

THE SIX-POINTED STAR

Originally pagan, the Six-Pointed star [hexagram], has been used in Baal worship from the days of Genesis. Rebuked in Amos 5:26, it became known as the Seal of Solomon after Solomon married the daughter of Pharaoh, built an altar to Ashteroth, and entered into Baal worship. Since then, usage has continued in Solomonic rituals in the Craft (freemasonry). Long used in magic and witchcraft, the Six-Pointed Star has been used as the chief symbol of worship to Moloch in burnt human sacrificial rituals. Used by Druids and astrologers, the Six-Pointed Star has been used consistently in the occult, and was used by occultist, Adolph Hitler, during the holocaust. In more recent times, it has almost replaced the Sevenbranched Candlestick which was given to the Israelites as an everlasting covenant. Is the 666 seen in the Six-Pointed Star, a sign of things to come? And there is more - much more.

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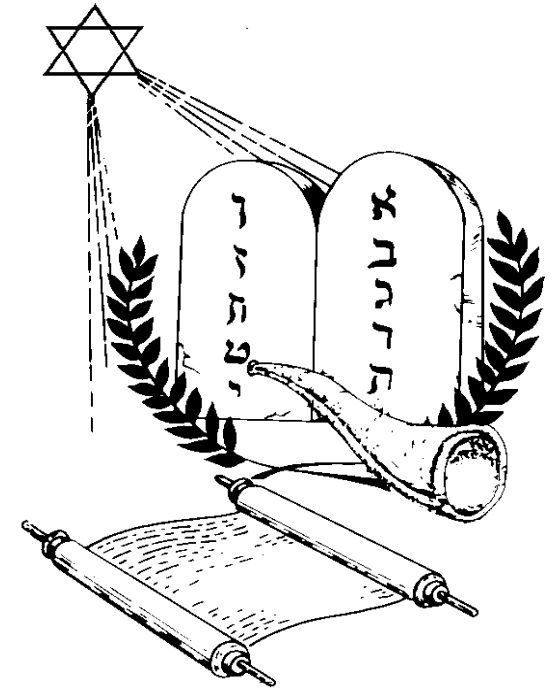
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Interestingly, this hexagram: "...certainly has three sixes. It contains a six, within a six, within a six:666.[Count the sides of each triangle facing the clockwise direction, the sides facing the counterclockwise direction, and the third six - the sides of the inner hexagon.]19

There is still another meaning of the hexagram. One masonic author states:

"In one instance we have the interlaced triangles, one black, the other white, the white triangle has its point up; the black triangle points down ... The interlaced black and white triangles represent the forces of darkness and light, error and truth, ignorance and wisdom and good and evil; when properly placed they represent balance and harmony."20



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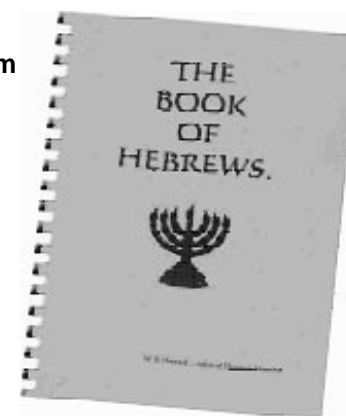
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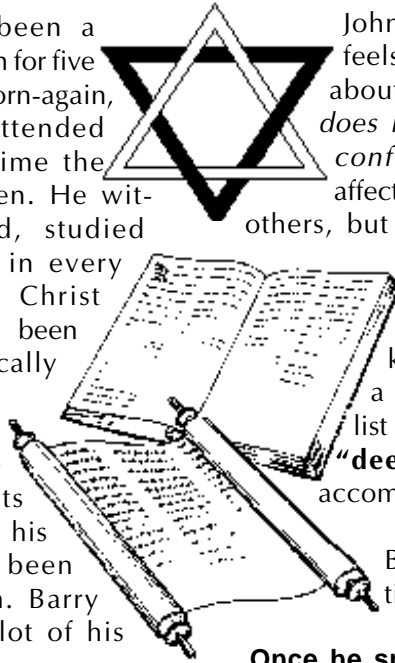
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THE JEWISH DISASTER.

He had been a very fine Christian for five years. Soundly born-again, Barry had attended church every time the doors were open. He witnessed, prayed, studied his Bible, and in every way glorified Christ Jesus. This has been altered dramatically in the last two years. Barry has embraced the Hebrew Roots Movement, and his life has never been the same again. Barry now spends a lot of his time ---

- ENDLESSLY DELVING INTO HEBREW LANGUAGE BOOKS;
 - HE SPENDS HOURS A DAY RE-WRITING THE KING JAMES BIBLE'S TEXT.
 - HE KNOWS THE MIDRASH AND THE MISHNAH WRITINGS, AND VENERATES THEM AS HE ONCE DID THE KJV.
 - HE NO LONGER BELIEVES HE CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE BY SIMPLY READING THE BIBLE VERSES IN ENGLISH,
 - AND HE IS NO LONGER SURE OF THE GOSPEL VERSES LIKE JOHN 3:16.
- He has done much study into



John 3:16, and now feels really confused about it (*although he does not admit to this confusion*). This has affected his witness to others, but since beginning with his Hebrew Roots indoctrination, he is not keen about being a personal evangelist any more. He has "**deeper**" things to accomplish.

Barry talks all the time --- **about Israel now...**

Once he spoke continually about Christ Jesus and wanted to grow and grow in Him.

Today he is planning his next trip to Israel, he has visited the land twice;

He honours the Chosen People more than Christ Jesus!

His church did not see things in the same light as he, so Barry has left the sound Bible church to go with the Hebrew Roots groups.

Once he prayed to the Lord as he went about his business,

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:43-47).

Jesus directly condemned the "**tradition of the elders**" and called them just "**commandments of men.**" These are the **ORAL BASIS** of those books that the Jews idolize today, the Talmud and Kabbalah.

What did Jesus say, and will you be on His side on this issue?

"Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother:

and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

(Matthew 15:1-9).

JESUS, no less, said that these "**traditions of men**" "**transgress the commandment of God.**" He said that the Judaism traditions made the commandments of God "**of none effect.**"

What was He saying?

That the oral traditions of Judaism, of which come the Talmud, the Mishnah and the Midrash et al, disobey and break God's commandments in the Holy Writ. Jesus said that these traditions make the laws and righteousness of God to have no results, stop the working of them, in people's lives!

ISRAEL WILL YET BE CONVERTED & BROUGHT BACK TO GOD.

A wonderful prophecy is hidden away in the **Gospel of Luke, chapter 2:34**. Simeon was blessing the child Jesus and his mother, when he brought out this inspired utterance:

“And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;”

Looking at the Greek words we can see something very interesting. The word **“fall”** in regard to Israel is *ᾠπτosis*, **“a fall.”** It is used metaphorically of the spiritual fall of Israel who would reject Christ as their Messiah. The word **“again”** in the verse is misleading; the rising up refers to those in Israel who would acknowledge and receive Him. This is completely a distinct class from those who would reject Him. The Greek word indicates the **“fall”** will be irretrievable. It would not be a lapse as Peter’s was, as he came back in repentance. This then is a prophecy of Simeon’s that shows two classes in Israel, some who would never come back to their Messiah, and some who will rise to acknowl-

edge the true Messiah, Jesus Christ.

The whole of Israel as a people will never come back to the Lord Jesus Christ! Only a remnant will.

**See Isaiah 10:20-22
(compare Rev. 7:4-8):**

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return...”

WHO IS ON THE LORD’S SIDE?

Jesus Christ has already denounced the lie that the Pharisees had any ORAL teaching from Moses! Moses can hardly have left them his oral teachings which deny his written teachings!

**Do you stand with
Jesus Christ on this?**

“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

as he loved his family and served them, and when he walked by the sea on Saturdays.

Now Barry prays in a more formal way, with a Jewish prayer shawl over his head.

He is growing his beard and his hair in a Rabbinic style.

He has new feasts days in his life now, the feasts of Judaism.

His house once had a Bible on a table, with a simple empty Cross carved in marble beside it, those were the only visual decorations of his faith.

Now he has the Jewish six-pointed star on many objects, pictures of Israel on the walls, and a Jewish feast day chart. Israeli art objects take pride of place. Things have sure changed in his house.

Barry is very keen about the so-called “Bible Codes “ of Michael Drosnin. He sees these as a profound and scholarly way of understanding the depths of Scripture.

Barry does not eat bacon or pork any more, referring to these meats as “abominable swine flesh.” He is very careful about not eating sausages that may contain any vestiges of blood. He is consistently Jewish in his diet and interests.

What happened to this fictitious young man has happened to many Christians in our day. They have been **Judaized** [SOME IN PART OTHERS WHOLLY] . We need to

look deeply at this phenomenon,⁵ without emotion or bias, without being afraid in our ignorance of questioning **“God’s Chosen Nation.”**

We need to examine carefully as well, by evidence and by truth, where the Jewish nation, Israel, is heading right now, early in 21st Century. It is imperative that we Christians keep up with the events prophesied in God’s Word, and align these events with the happenings of our own day. We are seeing prophecy fulfilled! Yes, God has told us that Israel will be the **head nation of the entire world in the Millennial Reign of Christ, their Messiah.** BUT, the Bible also tells us that **Israel will accept the Antichrist, as their Messiah BEFORE Christ Jesus comes**, that they will believe the Beast of Revelation to be their Messiah. This fact Jesus Christ specifically warned His followers about in John 5:43:

“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.”

JUDEO/CHRISTIANITY ON THE RISE.

There is an movement that is gaining ground, and becoming increasingly popular, to merge Judaism with Christianity. People who were once just believers of God’s Word are adding Jewish

6 books to their 'scriptures', and they are seeking Rabbis to be their teachers. They are joining themselves to Hebrew teachers, venerating these men, seeing New Testament Christianity as somehow, lower than the idolized Jews and Israel. These are perilous times, beloved of God:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." (11 Timothy 3;1).

Our investigation of the Jewish Disaster is not anti-biblical, it confirms and accepts the teachings of Holy Scripture – the Bible. Will the reader do the same? We will be probing into the scholarship of **Michael A. Hoffman II** as he presents his findings in his book, *"JUDAISM'S STRANGE GODS."*

Here **Hoffman** comments

"THE CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANITY.

It should be understood – though the fact that it even needs to be stated is itself a comment on our times – that this critical study of the religion of Judaism and its strange gods, Talmud, Kabbalah and self-worship, is not an attack on those people who call themselves or are regarded as Jewish today.

The greatest critic of Pharisaism [Web. Dict.] was Jesus Christ. His criticism was an act of liberation for those who

had "ears to hear."

Scripture declares,

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins"

(Matthew 1:21).

...The religion of Judaism, the religion of Talmud and Kabbalah, is an all-encompassing form of totalitarianism. To expose tyranny is an act of emancipation."

("JUDAISM'S STRANGE GODS" P.103).

THE CHURCH HAS NOT REPLACED ISRAEL!

