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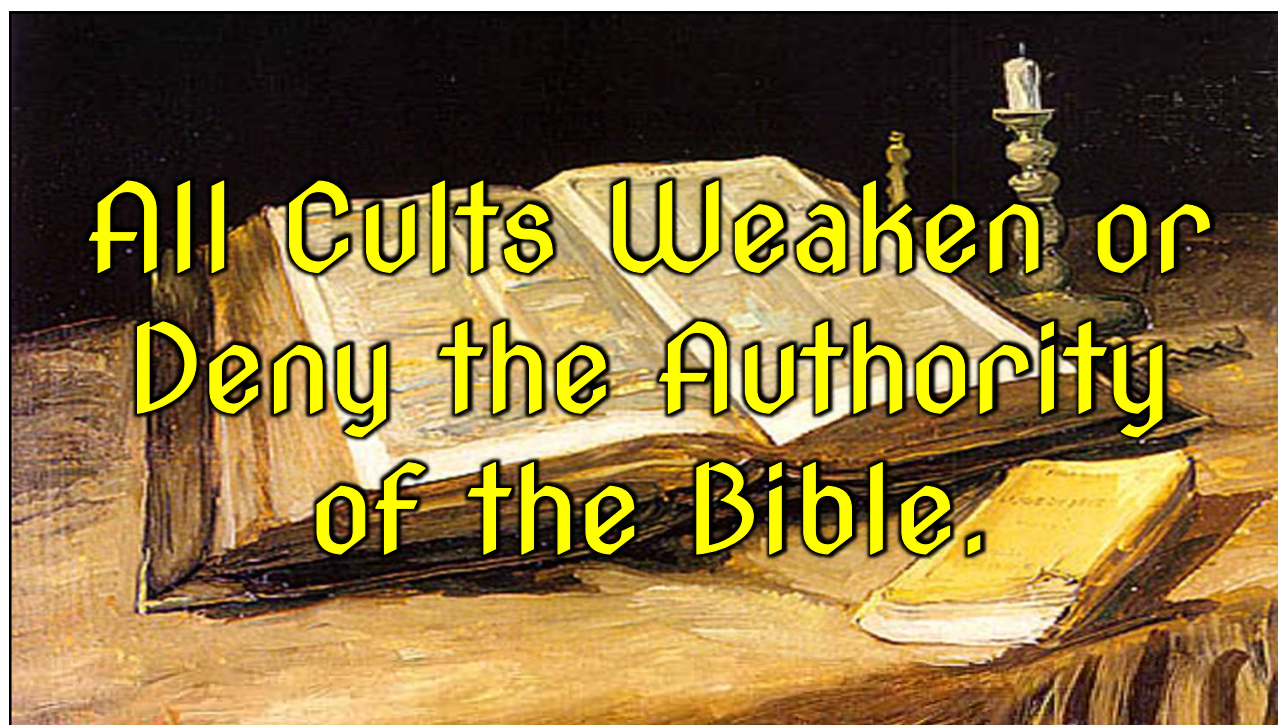
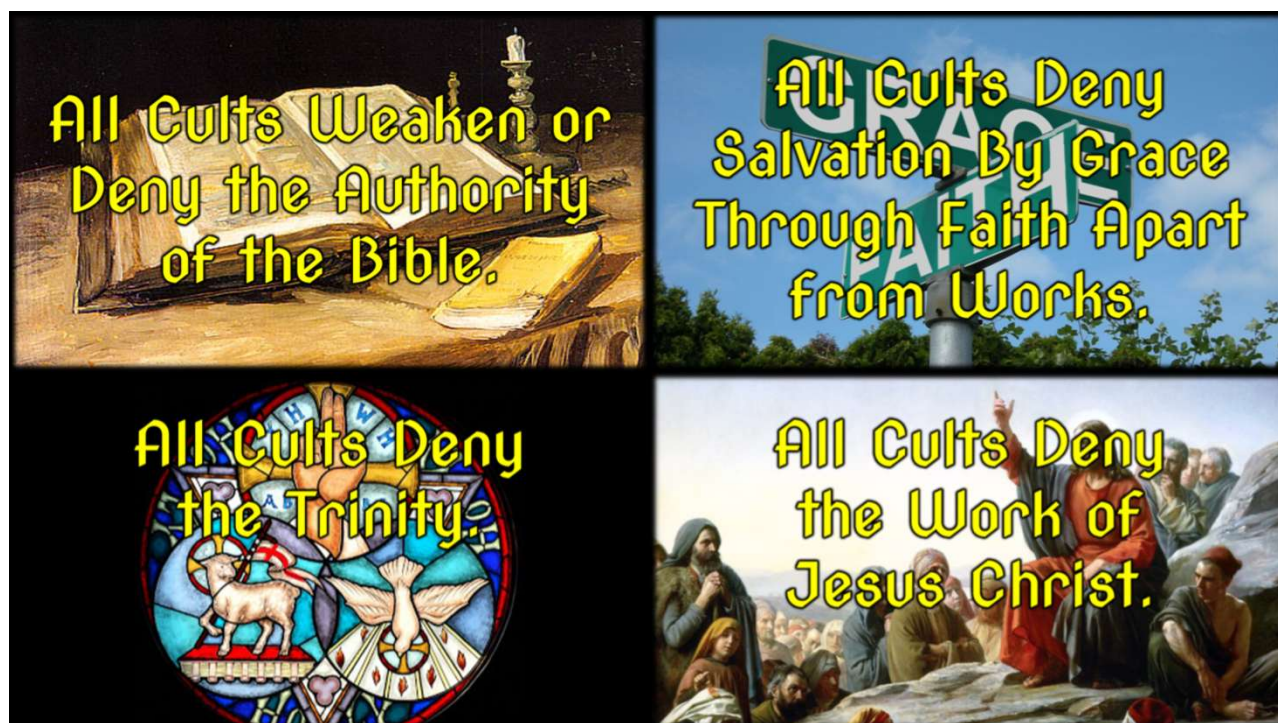
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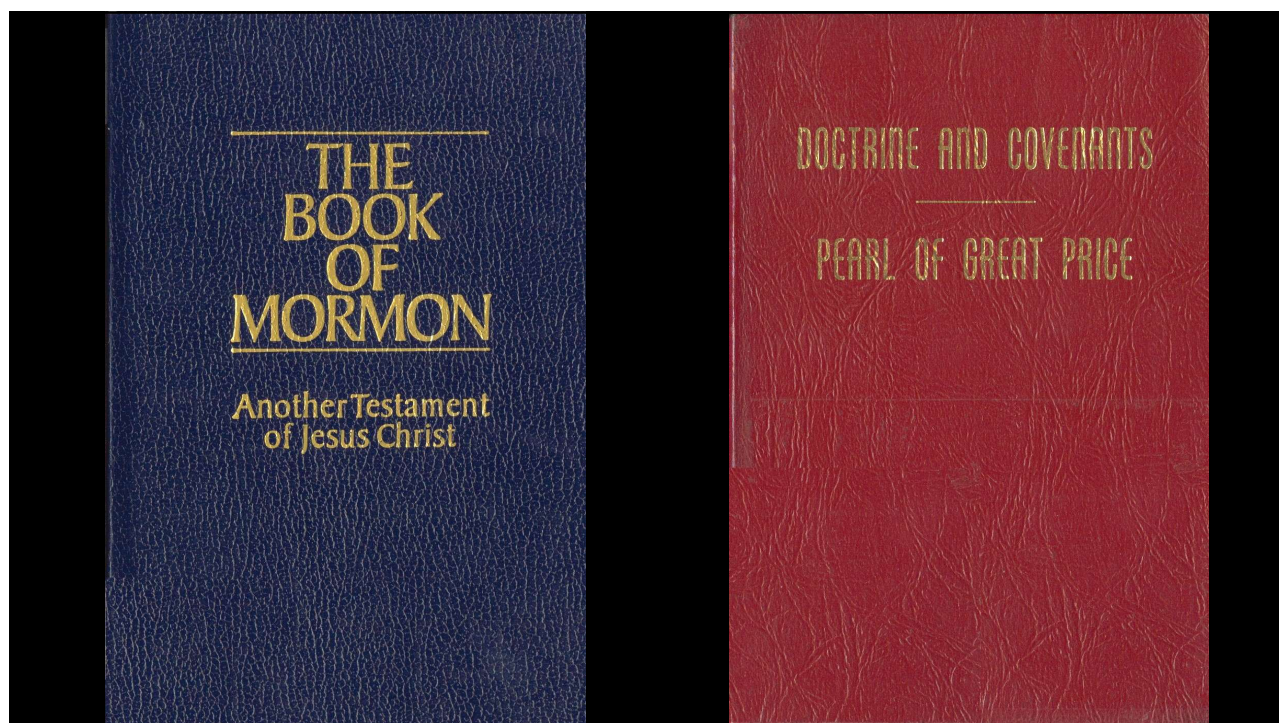
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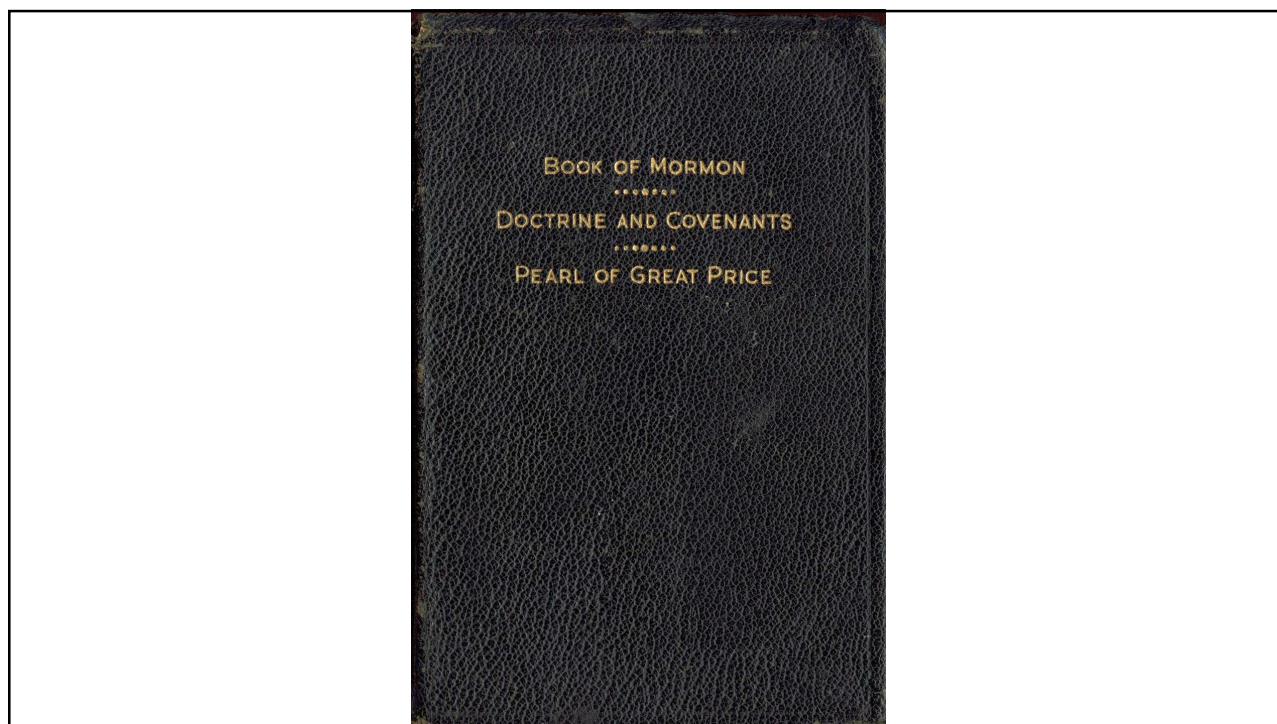
The Marks of a Cult

- 1) *All Cults Weaken or Deny the Authority of the Bible.*
- 2) *All Cults Deny Salvation By Grace Through Faith Apart from Works.*
- 3) *All Cults Deny the Trinity.*
- 4) *All Cults Deny the Work of Jesus Christ.*



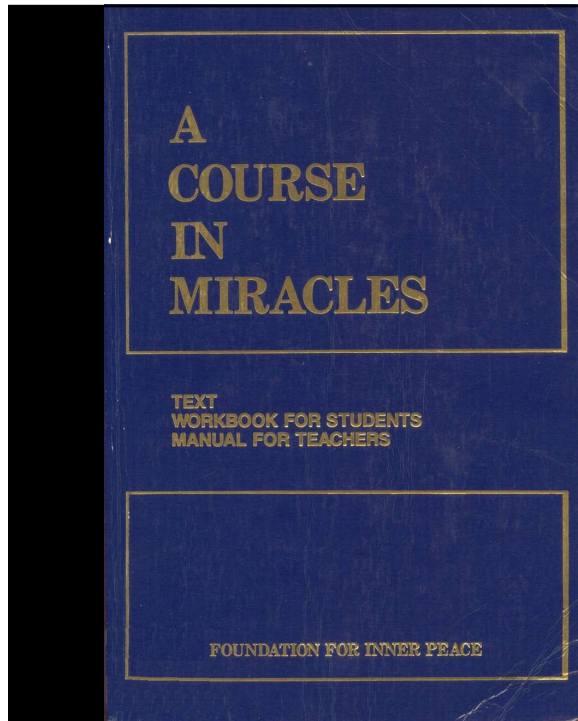
*Some cults weaken the
authority of the Bible by
claiming additional revelation.*





"The Bible is the Word of God, written by men. It is a basic Mormon teaching. But the Latter-day Saints recognize that errors have crept into this sacred work because of the manner in which the book has come to us. Moreover, they regard it as not being complete as a guide. Scores of different types of interpretations on basic doctrines, which have led to the creation of hundreds of different sects, bear witness to the inadequacy of the Bible. ... Supplementing the Bible, the Latter-day Saints have three other books. These with the Bible constitute the standard works of the Church. They are known as the *Book of Mormon*, the *Doctrine and Covenants*, and the *Pearl of Great Price*."

[Gordon B. Hinckley, *What of the Mormons?* (n.c.: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1976), 10, 12.]



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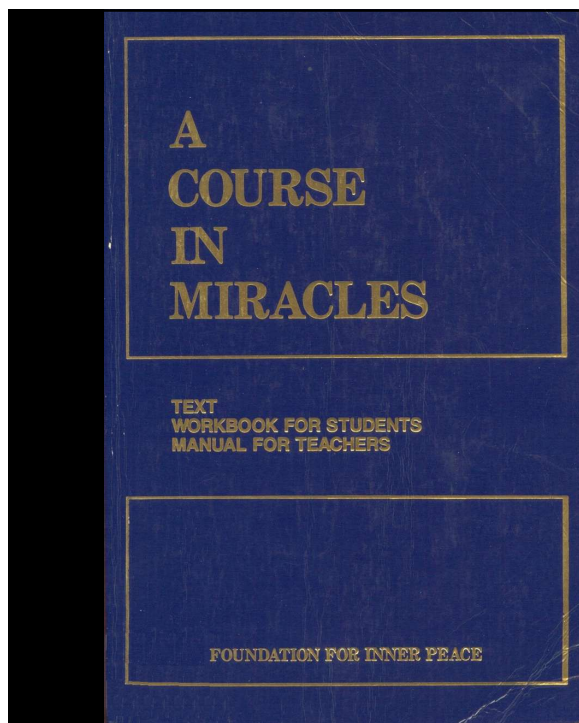
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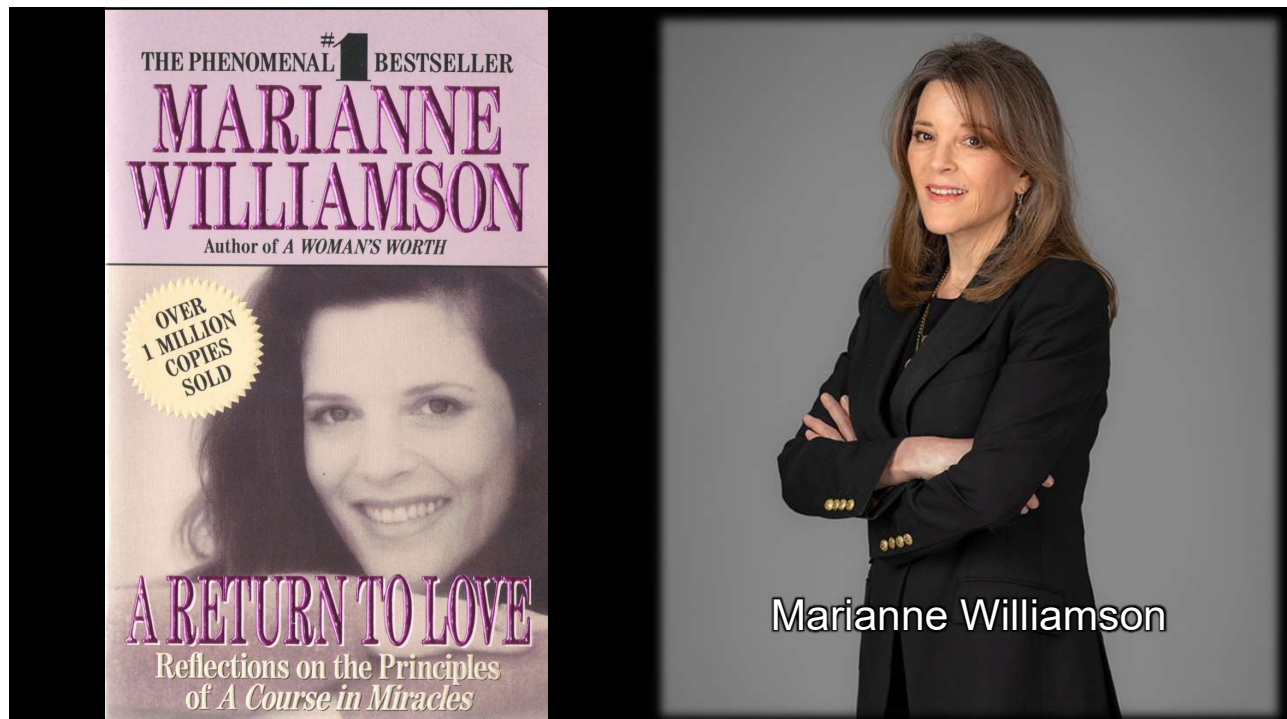
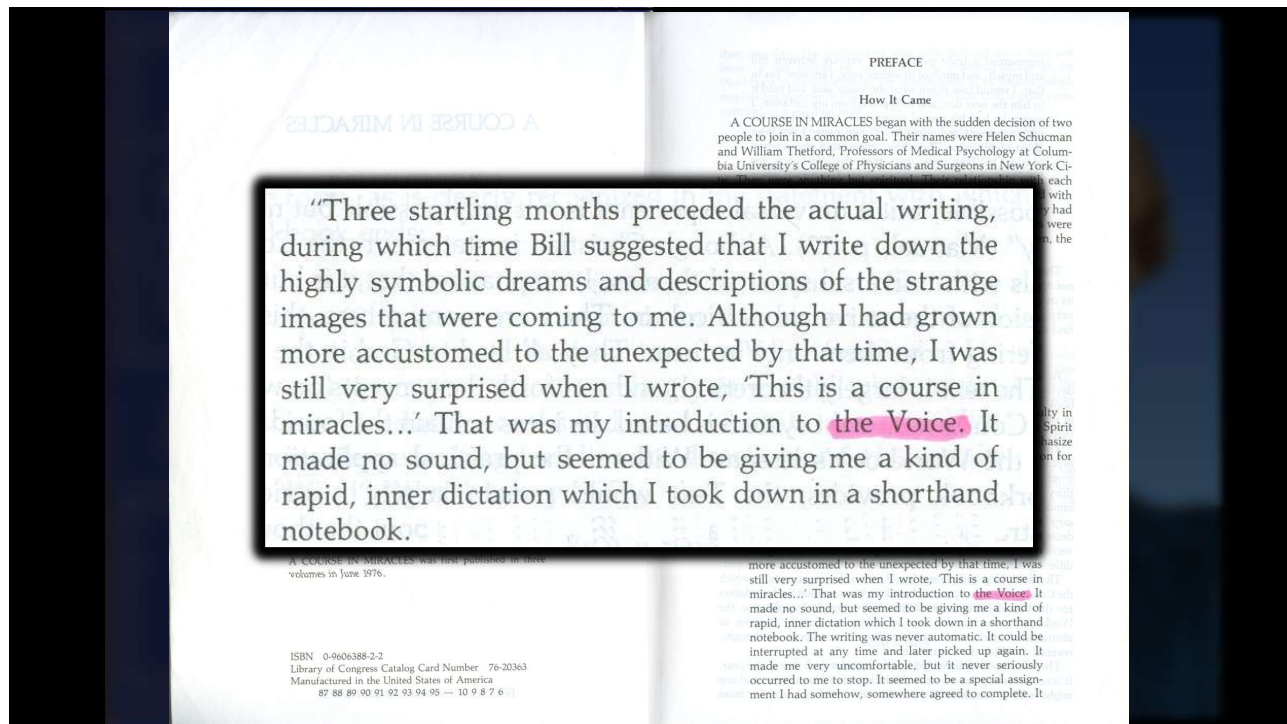


