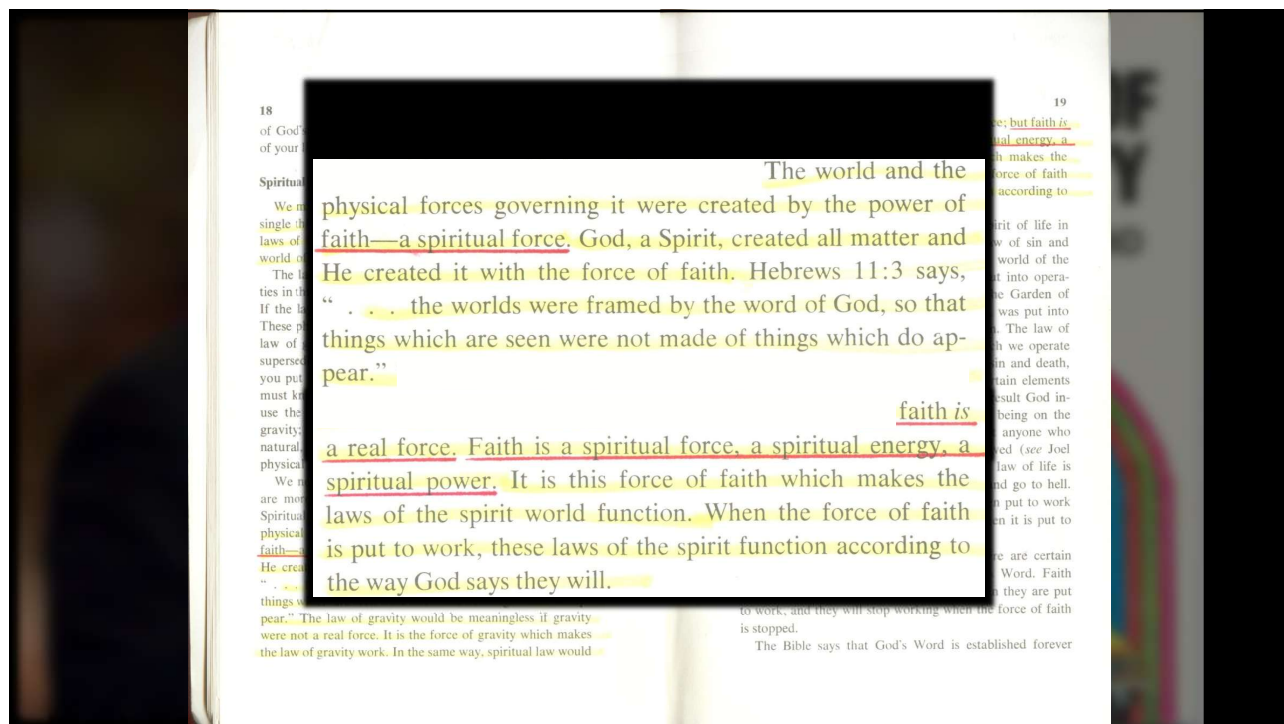












Copeland: "Well the force of faith is in the spiritual realm a great deal like certain forces in the natural realm. It's a spiritual force like gravity is a natural force; electricity is a natural force of power. It's a power."

Paul Crouch: "It's a measurable, natural force."

Copeland: "Yeah. It's a measurable force. It's conductible. It's perceptible to the touch. Faith is a spiritual force. It's perceptible. It is a tangible force. It's an invisible force. So is gravity, but it's there."

Paul Crouch: "So is electricity."

Copeland: "So . . ."

Paul Crouch: "Does God use faith?"

Copeland: "Surely."

Paul Crouch: "Now, see here's a sore spot."

There are those . . ."

Jan Crouch: "Not with him!"

Copeland: "Not with me!"

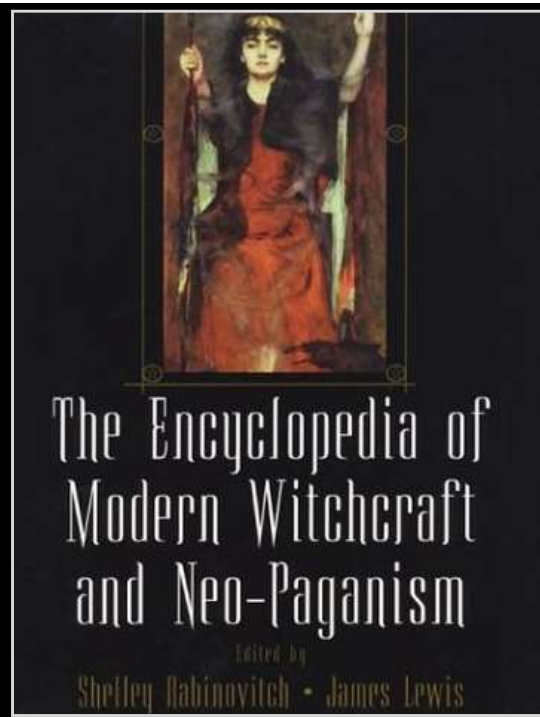
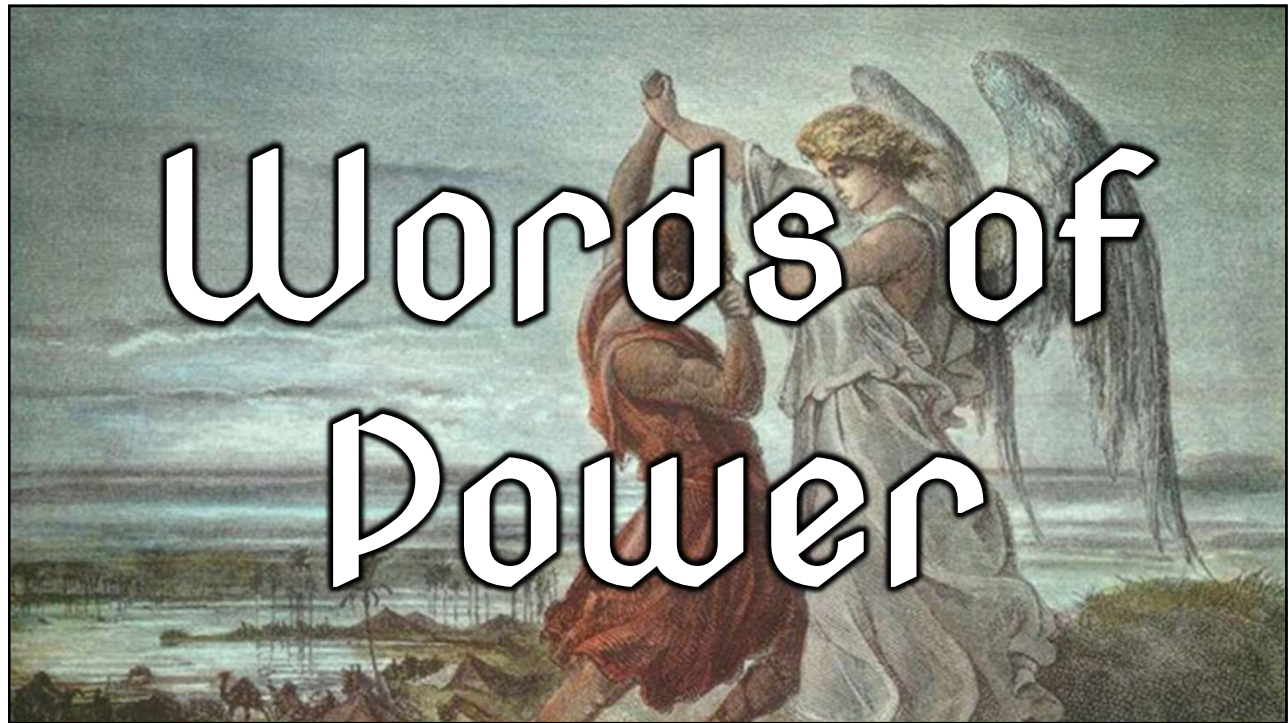
Paul Crouch: "Not with you!"

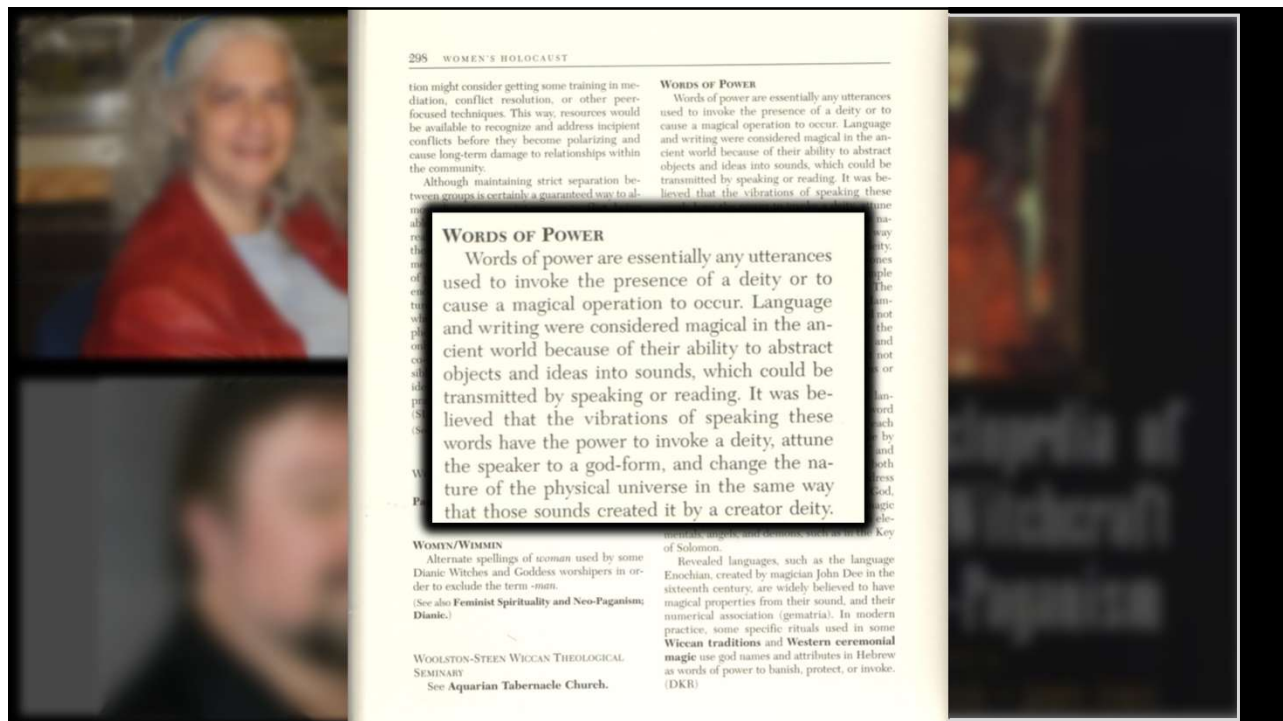
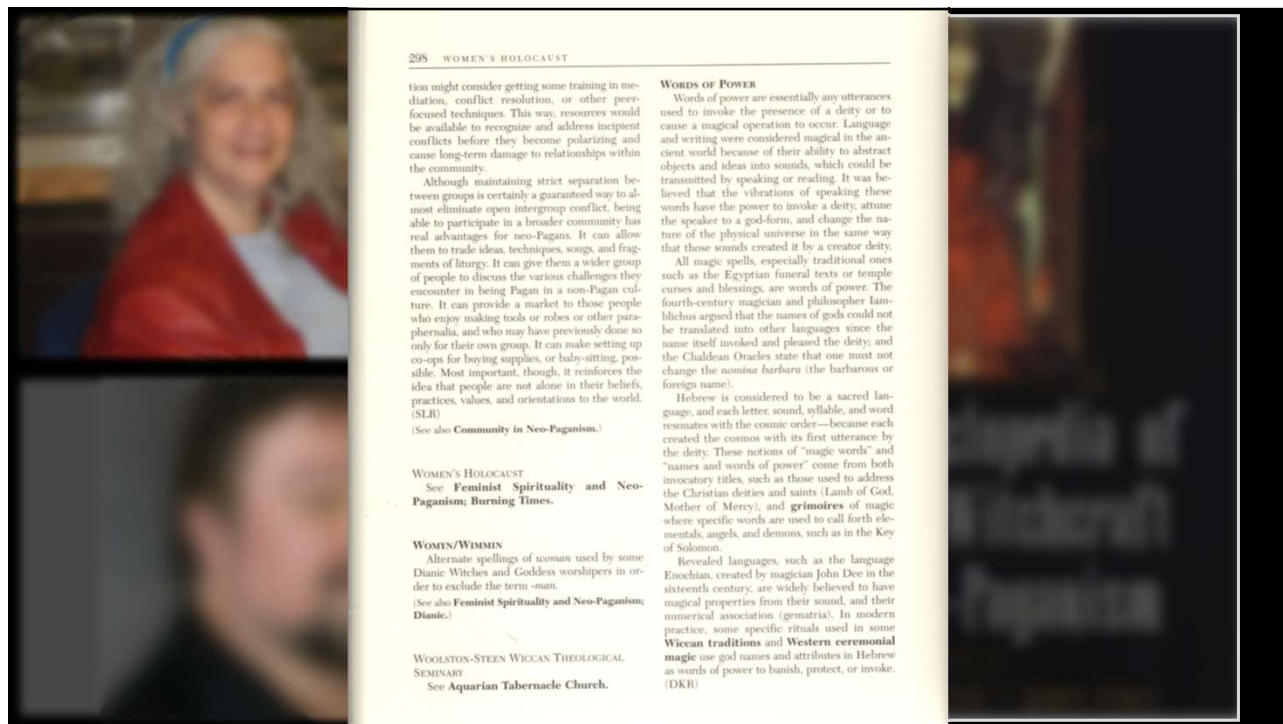
Copeland: "In fact, I'm not sore at God at all and I don't think He's sore at me. I haven't done anything to Him."

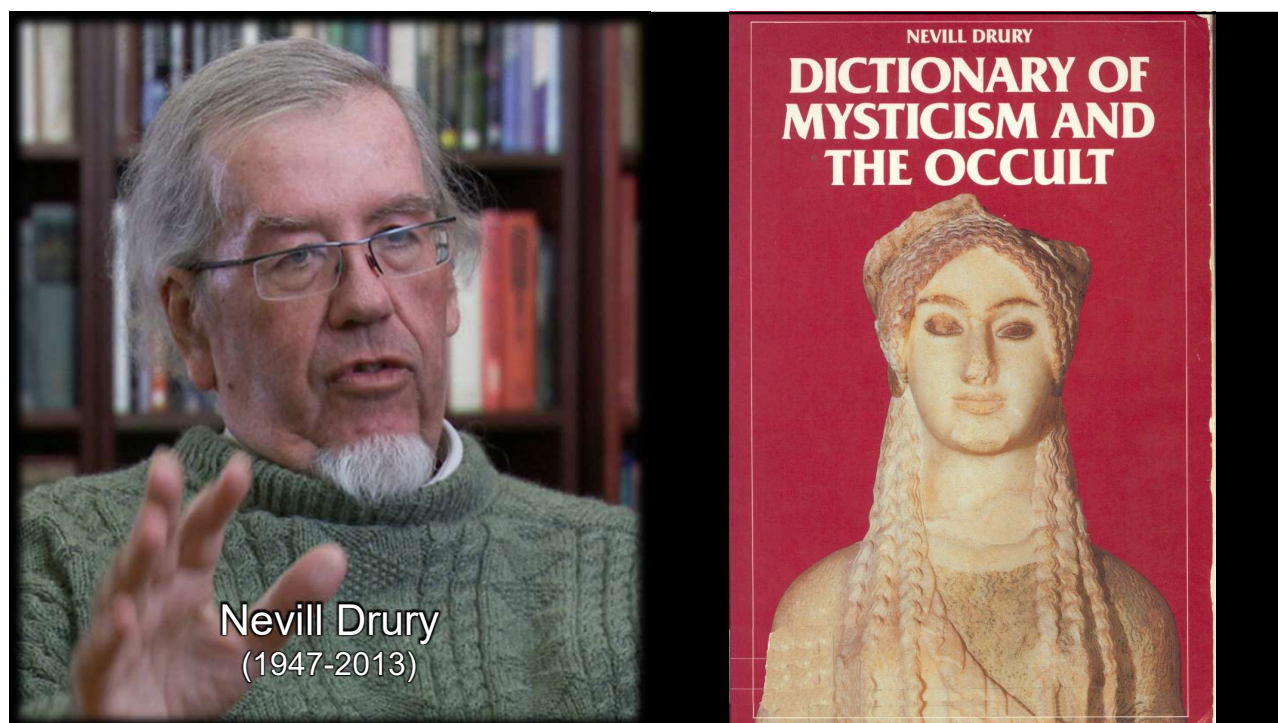
Paul Crouch: "No, but the critics say God is God. He doesn't have to have faith. He doesn't exercise faith. He doesn't use faith. He's God. He's the object of faith."

Copeland: "Now wait a minute. What does that mean 'object.' I don't know what that means."

Jan Crouch: "I don't either."