The Christian Church has not replaced Israel as God's chosen people and nation. A proper balance should be taken. God will never cast away all of Israel, He has a plan for these people. THE BIBLE has promised the land of Israel to the remnant of the Israelites, they will be living there right into the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ. This

is God's Word! In more than 1,400 places the Scriptures of God reiterate these promises about the Holy Land. This will only happen when that remnant of the Israelites convert to the acceptance and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Read about the destiny of all Jews who will come to Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord



Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

(11 Thess. 2:2-4).

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation [the idol of the Beast], spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains:"

(Matthew 24:15,16).

The Jews are expecting their "Messiah" to come to earth soon, for the very first time! We know that when Jesus Christ returns He will come for the Second Time! He was the Jewish Messiah all right, but they rejected Him in the majority. They still do. The Messianic Jewish groups seem to have accepted the real Messiah, Jesus Christ, but they have refused to simply join His Body, the Christian Church, as God has decreed.

Will they be deceived about the identity of the real Messiah, when the time comes for the appearing of the Antichrist?

All those who have not been born-again most definitely will. God has great plans ahead for the Bride of Christ, His Church. Be very sure you have become a part of this Body of Christ. Here is

what God tells us:

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(Romans 10:12,13).

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

(Galatians 3:28).

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

(1 Corinthians 12: 12,13).

That Body, that CHURCH, is the Bride of Christ. The Lamb is Jesus Christ, the crucified One:

"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, THE LAMB'S WIFE."

(Revelation 21:9).

sary for Christians to embrace Judaism in order to be justified before God.

They look to a religion based on a Pharisaic sect comprised of the irreconcilable enemies of Christ for clues on how to become a better follower of Christ!

Worse, they intimate that Jesus is a liar. Jesus directly condemns the "tradition of the elders" and its Commandments of men," which are the oral basis of the idolized books, Talmud and Kabbalah. (Matthew 15:1-9, Mark 7:1-13).

Jesus puts paid to the lie that the Pharisees had any oral teaching from Moses. He tells them that if Moses were really their teacher they would follow Him (Jesus), not their tradition (John 5:46-47).

The brazen betrayal and hypocrisy of Judeo-Christians in the face of clear Gospel teaching on this subject! bids battle and defiance unto Heaven itself.

The glorified modern popes, preachers politicians and rabbis often succeed for a time in deceiving the multitude and in gathering a large and noisy following in this worlds but their deeds also follow them and proclaim their evils long after the paeans of media praise have crafted away on the sands of time God is not mocked.

**FOOTNOTE COMMENT
OF IMPORTANCE:**

²⁰⁰Given that the occupation of even the highest of church offices is no longer a guarantor of fidelity to Jesus Christ, the question of who holds true Christian authority is one of the thorniest questions facing Christians today.

²⁰¹Fathers of the Church: St. John Chrysostom [New York: Fathers of the Church, Inc., J 1960], p. 70.

BRINGING THIS ALL TOGETHER.

Yes, the world religions are UNITING in their apostasy. Christianity is falling away just as the Bible told us it would. The Bible tells us that Christ Jesus will not come back until after the great "falling away" occurs. And the "man of sin" or the Antichrist will be so accepted by the Jews that they will not realize that he is NOT their Messiah until he sits as "God" in the Temple in Jerusalem. He even builds a huge statue of himself to be worshipped there:

"That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a FALLING AWAY first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

in **Genesis 15:18, Jeremiah 32:40, Genesis 13:14,15, Genesis 17:8** – and many more. God has made a NEW COVENANT with Israel and Judah, most Jews have refused it! See **Hebrews 8:8-12**, that quotes **Jeremiah 31:31-34**. In the endtimes TWO THIRDS of the

WHAT IS FINDING OUR CHRISTIAN "HEBREW ROOTS" ALL ABOUT?

Israelites will not come to Christ Jesus as Saviour, however, only one third will be saved.

See **Zechariah 13:8,9.**

Deuteronomy 7:6,7, 8a.

The present day movement to "**find our Hebrew Roots**" as taught by many Judeo/ Christian groups, is bringing thousands of believers in Christ Jesus under bondage.

The false concept that the New Testament is not as profound or as enlightening as the Old Testament seems to have swayed even fundamental Christians in many instances. There are a huge number of erroneous doctrines and dogmas being expounded by these Jewish people, but masses of believers in the pews seem to have been deceived by these teachers, even pastors have fallen prey!

What are the main objections herein, and why should the reader resist indoctrination by the Hebrew Roots or Messianic Jew groups?

(THESE ORGANIZATIONS CAN COME UNDER VARIOUS NAMES. THE NAMES DO NOT MATTER; ANY GROUP THAT IS TEACHING A MERGER OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY IS TO BE AVOIDED! PRAY FOR THE DECEIVED TEACHERS, BUT DO NOT JOIN IN WITH THEM!)



The errors and false teachings of Judaism, as revealed in this booklet, are being infiltrated into our Christians churches in this merger of the Judeo religion and New Testament truth. Some facts to remember:

The Hebrew Roots groups are not bringing about a legitimate, Biblical return to the Old Testament Law period under Moses, and an understanding in the Lord about Law/Works.

The H.R. groups are bringing into the churches the Talmudic books, literature, rules and regulations that have developed in Judaism that are not of the Old Testament. Yes, some teachings are Biblical, but even those ignore the fact that the New Testament Christian is NOT under Law or the Jewish religion at all:

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under

grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." (Romans 6:14,15).

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

(Romans 10:4).

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1).

The Messianic Jew/Hebrew Roots groups are bringing the authority of the Jewish Rabbis right into the Christian churches! The cry goes up from them that no one can understand the oracles of God unless they can read and write Hebrew! Therefore, if we cannot, then we need the Rabbis as the authority, for they are learned in Hebrew. This gives the same effect as the Roman Catholic priests of old, they had the Latin Scriptures, so that no one could know the Word of God unless they could read and write Latin – or conversely depend entirely on the priests. When the Bible was translated into English, the priests were furious for it took away their authority and power. The people had the Word of God in their own hands at last. The Judeo/Christian Rabbis today want power themselves. They will have all authority because they are experts in

Hebrew. But, beloved Christian, God has given to His Christian Church His Word in the English translation, King James Version. You can go straight to God's Word and read it for yourself, do not be deceived. **Do not give away your liberty bought in the blood of the martyrs.** The H.R. Rabbis even go as far as to say that the original New Testament was not given by God in Greek, but was given by God in Hebrew! (But their "originals" are counterfeits.) This is not correct reader this is false! Study up, you will find without any trouble at all that the New Testament was written in Greek, not Hebrew. The Hebrew texts that are being passed as the original N.T. are NOT authentic but cultic and false.

(Suggested reading on the King James Version, 1611, "Final Authority" by William Grady. Published by Grady Pub.)

The greatest danger of the Hebrew Roots groups is that these are a doorway into Judaism as a religion – one step leads to another, on and on. The Christian is turned from the right path in Jesus Christ into other destructive paths that lead only deeper into darkness and bondage. Read on and grasp a little of what the unwary are being brought into through the Judeo/Christian disasters.

Jesus Christ for assessing the diabolic or the divine was "by their fruits ye shall know them," we discern that the fruits of today's Protestant and Catholic leaders are mostly rotten in this regard. As such, their actions reveal that they are neither "vicars of Christ," nor His ministers or saints. They are in fact agents of Judaism in all but name.

Therefore, the various anathemas these impostors and apostates thunder against Christians, whose only crime is to believe as all the apostles, martyrs and saints of the Church always did, has about the same moral authority as a pronouncement from the Secretary General of the U.N. or the Master of the Masonic Lodge.²⁰⁰

The hidden hand of Talmud and Kabbalah is revealed wherever the Jewish people are made the objects of veneration and sanctity. Jewish supremacy was opposed from the earliest days of the Church John Chrysostom wrote: "Jesus said to them, 'If you are children of Abraham do the works of Abraham, but as it is, you are seeking to kill me.' Here he repeatedly returned to their murderous design and reminded them of Abraham. He did this because He wanted to detach them from their racial pride and to deflate their excessive conceit, and to persuade them to no longer place their hope of sal-

vation in Abraham or nobility of race, for this was the thing they prevented them from coming to Christ; namely that they taught that the fact of their descent from Abraham sufficed for their salvation."²⁰¹

By his radical departure from Biblical teaching and Christian practice, John Paul II and hundreds of thousands of Catholic and Protestant leaders who share his "elder brothers in the faith" falsehood. reveals himself as an accomplice of anti-Christ by Scriptural definition: "Such a man is the anti-Christ who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father"

(1 John 2:23).

Christ testified that "no man cometh unto the Father except by me." Yet men have grown "dull of hearing" (Hebrews 5:11) and to the great drama of Christian salvation prefer instead a bland accommodation with the spirit of the modern age, which holds that. a civilization based on the Father can be created by those who have made a religion out of denouncing and rejecting His Son.

This delusion, which would be laughable were its consequences not so tragic had to the rise of legions of "Judeo-Christians," who equate Judaism's strange gods with authentic Old Testament Israel and who go so far as to claim that it is neces-

44 claimed that “Jews have been crucified by us for so long,” it was one of the most atrocious examples of modern Catholicism’s slavishly Judaic orientation.

John Paul II is pretending that Judaism is the Old Testament faith minus Christ. But even if that false proposition were true, the Pharisaic Leadership would still be guilty of deicide, as Thomas Aquinas held:

“The rulers of the Jews knew that He was the Messiah: and if there was any ignorance in them it was affected ignorance, which could not excuse them. Therefore their sin was the most grievous, both on account of the kind of sin as well as from the malice of their will.”¹⁹⁹

¹⁹⁹(Summa Theologica, Q. 47, Art 6 Pt.111).

Moreover the Bible itself declares unambiguously the guilt of the Jewish leadership and the fact that those who adhere to the dogma of these assassins are under wrath:

“For ye brethren became followers of the churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen even as they have of the Jews: who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets and have persecuted us; and they please not God and are

contrary to all men: forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.’

(I Thessalonians 2:14-16).

No pope, preacher, president, prime minister, or professor has one scintilla of authority or competence to overthrow the preceding words. The whole world may be arrayed against the Word of God but its force and validity endures.

The recent movement within the Church to declare opposition to Judaism an accursed form of “anti semitic racisms’ is, in its inspiration and praxis thoroughly Talmudic, for it either extinguishes the New Testament teachings or distorts them to such a degree that they are effectively made “of none effect.”

This movement must also ignore or negate 2,000 years of historic Christian exposition of these teachings.

The extra-Biblical and anti-Christian nature of this fifth column within the Church is patent. It derives its credibility almost entirely from the blind allegiance it commands from Christians duped by usurpers and traitors occupying high ecclesiastical office, and by the tremendous glamor which the media accord it.

Since the great criterion of

SOME QUESTIONS WE MUST HAVE ANSWERED!

I...Is it right before God to go back into Judaism?

II...What is Judaism today? Is it the same as Biblical Old Testament religious teachings under the Law of Moses?

