







The Word of Faith Movement: Occult Teachings in the Church

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Preliminary Considerations



<p>☞ Matthew 7:1 ☞ <i>"Judge not, that you be not judged."</i></p> 	
	<p>☞ 1 Cor. 14:29 ☞ <i>"Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge."</i></p> 

Test All Things



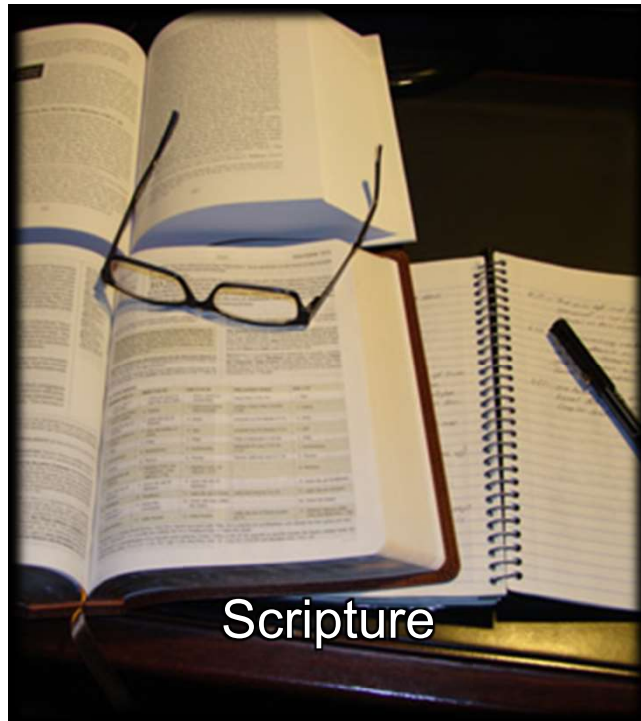
∞ 1 Thess. 5:21-22 ∞

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

NOT:
"Abstain from
whatever looks evil"

BUT RATHER:
"Abstain from evil, no
matter what it looks like."





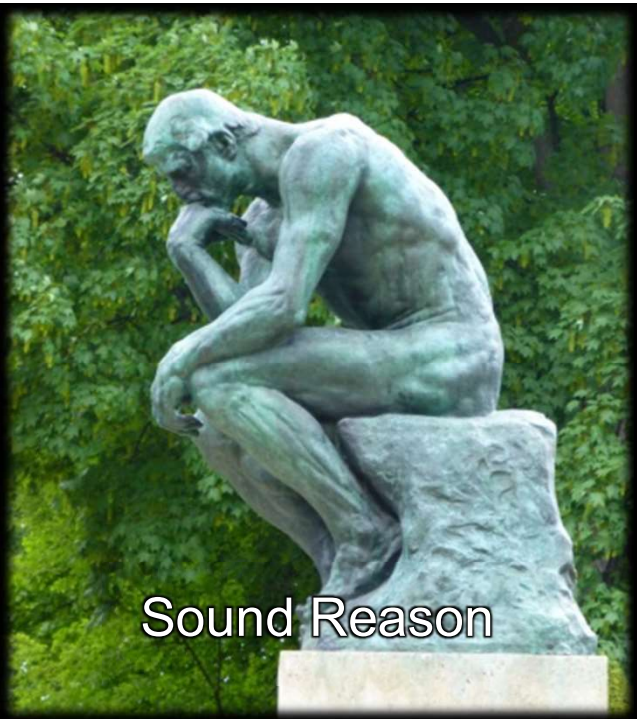
Scripture



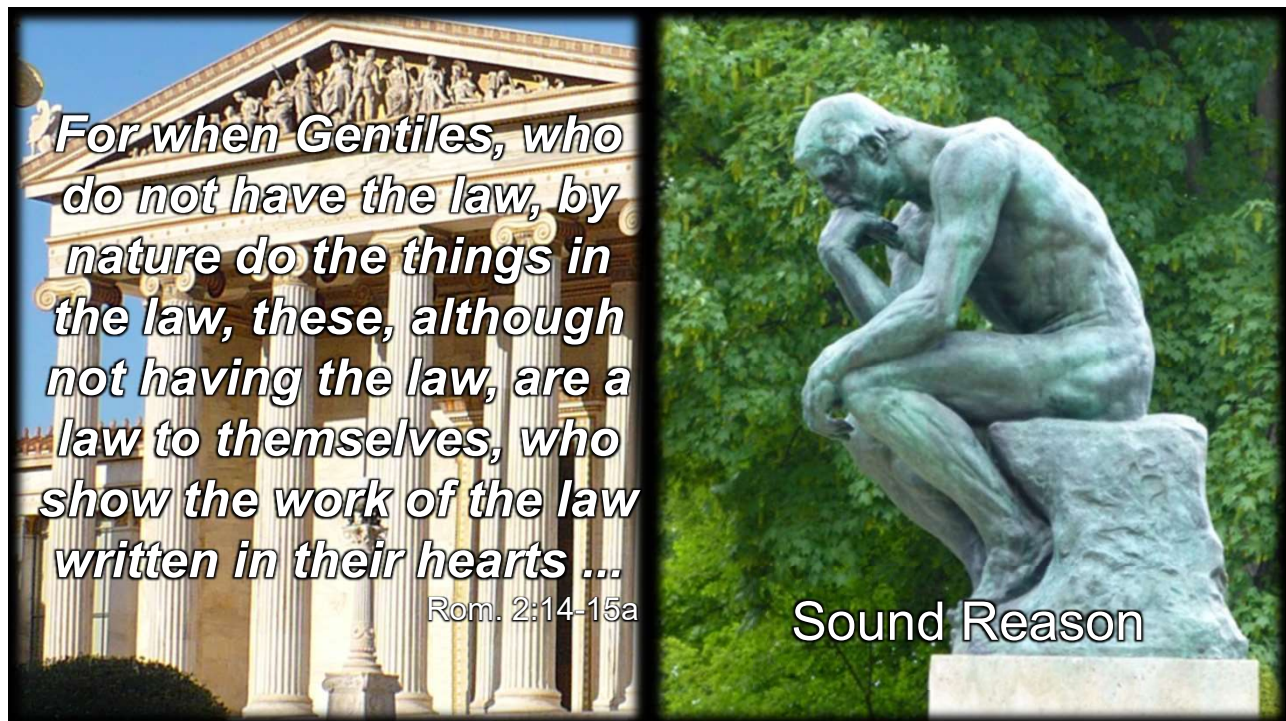
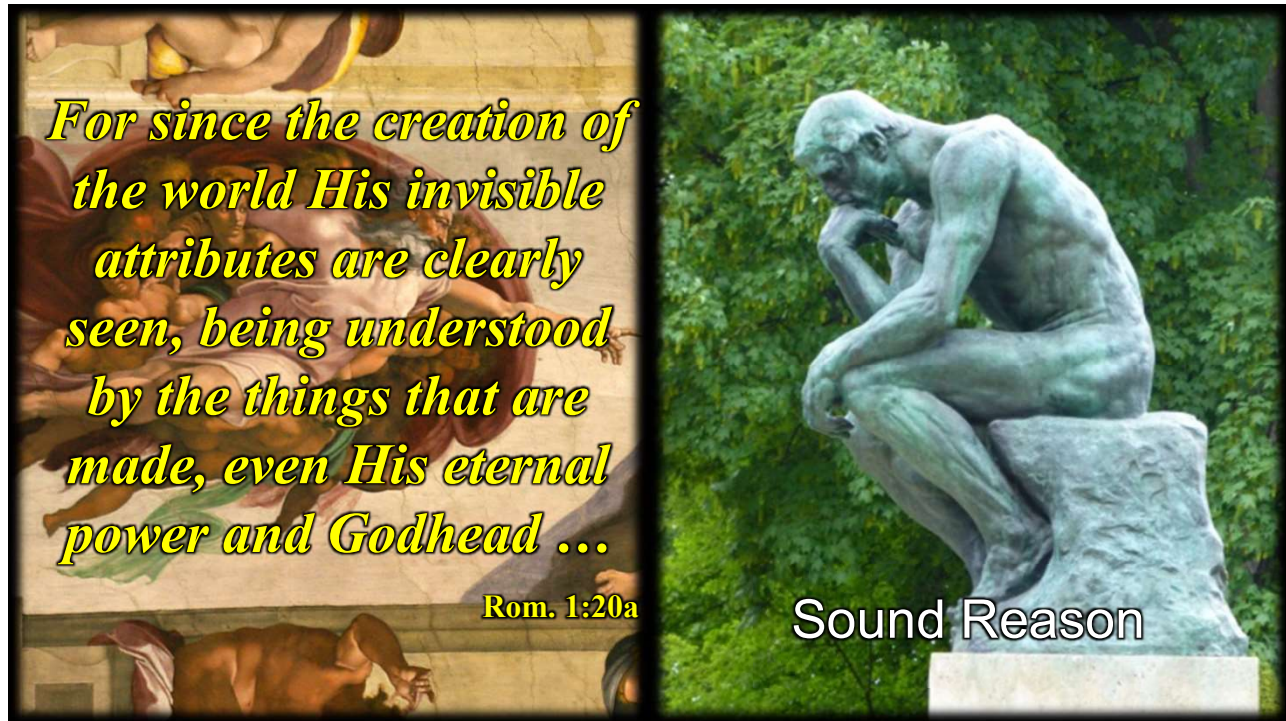
Sound Reason

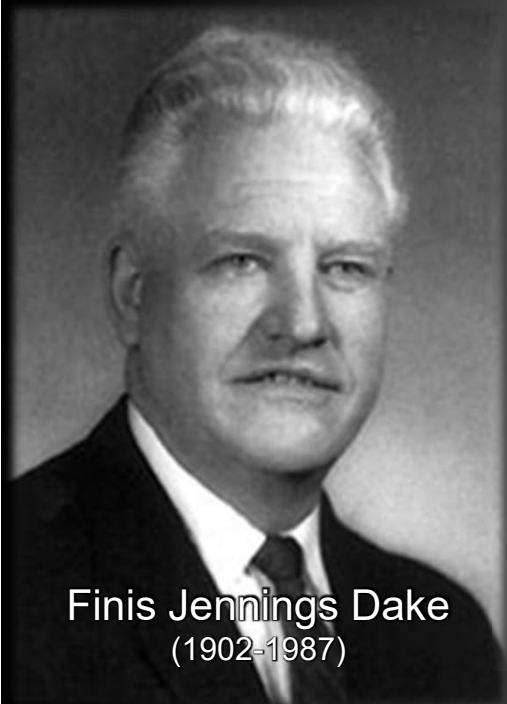
*The heavens declare the
glory of God; and the
firmament shows His
handiwork. Day unto day
utters speech, and night unto
night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech nor
language where their voice is
not heard. Their line has
gone out through all the
earth, and their words to the
end of the world.*

Psalm 19:1



Sound Reason

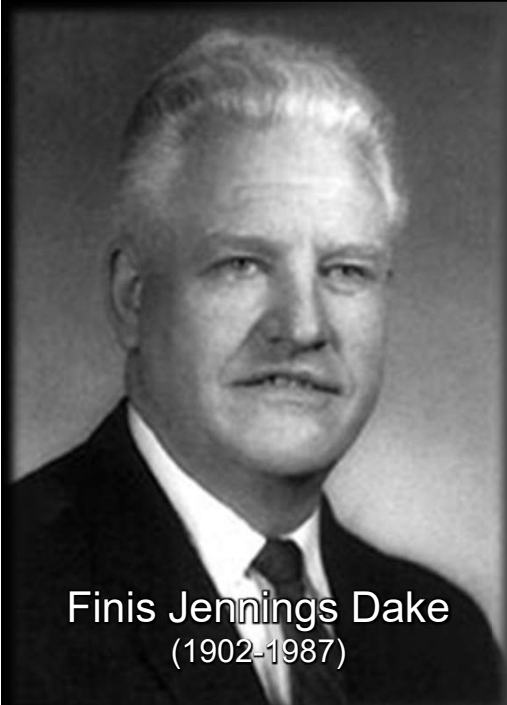




Finis Jennings Dake
(1902-1987)

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

Dake, NT, p. 97.



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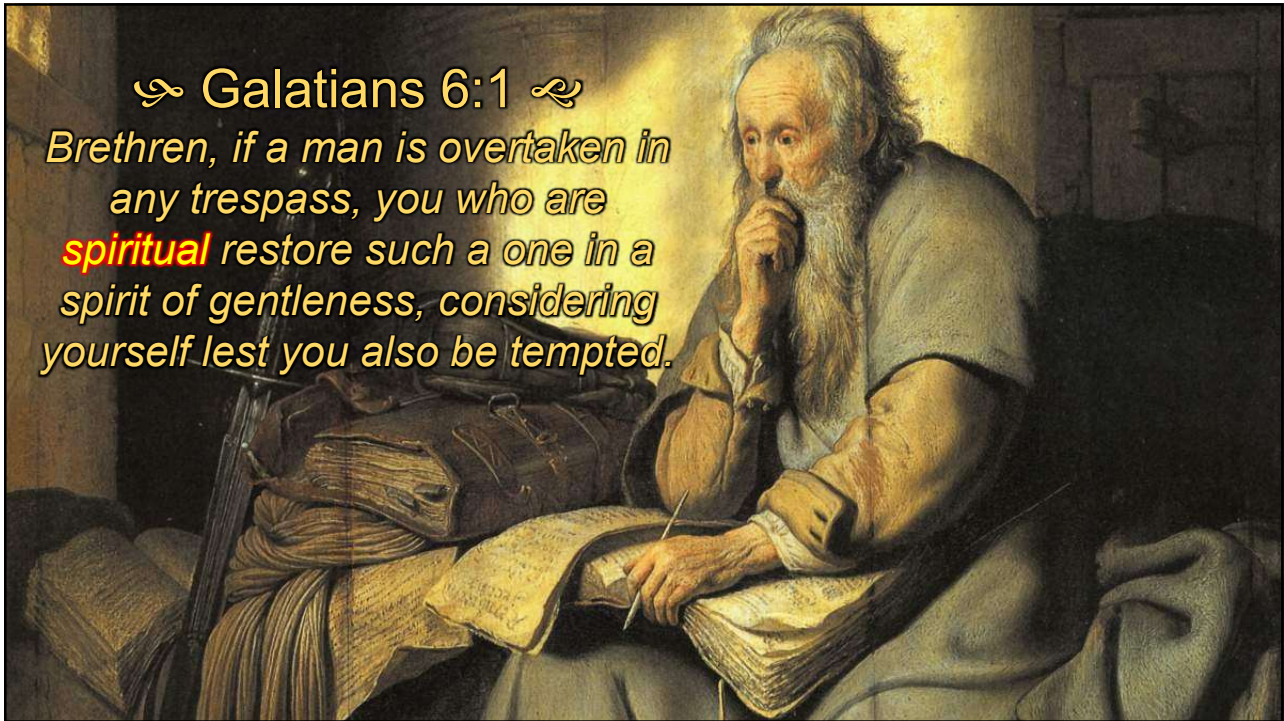
"And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

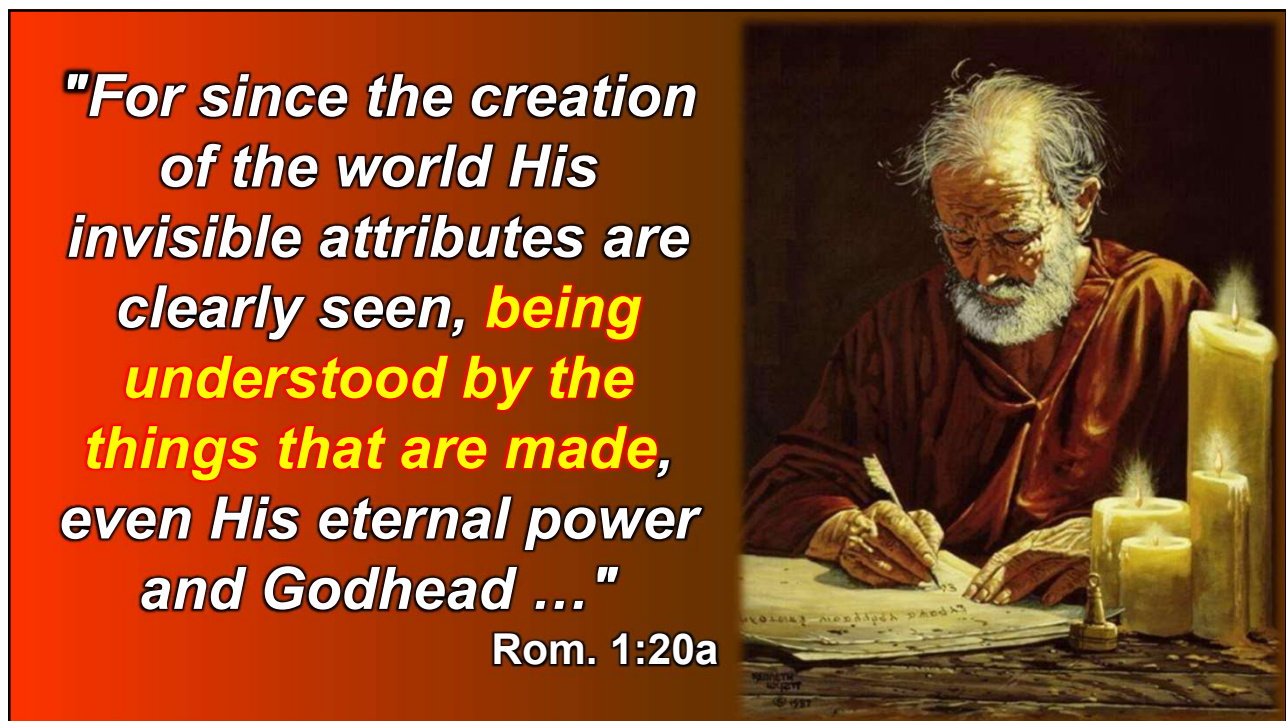
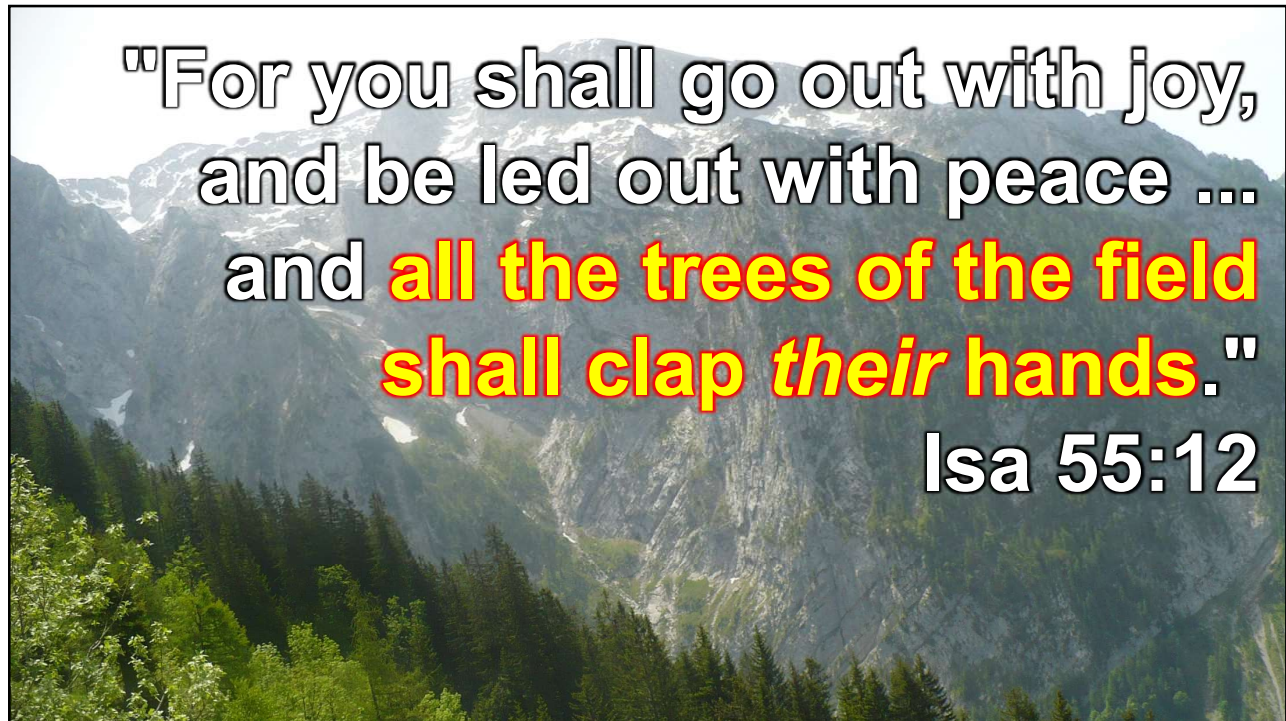
and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden." Gen. 3:8


"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:24

✧ Galatians 6:1 ✧

*Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are **spiritual** restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*







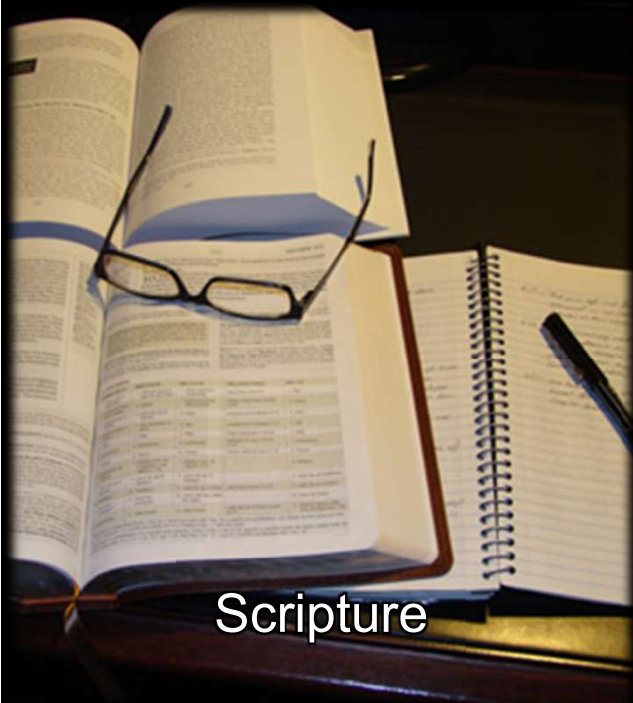
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the true apostles

Scripture

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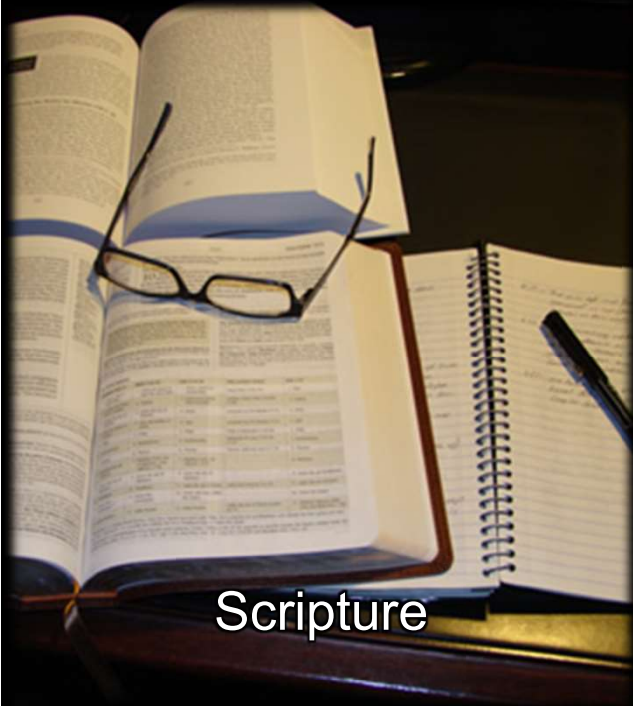
They are of the world. Therefore *they* speak as of the world, and the world hears *them*. *We* are of God. He who knows God hears *us*; he who is not of God does not hear *us*. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.