Nevill Drury
(1947-2013)

Impersonation Inconjunct Frenchman Alexis Berbiguier allegedly devised a variety of methods for trapping the trips he believed were persecuting him. Berbiguier concocted "anti-demonic" soups, stupefied trips 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. Incantation. 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). Incarment. 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 Incarnation. 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 insights from each life-time. 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 Chenrezig 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 <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 elemental entities generally and, in this regard, the magical entity summoned to visible appearance may be either good or evil. See Magic, Ceremonial. Inceptional Astrology. See Astrology, Inceptional. Incommunicable Axiom. See Ineffable Name. Inconjunct. In astrology, term used to describe a planet that does not present an aspect with another planet. See also Horoscope. Incubus. 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-cold penis or an organ made of steel. The female equivalent of the incubus is the succubus. Independent Voice Communication. In spiritualism, phenomenon where the voice of a spirit or discarnate 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. Intellect. The apparent ability of certain	Incubus Initiate 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. 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. Infinite Light. Mystical term for the God-head. 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. Influenced Writing. Phenomenon associated with extrasensory perception in which a subject's handwriting is affected by thought impressions from another person. See Mental Telepathy. Initiate. One who has successfully passed through a ritual of initiation. In occultism, an initiate is regarded as one who possesses superior esoteric knowledge.
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Solar Revolution Horoscope
Soul

energy center known as Manipura. According to Carlos Castaneda, it is also the source of the magical power of the shaman.

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

Sollary. 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 **Palmyrity.**

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 aculeatum*, but the ethnobotanist R. Gordon Wasson has produced impressive evidence that soma was in fact *Amantia muscaria*, the hallucinogenic red- and white-spotted mushroom also known as fly-agaric. See also **Hallucinatory.**

Soma. In Vedic India, the personification of the sacred soma juice. Soma was originally regarded as an Earth-god, and later as a lunar deity—for the moon was said to provide semen, or life-essence.

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

Southayor. From the Old English *sutha*, "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 Valentinus, she is an archetypal of the Great Mother; and in some Gnostic cosmologies bears resemblance to the Virgin Mary. Sophia is sometimes referred to as the female logos.

Sophia Hydrothli. 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 bestows 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 summing supernatural powers or spirits through spells and incantations. The word is generally applied to black magic and witchcraft. See also **Goetia**, **Magie**.

Sortilege. Divination by casting or drawing lots. It can take various forms: drawing stones 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 self beyond the body (as in the spirit-journey of the shaman) is taken as proof of immortality and the transcendental 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 *Nephesh*. 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. 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 this title: T. S. S. G. A. U. O. T. U. S. S. U. S.

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

Spare, Austin Osman (1868-1956). 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 mysticism, 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 signs, which could be used magically to unleash artistic 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 *Pleasure*, first published in 1913 (reissued Montreal, 1975).

Speaking in Tongues. See **Xenoglossy**.

Specter. In spiritualism, an apparition or ghost.

Soul, Old
Sphinx

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

Spells. 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 in the form of abstract healing, or can be used to inflict harm to person or property. See also **Evil-eye 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 sanctum 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 **Musae of the Spheres**, **Compare with Aeons**; **Enanations; **Sephiroth**.**

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 was said to have 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 gives me four legs**

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Coelus Compact

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 to the common people.

Cohobus. the beam of a perigrinal gnomon. It is used to obtain the meridian line in the northern hemisphere.

Coincidence. events at which no 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 Osiris, and in ancient Persia as Ohrmazd.

College of Psychic Studies. Organization founded in 1884 by the Reverend Stalton 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 fantasy 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

bestows upon his followers worldly possessions or special powers. In an example that survives from the events associated with the Albigensian Crusade, Father Louis Gouffrid offered himself to the Devil and received the following benefits: "I, Lucifer, bind myself to give you, Louis Gouffrid, 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. Gouffrid was accused of sorcery 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 meditation.

Compacts, Death Conversion

Conjuring Lodge. Tent or hut used by North American Indians for conducting mediumistic activities. It has a parallel in the cabinet of spiritualists.

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 mystics claim that the conscious mind is

Conjuration. The act of evoking spirits by means of ritual formulae or words of power.

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

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

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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

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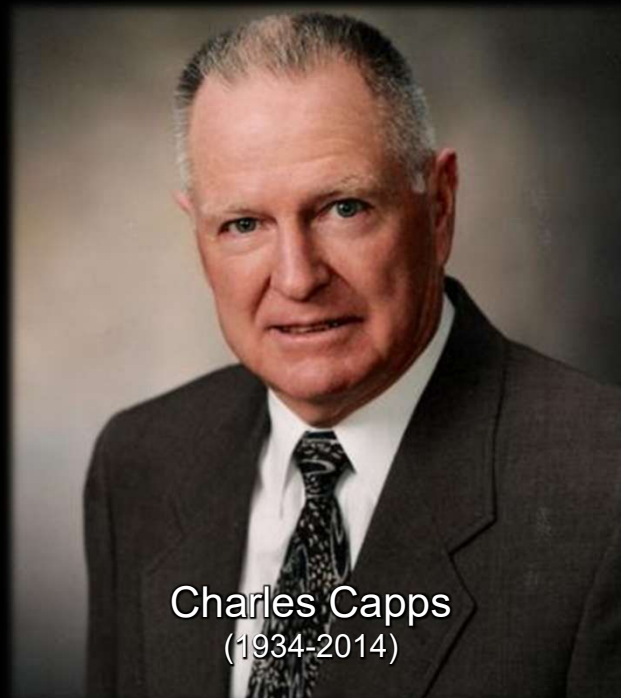
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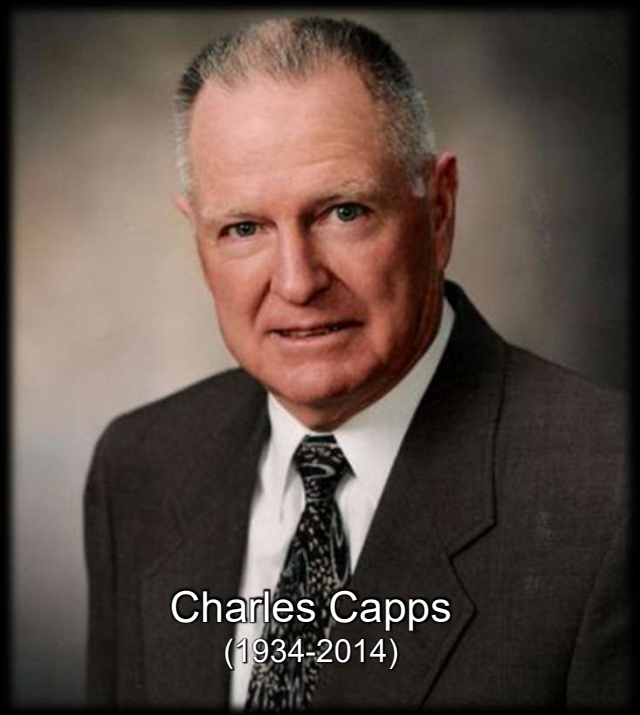
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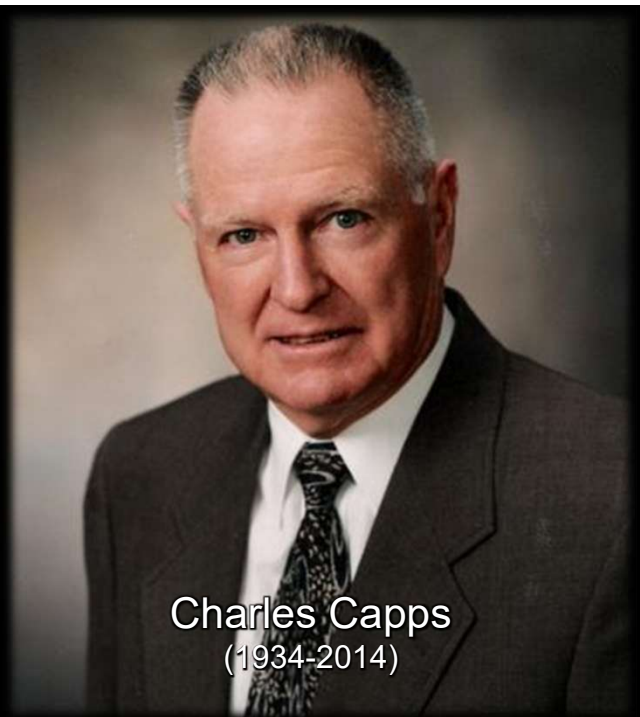
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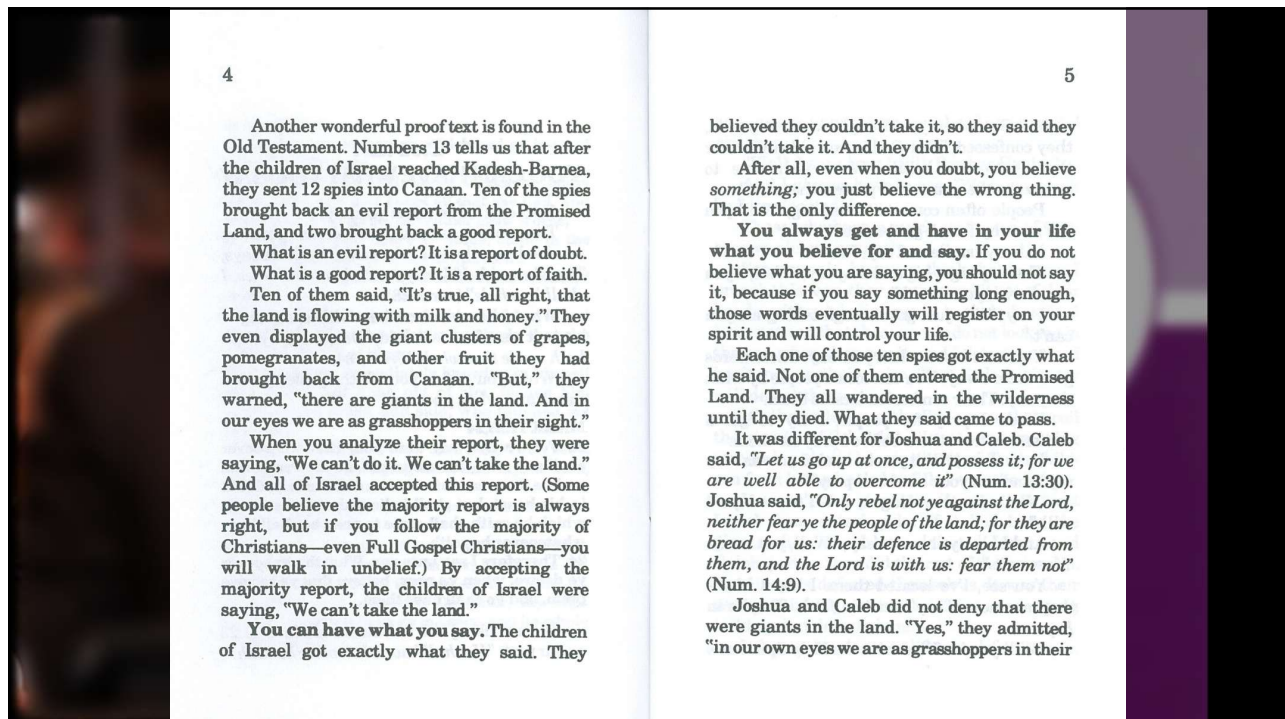
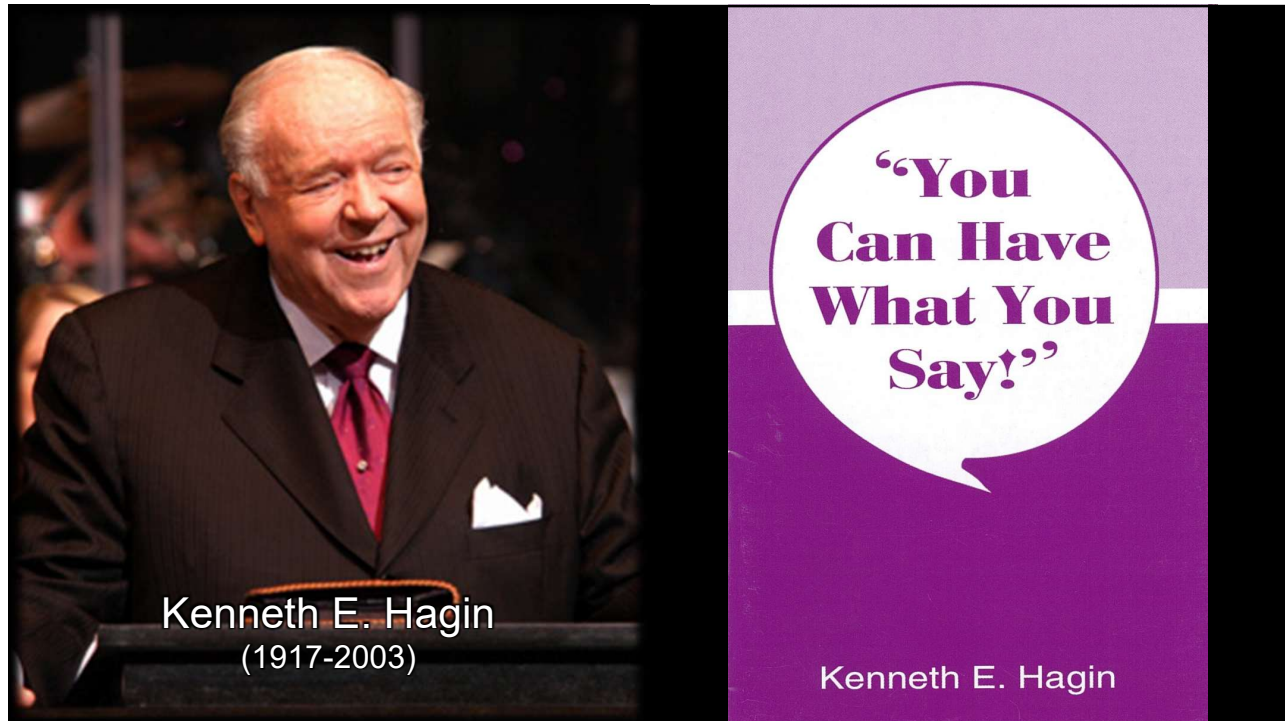
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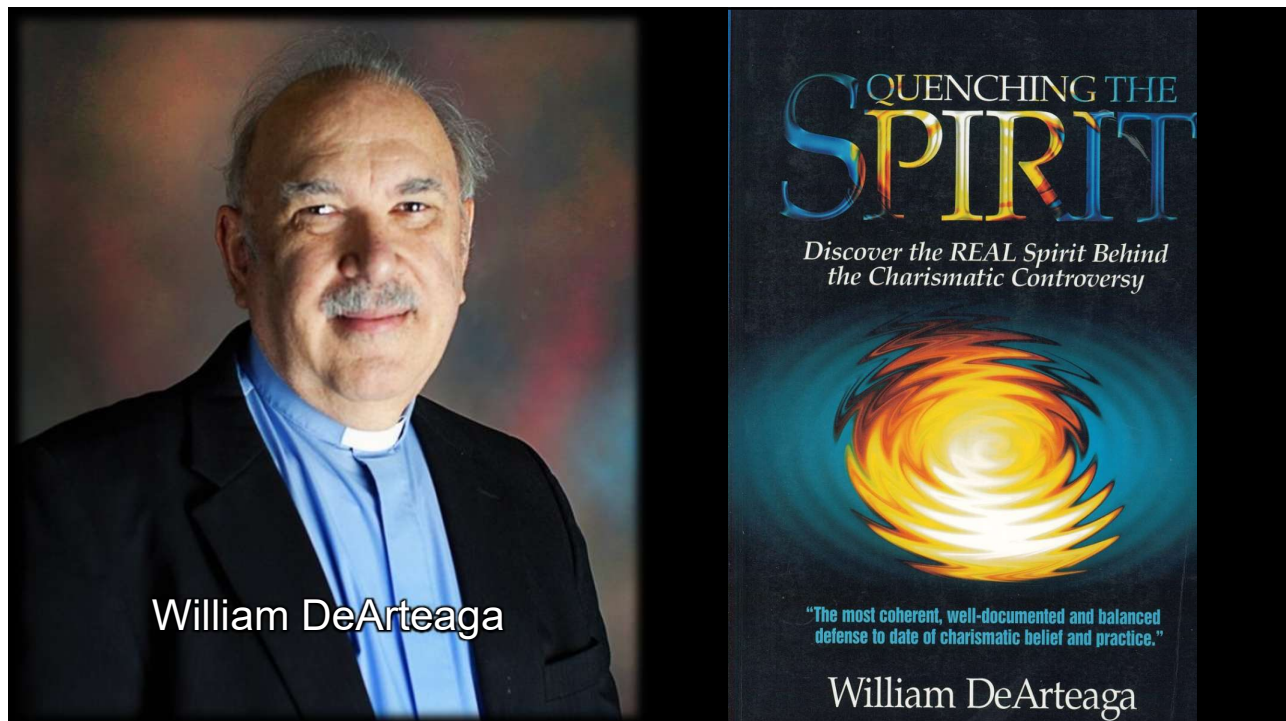
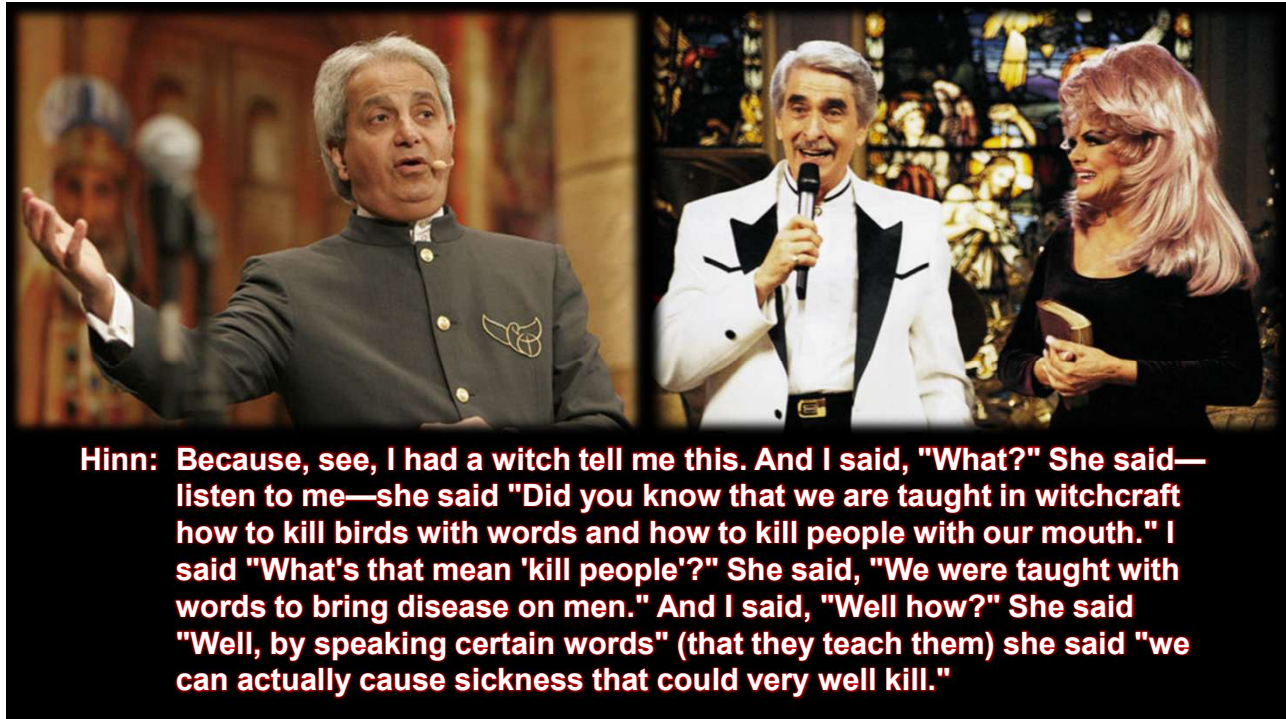
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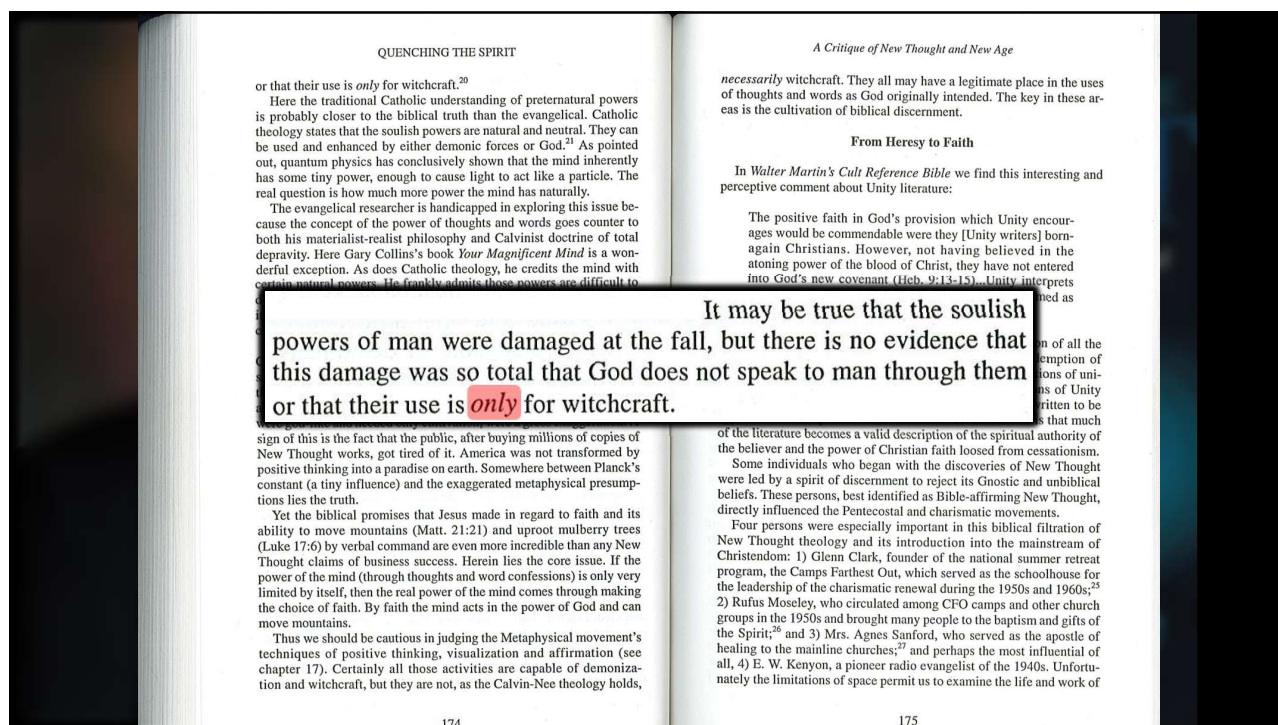
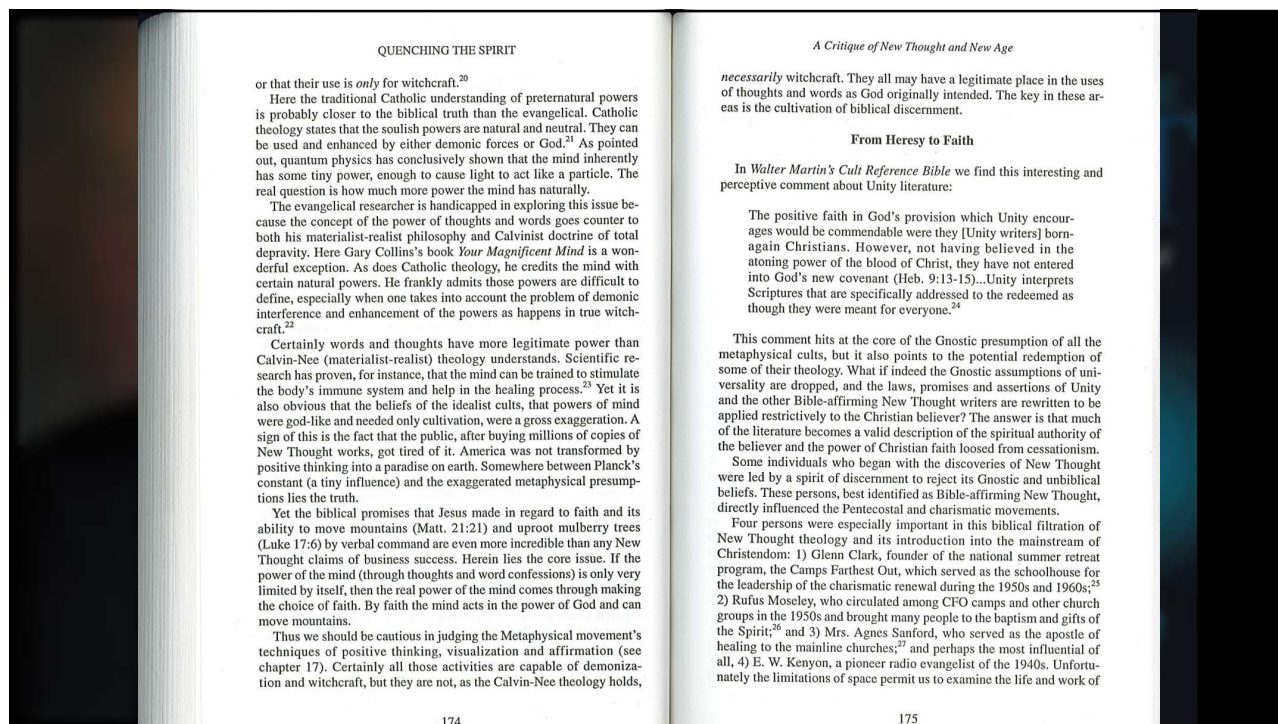


