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INTRODUCTION

This mailing is late, and it may be a while before the next: A pastor friend encouraged me to expand on the little booklet I offered in the last mailing, *“Israel vs Israel.”* I have since gathered several books written by “Jewish” rabbis, well-known Jewish scholars and former followers of the Jew’s religion, *Judaism*. The name of the book is *“Judeo-Churchianity.”* Its purpose is to follow “Jewish” religion from its founding, and show how and why Judaism has taken over both the church and state. With the Lord’s help, I hope to have it in print by September. I will send you a copy of *“Israel vs. Israel”* upon request.

Every Bible Believing Christian should be distressed by the overwhelming invasion of totally anti-Christ, satanic cult of Judaism into our churches and nation. The choice of a Baptist pastor to offer the prayer at the new US Embassy was a smart political move, for it has been the “evangelical” support that “forced” the recognition of the UN’s nation of Israel.

Those who have been captivated by the modern PC correct idea of Israel, Jews and Judaism will accuse me of promoting some kind of Jewish/Banker conspiracy theory, even anti-Semitism. I have had those conspiracy theories offered to me in the past, and I dismissed them because of lack of documentation. However, in my current research effort, I have encountered so much evidence from those within the Judaism culture that I cannot gloss over what they say. On the other hand, those who are aware from Scripture that what the Judeo-Christians are saying does not line up with the total word of God will find the following revealing, and will desire to search history and Scripture for the truth of the matter. (Jn 5:39.) The digital age has made more than

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enough original source documentation available, so that those who want to know the truth can know the truth. Those who are captivated by the Judeo-Christianity mentality will not be persuaded no matter what documentation is presented.

Let me offer some teaser points, which Lord willing, will be documented and expanded: First, the self-identified Jew and second, the binding laws of the Jew’s religion, the Talmud. *Judeo-Churchianity* is intended to develop these two basic points:

First, today’s self-identified Jews are primarily Caucasian, with absolutely no connection with the “Jews” of New Testament times.

“An important point of any valid definition is what a Jew is not. To begin with, the Jews are not a race. Our history reveals countless additions to our numbers through marriage and conversion. There are dark Jews and blonde, tall Jews and short; there are blue-eyed, brown eyed, and hazel eyed Jews as well as those whose eyes are jet black. Though most Jews are of the white or Caucasian race, there are black African Jews from Ethiopia and African American Jews in the United States; until recently, there were Chinese Jews in Kai-Fung-Fu and there are Jewish communities in various places on the subcontinent of India. (*What Is A Jew?* Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer. p. 8. Touchstone Edition 1996.)

[The Ashkenazi] King Joseph’s (930s-c. 960) letter (c. 955) provides a genealogy of his people. “Though a fierce Jewish nationalist, proud of wielding the ‘Septre of Judah’, he cannot and does not, claim for them Semitic descent;

he traces their ancestry not to Shem, but to Noah's third son, Japheth; or more precisely to Japheth's grandson, Togarma, the ancestor of all Turkish tribes. 'We have found the family registers of our fathers,' Joseph asserts boldly, 'that Togarma had ten sons, and the names of their offspring are as follows; Uigur, Dursu, Avars, Huns, Basili, Tarniakh, Khazars, Zagora, Bulgars, Sabir. We are the sons of Khazar, the seventh...'

The identity of some of the tribes, with names spelt in the Hebrew script is rather dubious, but which hardly matters; the characteristic feature in this genealogical exercise is the amalgamation of the Genesis with Turkish tribal tradition."

(FN. "It also throws a sidelight on the frequent description of the Khazars as the people of Magog. Magog, according to Genesis X. 2-3 was the much maligned uncle of Togarma. (Arthur Koestler, *The Thirteenth Tribe*, 72.)

Several "Jewish" theologians say that the land of the Khazars was the land of Meshech and Tubal, Gog and Magog, making the Ashkenazi Jews the people of Gog and Magog. Consider Ezekiel 38, 39 in the light that Gog and Magog are the Ashkenazi Jews of our day. The mighty army of Ezekiel 37:12 is the army of God that has been made a living soul by the breath of God. Ch 38 is the battle against Gog and Magog. Ch 39 is the victory over Gog, and Ch 40 on is the measuring of the church of the Living God.

King Joseph's letter is reproduced in Appendix E of *the Kuzari, In Defense of the Despised Faith*, written by Rabbi Judah Halevi (Spain, 1075-1141). Translated by Rabbi N. Daniel Korobkin. Feldheim Publishers, Jerusalem, New York (Printed in Israel) It is regarded as one the most important apologetic works of Jewish philosophy. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuzari#Introduction>

His letter is quoted in other books that can be downloaded. The *Kuzaria* dates King Joseph's reign from 930s-960, p. 34. Kevin Alan Brook dates the letter 955, *The Jews of Khazari*, p. 99. Alan is a historian who has researched the Khazars since 1993. He has contributed articles about the Khazars to *The Encyclopedia of Judaism* and *The Turks*, vol. 1. See Khazaria.com.

There is an abundance of documentation that show that at least 80% of the self-identified Jews of our day are descendants of the once great, powerful and rich Khazar kingdom of wild Turkish tribes that raided, raped and pillaged its surrounding tribes.

King Yoseph was proud of their heritage from Japheth. See Gen 10, and 1 Chron 1, and compare the tribes mentioned in Ezekiel 38 & 39.

THE TALMUD

The Talmud (consisting of 63 books of legal, ethical and historical writings of the ancient rabbis, ed.) is the "holy book" of Judaism. It is "the legal code which forms the basis of Jewish religious law." No doubt, the vast majority of those who claim to be Jews and followers of Judaism have no idea what are the basic laws of their religion. However, their rabbis must study the Talmud. Their requirement to study the Talmud are probably much stricter than the general requirement of Christian pastors to study Scripture.

The Talmud goes hand-in-hand with the "PROTOCOLS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION" as established in 1897 at the First Zionist Congress. The 24 protocols quoted by Mr. Pranaitis give an astoundingly accurate account of Western history from 1900 to the present. They are so unbelievably accurate that one must read them to believe them.

"They are indeed the global plan of world conquest put forth by Jewish leaders in a series of meetings held in Basle, 1897, at the time of the First Zionist Congress. Their plans were said to have been worked out whereby Jews were to corrupt the entire Christian civilization, and on the ruins of Christendom erect a world state ruled over by Jews and Freemasons."

(*The Talmud Unmasked, The Secret Rabbinical Teachings Concerning Christians*, pp. 3, 4. It was written by Rev. I.B. Pranaitis, Master of Theology and Professor of the Hebrew Language at the Imperial Ecclesiastical Academy of the Roman Catholic Church in Old St. Petersburg, Russia. Russia was a Christian nation until the Jewish Bolsheviks overthrew the government. The Rev. Pranaitis was the greatest of the students of the Talmud. His complete command of the Hebrew language qualified him to analyze the Talmud as few men in history. Printed in Latin by the Imperial Academy of Science in St. Petersburg, 1893. The Talmud is claimed to be the oral law given to Moses. Phariseeism was and is the Talmud in practice. Free PDF download of this public domain document at <https://archive.org/>)

Thus, we understand that "anti-Semitism" is a lie, for the "self-proclaimed Jews" are not descendants of Shem but of Japheth. The guilt-laden false charge of anti-Semitism has been and is being used to influence Christians to finance the anti-Christ Israeli nation, and to support what the UN did when it confiscated Canaan from the Palestinians. (The capital of Israel was Samaria. The capital of Judah was Jerusalem.)

Clearly, the Talmud has always been and is the holy book of the law for the Jew's religion. It defines Phariseism, known by our Lord as the "tradition of the elders." Read *The Talmud Unmasked*. The Talmud spews unbelievable hate in every direction against Christ, against the Christian faith and against everything that the Word defines as holy.

THE MAGICIANS

2 TIMOTHY 3

[**First**, in the following article, I fully realize that only by faith can we understand that God controls all things for His own purpose and glory, Romans 9 and Daniel 4. As *Believers*, we accept what is clearly given to us in His word, and leave the mysterious working of God in His hands, Deuteronomy 29:29.

Second, in gathering and reading the writings of "Jewish" scholars, rabbis, and other very qualified sources for "Judeo-Churchianity," I have encountered an overlooked historical context of the first century in which the New Testament was given. Though the following exegeses of 2 Timothy 3 may be unusual and hard to comprehend, I believe it is **worth consideration**, for it fits into the historical context of Christ's condemnation of the scribes, Pharisees and "the tradition of the elders." In addition, the Epistles clearly identify the Judaizers, and condemn them in no uncertain terms. The various points below will be more fully documented and developed in "*Judeo-Churchianity*."]]

2 Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

The sorcerers, magicians Jannes and Jambres held great power in Egypt, for they were able to control Pharaoh. We first meet these sorcerers in Exodus 7 where they duplicated the serpent before Pharaoh. We meet them again at the river's edge in v. 22, again at the river's edge in 8:7, and again in 8:18, where they could not duplicate the lice, and admitted the lice were the work of "the finger of God," but they did not yield to God.

Exodus 9:10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains

upon man, and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

The sorcerers' goal was to void the Command-Word of God, and keep Pharaoh and Egypt under their influence. No doubt, their perceived power had a huge and lasting affect on Israel as Israel saw the magical powers in operation for many years before they left Egypt. Paul tells us that not all of Israel are of Israel no more than all of the seed of Abraham are of Abraham, i.e. his children. (Romans 9:6) How many of the carnal Israelites sought, learned and further developed the powers of the Egyptian magicians, and carried that knowledge with them, and passed it on to the following generations?

Paul's "honorable mention" of the magicians certainly was not to satisfy our curiosity; he had a reason for specifically referring to them by name in his warning to Timothy, 2 Timothy 3:8, 9. Paul identifies these two scorers, magicians as typifying the corruption found in the church in the last days, which started with Christ. (Remember, rebellion against the Command-Word of God is as the sin of witchcraft. 1 Sam 15:23)

As with all Scripture, the historical context of Paul's warning to Timothy must be considered to properly understand a text.