Scripture

☞ 1 John 4:1-3 ☞

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




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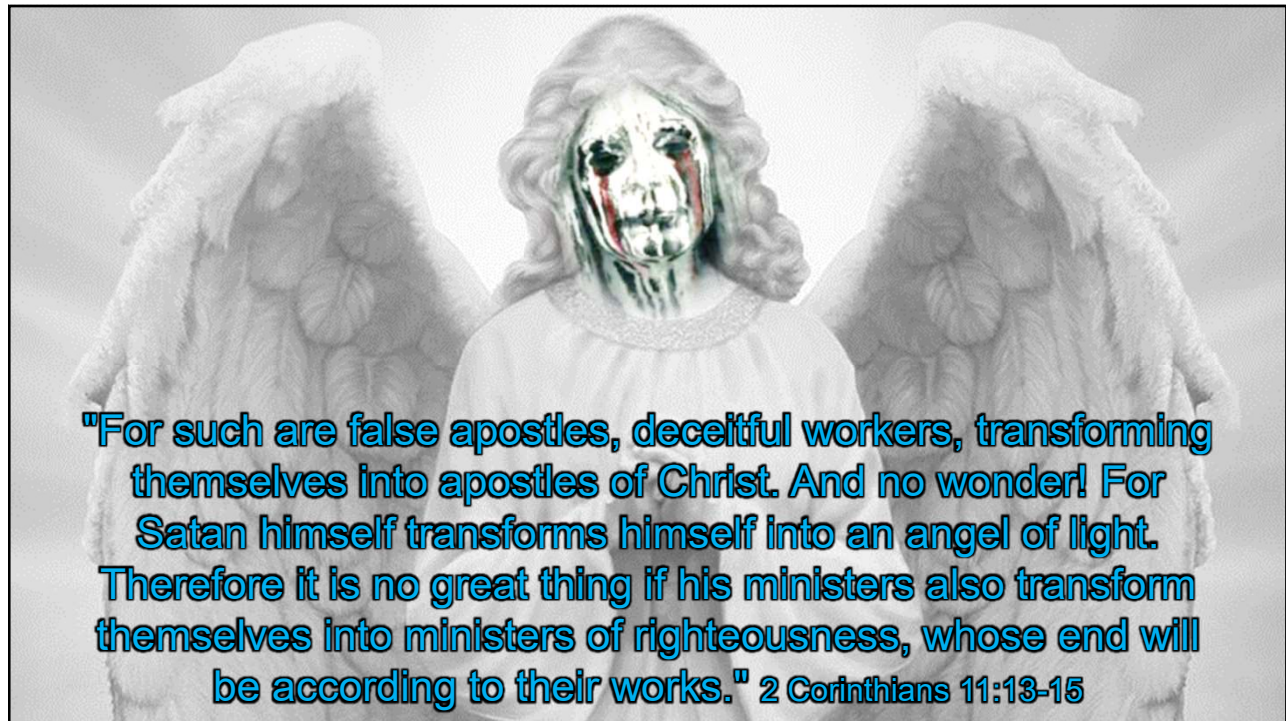
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Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming,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

☞ 1 Timothy 4:1 ☞

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





Romans 14:1**RECIEVE**

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in the faith

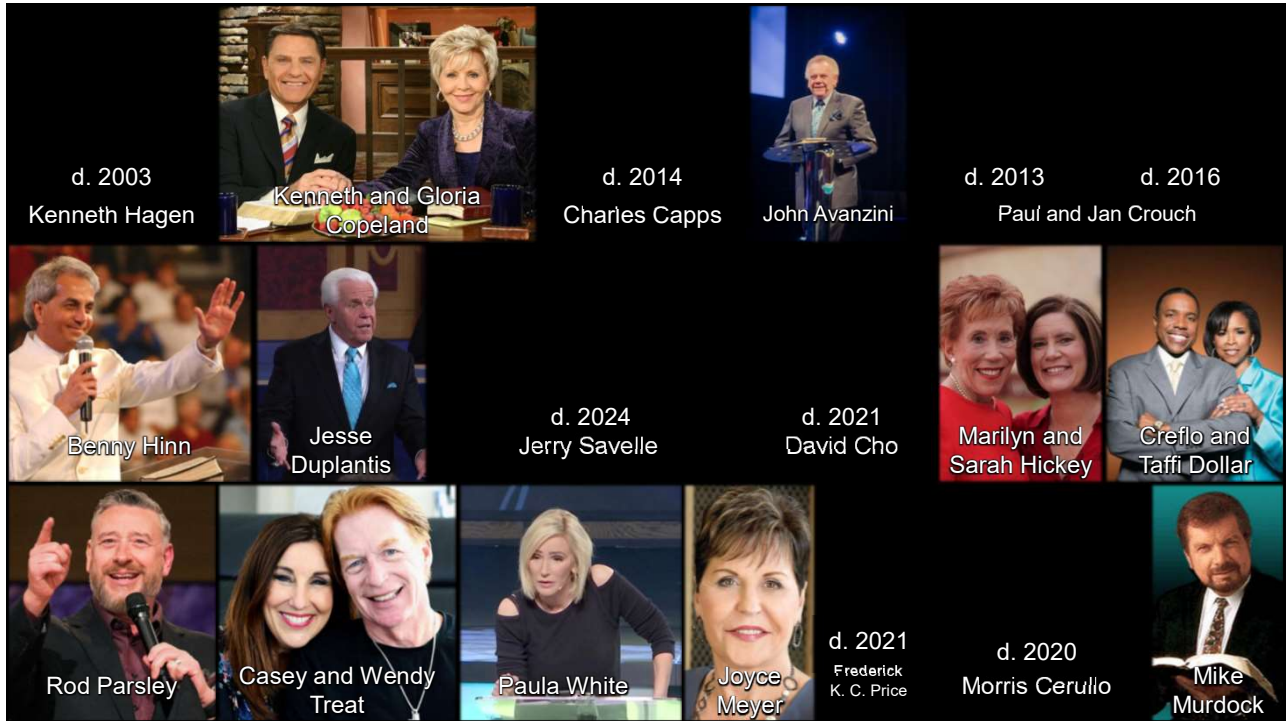
but not to disputes
about doubtful things

Romans 16:17**AVOID**

one who causes
offenses and divisions

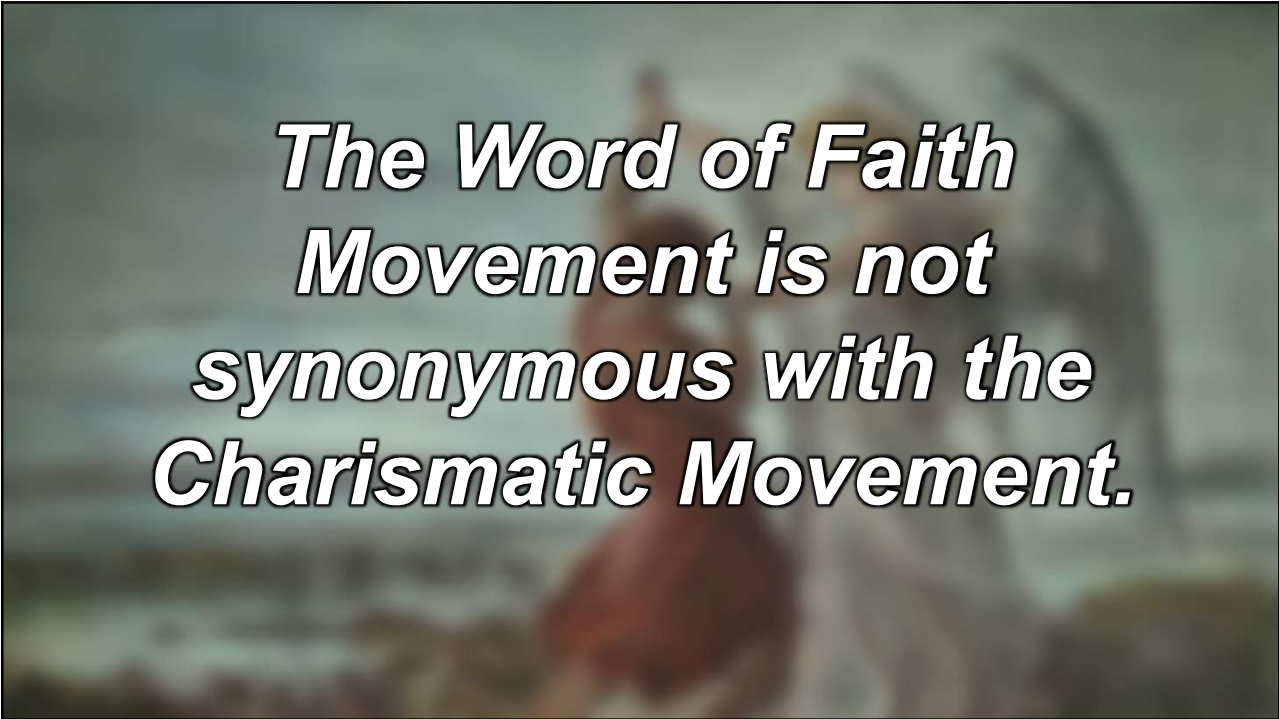
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which you have learned

Some of
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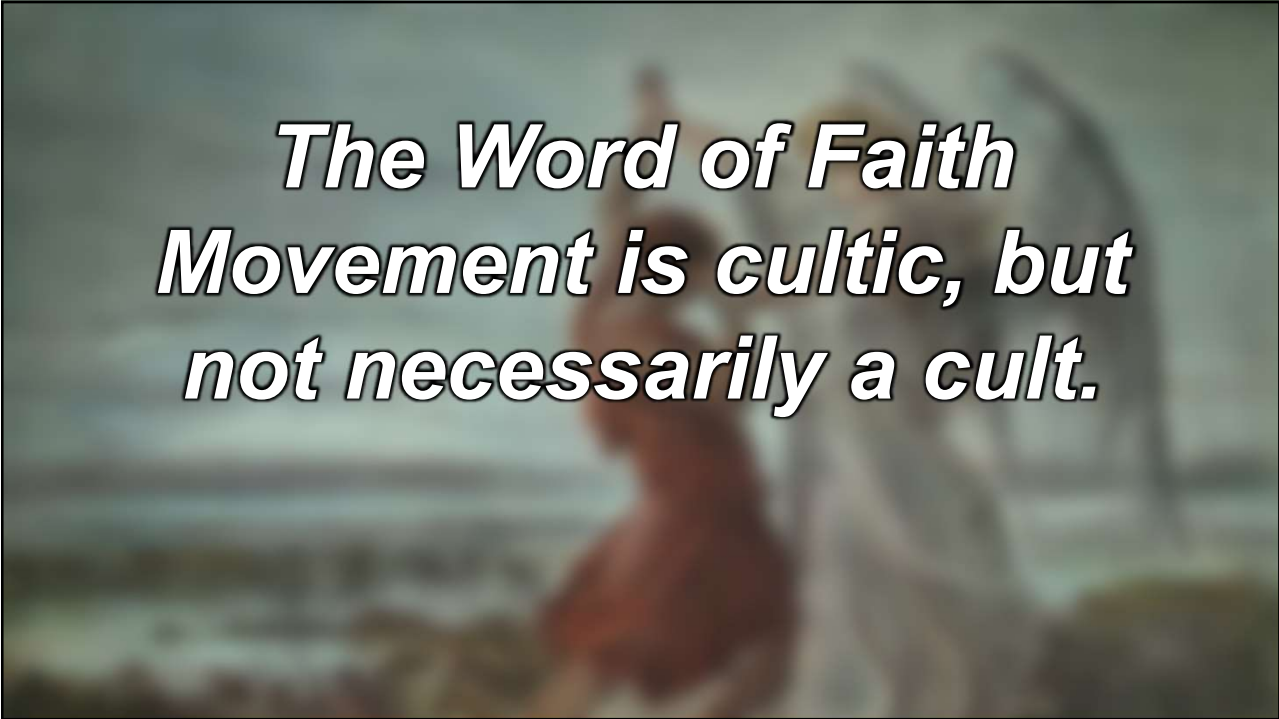




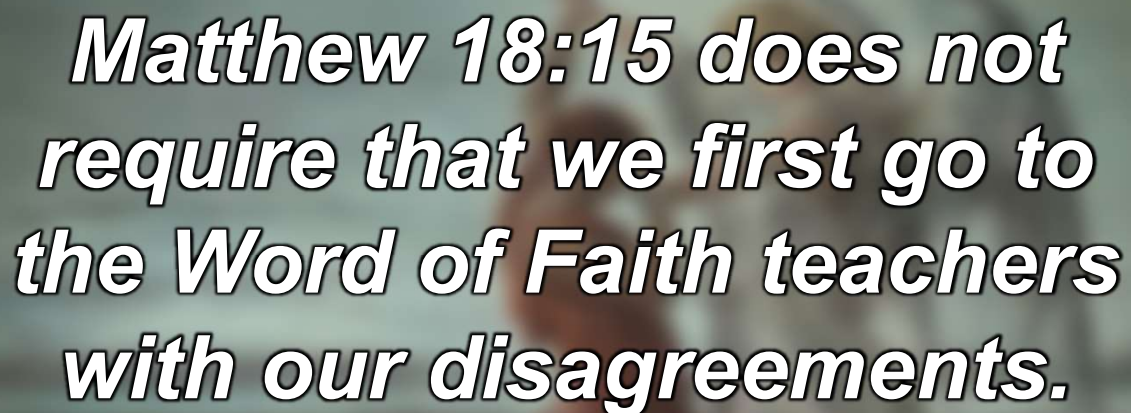
Background Issues



***The Word of Faith
Movement is not
synonymous with the
Charismatic Movement.***



***The Word of Faith
Movement is cultic, but
not necessarily a cult.***



***Matthew 18:15 does not
require that we first go to
the Word of Faith teachers
with our disagreements.***



*It is completely proper to
"name names."*

❧ 1 Timothy 1:18-20 ❧

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



☞ 2 Timothy 2:16-17 ☞

"But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort."



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



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

✎ Matt. 7:21-23 ✎

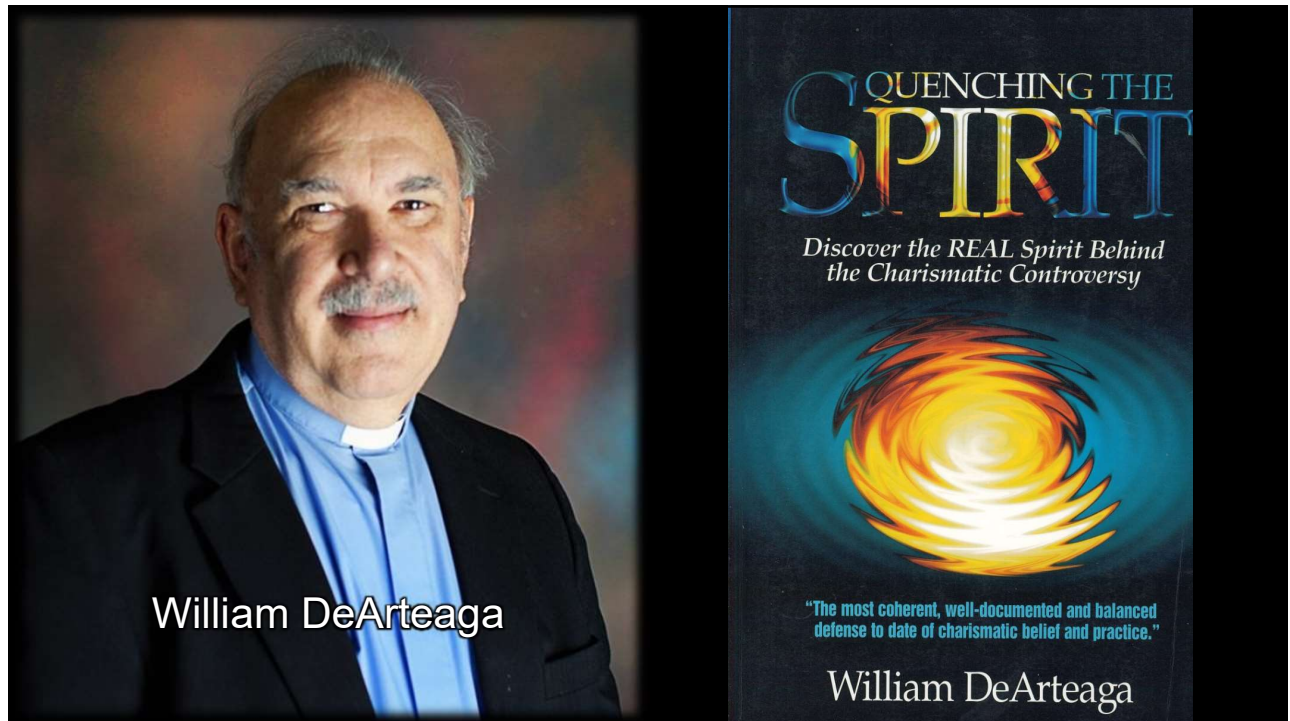
*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father in heaven**. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare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

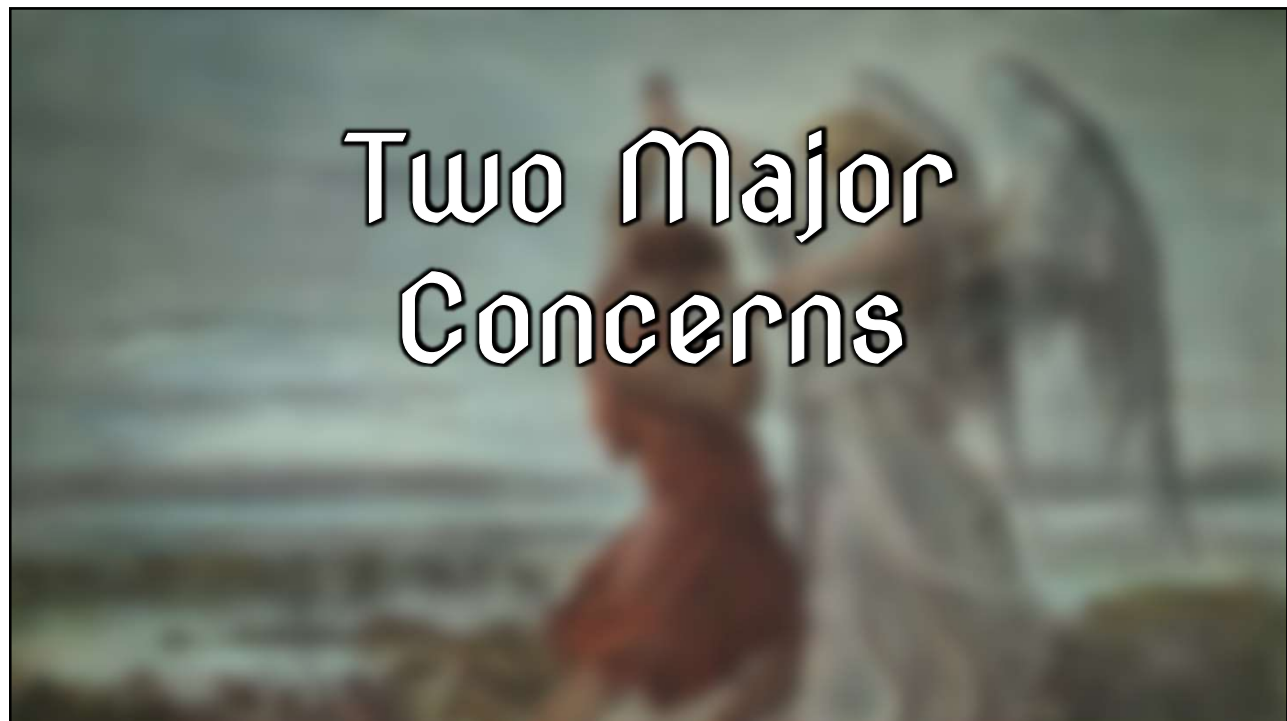
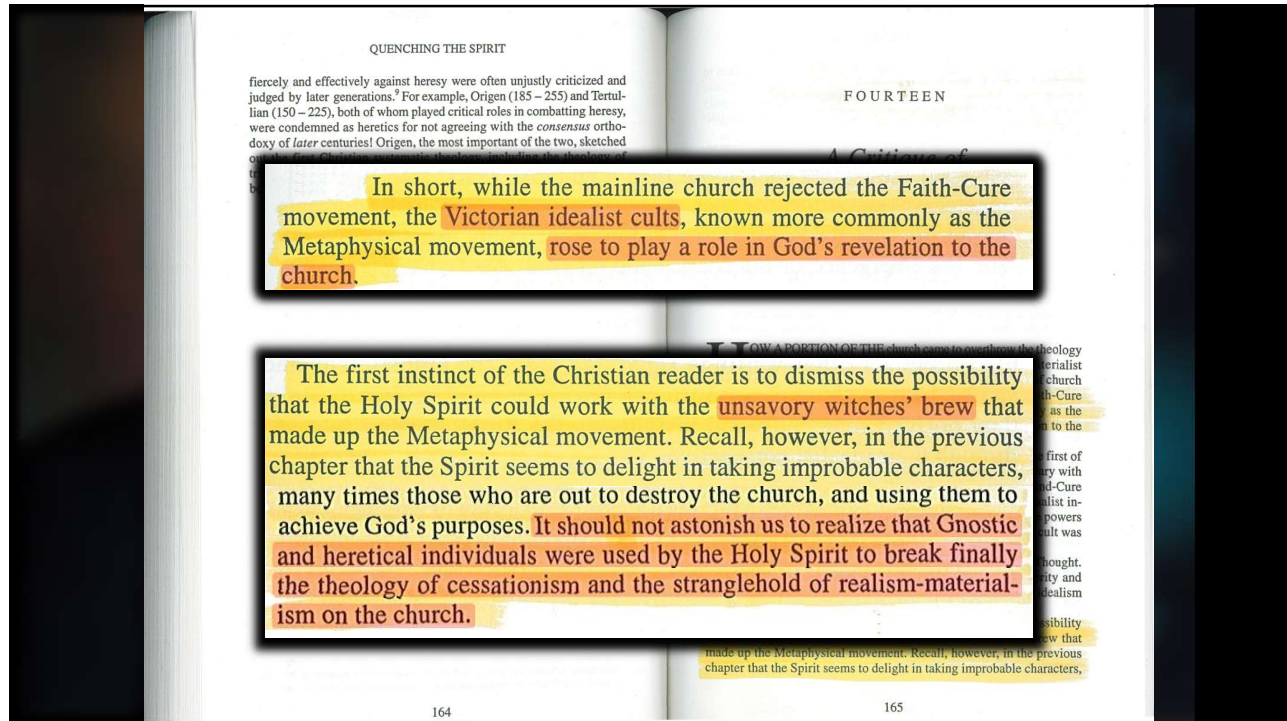


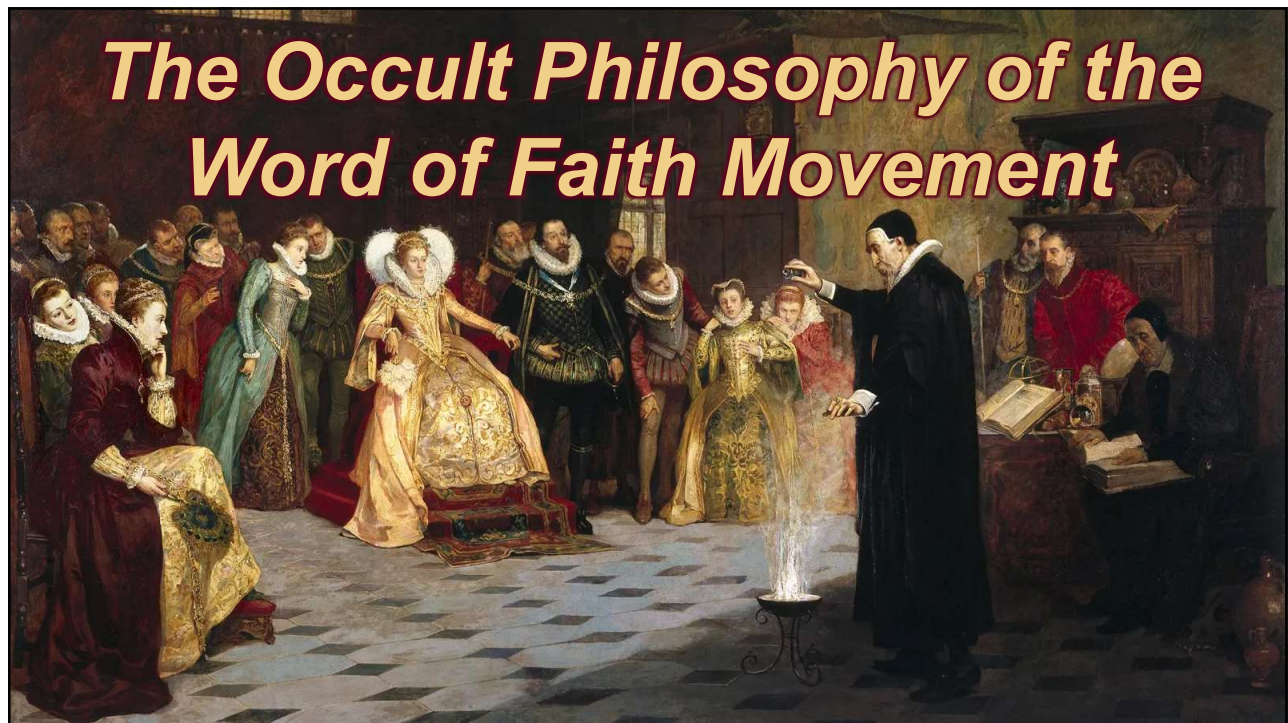
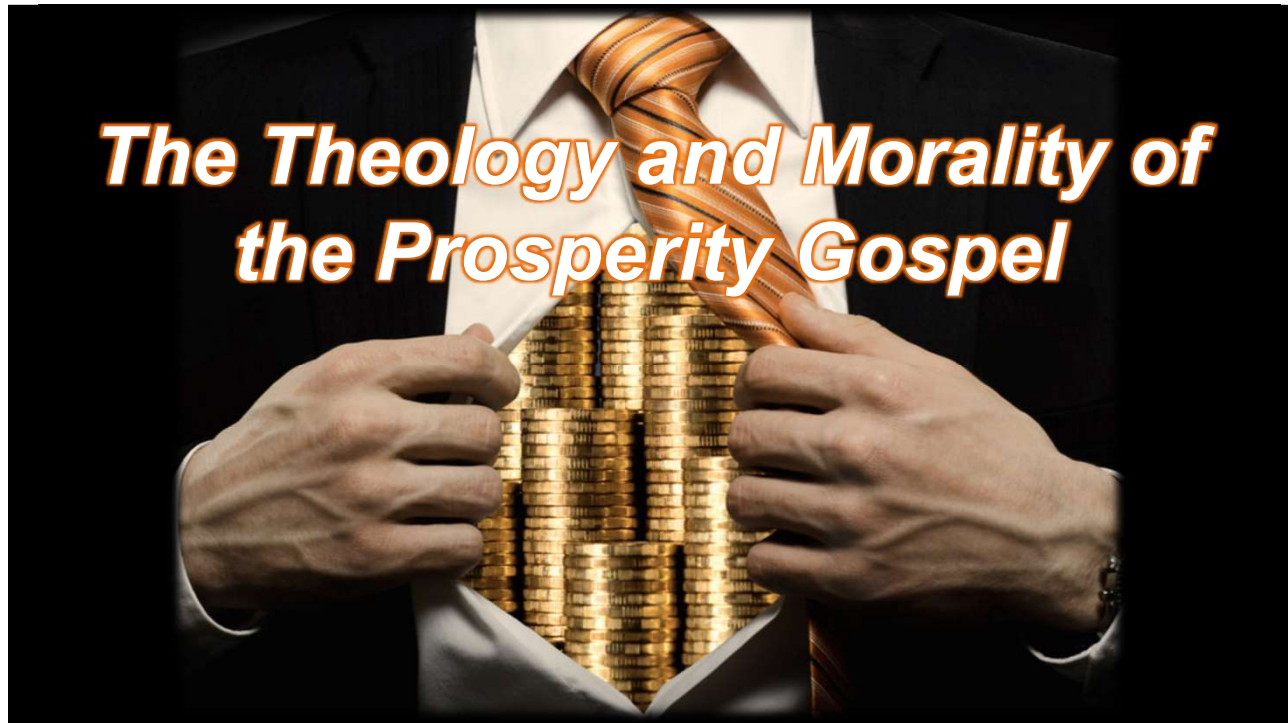
☞ John 6:28-29 ☞