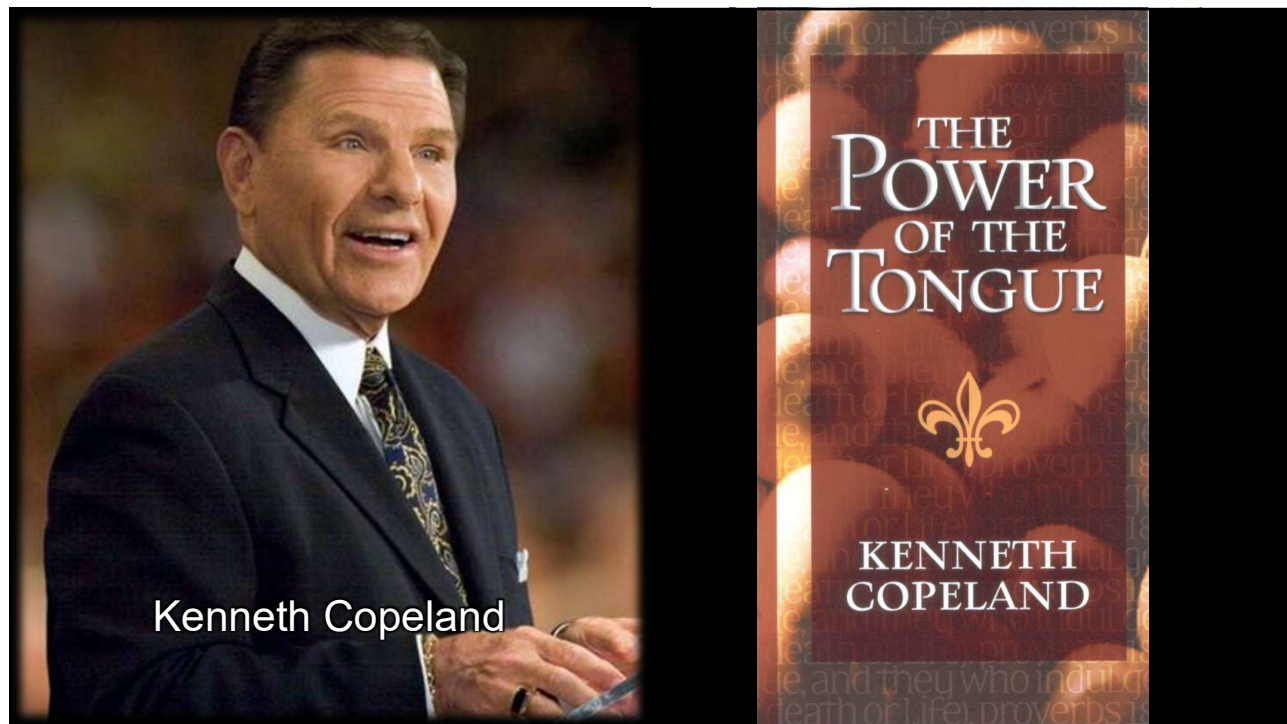
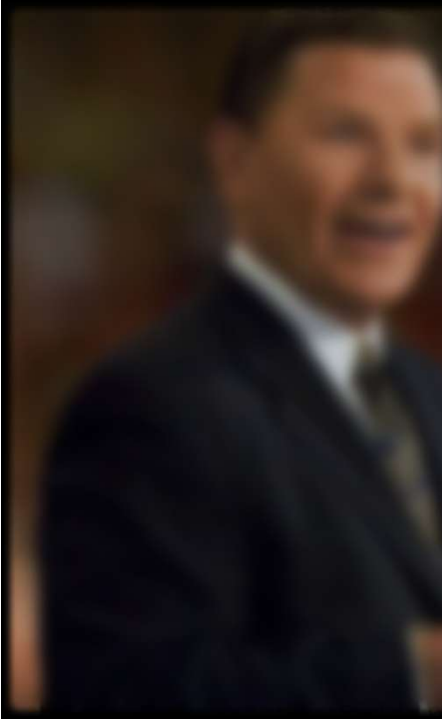
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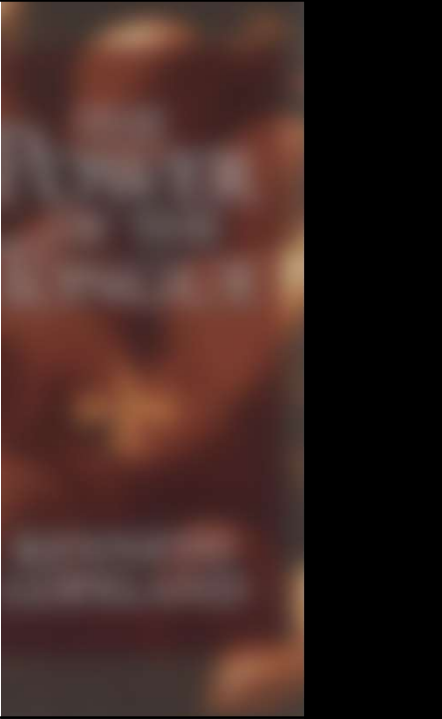



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"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]" (Proverbs 18:21, The Amplified Bible).

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';

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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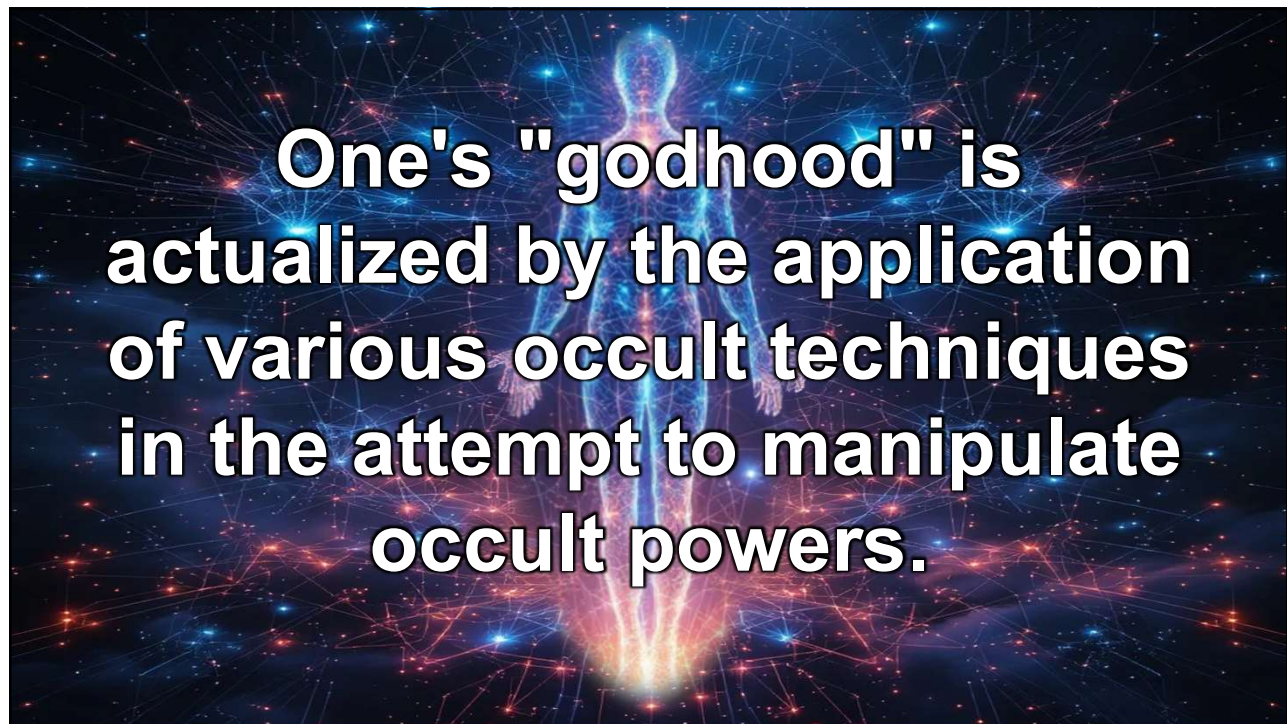
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clairvoyance, fortune-telling, mind reading, ESP, Ouija Board, Tarot Cards, crystal balls, dowsing rods, palm reading, spiritism, necromancy, channeling, etc.