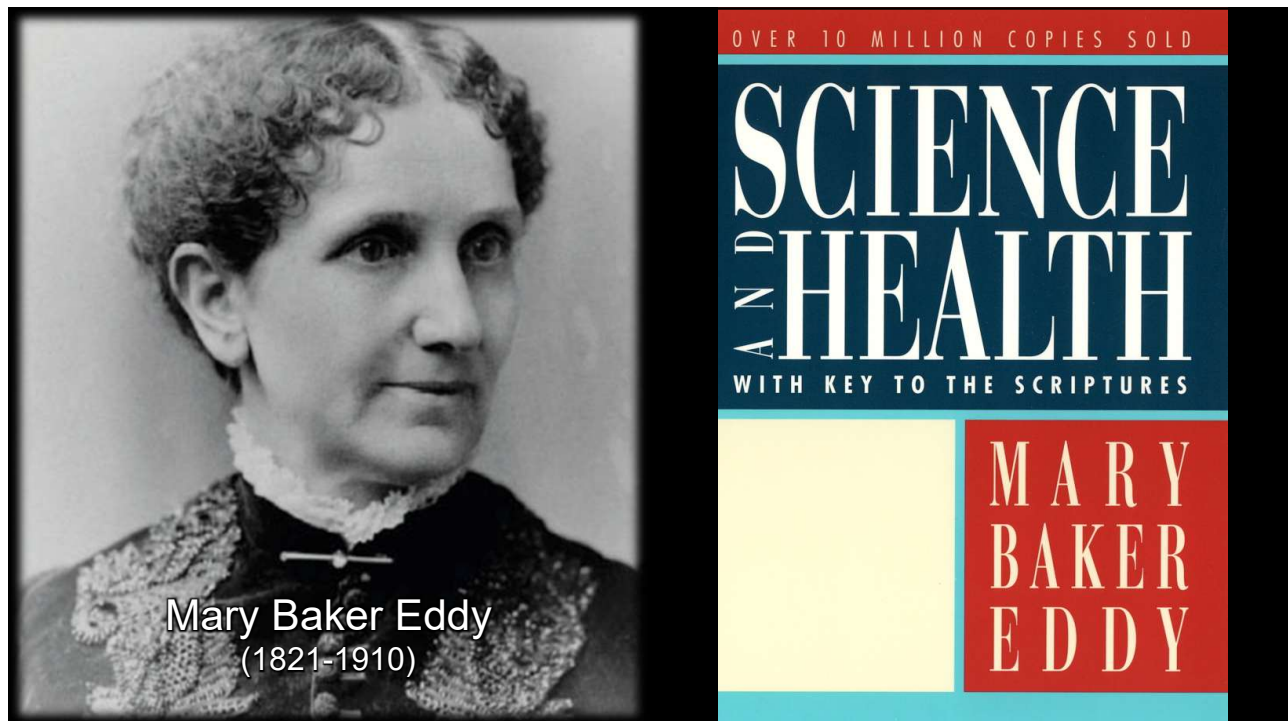
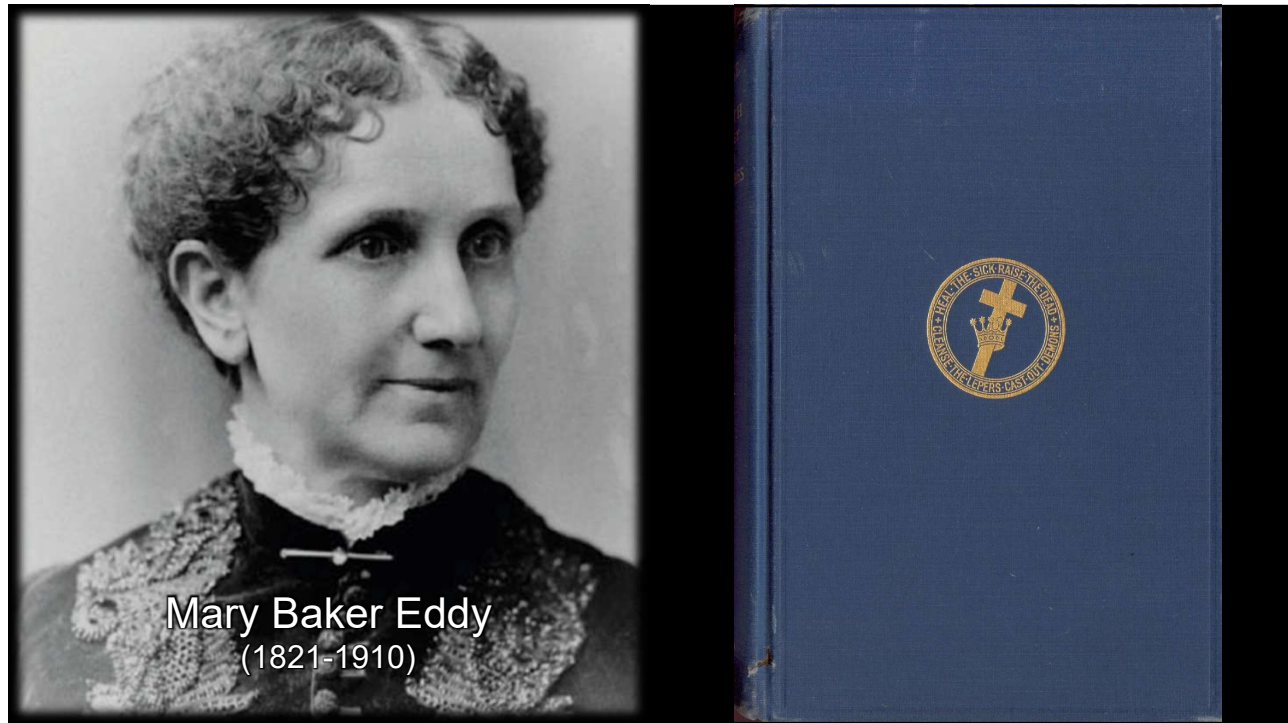
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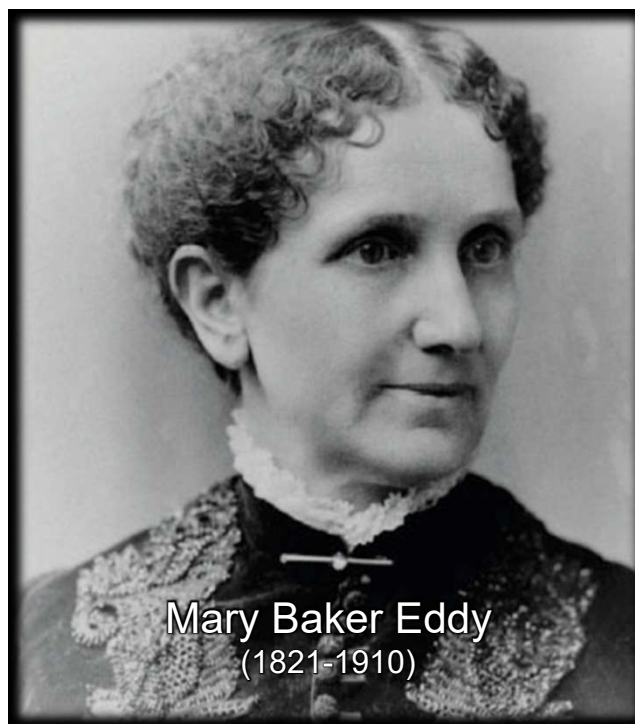
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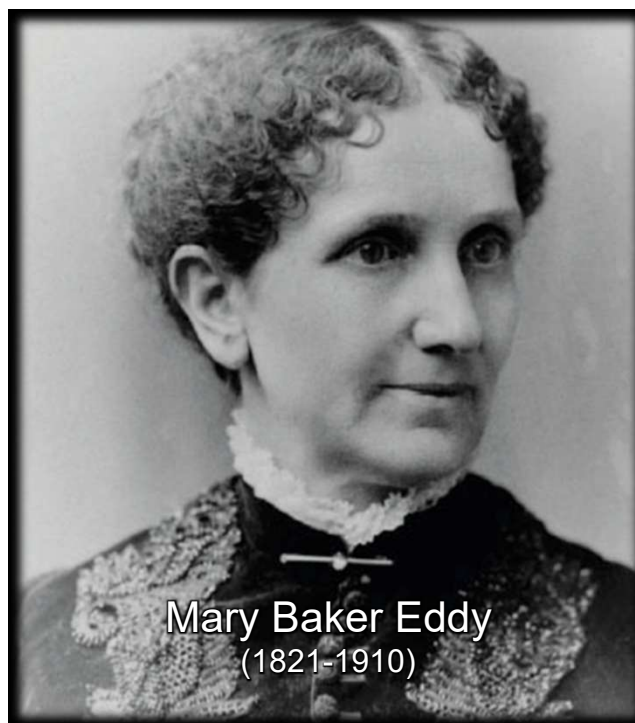






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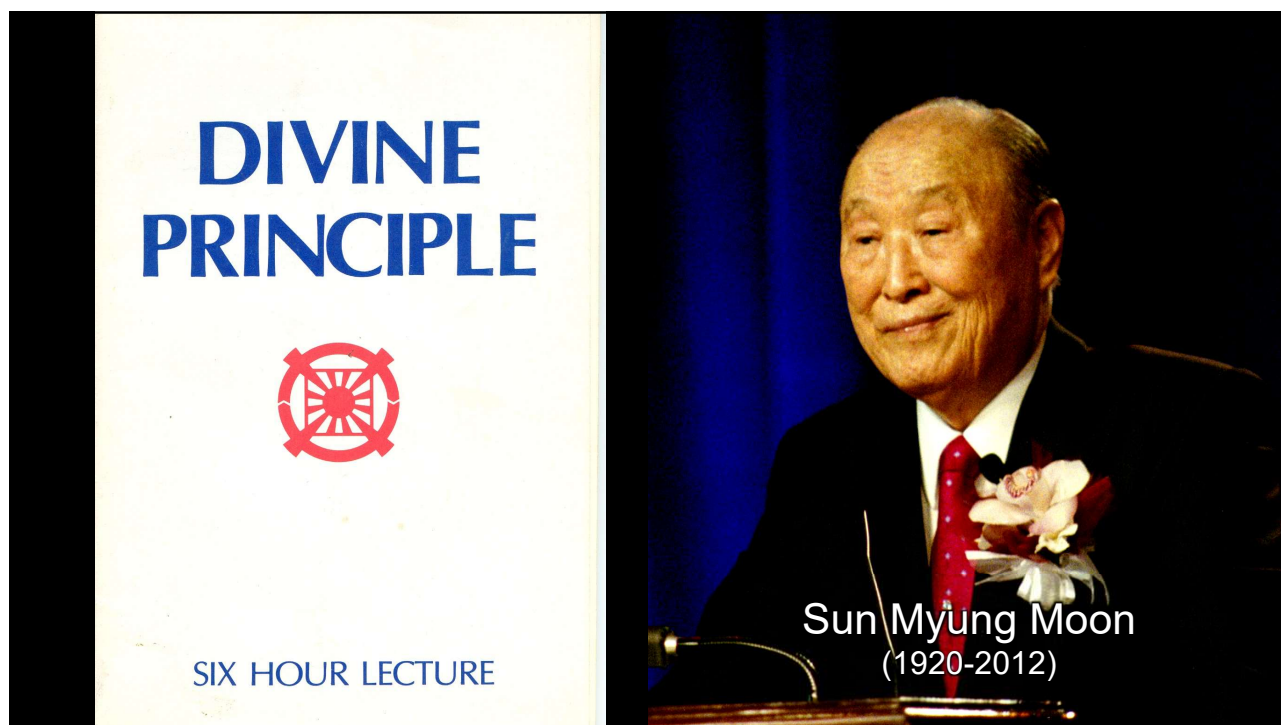
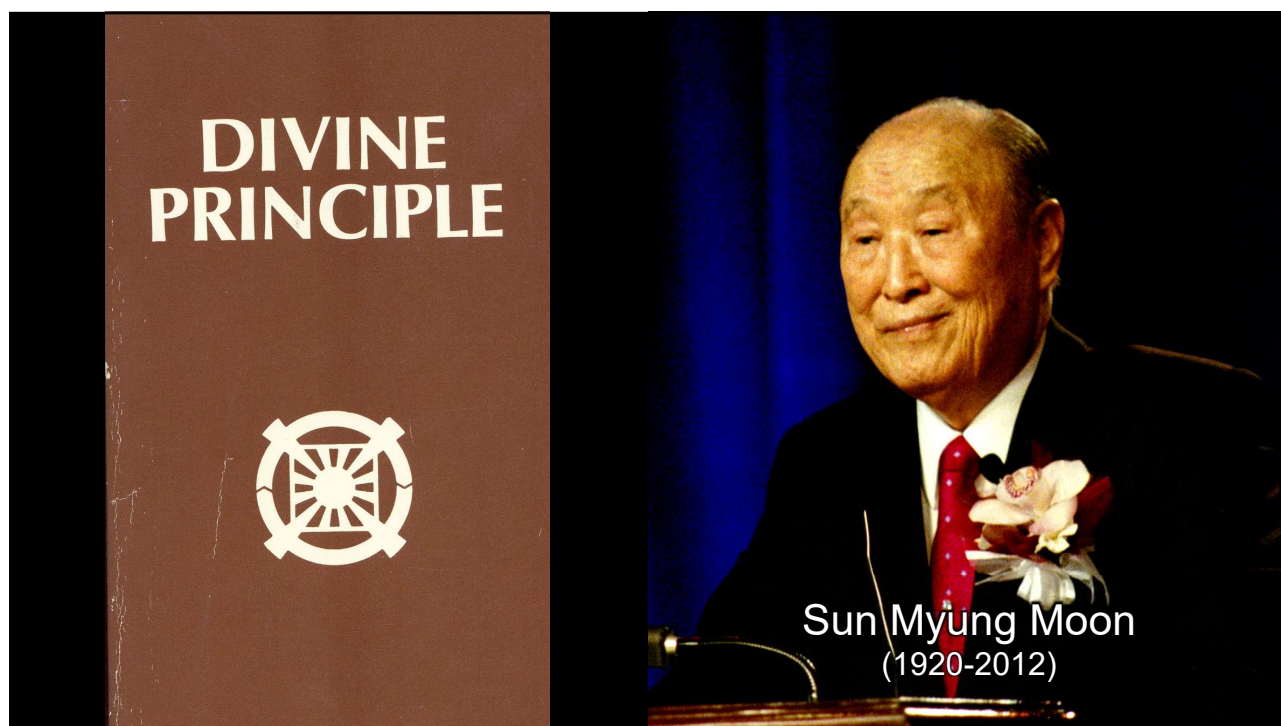
"When God called the author to proclaim His Gospel to this age, there came also the charge to plant and water His vineyard. The first school of Christian Science Mind-healing was started by the author with only one student in Lynn, Massachusetts, about the year 1867. ...



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"In the spirit of Christ's charity, — as one who "hopeth all things, endureth all things," and is joyful to bear consolation to the sorrowing and healing to the sick, — she commits these pages to the honest seekers for Truth."

[Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (Boston: Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy, 1906), xi, xii.]



"We know that God worked through Noah and Abraham, and we know well that revealed words through Moses and Jesus. Can not the same living god, who is alive today, give a new revelation in the present day?"



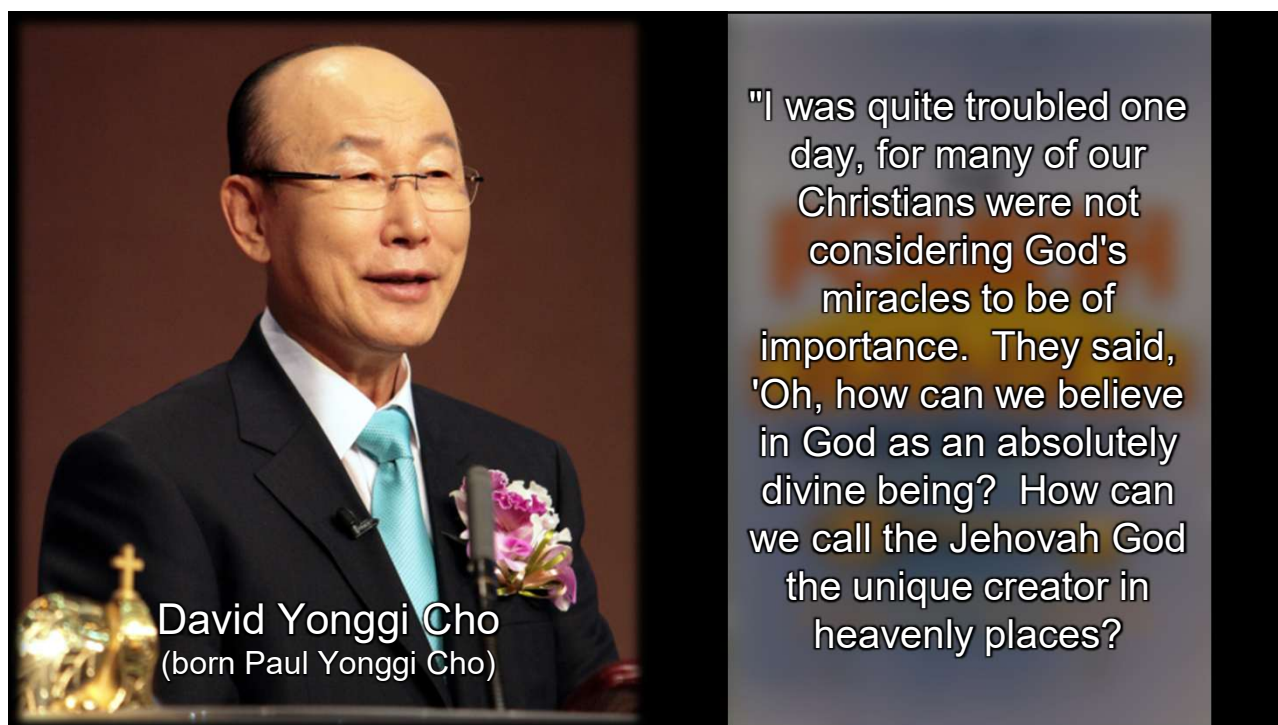
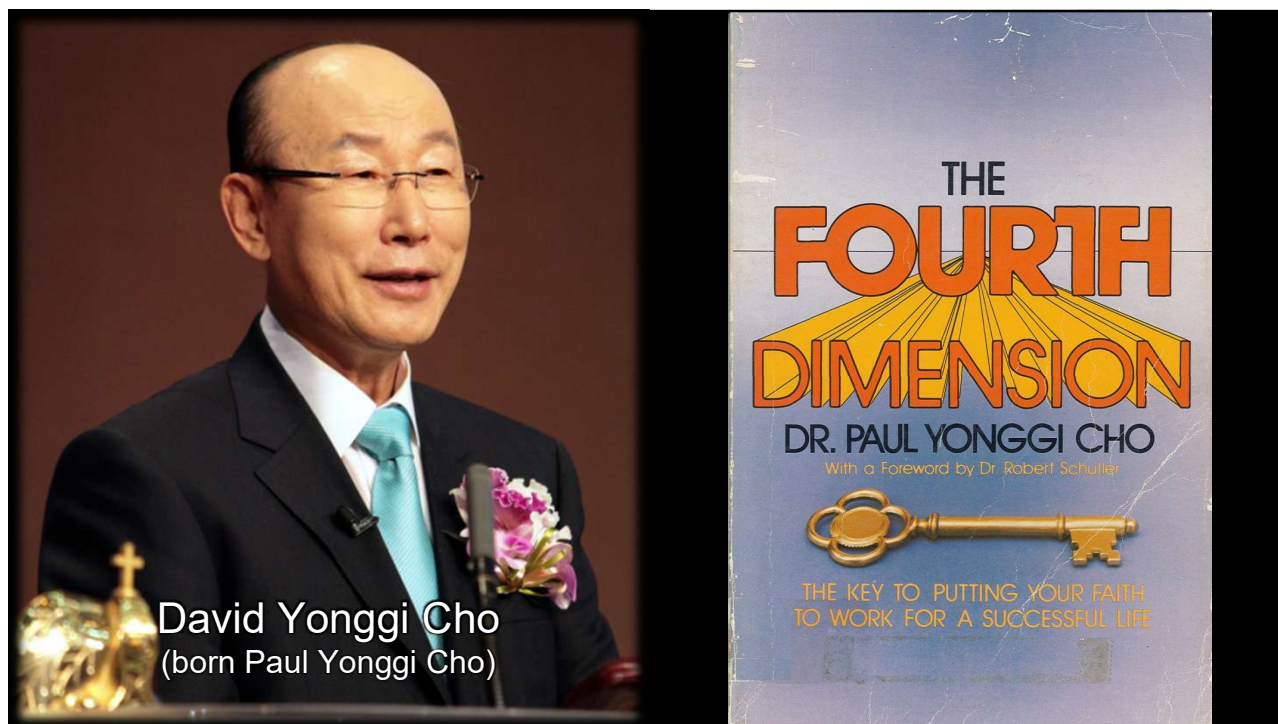
Sun Myung Moon
(1920-2012)


"The Divine Principle contains the words of a new revelation given through the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, that clarify God's will and providence of salvation to the highest degree. Reverend Moon did not gain his revelation in school while studying philosophy and theology. God directly revealed His will to him."

[Sun Myung Moon, Divine Principle Six Hour Lecture (n. c.: The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, 1977), 2.]



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David Yonggi Cho
(born Paul Yonggi Cho)


"We see miracles in Buddhism, miracles in yoga, and miracles in Sokagakkai. We see many miracles in the Oriental religions. Why should we claim Jehovah God as the only creator of the universe?"

By the very nature of the case, miracles, by definition, are impossible in these religions.

A miracle is an act of the transcendent God whereby He interrupts the normal course of nature for the purpose of vindicating the messenger.


None of these religions has any notion of a transcendent God.