What are some of its doctrines and teachings?

III...Is the Lord God pleased with the religious beliefs and practices of Judaism in the 21st century?

IV...Can Christianity simply take the emphasis away from Christ Jesus and the revelation of Him in the New Testament, and retreat back into the Old Testament?

...Is this, anyway, what the Hebrew Roots, Messianic Jew and other “Jewish” ministries are really doing?

V...Is the Talmud rather like the Torah (the first five books of the O.T.)?

...Is the Talmud a Biblical, Godly, religious book that Christians can study with God’s approval?

...Are the Midrash and other “Jewish” literature Godly material that can open up the Bible in a wonderful way to Christians?

...What about the so-called Torah Bible Codes?

VI...There is something weird, peculiar, happening right along with the Judaism invasion into the churches of our day. It is a kind

of “evangelism”, a move to pull unsteady Christians into Judaism’s strange gods!

...Can we align this phenomenon with a global move that corresponds?

VII...Does this all have to do with the global community, to do with the syncretism of all religions under the Theosophical One World Church of the New World Order?

...What does Biblical prophecy tell us about this?

...How should we respond as Christians?

LOOKING IN DEPTH AT THESE MATTERS.

I. IS IT RIGHT BEFORE GOD TO GO BACK INTO JUDAISM?

Even if the current Jewish back flip that is happening in the churches was based on the pure Old Testament teachings of Moses, and it is not, it would still be wrong before God to retreat back into a Jewish religious orientation.

Extract from the Bible Study Course online on our Website. **The Book of Hebrews** chapter one contains:

“HEBREWS 1:2-4.

In these verses alone, there are EIGHT successive statements about Christ.

1. He is the eternal SON;
 2. He is Heir of all things;
 3. He was the creator used of the Father;

4. In His eternal being He is the brightness or **VISIBLE OUTSHINING** of God's glory. "effulgence."

5. Christ is the "express image" of God's person. He is an identical expression of deity. Some translate the Greek "the impress of His substance." This is what the Divine "Son" is! "Very God of very God."

6. Christ is **AUTHOR, SUSTAINER** and **END**. He has made the universe, he upholds the universe, and He is its heir.

7. In regard to men Christ is shown as **PROPHET, PRIEST** and **KING**. He does not take a low place with the O.T. prophets, through whom God spoke; He is the ultimate, incarnate prophet who is **GOD!** We cannot say, "Ah, here is another prophet of God, and a good one at that!" In Christ God speaks His **FINAL WORD**.

There is to be **NO MORE**, in Christ all is now spoken. Verse 2. Compare 3:1. Christ brings **GOD** to men. John 1:14 & 18. He did not offer up sacrifices as the O.T. priests did. Christ **WAS** the blood sacrifice Himself, and all other sacrifice has ceased with His mighty act. (Hebrews 9:25-28). Christ is not a king like King David, or King Solomon. As the exalted God-Man, he has an in-

heritance far beyond all others, who came before Him. He is on His Heavenly Throne right now – at the right hand of God. (Ephesians 1:20, 21; Philippians 2:9-11).

Christ Jesus is the **CONSUMMATION** of the continuing revelation of God. There is a divine continuity between the Old Testament and the New. The **FIRST** revelation (O.T.) prepares for the **SECOND** revelation.

Nevertheless, the **SECOND CONSUMMATES** the **FIRST**. **IMPORTANT VERSES** are Hebrews 10:7-9. What does 'consummate' actually mean? In this instance, to perfectly complete. If Christ has perfectly completed God's revelation, why seek to go back and major on the **FIRST**, and declare it to be greater than the **N.T.**? As many are doing in our day! No, we see and study the "Divine Shadow" in the **FIRST** revelation of the Old Testament. See Hebrews 10:1. We can never fully understand the O.T. until the greater and consummate revelation of the **N.T.** shows us what it all really meant!

READ HEBREWS 1:5-14.

Jesus Christ is obviously superior to the Old Testament prophets, how could He not be? The New Testament is something stupendous beyond imagination. It is; **THE NEW COVENANT, THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHRIST**

Feasible?") organized by Israeli Minister of Education Shulamit Aloni, the Israeli Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren repeated the Talmudic teaching on resident aliens: that Judaism forbids "granting any national rights" to them. He ruled that such "Autonomy is tantamount to a denial of the Jewish religion."¹¹⁶

¹¹² Hilkhhot Melakhim 8:9-10; 10:11. Also cf. Gerald J. Blidstein, Holy War in Maimonidean Law, in Perspectives on Maimonides [Oxford, England: Oxford Univ. Press, 1991].

¹¹³ Enziklopediya Talmudit, note 1, pp. 351-352.

¹¹⁴ Alan Unterman, Dictionary of Jewish Lore and Legend [London: Thames and Hudson, 1991], p. 148.

¹¹⁵ Mordechai Nisan, Kivunim (official publication of the World Zionist Organization), August 1984, pp. 151-156.

¹¹⁶ Nadav Shraggai, Ha'aretz, Oct. 14, 1992.

...Jewish Law Requires Christians be Executed

Israeli "Torah scholars" have ruled that: "The Torah maintains that the righteous of all nations have at place in the World to Come. But not all religious Gentiles earn eternal life by virtue of observing their religion...And while the Christians do generally accept the Hebrew Bible as truly from God, many of them (those who accept the so-called divinity of Jesus) are idolaters according to the Torah, punishable by death and certainly will

not enjoy the World to Come.'

¹¹⁷Statement from the Israeli iMechon-Mamre Torah Scholars, as it appeared on their website at <http://www.mechonmamre.org/jewfaq/gentiles.htm> on June 26, 2000; 12 Hayyim Vital St., Jerusalem (iMechon Mamre is a small group of Torah scholars in Israel...).

VIII. DOES ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY, TO DO WITH THE SYNCRETISM OF ALL RELIGIONS UNDER THE THEOSOPHICAL ONE WORLD CHURCH OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER?

What does Biblical prophecy tell us about this?
 How should we respond as Christians?

There are a number of questions under this heading, all of them most important indeed.

Let us start with the **SUM-UP** at the close of the Michael Hoffman book:

pp. 113-116.

"When on, Good Friday, 1998, the Pope turned the Christian Gospel upside down and pro-

of justice” to be administered by disciples of Shneur Zalman’s Chabad successor, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Maimonides ruled that it is a Jewish court—or a court appointed by Jewish authority—that enforces obedience and passes judgment on Gentiles, as well as promulgating legislation by court order for that purpose. Maimonides further decreed that any non-Jewish nation “not subject to our jurisdiction” (tahaht yadeinu) will be the target of Jewish holy war.¹¹²

These courts are to be convened allegedly under the “Noahide Laws” (proscriptions against idolatry supposedly based on the covenant with Noah). The U.S. presidents and Congress urged the adoption of the “Noahide” Laws as interpreted by Chabad-Lubavitch Grand Rabbi Schneerson.

Prof. Easterly of the Southern University Law Center, a Jewish legal expert has compared this Public law 102-14 to the “first rays of dawn” which “evidence the rising of a still unseen sun.”

The Jewish Encyclopedia envisages a Noahide regime as a possible world order immediately preceding the universal reign of the Talmud.

It has to be understood that we are not dealing with the Noah of the Bible when the religion of Judaism refers to the “Noahide Law” but the Noahide law as understood and interpreted by the

absolute system of falsification that constitutes the Talmud.

Under the Talmud’s counterfeit Noahide Laws, the worship of Jesus is forbidden under penalty of death, since such Worship of Christ is condemned by Judaism as idolatry. Meanwhile various forms of incest are permitted under the Talmudic understanding of the Noahide code.¹¹³

Furthermore, all non-Jews would have the legal status *ger toshav* (resident alien¹¹⁴), even in their own land; as for example in occupied Palestine where newly arrived Khazars from Russia have an automatic right to housing and citizenship while two million Palestinian refugees who either fled or were expelled by the Israelis, are forbidden the right of return.

Resident alien status has been clearly delineated in scholarly articles in leading Jewish publications. For example, Hebrew University-Professor Mordechai Nisan, basing his exposition on Maimonides, stated that a non-Jew permitted to reside in a land ruled by Jewish law “must accept paying a tax and suffering the humiliation of servitude.”

If Gentiles refuse to live a life of inferiority then this signals their rebellion and the unavoidable necessity of Jewish Warfare against their very presence.¹¹⁵

At a symposium (“Is Autonomy for Resident Aliens

JESUS, ACTUALLY SEALED BY HIS BLOOD! Compare and READ CAREFULLY Hebrews 9:14-22.” (END OF QUOTE).

Yes, the New Testament is vastly greater than the Old Testament, as Christianity is greater than the Old Testament Law and the Jewish revelation. It is WRONG to go back, it is wrong because it is, in a sense, denying that Christ Jesus has come! Of course, we should study the O.T.; it is a part of the whole revelation of God given in Scripture. It is Truth revealed by God, but it is NOT the final revelation of the Son of God Who came to be the Saviour of the earth. He is merely shadowed in the O.T.

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

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;

Who being the brightness of his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;...”

(Hebrews 1:1-3).

II. WHAT IS JUDAISM TODAY?

IS IT THE SAME AS OLD TESTAMENT RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES?

What are some of its doctrines & teachings?

(WARNING GIVEN TO THE READER THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS OF THE TALMUD AND OTHER JEWISH WRITINGS CONTAINS SHOCKINGLY BLASPHEMOUS MATERIAL! THIS BOOKLET DEALS WITH FACT, NOT FALLACY. SHOULD THE READER WANT FURTHER PROOF GET THE DOCUMENTS CITED AND READ THE EVIDENCE FOR YOURSELF).

The majority of Christians misunderstands “JUDAISM” today. **Michael Hoffman II** gives us information here that is vital:

“Judaism’s Strange Gods”, p.p. 6-9:

“THE WEIRD cult; of “Judeo Christianity” is an oxymoron [confliction of contradictions] found on the lips of many Christians including even conservative ones”.

This abominable “Judeo-Christianity” contrivance is of a

12 piece with the cloning of human and animal genes or any of the other alchemical mixtures of two mutually contradictory substances, which we have witnessed these last few decades in the modern cauldron.

The rear-universal approbation and currency exerted by this cockamamie [nonsense] term exposes at one glance the level of abysmal historical ignorance, which obtains today.

The Church Fathers knew of no "Judeo-Christian" tradition since Judaism did not exist before Christ.

Before Him, there was the faith of the Israelites as it gradually decayed and was subverted by corrupt teachings such as were transmitted by the Pharisees and Sadducees.

This corruption was greatly escalated when a portion of the Israelites rejected the Messiah, Yashua (Joshua. i.e. Jesus) after which their leaders eventually made their way to Babylon where the corrupt and reprobate, oral occult tradition of the elders was committed to writing and compiled as the Mishnah comprising the first portion of the Talmud. At that juncture, the religion of Judaism was born.

It is the Talmud, not the Bible, which is the hermeneutic system of Orthodox Judaism.