In Matthew 23, we see that Christ had great condemnation for the scribes and Pharisees, natural Israel's religious leaders which included the priests. (The "Baptist" also condemned them, Matt 3:7.) Christ called them the children of the devil in the same sense that the elect are called the children of Abraham. God through Abraham established not a physical lineage, but a spiritual lineage. Satan through Adam started a spiritual lineage, and those who abide not in the truth as revealed in His Command-Word are his children. (John 8:44)

Christ said that the scribes and Pharisees were convinced that they spoke for Moses as they sit in Moses' seat: (Matt 23:2) Though they knew the truth concerning "the kingdom of Heaven," from their place of authority, they worked to undermine the Truth, and to convert others to their Rabbinic Judaism. (V. 13.):

Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

According to Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer,

“The Pharisees were a political-religious party in ancient Israel at the time when Jesus was born. Today, we would call them religious liberals, in that they believed in reinterpreting the Bible for their time. They thought this possible, because they believed that along with the unchangeable written Torah revealed at Mount Sinai, God had supplied a variable system of oral interpretation that could be used for all time. They taught also that there is life after death, in which God rewards the righteous, but they cautioned their followers to serve God without regard to reward, but merely out of love. Modern Judaism is essentially the religion of “the Rabbis,” and the Pharisees were the first Rabbis.” (*What is a Jew*, p. 18, Touchstone Book, Simon & Schuster, NY. Rabbi Hoffman is a professor of liturgy at Hebrew Union College.)

The goal of the Pharisees throughout the history of natural Israel has been to undermine, corrupt and void the Command-Word of God to His Covenant People; that is, to destroy Biblical Christianity. Speaking to the scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem Christ said, “*Thus ye have made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you...*” (Matthew 15:1-6. *Your tradition* was the oral Torah that had been passed down from the time of Moses.) Read how they treated the prophets who proclaimed the Truth to the nation of Israel! Christ speaks to the scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of national Israel which were of Jerusalem, who had been corrupting the Command-Word of God from the time of Moses. (Matthew 23:2ff.)

Reading history from the time Israel departed Egypt as a nation, we see the continual conflict between the prophets of God and the religious leaders. Hebrews 11 records some of the things Israel’s leaders did to God’s prophets for speaking Truth. Speaking to the scribes and Pharisees *which were of Jerusalem*, Christ traced them back through their fathers to the beginning of the nation; actually, He traced them back to Cain who murdered *reighteous Abel*. (Matthew 23:29ff.) Matthew 21, the parables of the vineyard spoke directly to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees. Understanding that He condemned them, they sought to kill Him. (Vv. 45, 46.)

We see from Scripture that the corrupt priests, scribes and Pharisees, the “religious” leaders of national Israel had been in existence long before Christ

and the apostles appeared on the scene.

In Matthew 23:34-36, Christ pronounces the death sentence upon His generation of vipers *which were of Jerusalem*, the scribes and Pharisees of His day. Their destruction is described in chapter 24. In Matthew 26:57-64, Christ told the high priest, Caiaphas in the presence of the scribes, Pharisees and the *elders* of national Israel, that Caiaphas personally would witness with his own eyes Christ’s coming in judgment upon those *which were of Jerusalem*. (Josephus gives a very vivid description of that destruction. I am sure he did not mean to, but his description clearly fits Matthew 26:26, as witnesses saw the heavenly army surround Jerusalem.)

Though that generation of Jewish vipers *which were of Jerusalem* was destroyed, their corrupt teachings, “the tradition of the elders” as is now recorded in the Torah was not destroyed. History tells us that Judaism’s headquarters was in Babylon where the “traditions,” the Torah, was developed by the Jews who had remained in Babylon. (Josephus’ description of the destruction of national Israel, Wars of the Jews, book VI, Chapter 9 § 4.)

In **Ezekiel 8**, the elders of Judah sat before Ezekiel “like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.” Ezekiel was then taken “inside” to see the uncleanness of all descriptions, as the elders of Israel served the abominable gods of the heathens.

V. 17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

Then the Lord pronounces judgment upon that generation of Jewish vipers which were of Jerusalem.

Our passage:

2 Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

First, magic, sorcery, curious arts were common in first century Judah, as it was used to undermine the Command Word of God as was commanded by Christ

to be taught to all nations.

Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. 11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries...

Simon was a powerful sorcerer or magician from Samaria. "He was probably educated at Alexandria (as stated in Clement. Hom. ii. 22), and there became acquainted with the eclectic tenets of the Gnostic school" or "He was a pupil of Dositheus, a teacher of Gnosticism.... Justin Martyr, with greater consistency, represents Simon as having visited Rome in the reign of Claudius, and omits all notice of an encounter with Peter. His success there was so great that he was deified, and a statue was erected in his honour, with the inscription "Simoni Deo Sancto" {f} (Apol. i. 26, 56)." He offered Peter money for the Spirit's power, so he could add that power to his magical powers, i.e. Simony, "Power for Profit." (Smith's Revised Bible Dictionary.)

Acts 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: 7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, 10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and

prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Note the wording of Exodus 9:

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

Accordingly, this fifth plague appears to have been primarily against the magicians who had withstood Moses and Aaron from the start, and had been instrumental with their enchantments, magic and sorceries in hardening Pharaoh's heart against the commandment of the Lord God through Moses.

Second, with this plague, God confronts the magicians with the fact that He alone is the Divine Sovereign over all of creation. Paul tells us specifically that because of the boils, Jannes and Jambres could not stand before Moses. Their magic, sorceries and enchantments were useless.

Third, when Moses offered his credentials to Pharaoh, the rod into a serpent, these magicians were there to discredit Moses' words. The first "stroke" (plague) against Egypt, the river into blood, was duplicated by the magicians to discredit Moses' words; the second "stroke," the frogs, was duplicated by these magicians to discredit Moses' words; the third "stroke," the lice, was vainly attempted by these magicians, and they admit it was *the finger of God* (but they did not repent of their evil deeds).

As we consider the scribes and Pharisees and their commitment to the "tradition of the elders" which had been passed down from the time Israel left Egypt, Paul's identification of the magicians was not to satisfy idle curiosity. (The New Testament prevalence of the condemnation of the "tradition of the elders" is so common, that we did not refer to any passages.)

Understanding the times of the formation of the

new church, we see that Paul had a very specific purpose as he tells us that *Jannes and Jambres* did all they could to discredit God's men, Moses and Aaron. Their magic before Pharaoh was to protect and strengthen their own position in Egypt, and to keep Pharaoh from obeying the Word of God, i.e. keep the Command Word of God from prospering. (Romans 9 presents a mystery that we cannot understand, so we will simply accept what God clearly tells us.)

• **OBSERVE**

A) *Jannes and Jambres* withstood Moses to make the Command-Word of God to Pharaoh of "none-effect.

B) 2 Timothy 3:8, *so do these...* In the historical context of Paul's words, who are *these men* whom Paul has identified with *Jannes and Jambres*? They were national Israel's religious leaders, the priests, scribes and Pharisees. However, what he says of them also describes those of all ages who *resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*

We understand from history and from Acts that magic--curious arts--was very prevalent in the first century. The problem was continually addressed by Christ and the Apostles.

The Talmud was very much in use in the first century, and Christ and the Apostles confronted it head-on, though not by name. They identified it as "the tradition of the elders" and the religion of the Jews.

"The Talmud gets its name from the word Lamud - taught, and means The Teaching. By metonymy it is taken to mean the book which contains the Teaching, which is called Talmud, that is, the doctrinal book which alone fully expounds and explains all the knowledge and teaching of the Jewish people. As to the origin of the Talmud, the Rabbis regard Moses as its first author. They hold that, besides the written law which Moses received from God on Mount Sinai on tables of stone, which is called Torah Schebiktab, he also received interpretations of it, or the oral law, which is called Torah Shebeal Peh. They say that this is the reason why Moses remained so long on the mountain, as God could have given him the written law in one day. Moses is said to have transmitted this oral law to Joshua; Joshua in turn to the seventy Elders; the Elders to the Prophets, and the Prophets to the Great Synagogue. It is held that it was later transmitted successively to certain Rabbis until it was no longer possible to retain it

orally.

Whatever may be said about this story of the Rabbis, it is sufficiently known to us that before the birth of Christ, schools existed in Palestine in which sacred literature was taught. The commentaries of the Doctors of the law were noted down on charts and lists as an aid to memory, and these, when collected together, formed the beginnings of the Jewish Talmud. In the second century after Christ, Rabbi Jehuda who, because of the sanctity of his life, was called The Saint, and The Prince, realizing that the learning of the Jews was diminishing, that their oral law was being lost, and that the Jewish people were being dispersed, was the first to consider ways and means of restoring and preserving their oral law. He collected all the lists and charts and from them he made a book which was called the Sepher Mischnaioth, or Mischnah - a Deuterostosis, or secondary law. He divided it into six parts, each of which was divided into many chapters. We shall consider these later." (*The Talmud Unmasked*, pp. 3, 4.)

"The uncensored Talmud is replete with Procrustean absurdities and the filthiest and most psychotic libels and maledictions against non-Jews, women and Bible patriarchs conceivable. This writer has included but a small sample for purposes of documenting the authentic contents of this hate-canon. I have spared the reader numerous other Talmudic citations of sexual obsessions and pathologies so foul and despicable, they would be difficult for most people to even imagine. In spite of this, the Talmud should not be banned, since its unexpurgated contents are perhaps the greatest single indictment of the religion of Judaism. Maybe that is why, up until recently, the study of the complete and uncensored Talmud by Gentiles was an offense punishable by death (Sanhedrin 59a)."

(*Strange Gods*, p. 118. There is no reason for this writer to quote the evil and wicked actions lawful in Talmudic Judaism. Just from the few quotes by Mr. Hoffman, it is easy to see why Jewish Talmudism is so readily accepted by the fallen nature, why Christ condemned the Pharisees so harshly, and why Talmudic Jews are so successful in business. Anyone who will follow Talmudic law will be successful in financial matters. Read Mr. Hoffman's book. Moreover, Mr. Hoffman contends that the US legal system is adopting the Talmud, p. 73. Download "*The Talmud Unmasked*," and read as much of the vile points quoted from the Talmud as you can tolerate as a Christian.)

Christ never identified Himself nor was he ever identified by the New Testament authors as a "Jew." He was a Judean from Nazareth, and crucified as "The King of the Judeans."