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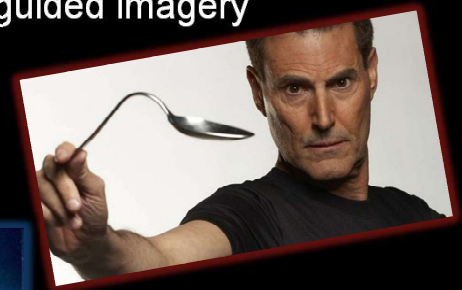
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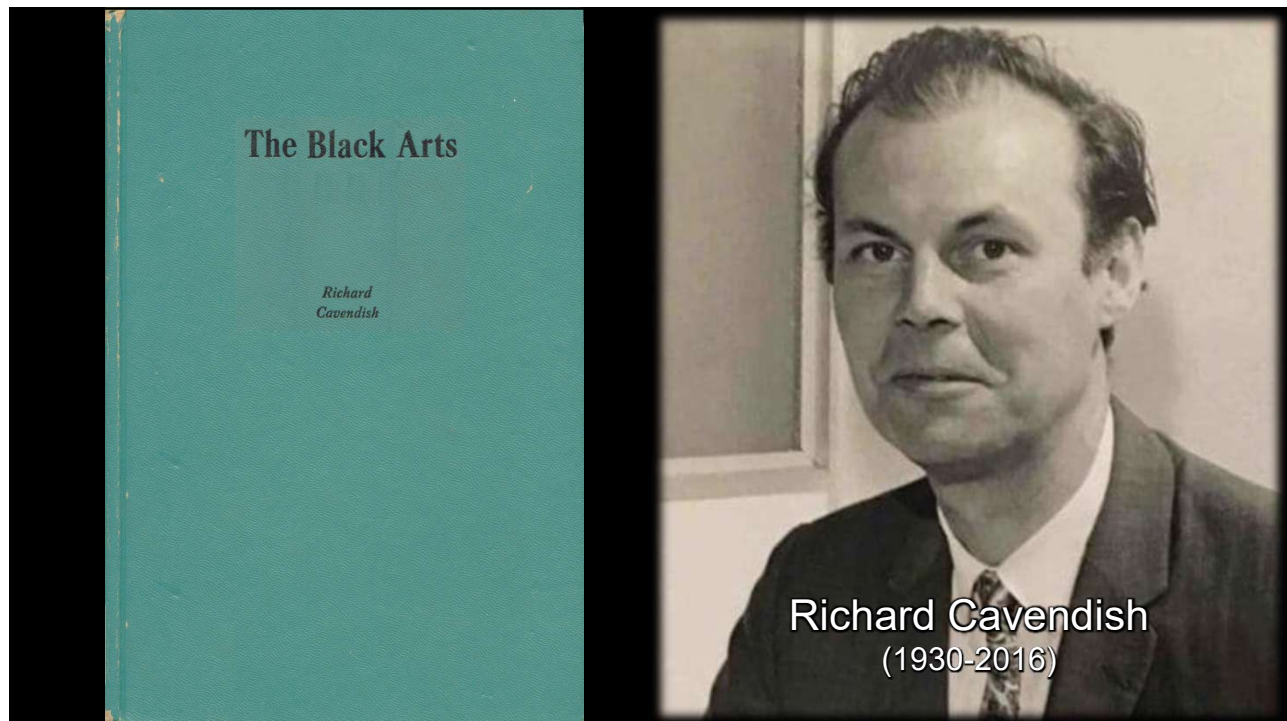


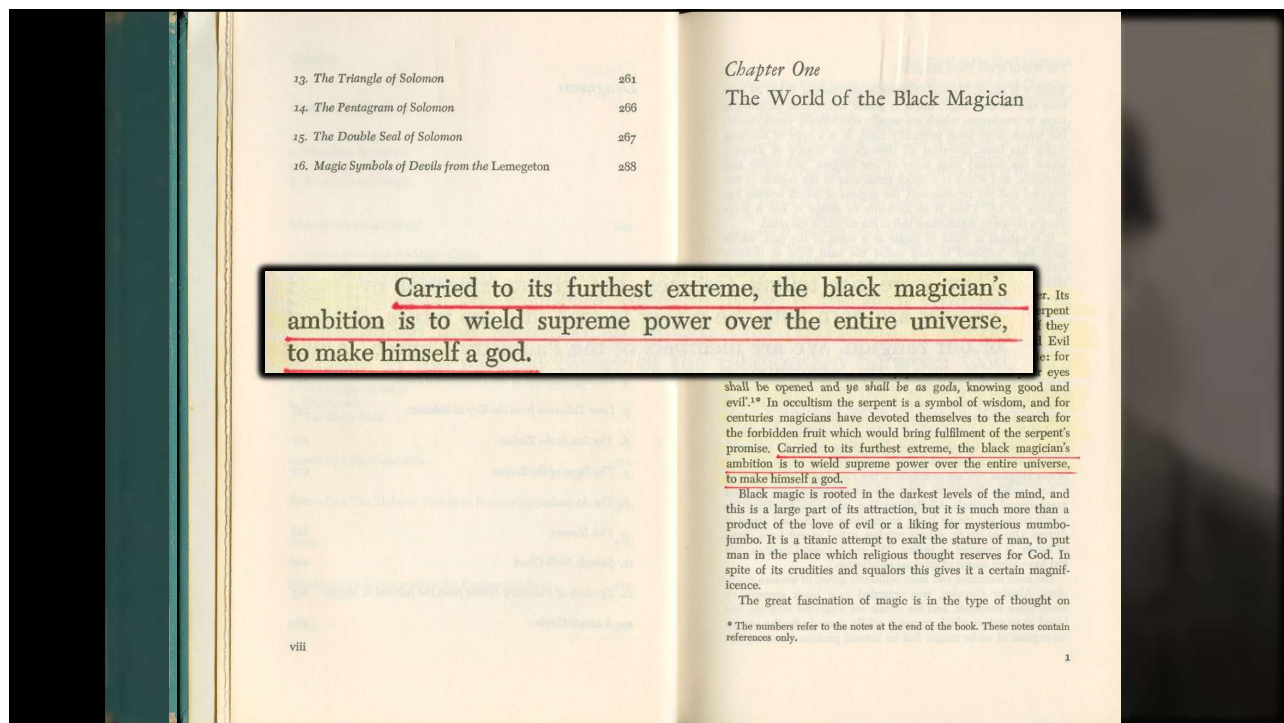
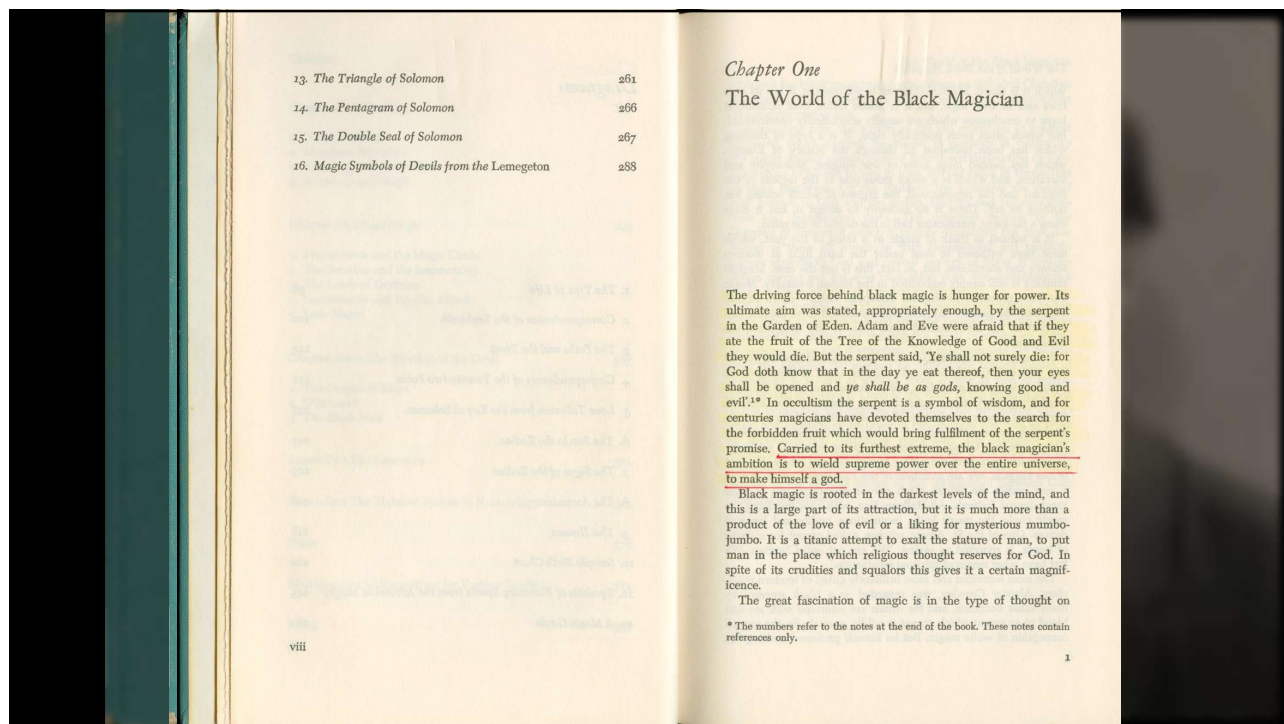
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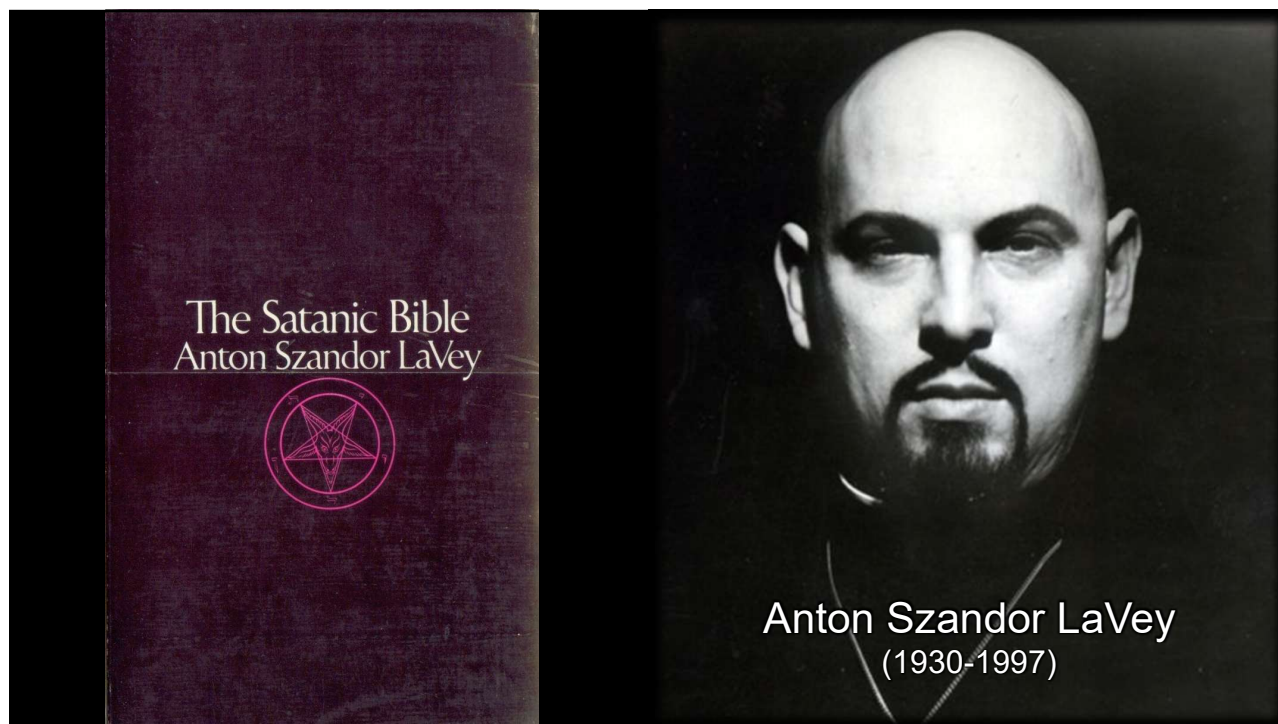
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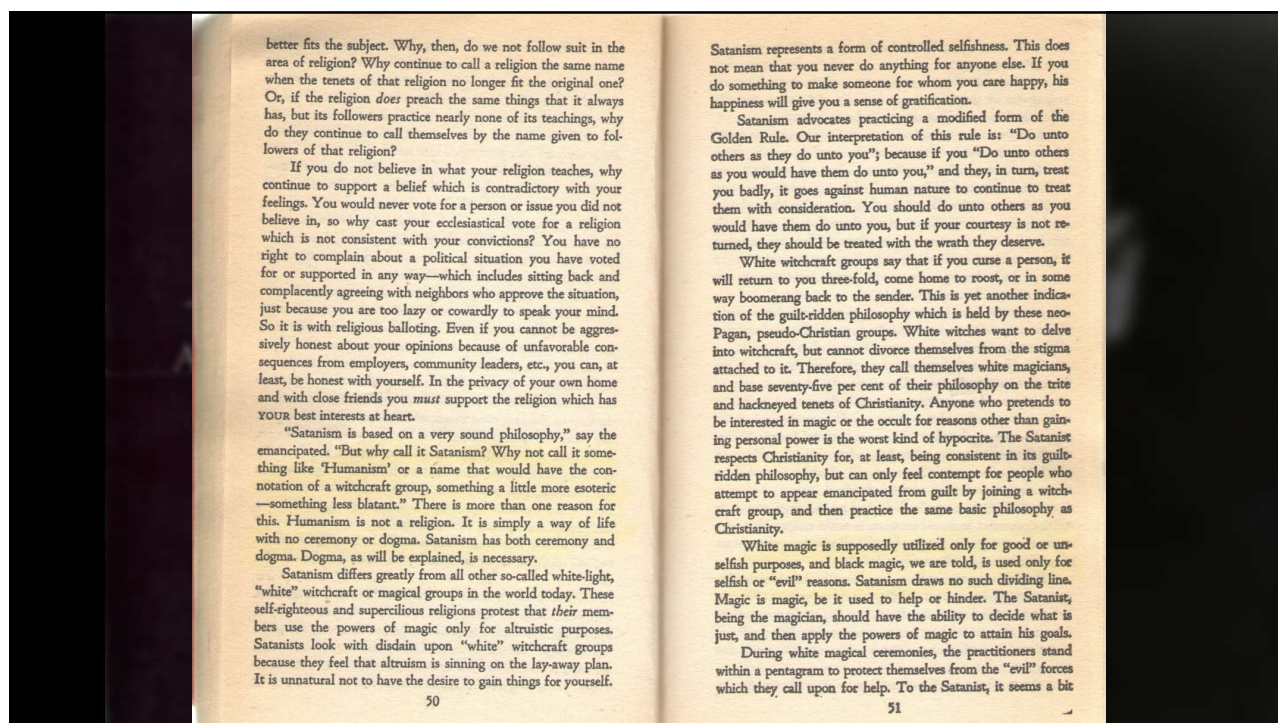