According to Robert Goldenberg, Professor of Judaic Studies at the State University

of New York:

"The Talmud was Torah. In a paradox that determined the history of Judaism, the Talmud was Oral Torah in written forms and as such, it became the clearest statement the Jew could hear of God's very word.

"The Talmud provided the means of determining how God wanted all Jews to live, in all places, at all times. Even if the details of the law had to be altered to suit newly arisen conditions the proper way to perform such adaptation could itself be learned from the Talmud and its commentary ...The Talmud revealed God speaking to Israel, and so the Talmud became Israel's way to God." ¹

The religion of Judaism as it has been known since it was concocted after the crucifixion of Christ is what is called orthodox~ Judaism today. ²

¹ Robert Goldenberg, iTalmud, iBack to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts (New York: Simon and Schuster. 1984), pp 166-167.

² We do not here concern ourselves with the supposed reform branch of the synagogue because they do not accord the Talmud the supreme authority, which Judaism does. Liberal Reformí synagogues stand in the same relationship with Judaism as Unitarians who deny the Resurrection of Christ do with regard to Christianity: both represent a fundamental negation of the founding precepts of the religion they claim to profess

VII. THERE IS SOMETHING "STRANGE", PECULIAR, HAPPENING RIGHT ALONG WITH THIS JUDAISM INVASION INTO THE CHURCHES IN OUR DAY?

It is a kind of Jewish "evangelism", a move to pull unsteady Christians into Judaism's strange gods!

Can we align this phenomenon with a GLOBAL MOVE that corresponds?

INDEED - the move to merge Judaism and Christianity is aligned with the thrust to break down all barriers between religions! This thrust may be termed SYNCRETISM – to seek to unite or fuse all religions together in order to form a One World religion with a One Mind. This is happening rapidly as the One World Government seeks a counterfeit "peace". There is an insistence that all wars are really caused by religions being separationists, fanatics who will not accept the "truth" that is in every creed on earth. The New Age internationalists are very pleased with the potential breakdown of Christianity into Judeo-Christianity, as this weakens the power of Christianity and merges two religious belief systems together. The

Antichrist system we are seeing formed before our startled eyes, right now, under the New World Order, wants the Chosen Nation of God to be a talisman of the N.W.O. It stands to reason, does it not? Satan wants to establish a fake "kingdom of God" on earth to beat Jesus Christ to the gun! Jesus Christ will be coming soon to establish His thousand year reign, the Millennium. The nation of Israel will be the head nation in that dispensation. SO, Satan wants to claim the Israelis and their nation as his own, and make them his own "Chosen People" over his fake World Order. The Bible indicates that Satan will succeed – for a little period of time. The N.W.O. wants a "Jewish" flavour to their endeavours, with Jewish Laws over the world system they are creating. What does Michael A. Hoffman tell us about this:

"Judaism's Strange Gods"
p.p. 73-75

U.S. Government Lays the Groundwork for Talmudic Courts

"Our' [American] government under Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton, has provided, under the euphemism of education (for example, House Joint Resolution 173 and Public Law 102-14), a groundwork for the establishment of Talmudic "courts

plication, or in the case of Kabbalism, without the intervention of gematric numerology—makes the Old and in some cases even the New Testament captive to the “traditions of the elders.”

The pernicious fallacy of the religion of Judaism that one can't truly know the Bible without commentary and interpretation from Talmudic and Kabbalistic rabbis and their traditions, is growing among “Christians” commensurate with the growing prestige of Judaism within Christendom. The acceptance of this deadly error effectively enables the enemies of the Bible to keep the teachings of Jesus from the common people to whom He had originally preached. Instead, the rabbis through their frontmen in the Church, mold and redirect Christian dogma based on interpretations of the Bible by the Pharisees of antiquity, further “clarified” by modern rabbinic pronouncements as filtered through the latest university theology seminars and trendy Church synods and councils acting as their mouthpieces.

**TAKE NOTE ~ READER
OF THE FOLLOWING!**

This process is also abetted by supposed former adherents of Judaism who allegedly convert to Christianity and yet bring

their Talmudic and Kabbalistic baggage with them into the Church, and attempt to baptize these traditions of theirs (“Messianic-Judaism”) and present them to Christians as the “true” Christianity “practiced by Jesus” and withheld from the people as part of a conspiracy by wicked anti-semites and medieval inquisitors.¹⁶²

During the Renaissance, crypto-Judaism formed the centerpiece of the occult belt of transmission which gave rise to FREEMASONRY and ROSICrucIANISM the founders of which professed a “Christian Kabbalah” and performed their magic rites in the name of Jesus Christ.”¹⁶³

¹⁶² These converts continue to engage in self-worship based on their supposed status as hereditary Israelites, ...

¹⁶³ Occultists regard the Council of Trent (1545-1563), as a setback for their hopes for a Hermetic-Kabbalistic beachhead within the Roman Catholicism of that era; cf. Gnosis Magazine Summer, 1990. p.42.

REJOICE...

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



Reforms and in some cases Conservative synagogues that deny the obligations of the Talmud do not constitute the religion of Judaism. They are ethnic and cultural offshoots. However, many liberal and secular Jews exhibit nearly the same chauvinism and racism as believers in the Talmud, by their embrace of the ideology of Zionism: Secular...Israeli Jews hold political views and engage in rhetoric similar to that of religious Jews...For religious Jews, the blood of non-Jews has no intrinsic value, for Likud (political party of Begin, Shamir and Netanyahu) it has limited value...Most foreign observers do not realize that a sizeable segment of the Israeli Jewish public holds these chauvinistic views...The world view of Likud politicians, enthusiastically supported by followers, is basically the world view of religious Jews; it has undergone significant secularization but has kept its essential qualities. Israel Shahak and Norton Mezvinsky, Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel, London: Pluto Press, 1999J, pp. 11-16

...Augustine, in his *Tractatus adversus Judeos* declared rabbinic Judaism to be the counterfeit of true Israel. Augustine declared that Judaism was “Israel according to the flesh,” carnal Israel.

For Christians, the essence of the human being is the soul, for Jews it is the body hence their worship of their own race as the type of God.³

Virginity is highly problematic in Judaism where defilement is defined as failure to engage in

the sex act. “Anyone who does not copulate it is as if he had spilled blood.” The rabbis forbid virginity.⁴

On this Subject of sexuality alone, it is impossible to speak of a “Judeo-Christian” tradition.

That Christ and His Gospel are betrayed by those who declare an alleged “Judeo-Christian” tradition, is of no discernible concern to the ministers, popes and pundits thus engaged. They are Jewish Pharisees in all but name, engaged in the standard modern apologetic misinterpretation of Judaism, out of “fear of the Jews”⁵ and a need to ingratiate themselves with the “god of this world.”

³ Daniel Boyarin, *This We Know to be the Carnal Israel*, Critical Inquiry, 18, pp. 474-305; and David Biale, *Eros and the Jews* [New York: Basic Books, 1992]

⁴ Yebamot 63b. Shulhan Arukh. Even HaEzer 1:1. William Wright, *The Homilies of Aphraates, the Persian Sage* [London 1869, vol. I, The Syriac Texts, p. 35a.

⁵ John 7 13, 19:38, 20:19.

John Chrysostom: “The Jews disdained the beauty of virginity which is not surprising since they heaped ignominy on Christ himself, who was born of a virgin” (Homily On Virginity).

**JUDAISM ON SPIRIT
AND MATTER.**

There is no fundamental op-

position between spirit and matter in Judaism when Jesus declared in John 6 that “the flesh profiteth nothing” he was violating the oral tradition of the Pharisees:

“Rabbinic anthropology differs in this respect from ...Christian-anthropology ... there is not a fundamental metaphysical opposition between (body and Soul)...”⁶

Judaism celebrates the body to such a sordid extent that it even has a defecation prayer which every Jewish male is commanded to recite every time he relieves himself: “Blessed art thou O Lord...who has made the human in its orifices and holes.”

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” which had arisen with the worship of the golden calf, of Molech and similar abominations.

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 crucifixions 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.”

⁶ Alon Goshen-Gottstein, *The Body as Image of God in Rabbinic Literature*, [Berkeley, Calif: 1991].

JUDAISM IS NOT THE SAME AS THE OLD TESTAMENT TEACHINGS.

Hoffman’s book tells us the origins of Judaism:

p.p. 15-17:

“Protestantism’s View of Judaism, extols a palimpsest of confusion.

First and foremost, by terming the old Testament religion of Yahwehism as “Judaism” an inevitable and inexorable connection is established between the religion of those who rejected Jesus as the Messiah and the Old Testament religion of His Father, Yahweh.

versal Genesis, and Mercavah, or the Chariot of Ezekiel; then by means of a dual interpretation of the kabbalistic alphabets, they formed two sciences, called Gematria and Temurah, and so composed the Notary Art, which is fundamentally the complete science of the Tarot Signs and their complex and varied application to the divination of all secrets...”¹⁶⁰

The divinations being described in the preceding passage represent the stew of Babylonian superstition which the God of the Bible repeatedly excoriated and execrated. Yet it is this paganism which forms the central mystical system of the religion of Judaism for supposed “profound Biblical understanding.”

Lest we imagine that the Kabbalah only has appeal to adherents of the religion of Judaism and occultists New Age or otherwise, we should recall the enthusiasm with which “Christians” greeted the 1997 publication of MICHAEL DROSNIN’S THE BIBLE CODE. According to Drosnin’s bestseller, the first five books of the Bible are written in a code which has been deciphered by rabbis who have discovered various prophecies of historical events and scientific discoveries hidden in the Pentateuch.

Here again is the fruit of the notion that only those using ex-

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egetical tools based upon the traditions of the elders of Judaism can plumb the Bible to its most profound depths.

Bible scholar James B. Jordan terms Drosnin’s modern spin on the same old Babylonian superstition “just another form of Qabbalism, this time with computers.” Researcher David E. Thomas demolished the ridiculous and deceptive claims in Drosnin’s kabbalistic code.¹⁶¹

¹⁶⁰ Eliphaz Levi (a.k.a. Alphonse Louis Constant), *Dogma et Rituel de la Haute Magie* (1855-1856); trans. by Arthur E. Waite as *Transcendental Magic: Its Doctrine and Ritual*, [Great Britain: Tiger Books International, 1995] pp. 129 & 328.

¹⁶¹David E. Thomas. “Hidden Messages and the Bible Code” *Skeptical Inquirer*, Nov./Dec. 1997 pp. 30-36. Christians are often gulled into this numerology partly from the desire to prove the validity of the Bible scientifically. But fraud, whether in science or hermeneutics is never justified, and in the case of Kabbalistic gematria, casts the Biblical texts into even worse repute, as Thomas’ investigative article demonstrates. To prove a truth with faulty methodology only compounds error

The idea that the Bible cannot be understood without the mediators of the rabbis of Judaism—without Talmudic ex-

38 Word of God into the murky realm of the “hidden codes” within the texts.

What are these in reality?