Mr. Freedman tells us that

“Religious worship known and practiced today under the name of “Judaism” by so-called or self-styled “Jews” throughout the world was known and practiced in Judea in the time of Jesus under the name “Pharisaism” according to Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, head of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and all the other most competent and qualified recognized authorities on the subject.” (*Facts are Facts, The Truth About Khazars*, p. 29. <http://www.rense.com/general47/facys.htm>)

“The core of Judaism, like the core of Gnosticism and Egyptian Hermeticism, is magic, the manipulation of the universe, contra God’s creation; i.e. against nature.

Gershom Scholem (1897-1982) was Professor of Kabbalah at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He wrote that there is: “...in practical Kabbalah...a good deal of ‘black’ magic - that is, magic...of various dark, demonic powers... Such black magic embraced a wide realm of demonology and various forms of sorcery that were designed to disrupt the natural order of things and to create illicit connections between things that were meant to be kept separate...In the Tikkunei Zohar the manipulation of such forces is considered justifiable under certain circumstances...” (*Strange Gods*, pp. 88.)

“Moreover, witchcraft in the Talmud is not just an attribute of Jewish women. The Jewish books of black magic of the Babylonian era, *Sefer HaRazim* and *Harba de Mosheh*, were both compiled by Jewish males, and Sanhedrin 17a decrees that to be qualified for appointment to the Sanhedrin (religious court), a man must be a practitioner of sorcery. Many revered rabbis used magic and witchcraft to prevail over their enemies or to demonstrate their thaumaturgic powers. Rabbi Simon ben Yohai used magic to turn an opponent into a “heap of bones” (Shevi’it 38d). Other rabbis used sorcery to create a calf (Sanhedrin 65b).” (*Strange Gods*, p 53.)

“The Hebrews had no magic of their own. It was so strictly forbidden by the law that it could never afterwards have any recognized existence save in times of general heresy or apostasy, and the same was doubtless the case in the patriarchal ages. The magical practices which obtained among the Hebrews were therefore borrowed from the nations around. The hold they gained was such as we should have expected with a Shemitic race, making allowance for the discredit thrown upon them by the prohibitions of the law. From the first entrance into the Land of Promise until the destruction of Jerusalem we have constant glimpses of magic practiced in secret, or resorted to, not alone by the common, but also by the great. The Talmud abounds in notices of contemporary magic among the Jews, showing that it survived idolatry

notwithstanding their original connection, and was supposed to produce real effects. (MCCLINTOCK & STRONG’S CYCLOPEDIA.)

C) The context of Paul’s reference to the two magicians is important. He identified certain evil men in the last days (starting with the time of Christ, Acts 2:17) with these two magicians. In other words, the time frame for these evil men’s Judaic activity is from the time of Christ until the end of time. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28.)

V. 8. *Their folly* was made *manifest unto all men* with the plague of boils. By his reference to Egyptian’s magicians, Paul makes it clear to both the practitioners of the *curious arts* and the population of Jerusalem that the sorcery of the Jews was useless, just as the Egyptian magicians were helpless before Moses and his God. Though the “black arts” are still being secretly practiced today in Rabbinic Judaism with the goal of destroying Christianity, the only power they have is from Jesus Christ, and that power is strictly limited to what will Glorify Him. (Judaism has been sanitized to make it acceptable to Christians.)

Though Paul’s instructions in 2 Timothy 2 is given in the context of the historical situation of his day, they apply to men of all time who resist the truth:

The first mark given by Paul is worth a point of its own, v. 2, *lovers of their own selves... high-minded...* Obviously, this is a reference to self-love and self-esteem. The deceiving and deceived teachers of the last days are rampant, and the situation is not improving, v. 13. We are certainly living in a generation of self-loving and covetous people, encouraged on by so-called “Christian” teachers. (Furthermore, thanklessness indicates a decline of religion. It is not difficult to see all of these things which Paul mentions prevalent in society and in the church.)

They are corrupt, *having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof*, cf. Romans. 2:20. With these words, Paul identifies these men as hidden within the church for the purpose of corrupting the Command Word of God.

“Kabbalists claimed that their tradition had originally been given to Moses at Sinai...Many oral traditions were reworked in the Zohar...The influence of Kabbalah on exoteric Judaism was widespread, presenting Jews with a powerful set of mystical symbols...influencing halakah and giving magical practices respectability as elements of

practical Kabbalah.

The Gnostic components of the religion of Judaism pertain to self-worship. This doctrine does not come from the Bible, which is filled with prophetic jeremiads against the Israelites for their faithlessness. According to Rabbi S. R. Hirsch's key depiction of the Jewish man, unlike the rest of mankind, the Jew alone is imbued with the metaphysical qualities necessary for fulfilling divine destiny; Jews alone possess an innate disposition toward obeying God.

The Kabbalah teaches that the presence of the divine (Shekhinah) in the world is exclusively due to the existence of the Jewish people. The oral traditions of the elders decree that the lifelong study of rabbinic tradition is not only a way to get closer to God, it is a way to become God. According to the Talmud, God himself is a student of the rabbis' tradition — "he studies the Talmud three times a day." The traditions of Judaism were acquired from Babylon, but their original transmission point was Egypt:..." (*Strange Gods*, pp. 82-84.)

The "traditions of the elders" were passed down from the time of Moses in the oral Talmud. It places great emphasis on magic, even magical words and sayings. The magical arts of enchantments, spells and sorceries were learned in Egypt, and passed down in the "Babylonian Talmud." There are more documenting sources for the above than we care to quote at this point. We hope to put it all in an orderly fashion in "*Judeo-Churchianity*."

Christ told the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees, that if they really believed their traditions were from Moses, they would believe on Him.

The corrupting influence of the Pharisees, the Judaizers of the first century, was a very real problem. How many times did Jesus warn His followers of the *leaven of the Pharisees*, and *the traditions of the elders* who replaced God's Command-Word with the "tradition of the elders," the oral Talmud. (Matt 16 & Mark 8.)

Paul's identification of the rabbis, the Pharisees of his day with *Jannes and Jambres; their folly* was exposed for all to see. Though they tried to use the Egyptian magical arts to stand against the Command Word of God, their efforts were vain. Paul's generation of Rabbinic Jewish vipers *which were of Jerusalem* was destroyed, but not their teaching. "The tradition of the elders" survives in the multi-volume

laws of Judaism, the Torah. Rabbinic Judaism's headquarters was in Babylon where it was further developed by the Jews who remained in Babylon.

Judaism is a poisonous counterfeit, a synagogue of Satan, Revelation 2:9 & 3:9. (*Strange Gods*, p. 20.)

The New Testament made it clear to the first century readers that the power of God is not manifested in the magical practices of Judaism, but in His gospel. (Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18.) The complaint in Isaiah 29:13 was that God's people honour Him with their lips but not with their hearts and actions. (Ez 33:30-32). The power to restrain sin is found in the law of Moses. (Deut 31:11-13, Rom 3:18, 1 Jn 3:4.) The power to change the sinner is found in the work of Christ: regeneration. Therefore, as the law of Moses is undermined or even dismissed, sin abounds in the church.

Paul tells us that the undercover "Christians" in the church present a smooth, soothing and deceitful message winning themselves into the hearts and homes of their victims. Their pleasant, appealing words draw to themselves those controlled by their own lusts. "Follow your heart" to destruction. Many times, the first ones to follow after them are women as Eve did after the Seducer in the Garden. (2 Tim 3:6.)

Furthermore, those who follow after the "evil men," who undermine the Truth may learn a great deal about the doctrines of the Word of God and be extremely active in religion, but they are not able to understand the Truth.

They resist the *law of God*, have corrupt minds and are reprobate concerning the faith. (The *truth* of God is the *law of God*, Ps 119:142.)

V. 13, Paul continues to identify the evil men, Pharisees, who tried to seduce the new believers; they promoted Judaism by telling the new converts that in order to be a Christian they must first become a Jew. (Acts 15:5.) Judaism's seduction of the church did not stop with the destruction of that generation of Jewish vipers *which were of Jerusalem*, 70 A.D. Both the context and history tell us that the evil men, Judaizers, continue to exist and even expand their Rabbinic Judaism faith defined in the Talmud into all the world. The last 100 plus years have seen a great expansion of the Rabbinic Judaism faith into even

the most committed Bible believing congregations, i.e. "Judeo-Churchianity." But obviously, the warning includes all who deny the power of God (e.g. Calvinism vs. Arminianism).

Their denial of the power of God appeals to the natural man, leaving them self-deceived: James 1:22, *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.* Thus, these teachers of Paul's warning to Timothy are men within the church who study the word without doing the word and have *a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.* (The scribes and Pharisees had an outward form of Godliness as whited sepulchers, yet full of dead men's bones. Matt 23:27. See Acts 23:3.)

The power of God is revealed in godly actions in word and deed, all according to the words of Moses. **V. 13**, *deceiving and being deceived...* The more they deceive others by undermining Moses, the more they themselves are deceived.

The significant point about Paul's warning to Timothy is that he uses an Old Testament illustration to identify the corrupt men, naming Egypt's magicians who were powerless to stand against Moses.

V. 8, Paul clearly identifies the seducing religious teachers within the church of the *last days* with the two magicians: they are men who *resist the truth* (as spoken by Moses); they are *men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*

The oral Talmud, with the magic it supposedly possesses, was faithfully passed down by the elders from the time of Egypt, and attributed to Moses. It was practiced by the first century Pharisees. When Paul referred to the curse upon *Jannes and Jambres*, he was speaking directly to the followers of Judaism's Talmud, of his time and ours. "Orthodox rabbis place curses, cast spells and imagine they have powers greater than God, derived from their study of the Sefer Yezriah, a book of Kabbalistic magic." Other major Kabbalistic texts include the Sefer ha-Bahr and Zohar or "Book of Splendor." (*Judaism's Strange Gods*, p. 82.)

The description of the ones within the church who Timothy is to avoid might have been a little vague, but when Paul named the two men who withstood Moses, he threw a revealing light upon his whole warning. He identified the evil men of his day as the

"Judaizers," the followers of the "tradition of the elders." Those traditions are spelled out in the 21 volumes of the Jewish Talmud; it is proclaimed to be the holy book of the laws of Judaism, and requires faithful obedience by all "self-identified Jews." What the Egyptian magicians did is a common mark of the evil men of the last days, as they *resisted the truth*, and withstood Moses before Pharaoh; they worked with Egyptian magic to undermine Moses, and convince Pharaoh that the Command-Word of God through Moses was not valid upon Pharaoh nor upon Egypt. By their deception, they sought to neutralize the Word of God through Moses.