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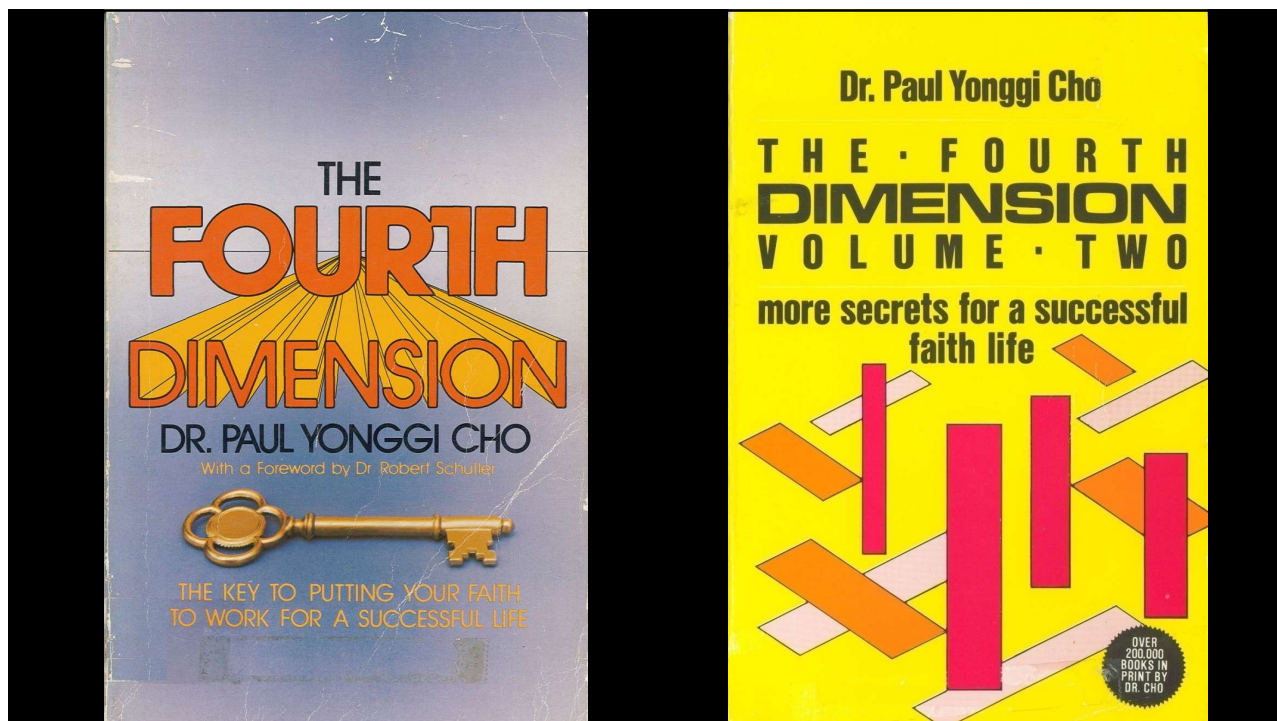
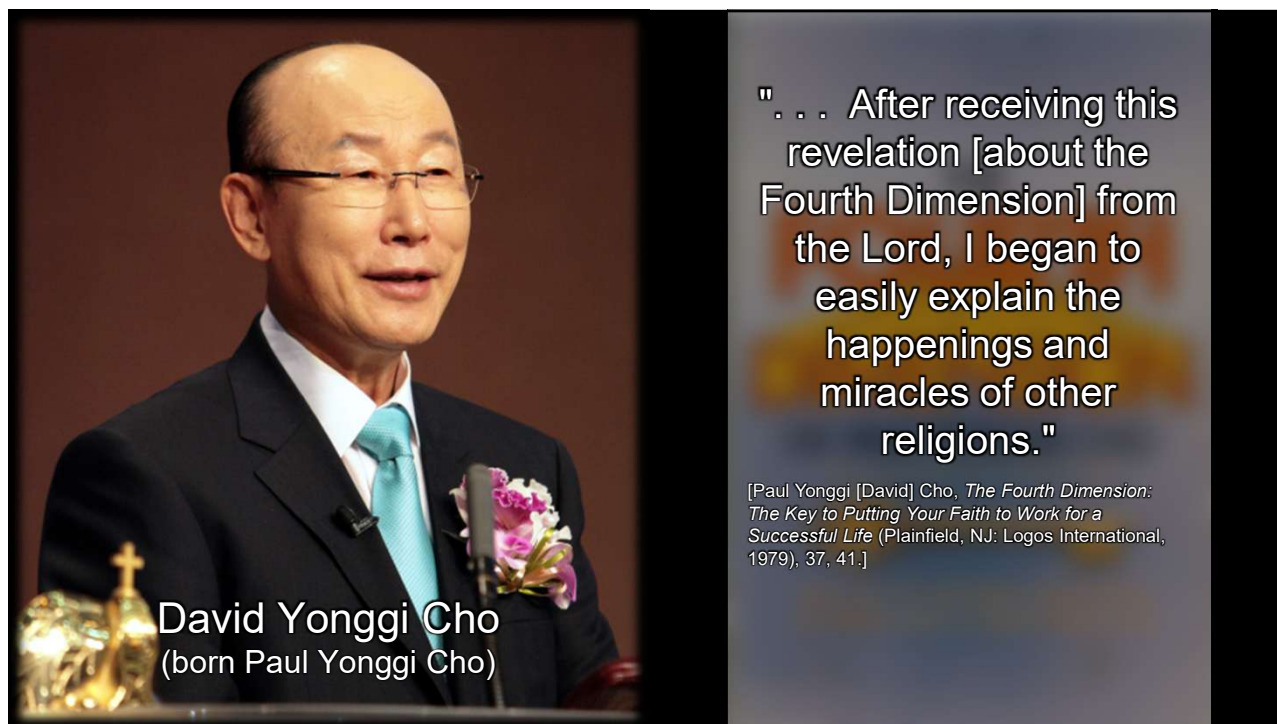
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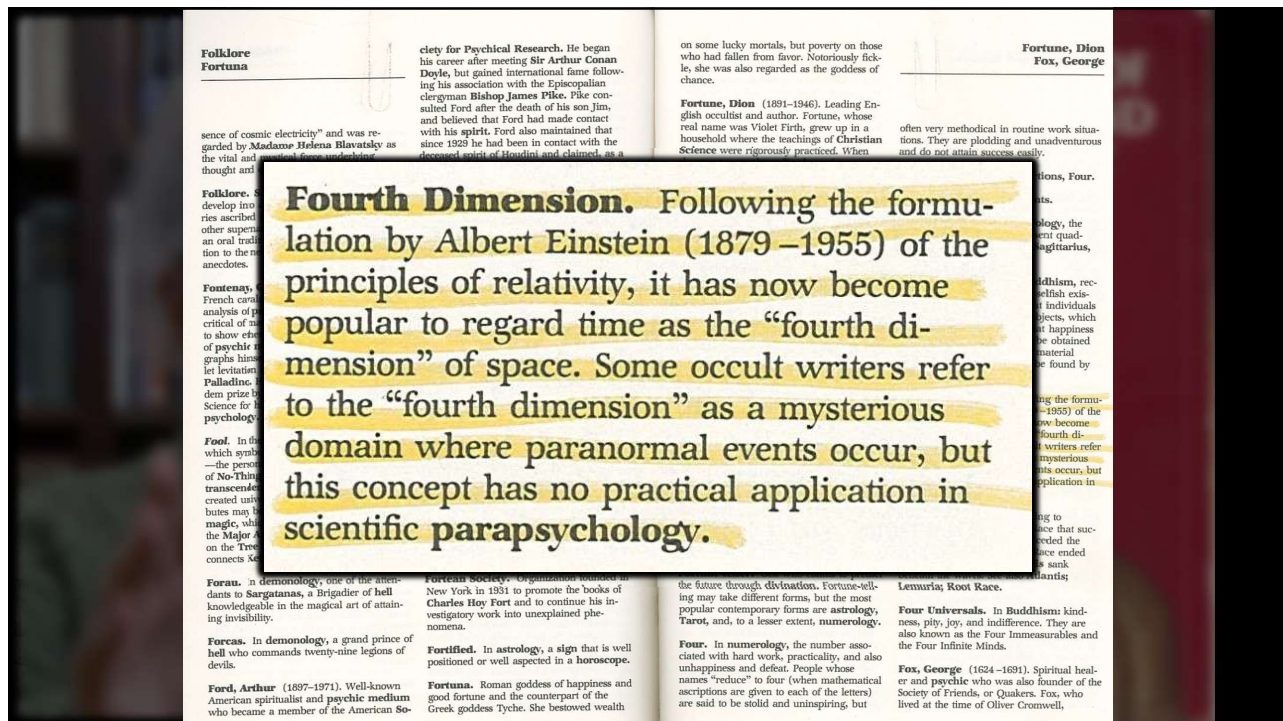
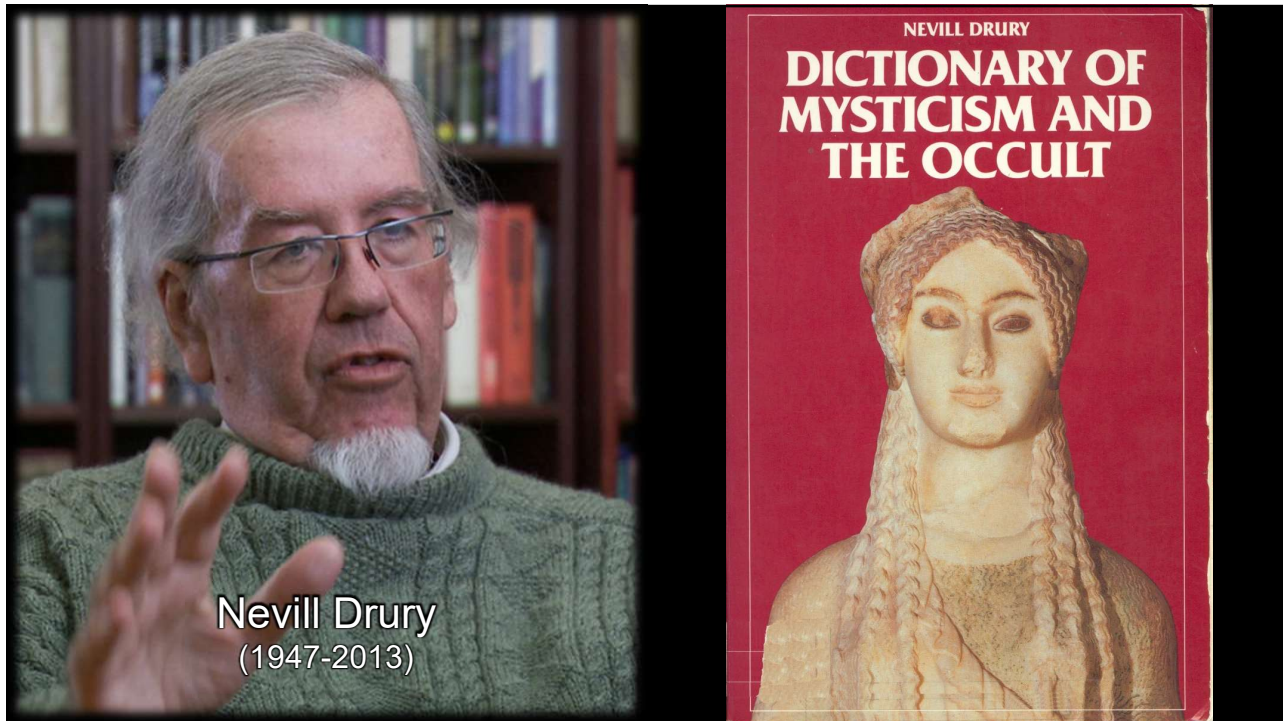
"But I knew that our God was the unique God, the only God, and the creator of the universe. So I made their questions a matter of prayer before God. I fasted and prayed, seeking the faith of the Lord, and His answers."

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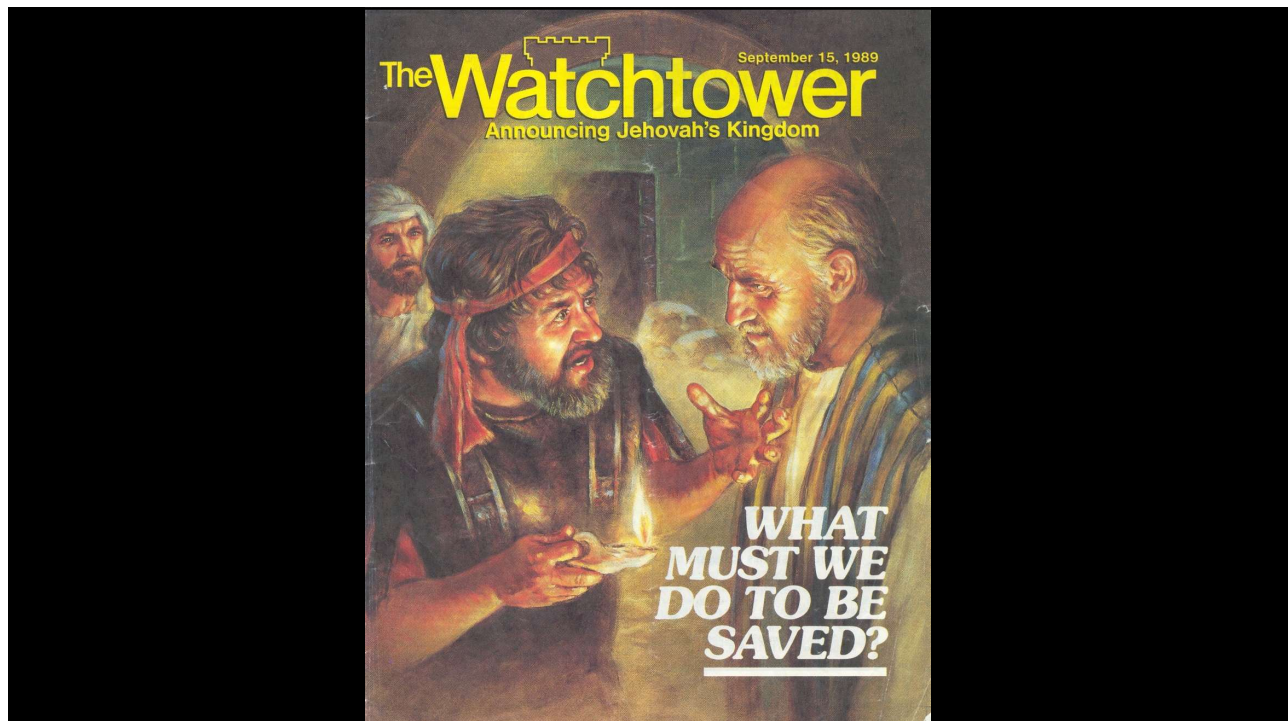
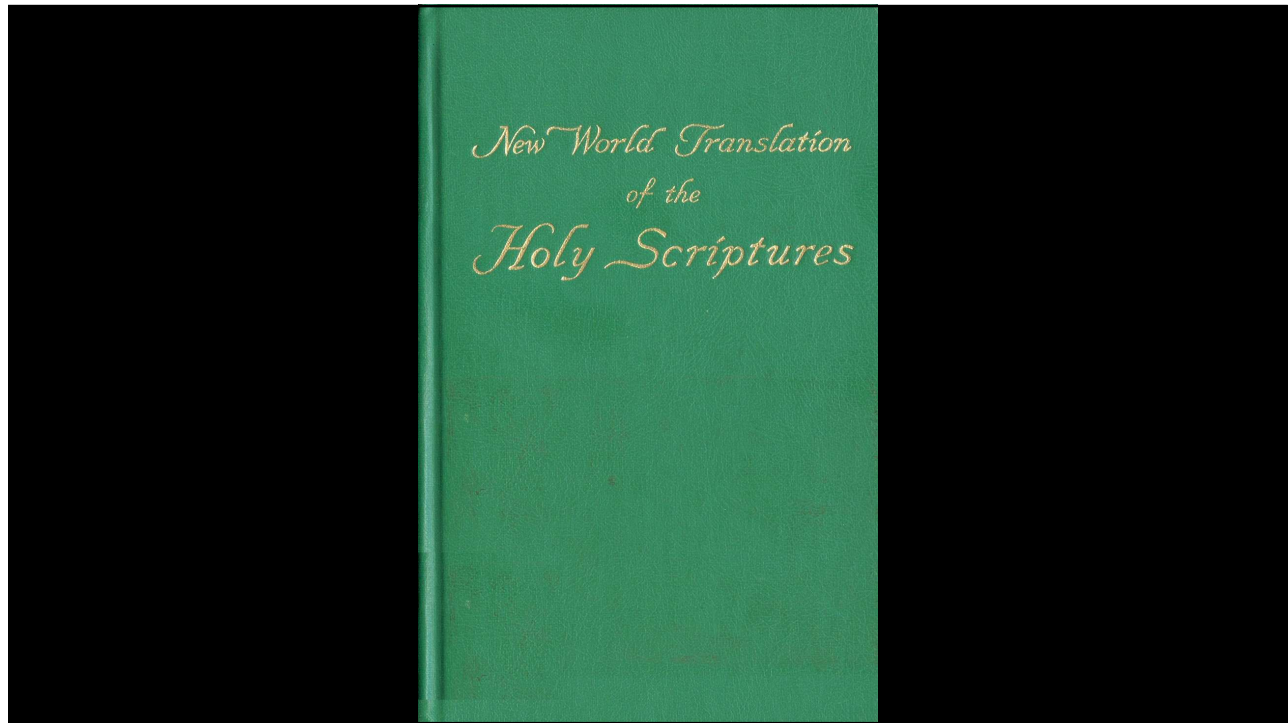
"Then a glorious revelation came to my heart, and I received a clear explanation. And from that time on I began to explain these things through my lectures in my church in Korea."

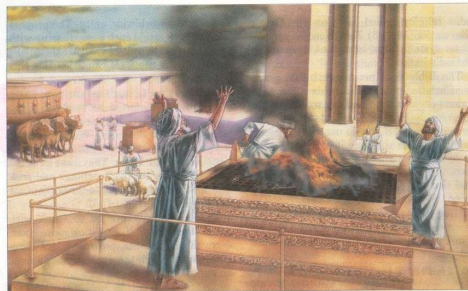




Some cults weaken the authority of the Bible by claiming authoritative or infallible interpretations.







AT WHICH TABLE ARE YOU FEEDING?

"You cannot be partaking of 'the table of Jehovah' and the table of demons."
—1 CORINTHIANS 10:21.

THESE inspired words of the apostle Paul show that two figurative tables are set before mankind. Each table is identified by the kind of symbolic food placed upon it, and all of us are eating at one or the other. However, if we wish to please God, we cannot be feeding at his table and at the same time be nibbling at the table of demons. The apostle Paul warned: "The things which the nations sac-

rifice they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers with the demons. You cannot be drinking the cup of Jehovah and the cup of demons; you cannot be partaking of 'the table of Jehovah' and the table of demons." —1 Corinthians 10:20, 21.

¹ Paul's words remind us of the communion sacrifices that the ancient Israelites

1. What tables are set before us, and what warning does the apostle Paul give regarding them?

2. (a) What table of Jehovah existed in the days of ancient Israel, and who shared in the communion sacrifices? (b) What does partaking of the table of Jehovah mean today?

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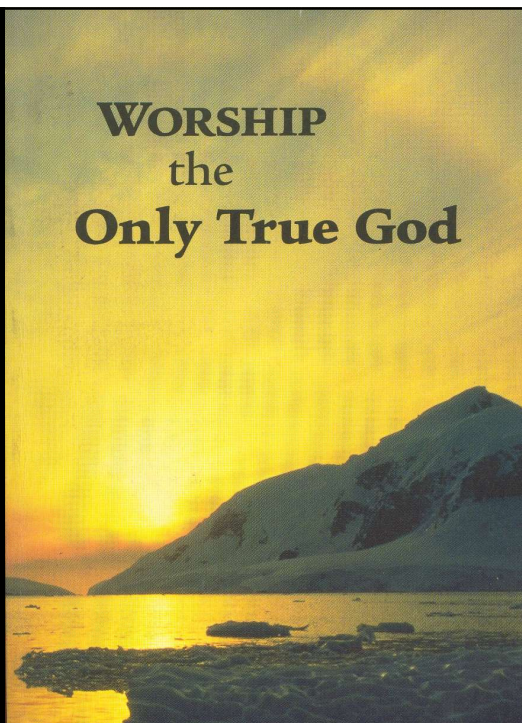
"The Lord Jesus Christ foretold that during his presence a 'faithful and discreet slave' would provide spiritual food for his disciples ... This slave has proved to be, not any single individual, but the class of dedicated, anointed Christians. . . . This faithful slave class has been using the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society to provide spiritual nourishment for all Jehovah's Witnesses. ...

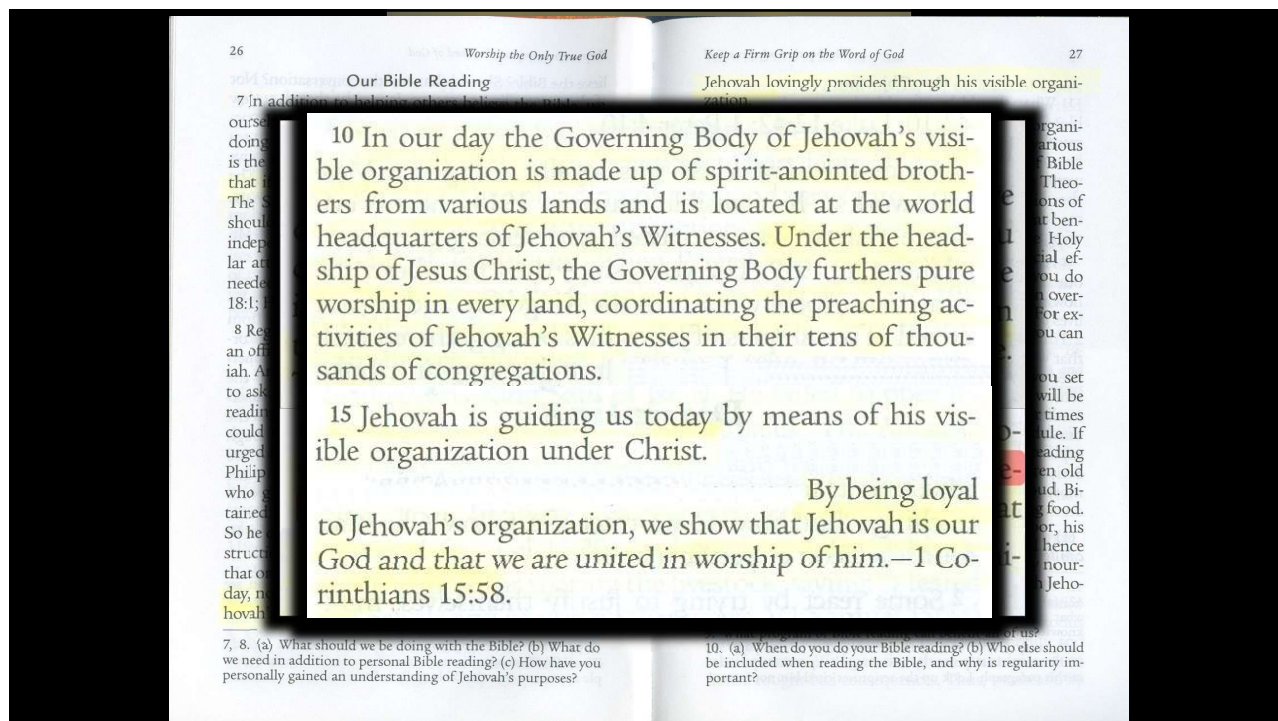
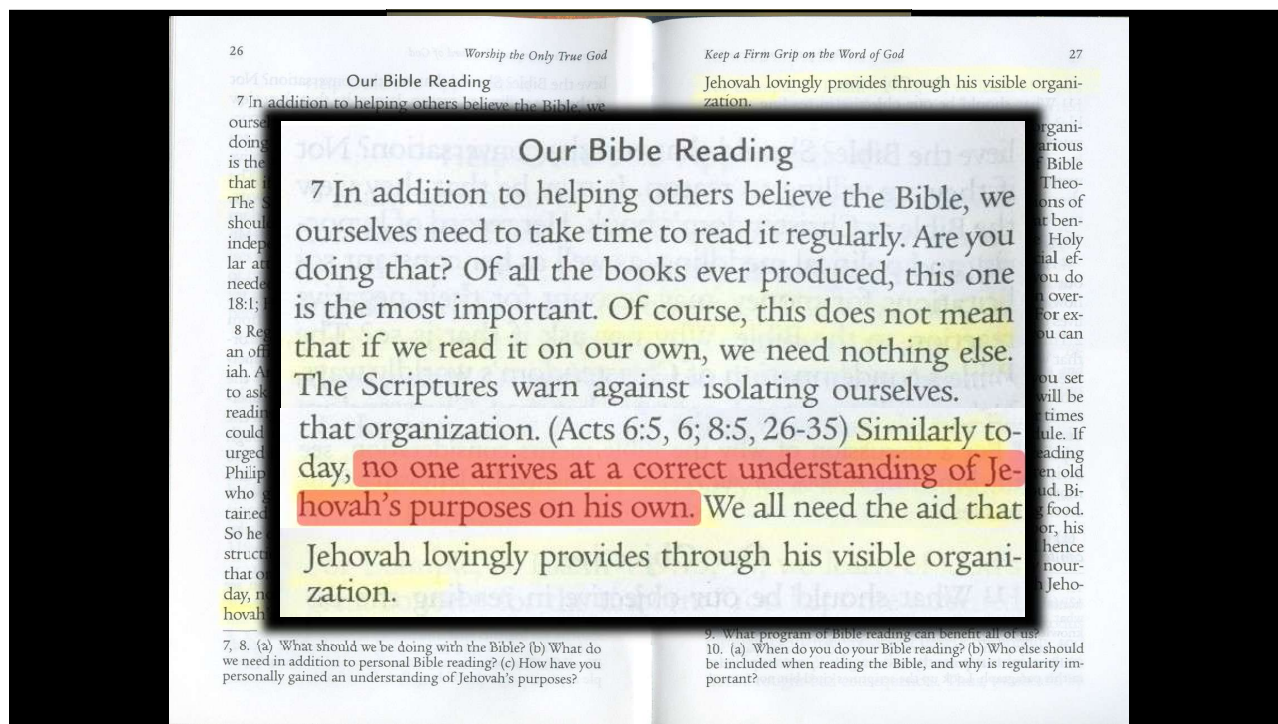
"Yes, apostates publish literature that resorts to distortions, half-truths, and out-right falsehood.

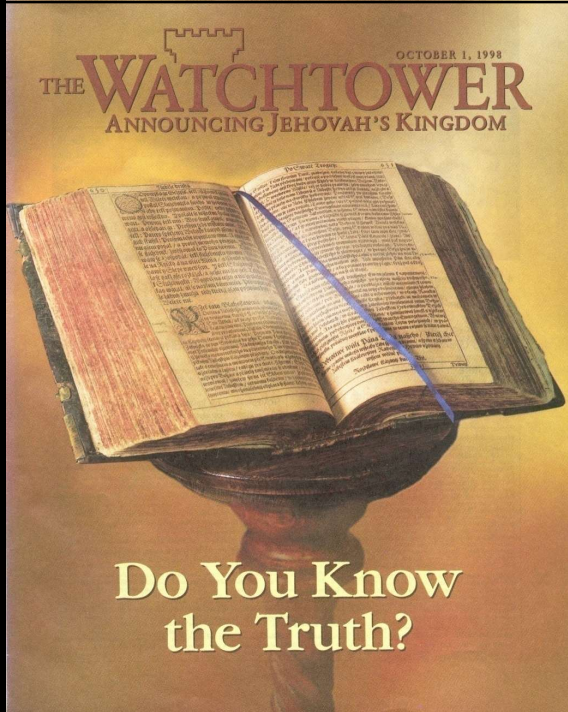
... Hence, it would be a dangerous thing to allow our curiosity to move us to feed on such writings or to listen to their abusive speech! ... In many cases, [the apostates] have reentered the darkness of Christendom and its doctrines Let us never give ear to what the apostates are saying or doing.