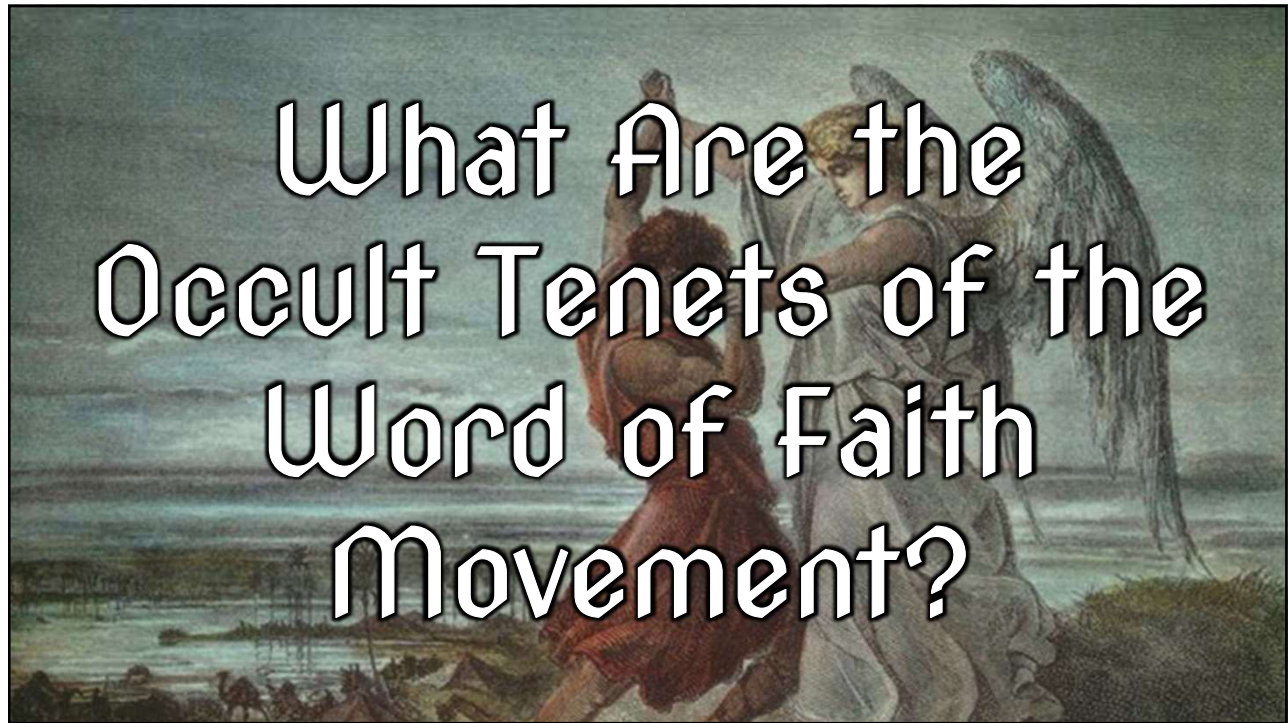
"Then they said to Him, 'What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.' "

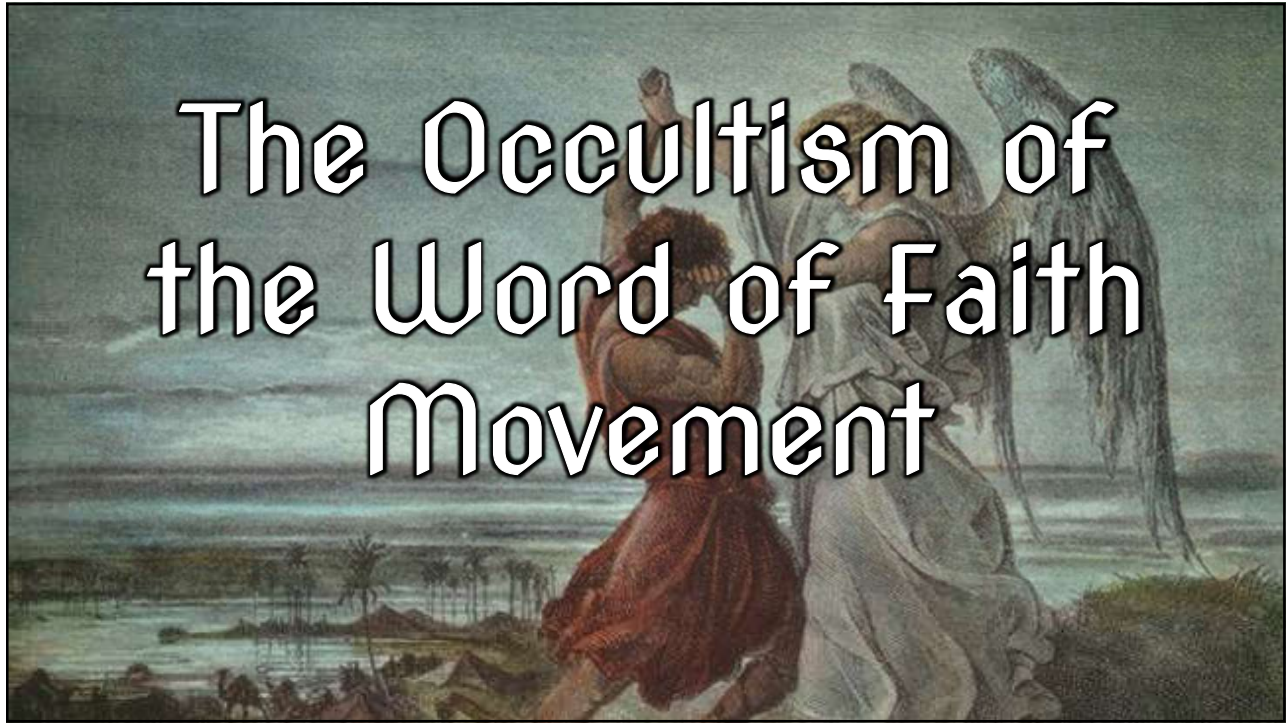
A Point About Logical Inferences











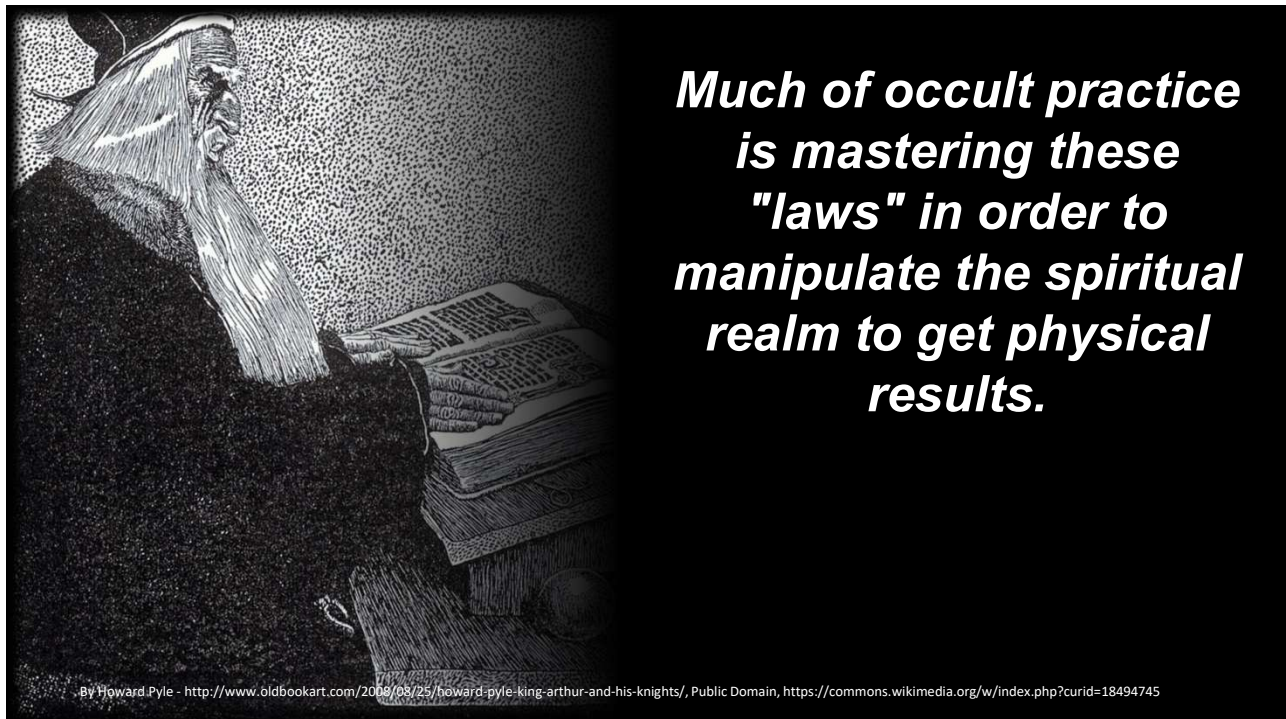
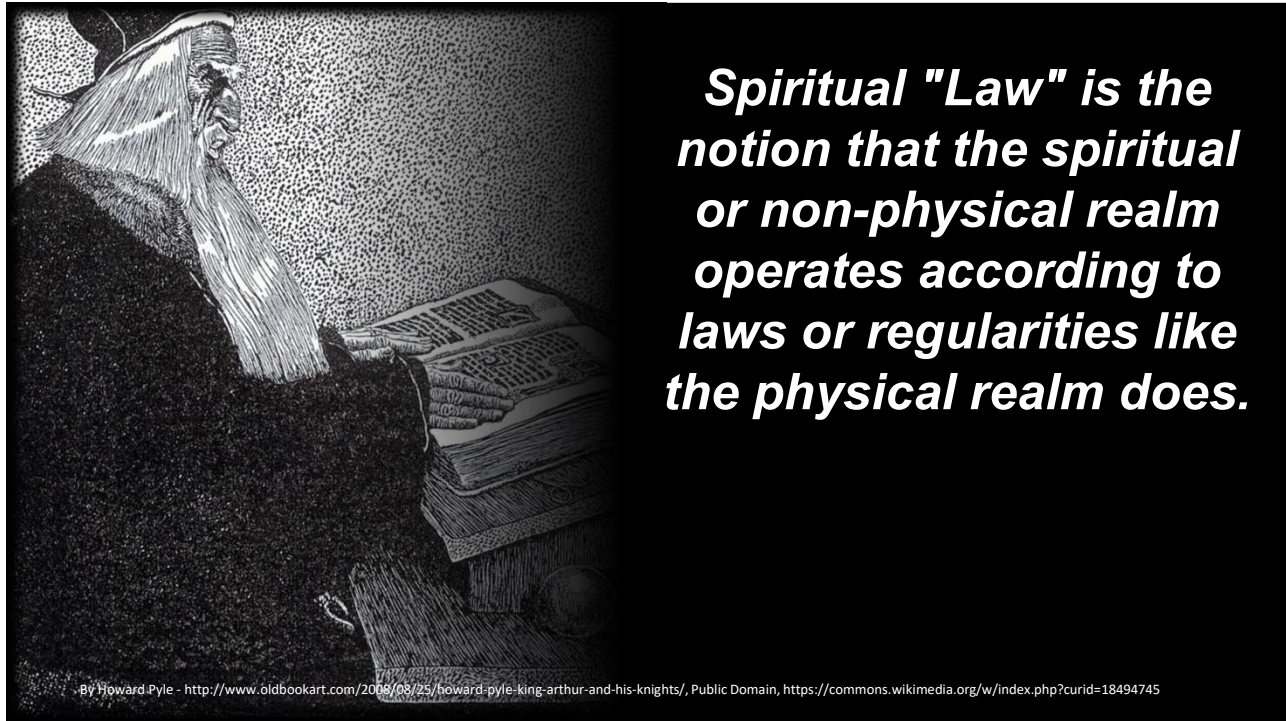
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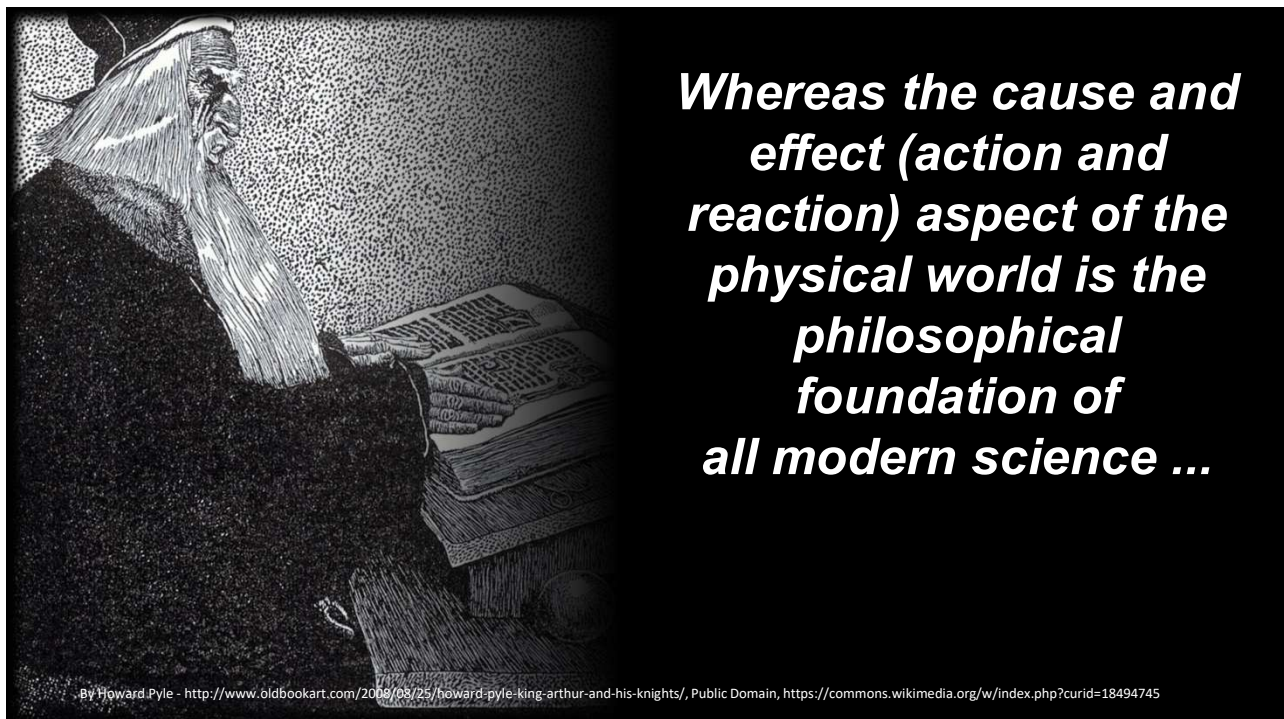


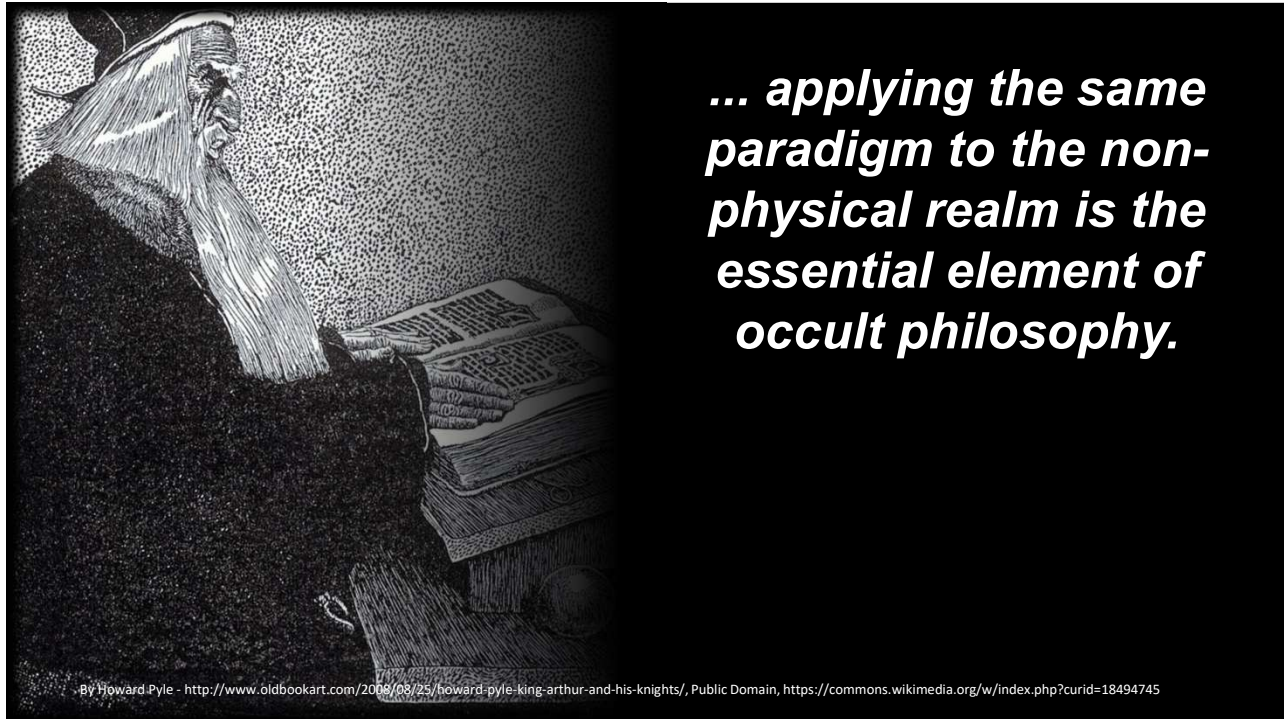
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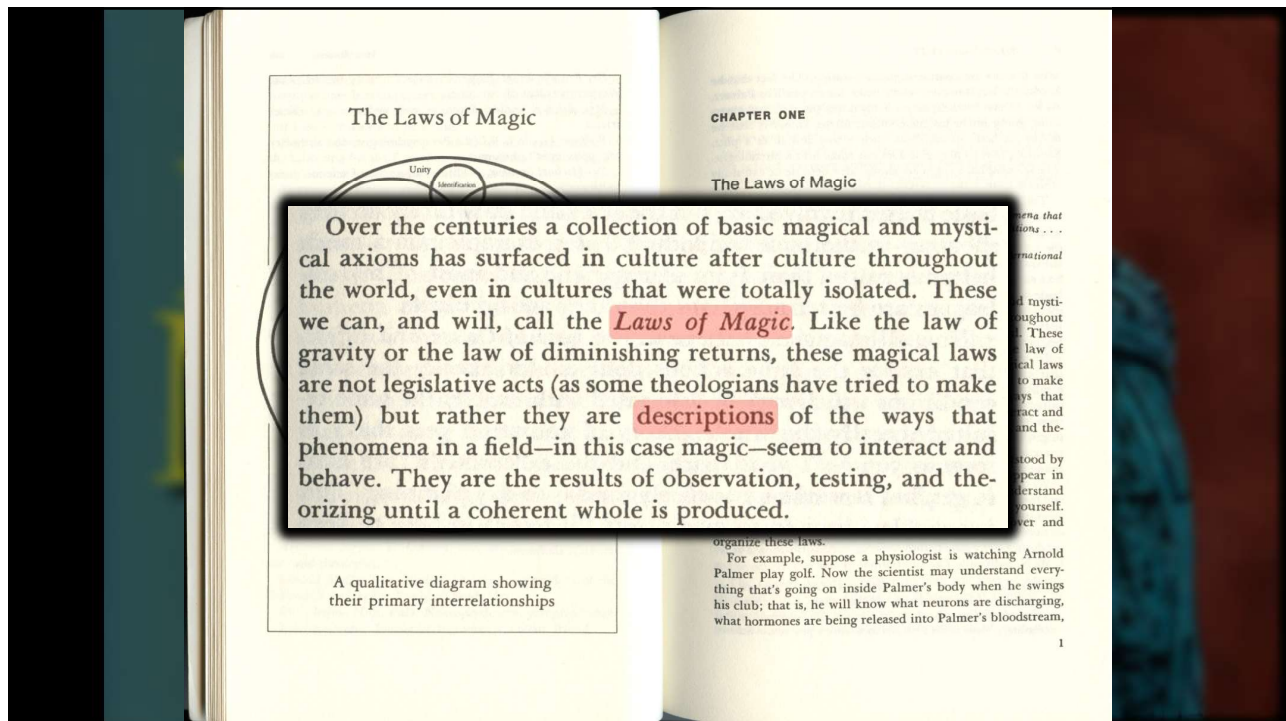
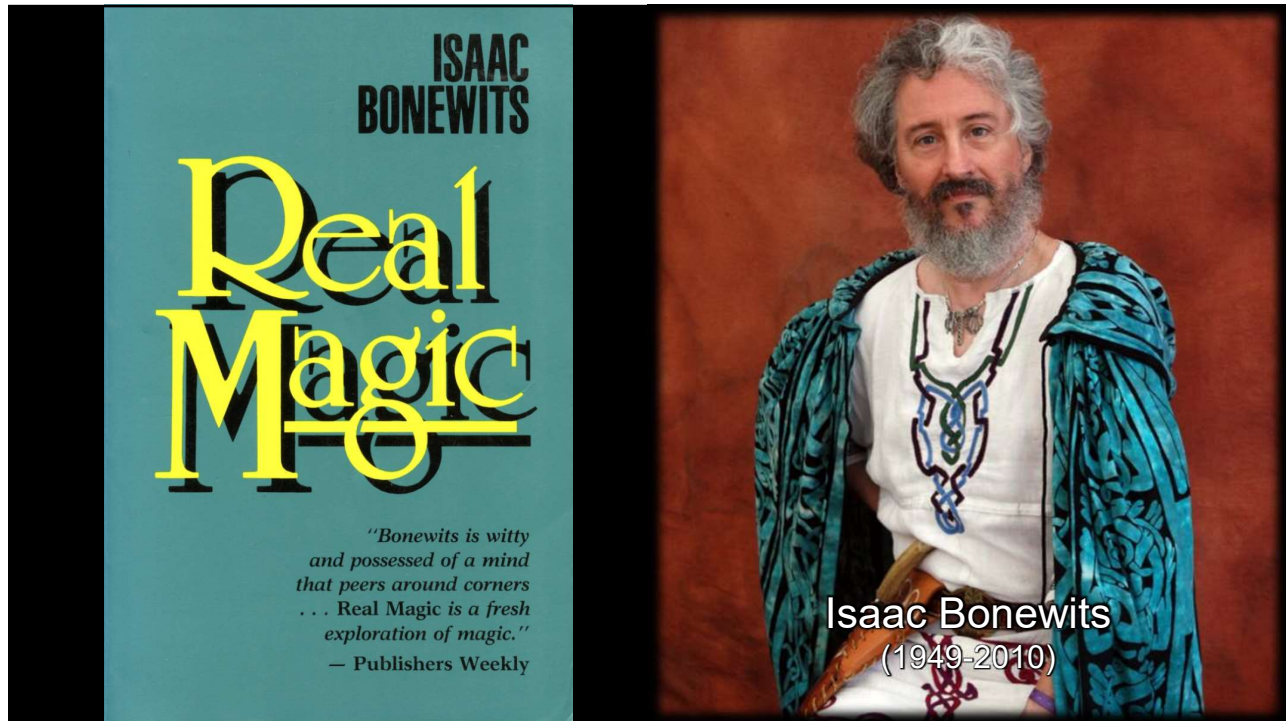
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Mastering the laws that describe the behavior of the physical realm to enable us to control physical things and forces for the purpose of manipulating the physical world



Occultism

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



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

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



Anton Szandor LaVey
(1930-1997)

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[LaVey, *Satanic Bible*, 110]