The power of God is revealed through Moses; it is by the preaching of Moses that knowledge of sin is revealed so that the power of the gospel can do its work, Romans 3:20. Without the words of Moses, there is no truth about Christ, Luke 24:44-48, John 5:46, 47.

So what do these evil men of Paul's warning do? They do what *Jannes and Jambres* did: they undermine, withstand and cast doubt concerning the Command-Word of God as delivered by Moses with "*yea, hath God said?*" Furthermore, they make the law of Moses *of non effect* by their smooth words and winning ways, and they lead astray those who want to follow their heart.

1 Timothy 3:9, is Paul's encouragement to Timothy: The evil men and their undermining doctrine against Moses will only be permitted to go so far. With smooth words and apparent supernatural deeds, they deceive, allure and draw vast multitudes after themselves and away from the commands of God as given through Moses. But in God's good time, their *folly shall be manifest unto all men*, the same as was *Jannes and Jambres'* folly.

God is the One Who permits evil to prosper; He alone establishes its boundaries of operation. When evil men reach their God-defined limit of authority and time, the Lord will openly reveal their evil and put a stop to it, Ps 76:10. *Jannes and Jambres* had boils from the top of their heads to the bottom of their feet. The false professors of religion within the church, whose smooth deceitful words and actions lead God's people away from the command-word of God, will suffer the same plagues of God as shall

come upon His open enemies.

Two final points here in Paul's warning to Timothy:

1) Through Timothy, the church is warned to expect the *evil men and seducers to wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived*. The oral traditions of the elders, Judaism as practiced by the scribes and Pharisees of the first century did not die. They will grow in their ability to quietly seduce those laden with lusts to follow them in their deceit. In other words, as time proceeds in these last days, Judaism will more fully develop its ability, *as Jannes and Jambres*, to undermine the Truth as delivered by Moses.

2) To expose these teachers within the church, Paul reminds Timothy of *the holy scriptures* which Timothy had learned as a child. It is significant that Paul's oft-quoted statement, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*, is found in Paul's conclusion of this chapter, V. 16.

In 2 Timothy, Paul warns of the overwhelming influence of Judaism within the Christian community down through the ages. We are experiencing Judaism's influence as Christians are being persuaded to support the synagogue of Satan. Christians are being influenced to ignore the power of God, and replace His power with the "power of self-confidence." Furthermore, he tells Timothy and the church of the absolute necessity of serious study of *all scripture*. Without study, one has no sound doctrine, and he will be blown about by whatever appeals most to the natural mind. (Lk 24:44, Eph 4:4.)

Final observation: The Lord has some special words to say about those who would, *as Jannes and Jambres, pervert the right ways of the Lord*, Acts 13:10, and who would *pervert the gospel of Christ*, Galatians 1:7. And those words are not pleasant.

CLOSING DEFINITIONS

"...the **Mishnah** constitutes *torah*. It too is a statement of revelation, 'Torah revealed to Moses at Sinai.' But this part of revelation has come down in a form different from the well-known, written part, the Scripture. This tradition truly deserves the name 'tradition,'

because for a long time it was handed down orally, not in writing, until given the written formulation now before us in the Mishnah." (*Strange Gods*, p. 36.)

"**The Talmud** is the Holy Writ of the religion of Judaism and constitutes the binding, formerly oral, tradition of the elders, committed to writing in Babylon toward the end of the second century A.D., forming the Mishnah."

Israel and calf worship: "Everything about Judaism is either a distortion or a falsification of the Old Testament because Judaism is based on a man-made tradition that voids the Old Testament by means of a series of dispensations and loopholes. These begin with the Mishnah, which represents the commitment to writing of the occult legends and lore of those Israelites who had preserved "secret knowledge" of the golden calf, of Molech and similar abominations which had arisen with the worship of the golden calf. With the rejection of their Messiah and the commitment of the formerly oral traditions to writing, these Israelites completely abandoned themselves to a perversion which had once been only a persistent underground stream polluting Israel, but after Christ's crucifixion, emerged as the main ideology of those who refused to accept Jesus as their savior.

Later Talmudic rabbis styled this primary canon of written Judaism as Mishnah (literally "repetition"). The term signifies "oral tradition learned by constant repetition." The connotation is derived from the Hebrew denotation, the root sh-n-y, meaning "to repeat." Within the text of the Mishnah proper, it is called halakot, literally, "extra-Biblical law." Babylonian Jewish tradition in Talmud tractates Berakot 5a and Shabbat 31a teach that the Mishnah and the rest of the Talmud (Gemara) were given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai, along with the Ten Commandments."

Mishnah: "Corrupt and reprobate, oral occult tradition of the elders was committed to writing compiled as the Mishnah, the first portion of the Talmud. Judaism represents the commitment to writing of the occult legends and lore of those Israelites who had preserved "secret knowledge" which had arisen with the worship of the golden calf or Molech and similar abominations.

Talmud: "Instruction" the Holy Writ of the religion of Judaism; the binding formerly oral tradition of the elders, written in Babylon toward the end of the second century A.D. forming the Mishnah. The English translation is the sanitized addition from Random House in 21 volumes. It is a "hate Canon" filled with the filthiest libels against non-Jews, Christians, Jesus, women, biblical patriarchs, biblical sex, &c. Yet it is never condemned as a hate document as is the Bible. Christians are being influenced to accept the Talmud as a legitimate "holy book." The US legal system is adopting the Talmud. The oral Talmud was very

active in New Testament times. (See Mat 15:2, Mk 7:3-5, and the apostles condemnation of the Judaizers, ed.) (*Judaism's Strange Gods* by Michael A. Hoffman II, pp. 9, 10, 118. Mr. "Free" PDF download, <http://antimassoneria.altervista.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/hoffman-ii-michael-a-judaisms-strange-gods.pdf> ; Audio book, <https://archive.org/details/MichaelHoffmanJudaismsStrangeGods>. (*Judaism's Strange Gods* "Free" downloadable PDF book assumes his love for the truth to counter the lies from every source imaginable. Downloadable audio book from <https://archive.org/details/MichaelHoffmanJudaismsStrangeGods> A very good interview of Michael Hoffman that very well sums up his book, "Strange Gods" is found at <http://www.realjewishnews.com/?p=20>)

Study to show thyself approved in the knowledge of sound doctrine.

A CON FOR A CON-CON

The fate of our Republic is on the line

"A Convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution, also called an Article V Convention, or Amendments Convention, called for by two-thirds (currently 34) of the state legislatures, is one of two processes authorized by Article Five of the United States Constitution whereby the Constitution, the nation's frame of government, may be altered. Amendments may also be proposed by the Congress with a two-thirds vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate." (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convention_to_propose_amendments_to_the_United_States_Constitution)

Deuteronomy 5:7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me. 8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: 9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, 10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

2 Kings 18:4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. (That is, a piece of brass.)

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

The U.S. Constitution was established by and for

a godly people. The framers made it clear that it would only work for a Christian nation. However, it has been turned into a god that will solve all of America's problems. It is a piece of paper that has been exalted to godhood in America.

We are surrounded by continual calls to return to the Constitution, and America's problems will be solved. It certainly is not difficult to see that the piece of paper, the "Constitution," has replaced God with the Constitution; it has become America's god. God will have no other gods before Him, and we can count on His judgment against our "*Nehushtan*."

A renewed political solution is coming to the forefront for our present social and political problems. The call for an Article V Constitution Convention has been around for several years, and those of us who recognized the danger have withstood it. Two thirds of the states are required, and 34 are on board. However, several withdrew their support, but I am sure those who want to destroy the current Constitution will not allow their withdrawal. A Con-Con will deal with far more than Article X, which is the article being used to get popular support for a Con-Con. Article X can be enforced without a Con-Con.

However, no matter how hard man tries to solve the problems created by a Humanistic state, anything but Biblical solutions will only increase the problems, and the power of the central government. We can be assured that Biblical solutions will not even be considered in any kind of Convention that seeks to reign in our humanistic government.

A "Convention of States" is being promoted by some big names in the "conservative" movement. (Example <https://conventionofstates.com/>) But that effort is nothing more than a renewed effort to rewrite or replace our Constitution. The Convention Of States is a Constitutional Convention under another name, which has been fought against for years by those of us who value the Constitution. If a Con-Con is ever invoked, our Constitution will be null and void. There are not enough "right" leaning states to push through a Conservative agenda. Only in one's wildest imagination will our Constitution be improved upon.

"If the convention is called, the disunion that has become a faith in some conservative quarters will

run amok. Economic oligarchy will be established in law, and any political check on the powers of business likely will be eviscerated.

As to the former, the Koch Brothers and other aspiring oligarchs are the money behind the movement toward a convention. As to the latter, the whole thing is being sold under the camouflage of a desire to enact a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution—aka The Worst Idea In American Politics. But even the late Antonin Scalia admitted that a convention so called cannot be limited to one topic, and, anyway, a visit to the website of Convention of the States Project, one of the most prominent organizations in favor of the convention, reveals that the convention is a device for profound political sabotage... Mr. Madison saw it coming. All of it. The mercantile power arrayed against political democracy. Politicians who become servants of the money power and not the people who elected them, and opportunists who would take advantage of these conflicts for their own benefits. As he wrote in Federalist 10:

It is in vain to say that enlightened statesmen will be able to adjust these clashing interests, and render them all subservient to the public good. Enlightened statesmen will not always be at the helm. Nor, in many cases, can such an adjustment be made at all without taking into view indirect and remote considerations, which will rarely prevail over the immediate interest which one party may find in disregarding the rights of another or the good of the whole.

Faction, he called it. And he saw it for what it was: a genetic disorder of the republic that is fatal if not controlled."

(<https://www.esquire.com/news-politics/politics/a14841457/convention-of-states-campaign-secession/>)

Our Constitution was written for a Christian population, but a new or rewritten Constitution will be written by and for an anti-Christ Humanist population. Freedom of speech will be gone; right to bear arms will be gone, followed by gun confiscation. Find who benefits from these changes, and you will find who is financing this renewed effort to remove our Constitutional protections. All the repressive governments of the world have yielded to US pressure, and have established a Constitution, even Russia, China, &c. Yet look at how the freedom of religion as enshrined in their constitutions is put into action. Homeschooling will be abolished, parental rights will be gone, and all the things we have cherished for the last 200 years will be written out of the

Constitution by a Constitution Convention.