[n.a., "At Which Table Are You Feeding?" *The Watch Tower: Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom* 115, no. 13 (July 1, 1994), 11, 12, 13.]

WORSHIP
the
Only True God








**Do You Know
the Truth?**


*"Many hesitate to listen to Jehovah's Witnesses because of the negative information that circulates against them. But honest-hearted people are invited to **decide for themselves** whether what the Witnesses preach is the truth or not. Such a vital decision **should not be based on hearsay**. Many who have conducted **their own personal investigation** of the teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses have benefited greatly."*

["Worshipping God with Truth" *The Watchtower: Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom* Vol. 119, No. 19 (Oct. 1, 1998), 4]

DIVINE PRINCIPLE



SIX HOUR LECTURE



Sun Myung Moon
(1920-2012)

*"Today, what the Church needs is not another human interpretation of the Bible. What matters now is how God interprets it for us, and when we live for God according to His will, we will be fulfilling His will. **Let us consider this with an open mind and heart.**"*

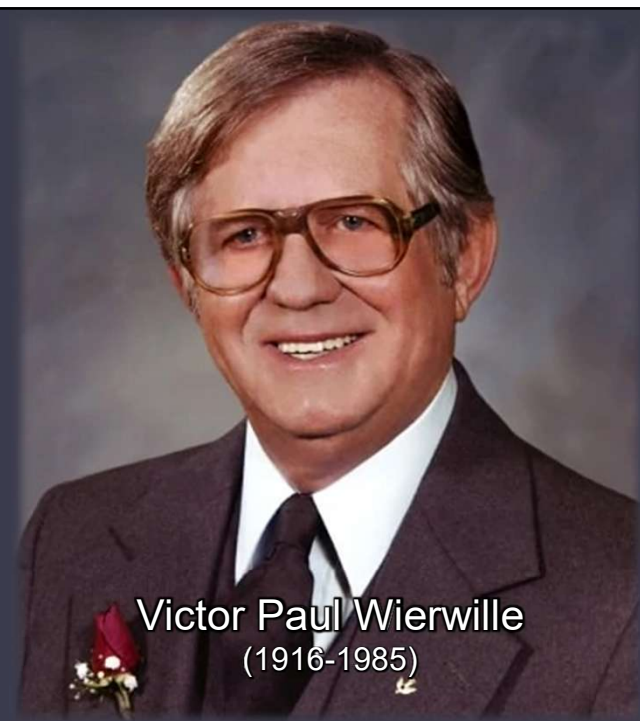
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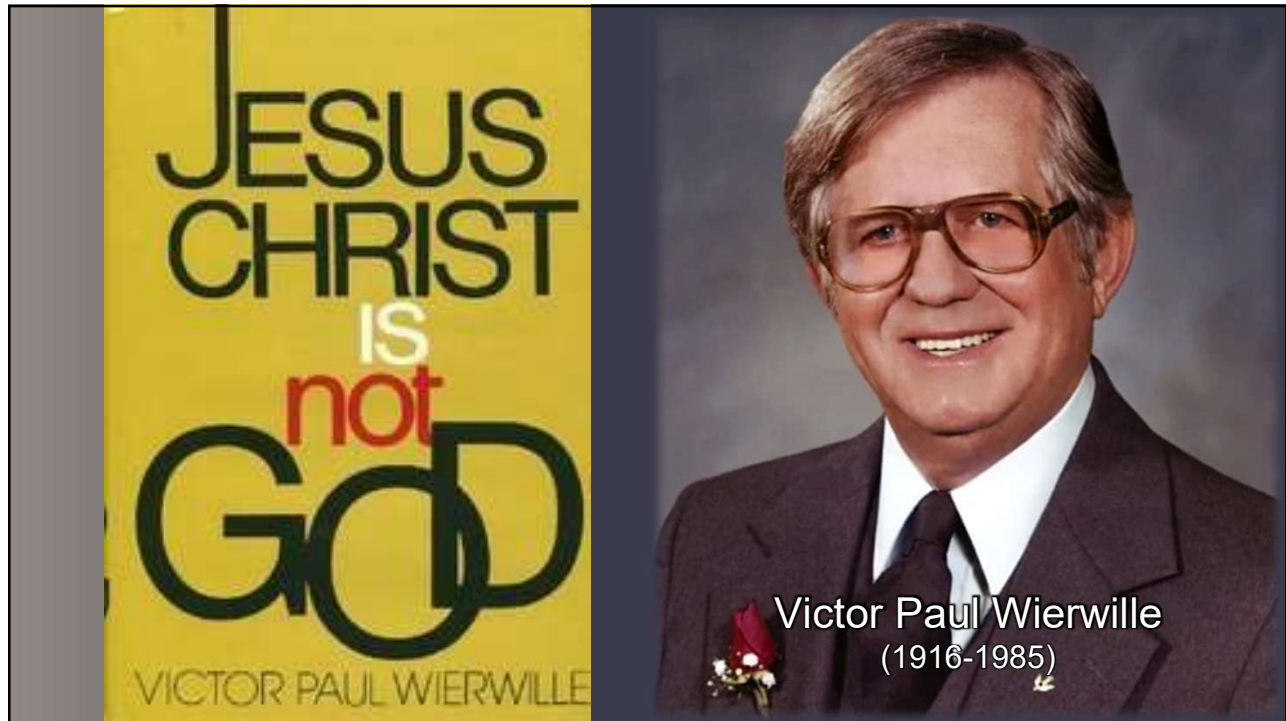
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"God spoke to me audibly, just like I'm talking to you now. He said he would teach me the word as it had not been known since the first century, if I would teach it to others."

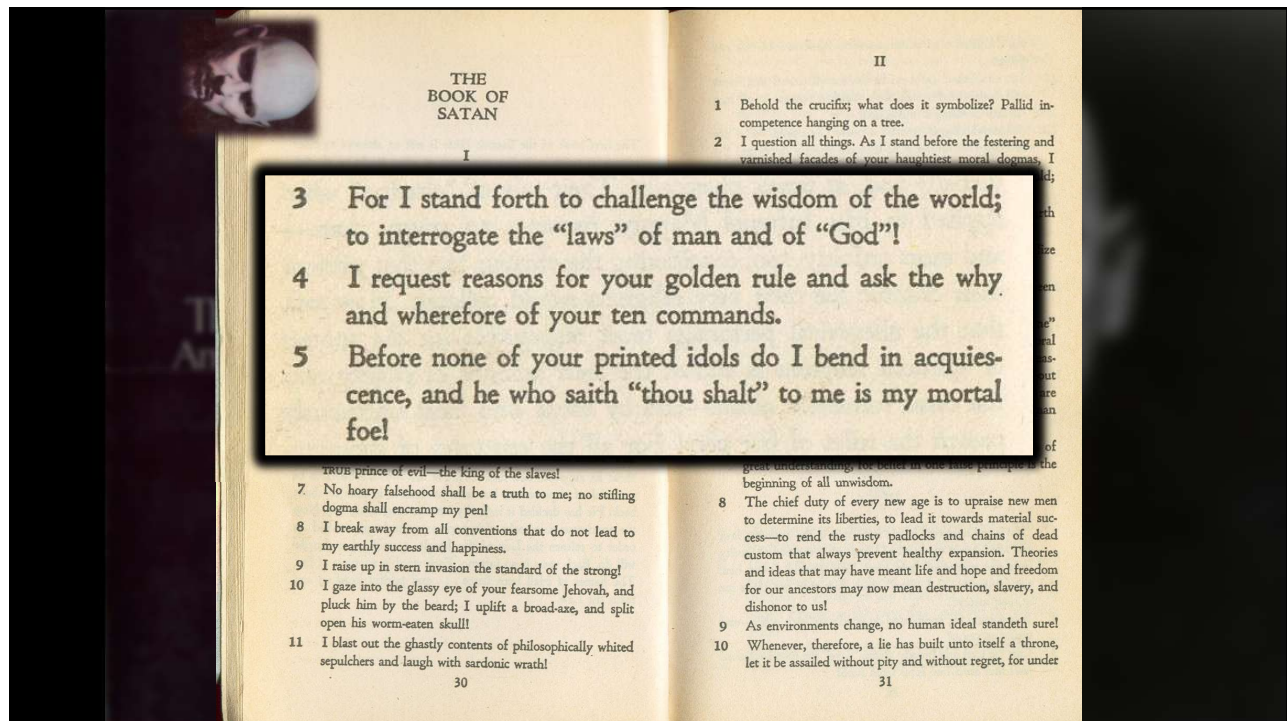
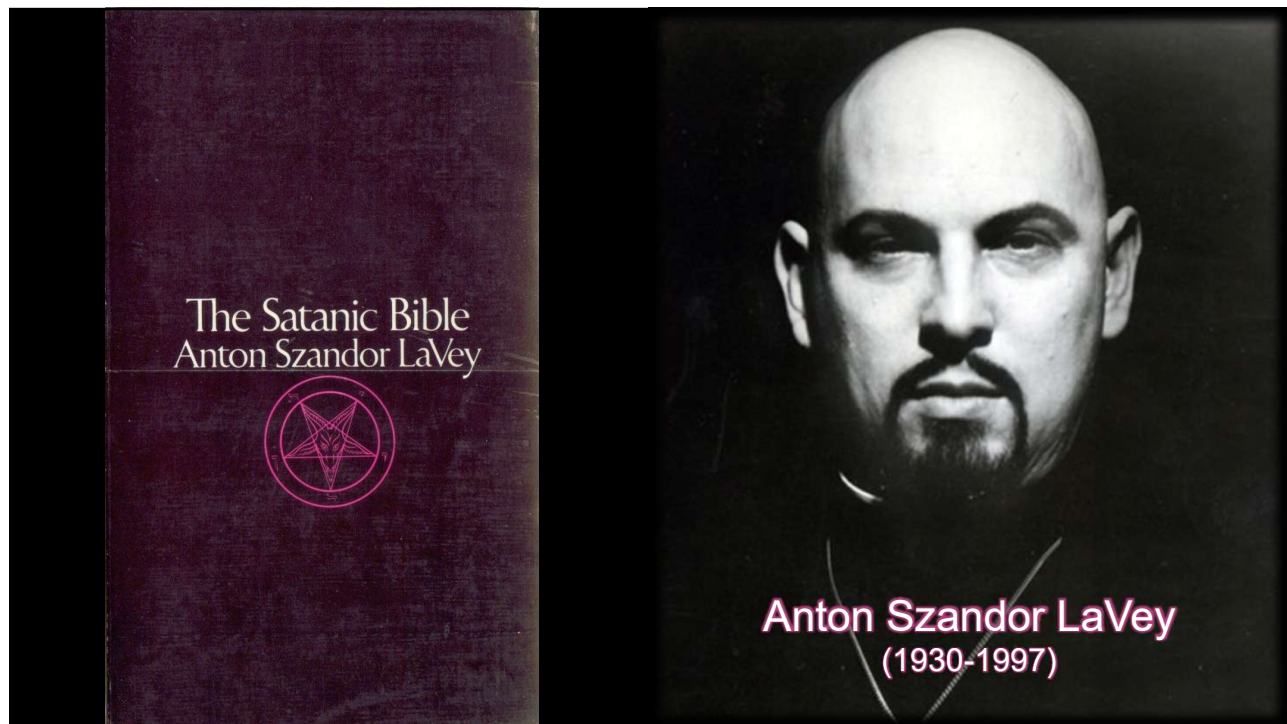
[Art Toalston, "'God Not Human,' Says Way Leader," *Jackson Daily News-Religion Midweek*, Wed., Oct. 8, 1980, p. 3.]

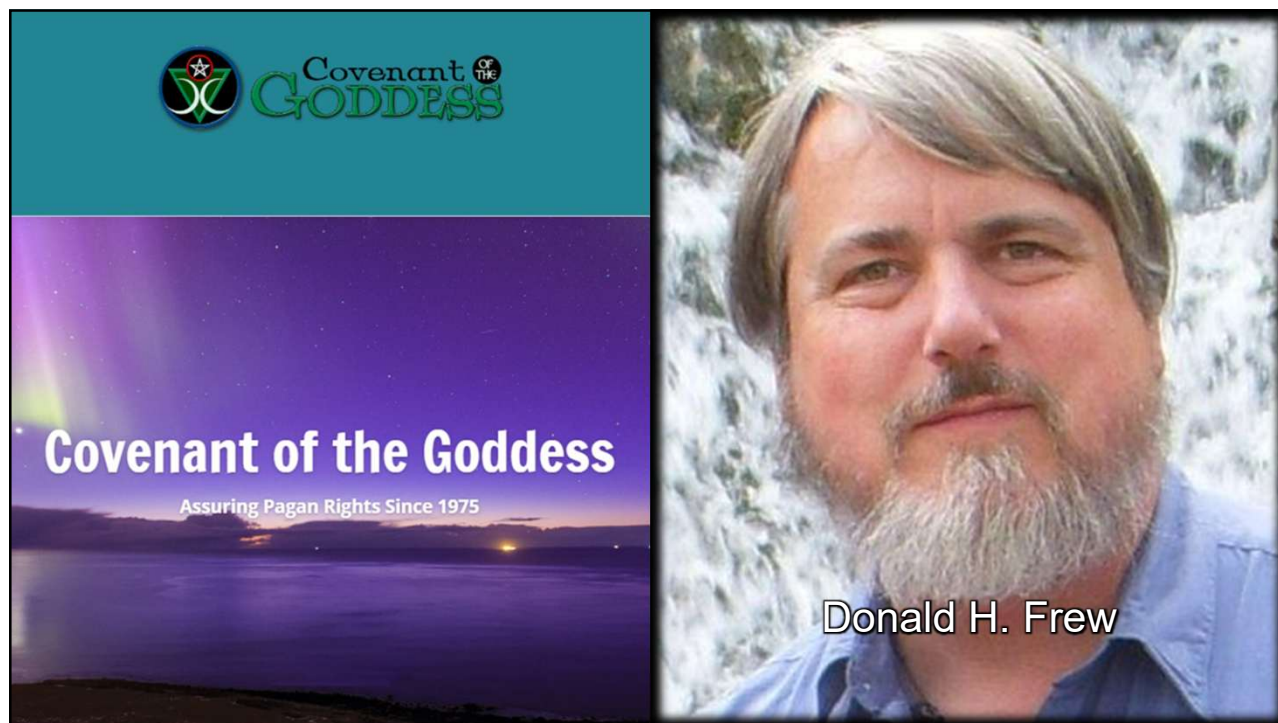


Victor Paul Wierwille
(1916-1985)



*Some cults deny the authority
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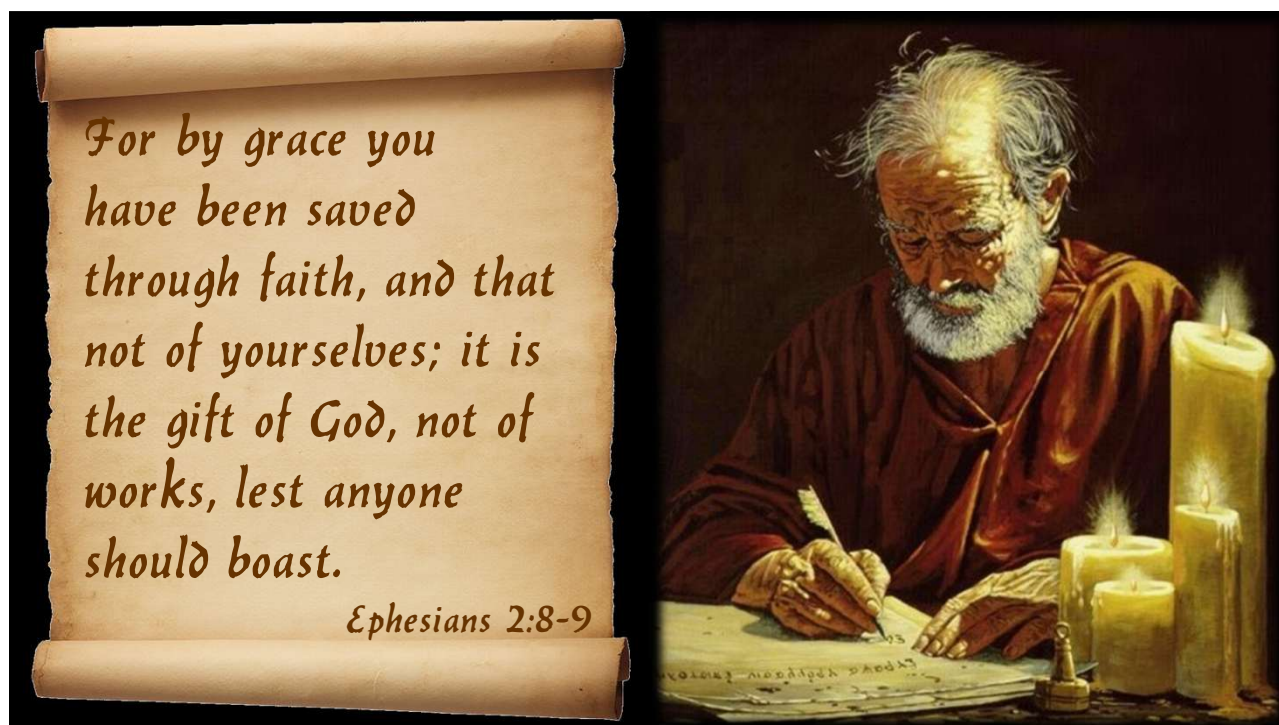
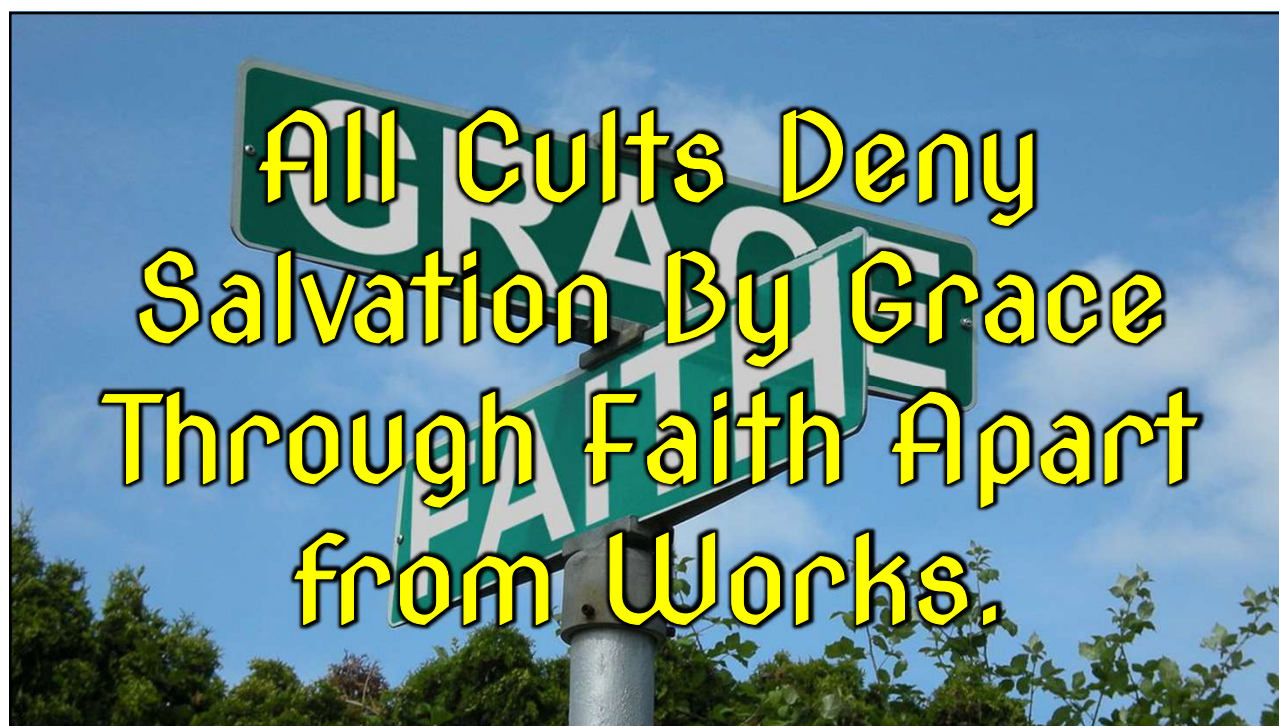
"To grant a traditional text such authority would be to say that this is it, the truth for all time. But we are a nature religion, and a fundamental truth of nature is that everything changes."

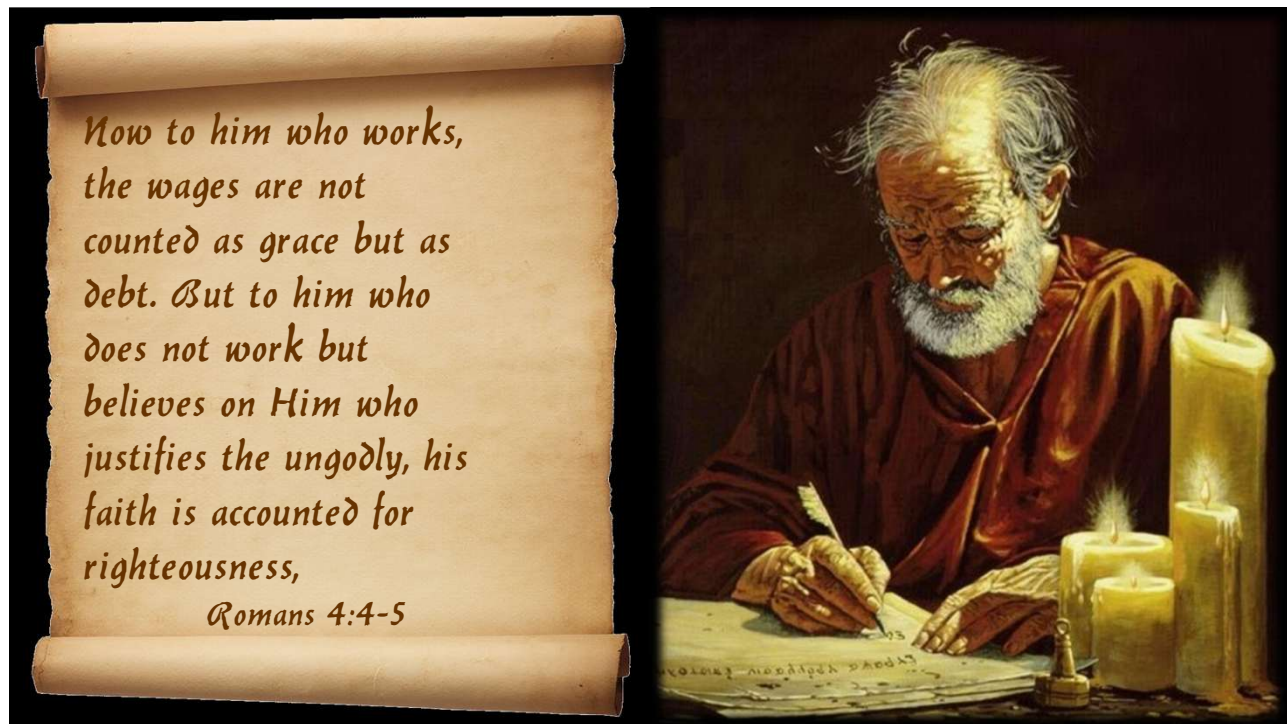
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JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

THE GODHEAD: 1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIN: 2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

SALVATION: 3. We believe that through

REVELATION: 9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

CHRIST'S REIGN ON EARTH: 10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and

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SCRIPTURES: 8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

THE 10. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

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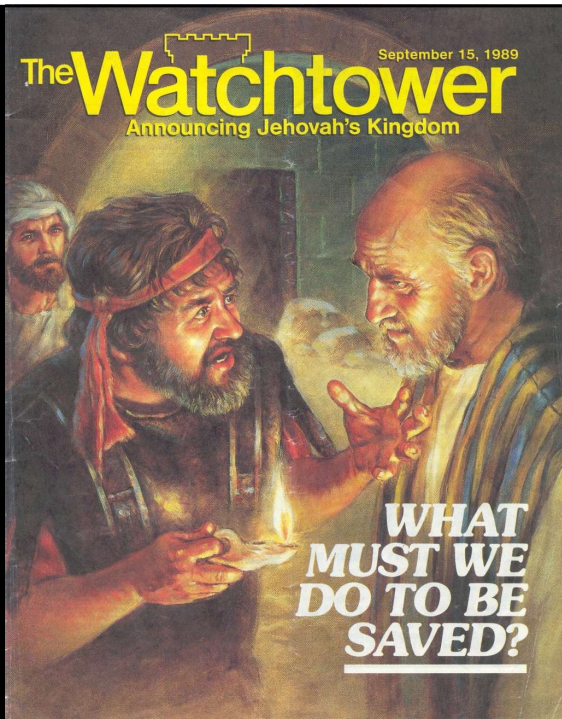
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The Philippian jailer did not 'shut off his mind' when the apostle Paul answered his question, "What must I do to get saved?" And Paul and Silas did not mount an 'assault on his emotions' and plead for a large financial contribution. Rather, "they spoke the word of Jehovah to him." Reasoning with the man, they helped him to come to a clear understanding of God's

anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved." (Acts 3:15; 4:12) Paul and Silas directed the Philippian jailer to this same Agent for salvation when they said: "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will get saved."—Acts 16:31.