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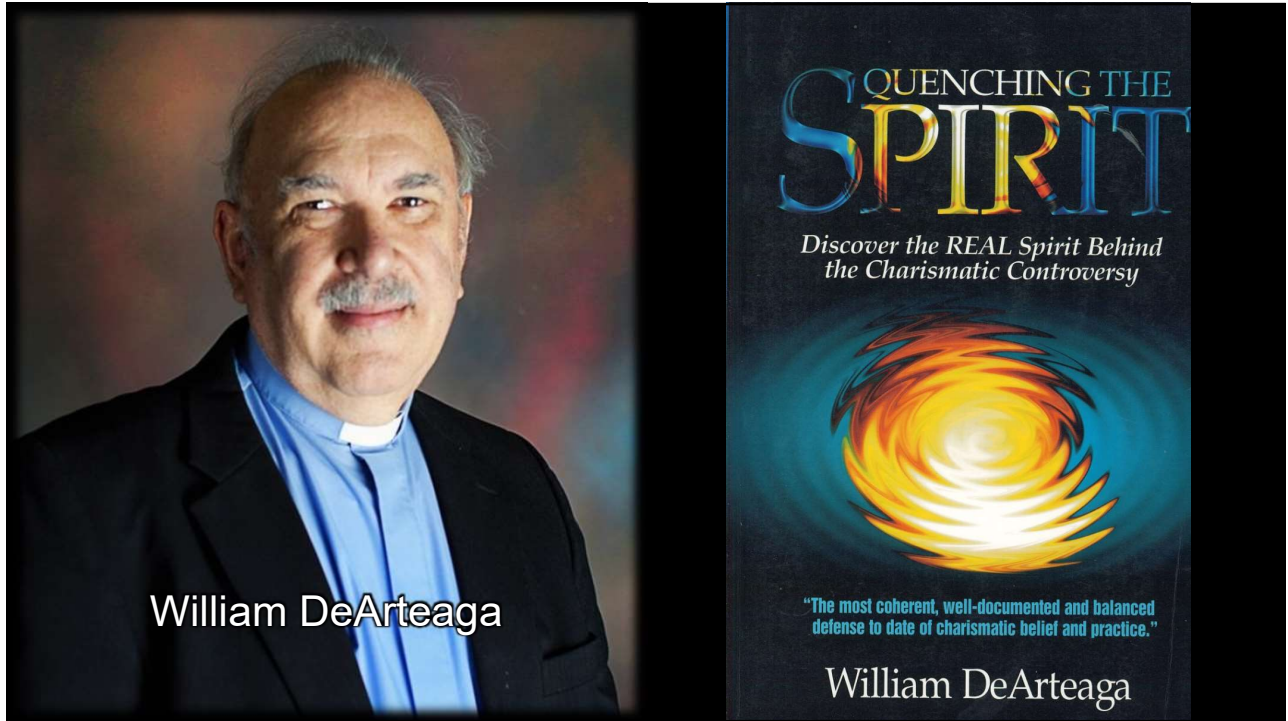
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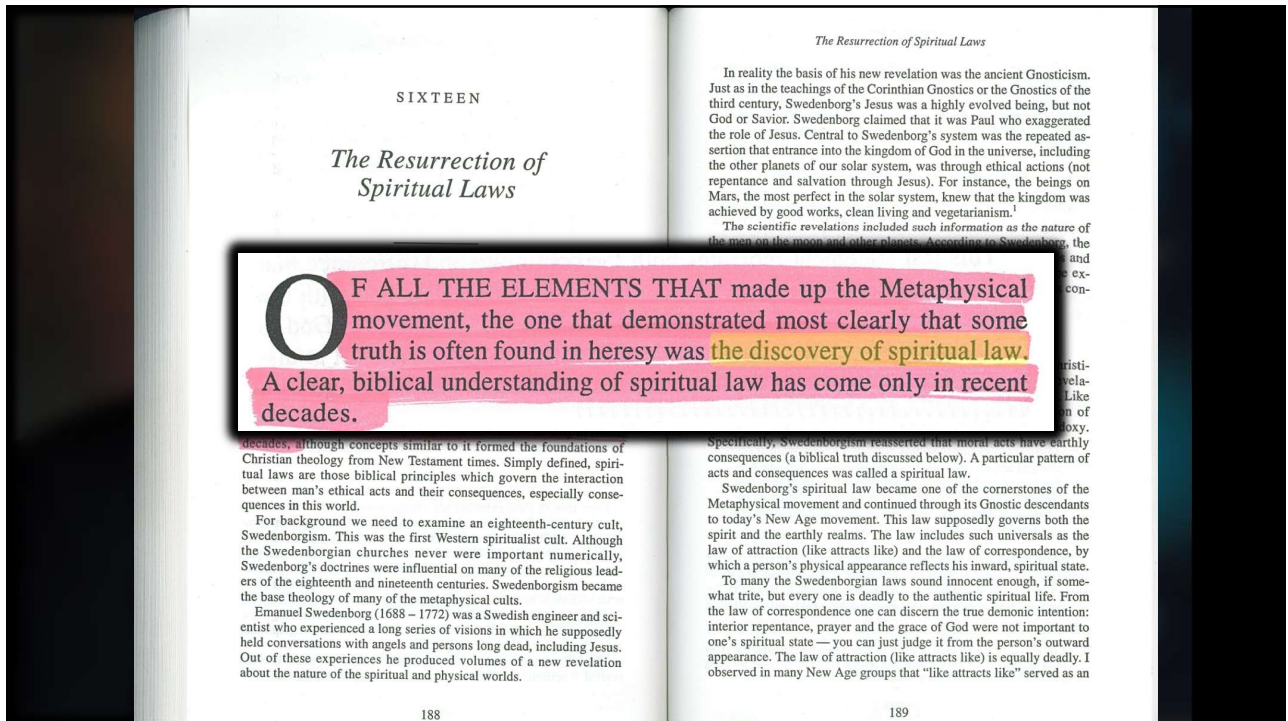


Word of Faith Movement



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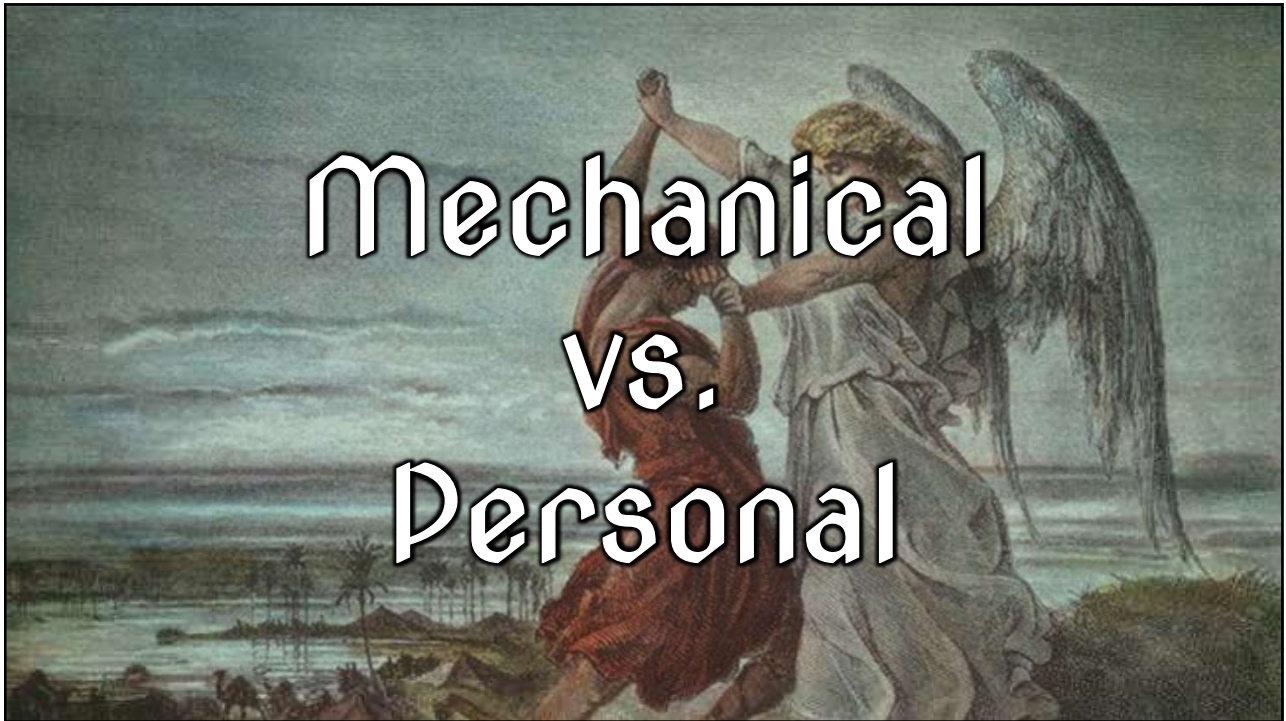


OF ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT made up the Metaphysical movement, the one that demonstrated most clearly that some truth is often found in heresy was the discovery of spiritual law. A clear, biblical understanding of spiritual law has come only in recent decades.

Spiritual Law



The Bible and Sound Reason





✧ Psalm 19:7-11 ✧

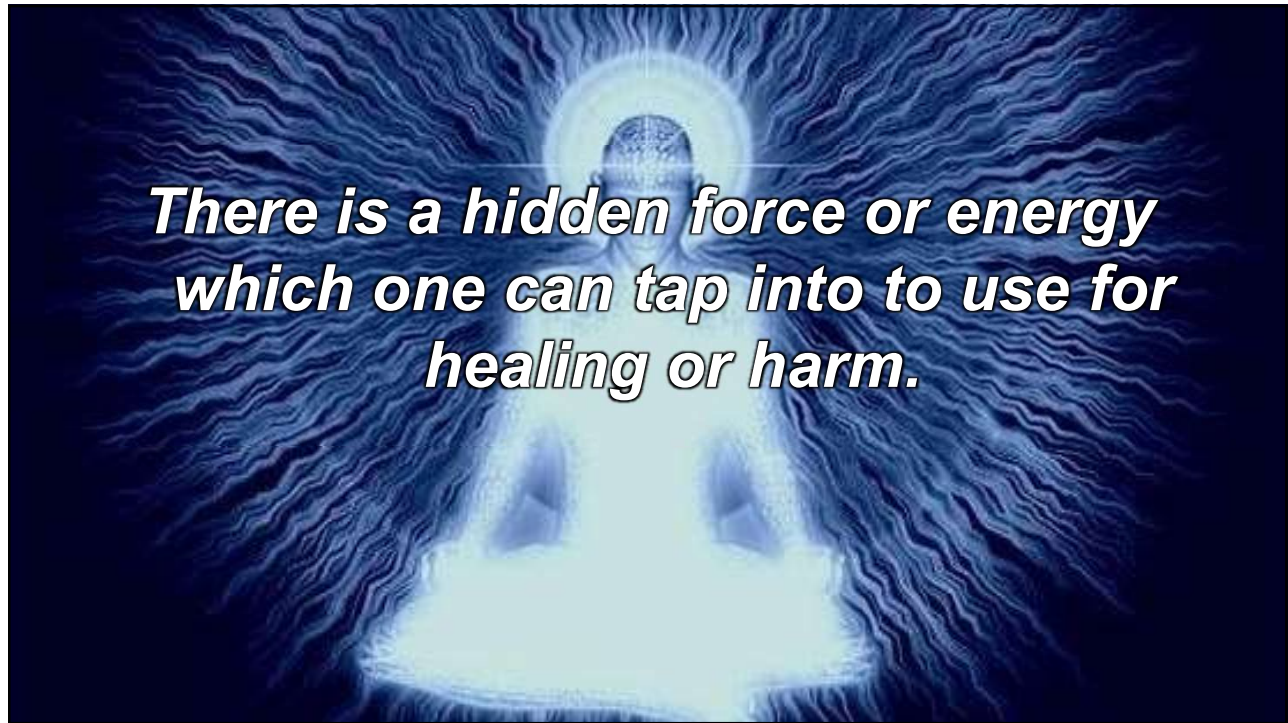
"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward."



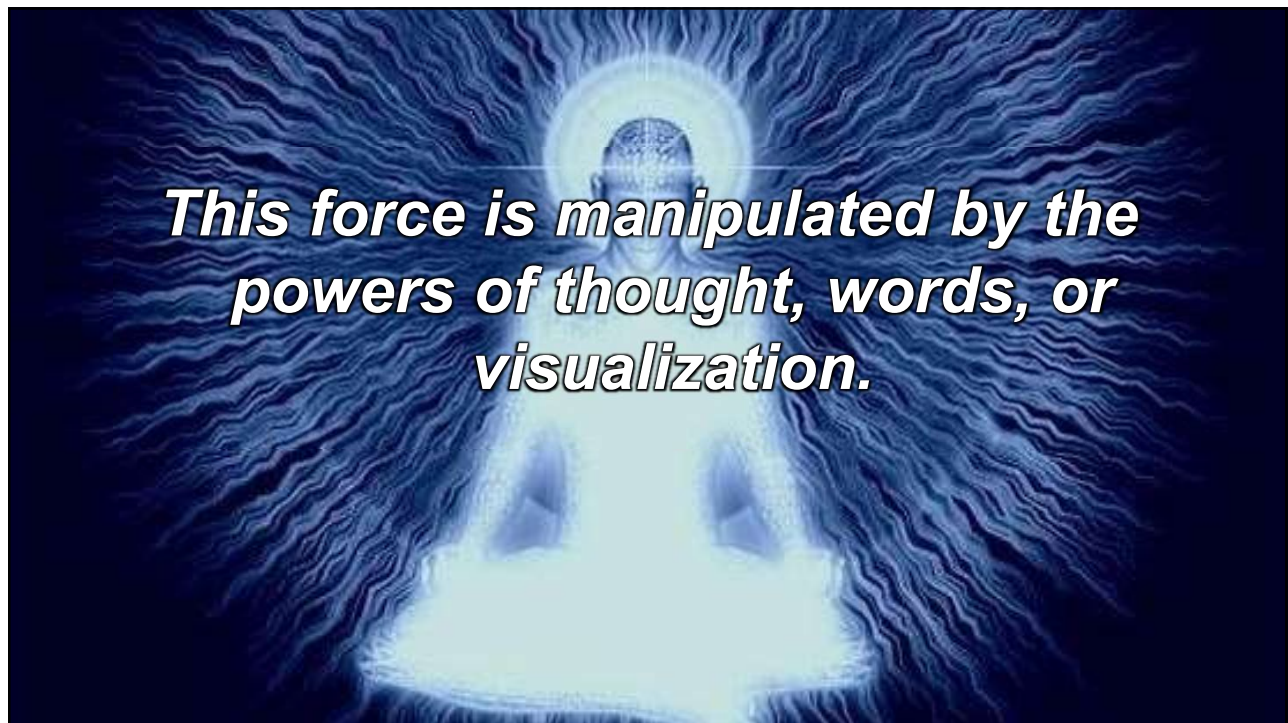
The Force

A red-tinted illustration of a horned, winged figure with a pentagram on its forehead, holding a staff with a caduceus-like symbol, set against a black background.

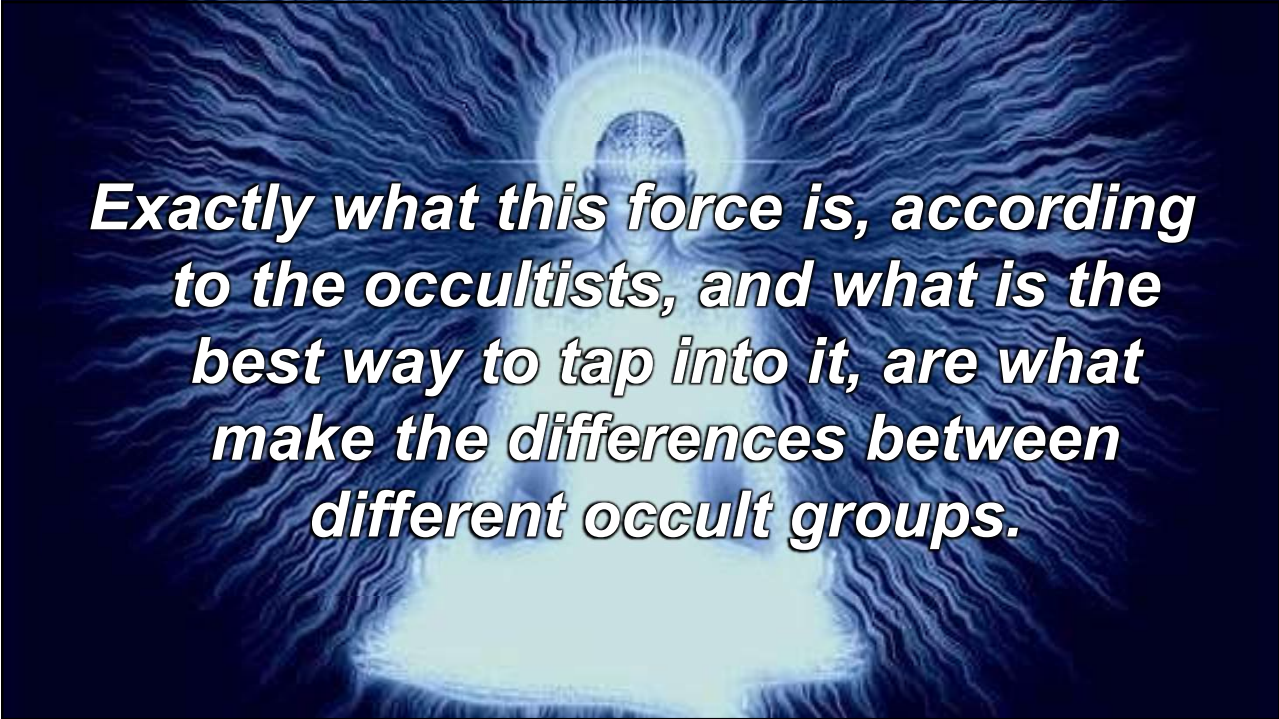
The Occult



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



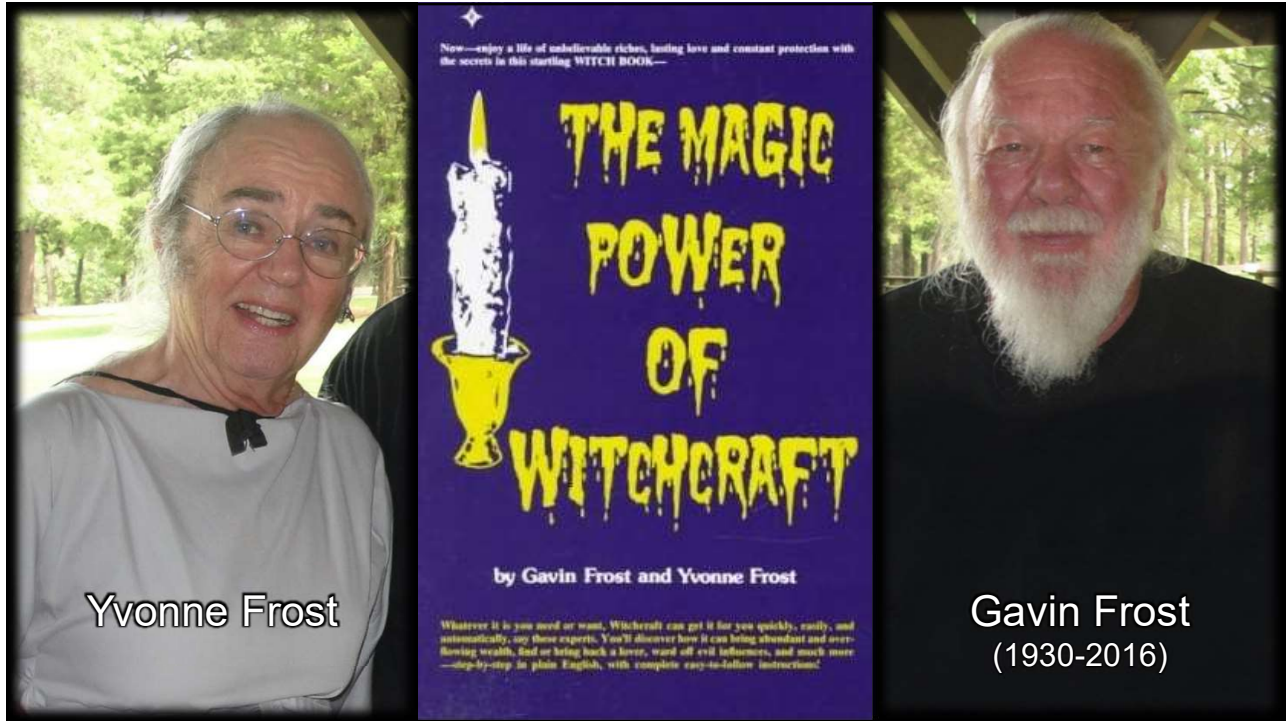
***This force is manipulated by the
powers of thought, words, or
visualization.***



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

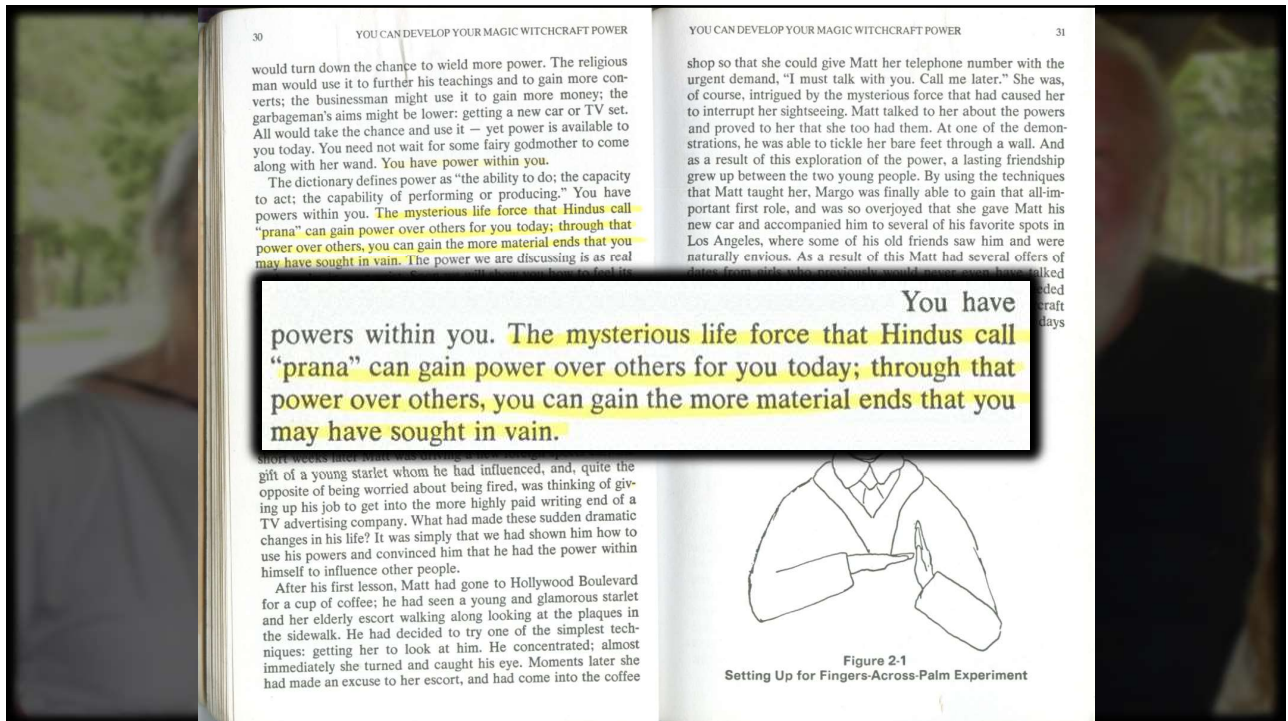


This notion of the force serves as the basis of all occultism.



Yvonne Frost

Gavin Frost
(1930-2016)



You have powers within you. The mysterious life force that Hindus call "prana" can gain power over others for you today; through that power over others, you can gain the more material ends that you may have sought in vain.