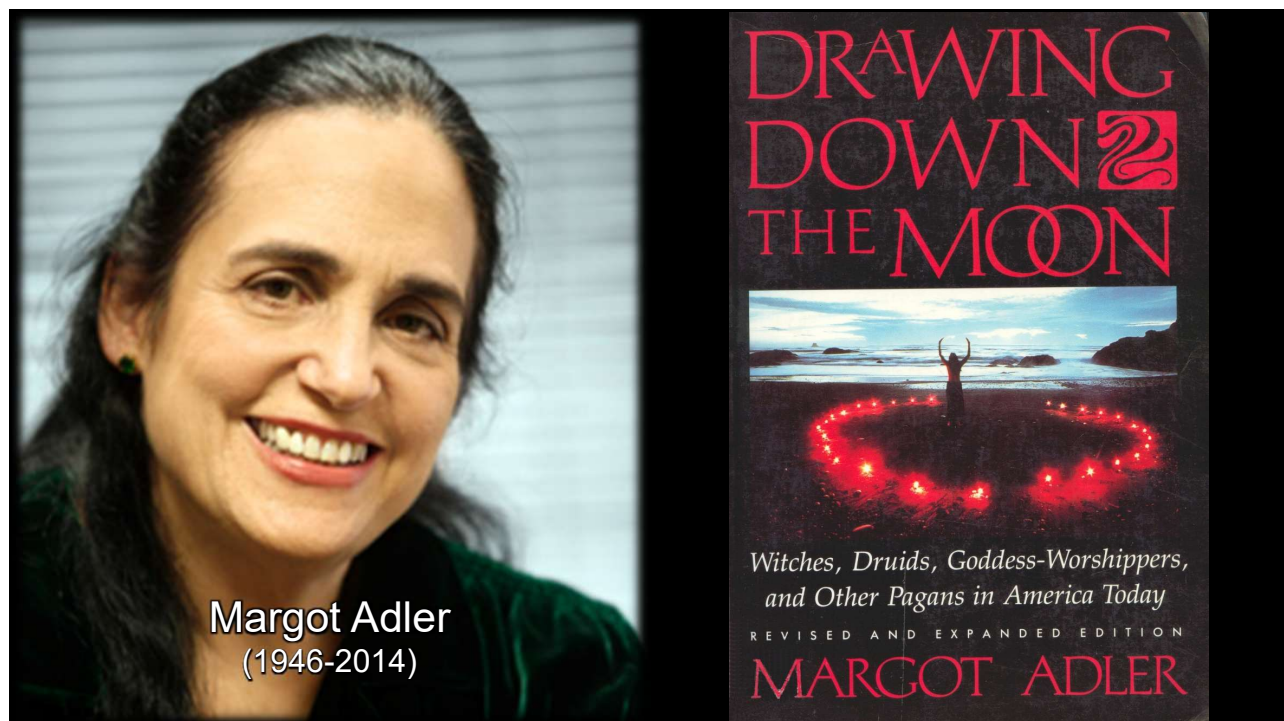
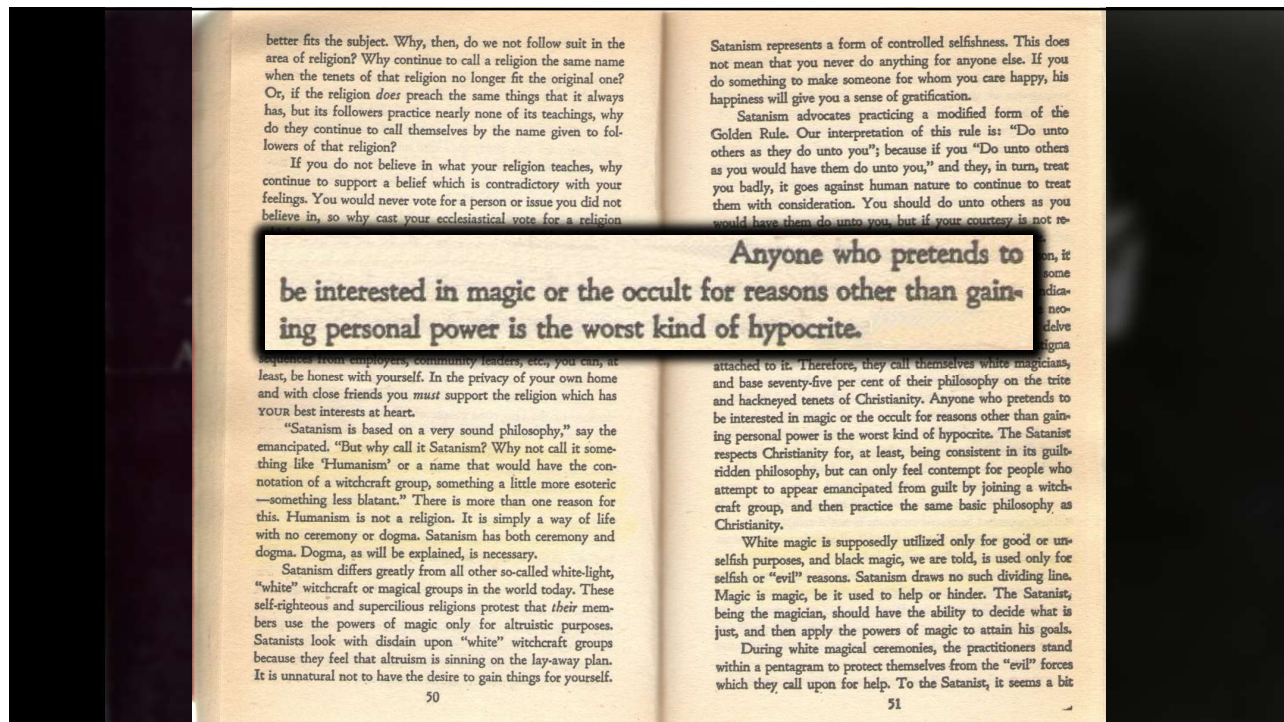






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Perhaps most dangerous, most fundamentalists do not believe this world, this earth, these bodies we inhabit are holy. Since they see this world as sinful and this time as evil, they seek only a world that comes after. Several hundred years ago, the 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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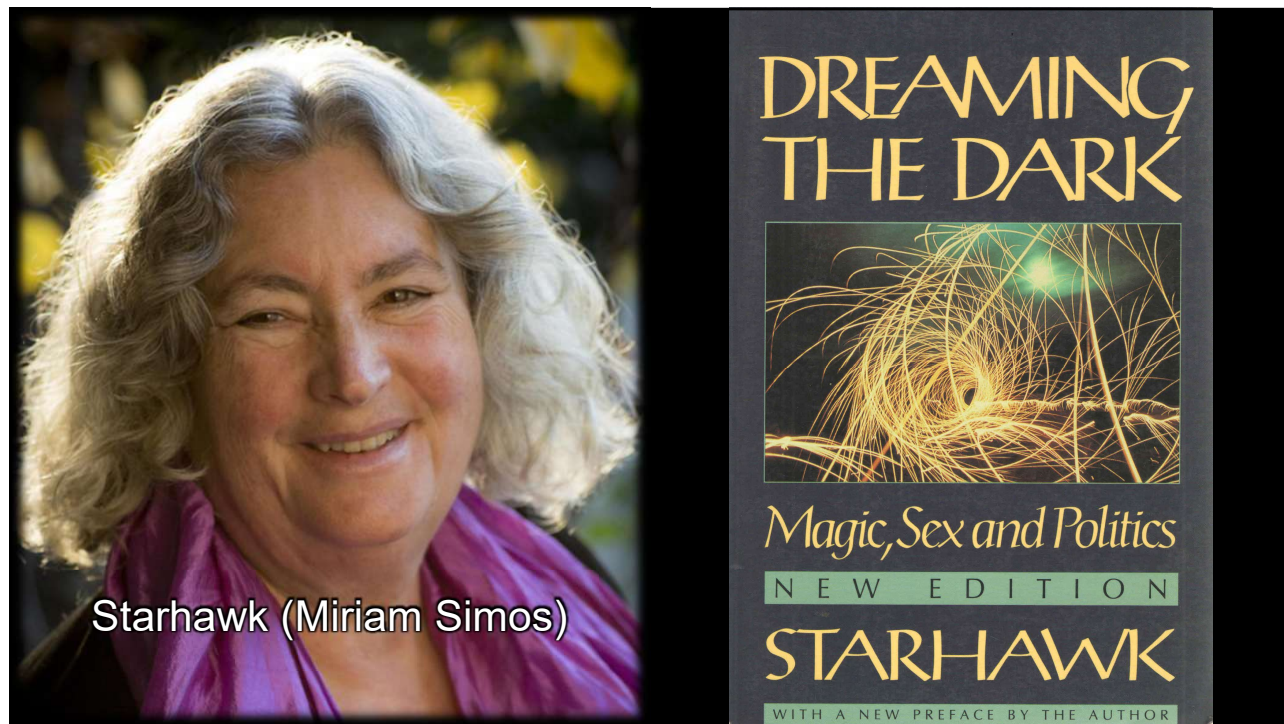
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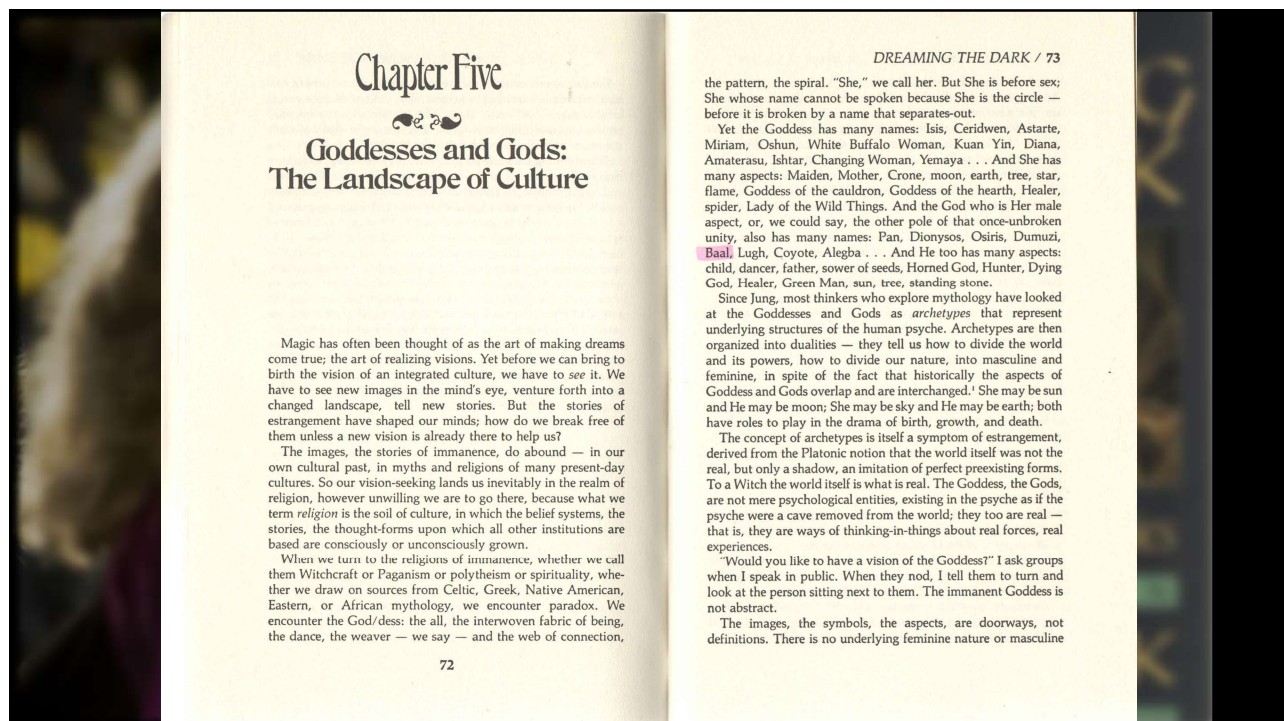
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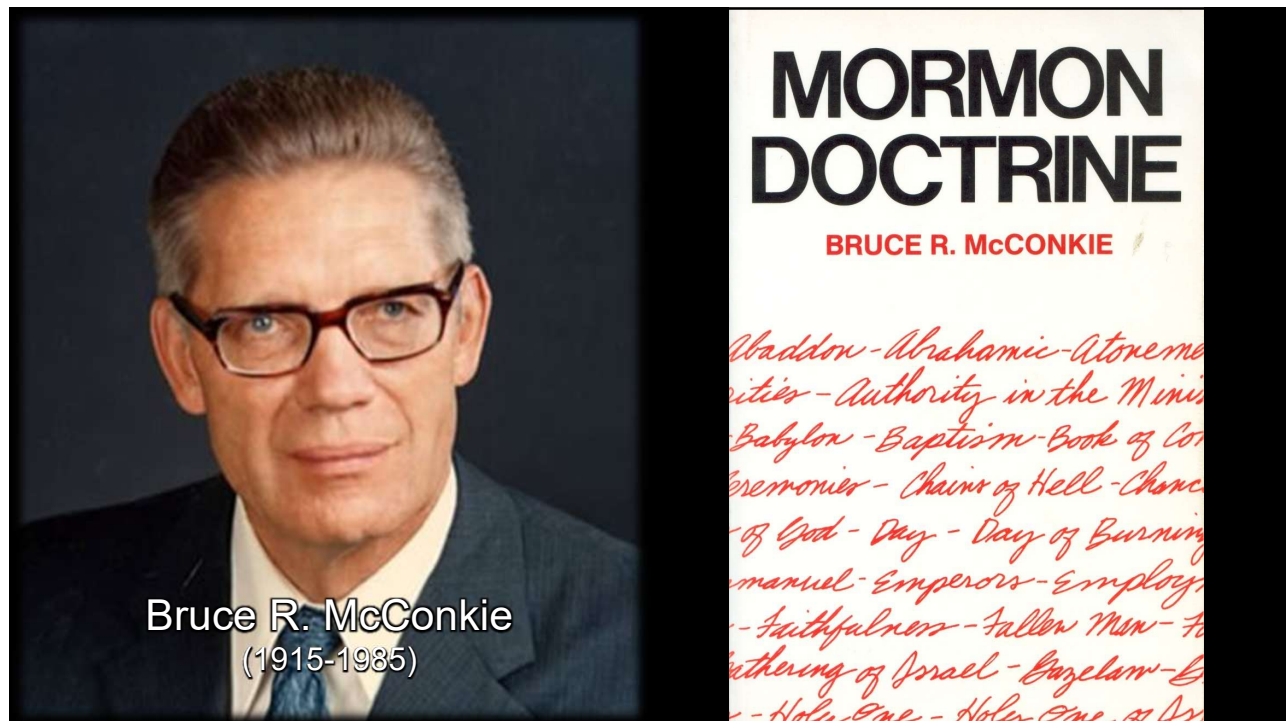
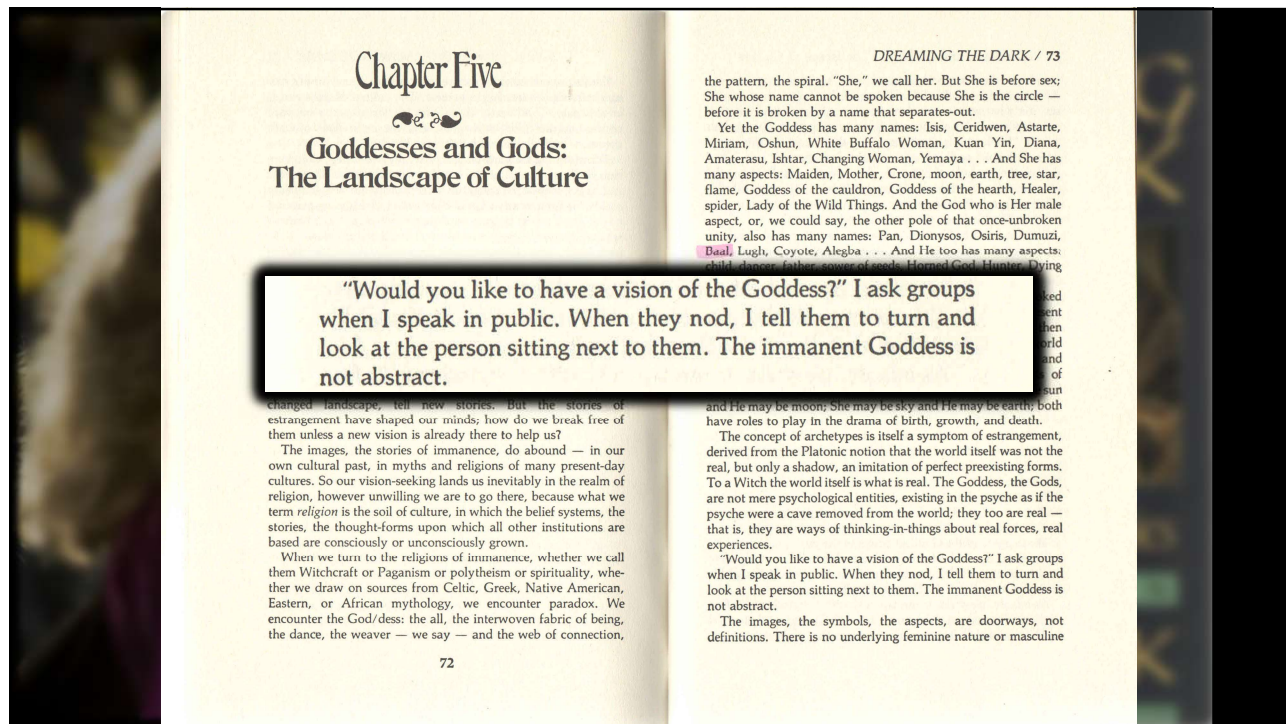
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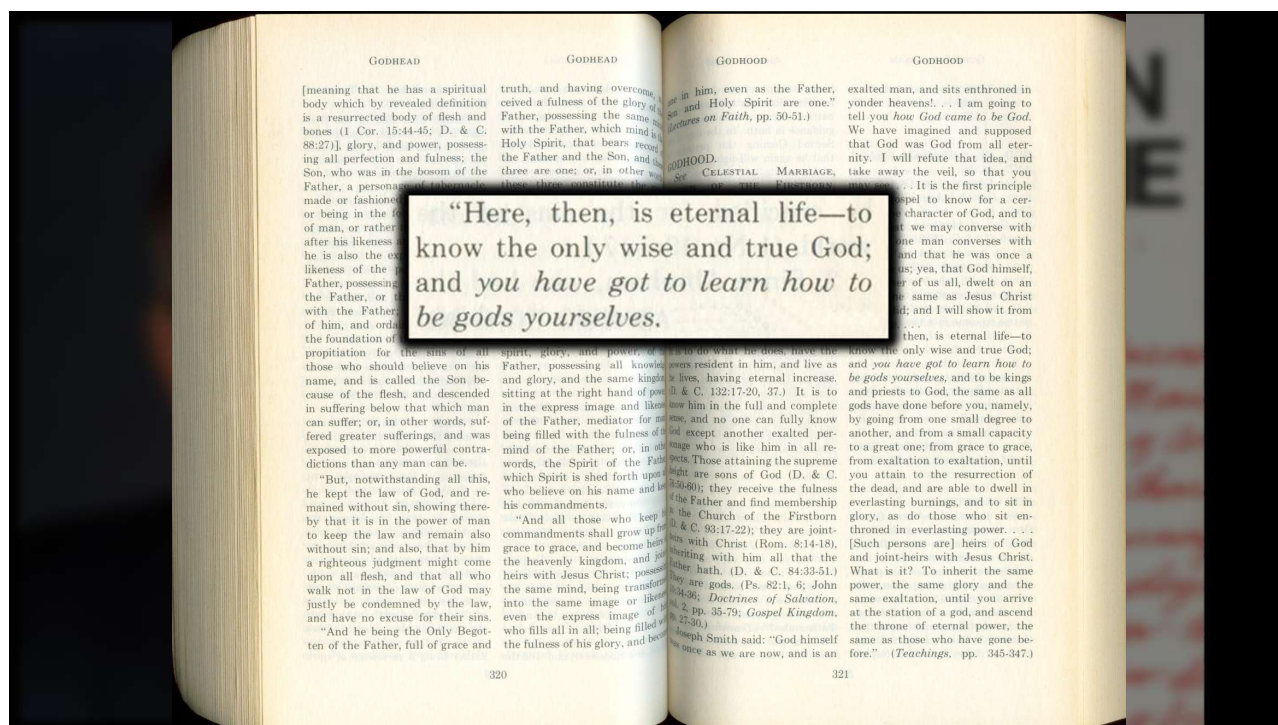
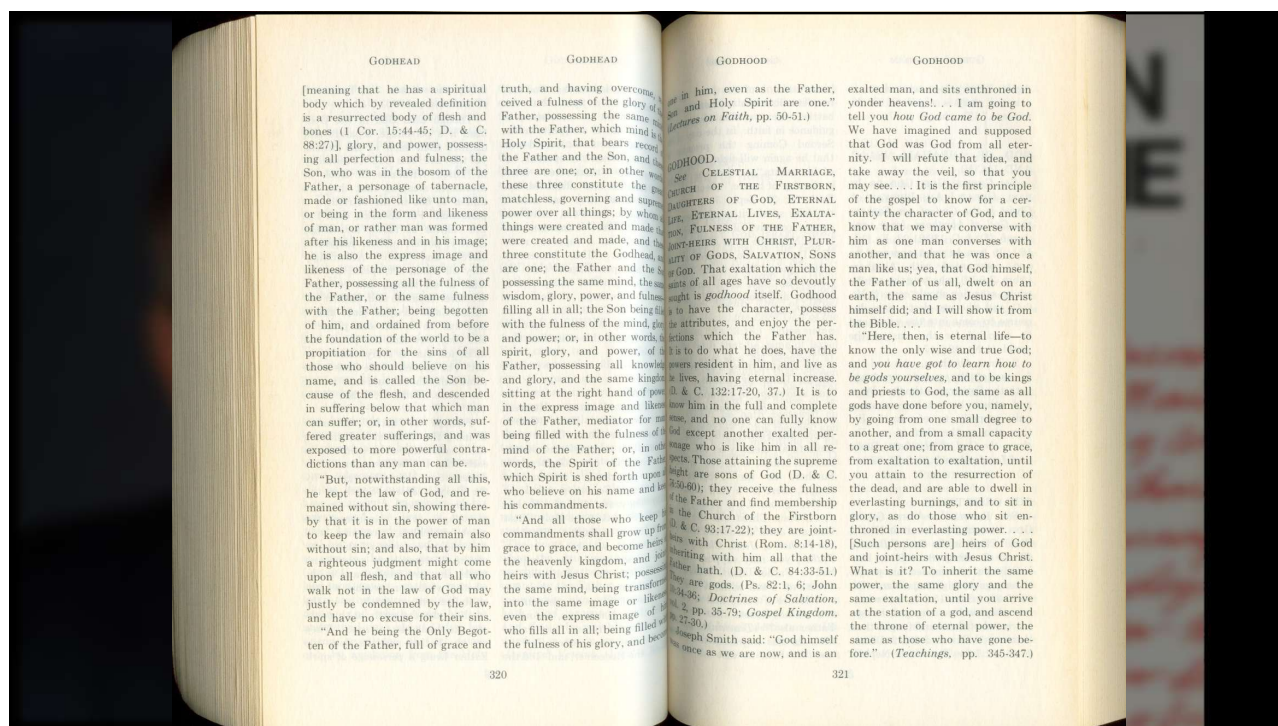
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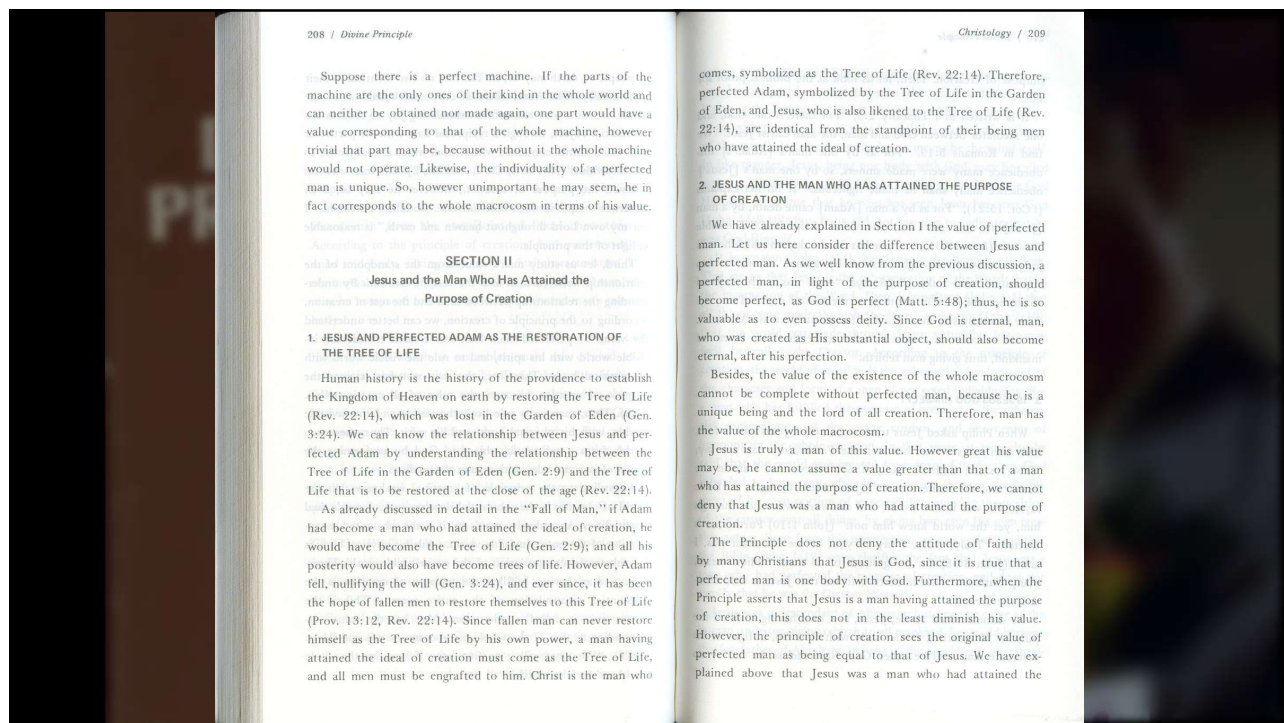