What does it mean, though, to believe

Some suggest that belief in Jesus is the end of the matter.

However, to concentrate on only one essential requirement for salvation to the exclusion of the others is like reading one crucial clause in a contract and ignoring the rest.

Yes, believing in Jesus is crucial to our salvation, but more is needed.

be saved

WHY do we need to be saved? Because all of us suffer the disastrous consequences of sin: imperfection, pain, sickness, grief, and finally death. The apostle Paul explained that this is so because our forefather Adam rebelled against God's law. Paul wrote: "Through one man [Adam] sin en-

terfected just one necessary, it was just, for life is not a right but a gift from God. By sinning deliberately, Adam forfeited all claim to that gift. (Romans 6:23) Adam's condemnation to death was necessary because nothing imperfect can be permitted to survive and pollute the universe indefinitely. Thus, when Adam sinned, he began to die and no longer possessed perfect, sinless life to hand on to his children as an inheritance. He could only give them life tainted with imperfection and sin.—Romans 8:18-21.

We should not, however, forget that it

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"He That Has Endured . . . Will Be Saved"

Yes, there are various things involved in getting saved. We must take in accurate knowledge of God's purposes and his way of salvation. Then we must exercise faith in the Chief Agent of salvation, Jesus Christ, and do God's will the rest of our lives. (John 3:16; Titus 2:14) Salvation is sure for those who follow this course.

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All Cults Deny the Trinity.



Two Types of Denial

Affirm a view to which they give the name 'Trinity' though the view is not the true doctrine of the Trinity

Deny any belief in the Trinity while holding a distorted view of what the true doctrine of the Trinity even is

***Some Comments
from the Cults on
the Trinity.***

Should You Believe in the Trinity?

Is Jesus Christ the Almighty God?

Hindu Trinity

The book "The Symbolism of Hindu Gods and Rituals" says regarding a Hindu trinity that existed centuries before Christ: "One is one of the gods of the Trinity. He is said

idolatry. Spiritually speaking, Christendom had entered its foretold dark ages, dominated by a growing "man of lawlessness" clergy class. — 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 7.

Why Did God's Prophets Not Teach It?

WHY, for thousands of years, did none of God's prophets teach his people about

What Does the Bible Say About God and Jesus?

IF PEOPLE were to read the Bible from cover to cover without any preconceived idea of a Trinity, would they arrive at such a concept on their own? Not at all.

What comes through very clearly to an impartial reader is that God alone is the Almighty, the Creator, separate and distinct from anyone else, and that Jesus, even in his prehuman existence, is also separate and distinct, a created being, subordinate to God.

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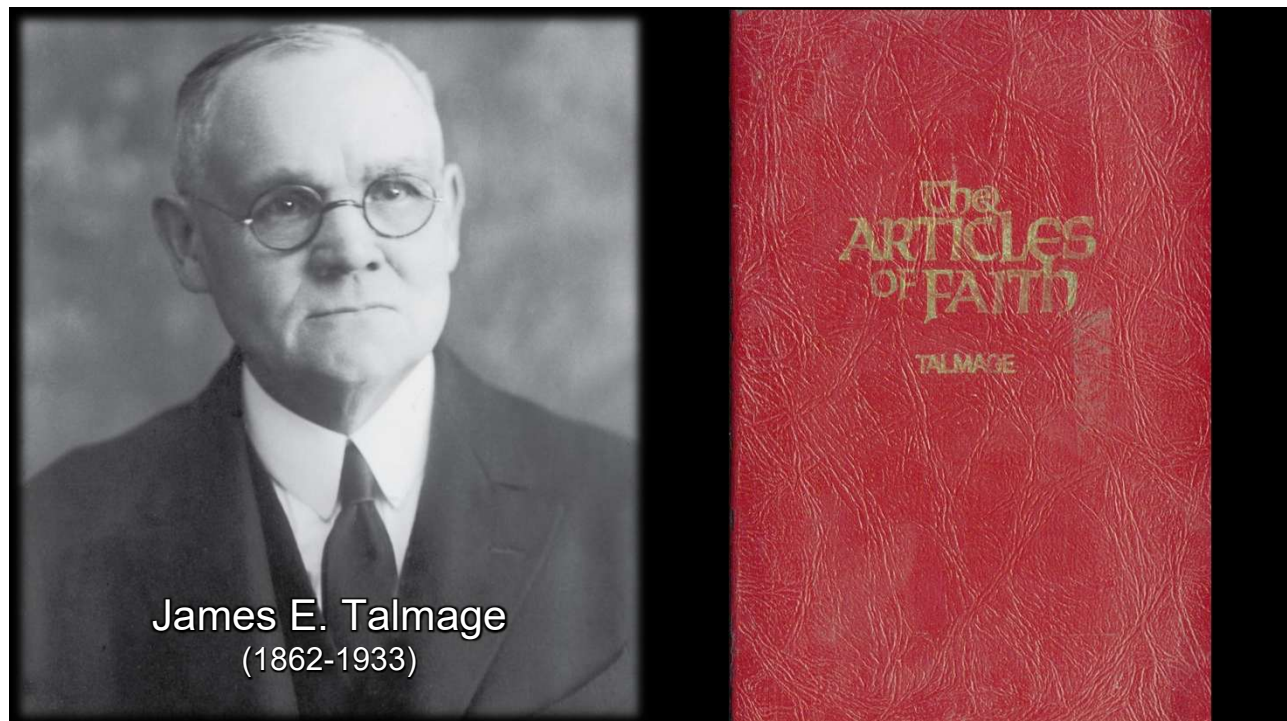
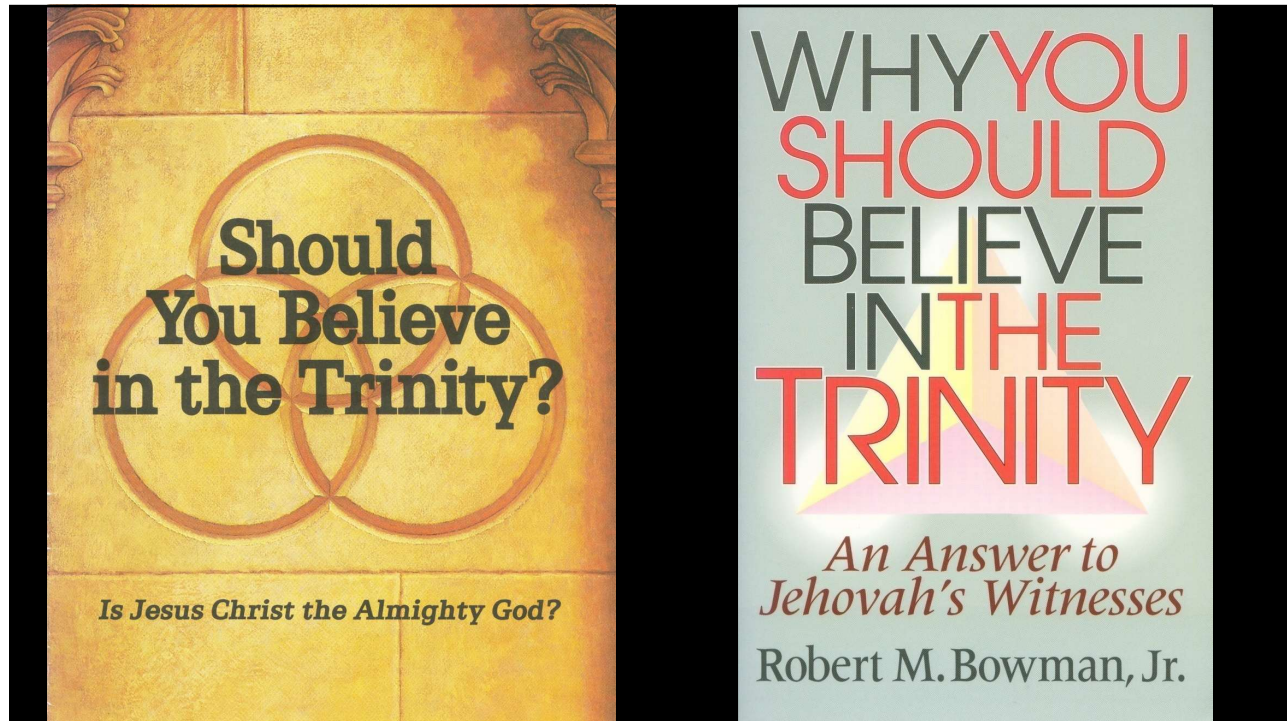
God Is One, Not Three

THE Bible teaching that God is one is called monotheism. And L. L. Paine, professor of ecclesiastical history, indicates that monothe-

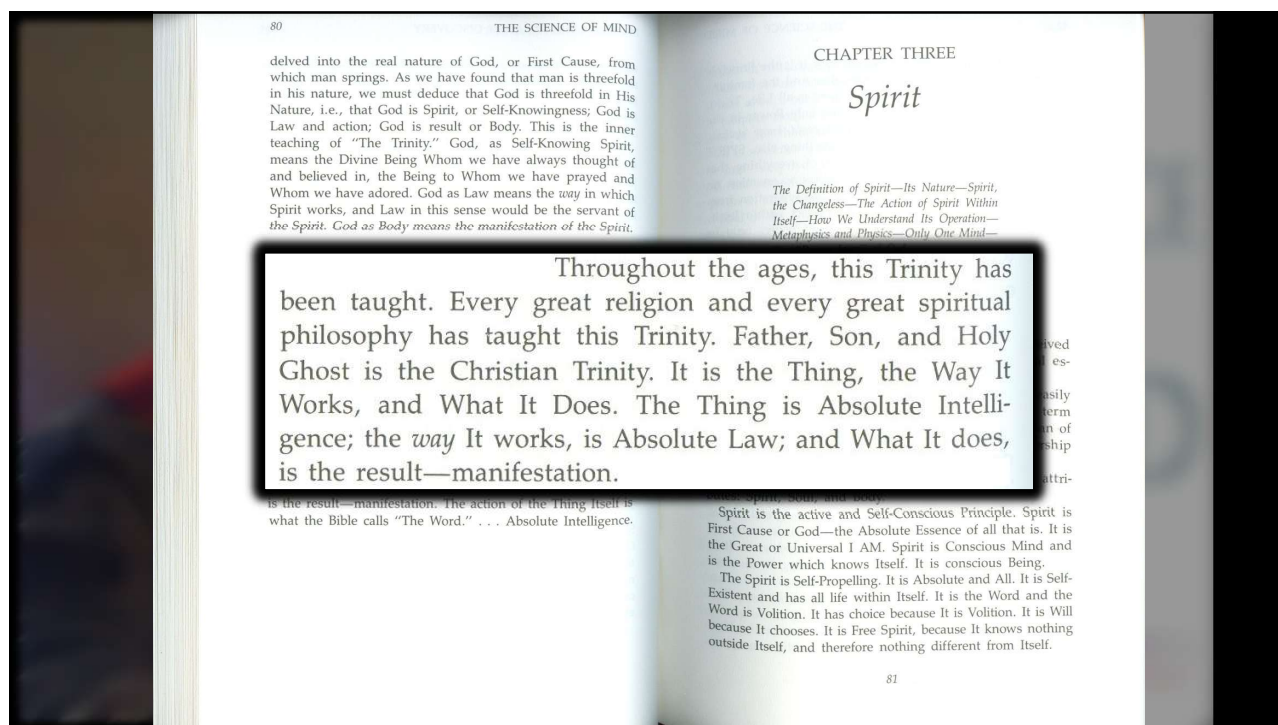
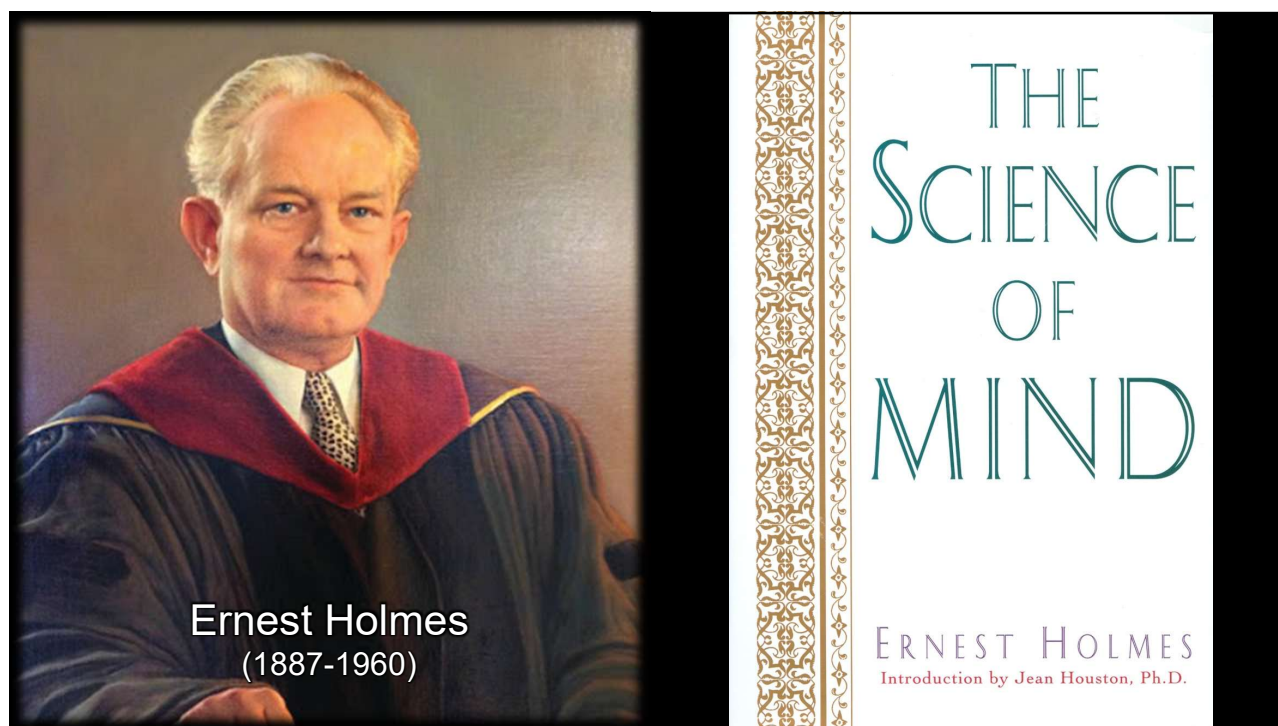
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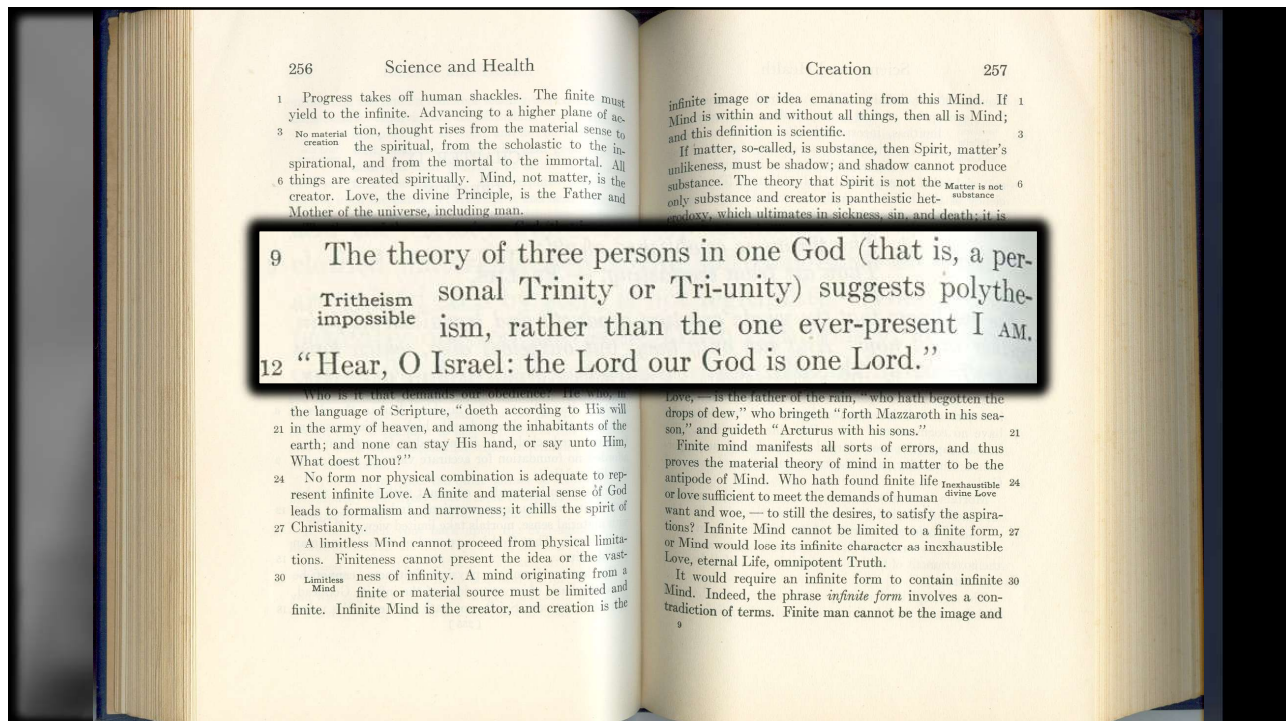
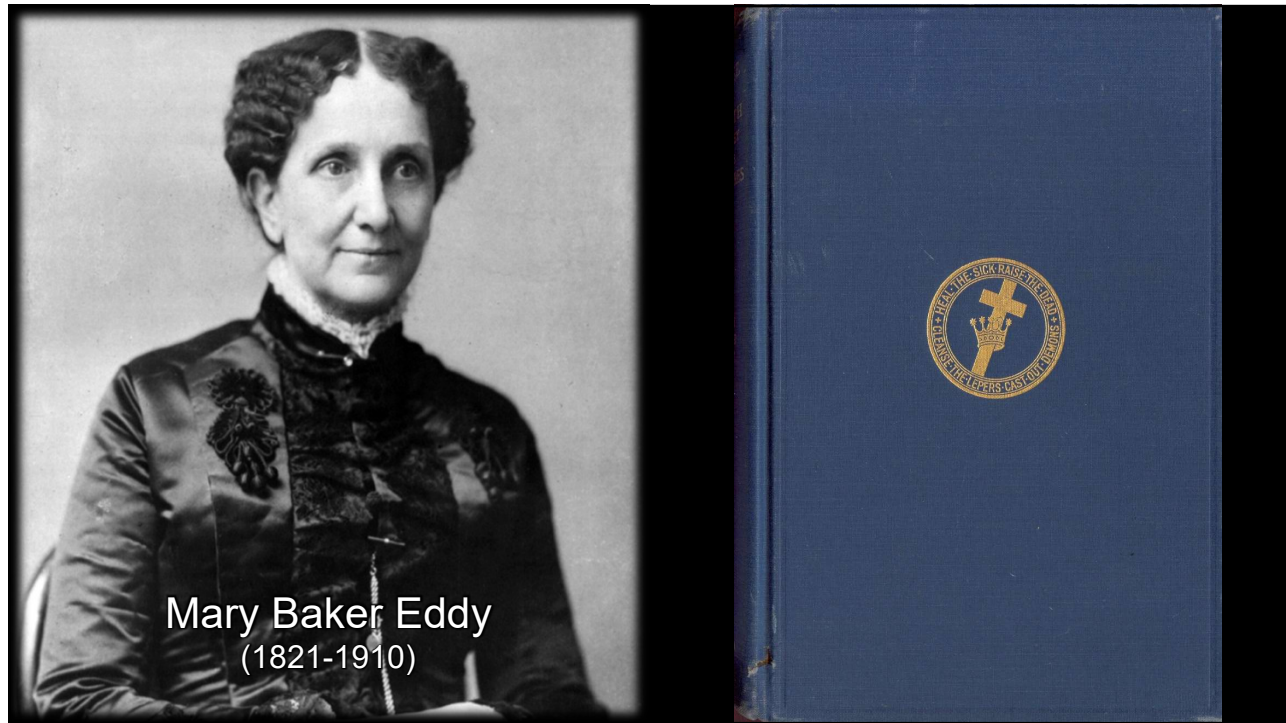
"On this point there is no break between the Old Testament and the New. The monotheistic tradition is continued. Jesus was a Jew, trained by Jewish parents in the Old Testament scriptures. His teaching was Jewish to the core; a new gospel indeed, but not a new theology. . . . And he accepted as his own belief the great text of Jewish monotheism:

SHOULD YOU BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY?





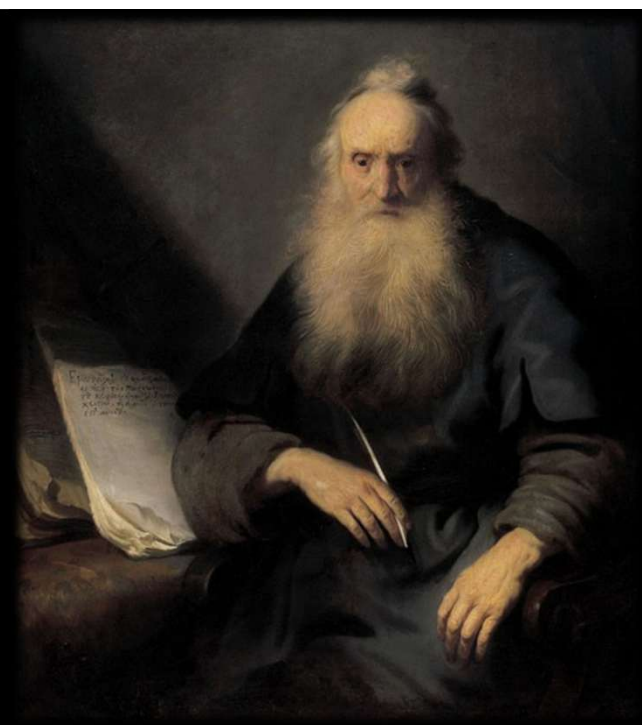




*Some cults deny the Trinity by
denying the **Person of
Jesus Christ.***

In the beginning
was the Word,
and the Word was
with God, and the
Word was God.