Firstly, in Judaism the word “Torah” can be extremely misleading. By dictionary terms the word denotes the books of the Biblical Old Testament (Tanakh). But in today’s Judaism the word “Torah” can be used to denote the Talmud alone, or both the Talmud and the Tanakh. Hoffman explains the spurious Torah Codes, in reality the KABBALISTIC CODES:

**“Judaism’s Strange Gods”
pp. 94-97**

“Gematria

The primary process for Kabbalistic exegesis of the Bible is known as gematria, a Babylonian system of cryptography involving the use of letters to signify numbers. The first recorded use of gematria occurs in an inscription of Sargon II (727-707 B.C.).

Gematria is a form of numerology whereby the Hebrew “aleph-bet” (alphabet) is assigned numerical values. There are a multitude of various permutations and systems for arriving at the correct letter/word correspondence. One authority describes this complex esoteric Judaica thus:

“In the gematria ketanah, the value of each letter is its value

in the primary gematria with any final zeros removed. Then there is classical gematria involving writing out the name of each letter and calculating the total from that. To the total of a word it is permissible to add a one, known as the kollel. Three transformations also are used: the Atbash, in which the first and last letters, the second and second to last, and so on, are exchanged; the Albam, which divides the alephbet into two parts of which the letters are exchanged; and the Ayak-Bachar, which is performed by dividing the letters into groups so that the letters of each have the same gematria ketanah.”

Kabbalists regard the Bible as unintelligible without the mediation of complicated rabbinic rigmorale:

“...the sacred books, of which the keys are all kabbalistic from Genesis to the Apocalypse, have become so little intelligible to Christians, that prudent pastors have judged it necessary to forbid them being read by the uninstructed among believers taken literally and understood materially, such books could be only an inconceivable tissue of absurdities and scandals . . .

“The ten Sephiroth and the twenty-two Tarots form what the Kabbalists term the thirty-two paths of absolute science ...The rabbins also divided the Kabbalah into Bereshith, or uni-

The reader is given the distinct impression that modern Judaism bears within it the seeds of the religion of the Old Testament, that it is the Old Testament religion without Christ.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Nothing could be a greater source of delusion. To ascribe to the ancient Israelite religion the term “Judaism” is a grave lexical and hermeneutic error.

It gives to the creed of the entire Twelve Tribes of Israel and their Covenant Elohim, the title of a perverse man-made tradition that flourished among one segment of the offspring of the fourth son of the patriarch Jacob (the tribe of Judah).

The word “Jew” is a corrupted form of the word Judah. It is a reference to two of the 12 tribes of Israel, Judah and Benjamin, and does not even appear in the Bible until II Kings 16:6 and then again in 25:25 and II Chronicles 32:18.

Paul’s allusion to the ‘Jews’ religion’ in this context is instructive. Paul’s reference in this regard is negative: “And profited in the Jews’ religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.” (Galatians 1:14).

The hallmarks of the “Jews’ religion’ according to Paul, are two-fold: persecution of God’s

Church (I Thessalonians 2:14-16) and allegiance to the “traditions” of men.

The Pharisees asked Jesus why His followers disobeyed the Talmud (at that time known as the tradition of the elders” and not yet in written form) by refusing to engage in ritual hand-washing: “Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But Jesus said unto them, Why do ye transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?” Matthew 15:2-39.

IS JUDAISM THE ROOT OF CHRISTIANITY?

How can it be said that “Judaism” (the “Jews’ religion”) is the root of Christianity, when according to Paul, it is a religion of man-made traditions and according to Jesus Christ, Judaism’s traditions of men made the Law of Yahweh of “none effect” (Matthew 15:9)

How can it be said that “Judaism” is the root of Christianity, when in the Old Testament there was no “Judaism”? One searches in vain for the term, yet modernist Christians today use it almost exclusively to describe the religion of the Old Testament, of Yahweh and His people.

After some Jews rejected their Messiah they formalized the

tradition of the elders condemned by Christ as the very nullification of the Law of God, and that new religion is accurately and properly termed Judaism:

“This new system, treated at first as simply provisional because of the surviving hope of restoring the Jewish commonwealth, had soon to be accepted as definitive...Then it was that Rabbinical or Talmudical Judaism fully asserted its authority...the Mishnah ‘Oral Teaching’ completed by Rabbi Judah, committed ultimately to writing in the form of the Jerusalem and Babylonian Talmuds and expounded by generations of teachers in the schools of Palestine and Babylonia, held undisputed sway over the minds and consciences of the Jews.

...Judaism has as its god, not Yahweh, but the Jewish people, whose self-worship is at the core of the Talmud.

It has as its law, not the Tanakh (books of the Old Testament), but the Talmud.

...Jesus proclaimed that the initial stage of Talmud, the Mishnah, which existed in its oral form in Christ’s time was the tradition of the elders which nullifies the word of God:

“Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with

defiled, that is to say, with unwashed hands, they found fault.

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash [their] hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

And [when they come] from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, [as] the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables.

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with [their] lips, but their heart is far from me.

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, [as] the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

Aryeh Kaplan, (York Maine: Samuel Weiser, 1997), pp. 171, 218 223, 236-237.

¹²⁷ Alan Unterman, Dictionary of Jewish Lore and Legend (op. cit.), p. 110. Unterman is an official of the Yeshurun Synagogue in Gatley, England.

¹²⁸ Barry W. Holtz, editor, Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts (p.p. 309 and 311).

¹²⁹ Lawrence Fine, Kabbalistic Texts, back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts [op cit.], -- .309 & 311

The earliest Kabbalistic book atlas the Sefer ha-Bihar, “a remarkable book insofar as it represented the emergence of a striking set of Gnostic motifs within the heart of rabbinic Judaism.” ¹³⁰

“The Gnostic character of this cosmogony cannot be denied...Gnostic theology was able to dominate the mainstream of Jewish religious thought...” ¹³¹

The first Gnostic is generally reputed to be Simon Magus: “Now for some time a man name: Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was the power of God that is called great.” ¹³²

Because Simon offered to pay the apostles that he might acquire the Holy Spirit, his name became the eponymous basis for the sin of Simony.

“...the terms in which Simon is said to have spoken of him-

self are testified by the pagan writer Celsus to have been current with the pseudo-Messiahs still swarming in Phoenicia and Palatine at his time.. It is of interest though in a context far removed from ours, that in Latin surroundings Simon used the cognomen Faustus (‘the favored one’): this in connection with his permanent cognomen “the Magician...” ¹³³

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.

¹³⁰ Ibid., p. 308.

¹³¹ Gershom Scholem, Kabbalah [op. cit.], p. 143.

¹³² Acts 8 9-10.

¹³⁶ Hans Jonas, The Gnostic Religion [Boston: Beacon Press, 1963], pp. 103, 111.

WHAT ABOUT THE "TORAH BIBLE CODES"?

Many Christians these days are very enthusiastic about the so-called “Torah Bible Codes”. These are supposed to be hidden mysteries of the first five books of the Old Testament, which is called the Torah. The emphasis is taken away from the revealed

36 subjects like “protective” amulets and charms, lucky or unlucky days, codes and numerology, re-incarnation, magic spells and religious rituals. **Hoffman** makes this comment on the Kabbalah’s teaching about the Jewish men bringing redemption to the Creation:

“...the doctrine of magical androgyny and the ‘rectification’ of God’s ‘imperfect Creation’ through the redemptive capacity found in the Jewish man.”

Two books that we should steer clear of are SEFER YETZIRAH (BOOK OF CREATION) and ZOHAR (BOOK OF SPLENDOR). These are books of the occult Kabbalah, Cabbalah.

Hoffman informs us:
p.p. 83-84

“...Another important opinion is that of the practical Kabbalists. They write that Teli is actually a place under the firmament of Vilon, and that it is inhabited by humanoid beings, which deport themselves in holiness and purity like angels. The divine mysteries are revealed to these beings, and they have the authority to reveal these things to mortal humans. Methods are also given where by these beings can be contacted.”¹²⁶

The Kabbalah is a collection of books of black magic and

rank superstition. It is the other Jewish wing of the oral tradition of the elders, claiming, like the Talmud, to be part of a secret teaching given to Moses at Sinai.

“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 esoteric Judaism was widespread presenting Jews with a powerful set of mystical symbols...influencing halakah and giving magical practices respectability as elements of practical Kabbalah .”¹²⁷

Barry W. Holtz, director of research at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America writes: “ in our century scholarly researchers have made clear the centrality of Kabbalah to the whole of Jewish religious consciousness.”¹²⁸

Jewish Professor Lawrence Fine of Indiana University describes the Zohar (the canonical text of Kabbalism) as:

“...a work of extraordinary quality which was to exert profound influence upon virtually all subsequent Jewish mystical creativity...the Zohar was studied with reverence, awe and intensity by Jews in the most diverse communities throughout the world.”¹²⁹

¹²⁶ Sefer Yetzirah, translated by

But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, [It is] Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; [he shall be free]. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.” (Mark 7:1-13).¹²

¹² Mark 7:1-13. The issue here is not God’s laws of hygiene for prevention of insanitary conditions but burdensome and useless, ritual purification based on man-made additions to God’s laws. The Talmud extols filth. Being soiled by feces and urine for example. is not regarded as defilement by the Talmud. Cf. Judith R. Wegner, Chattel or Person: The Status of Women in the Mishnah [NY: Oxford U. Press, 1988], f. 251 on p. 242. Jesus alludes to the hypocritical effects of such rituals in Matthew 23:25-26.

SOME OF JUDAISM’S TEACHINGS THAT WILL ALARM AND AMAZE YOU!

“Judaism’s Strange Gods”
p.p. 43-47.

The Talmud specifically defines all who are not Jews as non-human animals.

Hitting a Jew is the same as hitting God
SANHEDRIN 58B. If a gentile hits

a Jew, the gentile must be killed. ¹⁷
O.K. to Cheat Non-Jews
SANHEDRIN 57A. A Jew need not pay a gentile the wages owed him for work.

Jews Have Superior Legal Status

BABA KAMMA 37B. “If an ox of an Israelite gores an ox of a Canaanite there is no liability; but if an ox of a Canaanite gores an ox of an Israelite...the payment is to be in full.”

Jews may Steal from Non-Jews

BABA MEZIA 24A. If a Jew finds an object lost by a gentile it does not have to be returned. (Affirmed also in Baba Kamma 113b).

SANHEDRIN 76A. God will not spare a Jew who marries his daughter to an old man or takes a wife for his infant son or returns a lost article to a gentile...”

Jews May Rob and Kill Non-Jews

SANHEDRIN 57A. When a Jew murders a gentile there will be no death penalty. What a Jew steals from a gentile he may keep.

BABA KAMMA 37B. The gentiles are outside the protection of the law and God has exposed their money to Israel.”

“Relying upon the Code of Maimonides and the Halacha, the Gush Emunim leader Rabbi Israel Ariel stated: ‘A Jew who killed a non-Jew is exempt from human judgment and has not

18 violated the religious prohibition of murder.”⁵²

Jews May Lie to Non-Jews

BABA KAMMA 113A. Jews may use lies (“subterfuges”) to circumvent a Gentile.