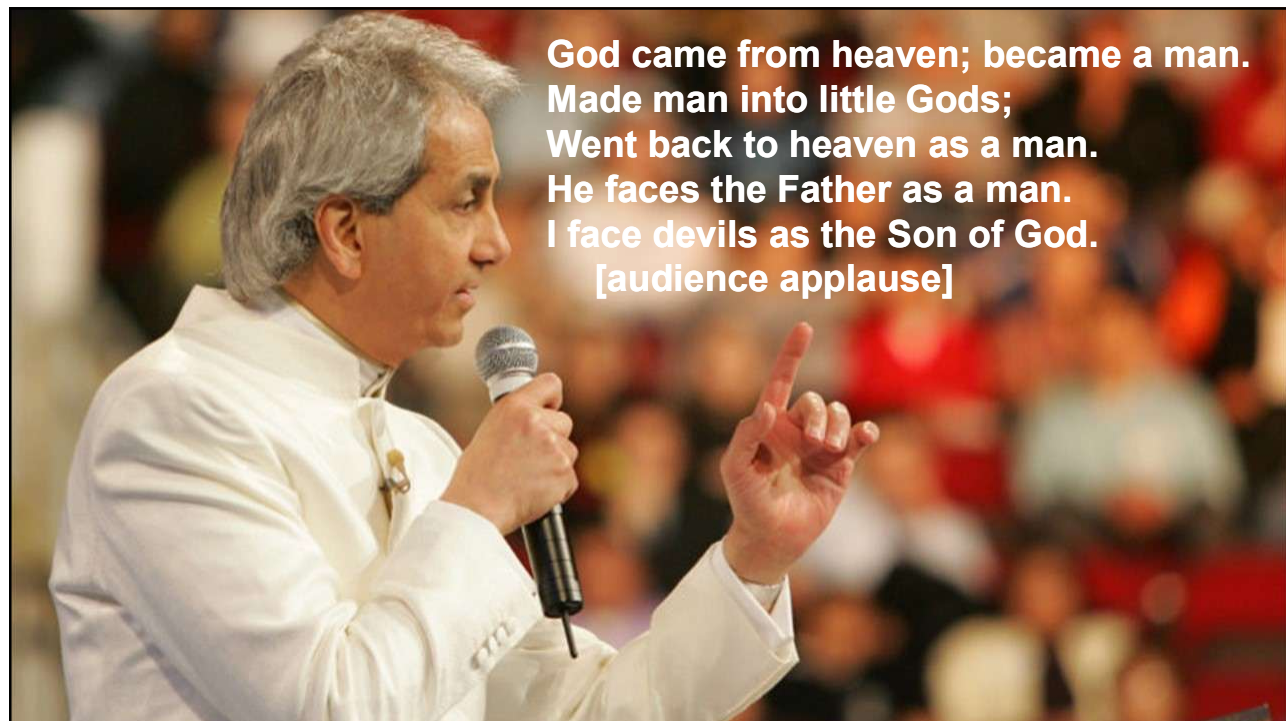
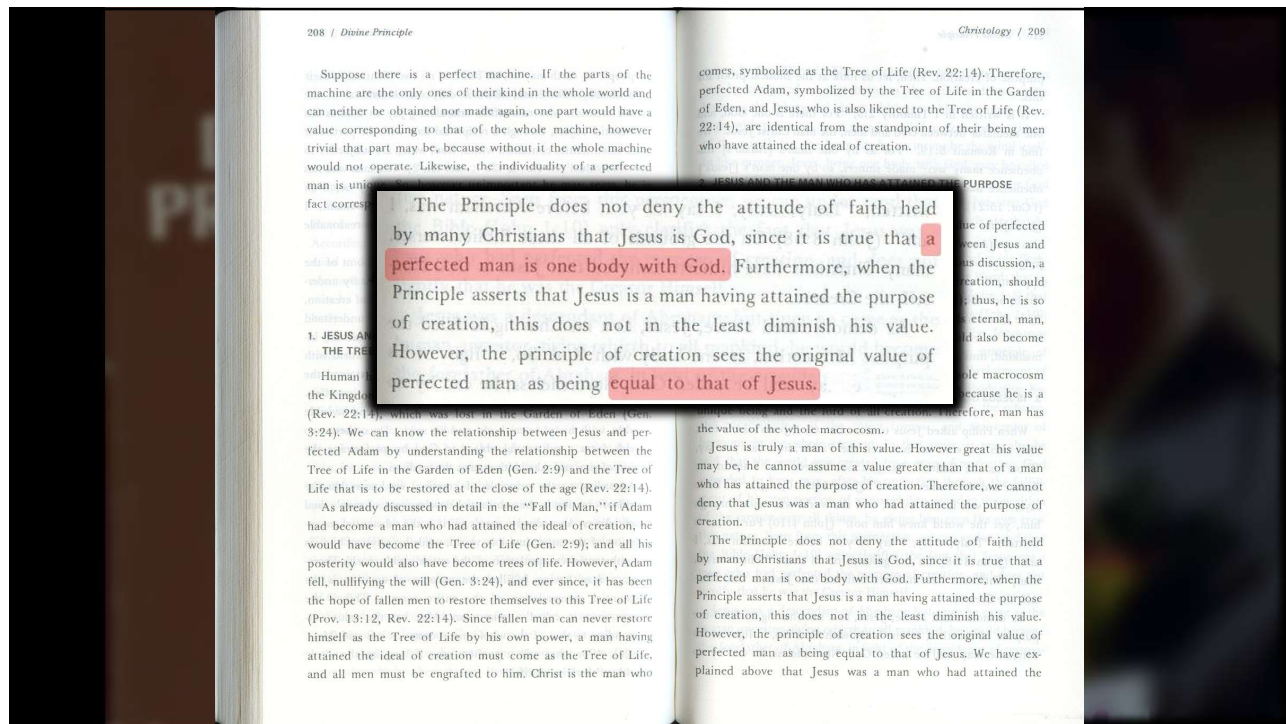
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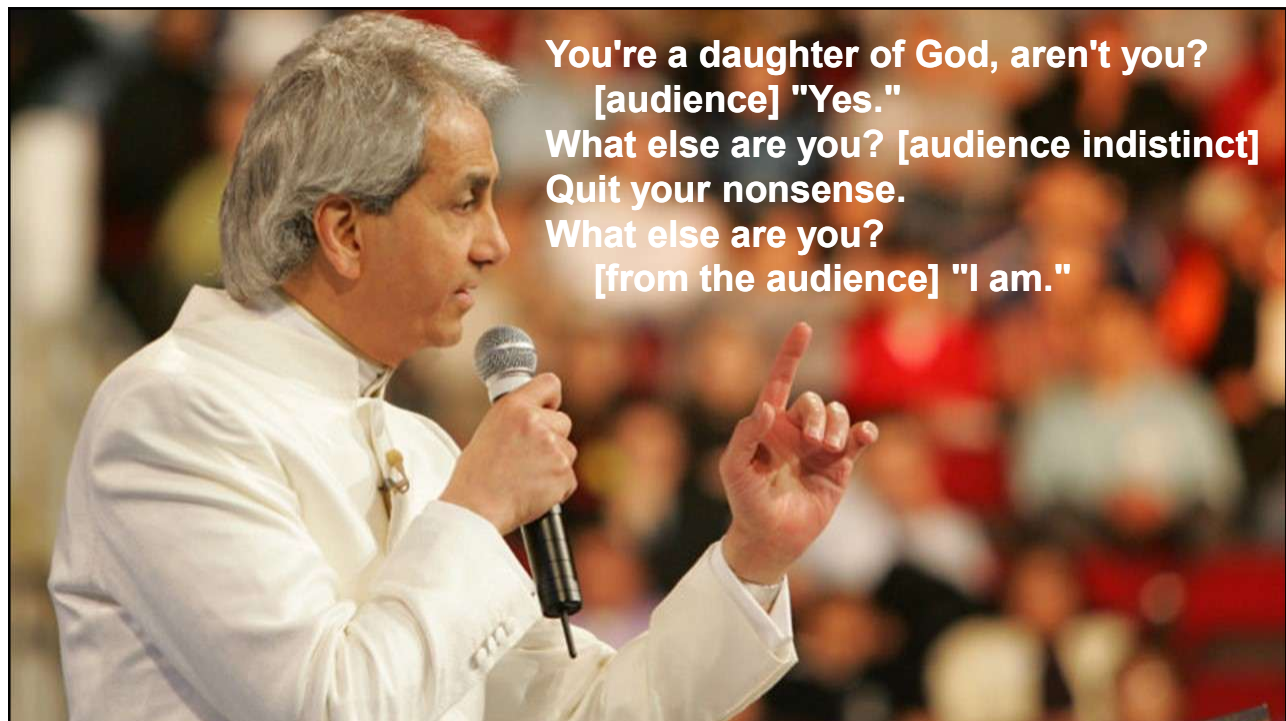
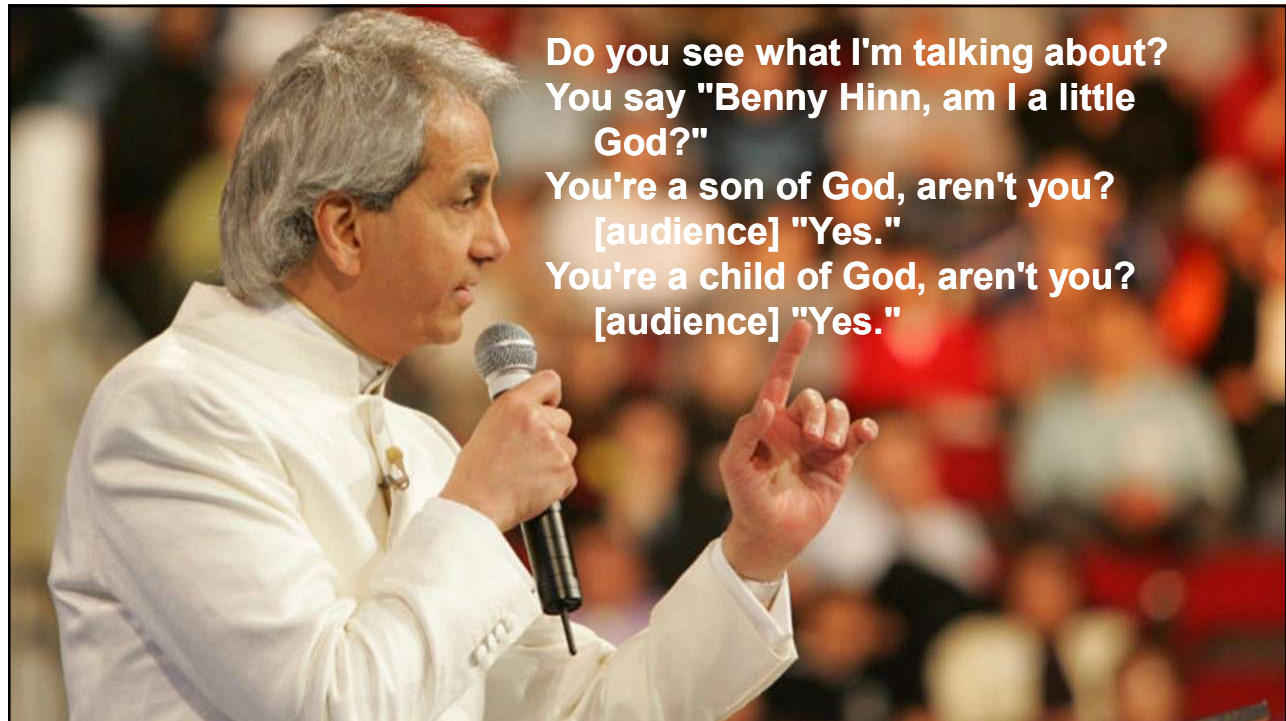