John 1:1



*Some cults deny the Trinity by
denying the Person of
Jesus Christ:
by making Him lower than God.*

Aid to Bible Understanding

INSIGHT
ON THE SCRIPTURES

JESUS CHRIST

historian Josephus of the first century C.E. mentions some 12 persons, other than those in the Bible record, bearing that name. It also appears in the Apocryphal writings of the last centuries of the B.C.E. period. It therefore appears that it was not an uncommon name during that period.

1. The name *Iēsous* appears in the Greek text of Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8 and applies to Joshua, the leader of Israel following Moses' death.—See JOSHUA No. 1.

2. An ancestor of Jesus Christ, evidently in his mother's line. (Lu. 3:29) Some ancient manuscripts here read "Joseph."—See GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST.

3. Jesus Christ.—See JESUS CHRIST.

4. A Christian, evidently Jewish, and fellow worker of Paul. He was also called Justus.—Col 4:11.

JESUS CHRIST. "The name and title of the

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(Col 1:15; Re 1:1; 3:14) Thus the Scriptures identify the Word (Jesus in his prehuman existence) as God's first creation, his firstborn Son.

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If the estimates of modern-day scientists as to the age of the physical universe are anywhere near correct, Jesus' existence as a spirit creature began thousands of millions of years prior to the creation of the first human. (Compare Mic 5:2.) This firstborn spirit Son was used by his Father in

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these were arranged only prefigured the superior position, office, and service of Jesus Christ. Jesus is therefore preeminently and uniquely "the Christ, the Son of the living God."—Mt 16:16; see CHRIST; MESSIAH.

Prehuman Existence. The person who became known as Jesus Christ did not begin life here on earth. He himself spoke of his prehuman heavenly life. (Joh 3:13; 6:38, 62; 8:23, 42; 8:58) John 1:1, 2 gives the heavenly name of the one who became Jesus, saying: "In the beginning the Word [Gr., *Logos*] was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god ["was divine," AT; *Mo*; or "of divine being," *Böhmer*; *Stage* (both German)]. This one was in the beginning with God.—Since Jehovah is eternal and had no beginning (Ps 90:2; Re 15:3), the Word's being with God from "the beginning" must here refer to the beginning of Jehovah's creative works. This is confirmed by other texts identifying Jesus as "the firstborn of all creation," "the beginning of the creation by God."

Source of all life, all animate creation, visible and invisible, owes its life to him. (Ps 36:9) Rather than a co-Creator, then, the Son was the agent or instrumentality through whom Jehovah, the Creator, worked. Jesus himself credited God with the creation, as do all the Scriptures.—Mt 19:4-6; see CREATOR.

Wisdom personified. What is recorded concerning the Word in the Scriptures fits remarkably the description given at Proverbs 8:22-31. There wisdom is personified, represented as though able to speak and act. (Pr 8:1) Many professed Christian writers of the early centuries of the Common Era understood this section to refer symbolically to God's Son in his prehuman state. In view of the texts already considered, there can be no denying that that Son was "produced" by Jehovah "as the beginning of his way, the earliest of his achievements of long ago," nor that the Son was "beside [Jehovah] as a master worker" during earth's cre-

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2. Son of Imlah and a prophet of Jehovah to the northern kingdom of Israel during King Ahab's reign. (1Ki 22:8) While King Jehoshaphat of Judah was visiting Ahab, the Israelite king invited him to join in a military campaign against the Syrians to regain possession of Ramoth-gilead. Before accepting, Jehoshaphat asked that the word of Jehovah be sought. So Ahab summoned 400 prophets and asked them: "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead in war, or shall I refrain?" They answered in the affirmative, saying that Jehovah would give the city into the king's hand. However, Jehoshaphat wanted more assurance, whereupon Ahab reluctantly sent for Micaiah, the prophet who had always prophesied bad for him. The dispatched messenger urged Micaiah to speak words to Ahab like those of one of the other prophets. At first Micaiah did so, but Ahab placed him under oath to speak "truth in the name of Jehovah." At that, Micaiah said: "I certainly see all the Israelites scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd."—1Ki 22:1-17; 2Ch 18:1-16.

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with them as they taught the people in all the cities of Judah.—2Ch 17:7-9.

4. Father of the Achbor (Aldon) who was sent, along with others, by King Josiah to inquire of Jehovah concerning the words of the newly found book of the Law. He is also called Micah.—2Ki 22:12, 13; 2Ch 34:20, 21.

5. "Son of Gemariah the son of Shaphan." He was present in the dining room of his father, Gemariah, when Baruch publicly read there the roll containing Jehovah's words through Jeremiah against Israel, Judah, and all the nations. After hearing this message, Micaiah reported what he heard to King Jehoshaphat's secretary and princes.—Jer 36:2, 9-13.

6. Ancestor of the priest Zechariah, the latter being among those with trumpets at the inaugural ceremony of Jerusalem's rebuilt wall. He is also called Mica.—Ne 11:22; 12:31, 35.

7. A priest among those with trumpets who played in one of the two "thanksgiving choirs"

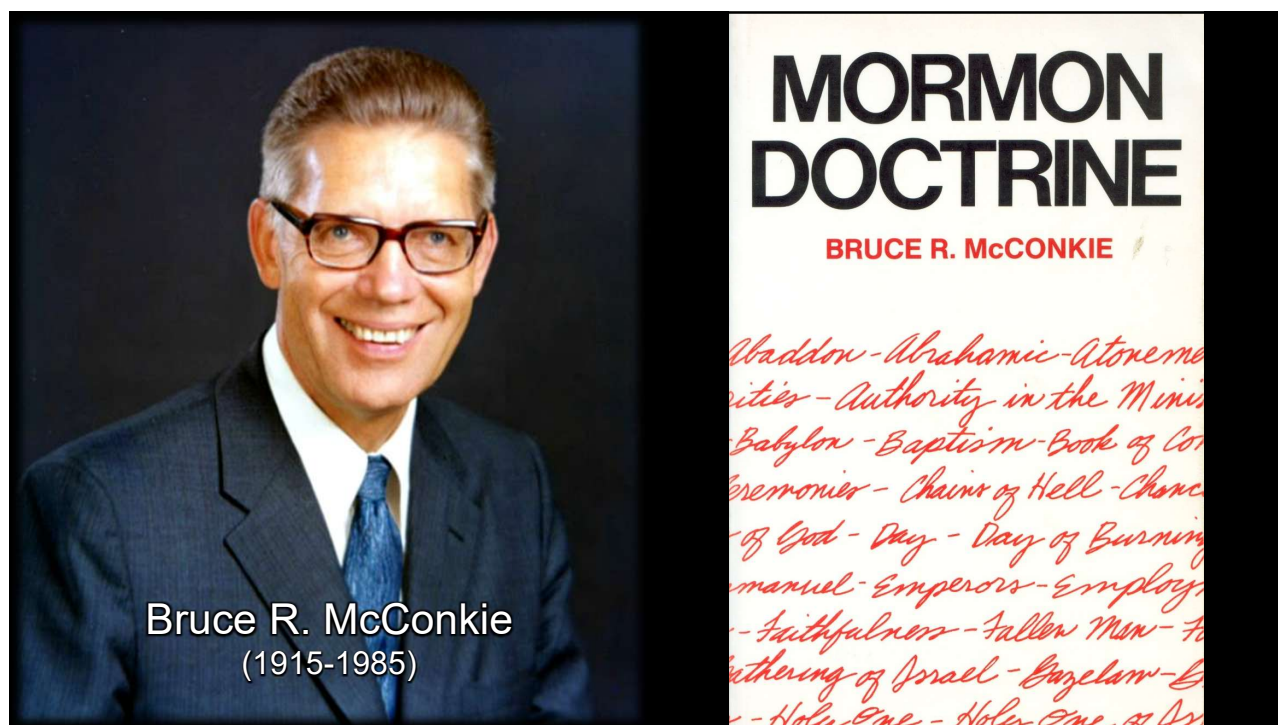
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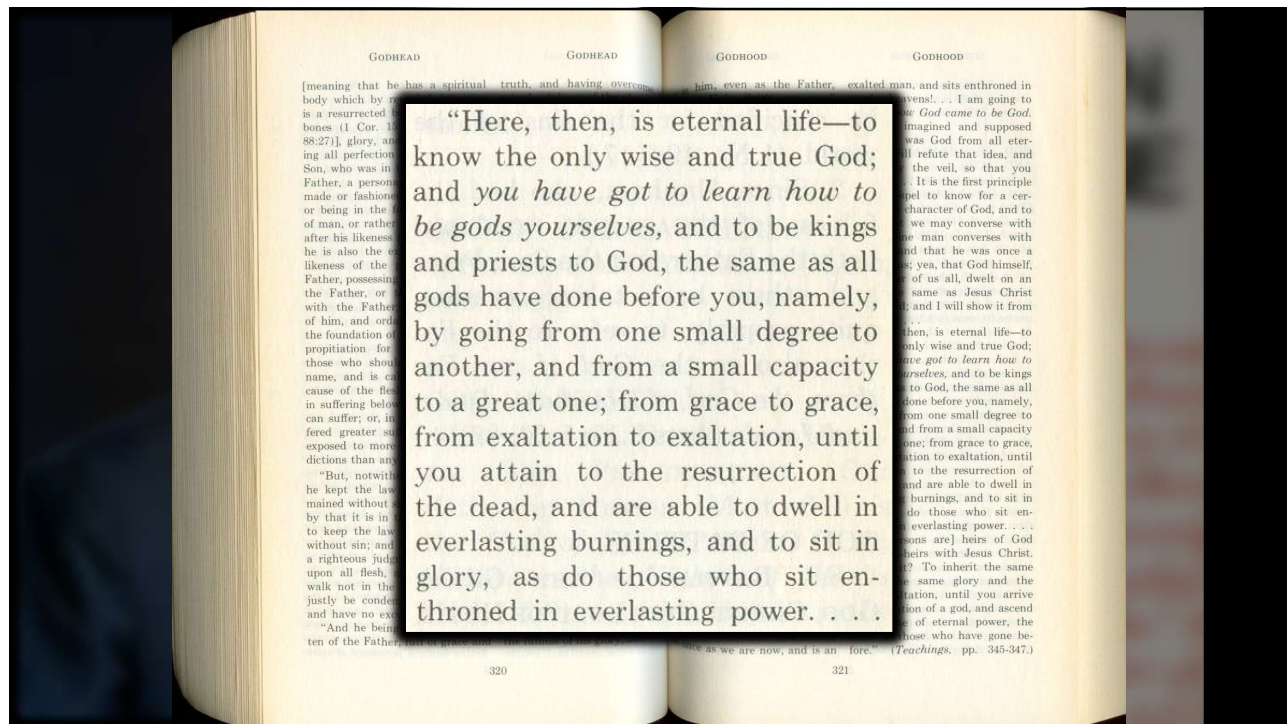
by the prince of the royal house of Israel. Michael was called "the prince of [Daniel's] people," "the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of [Daniel's] people" (Da 10:13, 20, 21; 12:1). This points to Michael as the angel who led the Israelites through the wilderness. (Ex 23:20, 21, 23; 32:34; 33:2) Lending support to this conclusion is the fact that "Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses' body."—Jude 9.

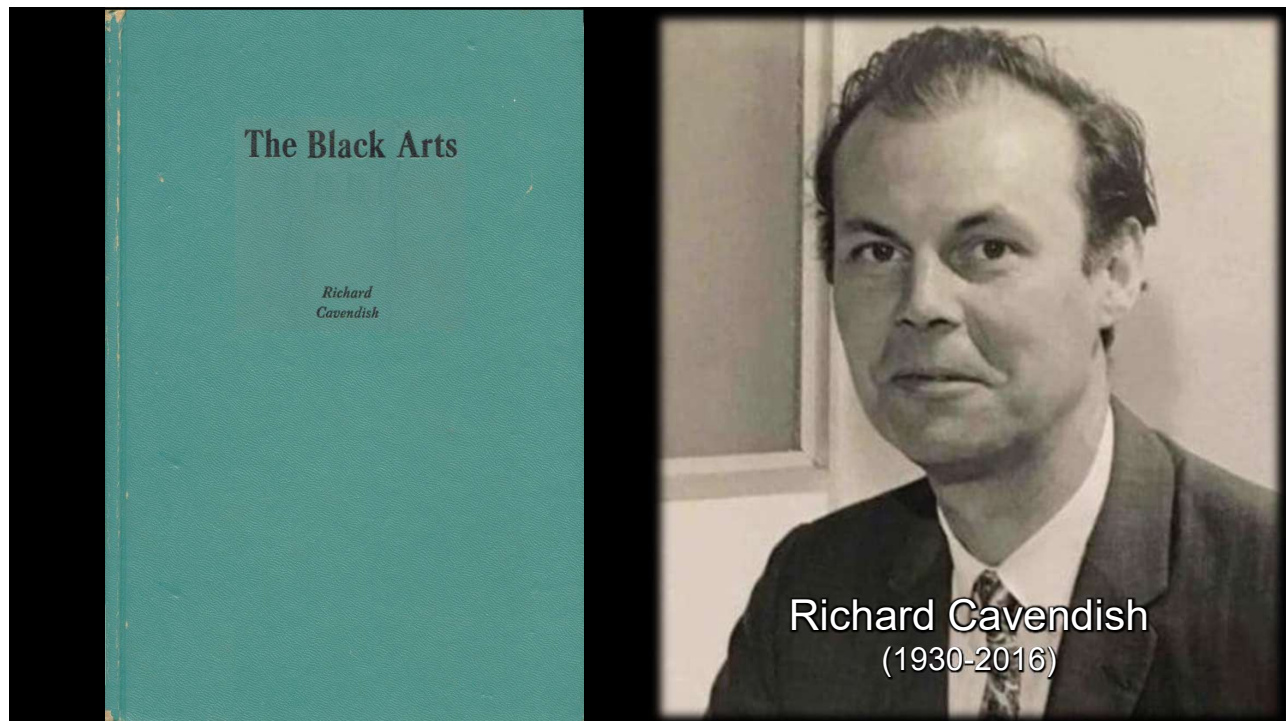
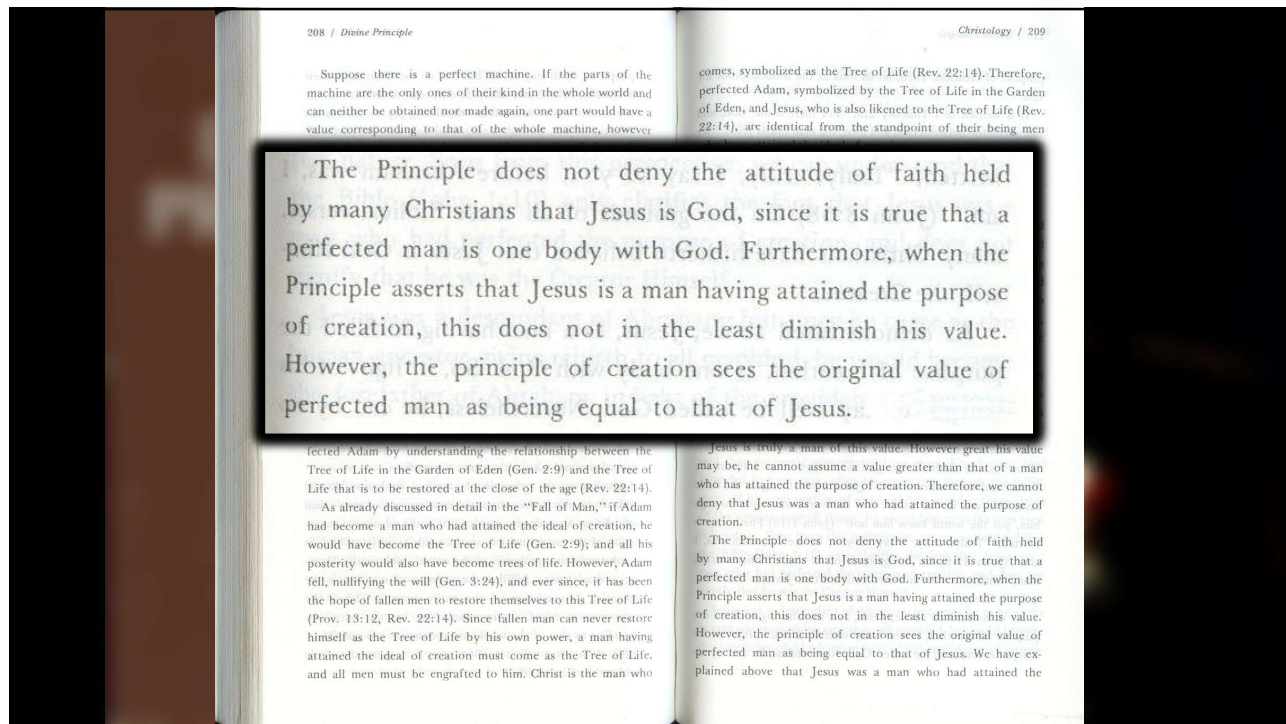
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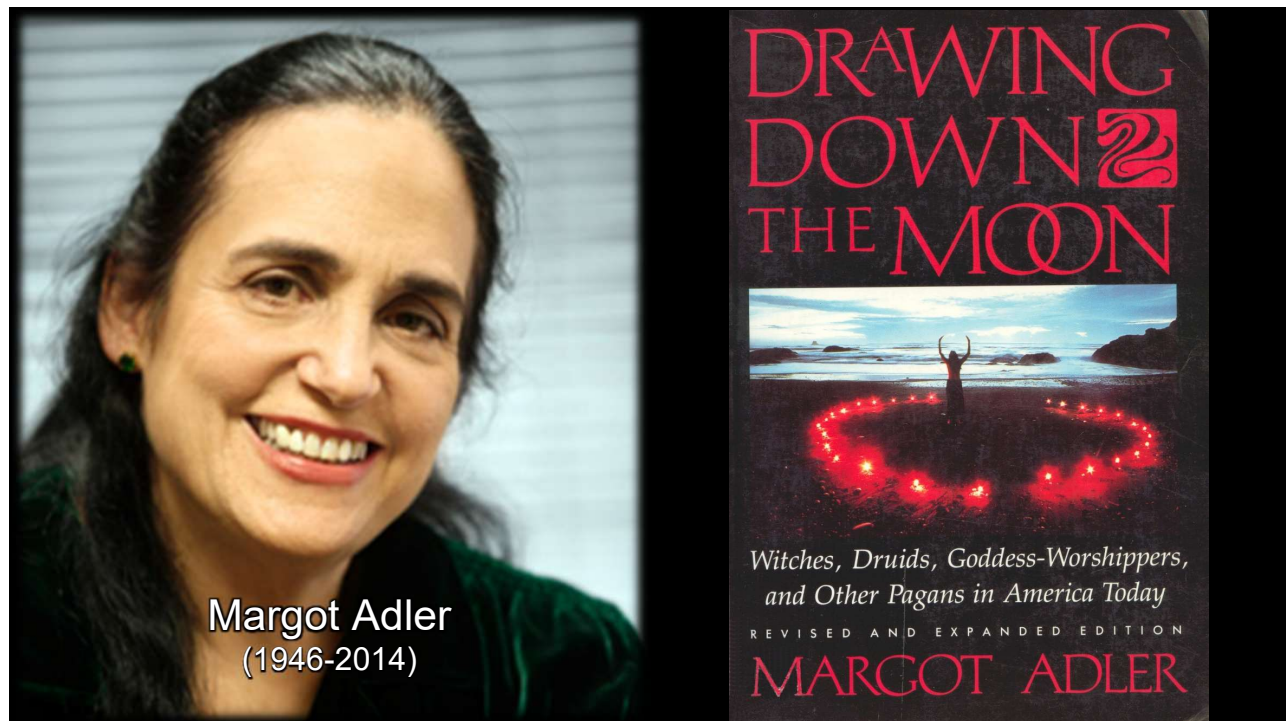
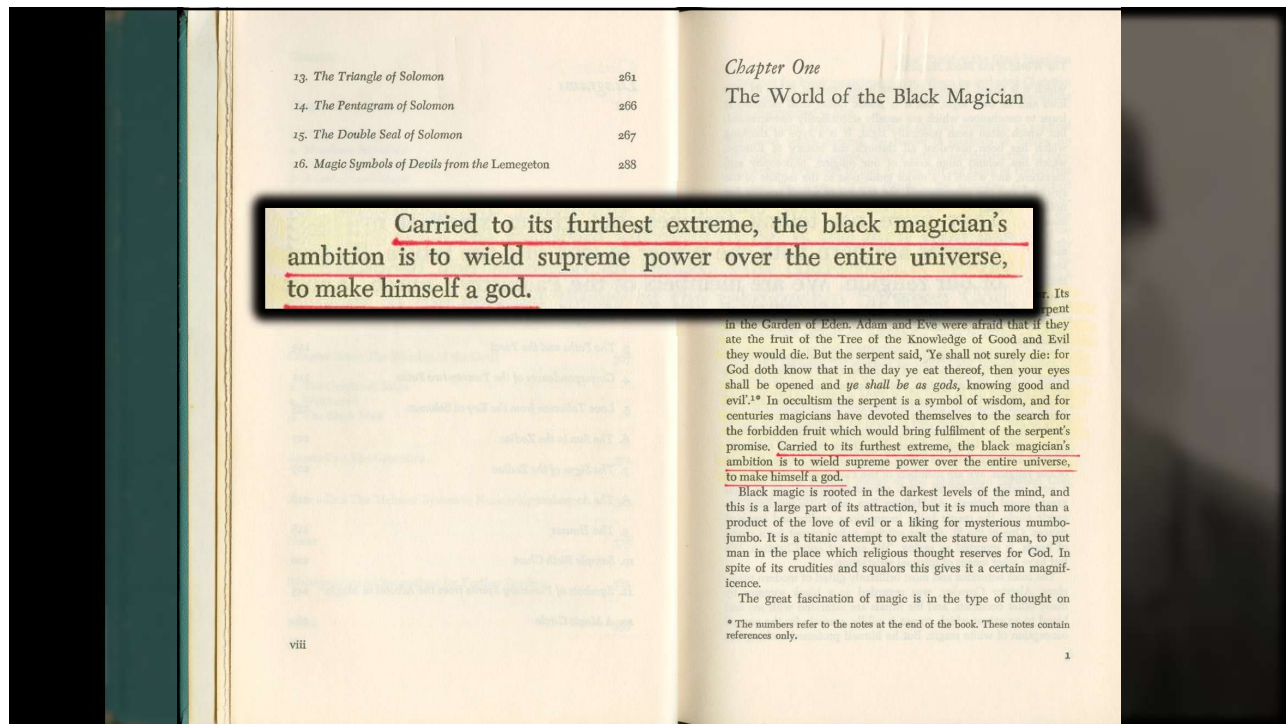
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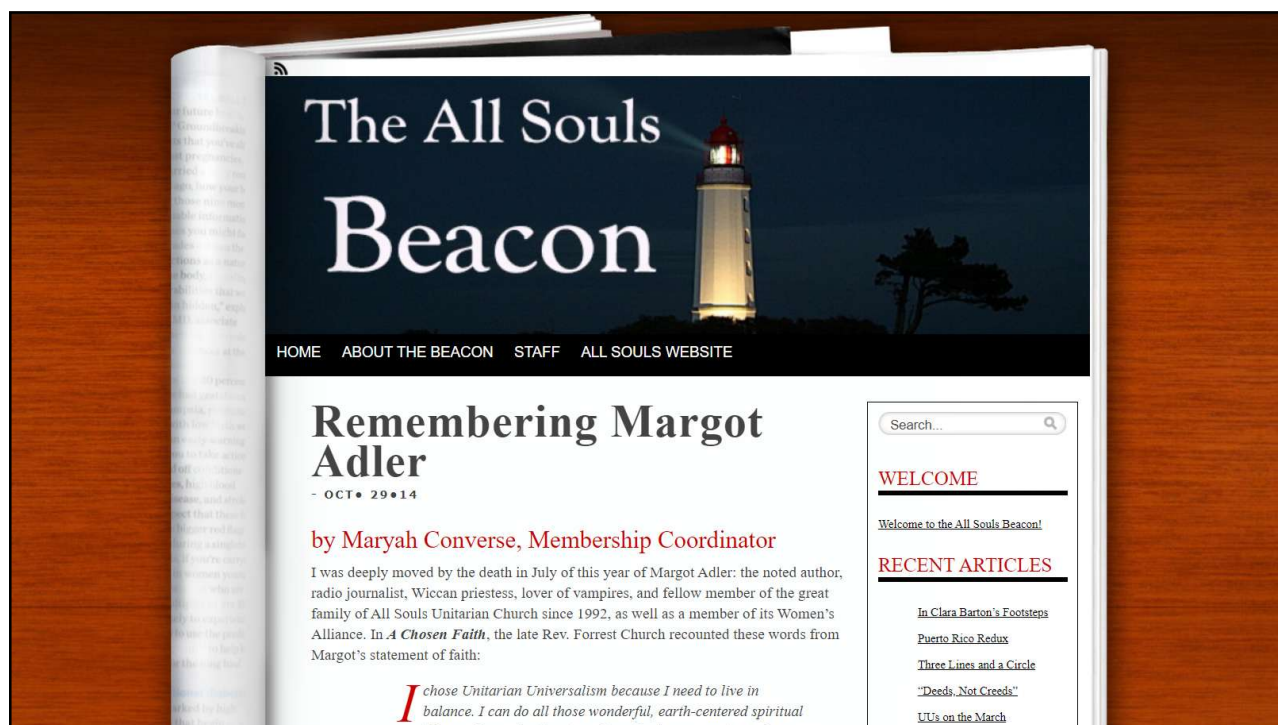
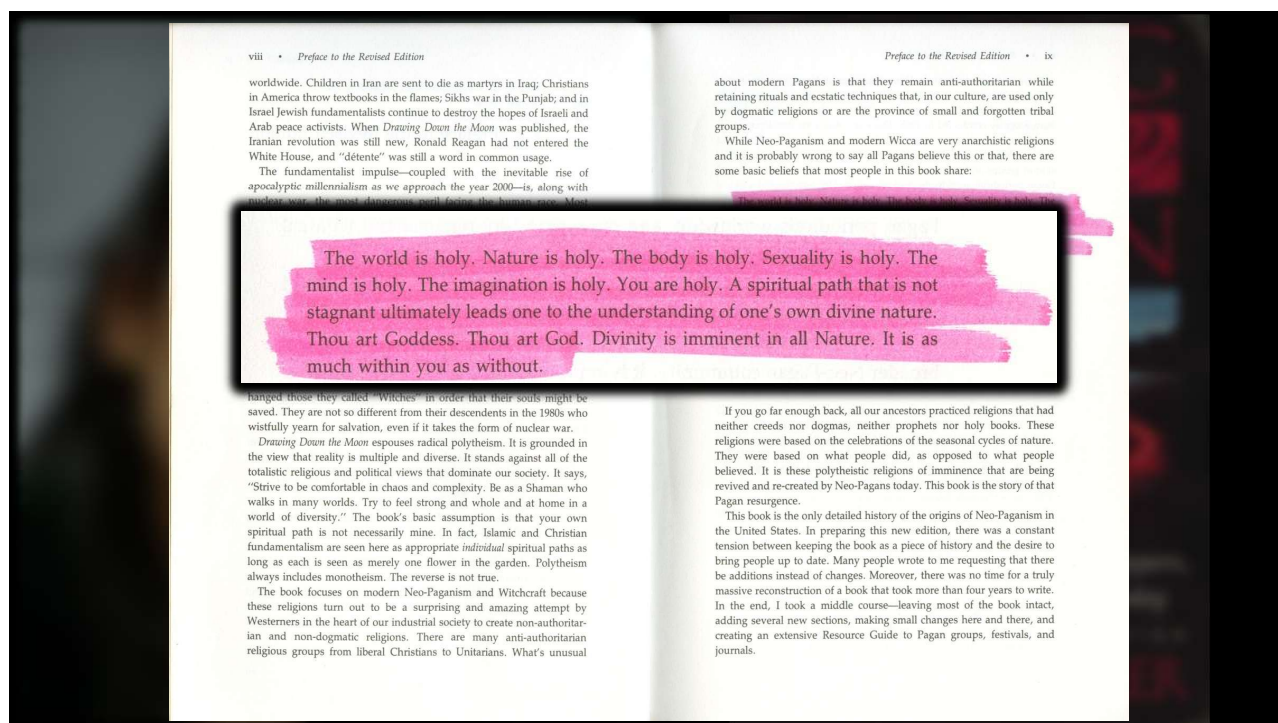
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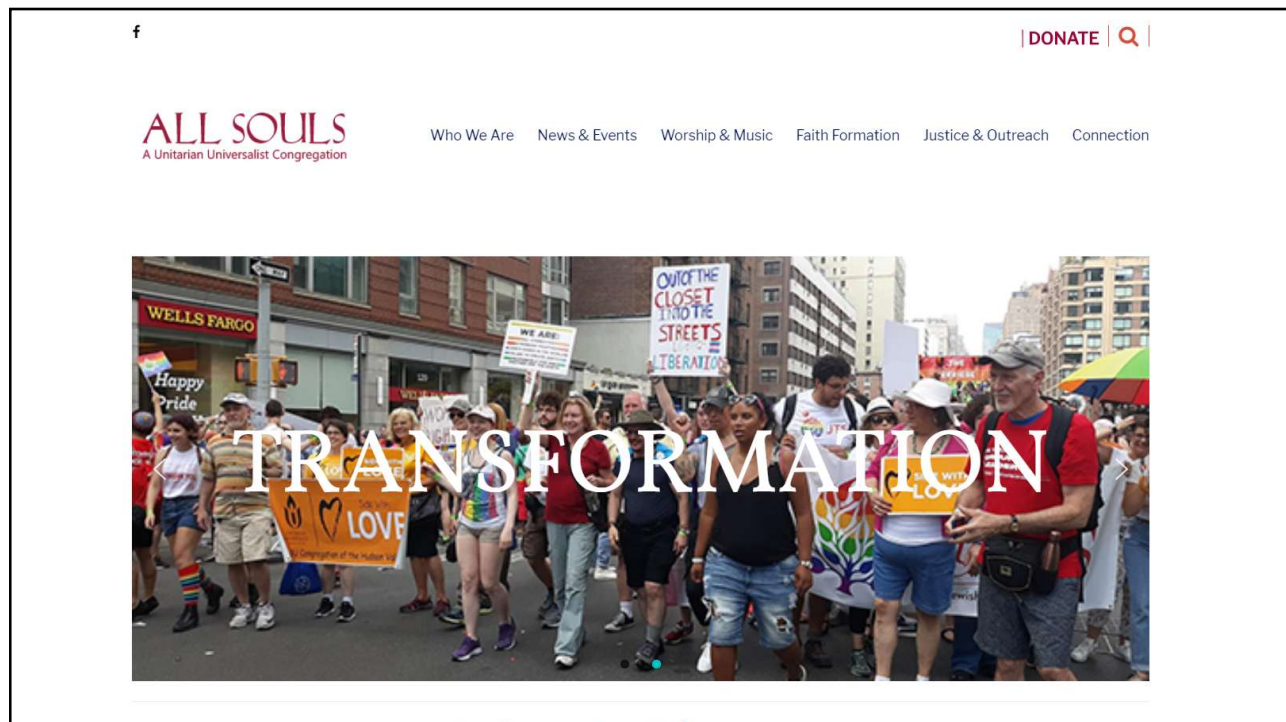