With Constitutional protection gone, the persecution Christ promised will begin. We must not forget the Muslim influence Obama brought in. There is enough influence that some states have elected Muslim representatives. Thanks to Obama, there will be Muslim influence in rewriting the constitution

Balanced budget amendment? **Dream on O fool.** Neither the politicians nor the public will stand for reduced spending, for every town, city, community, fire department, medical facility, school board, disaster relief &c., is dependent on federal grants. That money must be borrowed from the Federal Reserve Banks, FED, which to them is no more than a digital entry in their "loan" book. Through debt, the banks have acquired all the wealth of the US, with very few exceptions.

Moreover, experience proves that neither the Federal government nor the school boards will cut their budgets, for there are too many on the gravy train. (Locally, \$900 each for pictures in the new school's weight lifting department, and just the school tax is over 60% of our property tax.) The Federal government, local governments and school boards will bankrupt everyone rather than reduce in size or cut their expenditures.

Follow the money, and you will find who is financing this effort to destroy Constitution. Has the anti-God, destructive element finally found a way to deceive the conservatives into the Con-Con trap, which will accomplish their agenda to remove the protections we have enjoyed over the years?

For us: If the Sovereign God of the universe is indeed in control, and He is the One who is directing the hearts of the rulers of this world (and He is, **Pro 21:1**), then there is nothing they can do to hinder His plan for the ages in any way, shape or form. His purposes of salvation and the manifestation of His glory will be accomplished with or without us as individuals. Our responsibility is simply to do all things for the Glory of God, and His responsibility is to bring all things to pass.

RECIPE FOR GROWING THE KINGDOM

By Thomas Williamson

“And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground: And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself: first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” - Mark 4:26-29

Almost all the material in the Gospel of Mark is found in the other 3 gospels, but this brief parable is found only in Mark. Unlike many of the other Parables of the Kingdom, Jesus gives no commentary on this particular parable.

This parable emphasizes the efficacy of sowing the seed of the Word of God. God’s Word is powerful, Jeremiah 23:29, Hebrews 4:12, 1 Corinthians 1:18. It is our privilege and duty to sow the seed of the Word by every means possible, by preaching, teaching and personal work, by the printed page (Bibles and Christian literature), and by more modern techniques such as radio, television, internet, movies and videos.

Once we have sown the Word, it has power in itself to grow and produce fruitful results, just as plant seeds, once sown in the ground, have power in themselves to sprout and grow without prodding and meddling by the farmer.

Even those who sow the Word do not really understand how it is that the seed grows and produces fruit. That is something that Jesus described in John 3:8 as a mystery that cannot be described or explained. The power of God is like a wind that cannot be seen, controlled or predicted, but its positive results are visible and inevitable.

It is our responsibility to sow the seed, but it not up to us to make the seed sprout and grow - that is in God’s hands, and it is not something we can produce by our own efforts. The sons of God are born of God, not of the will of man, John 1:12-13.

There are some who believe that they can make the Kingdom of God grow and produce fruit by their own human effort, by turning the right cranks and pressing the right buttons.

Roman Catholics and many Protestants believe in a form of baptismal regeneration, that they can produce believers by baptizing them. Supposedly this

works even on infants who are totally unconscious of what is going on.

Baptists rightly reject baptismal regeneration, but some of us act as if we believe we can help God out and produce Kingdom growth by human effort, by getting sinners to “pray the salvation prayer,” or “walk the aisle,” or otherwise pushing for a profession of faith from people who have no sense of having sinned or needing a Savior.

Just as the farmer may not see the crop right away, we need patience in our Christian work, as we realize that the growth of the Kingdom of God is inevitable as a result of our activity of sowing the seed.

Verse 28 may speak of the inevitability of growth and sanctification in the lives of born-again believers that God has chosen, Romans 8:29-30, Philippians 1:6. Once the growth process has started, it is inevitable that it will proceed until the full ear of corn is produced - God has no stillbirths.

The growth of spirituality in the Christian may not be spectacular or make a big splash - it may not even be noticeable right away and may take time, but it is real and unstoppable.

There may be a reference here to the mistaken expectation by some of Christ’s hearers, that the Messianic Age would be inaugurated in a loud and sensational manner, with the overthrow of the Romans and the establishment of a magnificent worldly kingdom like that of King David. The Kingdom indeed was set up, Matthew 12:18, Luke 17:21, Colossians 1:13, but not according to man’s expectations.

This parable is a helpful antidote to the pessimistic, defeatist thinking that causes us to believe that nothing more can be done for the growth of the Kingdom because the times are so bad. This parable promotes a “Can Do” attitude, not a “Can’t Be Done” quitter’s mindset.

We may not see the harvest we are looking for now, but we need to understand that God in His providence will use our faithful and diligent activity in sowing the seed to produce a harvest according to God’s will.

This parable is about growth and an abundant harvest, not about crop failure. If we do not have an optimistic attitude with regard to the results of our

ministry activity, then why ask any of our people to strain themselves in support of an enterprise that is expected to fail?

As for the putting in of the sickle for harvest, verse 30, at first glance this may appear to be a reference to the time of the judgment at the end of the world, Matthew 13:40-43. However, the harvest here is seen as something that takes place “immediately.”

It is probably better to see this as a reference to a visible harvest of souls, John 4:35-38. It is a harvest that we can expect to see in our field of work, if we are not weary in well-doing, Galatians 6:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:13. It is a harvest that we will reap in due season, if we do not faint.

The harvest may not come as soon as we would like or be as abundant as we might like, but it will be a good, solid harvest, because it will be produced by the power of God, not by our own efforts.

A consideration of this parable, and the teaching of the Bible in general, takes the pressure off of ourselves for generating results and professions of faith. If we have been diligent in sowing the Word, we can sleep well at night with a clear conscience, knowing that just as it is the nature of fertile soil to generate fruitful harvests, likewise it is a law of the Kingdom that our Kingdom work will generate visible and fruitful Kingdom results.

Editor’s note: We live in the midst of farmland. The farmer just planted the corn, and when it matures, we will be cut off from the world, except for the highway we can see from our front porch. He worked the ground, and planted with the full faith the crop would produce an increase in his “wealth.” In addition, we have a blacktop pavement to the buildings we had to accept with the property when we purchased it. Grass seed gets in the cracks, and unless we kill that seed, there is no stopping its destruction of the blacktop. That is to say, there is no way to stop a seed from producing results.

YAHWEH

One of our research books for “Judeo-Churchianity”), is *The Invention of the Jewish People* by Shlomo Sand. Mr Sand teaches contemporary history at the University of Tel Aviv. It was first published in Eng-

lish in 2009. (In fact, with only 2 exceptions, all of my resource material must be translated into English.) All of Mr. Sand’s resources are well-known “Jewish” scholars, theologians and rabbinical writings, both past and present, as are all of my resources.

This following statements caught my attention:

Bear, Dinur and other Zionist historians were not mistaken in stating that the significant Jewish presence (in Judea, ed.) was dramatically reduced following the Muslim conquest in the seventh century, but this was not due to the uprooting of Jews from the country, for which there is no shred of evidence in the historical record. Palestine, the former Judea, was not swept by masses of migrants from the Arabian Desert who dispossessed the indigenous inhabitants. The conquerors had no such policy, and neither exiled nor expelled the Judean agrarian population, whether they believed in Yahweh or in the Christian Trinity. ...

An irreparable split had occurred between Judaism and Christianity by the latter’s division of the deity, which aggravated the rivalry between them. (*Invention of the Jewish People*, p. 180. Downloadable)

In other words, the Christian doctrine of the Trinity separated the early Christians from the Jews who worshipped Yahweh. The question is, “Why did Christianity split over the name, Yahweh?”

Consider

The early Gospel Church saw Yahweh as the Jewish God under the Old Covenant. So when the truth of God as the Tri-Une God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit---was clearly revealed in Christ Jesus, there was a split between **Judaism’s Yahweh** and the **Christian Tri-Une God**. We certainly know that all the attributes of the “Yahweh” of the Old Covenant are clearly revealed in the Tri-Une God of the New Covenant as understood in the Son. However, Judaism must cling to “Yahweh,” for to them “Yahweh” contains no clear revelation of the Redeemer Messiah, Jesus, the Son of God. In fact, we see throughout the New Covenant, or Testament, Judaism did all it could to undermine the God of Christianity as revealed in the Son.

Moreover, the followers of Judaism, “Jews,” severely persecuted the followers of Jesus. About 440 A.D., a Christian missionary was martyred by the followers of Judaism, during the reign of the Himyarite king Surahbi’il Yakkaf. The “Jews” were considered

heretics by the early church. (*Ibid*, 194, 5, 201)

Extra Boring Technical Stuff. Conclusion at the end.

James Hastings, *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*:

“The Old Testament revealed God as Jahweh “Jahweh is one,” Deut 6:4. In the OT, He was seen as the supreme God among many gods who demanded wholehearted worship and obedience. Jahweh was the God of the Hebrews. Exodus 3:6, 15, 18 (i.e., Totemism. “Belief in the kinship of a group of people with a common totem”).

“It would be an anachronism to draw out into a list of “attributes” in modern fashion what none the less lies implicit in the simple supplying application – I AM. The content of the name was filled up in the course of history, as successive acts and manifestations showed Israel what kind of a Supreme Being was whom they were bidden alone to worship. Jahweh remained the name for the covenant God of (national, ed.) Israel, where the term “covenant” indicates a special relationship between God and His people, one on which the whole national history is a running commentary....

“This Being was spiritual, in the sense of being invisible to mortal eye and beyond all sensuous apprehension ; while his power and operations were such as only a spirit could manifest, the living Will behind all being specially emphasized. Jahweh is proclaimed from the onset as the sole and supreme ; the ground of all other commandments is, ‘thou shall have none other gods before me.’ Other gods had but a relative existence, if they were thought of as existing at all; they possessed neither might nor right in comparison with Him who was the Creator and Sustainer of all that is.

“The distinctive feature, however, of the OT doctrine of God is the emphasis that is laid on the moral character of Jahweh, who is unique, not in power only, but in wisdom, righteousness, goodness, and truth.”