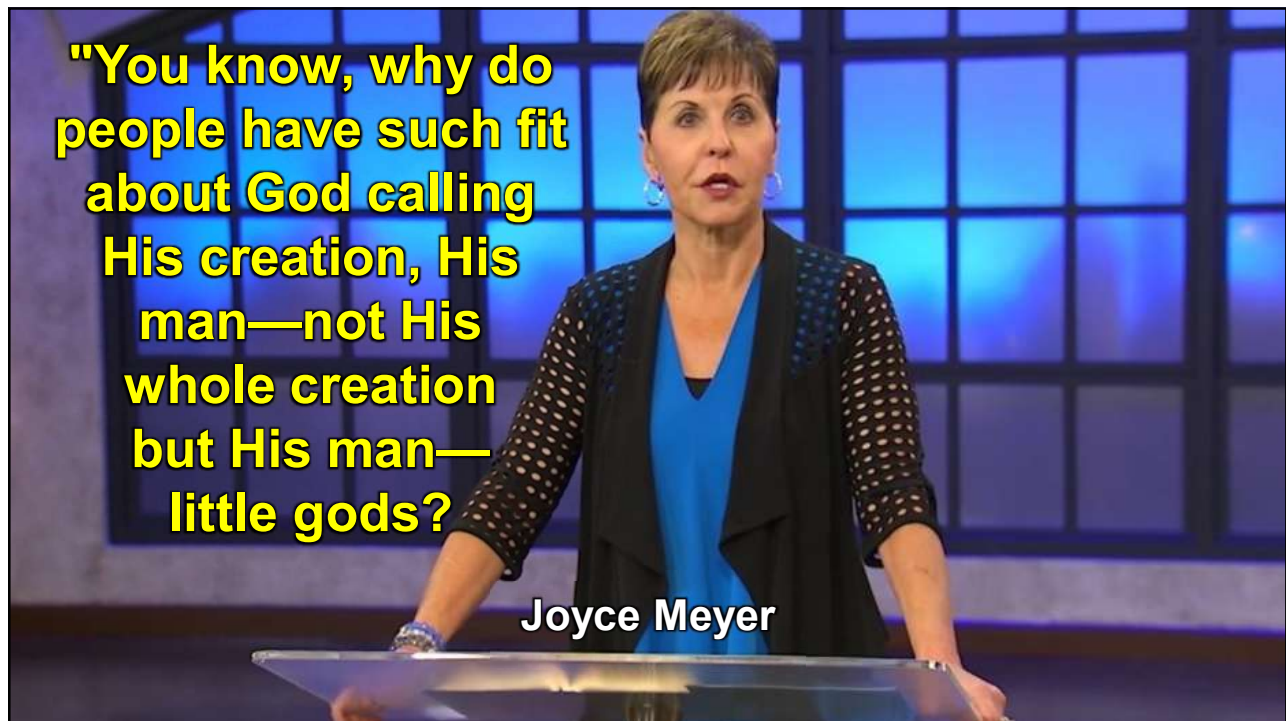
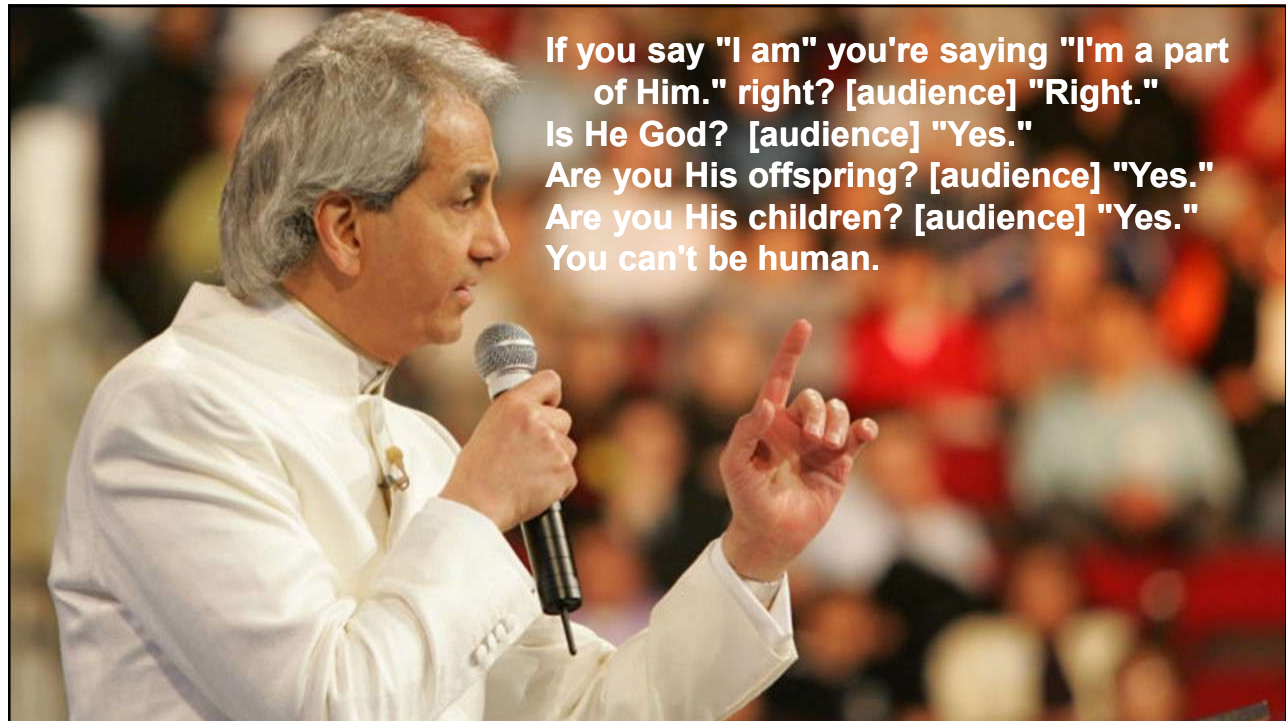






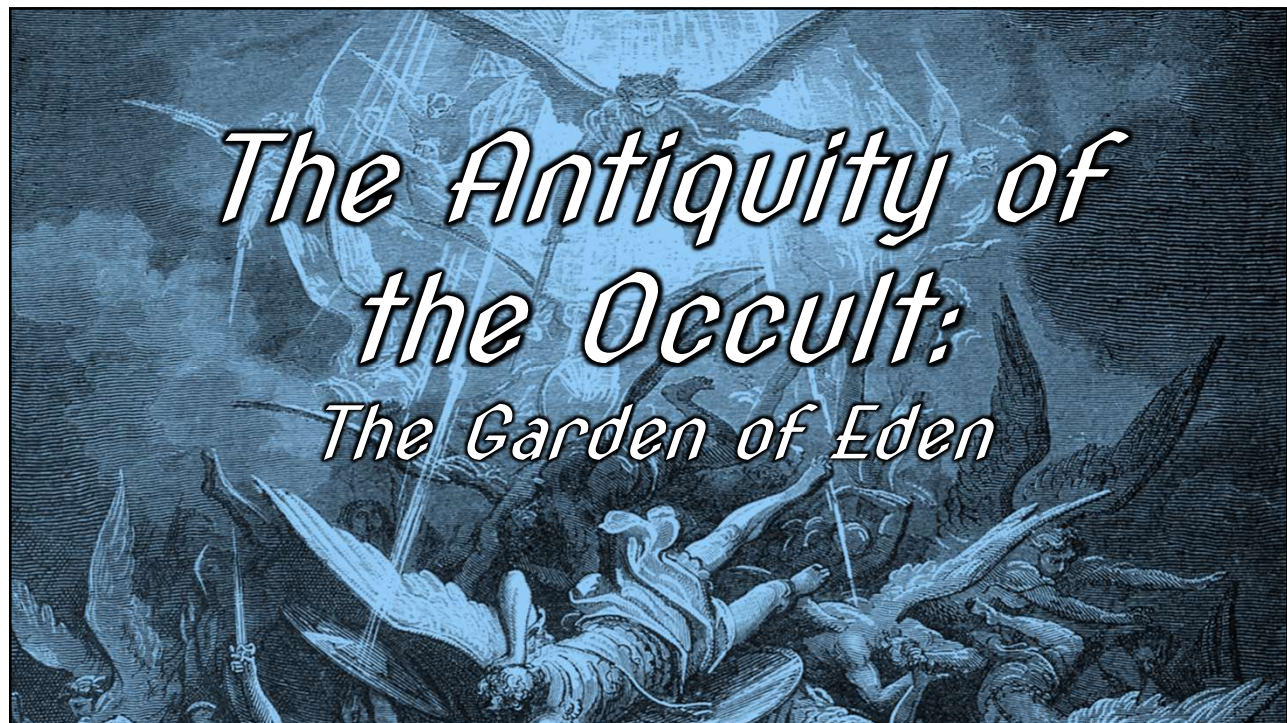


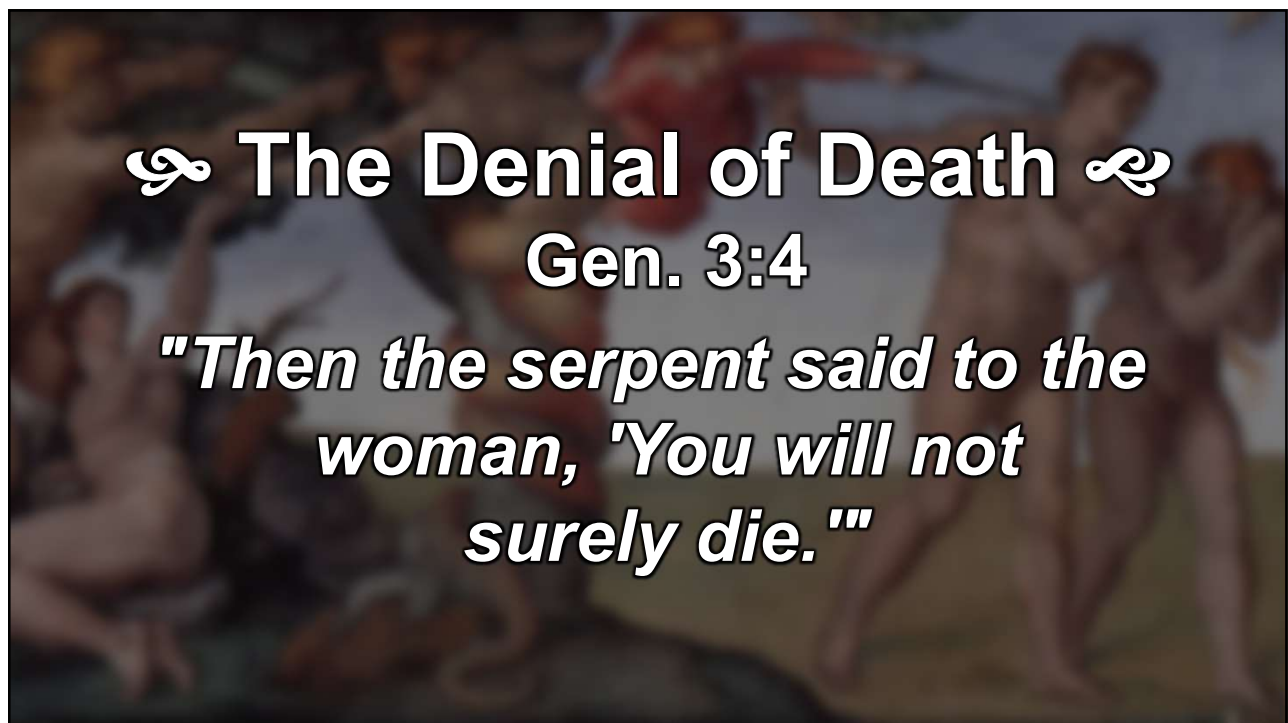
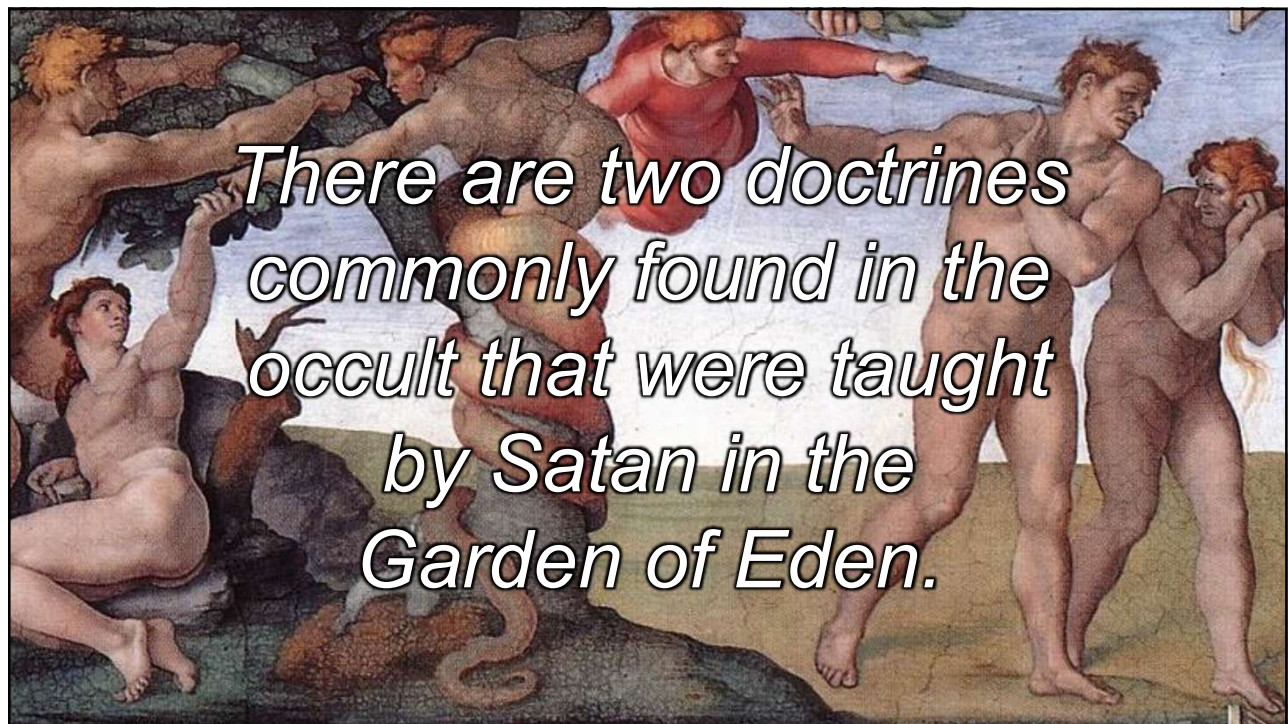