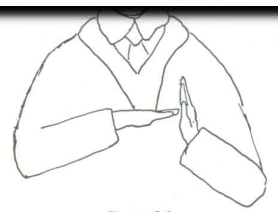
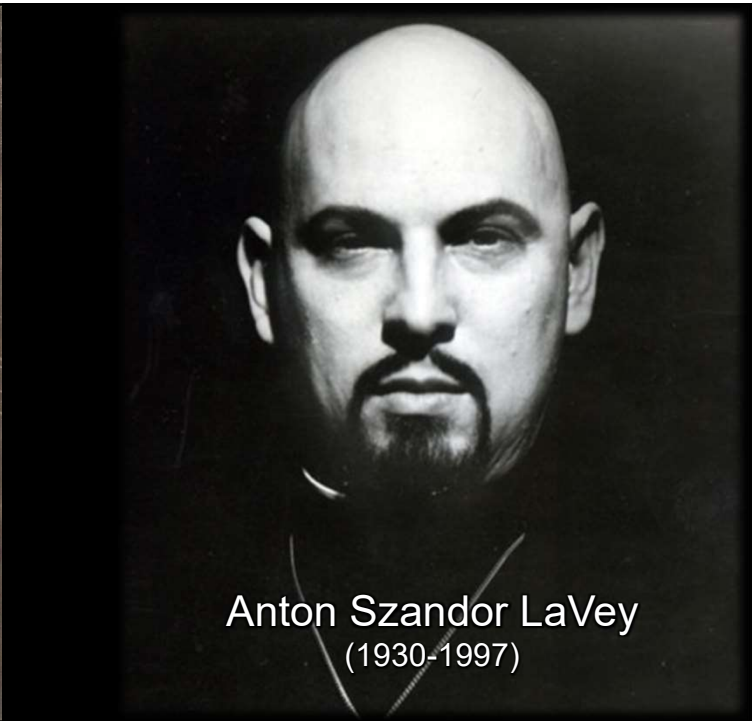
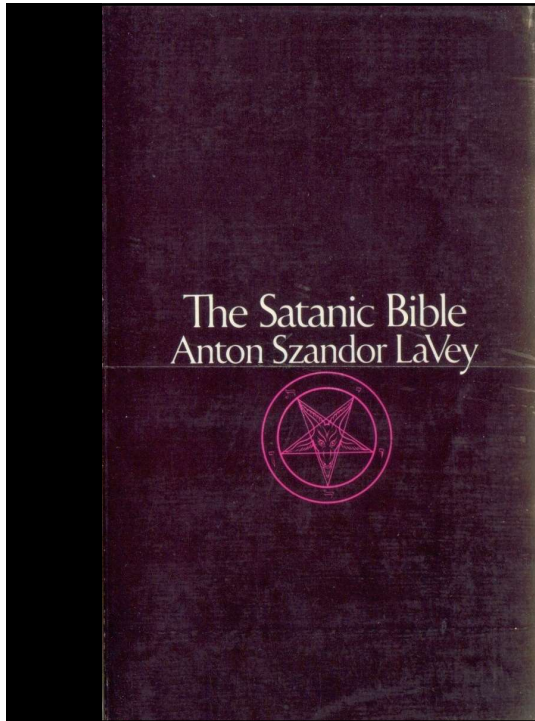
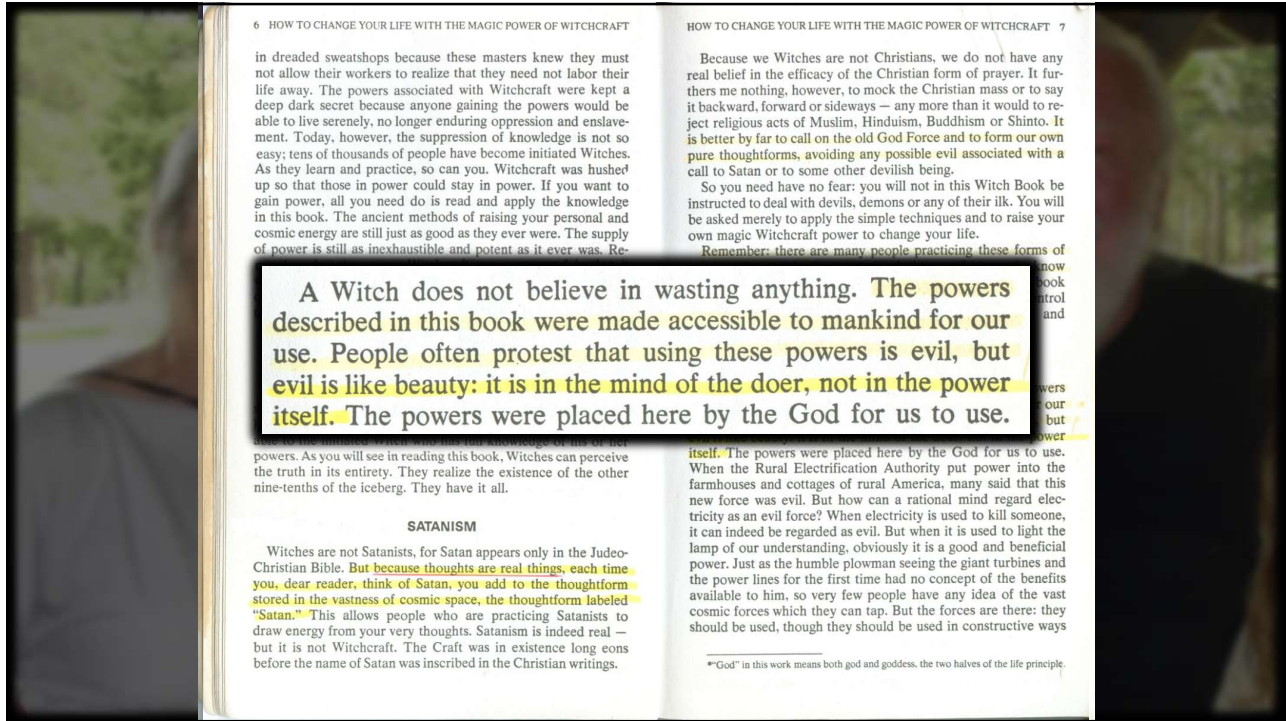
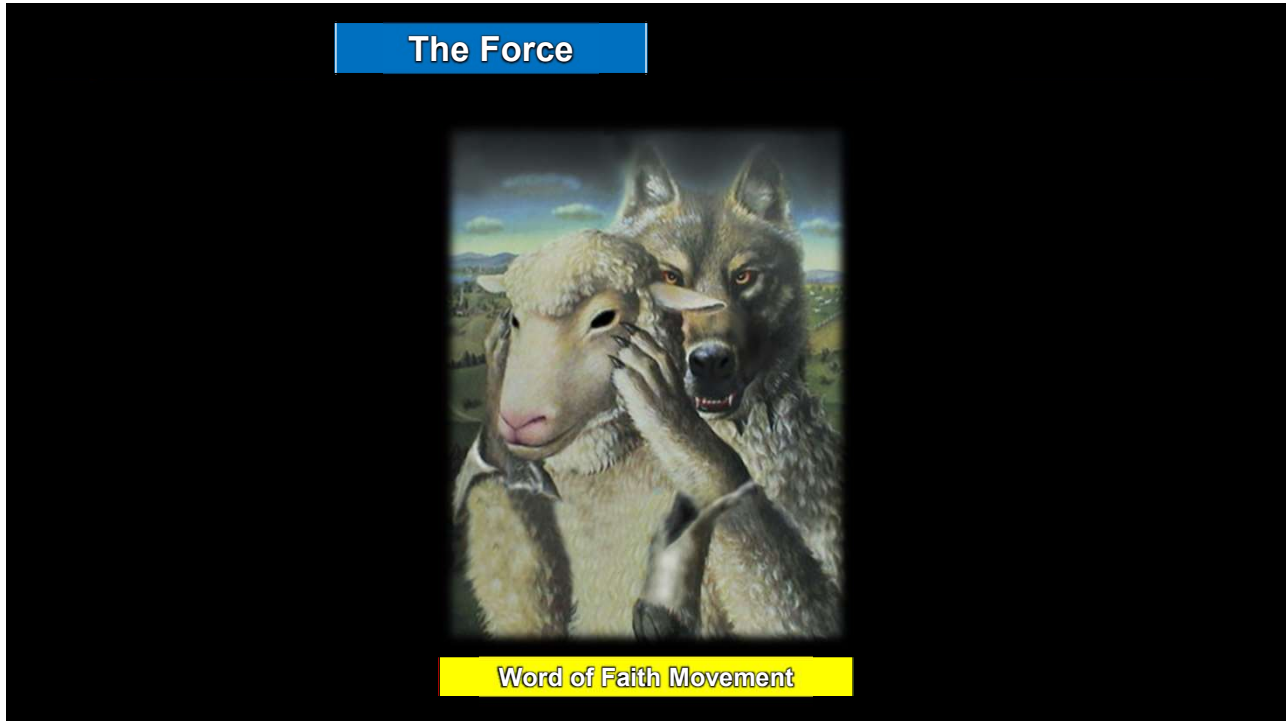
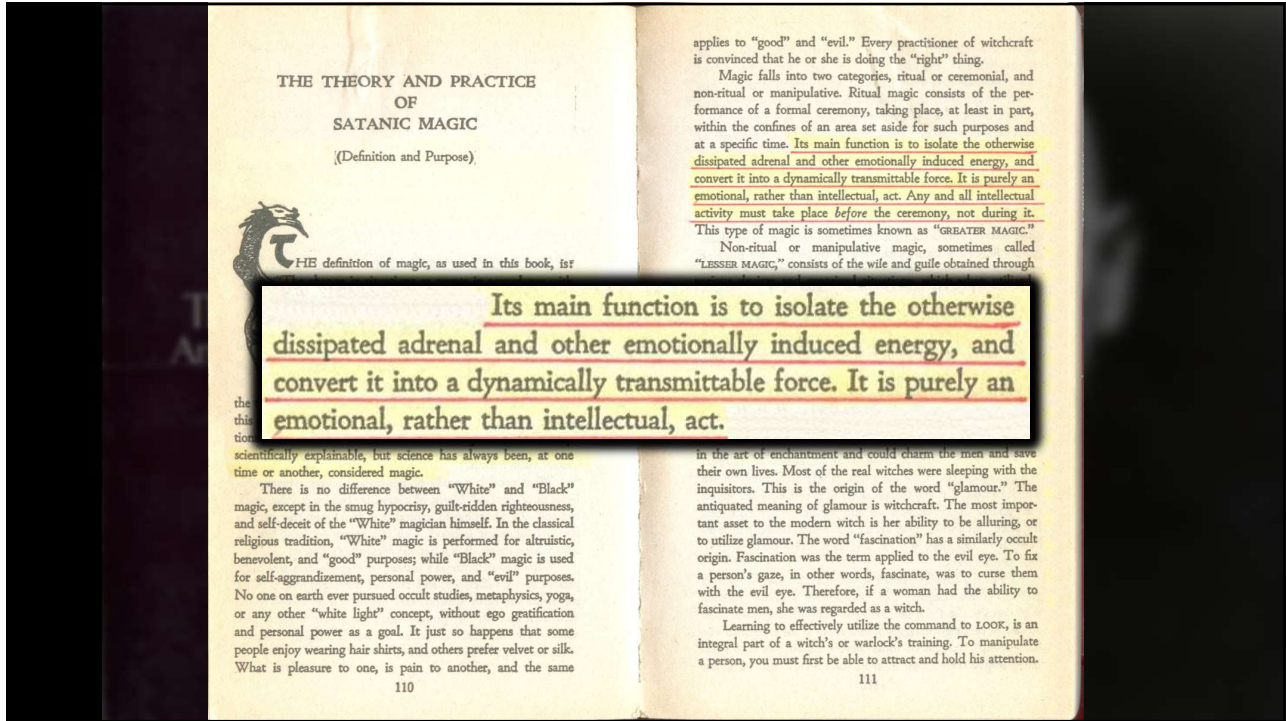


Figure 2-1
Setting Up for Fingers-Across-Palm Experiment





The Word of Faith Movement teaches that faith is this force.



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!"

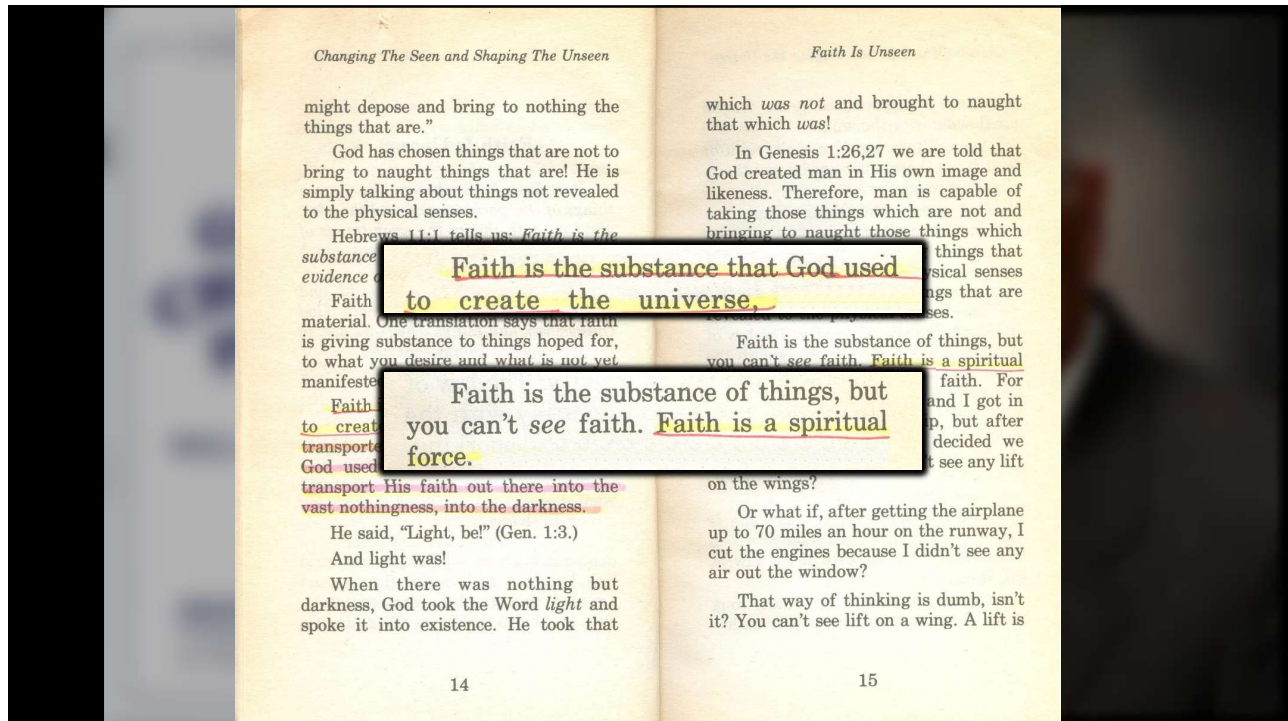
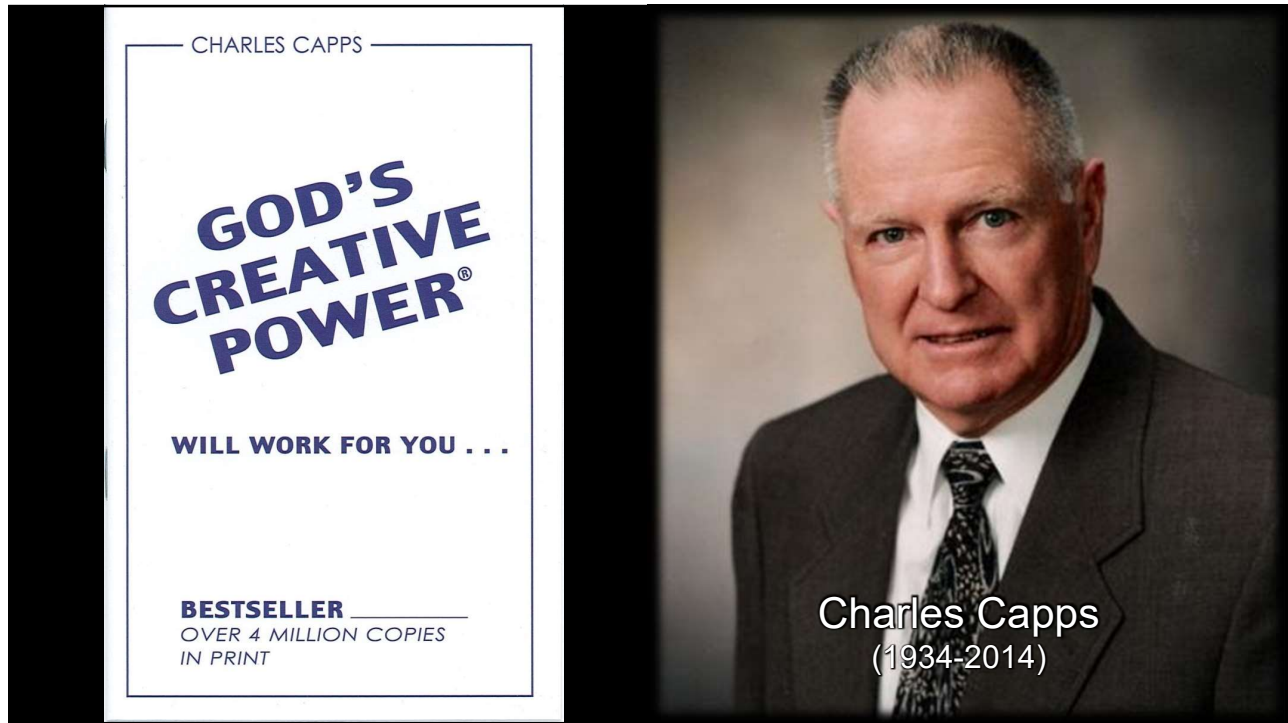
Copeland: "In fact, I'm not sore at God at all and I don't think He's sore at me. I haven't done anything to Him."

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."

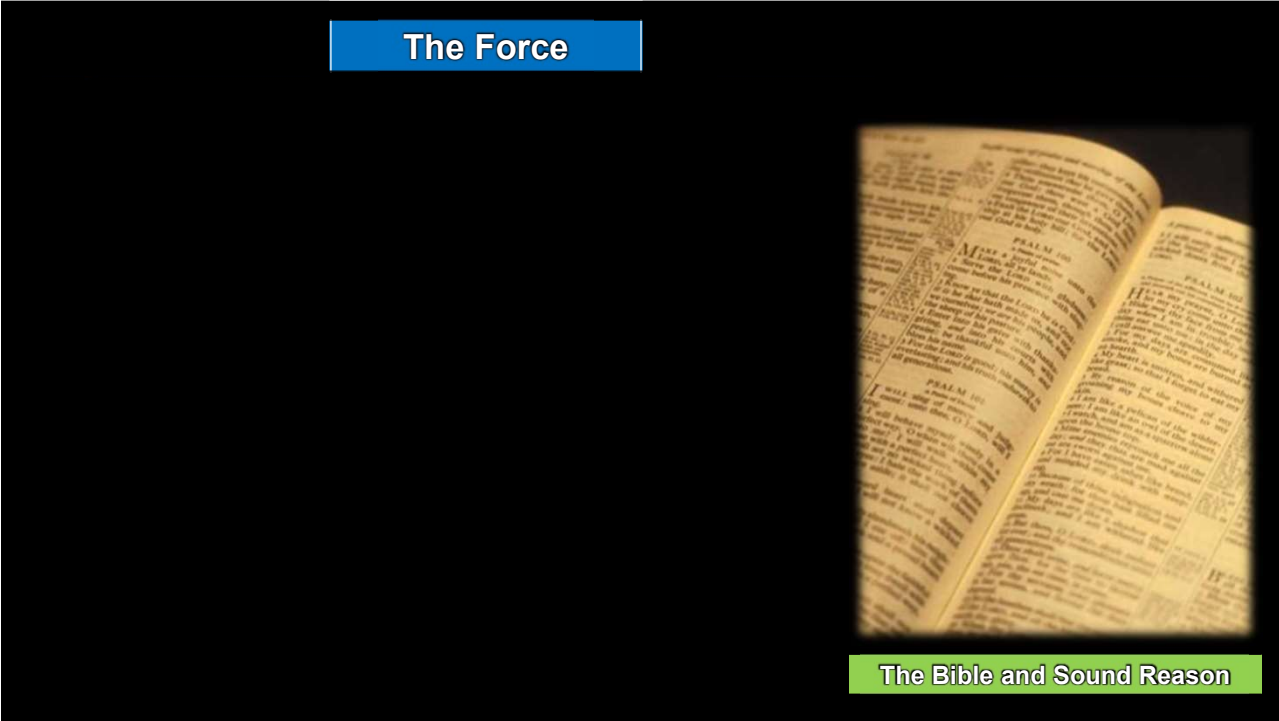
Copeland: "Now wait a minute. What does that mean 'object.' I don't know what that means."

Jan Crouch: "I don't either."





The Force

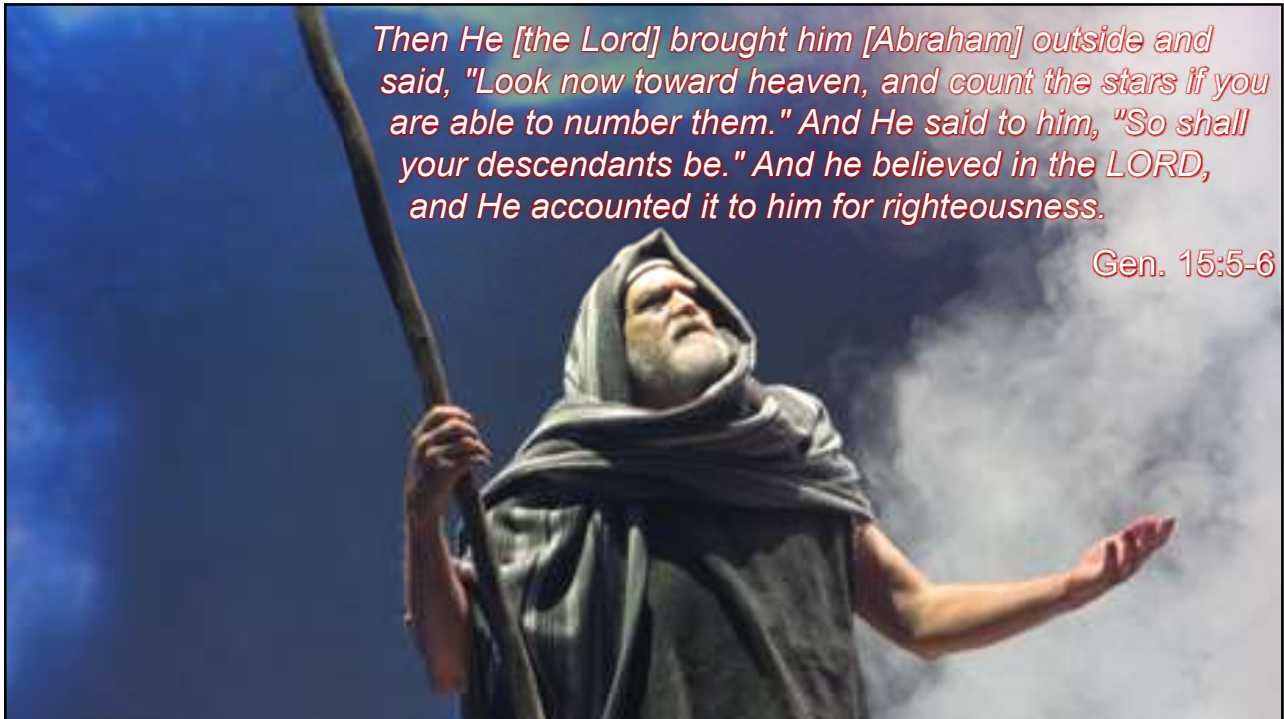


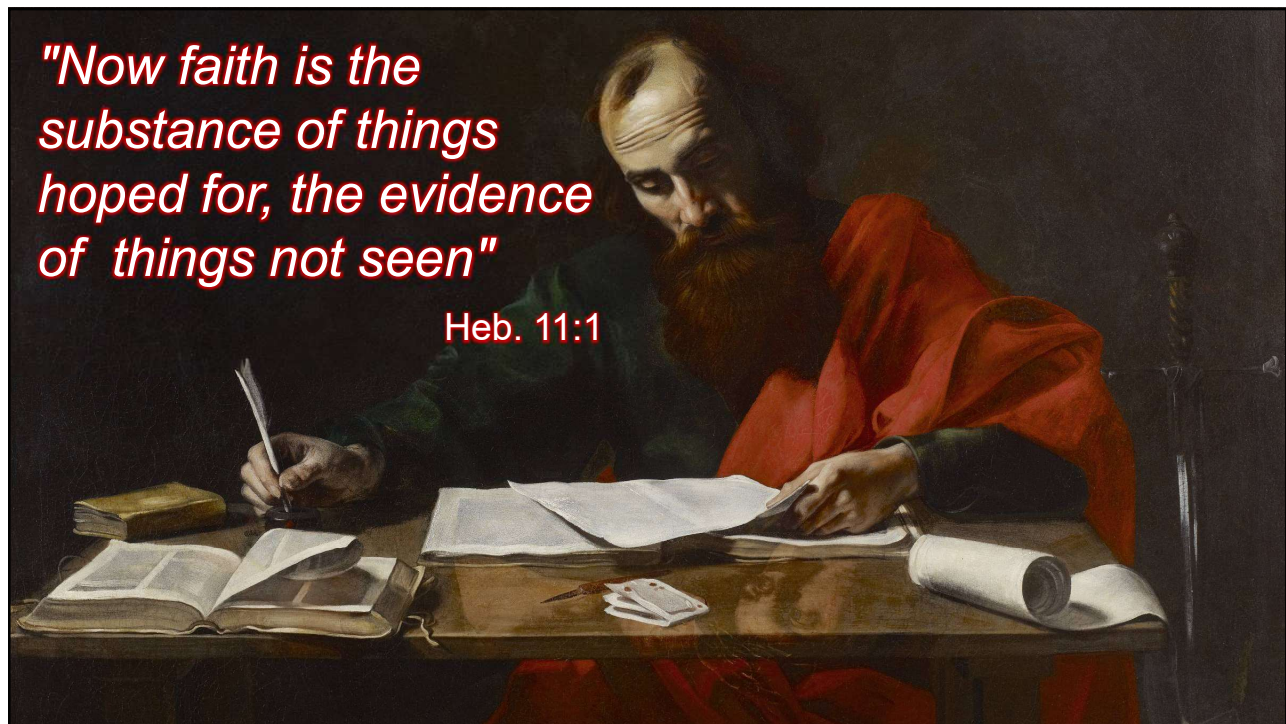
Faith (πίστις, pistis) is belief or trust.

It means to believe what someone has said or to trust in someone, especially to trust one to keep his promises.

Then He [the Lord] brought him [Abraham] outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Gen. 15:5-6





"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"

Heb. 11:1

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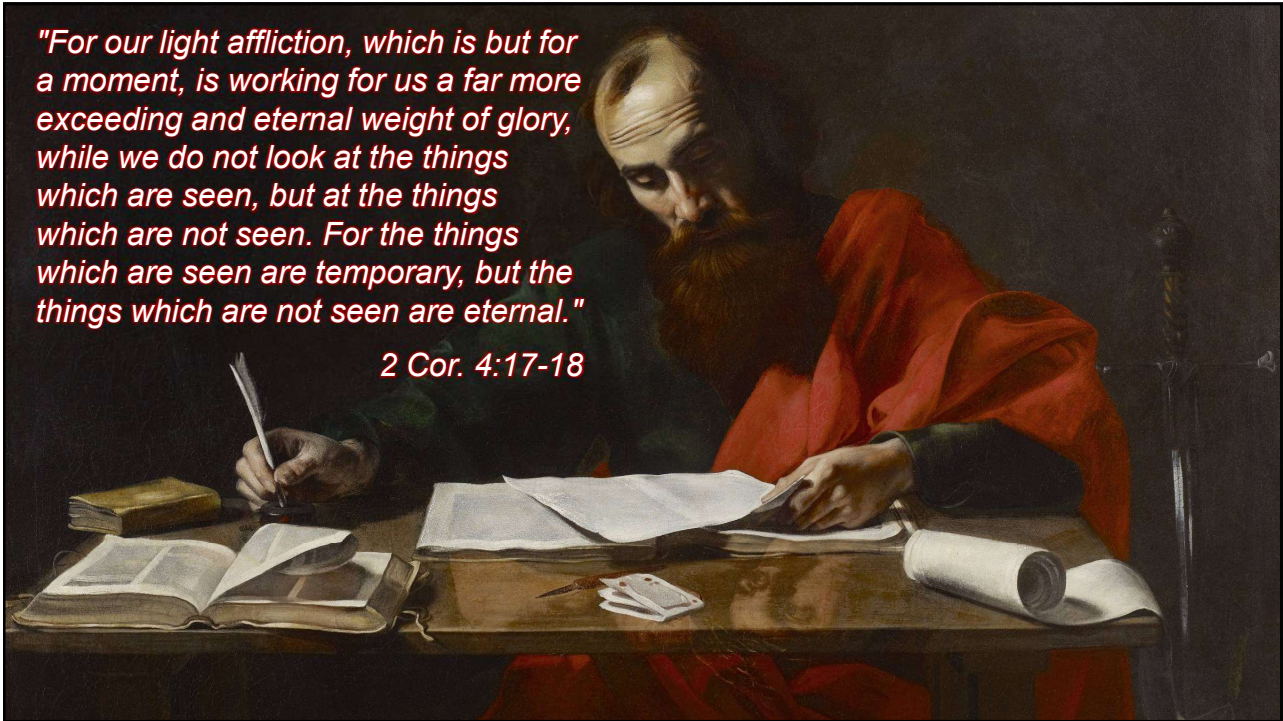
Heb. 11:1

The reason these things that are hoped for and not seen is not because they are immaterial but, rather, because they are future and not present.