(*Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*, edited by James Hastings. Vol 6, page 253, 254. T. & T.Clark. Edinburgh. Charles Scribner’s Sons, New Your. 1913. I have found anything published by Charles Scribner’s Sons and T. & T. Clark worth having.)

In other words, Jahweh was understood by Old Testament National Israel as a God among many gods, Who demanded unqualified worship. Jahweh is the name of the Supreme Being Who had a special relationship only with the ancient Israel of the Old Testament.

Example, “The God of the Hebrews, Exodus 5:3, &c., “God of gods,” Josh 22:22, He was known as the

God of Israel by the surrounding pagan nations, 1 Sam 5:7, &c, “other gods,” Judges 10:10ff., “Our God hath delivered Samson...” Judges 16:23ff., &c.

1 Kings 11:33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

James Hastings,

“When, therefore, we find that one Gospel ascribes to our Lord rather full and detailed teaching respecting the Paraclete, which is explained to be another name for the Holy Spirit (John 14: 16, 26, 15: 26), when there is held out a clear hope and promise of a new Divine influence to take the place of that which is being withdrawn, and when in another Gospel we are also told of the institution of a right associated with a new revelation of God under a threefold name, that of Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19), these phenomena are just what we are prepared for, and just such as we should have had to assume even if we had had no definite record of them. We may, then, regard them as having received – whatever the antecedent claims of the documents in which they are found – a very considerable degree of critical verification. The single verse 2 Cor 13:14 seems to require something very like what we find in Matthew and John.”

(*A Dictionary of the Bible*, edited by James Hastings, D.D. Vol ii, p 624. T. & T. Clark. Edinburgh. Charles Scribner’s Sons, New Your. First impression, 1899. Third impression, 1902.)

Popular superstitions regarding the name Jahweh.

“According to Jewish tradition, it was pronounced only once a year by the high priest when he entered into the Holy of Holies, and Simon the Just was the last one who did this. He who knew how to pronounce this mysterious name was believed to have a magical power over the forces of nature, and was designated among the Rabbis ... ‘master of the name.’ Mystic speculations upon the name of J” naturally led up to wild surmises regarding the essence of God and the origin of things,... The tendency of the period was toward an abstract concept of deity. Starting from the principle that God was too pure to have immediate relations with created things, men were forced to have recourse to the theory that He governs the world through intermediary beings. And here the Jews of Palestine virtually join hands with Philo.”

(*A Dictionary of the Bible*. Extra volume, p 280. See

Talmud elsewhere in this issue.)

RELIGIONS OF ISRAEL, pages 612-734

On pages 124-134, Hastings deals with not only the history of Jahweh, but with word meanings, usages of Jahweh, and letter sounds and usages. All I will do is give the topics of his discussions, and sum up some of his conclusions.

II. Founding of the Religion of Israel) (Jahwism) by Moses at Sinai.

i THE PERSON OF MOSES AS THE FOUNDER OF THE JAHWEH RELIGION/ii JAHWEH PROCLAIMED BY MOSES AS THE GOD OF ISRAEL/iii THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF JAHWISM AS THE RELIGION OF ISRAEL/iv. THE STAMP OF JAHWISM ON OUTWARD ORDINANCES IN THE TIME OF MOSES

Jahweh was and is the God of the Israelite religion. (*Dictionary*, p. 624)

"Moses proclaims 'Jahweh as the God of Israel i.e. as the God who means certainly to deliver Israel from the slavery of Egypt, and who on that account has sole claim to the worship and obedience of his people. But this proclamation did not imply that Jahweh is to be regarded as the only God that has any real existence... Jahweh is one God among many, although mightier and more terrible than the rest.'" (*Dictionary*, p. 625)

Moses was the first to proclaim Jahweh as the God of the whole people of Israel.

The religion of "Jahweh" forbade the depiction of God as a human man. (*Dictionary*, p. 627b) Note that on the other hand, the Christian God emphasizes the "God Man" who tabernacled among his creation: "God with us."

"[T]he foregoing observations have at the same time furnished the answer to the question as to the essential character of Jahwism as a name for the special relation between Jahweh and [ancient, ed.] Israel..." (*Dictionary*, p. 631)

Matthew 22:32, "I am the **God**..." "2) the Godhead, trinity. Bible Greek Lexicon, #2316

4. El and Elohim as Appellatives. Neither 'el nor 'elohim has originally the same meaning as Yahweh. They both denote God generically rather than personally, are of polytheistic derivation, and need qualification to denote God individually. 'elas a name outside Israel is secondary and does not help us to understand biblical usage. When used alone for Yahweh, {#Isa 40:18 etc. } or as a parallel to Yahweh, {#Nu 23:8 } the point is that Yahweh alone is 'el, though not necessarily with

a polemic against other gods. (*Theological Dictionary Of The New Testament*. "B. El and Elohim in the OT")

Jehovah An anglicized pronunciation of the Hebrew, *tetragrammaton* YHWH, which are the four consonant letters used to spell God's name in the Old Testament. #Ex 3:14 The Hebrews considered the name of God too holy to pronounce and substituted the word "Lord" (adonai) when the text was read. The vowels of the word "adonai" was combined with YHWH to get the word "Jehovah" which was first used in the 12th century. A more accurate pronunciation of YHWH would be "Yahweh." However, the exact and proper pronunciation has been lost. (*Dictionary of Theology*)

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Exodus 6:4, Jehovah, or Yahweh was the covenant name by which God chose to reveal Himself to the unique nation He delivered from Egyptian bondage. Israel violated the covenant, and according to the covenant promise, their departure resulted in national, or carnal Israel's final destruction. The Carnal Israel populated by carnal Jews was replaced by a Spiritual Israel populated by Spiritual Jews; the covenant name by which God has chosen to reveal Himself to His new Israel is Jesus Christ. (Mat 22:32, He 11:10-16) Yahweh promised Palestine to national Israel. Jesus Christ promised a better country to Spiritual Israel. Moreover, through Christ, His new nation is *the heir of the world*, not to any limited physical location, e.g. Palestine.

Jahweh dwelt in a tent among His special people, the carnal nation of Israel. The Christian God is revealed as "God with us," and is "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Isaiah 42:4-12, 8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

Conclusions

It saddens the heart to hear Christians commonly use Judaism's name for their god of the Old Covenant, Yahweh; that is, a god who had not revealed Himself as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.

From where is that teaching coming that Yahweh is a proper name for the Christian God under the New Covenant? What is the source of that fascination with Judaism? Judaism has infiltrated into our Christian colleges and churches. Even some strange “translations” of the Bible use the Jewish title for God, Yahweh, in the New Testament. Are the “translators” promoting Judaism’s strange god?

There is no such thing as “Judeo-Christianity.” How can the clean join with the unclean? How can a Christian follow the pagan ways of Judaism? For what fellowship, what association, what identity can Christ have with those who not only reject and mock our Redeemer King? (2 Cor 6:14-18)

The issue is over *The Tri-Une God of the “Israel of God.”*

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Summary of the doctrinal section of the Epistle. The keynote is struck at once. Here we are shown, briefly but conclusively, the superiority of Christianity over Judaism. The apostle introduces his theme in a manner least calculated to provoke the antipathy of his Jewish readers. (A. W. Pink That is, Christ over Yahweh)

Who can understand the attraction to the Jews’ religion, Judaism and Yahweh, when Judaism is out to destroy Biblical Christianity?

Is the Christian God the Jew’s God, Jahweh or is the Christian the Tri-Une God Who said, “I and the Father are One? People have given their lives in the past over Jahweh or the Tri-Une God.

Still, throughout the history of Christian doctrine, the ‘light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ has shone supreme. (*Invention*, p. 180)

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

That is to say, the Old Testament God of Israel, Jahweh, could not and cannot “*give the light of the Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*”

“Christianity has, to a large extent, been taken over by the religion of Judaism and become a fossil more properly distinguished as Judeo-Churchianity.” (*Judaism’s Strange Gods*, p 38. Downloadable, <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14101315-judaism-s-strange-gods>)

Judaism is a poisonous counterfeit, a “synagogue of Satan” (Rev. 2:9 *I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.*” Judaism clearly states that its religion exalts Satan and demons.

“The Israeli national talisman is the hexagram which is called the “star” of David and is supposed to be the ancient symbol of Israel. However, such an occult symbol is nowhere mentioned in the Bible. It was “bequeathed” to Jewish leaders in the 14th century by the Hermeticist, King Charles IV of Bohemia and formally adopted as “the Star of David” in 1898 at the Second Zionist Congress in Switzerland. The original source of the symbol is androgynous, representing Adam Kadmon, the personification of the union of the male and female forces in one body. Kabbalistic doctrine brought the hexagram into Jewish tradition (a fact given official recognition by the Bohemian king).

“Prof. Gershom Scholem wrote of how, within Judaism: “...amulets and protective charms can be found side by side with the invocation of demons, incantations...and even sexual magic and necromancy...As early as the geonic period the title ba’al shem or ‘master of the name’ signified a master of practical Kabbalah who was an expert at issuing amulets for various purposes, invoking angels or devils...”[FN #152 in text, Gershom Scholem, *Kabbalah* [op. cit., p. 184.]

“This demonic pantheon includes devils known in the Kabbalah as shedim Yehuda’im. Professor Scholem informs us that these devils are in submission to the Talmud.” (*Judaism’s Strange Gods*, pp. 90, 91. Free download PDF book: <http://antimassoneria.altervista.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/hoffman-ii-michael-a-judaism-strange-gods.pdf> Downloadable audio book from <https://archive.org/details/MichaelHoffmanJudaismStrangeGods> See also *The Synagogue Of Satan* <http://der-stuermer.com/english/The%20Synagogue%20of%20Satan.pdf>).

“To make any connection between an occult religion which directly contradicts Jesus Christ’s own solemn, admonitory condemnation of man-made traditions, and the religion of the God of Israel, is not only irrational and unscriptural, but an abomination.” (*Strange Gods*, p 20, 21)

From where comes the desire to exalt the god of

carnal Israel, Yahweh, when the New Israel of God possesses the name that Judaism hates, the name above all names, Jesus Christ, God with us?

I WILL BE A GOD TO THY SEED AFTER THEE

In Genesis 17:7, God Almighty promised the patriarch Abraham, "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has been faithful to this promise throughout the ages of Christian history, for Galatians 3:9 says, "So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

In these paragraphs, we will consider how a faithful Scottish patriarch in the early 1600s trusted in this everlasting promise that God had made to him and to his believing seed.