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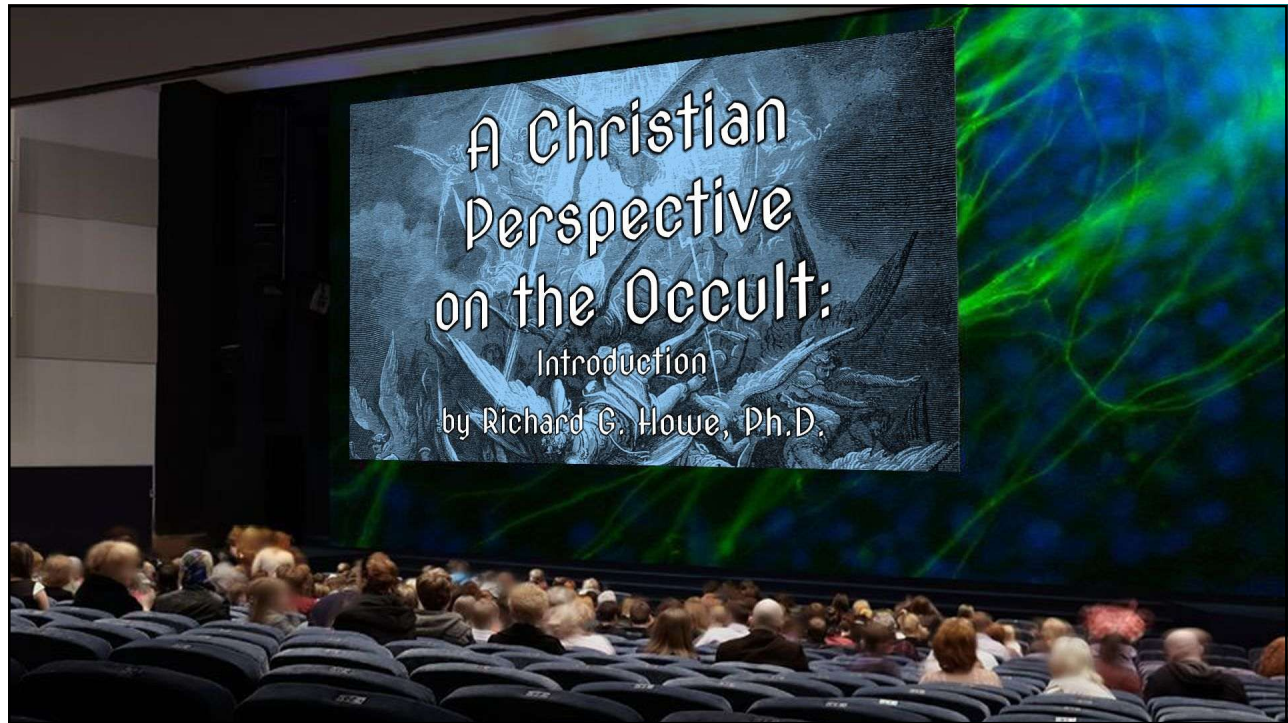
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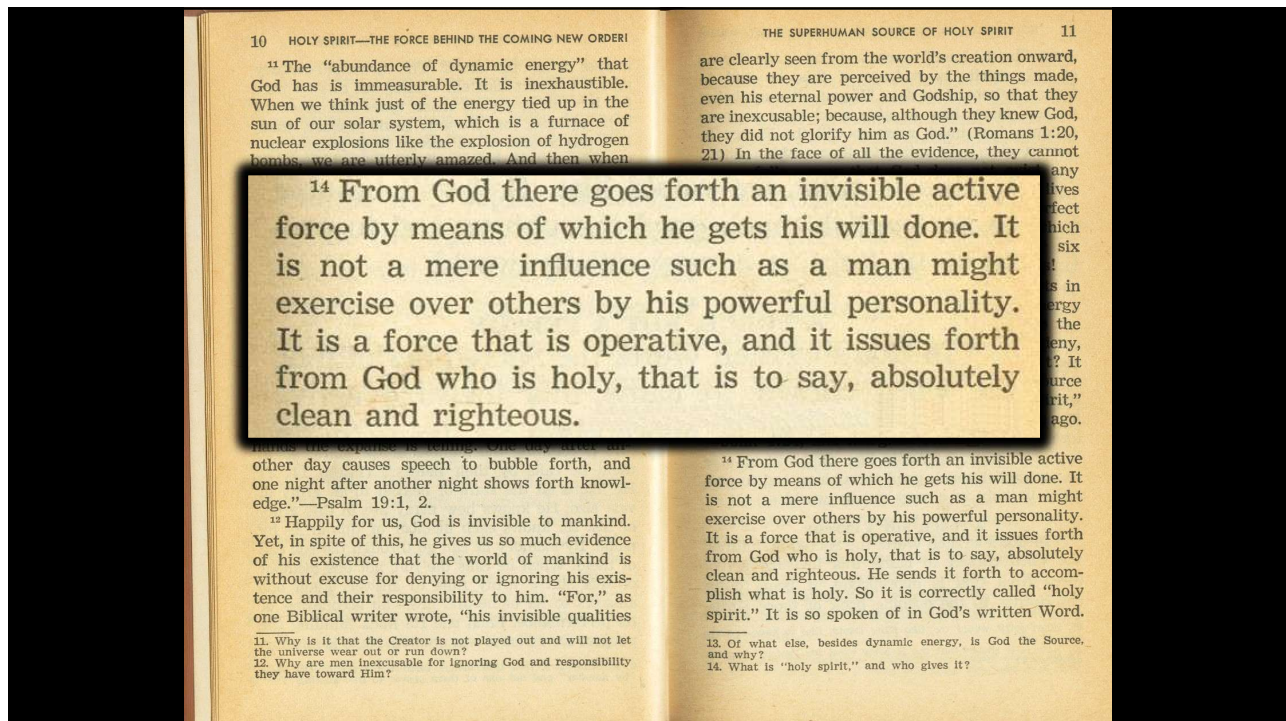
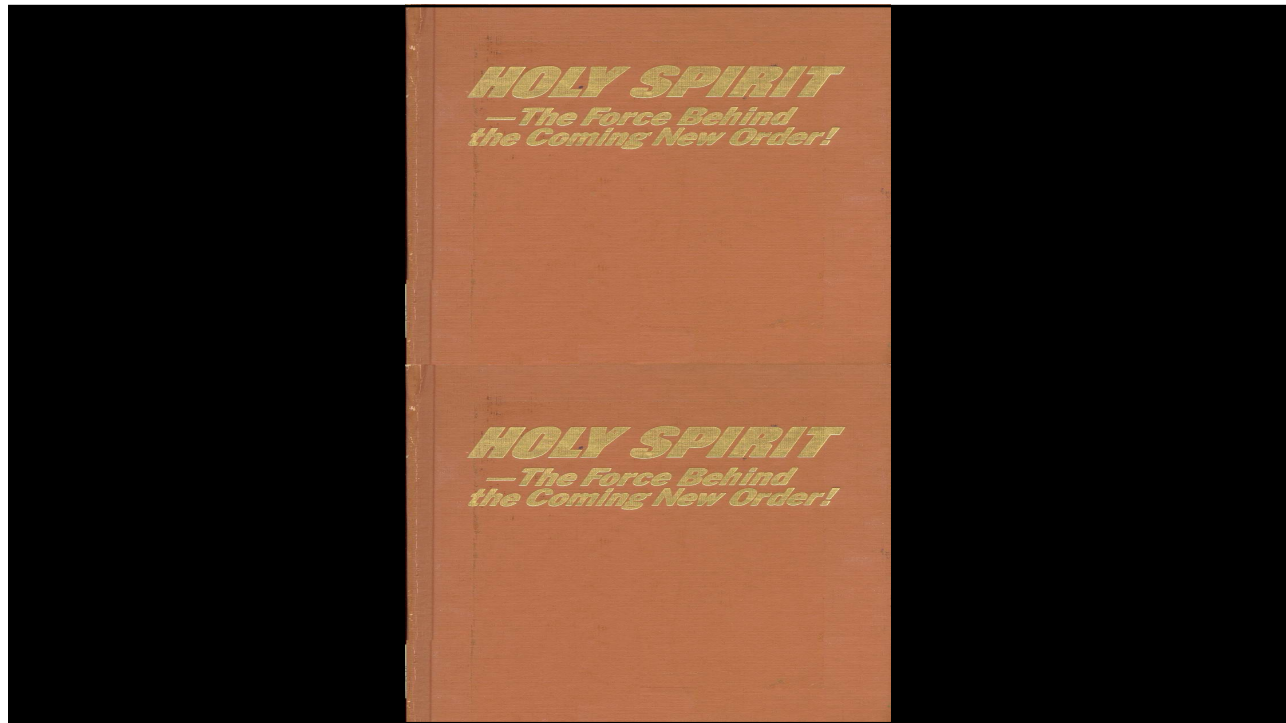
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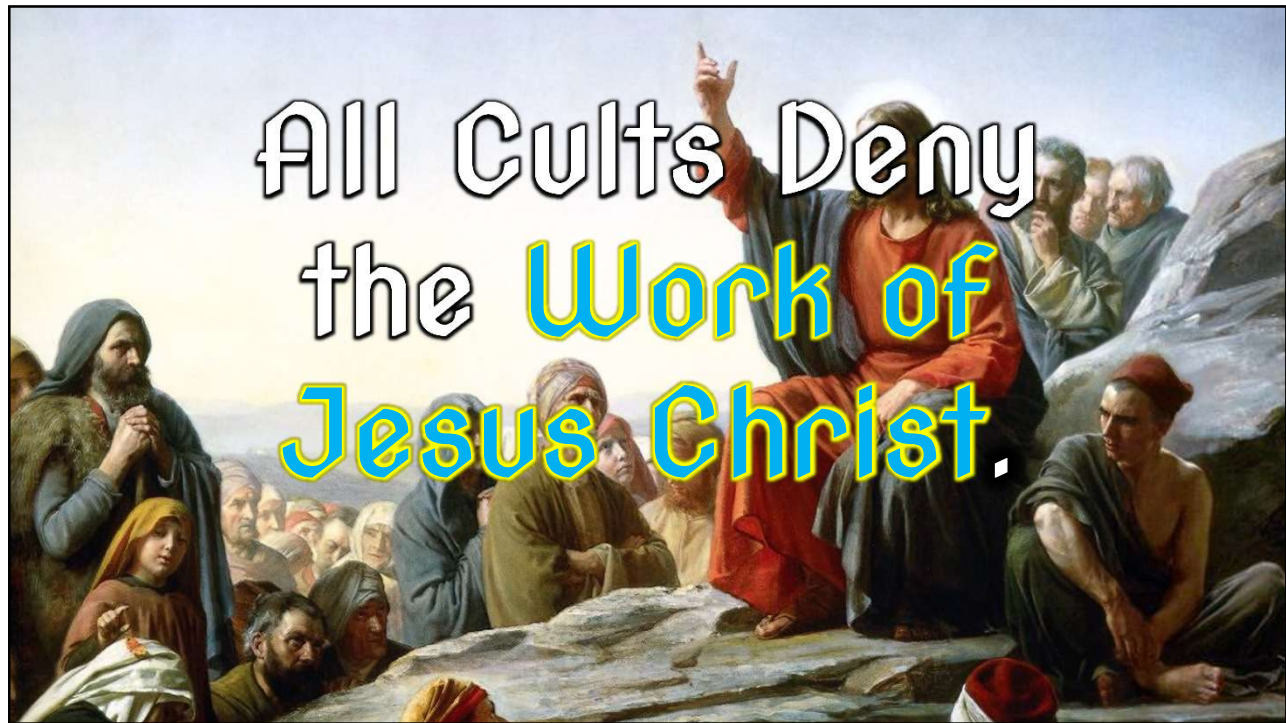
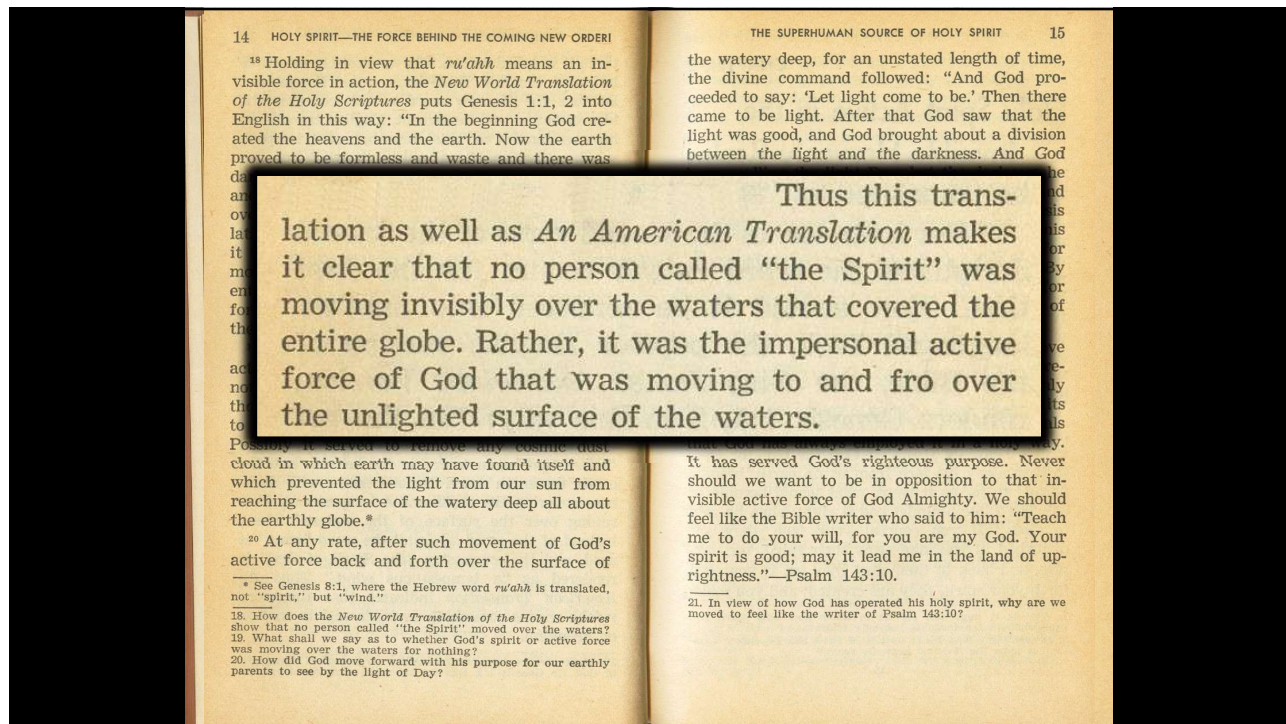
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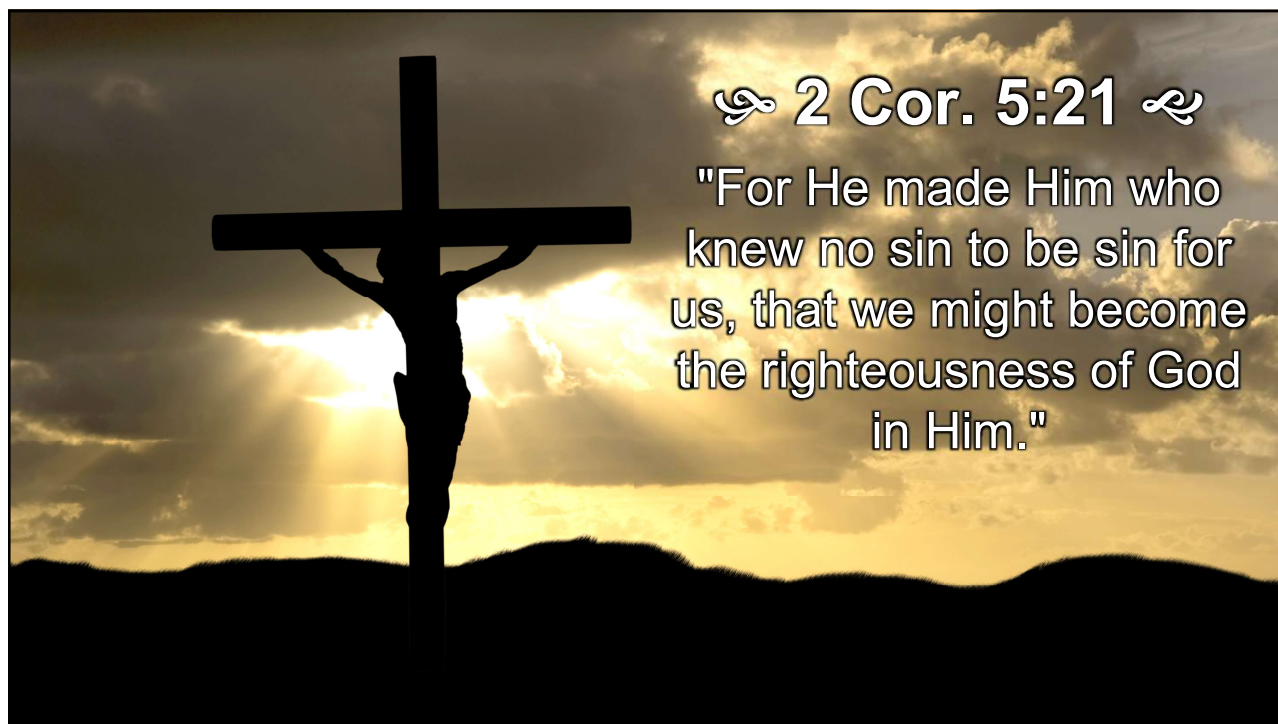
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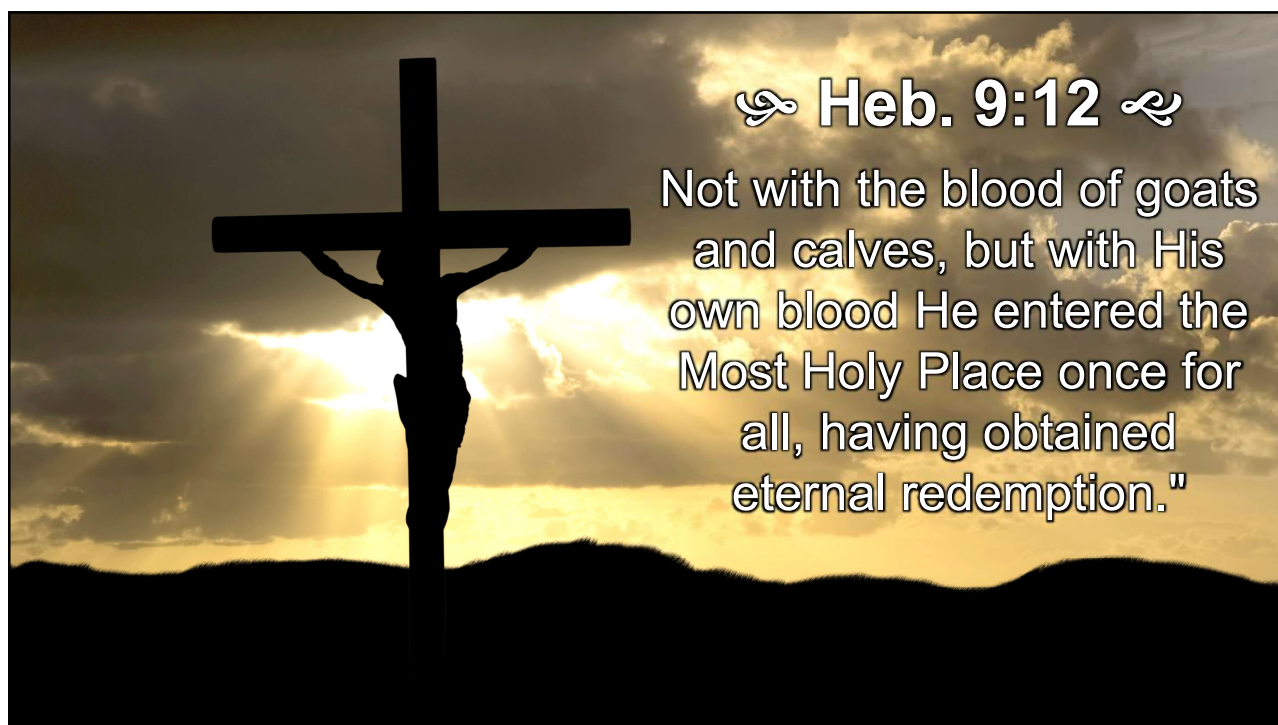