These are those things promised by God such as our bodily resurrection.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

2 Cor. 4:17-18

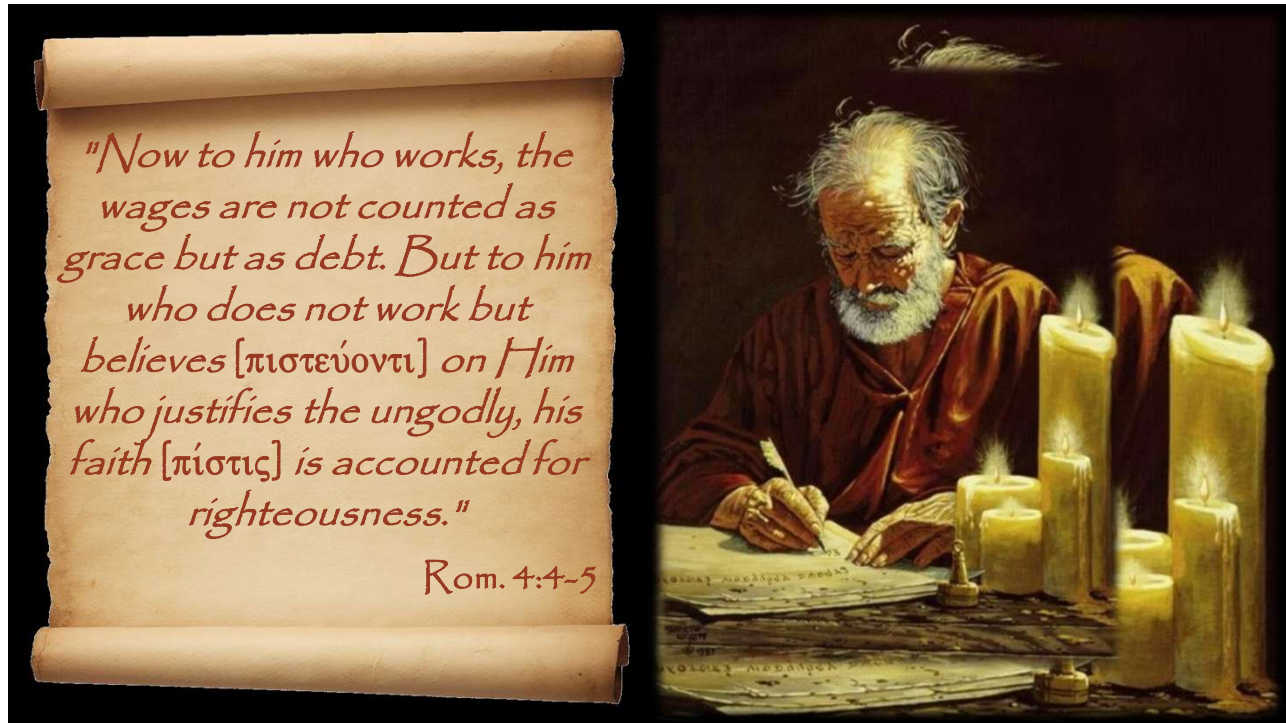


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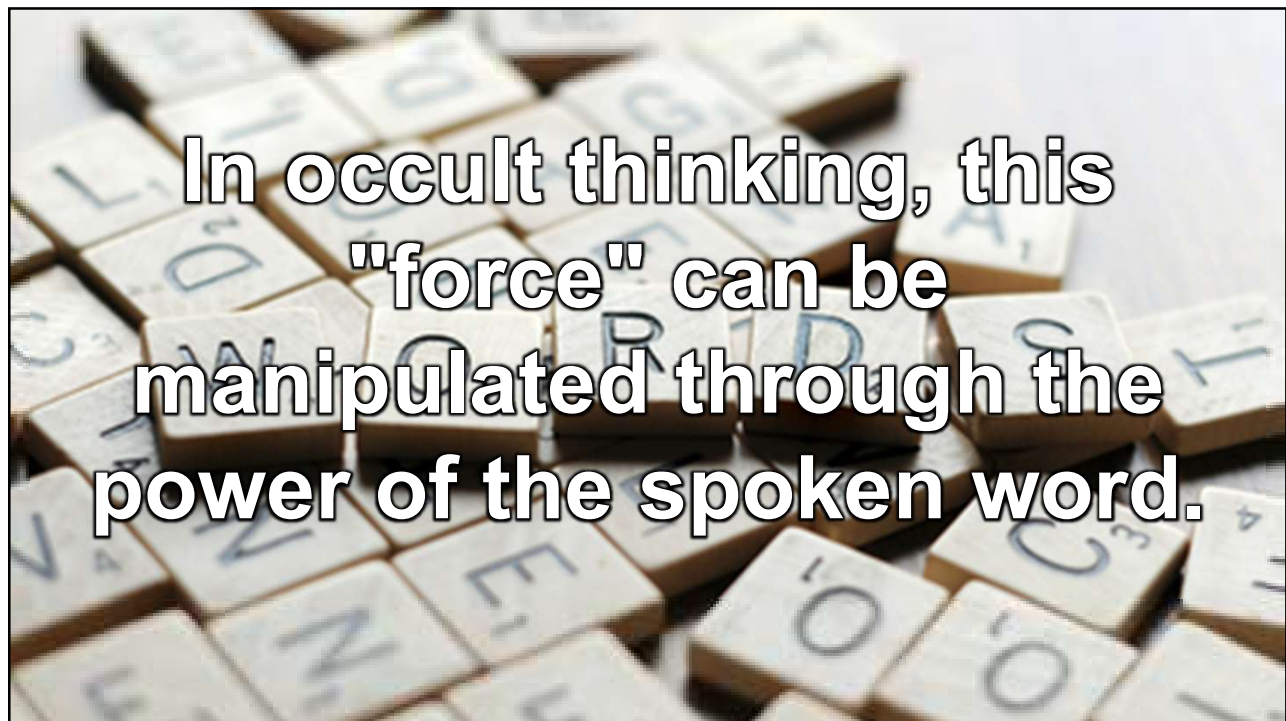
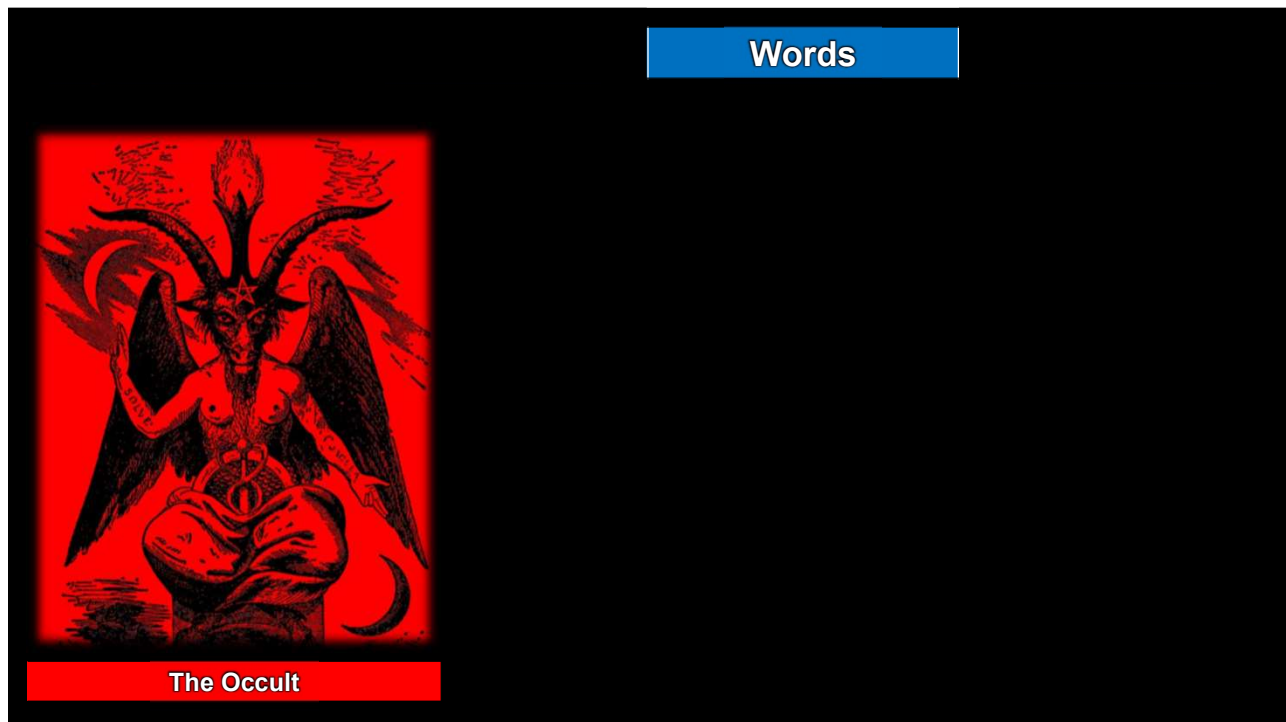
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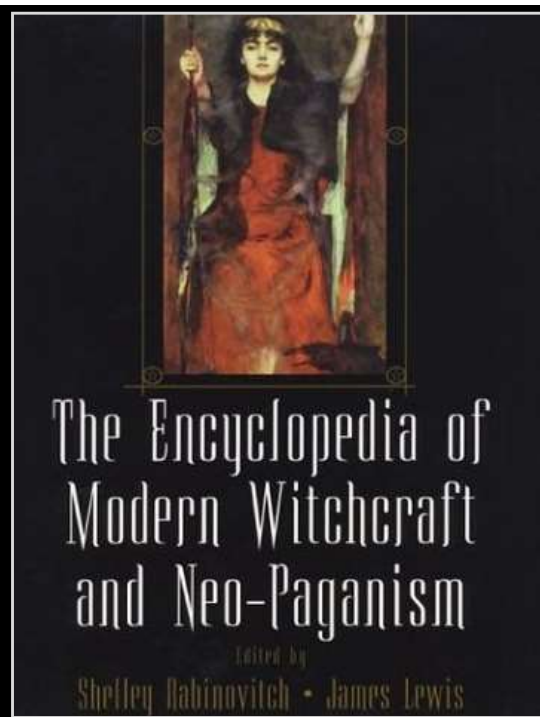
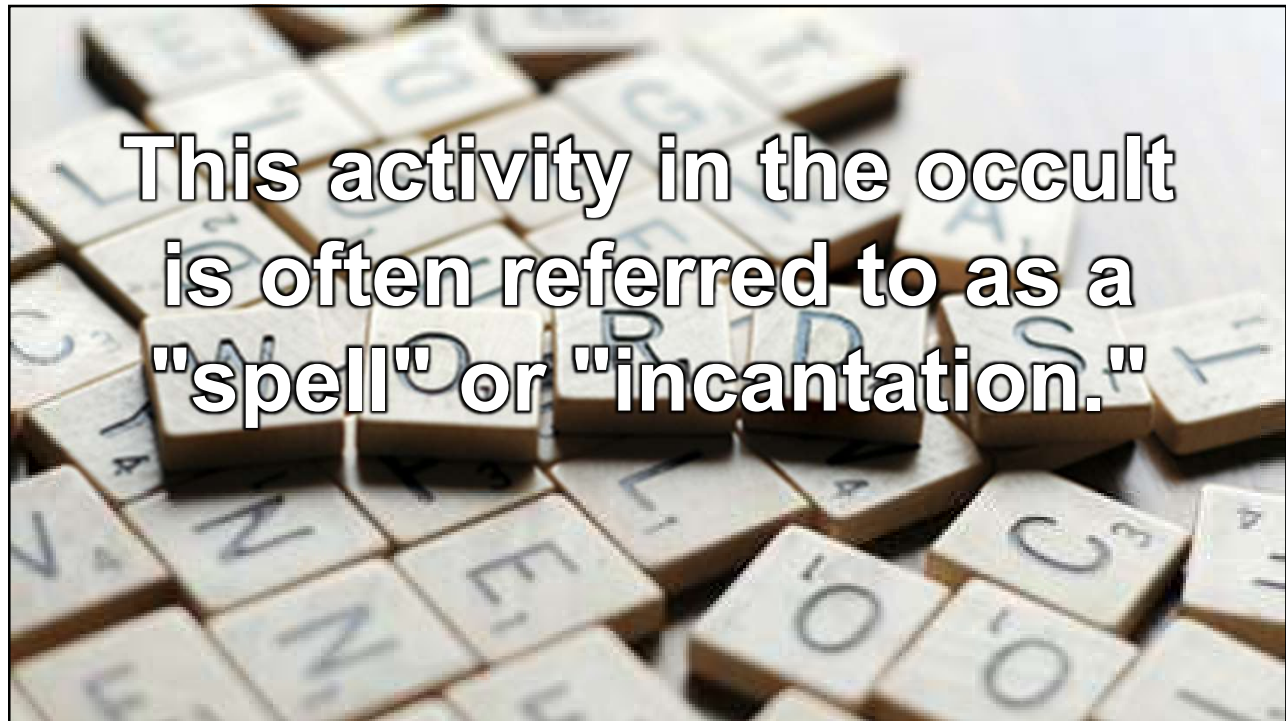
It is the same reason here. The difference between being seen and unseen is the difference between being present and being future.

Once these future promises are realized, they also will be seen.



Words of Power





tion might consider getting some training in mediation, conflict resolution, or other peer-focused techniques. This way, resources would be available to recognize and address incipient conflicts before they become polarizing and cause long-term damage to relationships within the community.

Although maintaining strict separation between groups is certainly a guaranteed way to al-

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WOMYN/WIMMIN

Alternate spellings of woman used by some Dianic Witches and Goddess worshippers in order to exclude the term woman. (See also *Feminist Spirituality and Neo-Paganism; Dianic.*)

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See *Aquarian Tabernacle Church.*

Revealed languages, such as the language Enochian, created by magician John Dee in the sixteenth century, are widely believed to have magical properties from their sound, and their numerical association (gematria). In modern practice, some specific rituals used in some Wiccan traditions and Western ceremonial magic use god names and attributes in Hebrew as words of power to banish, protect, or invoke. (DKR)

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Words



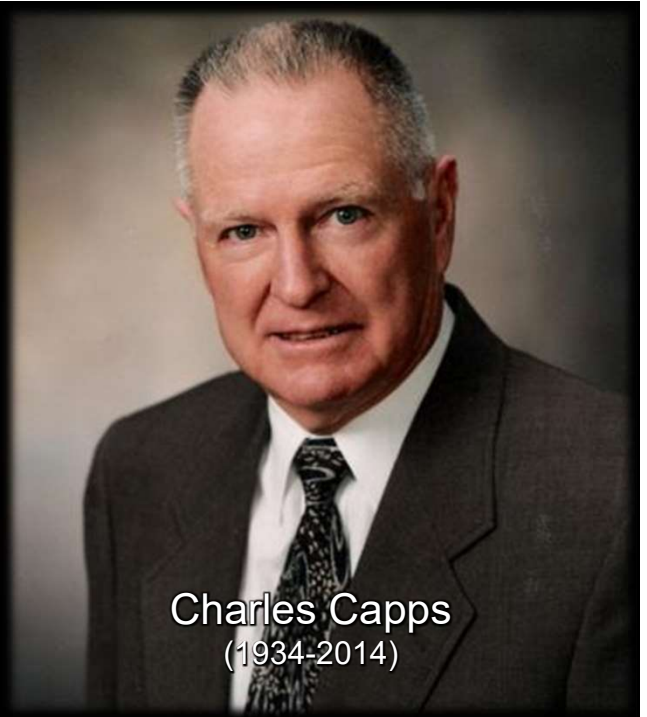
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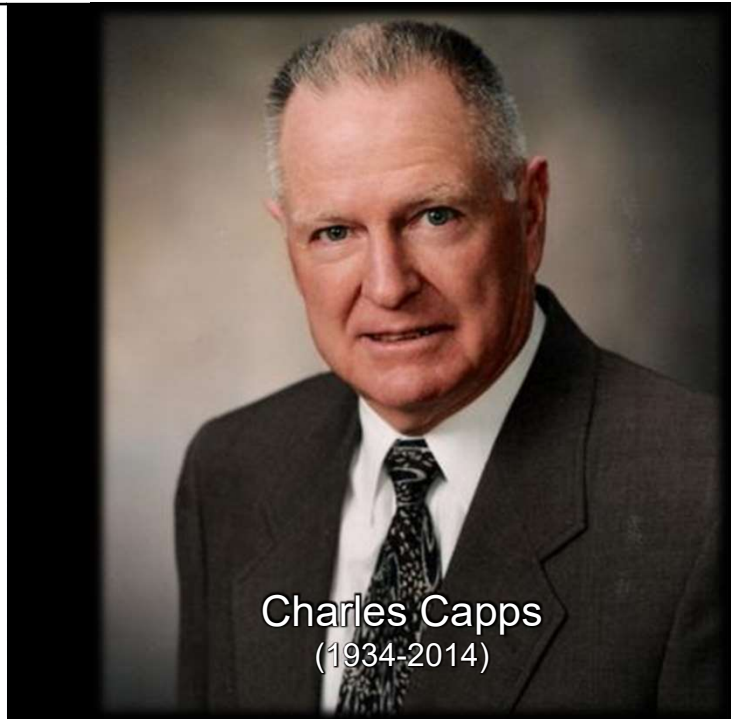
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Christianity is called the *great confession*, but most Christians who are defeated in life are defeated because they believe and confess the wrong things. They have spoken the words of the enemy. And those *words* hold them in bondage. Proverbs 6:1-2 says, "...Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth."

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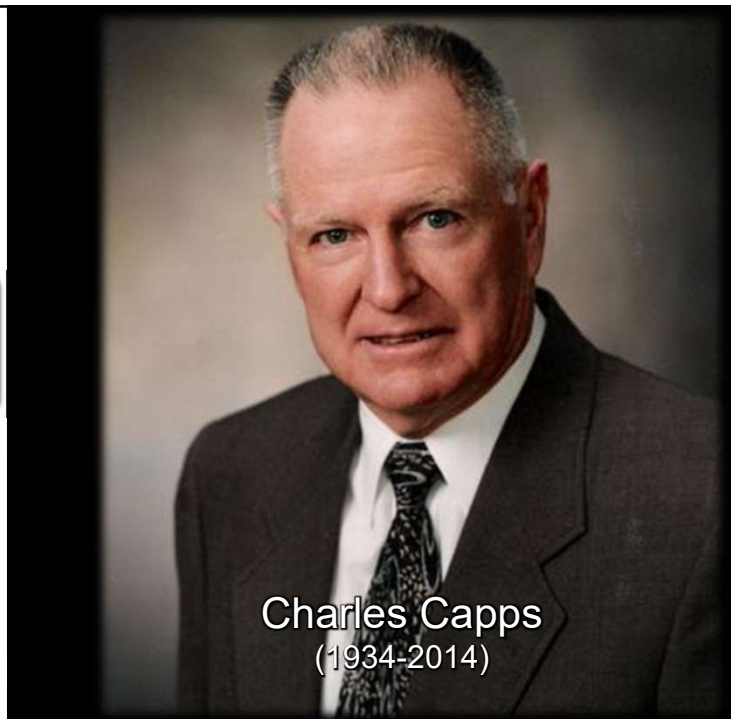
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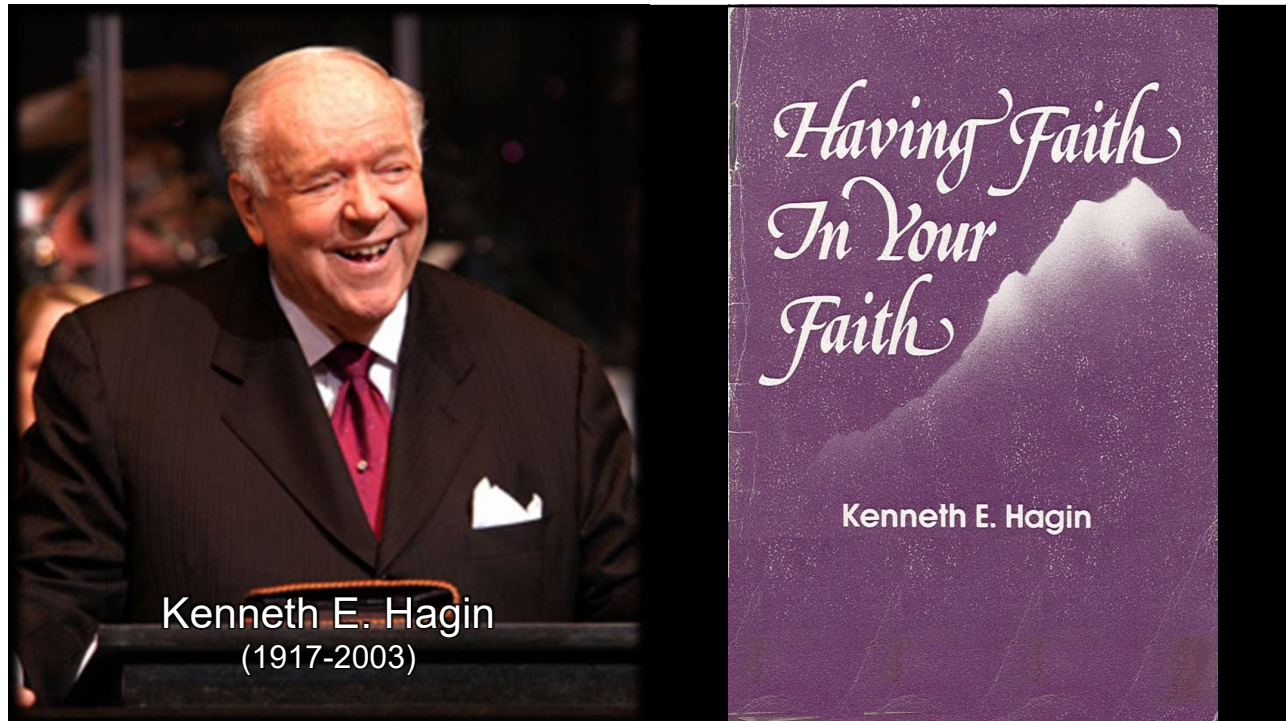
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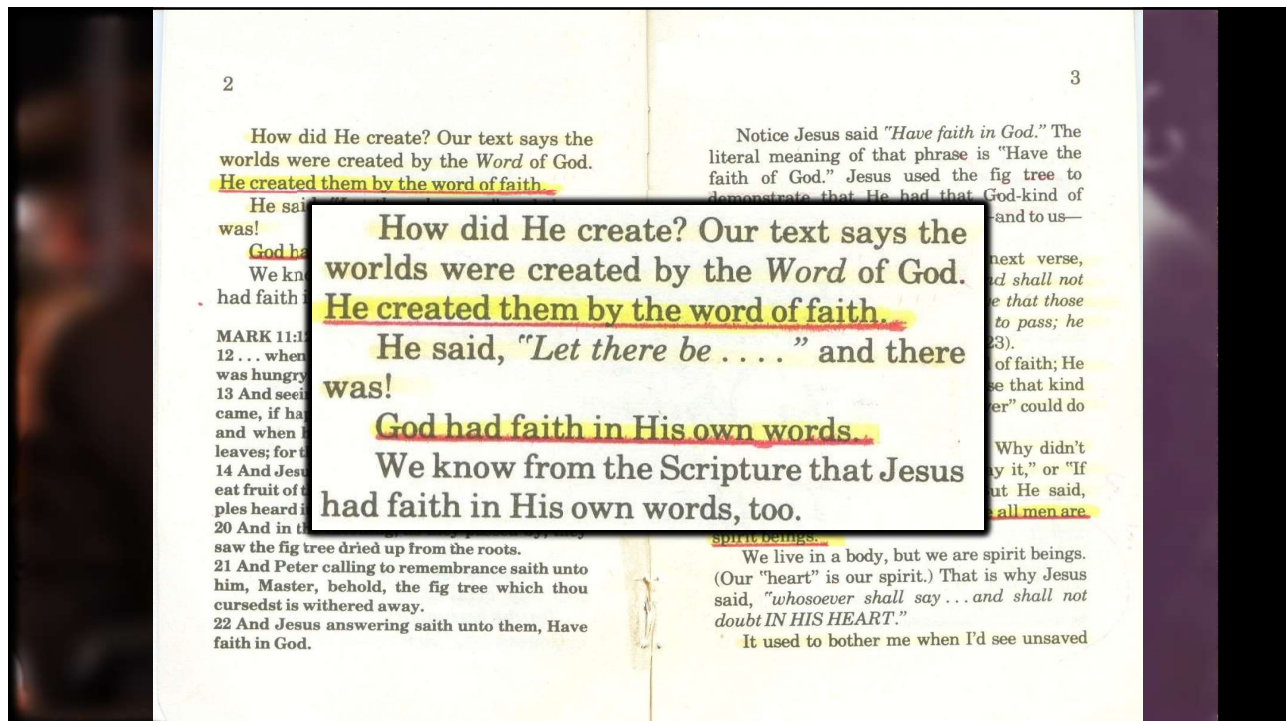
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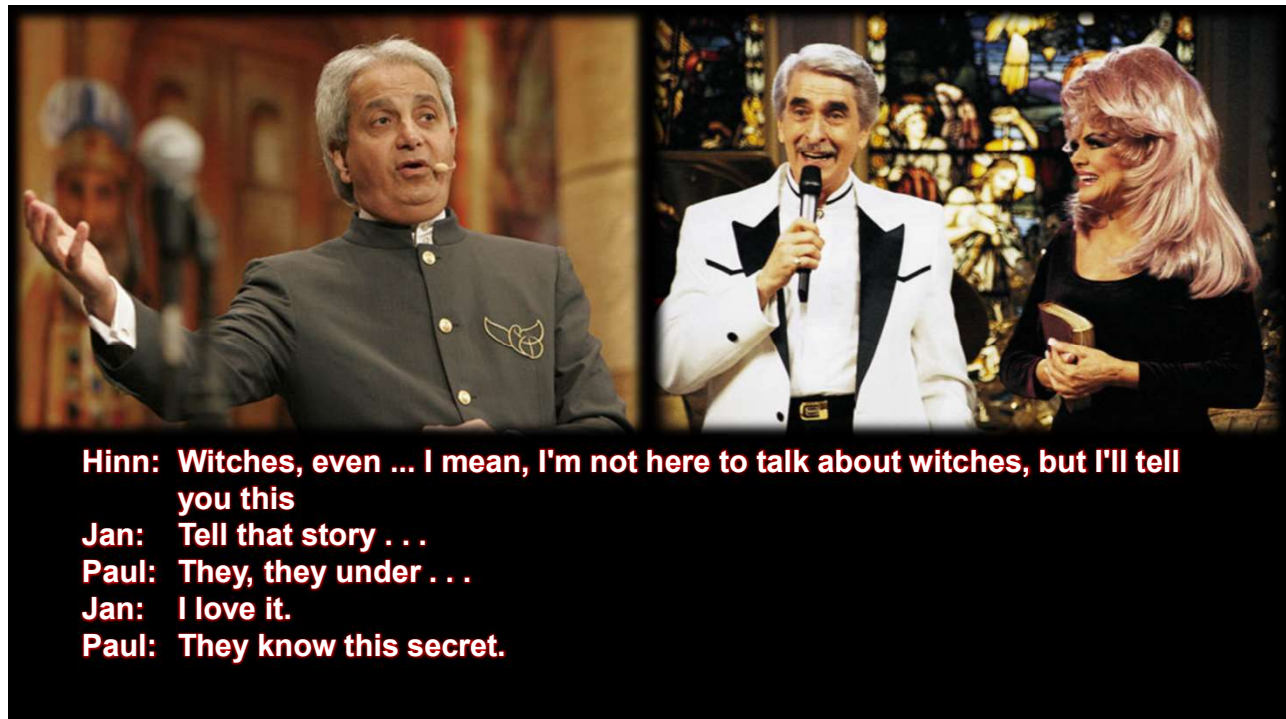
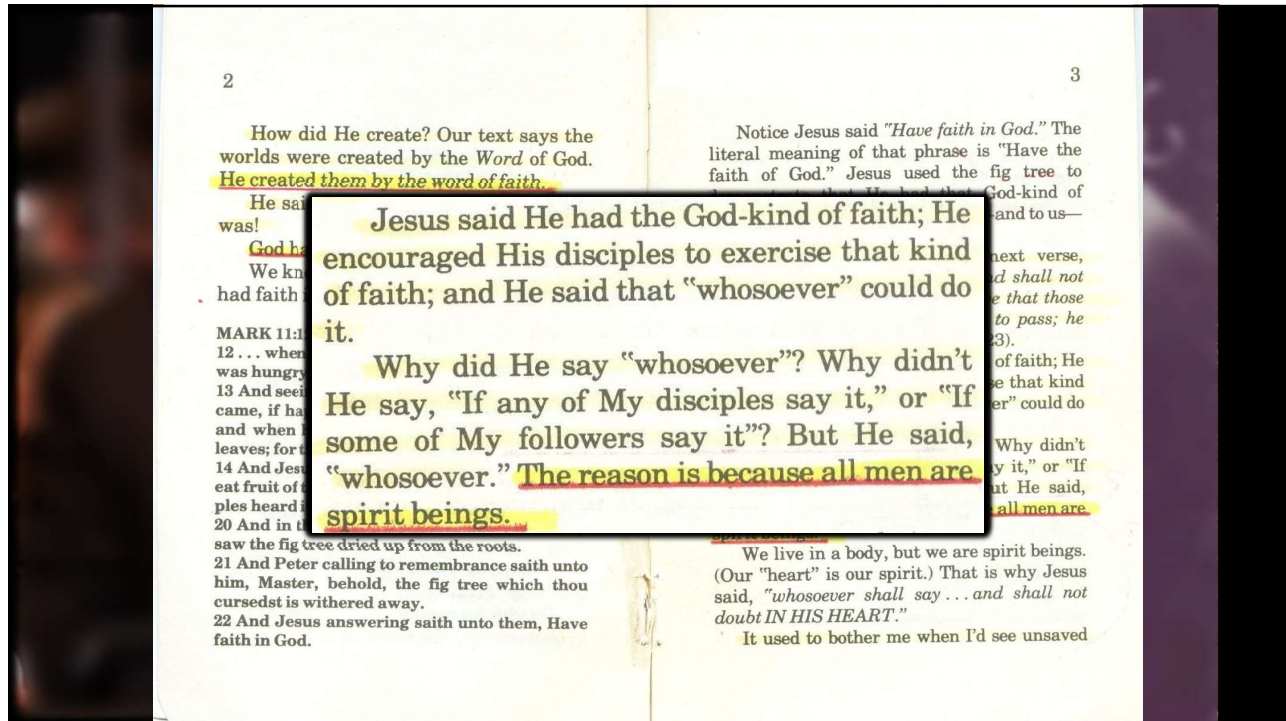
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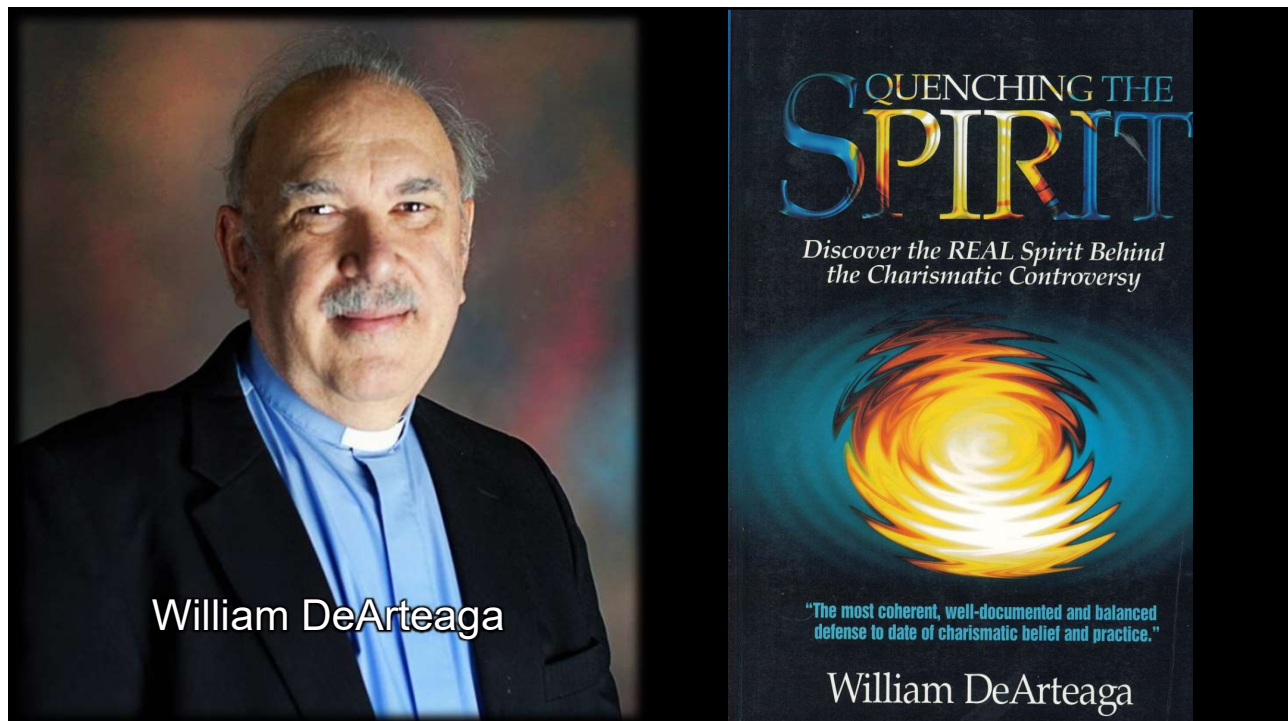
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Hinn: Because, see, I had a witch tell me this. And I said, "What?" She said—listen to me—she said "Did you know that we are taught in witchcraft how to kill birds with words and how to kill people with our mouth." I said "What's that mean 'kill people'?"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