Pastor Andrew Duncan described himself this way in his last will and testament, "a sinful wight, Christ's unworthy minister in His glorious gospel." Andrew Duncan was a minister of the Kirk (Church) of Scotland in the little village of Crail, in the shire of Fife. Fife lies between the Firth of Tay and the Firth of Forth on the west coast of Scotland.

Born during the days of John Knox, Andrew Duncan faithfully carried on in his own generation the work of the Reformation. He was an uncompromising and bold preacher of the Gospel. Throughout his long ministry, he and his family suffered much for the sake of the Gospel.

In 1606 Pastor Duncan was tried and found guilty of High Treason for participating in the famous Assembly of Aberdeen. At this assembly, a few bold Scottish ministers had assembled in defiance of the will of King James I. By resisting the royal prerogative of the king to rule on ecclesiastical matters, they had brought down the wrath of James.

For participating in the protest at Aberdeen, Andrew Duncan was sentenced to be confined in Blackness Castle, a bleak fortress on the shore of the Firth of Forth. After an imprisonment of 14 months, Andrew Duncan was banished to France. After a brief

sojourn there, he boldly returned to this native Scotland to carry on the work.

For many years Andrew Duncan traveled from place to place, preaching the gospel of Christ. He was united in marriage to a Godly young Scottish lassie, and together the Duncans raised six children. On several occasions during these hard years Pastor Duncan was arrested and often escaped very narrowly with his life.

In 1619 Duncan joined with other faithful Scottish ministers in opposing the Five Articles of Perth, in which the Scottish church was required to conform to the forms and ceremonies of the English episcopal system. For his opposition, Duncan was summoned to appear before the High Commission Court at St. Andrews. At his trial, he boldly likened the prelates who accepted the English ceremonies to Esau who sold birthright for mess of pottage, to Balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, and to Judas, who betrayed the Lord for thirty pieces of silver. For this audacious speech, the Archbishop of St. Andrews deposed Duncan and commanded him on pain of death to leave Scotland forever.

Andrew Duncan dearly loved his wife and six children and could not bear the thought of separation. Boldly; he decided to take them with him across the river Tweed to Berwick, in the extreme northern tip of England. There, just across the river from his beloved Scotland, he was still under the rule of James, but outside the reach of the Archbishop of St. Andrews.

Shortly after arriving in Berwick, Duncan's wife was near the point of delivering another child. The labor was difficult and the lonely father despaired for the life of his wife and her unborn child. The banished minister had no friends in Berwick, and to make himself known in a search for a midwife would be to fall under the eyes of those who sought his life.

Andrew Duncan had no other recourse than to call upon the Prince of Life to send deliverance in their hour of need. Slowly, reverently, the pastor knelt on the ground, took off his Scottish bonnet, and laid it on the bed. His wife, already in the pain of delivery, took hold of her husband's hand as he bowed his head to pray. The older children stood in solemn or-

der around the bed, joining in their father's petition.

It was after midnight, and the streets of Berwick were silent. As the father finished his prayer, he encouraged his wife saying, "We serve a gracious Master." His wife acknowledged God's goodness, expressing the hope that the God who had never forsaken them before would stand by them now.

Suddenly, the snort of a horse was heard in the yard. The family froze in momentary fear at the thought of discovery. But Andrew Duncan advanced to the door to find a woman, clad in the plain but neat garment of a country gentlewoman.

Not knowing what else to do, Duncan cautiously admitted the stranger to his wife's chamber.

The visitor sent the boys, John, William, and David, scurrying to stoke up the fire. The older daughters assisted as the visitor directed. Andrew Duncan sat by the side of his wife and prayed. After a few short minutes, the visiting lady delivered the baby with no complications. When the newborn infant was washed and nestled contentedly in the weary mother's bosom, the lady produced a basket containing provisions and an abundance of fine linen. She then handed the grateful father five pieces of gold, telling him to be of good comfort, that he and his wife should not want for anything they needed.

The visiting lady then bade the Duncans farewell. The father and children accompanied her to the yard. At the door, Andrew Duncan took her hand and asked her what her name might be, that they might know how to thank their Heavenly Father for her kindness. The lady smiled, gently shook her head, and then turned and mounted her horse. Their eyes streaming with tears of gratitude for their heavenly deliverance, the Duncans watched her ride off into the night. They saw the visitor no more.

Andrew Duncan assembled his family again, asking God's blessings upon the new little life, and thanking Him for his manifold promise, "*I will be a God unto thee. and to thy seed after thee.*"

Amazingly, the man who was willing to be a martyr was not destined to die a martyr's death. He had rebuked both king and archbishop, but had, like Elijah of old, always eluded their grasp. He died in his bed, surrounded by his wife and family.

He left a last will and testimony that is still treasured by the grateful descendants of this Scottish patriarch. Here is an excerpt from that testimony:

"I, Andrew Duncan, a sinful wight, Christ's unworthy minister in His glorious Gospel ... set down the declaration of my will:

First, as touching myself, I leave my soul to Christ Jesus who gave it, and when it was lost, redeemed it, that He may send his holy angels to transport it to the bosom of Abraham. As for the children whom God hath given me, I leave them to His providence, beseeching Him to lead them by His gracious spirit through this evil world and make them profitable instruments, both in kirk and commonwealth, beseeching them on the other part to set God before their eyes, to walk in His ways, holding their course to that glorious and fair-to-look-on heritage, which Christ hath conquered for them, and all them that love him."

The children and grandchildren of Andrew Duncan did indeed "hold their course." One of his sons, William Duncan, was privileged to shed his blood as a martyr as a Covenanter. Others of the Duncan children and grandchildren were banished to Virginia during the Covenanter era. From Virginia, the Duncans went over the mountains into Kentucky. To this day, Andrew Duncan has descendants who give thanks for the noble heritage of their patriarch.

There is a quiet graveyard in the hills of rural Kentucky where five generations of direct Duncan descendants lie together, awaiting the dawn of Resurrection Day, when they will rise to enjoy that "glorious and fair-to-look-on heritage" of which their noble patriarch, Andrew Duncan, spoke long ago. God does indeed stand by His ancient promise, "I will be a God to thee, and to thy seed after thee."

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SCREEN TIME

BRAIN IMAGES EXPLAIN WHY KIDS ARE MOODY, IMPULSIVE & CAN'T PAY ATTENTION

Screen Time Syndrome: Brain Images Explain Why Kids Are Moody, Impulsive & Can't Pay Attention

tion, limiting online time, Dr. Nicholas Kardaras, addiction expert, child counselor, educational games, iPad, electronic Lego, Legos, creative play, find rare minerals, Minecraft club, digital game, gaming, behavior, temper tantrums, outbursts, refusing to do chores, tablets, smartphone, shortcut tool, images, spoonfeeding, lazy learning, dumbing down, mental effort, developing brain, low-tech parent, Steve Jobs, Silicon Valley, no-tech Montessori schools, Waldorf schools, Xboxes, brain imaging research, science, frontal cortex, impulse control, executive functioning, cocaine, dopamine levels, technology, feel-good neurotransmitter, addiction, sex, Dr. Victoria L. Dunckley, exposure, sensory overload, lack of sleep, hyper-aroused nervous system, electronic screen syndrome, impulsive, moody, can't pay attention, rewire, train, delayed gratification, bored time, creativity, set limits, monotonous work, early years, work ethic, parenting, Victoria Prooday, strengthen brain, blue screen

Screen time, in its multiple forms, will be part of your children's lives at some point. But parents must ask themselves how early and to what extent?

An Educational Edge?

Some parents think they're giving their child an educational edge like Susan who bought her 6-year-old son John an iPad when he was in first grade. "She thought, 'Why not let him get a jump on things?' John's school had begun using the devices with younger and younger grades – and his technology teacher had raved about their educational benefits.

Dr. Nicholas Kardaras, one of the country's foremost addiction experts who counseled Susan and her son John, writes, "She started giving John screen time to play different educational games on his iPad. Soon, he discovered Minecraft, which a teacher assured was "just like electronic Lego." She remembered how much fun she had as a child building Legos. At first, Susan was pleased. John seemed engaged in creative play. She did notice that the game wasn't quite like the Legos she remembered – after all, she didn't have to kill animals and find rare minerals to survive and get to the next level with her old game. But the school even had a Minecraft club, so how bad could it be?"

"John became more and more focused on his digital

game, losing interest in baseball and reading while refusing to do his chores. As his behavior continued to deteriorate, Susan tried to take the game away but John threw temper tantrums. His outbursts were so severe that she gave in, still rationalizing to herself over and over again that "it's educational."

But it's even worse than we think.

Dose Of Reality

There's a line; cross it and parents may actually unintentionally be doing significantly more harm than good.

"Tablets are the ultimate shortcut tools: Unlike a mother reading a story to a child, for example, a smartphone-told story spoon-feeds images, words, and pictures all at once to a young reader. Rather than having to take the time to process a mother's voice into words, visualize complete pictures and exert the mental effort to follow a story line, kids who follow stories on their smartphones get lazy. The device does the thinking for them, and as a result, their own cognitive muscles remain weak." ~Liraz Margalit Ph.D

Digest the information below on screen time, even though it might feel uncomfortable, and arm yourself with the truth about the potential damage screen time is capable of imparting – particularly in a young, still-developing brain.

"There's a reason Steve Jobs was a conscientiously low-tech parent. Silicon Valley tech executives and engineers enroll their kids in no-tech Montessori or Waldorf schools. Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page went to no-tech Montessori Schools, as did Amazon creator Jeff Bezos and Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales." (source)

Screen Time, a Digital Drug

We now know that smartphones, iPads, and Xboxes are a form of digital drug. Recent brain imaging research is showing that they affect the brain's frontal cortex – which controls executive functioning, including impulse control – in exactly the same way that cocaine does. Technology is so hyper-arousing that it raises dopamine levels — the feel-good neurotransmitter most involved in the addiction dynamic – as much as sex.

But what about kids who aren't "addicted" per se?

Let's be clear!

Even in children with "regular" exposure, we should be aware that screen time is creating subtle damage considering the "average" child clocks in more than seven hours a day (Rideout 2010).