Non-Jewish Children are Sub-Human

YEBAMOT 8A. A11 gentile children are animals.

Abodah Zarah 36b. Gentile girls are in a state of niddah (filth) from birth.

Insults Against Blessed Mary

SANHEDRIN 106A. Says Jesus’ mother was a whore: “She who was the descendant of princes and governors played the harlot with carpenters.” Also in footnote #2 to Shabbath 104b of the Soncino edition, it is stated that in the “uncensored” text of the Talmud it is written that Jesus mother, “Miriam the hairdresser,” had sex with many men.

Jesus in the Talmud

It is the standard dis-information practice of apologists for the Talmud to deny that it contains any scurrilous references to Jesus. According to this charade, to assert the truth that the Talmud contains disgusting and pornographic blasphemies against Jesus is “hateful and anti-Semitic”.

The truth cannot be hateful however, except in the eyes of those who hate the truth. Truth cannot be “anti” anyone, for the truth sets everyone free.

While major Jewish organizations charged with the mission of deceiving Christians and Gentiles through their mouthpiece media, such as the ADL and the Simon Wiesenthal Centers continue to stonewall and maintain the covert charade by denying that there is anything in the Talmud which libels the Christian savior, the position of certain Jewish scholars over the years has undergone a change and more have leaned toward revealing the actual contents of the Talmud on this subject.

In the latter part of the 20th century, for example Hyam Maccoby was willing to concede in a book intended mainly for scholars and specialists, that it “seems” that:

“The Talmud contains a few explicit references to Jesus...These references are certainly not complimentary.. There seems little doubt that the account of the execution of Jesus on the eve of Passover does refer to the Christian Jesus...The passage in which Jesus punishment in hell is described also seems to refer to the Christian Jesus. It is a piece of anti-Christian polemic dating from the post-70 CE period...”⁵³

Maccoby’s qualification that the Talmud “seems” to attack Jesus Christ, was gradually replaced by more unambiguous confirmation by other Jewish

Steinsaltz edition from Random House (still in production as of this writing), which comprises 21 volumes to date.

The uncensored Talmud is replete with Procustean 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 content 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).

Books brimming with Talmud selections may be found in store across the land, containing passages that have been falsified outright (as in the Schindler’s List quotation), or carefully edited to restrict the contents only to those segments that can be construed as imparting the ‘wisdom and humanitarianism of the sages.’

TANAKH. The books of the He-

brew Bible or more specifically³⁵ the Pentateuch, consisting of the first five books (“Humash”).

TARGUM. An Aramaic version of the Tanakh translated by rabbinic partisans. It is typically published in a special edition known as the Mikra’ot Gedolot, in which only a small portion of the Targum appears in a thin margin, surrounded on the page by far lengthier teachings and commentary by “Rashi” (Rabbi Shlomo Itzhaki) and other rabbis. [end of quote]

MISHNAH.

What is the “Mishnah”?

This name means “repetition.” It is the first book of the Talmud. It is of the oral traditions of the elders which Jesus Christ denounced.

(See Matthew 15:1-3).

The Mishnah was written in a Middle Hebrew jargon and completed in Babylon at the end of the second century. It is the basis of the laws of the religion of Judaism.

KABBALAH.

What is the “Kabbalah”?

This counterfeit literature is a treatise on magic and demonology produced by Jewish Rabbis from the second century A.D. The literature deals with occult

Karaites came to prominence in the eighth century A.D. under the leadership of Anan ben David. The Karaites were expelled from Spain by Rabbi Joseph ben Faruj. In the Mishneh Torah (ch.10), Maimonides calls the Karaites “students of Tzadok” and decrees capital punishment for their “Bible only” stand....

MISHNAH. “Repetition.” The first book of the Talmud, it constitutes a six part codification of the formerly oral “tradition of the elders.” The Mishnah was written in a Middle Hebrew jargon and completed in Babylon toward the end of the second century A.D. It constitutes the basis of the laws (halakhah) of the religion of Judaism.

MISHNAH TORAH. “Repetition of the law.” This 1180 A.D. codification of Talmudic law is the magnum opus of the highly influential Rabbi Moses Ibn Maimon, called by the acronym “Rambam,” a.k.a. Moses Maimonides.

SHULHAN ARUKH. (“The Set Table”). An authoritative codification of Talmudic law by the Sephardic Rabbi Joseph Karo (1488-1575), edited circa 1565 by Polish Rabbi Moses Isserles to render it more appealing to Khazar adherents of Judaism.

TALMUD. “Instruction.” 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.

Subsequent books of the Talmud were composed in Babylon as late as the sixth century A.D. and consist of explanations and illustrations of the Mishnah. There are also numerous later analyses of the exegesis, forming vast compendium of super-fine lawyerly distinctions. The Mishnah was written in a variant of Middle Hebrew. The later Talmudic books (Gemara) are written largely in Aramaic (sometimes called “Syriac” by the rabbis.)

In addition to the Babylonian (“Bav1i”) Talmud, there is a Palestinian Talmud completed approximately 400 A.D. The Palestinian redaction does not have the influence or authority of the Babylonian version. The Talmud is traditionally studied aloud with a partner, accompanied by metronomic swaying.

The word Talmud has come to signify two different meanings. The first and preferred definition, as accepted by most lexicographers, denotes the books that comprise both the Mishnah and the Gemara as a whole. The second meaning connotes the Gemara alone, with the Mishnah standing apart as a separate textual entity.

The most recent English translation of the Talmud is the

scholars later in the 20th century. But whether or not Jewish sources confirm, qualify or deny it, we have documentary evidence of the disgusting and hateful references to Jesus in the Talmudic texts themselves, Sanhedrin 43a, Sanhedrin 107b, Sotah 47a Shabbos 104b and Gittin 57a.

In 1984 Prof. Robert Goldenberg wrote:

“Many famous legends about personalities in the Bible make their first appearance in the Talmud...rabbinic narrative includes folklore, stories about angels and demons, and gossip about all sorts of surprising people (Nero became a convert to Judaism, Jesus was an Egyptian magician and so on).”⁵⁴

By 1999, certain Orthodox Jewish organizations were even more forthcoming openly admitting that the Talmud describes Jesus as a sorcerer and a demented sex freak. These Jewish organizations make this admission perhaps out of the conceit that Jewish supremacy is so well entrenched in the modern world that they need not concern themselves with adverse reactions.

⁵²ibid., p.71

⁵³Hyam Maccoby, Judaism on Trial, pp. 26-27.

⁵⁴Robert Goldenberg, ìTalmud,î Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts, (op. cit.), p 170.

On the website of the Orthodox Jewish Chabad-Lubavitch group—one of the largest and most powerful Jewish organizations in the world—we find the following statement, accompanied by citations from the Talmud:

“The Talmud (Babylonian edition) records other sins of ‘Jesus the Nazarene.’

1. ‘He and his disciples practiced sorcery and black magic, led Jews astray into idolatry, and were sponsored by foreign, gentile powers for the purpose of subverting Jewish worship (SANHEDRIN 43A)

2. “He was sexually immoral, worshipped statues of stone (a brick is mentioned), was cut off from the Jewish people for his wickedness and refused to repent (SANHEDRIN 107B;

SOTAH 47A)

3. “He learned witchcraft in Egypt...(SHABBOS 104B).”⁵⁵

(End quote from Chabad-Lubavitch).

GITTIN 57A says Jesus is in hell, being boiled in ‘hot excrement.’

SANHEDRIN 43A says Jesus was executed because he practiced sorcery: “It is taught that on the eve of Passover Jesus was hung, and forty days before this the proclamation was made: Jesus is to be stoned to death because he has practiced sorcery and has lured the people to idolatry...He was an enticer and of such thou shalt not pity or

condone.

Rabbi Lies to Induce Mary to Tell the Truth About How Jesus Was Conceived.

“The elders were once sitting in the gate when two young lads passed by; one covered his head and the other uncovered his head. Of him who uncovered his head Rabbi Eliezer remarked that he is a bastard. Rabbi Joshua remarked that he is the son of a niddah (a child conceived during a woman’s menstrual period). Rabbi Akiba said that he is both a bastard and a son of a niddah.

“They said ‘What induced you to contradict the opinion of your colleagues?’ He replied, “I will prove it concerning him.” He went to the lad’s mother and found her sitting in the market selling beans...

⁵⁵ Quoted from the Chabad-Lubavitch, ÆNoah’s Covenant Website, at <http://www.noahide.com/yeshu.htm> on June 20, 2000; Ö

“Rabbi Akiba, taking the oath with his lips but annulling it in his heart, said to her, ‘what is the status of your son?’ She replied, ‘When I entered the bridal chamber I was niddah (menstruating) and my husband kept away from me; but my best man had intercourse with me and this was born to me’ Consequently the child was both a bastard and the son of a niddah.

“It was declared, ‘...Blessed

be the God of Israel Who Revealed His Secret Rabbi Akiba...” (KALLAH 51A,).

In addition to the theme that God rewards clever liars the preceding Talmud passage is actually about Jesus Christ (the bastard boy who “uncovered his head” and was conceived in the filth of menstruation). The boy’s adulterous mother in this Talmud story is the mother of Christ, Blessed Mary (called Miriam and sometimes, Miriam the hairdresser, in the Talmud).

Dr. Israel Shahak of Jerusalem’s Hebrew University states:

“The Editio Princeps of the complete Code of Talmudic Law, Maimonides’ Mishneh Torah—replete not only with the most offensive precepts against all Gentiles but also with explicit attacks on Christianity and on Jesus (after whose name the author adds piously, ‘May the name of the wicked perish’)...⁵⁶

“According to the Talmud, Jesus was executed by a proper rabbinical court for idolatry, inciting other Jews to idolatry, and contempt of rabbinical authority. All classical Jewish sources which mention his execution are quite happy to take responsibility for it; in the talmudic account the Romans are not even mentioned.

“The more popular accounts -which were nevertheless taken quite seriously—such as the notorious Toldot Yeshu are even

he walked in the Garden?

“Look to the midrashic materials, not the Bible for such details...

“Where the Bible is mysterious and silent, Midrash comes to unravel the mystery.

“...the Bible often states matters of law without clarification or detail...Observant Jews today keep separate dishes for milk and meat, but where is that outlined in the Bible? Nowhere in fact. It was the Midrash of rabbinic Judaism, legal Midrash that defined the laws.”²²

The Catholic publishing company that recommends Zolli’s book because the author steeped himself for decades in the impostures and charlatry of rabbinic tradition, can only be ignorant of the actual character and content of the Talmud and the Midrash.

Presbyterian theologian Douglas Jones associates ancient Israel with Judaism, further compounding the oxymoronic myth of a Judeo-Christian tradition. For modern Protestantism to announce that Abraham is the father of Judaism and Christianity is to proclaim him the father the Pharisees, and their tradition of the elders, contradicting the very heart of what Jesus proclaimed to the Pharisees in the book of John, chapter 8.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary Christendom ex-

isted for 1494 years before this term Judaism was even coined in English, yet modernist Christians assign this name to the ancient Israelite religion of Yahweh.