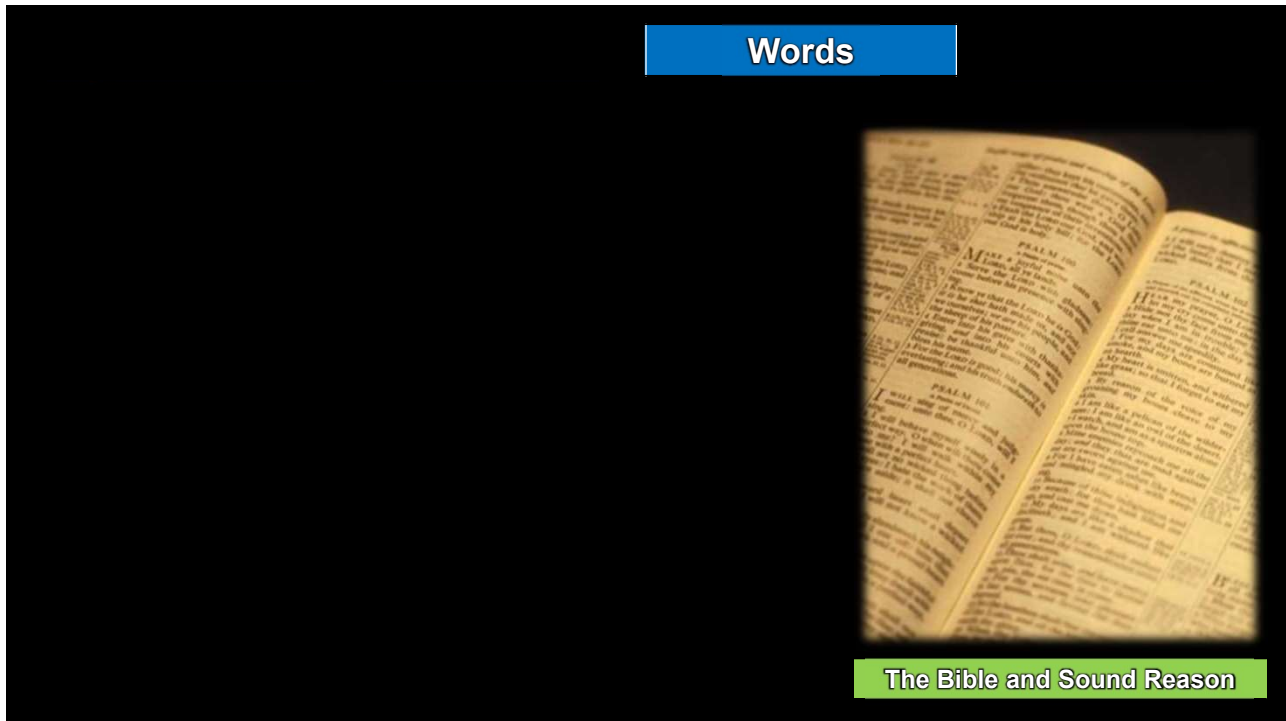
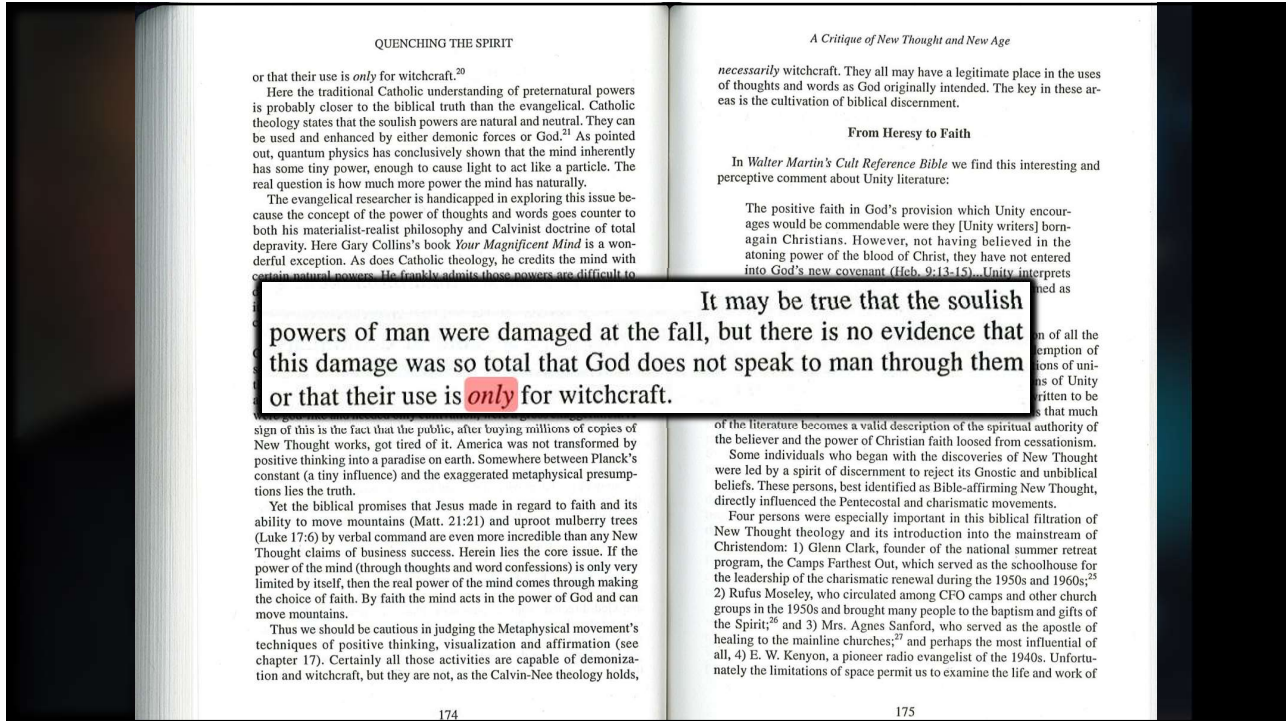
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Rather than activating some "force" in the cosmos, prayer is entreating God for His will, grace, and mercy.



Other Characteristics of Prayer

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

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

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

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

*We must not pray for the wrong things or for the
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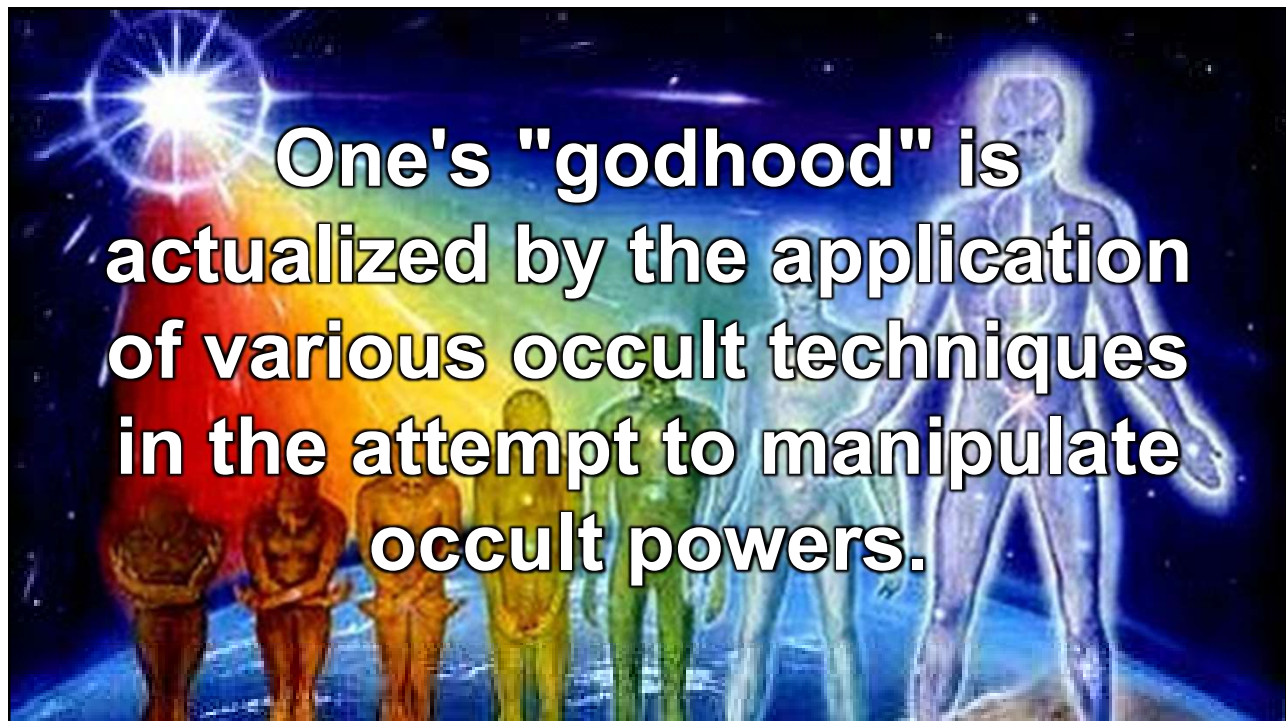
Our requests are not always granted (2 Cor. 12:8-9)

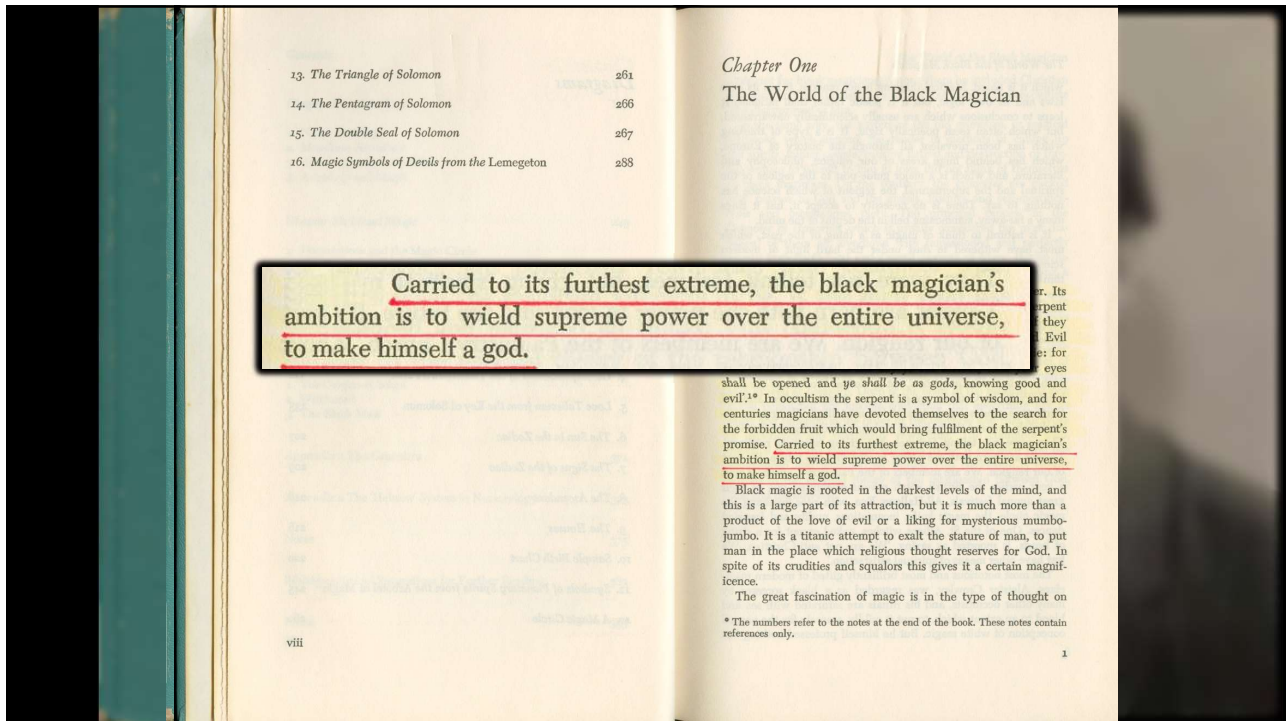
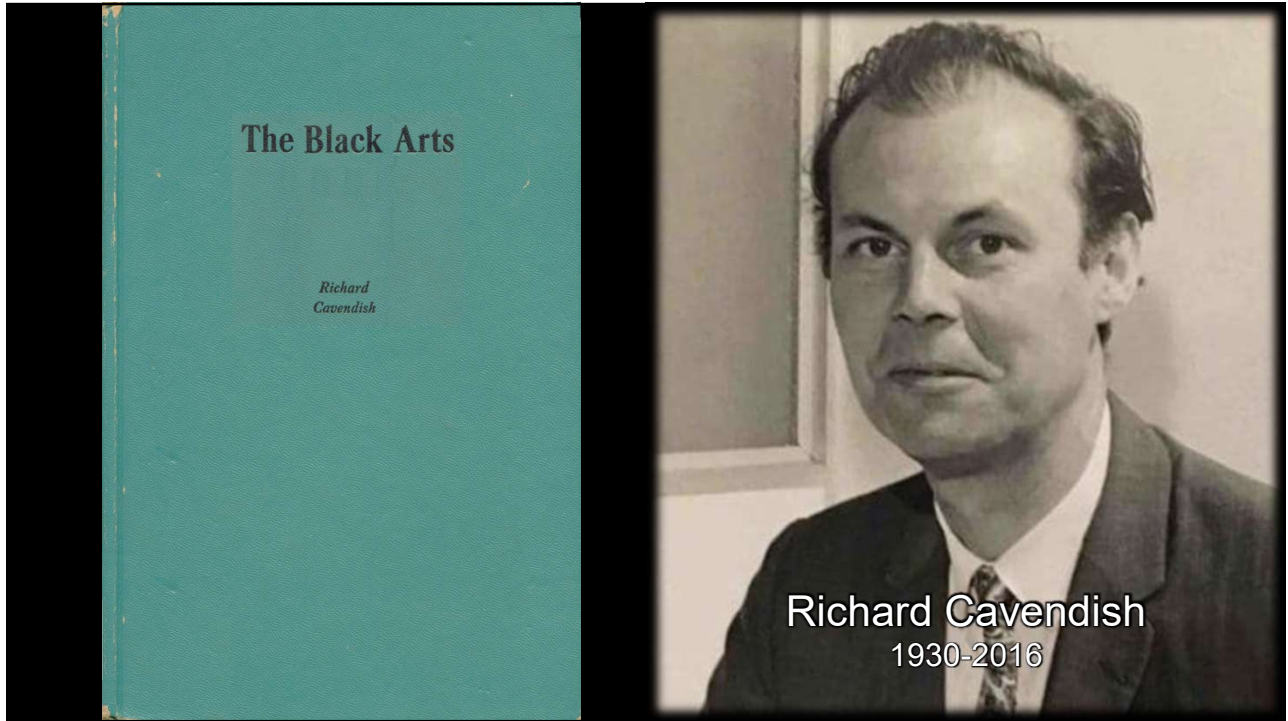


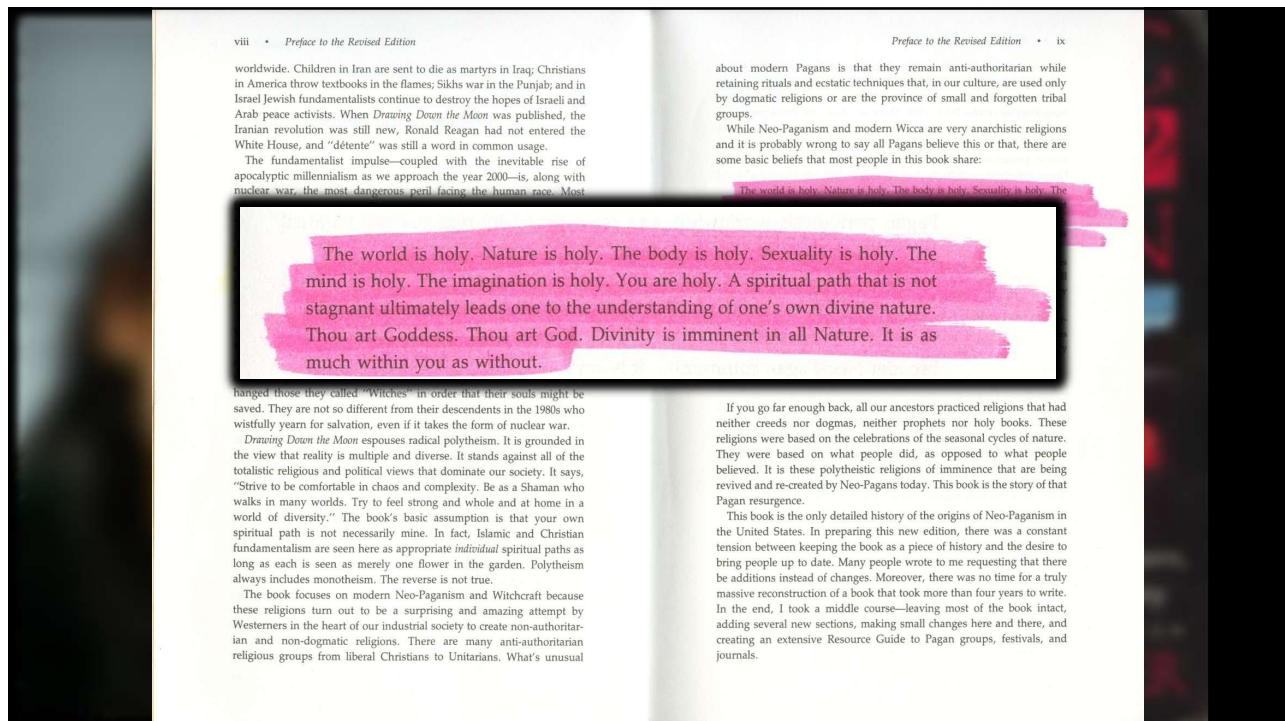
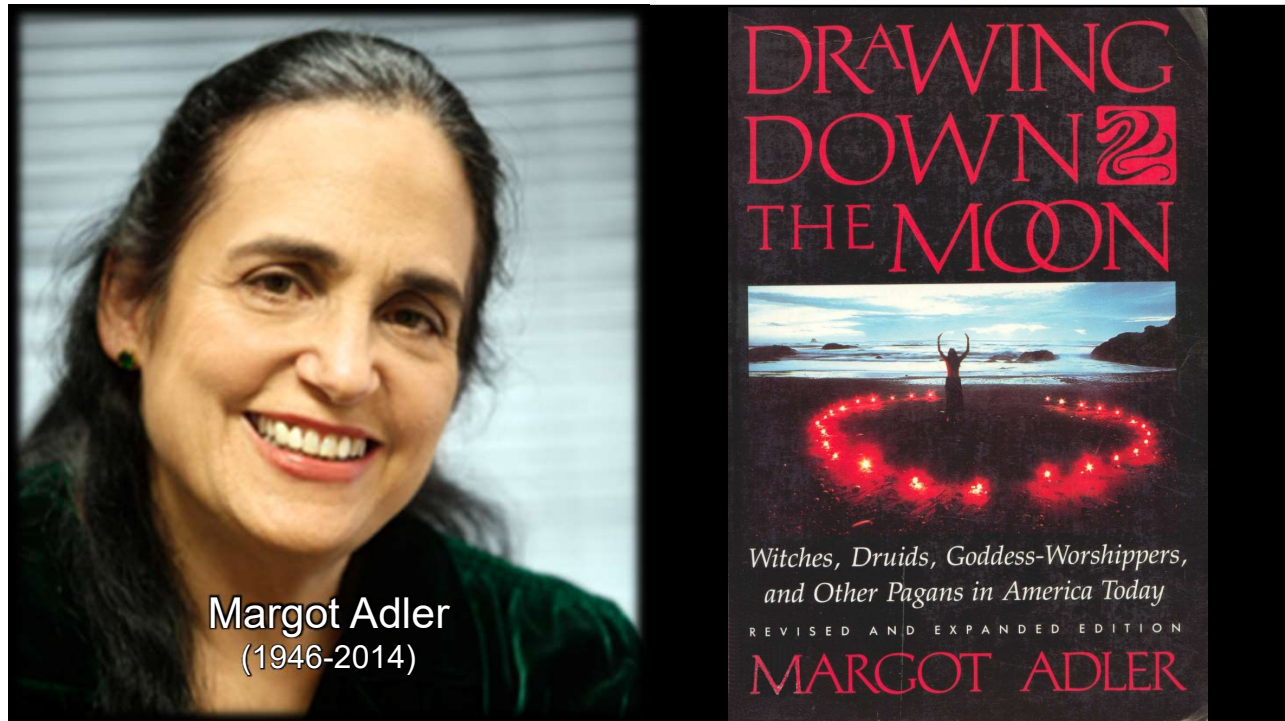
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A red-tinted illustration of a horned, winged figure, likely Baphomet, holding a caduceus and a crescent moon. The figure is depicted in a dark, gothic style against a red background.