Jackie's Note: here is a printable list of 30 more ways to help your kids

As a doctor, Dunckley observes that many of the children she sees suffer from sensory overload, lack of restorative sleep, and a hyper-aroused nervous system, regardless of diagnosis—what she calls electronic screen syndrome. These children are impulsive, moody, and can't pay attention – much like the damage seen in these scans above. (source)

Weaning and Retraining

Unfortunately, screen time has replaced the outdoor time and become a kind of babysitter. Children used to play outside, where, in unstructured natural environments, they learned and practiced their social skills.

And like the story of Susan and her son John, we need to get our children back to playing with Legos and toys that don't think for them!

Scientists know [sic] we can train and retrain the brain. It is moldable. Through our environment, we can make the brain weaker or make it stronger. Despite everything we might think is good – like electronic 'educational' games – we have unfortunately remolded our children's brains in the wrong direction.

We can rewire and retrain the brain by being intentional. It's so much easier to start young!

Occupational Therapist Victoria Prooday writes:

1. Train delayed gratification.

Make them wait!!! It is ok to have "I am bored" time – this is the first step to creativity

Gradually increase the waiting time between "I want" and "I get"

Avoid technology use in cars and restaurants, and instead teach them waiting while talking and playing games

2. Don't be afraid to set the limits. Kids need limits to grow happy and healthy!!

Make a schedule for meal times, sleep times, technology time

Think of what is GOOD for them- not what they WANT/DON'T WANT. They are going to thank you for that later on in life.

Limit constant snacking. Parenting is a hard job.

3. Teach your child to do monotonous work from early years as it is the foundation for future "workability".

Folding laundry, tidying up toys, hanging clothes, unpacking groceries, setting the table, making lunch, unpacking their lunch box, making their bed (source)

4. Have fun with your children.

Read aloud, wrestle with your kids, make a Mexican or Italian meal together, do a family game night or a treasure hunt in the house or yard. Push the table aside and dance with them, laugh about what they did when they were really little, take walks and look at the clouds! (source)

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"Kids will change when parents change their perspective on parenting. Help your children succeed in life by training and strengthening their brain sooner rather than later!" ~Victoria Prooday

Remember, parenting is about progress, NOT about perfection! You are reading about this because you are a parent who wants to do all you can to help and advance your child in the right direction.

You can do it!!

Jacquelin Frands says share the article.

<http://deeproootsathome.com/screen-time-childs-brain/>
Found in Samaritan Healthcare Newsletter, May 2018. Check out the Christian health Care ministry @ smaritanministries.org. Tell them Bettie Need sent you.

PERSONAL

Bettie has had to have major work done on a jawbone that had a tooth with the root canal. Though the tooth had been removed some time ago, the infection has eaten away part of the jawbone. Beware of root canals! They are serious problems waiting to make themselves known.

I understand that it is not uncommon for a cloud to form behind the lenses that are implanted with cataract surgery. The cloud in Bettie's right eye became so bad she could not see. She was referred

to the same retina specialist I have been seeing. Though he was booked up for a couple of weeks before she could get in, he worked her in on his lunch hour within two days. It was a short one time laser treatment that cleared up the cloud. Her left eye is scheduled for the 31st. He also had to treat my left eye in which I am still getting shots. But the sight is improving, thank the Lord.

God is a God of miracles: The first of April, I was experiencing tightness of chest and shortness of breath.

I suppose I am paranoid, for I have been in the hospital for my heart more times and I can remember since 1999. Six of those times were life-threatening. The trigger for me has been tightness of chest and shortness of breath. The symptoms persisted for several weeks before I decided to go see the cardiologist. The Lord opened the doors! I called the cardiologist who put the stents in, and he had an opening in a few hours at his office (Bethesda North Heart Hospital, Cincinnati, about one hour from us). We made it to his office, spoke with him, he scheduled me in for a stress test, and he stayed late so we could have the results of the stress test before we came home that evening. He said there was no danger of a heart attack from what he could see on the stress test. It had to be the Lord to open so many doors for us at the right time to get everything done in one trip.

Guns: We possess guns, but not a one of them has broken out and killed anyone. We know that the anti-gun crowd is being heavily financed by those who seek to overthrow this nation. Not being a prophet, nor a son of a prophet, my prognostication is that the Lord will allow the radical left to prevail in their war against an armed citizenry, for there is too much trust in man:

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Isaiah 31:1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

However, the Lord does require proper preparation for self-defense, for it is the strong man armed

that keeps his house and goods safe. (Luke 11:21, 22:36)

STUDY SHOWS MORE TIME WITH MOM HELPS HER LIVE LONGER

Jason Meyers

Has it been awhile since you've seen your mom? A 2012 study says you should invite her over for dinner soon.

The study concluded that loneliness is a significant factor in the decline of quality of life in older adults, including risk of depression, cognitive impairment and health problems like coronary artery disease, and may even lead to an earlier death.

Specifically, the study looked at 1,600 adults with an average age of 71. Researchers found that 23 percent of participants who reported being lonely died within six years of the study, while only 14 percent of those who reported having companionship died during the same six year period.

The results, which were published in the JAMA Internal Medicine, remained consistent even after controlling for health and socioeconomic status.

The Connection Between Social Ties And Health

Another study published in the journal PLoS Medicine in 2010 found that social ties can be as important to extending life as losing weight if you are obese and getting active if you are sedentary.

“Our social relationships are important not only to our quality of life, but also our longevity,” said study author Julianne Holt-Lunstad, PhD, associate professor of psychology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, to WebMD.

“Throughout human history, we have relied on others for survival such as protection and food, and despite modern advancements that may [help with] certain aspects of survival so that we can live more independently, it appears that our relationships nonetheless still impact odds of survival,” she says.

Research has shown that loneliness and social isolation are downright terrible for our health. In fact, loneliness has been called a bigger health risk than smoking or obesity.

Spending time with loved ones or friends often leads

to laughter. Laughing is a powerful antidote to declining health, having been shown to boost immunity, lower blood pressure and stimulate both blood flow and mental activity.

So What Are You Waiting For?

Plan a visit to your mom, and by all means, bring a few good jokes along with you!

Spending time with your parents benefits you, too. The wisdom passed down through generations can be invaluable, and no one quite understands you like mom and dad.

As we know, grandparents can be a major help when it comes to childcare, and research shows that grandparents who babysit are less likely to develop Alzheimer's and dementia. Hanging out with grandma and grandpa is fun for kids too. Win-win!

Affectionate Granddaughter and Grandparents Playing Outside At The Park.

Looking for something to do next time you parents come by for a visit? Why not ask them about their grandparents and get started on a family tree that maps your history.

Or start a new tradition that will last a lifetime like taking an annual family photo, traveling to a new place on your bucket list, volunteering together or making a favorite family recipe. The possibilities are endless.

Bottom line—spending more time with elderly family members benefits everyone.

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LOW-TECH TEACHING WITH HIGH-TECH RESULTS

By Andrew Pudewa

If you attend a large education conference these days, a quick circuit around the exhibit hall makes one fact immediately evident: everyone and everything is moving high-tech.

Apple® likely sports the largest exhibit with a dozen or more booth spaces, while all the major textbook publishers are showcasing their interactive e-texts. Reading and literacy specialists are being pressured to use the newest tablet-based apps designed to teach reading to young children in the primary grades. Grammarly™-style automated editing and writing assessment pro-

grams abound, while nary a word is breathed about writing on paper, let alone the state-standards' idea of cursive handwriting.

From the looks of the vendor hall, technology can and certainly will quickly ensure fool-proof teaching of basic skills while guaranteeing that all children will easily learn everything needed to meet the new standards. The paperless classroom seems to be our inevitable future.

Conference presentations reinforce this. Roughly estimated, at least a third of the talks address some sort of technology in the classroom, with the rest evenly distributed between topics ranging from classroom management to fundraising to differentiated instruction. An interested teacher would be hard-pressed to find much in the way of methods or pedagogy for teaching basic skills. In fact, there is little at teacher conferences about the art of teaching.

TECHNOLOGY IS NOT THE ANSWER

Technology has been the main topic of conversation in education for over a decade now, with ever-improving devices and a greater variety of software. However, nowhere can we find any actual correlation between technology in the classroom and an increase in test scores. In fact, the reverse seems to be true, and it has been for well over a decade.

In 2003, Todd Oppenheimer's exhaustive study "The Flickering Mind: Saving Education from the False Promise of Technology" cites numerous examples of an inverse relationship between technology in the classroom and basic reading, writing, and math skills. He found some of the highest levels of competency in schools with zero technology (Montessori and Waldorf), and the lowest levels of ability in technology magnet schools.

It seems that neither schools nor the marketplace heeded that warning, and the push for more and better "edtechnology" thrust tablets into the hands of first graders in the Los Angeles Unified School District, even while study after study and expert after expert testified to the inefficacy of such expenditures. In fact, one recent report from Clemson University confirms this, showing that improved Internet access has zero benefit to students' test scores, and a Time.com article by Dr. Nicholas Kardaras ("Screens in Schools Are a Sixty Billion Dollar Hoax") lists dozens of studies showing negative correlations between increased technology use

and student performance and well-being.² Dr. Kardaras claims that the huge push for technology in schools is driven mainly by commercial interests, not by academic research or education professionals.

THE IMPORTANCE OF JUST USING PEN AND PAPER

At IEW®, we are often asked about the effect of technology on writing instruction, whether e-books will replace real books, and how our materials can be adapted for a high-tech classroom environment. While we appreciate and utilize a variety of apps and programs to improve our materials and our services, even offering webinars and online classes, we also realize the importance of children developing basic skills with pen and paper. An abundance of peer-reviewed, journal-published research exists that strongly supports the following claims:

1. Reading on paper rather than screens provides better comprehension for both young children and older students.
2. Writing on paper versus typing stimulates the brain in different and beneficial ways.
3. Students have better recall of content when taking notes on paper as opposed to typing.
4. Cursive writing offers significant neurological benefits over printing on paper.

Therefore, we coach teachers to use a low-tech approach to teaching writing in the classroom, especially in the primary, elementary, and middle grades. Not only does the research indicate that it's good for the students' brains, we believe it promotes better thinking as well.

Consider, for example, some of the great writers who

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pre-existed (or refused to use) modern technology. C.S. Lewis hand wrote every one of his books on paper—with a fountain pen! All of the nineteenth-century greats—Dickens, Twain, Bronte, Melville, and others—wrote on paper. Your child should, too. ■

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