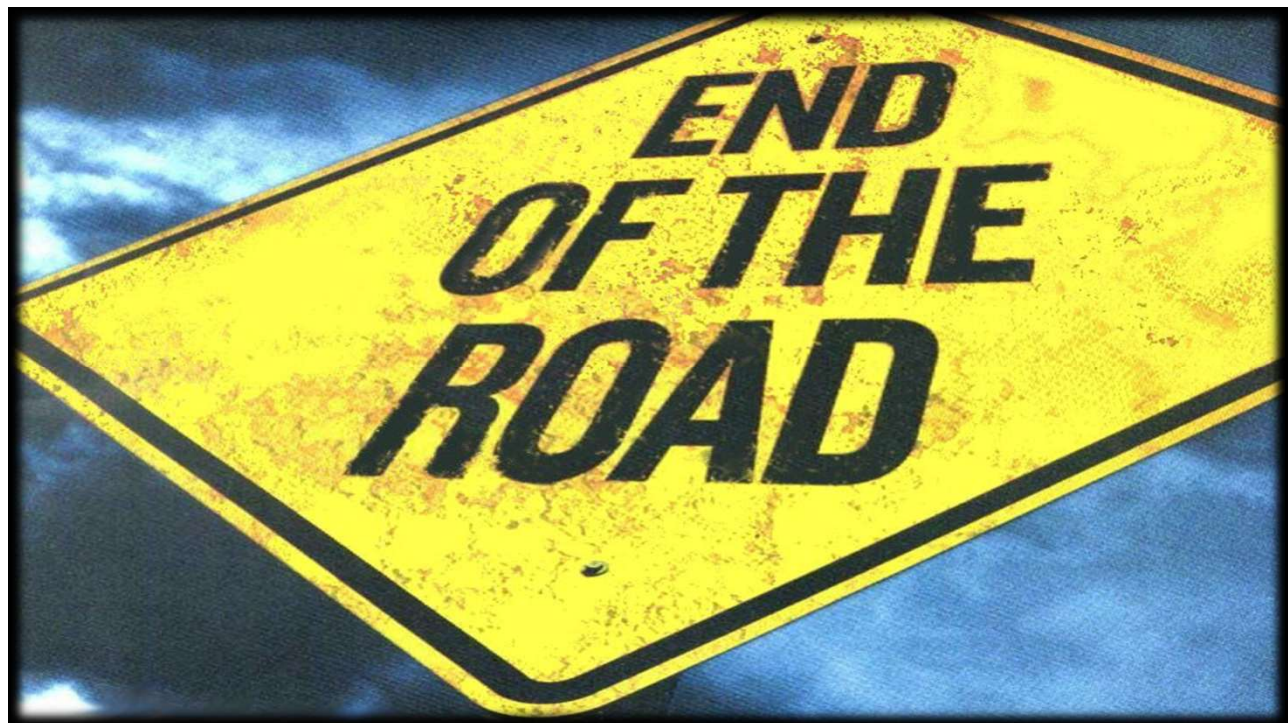










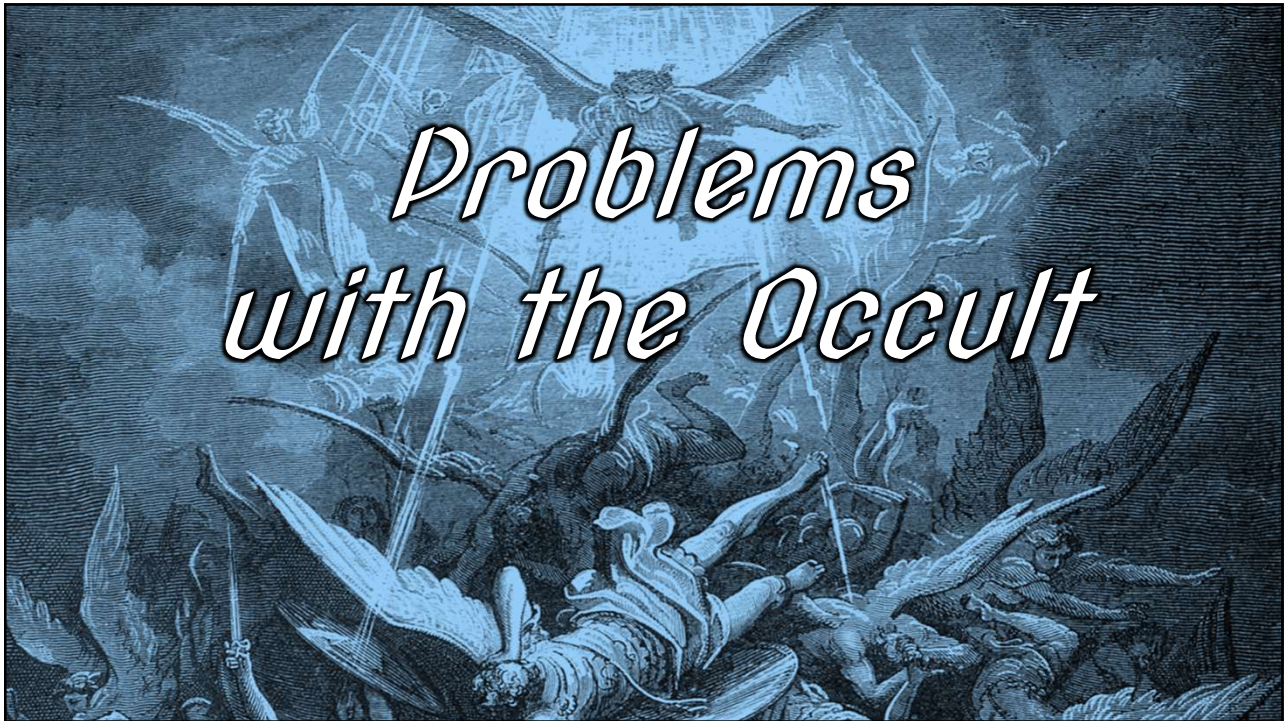


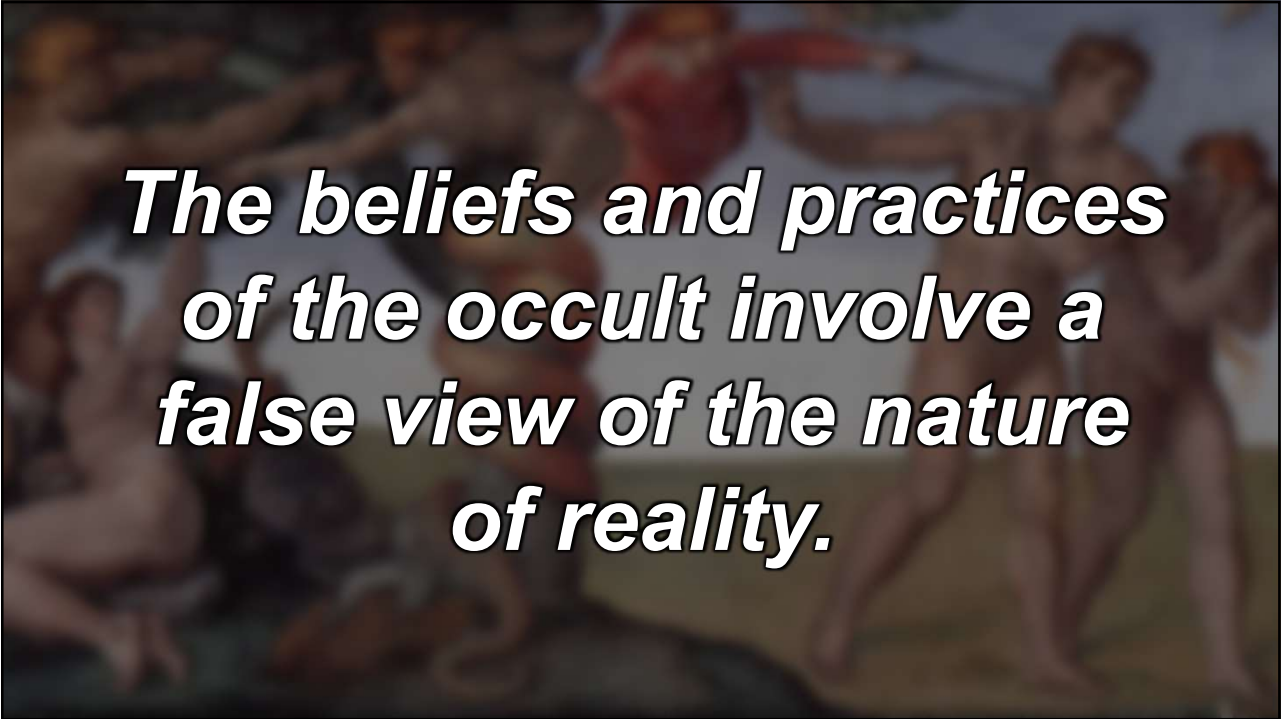
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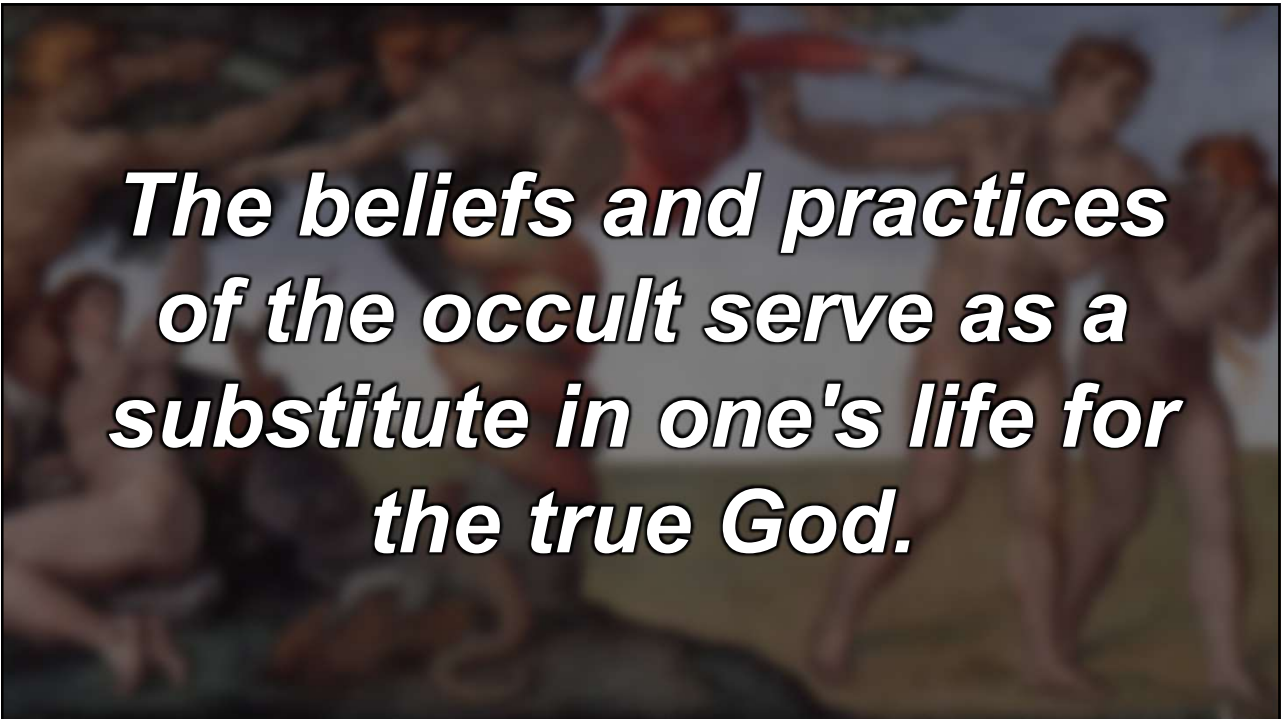
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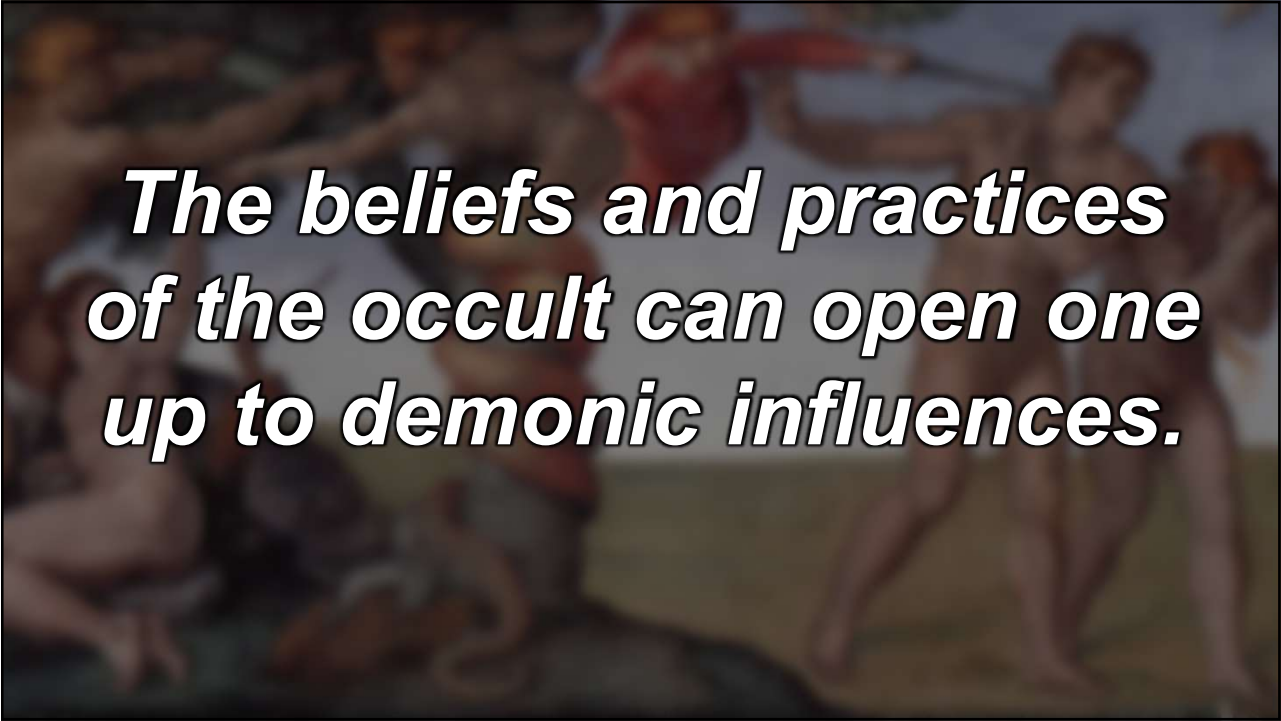




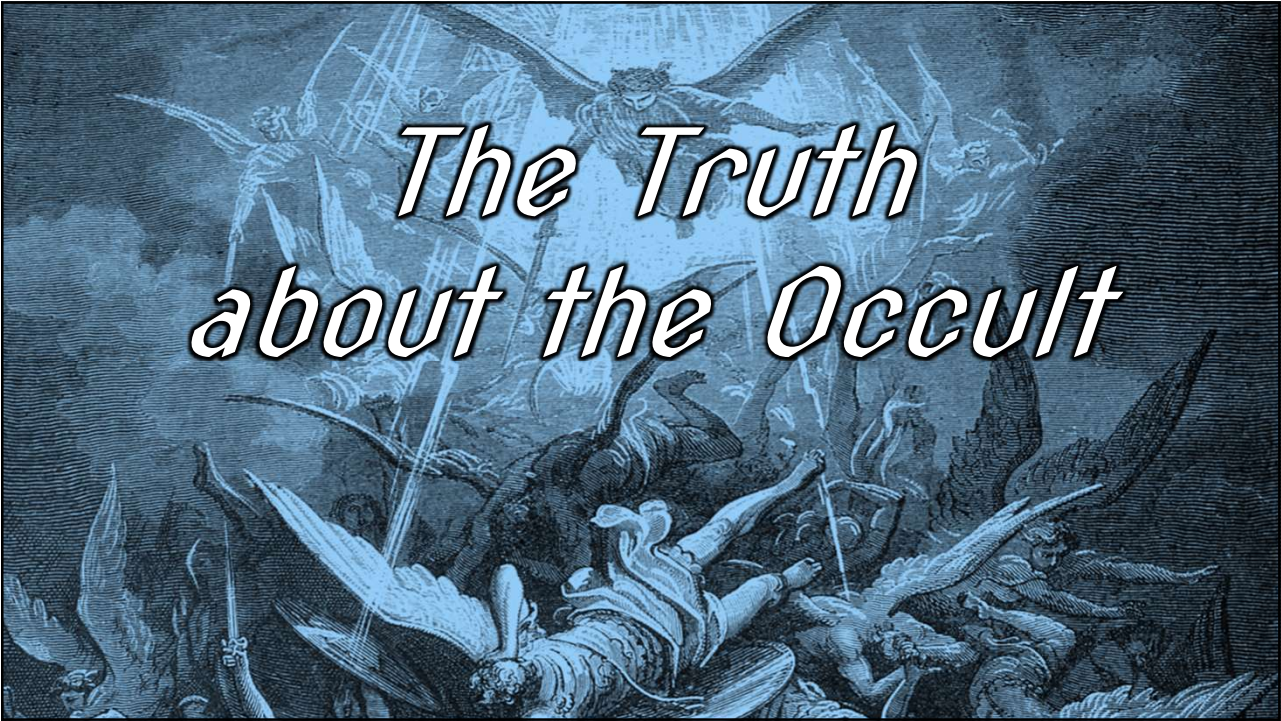
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about the Occult***

*The Bible teaches that the spiritual realm is real
but not in the way the occult teaches.*

(Acts 8:9, 11; 13:6-8; 16:16; Rev. 18:23)

The Bible teaches that the occult is forbidden.

(Deut. 18:10-12)

*The Bible teaches that these occult "powers"
and teachings are from Satan.*

(Gen. 3:1-6; 2 Thess. 2:9-10; 1 Tim. 4:1)

✠ 2 Thessalonians 3:16 ✠

***"Now may the Lord of peace
Himself give you peace
always in every way. The
Lord be with you all."***