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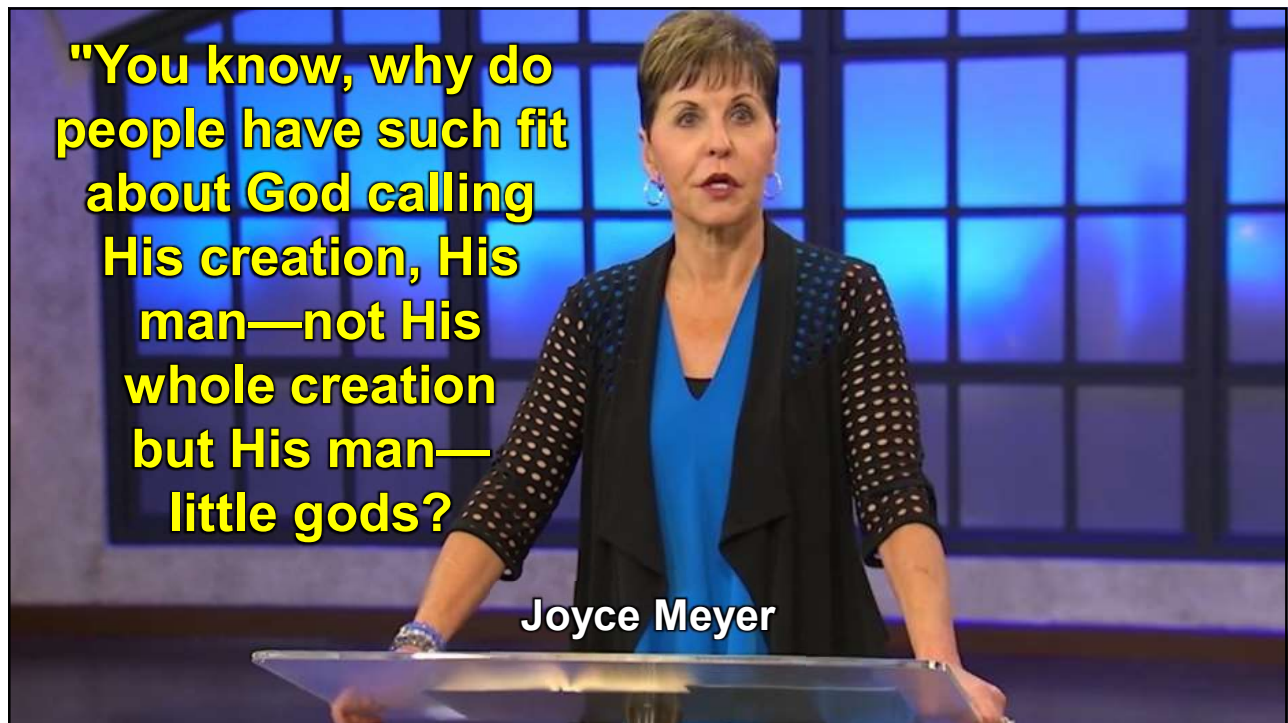


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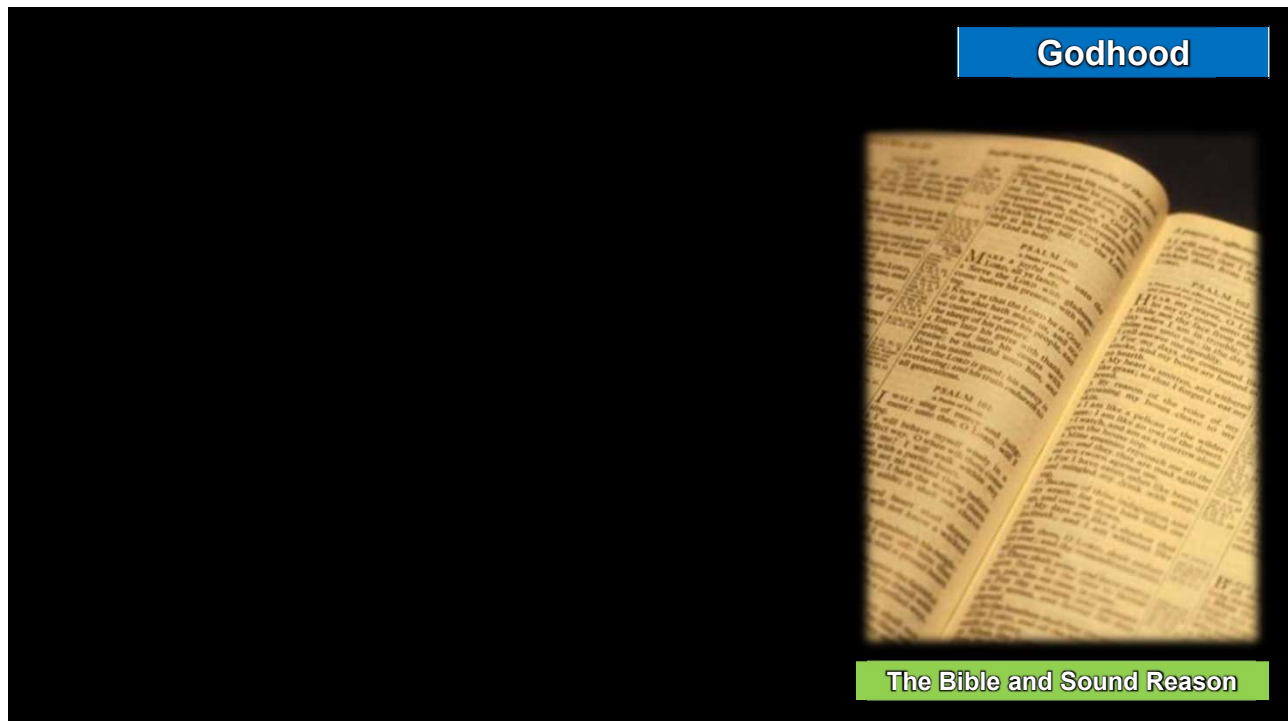


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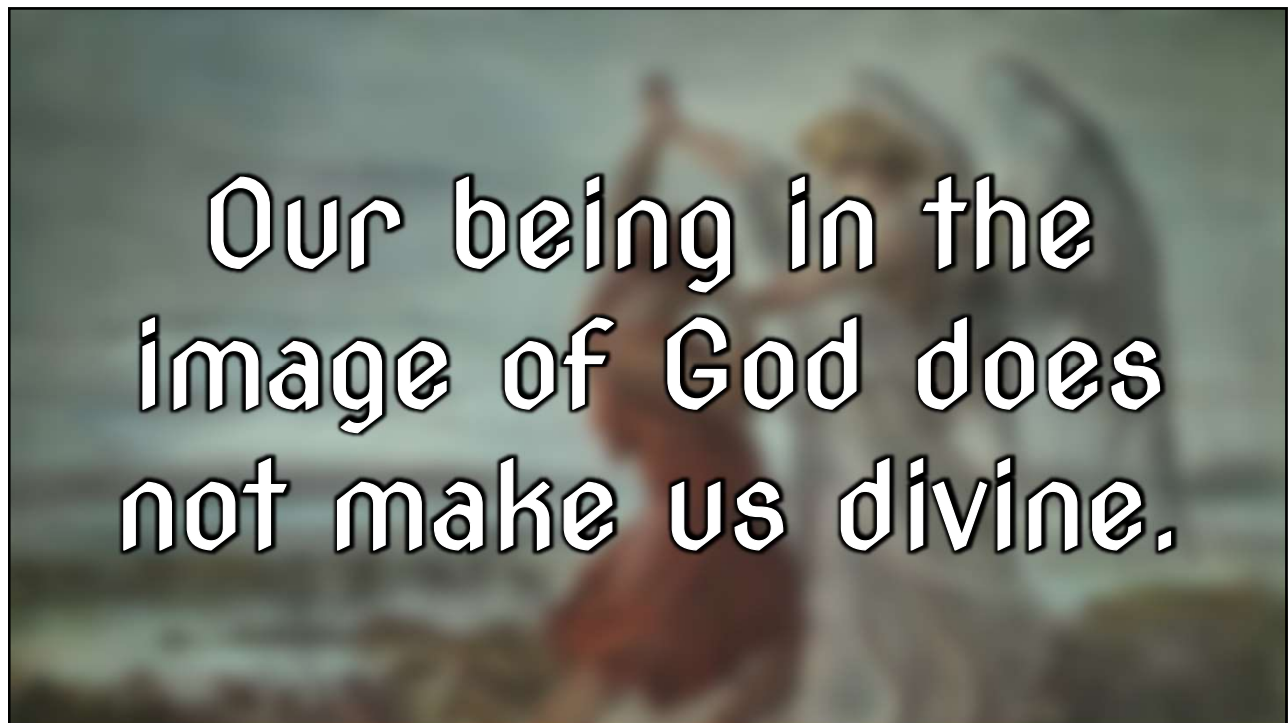
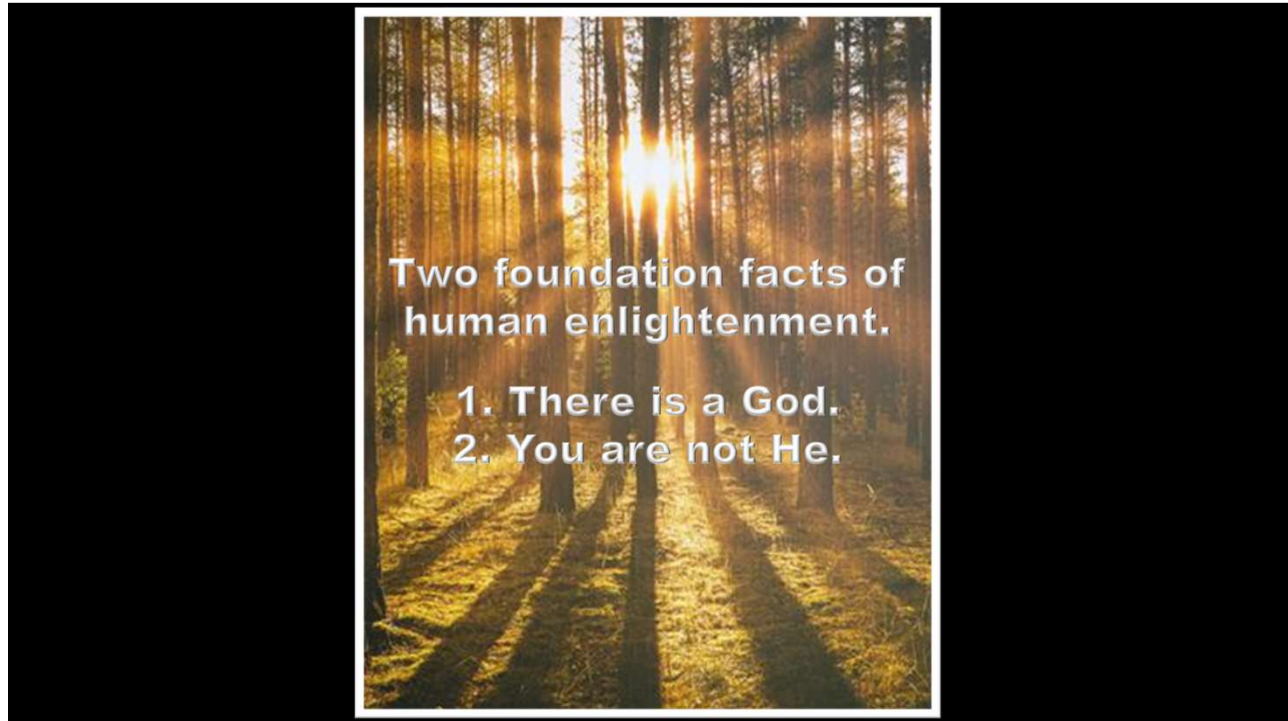






✠ Jeremiah 10:10-11 ✠

But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."



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

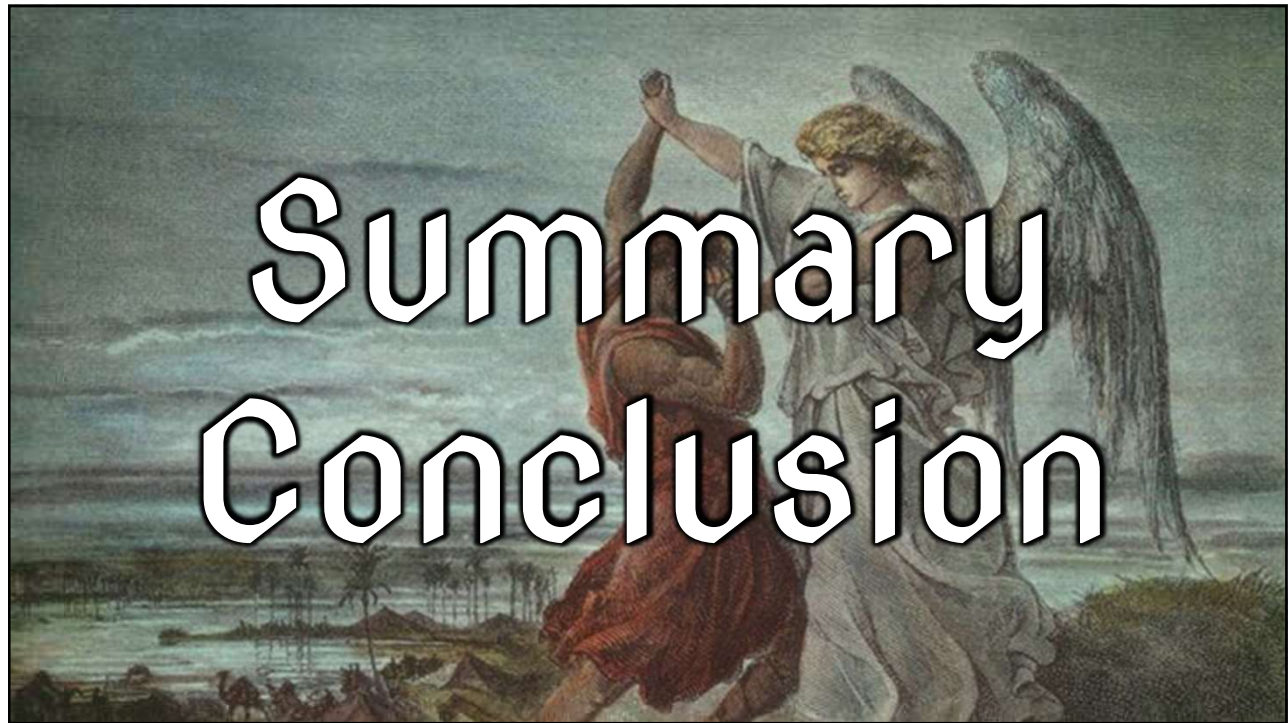
2 Peter 1:3-4



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

Heb. 12:9-10

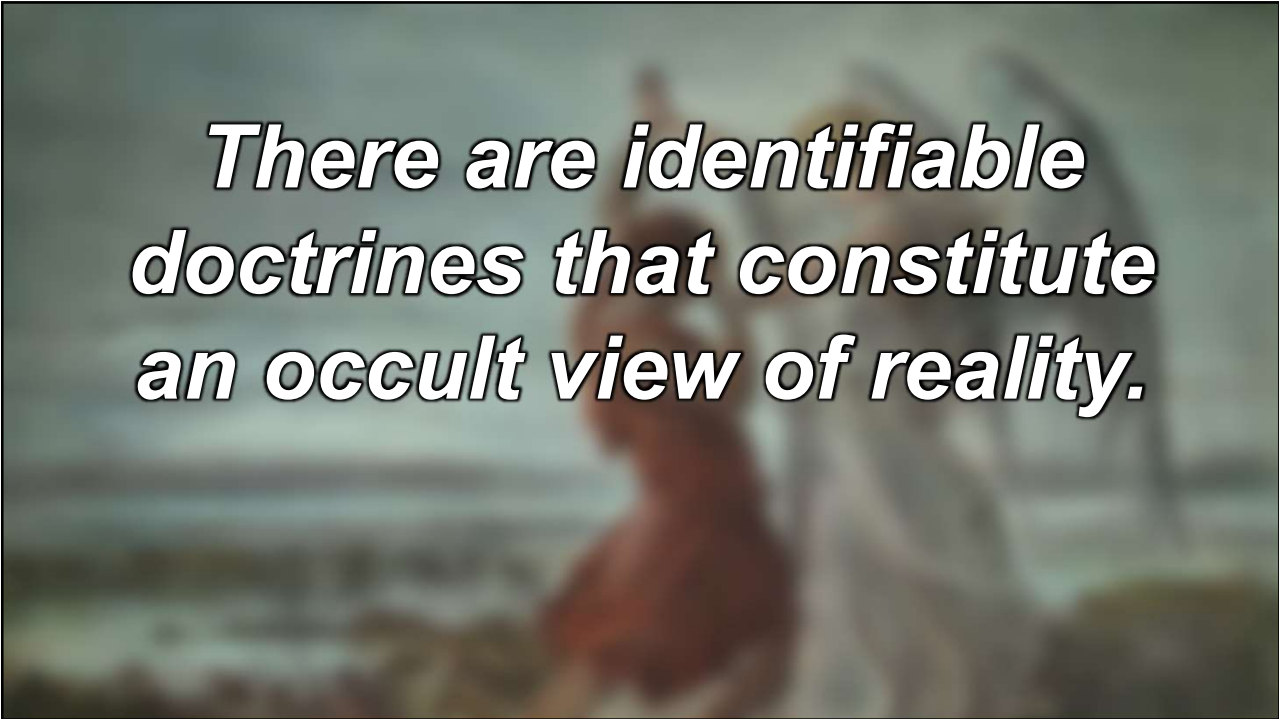




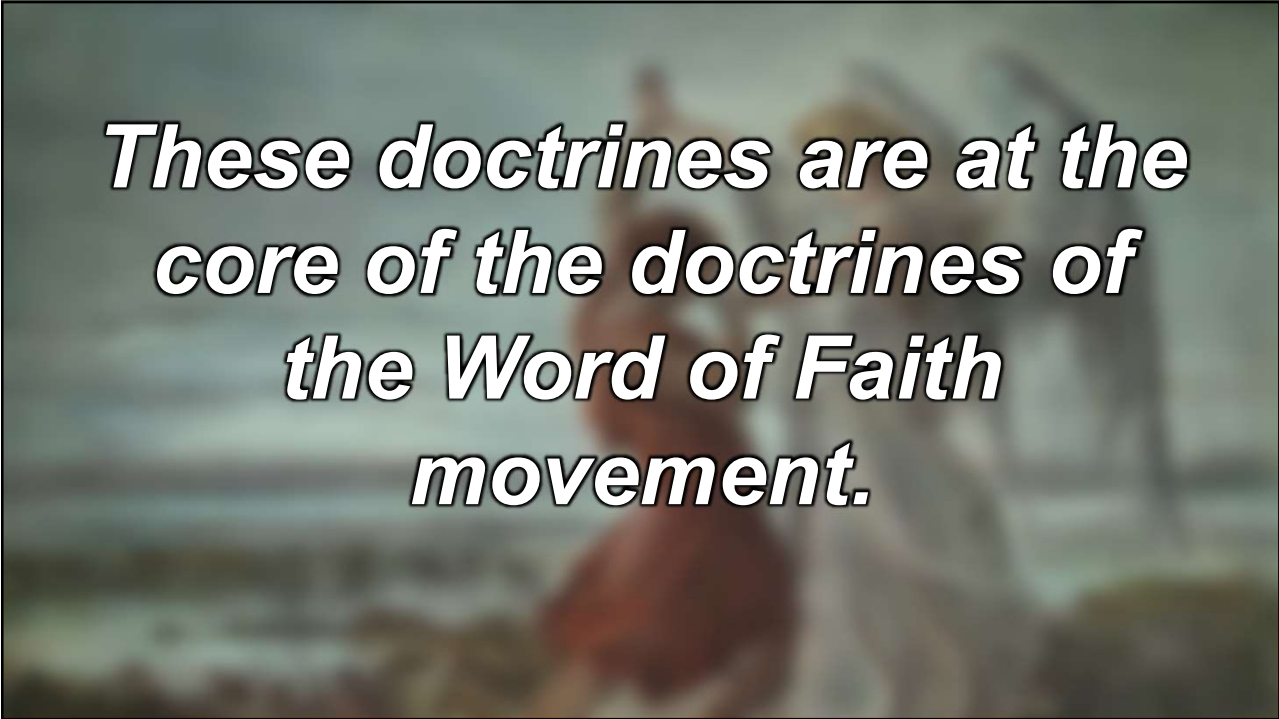
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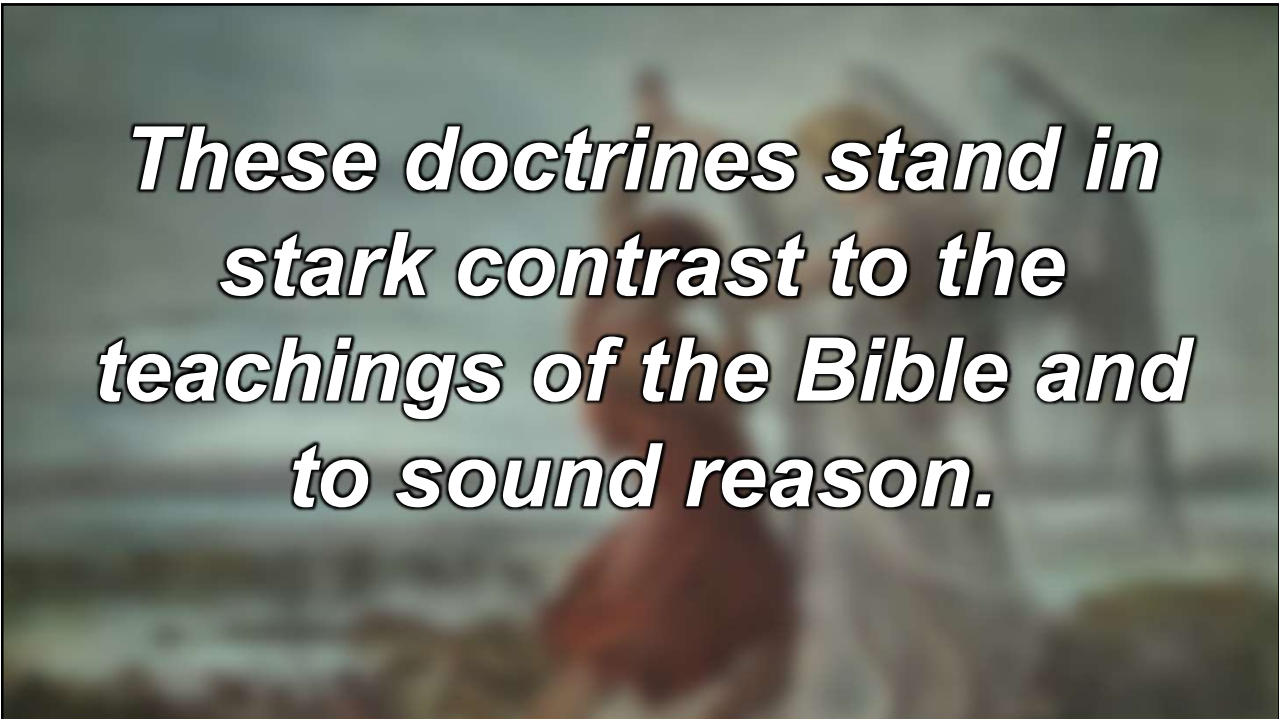
Having judged doctrine, it is incumbent to expose the heresies that are spiritually injuring people.



There are identifiable doctrines that constitute an occult view of reality.



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



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