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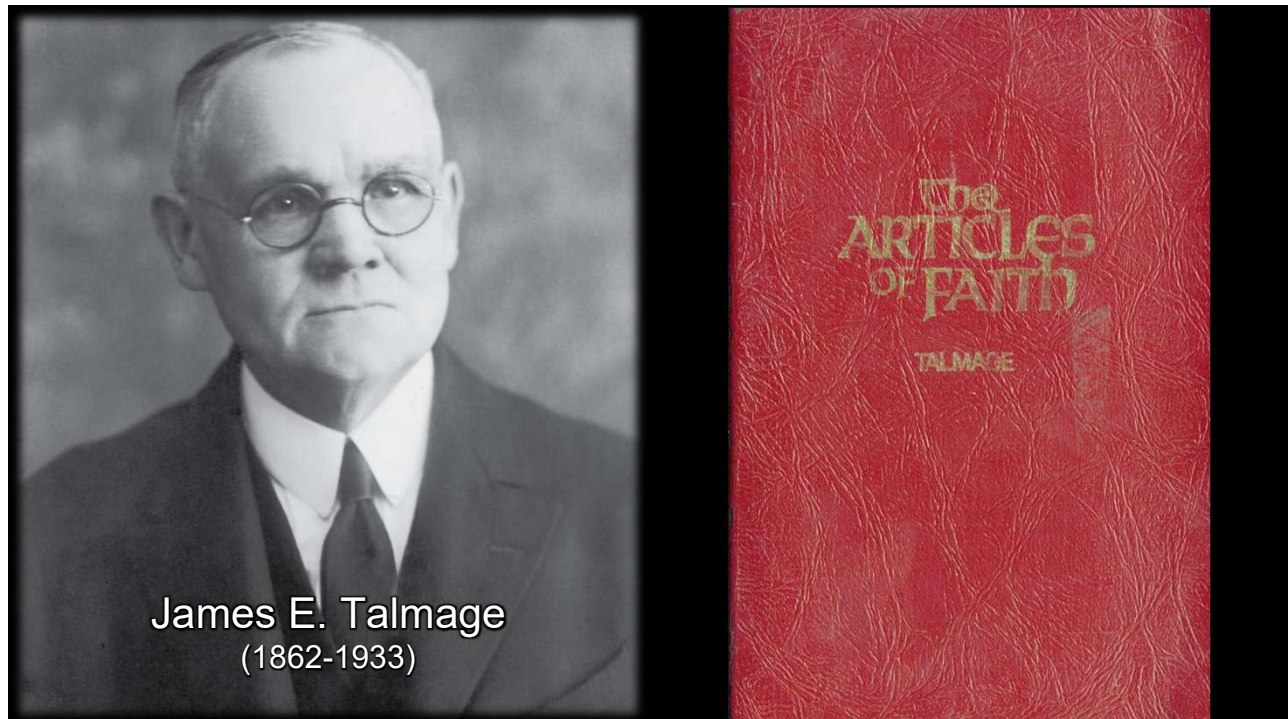
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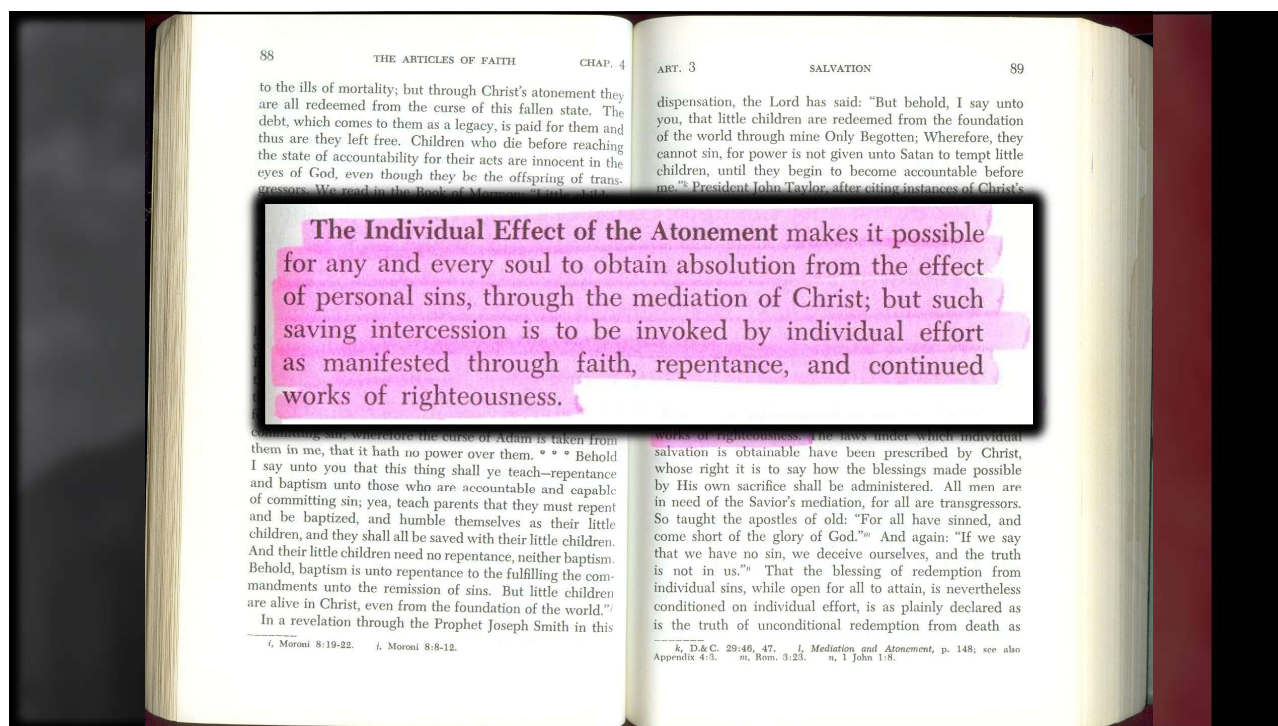
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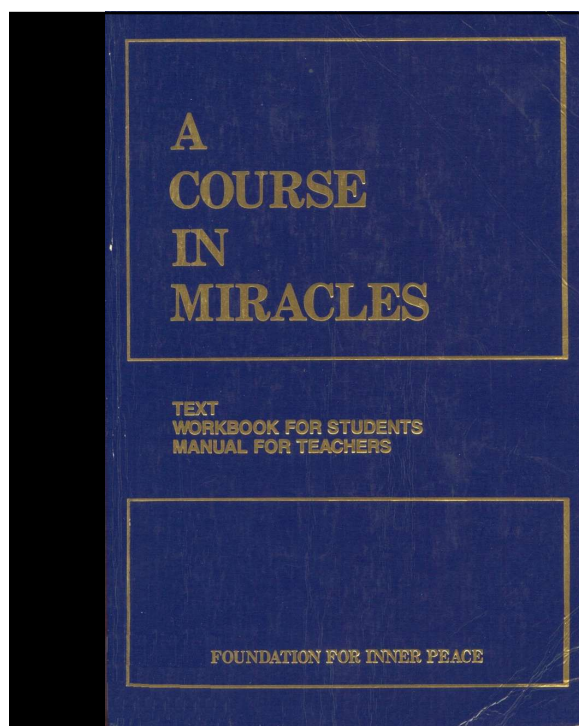
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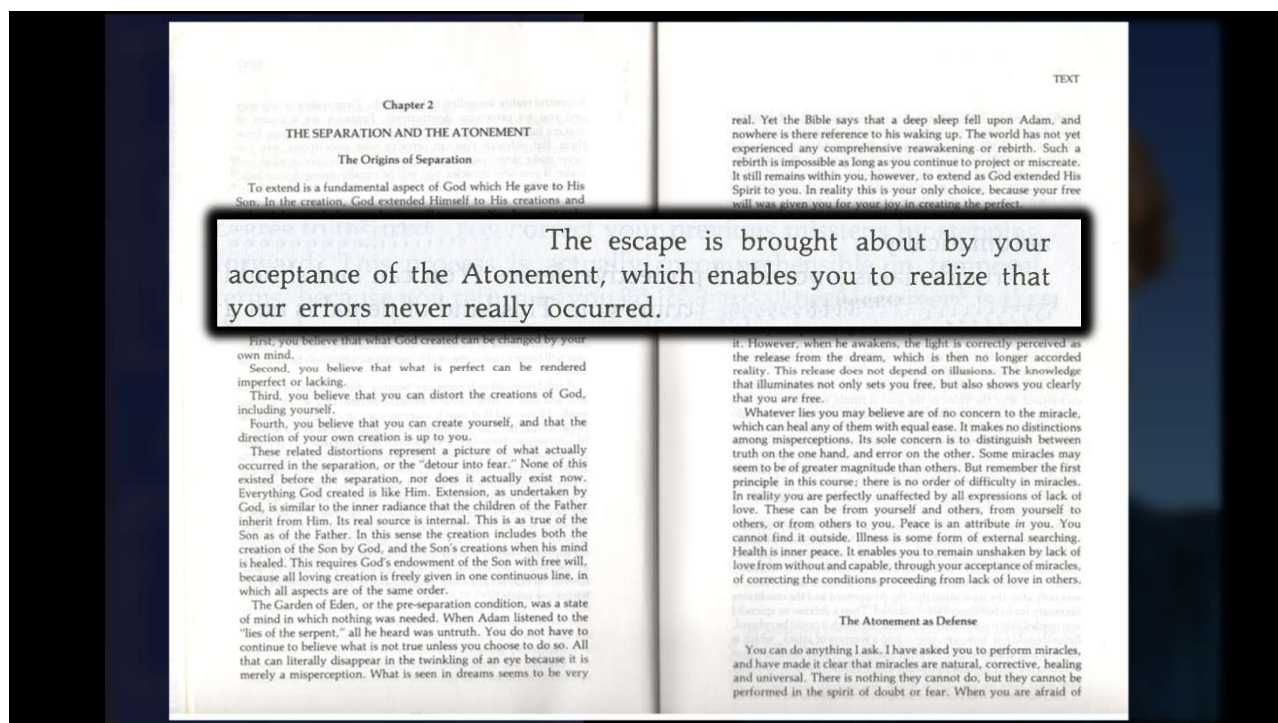
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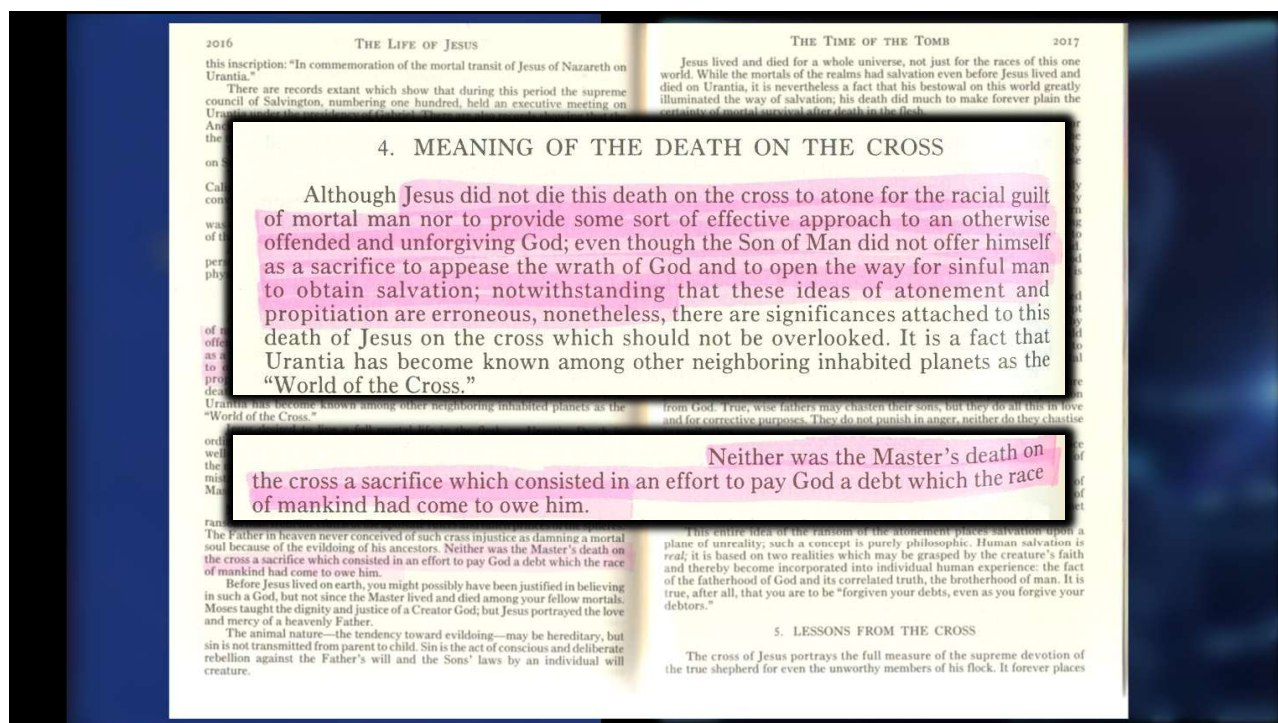
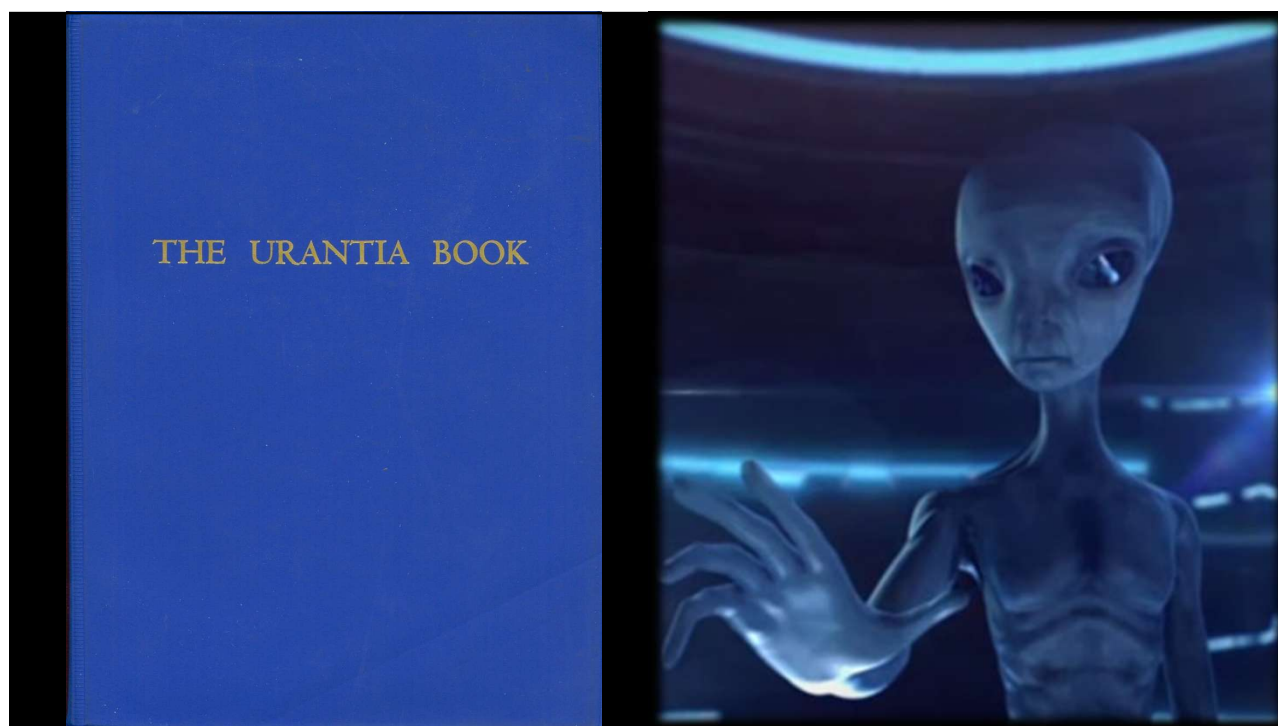
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Helen Schucman
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The escape is brought about by your acceptance of the Atonement, which enables you to realize that your errors never really occurred.





✧ 1 Peter 3:15 ✧

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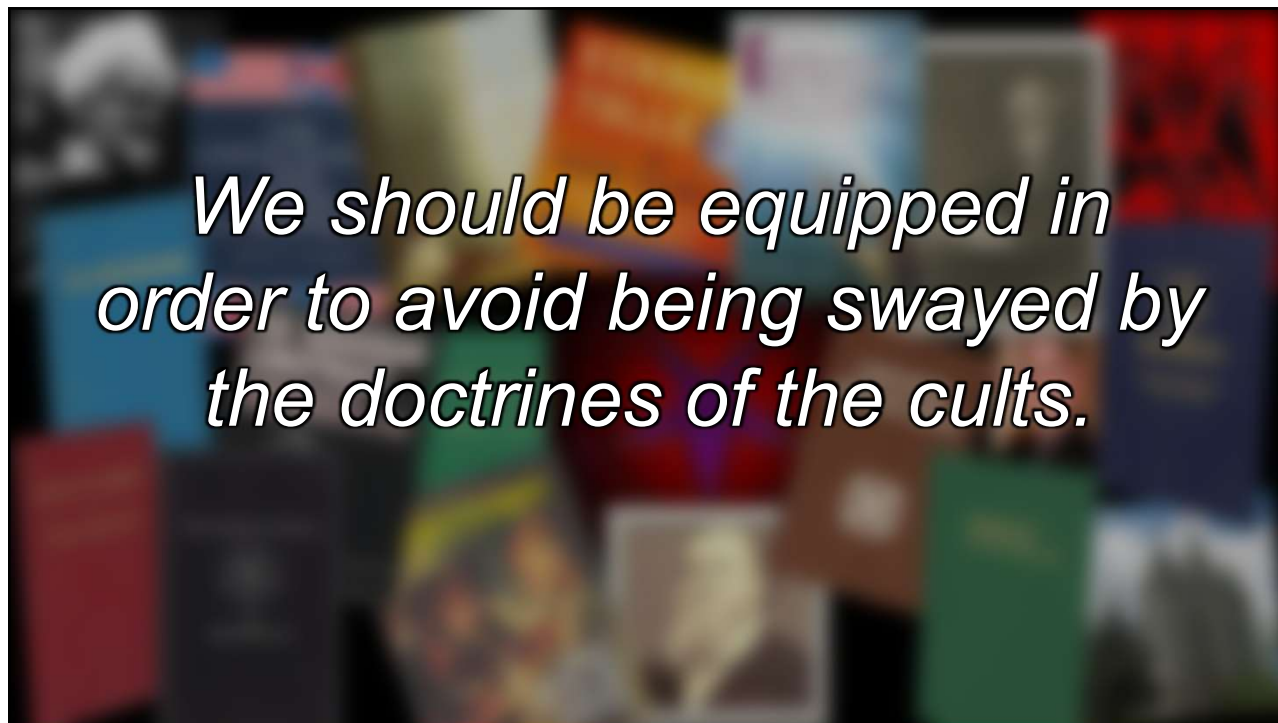


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*We should be equipped in
order to avoid being swayed by
the doctrines of the cults.*



✧ Ephesians 4:11-15 ✧

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;



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"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, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head; Christ."





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