“Well, okay, so what?” might be the sloppy, slothful modern reply. “It’s just a word.” But as William N. Grimstead states in his magisterial work, Talk About Hate, “We need to get to the bottom of the fact that ninety percent of what is haywire...has to do not with water pollution or air pollution but with word pollution.”

Indeed, the misuse of words in this digital media/infotainment age has repercussions far beyond the realm of the academic.’

²² Barry W. Holtz iMidrash,î Back Its the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts, (op. cit.) pp. 180-181

TALMUD.

What is the “Talmud”?

Here a quote from the book by Hoffman will be an eye-opener to many of you:

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KARAITES. “Scripturalists.” Derisive rabbinic term for anti-rabbinic “heretics” who studied the Old Testament scriptures independent of the Talmud. The

32 in 1945 and changed his name from Israel to Eugenio in honor of the pope (Pius XII was christened Eugenio, his surname was Pacelli). Zolli died in 1956.

²¹ Israel Shahak and Norton Mezvinsky, *Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel* [op.cit.], p.2.

Michael Hoffman II sums up well the dilemma facing Christianity in general, from his book

"Judaism's Strange Gods"

p.24:

"Roman Catholic Books does not seem to grasp the fact that no other religion prepares one for the study, and more importantly the true understanding of the Bible than Christianity.

It is one thing to suggest that a lifelong facility with Hebrew is a significant aid to Bible exegesis. One may obtain such facility through diligent language study from an early age, so the advantage is not one of religion but of precocity and pedagogy.

It is quite another matter however, to claim that immersion in the Talmud and Midrash gives a Jewish Scholar a theological advantage over Christian scholars who base their study of God's Word solely on the Old and New Testament and the Early Church. To make such a claim is to actually say that being familiar with a huge compendium

of the lies and fantasies of men is an advantage over a researcher who has hewed to God's Word, and to the Scholarship of those Christian exegetes who expound the Bible in faithful submission to its divine authority.

Like the Talmud, the Midrash upholds the rabbinic fallacy that the Bible is deficient and incomplete; that it requires the intervention of Midrashic traditions concocted between 400 and 1200 A.D. to be understood.

Barry W. Holtz, Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and director of the seminary's Melton Research Center states:

"The Bible is loath to tell us the motivations, feelings, or thoughts of characters. Rarely giving us descriptive details either of people or places, it is composed in a stark, uncompromising style. Hence, in the laconic style of the Bible, we find one significant cause of the necessity of Midrash .

"Midrash comes to fill the gaps, to tell us the details the Bible teasingly leaves out: what did Isaac think as his father took him to be sacrificed? The Bible doesn't tell us, but Midrash fills it in with rich and varied descriptions.

"Why did Cain kill Abel? Once again the Bible is silent, but Midrash is filled with explanation. How tall was Adam when

worse, for in addition to the above crimes they accuse him of witchcraft. The very name 'Jesus' was for Jews a symbol of all that is abominable and this popular tradition still persists...

"The Hebrew form of the name Jesus—Yeshu—was interpreted as an acronym for the curse, 'may his flame and memory be wiped

⁵⁶ Israel Shahak, *Jewish History, Jewish Religion* (London: Pluto Press, 1994) p. 21.

III. IS THE LORD GOD PLEASED WITH THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS & PRACTICES OF JUDAISM IN THIS 21ST CENTURY?

How could GOD, a HOLY GOD, be pleased with the above comments about His Son and the gracious and devoted mother of Jesus, Mary?

Was Jesus Christ pleased with the apostasy of the Jews in His ministry on earth?

No, God is NOT pleased with the beliefs and practices of Judaism in the 21st century.

Hoffman brings the shocking truth to us:
"Judaism's Strange Gods"
p.p.27-30.

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"Rabbi Neusner further notes that "rabbinic literature took shape during the nascent and formative age of Christianity."

He calls Christianity: "...a challenge that had to be met, for Christianity appealed to the same authoritative writings, the Hebrew scriptures of ancient Israel, that this Judaism formulated in its way." ²⁴

Notice the delineation Neusner makes between the ancient Hebrew scriptures and the rabbinic literature. They are quite patently not the same! The former is the ancient root of Christianity. The latter formulated after Christ's incarnation and crucifixion, is the modern root of Judaism.

A Closer Look at "Rabbinic Literature"

Let us take a closer look at this formative rabbinic literature." It is formative because it, and not the Old Testament, is the foundation stone of Judaism.

The tradition of the elders condemned by Christ in Mark 7 and Matthew 15 was an oral gnosis that preserved the thinking behind the Idolatry and the apostasy of the Israelites who had worshipped the Golden calf and fed their children to Molech.

It was an undercurrent of corruption ever-threatening to boil upward and become institutionalized into a format and competing religion, by being committed to writing.

The boiling point of corruption was reached after the Pharisaic Jewish leadership rejected the Messiah.

Having rejected the Biblical Messiah, they were guilty of having perpetrated an enormous indeed a cosmic crime against God's law, His prophecies and prophets.

As a result of the corrupting effects of this epochal transgression they began to commit their oral traditions to writing beginning with the Mishnah.

Rabbi Neusner admits that: "The Mishnah certainly is the first document of rabbinic Judaism. Formally, it stands at the center of the system, since the principal subsequent rabbinic documents, the Talmuds, lay themselves out as if they were exegeses of Mishnah..."²⁵

²⁴ Jacob Neusner, *Rabbinic Judaism: Structure and System*, p. viii

²⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 22.

NOT MOSES BUT MISHNAH!

Not the Book of Genesis not the Pentateuch, but the Mishnah is the "first document" of Judaism, standing at the "center of the system." How can it be said that Judaism represents the teaching of Moses when the Bible is not the center of the system? Is this what Moses taught?

It may come as a shock to learn that the rabbis are conscious of their monumental

fraud and they privately admit among themselves that their system has no basis in Moses. In a cryptic passage from a book of the Jewish Kabbalah (Tikkunei Zohar 1:27b), buried within a double-entendre, is a reference to the Mishnah actually being "THE BURIAL PLACE OF MOSES."

How has our understanding of Judaism been so fundamentally distorted?

How has so great a fraud been perpetrated as the claim that Judaism is based on the Bible, when Judaism actually begun with the Talmud of Babylon?

Part of the answer may be found in the fact that Judaism began to infiltrate the Roman Catholic Church in earnest and contributed as well to the rise of certain major denominations of Protest-antism, thanks to a myth which gained cachet during the Renaissance. The nature of this deliberately-planted disinformation was that the religion of Judaism was the Biblical religion par excellence and that for a Christian intellectual or spiritual seeker to truly know the Old Testament it was necessary to in some degree consult a rabbi.²⁶

²⁶ The occult infiltration of the Church was well under way by the 15th century when the hermetic? Neo-Platonic school of so-called Christian Kabbalists led by Pico

to answer such things as "how tall was Adam?" or "what did Cain say to Abel?" "How did the people on the Ark spend their spare time?" The Midrash tells the reader that Ham sodomized a dog on board Noah's ark! (Midrash Rabbah 1:292-293). This is foolish imagination, supplying useless and bogus trivia to the Holy Bible's text.

2. Midrash is explained in "Judaism's Strange Gods" in this way:

"Judaism's Strange Gods"
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"[In the spring of 2000, a four-page catalog] from the Roman Catholic Books company appeared as an insert in the flagship papist newspaper, *The Wanderer*. One of the items advertised in the catalog was a reprint of *The Nazarene*, a book by Israel "Eugenio" Zolli, the former chief rabbi of Rome, who converted to Catholicism."²⁰

In recommending the volume, Roman Catholic Books stated: "The years Zolli devoted to learning ancient languages and studying the Torah, Talmud, Midrash and other sacred Jewish texts gave him an advantage over Christian scholars. They came to Hebraic literature outsiders; but Zolli had lived and breathed the words of the prophets and rabbis all his life. For this reason, Zolli's book

stands head and shoulders above the innumerable, Biblical commentaries."³¹

In this advertisement for Zolli's book we observe the calamitous notion that there is some kernel of Biblical heritage worthy of our approbation and study in Judaism which has contradicted and rejected Yahweh's teacher and laws.

The predominance of the faulty idea that Judaism is the root of Christianity, is responsible for much of the paralysis and impotence in the Church today.

Prof. Israel Shahak of Hebrew University, Jerusalem and Prof. Norton Mezvinsky of Connecticut State University write:

"The Bible anyway is not the book that primarily determines the practices and doctrines of Orthodox Jews. The most fundamentalist Orthodox Jews are largely ignorant of major parts of the Bible and know some parts only through commentaries that distort meaning...Judaism, as it came to be known, did not exist during the biblical period."²¹

²⁰ The story of Rabbi Zolli has been blacked out by the establishment who seek to tar Pius XII with a Nazi stigma. As Chief Rabbi of Rome during WWII, Zolli was able to judge Pius XII's actions under the Nazi occupation first hand. So impressed was this rabbi with the pope's rescue effort on behalf of Italy's Jewish population, that Rabbi Zolli converted to (Catholicism

Christ has a Messiah-Priest status, but after the order of Melchisedec, a Gentile status. Very interesting indeed. The central concept of Christ as High Priest of the order of Melchisedec is found in Hebrews, uniquely. Compare this one exception, which is just a hint from Paul:

**Romans 8:34b with
Hebrews 6:20.**

**What does the name
Melchisedec mean?
"King of righteousness,
king of Salem."**

(END OF BIBLE COLLEGE QUOTE).

The Hebrew Roots style ministries bring supposedly "godly" extra-biblical material for study. This material should NOT be studied along with the Scriptural Canon of the Bible, as though this Midrash or Mishnah etc is on a par with God's completed Word. The material comes not from some prophet or Rabbi who has been inspired by God in Old Testament times. God has never given any other teachers the authority He has given the teachers and writers of Holy Scripture. Even if that were not so, and it is

(SEE 11 PETER 3:16; 11

PETER 1:20; REV. 22:18,19), the Jewish ministries' extra-biblical material has invariably a Babylonian source!

VI. IS THE TALMUD RATHER LIKE THE TORAH (the first five books of the O.T.)?

**Is the Talmud a Biblical,
Godly, religious book that
Christians can study
with God's approval?**

**Is the Midrash and other
"Jewish" literature Godly
material that can open up
the Bible in a wonderful
way to Christians?**

How about the TORAH BIBLE CODES?

Let us examine the facts about this. Below are some of the "holy" books presented to the unwary "converts" to Judeo/Christianity for them to study:

MIDRASH.

What is this "Midrash"?

This spurious literature has quite a history, and its contents are completely untenable, it is a no-no for the Christian! Let us examine this literature.

1. It was composed mostly between 400 and 1200 AD, the word means "to search out." The unsavoury parts of this fanciful material are many. It is supposed to supply "the missing dialogue" of Scriptural stories. It is supposed

della Mirandola circulated the Kabbalistic theses in Rome, whose central theme was that no science can better convince us of the divinity of Christ than magic and Kabbalah. Rabbi Ben Zion Bokser claims that Pope Sixtus IV was so delighted with his (Picois) work that he urged him to translate Cabalistic texts into Latin for the use of divinity students (The Maharal, 1994, p. 11). Pico was followed in 1517 by Johannes Reuchlin whose De Arte Cabalistica put gematria (a Jewish numerological system), to use in Bible study; by the Franciscan monk Francesco Giorgi's 1525 tribute to the Zohar, De Harmonia mundi and Cornelius Agrippa's De Occultis Philosophia of 1531; all these culminate in the 1564 occult masterwork, Monus hieroglyphica by the reigning figure of Protestant occultism, the mathematician Dr. John Dee, astrologer royal to Queen Elizabeth I and the founder of FREEMASONRY.

MODERN TIMES - FEAR OF THE HOLOCAUST BURIES THE TRUTH.

In modern times, the hysteria whipped up around the concepts of "anti-semitism" and "The Holocaust," caused frightened and guilt-laden Gentiles and Christians to halt almost all

critical inquiry into the thesis that Judaism is synonymous with the Old Testament.

To view the thesis with skepticism became another thought-crime, another exercise in heinous "anti-semitism" that would of course, inevitably lead to another "Holocaust."

By this impressively effective intimidation device, the hoax that Judaism was the Biblical religion, was validated and given near-universal cachet.

But scared rabbits do not make for good scholars or good Christians as William Scott Green of the University of Rochester, a contributor to Rabbi Neusner's Rabbinic Judaism book, makes plain:

"It is commonplace to classify Rabbinic Judaism as a... religion in which practice and belief derive from the study and interpretation of Scripture... The... model depicts Rabbinic Judaism as an... exegetical development out of Scripture itself... The model makes reading and interpreting the Bible the quintessential rabbinic activities...

"Rabbinic Judaism emerges as Bible-centered—the Bible, read the Bible, studied the Bible, interpreted the Bible put into practice... Indeed the picture of... rabbis as Bible readers expounding their religions out of Scripture has a powerful intuitive plausibility in a culture in which religion is conceived

largely in Protestant terms...”

But, the “model...blocks our perception of the particularities of rabbinic culture...the rabbis’ interest in Scripture was hardly comprehensive, and vast segments of it, including much of prophecy and the Deuteronomic History, escaped their interpretations...”

“Scripture neither determined the agenda nor provided the ubiquitous focus of rabbinic literary activity and imagination.... substantial portions of rabbinic teaching—for example, on matters as basic and important as Sabbath observance—have scant Scriptural support.

“(The) complex of rabbinically ordained practices...including most of the rules for the treatment of Scripture itself—do not derive from Scripture at all. Rabbinism’s initial concern was the elaboration and refinement of its own system. Attaching the system to Scripture was secondary. It therefore is misleading to depict Rabbinic Judaism primarily as the consequence of an exegetical process or the organic unfolding of Scripture. Rather, rabbinism began as the work of a small ambitious and homogenous group of pseudo-priests...”

“By the third century, (A.D.) the rabbis expressed their self-conception in the ideology of ‘oral Torah’ Which held that a

comprehensive body of teachings and practices (halakot) not included in Scripture had been given by God and through Moses only to the rabbinic establishment.”²⁷

Green gives the origin of Judaism as 70 A.D (although he substitutes for the word Judaism the word rabbinism): “it helps to remember that rabbinism’s initial catalyst was neither the canonization of the Hebrew Bible nor readerly research of Scripture but the demise of the Second Temple...”²⁸

Judaism is the product of a “small, ambitious, and homogenous group of pseudo-priests...”

The Talmud, beginning with the Mishnah, is the chief Scripture of the religion of Judaism. The great, Pharisaic “sages of blessed memory’ decree this themselves in the Talmud.

From the Talmud, Shabbat 15c and Baba Metzia 33A, comes the three propositions of the revered, Gentile-hating Rabbi Shimon ben Yohai, one of the most honored of all Jewish “sages” whose supposed burial site in the Israeli state is the scene of a huge, annual mass pilgrimage.

Yohai wrote:

A. ‘He who occupies himself with Scripture gains merit that is no merit.

brews, where the whole purpose of God is outlined, and in no other part of Scripture is this revealed.

Hebrews 7:16,17 quotes Psalm 110:4 in order to make its premise:

“For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.” (Hebrews 7:14-18).

NOTE: Israel’s O.T. Law period is called “law of carnal commandment” and of “weakness and unprofitable.”

What have got here? Christ Jesus is NOT a Jewish priest, He was born out of the Tribe of Judah, He was not after the Aaronic priesthood line. The Levitical priesthood made nothing perfect, according to Hebrews 7:11. He is a priest after an ETERNAL order. He is High Priest, Sacrifice and Atonement – all together. He has entered into the TRUE SANCTUARY which is Heaven itself (Heb.

9:24). He offered HIMSELF in sacrifice, not the mere blood of bulls and goats. He does not have to offer up sacrifices over and over again, He was crucified once for all, He need never repeat His own self offered up, ever again. (Heb. 7:27).

THE MESSIAH OF THE JEWS.

Jesus Christ came as the Messiah of the Jews, yet He began a religious system that was cut off entirely from the Jewish religious system! The apostasy of our day is that many who call themselves “Messianic Jews” have claimed that Jesus Christ is a JEWISH priest in every way, and they now seek to draw the Christians back under “Yeshua” as the Jewish priest Who should be worshipped in a Jewish manner, they contend. This is why ordinary people in churches today, many of them, Pentecostals, Charismatics, Fundamentals, Evangelicals – even Catholics – are doing things like calling the Lord Jesus “Yeshua”, wearing Jewish prayer shawls, dancing Jewish religious dances, keeping O.T. feasts, growing Jewish beards, even burning incense on an altar and holding a form of communion there! These non-biblical people are seeing a Jewish Messiah and priest in Christ, not a universally presented CHRIST-Priest.

 Following Extract p.26 is from the Bible College on our Website:
 [Book of Hebrews p.43-45]

“To really grasp the book of Hebrews the student has to understand the MAJOR FIGURE in the book, Who is the GREAT HIGH PRIEST, the Lord Jesus Christ. A mysterious and thrilling high priest is shown in Hebrews along with Christ. Christ is even aligned with this priest in an amazing way:

“Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec” chapter 5 verse 6 tells us....

[I am indebted to Ruth Hoppin, a modern day author, for insight here]:

1. Comparing the words of Stephen in Acts 7:2, 9, 30-31, 36 and 38:

This shows that God’s revelation of Himself and His plans are NOT limited to national boundaries.

Hebrews 2:5-18 shows:

Jesus is the UNIVERSAL Saviour who came that by the grace of God that He might taste death for EVERY MAN.

2. Acts 7:17,22,23,29 show that God’s revelation of Himself and His plans is independent of culture.

Hebrews 7:4, 10 show Melchisedec, who was NOT a Jew, was a blessing to Abraham and his descendants

3. Acts 7:44,50 show God’s revelation is NOT bound to the

Jewish Temple or the Tabernacle.

Hebrews 11: 10,14,16,23,31; 13: 12,14 show that FAITH is independent of the city of Jerusalem.

4. Acts 7:25,26, 35, 36, 51, 53 show that God’s revelation is NOT confined to the Jewish people, for they rejected His prophets.

Hebrews 3:17,19, chapter 11 show Israel persecuting the prophets and rejecting God’s message.

LET US THINK ABOUT THIS!

Let us read then, the above passages, and reason out why “Melchisedec” was such a major doctrine in the book of Hebrews?

The main thing about Melchisedec was that he was a Gentile! He was NOT a Jew. So Jesus Christ’s whole priesthood is not based on Judaism at all. He is greater than Aaron, the priest of Judaism. Christ is a Priest Who is NOT bound to Israel, he is not bound to that nation, He is independent entirely of the Jewish culture and religion, His very priesthood is declared by Almighty God to be after the order of a Gentile, a non-Jew, Melchisedec.

God made a major statement about this priesthood in He-

THE BIBLE REPEATEDLY FORBIDS US TO DO THIS!

“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17). “...for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” (Romans 6:14b).

 Following Extract from the Bible College on our Website:
 [Book of Hebrews p.35-36]

READ HEBREWS 3:1-7.

Christ is the builder of the “house” which is the Law under Moses, the Old Covenant. Verse four tells us that Jesus Christ built all things, as He is GOD.

- **What do those who deny His divinity make of those verses?**
- **What is this “house” of Moses?**

Numbers 12:7.

Moses was only a small part of the people of God, who were the house of Jehovah, Israel. It was the appointed task of God’s anointed leader to assemble the house of Israel, for His name. Jesus Christ has done this also, we are a house, that people, and Christ’s throne and kingdom will not wear out and become obsolete and overthrown. It will be

²⁷ Rabbinic Judaism by Jacob Neusner with a contribution by William Scott Green pp. 31-34, (op. cit.).

²⁸ Ibid., p. 33.

IV. CAN CHRISTIANITY SIMPLY TAKE THE EMPHASIS AWAY FROM CHRIST JESUS & THE REVELATION OF HIM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, & RETREAT BACK INTO THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Most Christians who embrace the Hebrew Roots style ministries and doctrines, or go into any sort of pseudo Judeo/Christian ministry, do so believing no doubt that they can do this because Christianity came from the greater Old Testament teachings. Even if this were the real emphasis of the Judaizers of our day, it would still be unbiblical and foolish to do this. As far as we have gone in our investigation the reader will see that this is eons away from the truth of the present day departure into Judaism. NO, we can never take away the emphasis from Christ Jesus and the New Covenant in His Blood, and retreat back into the Old Testament Law!

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forever. 11 Samuel 7:13.

But the Leader/King of the New Covenant people is the BUILDER of the HOUSE of Moses – God Himself incarnate in Jesus Christ of Nazareth. An analogy might be, what is greater the house a carpenter builds, or the house itself? Obviously the creator of the house is greater.

We have an Apostle and High Priest of our profession, or confession, appointed by the Heavenly Father. Under Moses Israel failed to believe. But, Christ is the fulfillment of all that Moses anticipated.

- Moses pointed to Christ,
- Christ Jesus points to no one but Himself.

BEHOLD THE SON OF GOD – LOOKING ONLY UNTO HIM. Hebrews 12:2.

 Extract Hannah Whitall Smith.
 iThe Christian Secret
 of a Happy Lifei

LAW OBSERVANCE
 versus
GRACE UNDER
CHRIST JESUS.

The contrasts on the [page 26 in Table 1\[chart\]](#), may help some to understand the difference between these two kinds of dispensations of the Lord, Law and Grace: [END OF EXTRACT FROM HEBREWS, INCLUDES CHART ON P.26]

**V. IS POINT IV REALLY
 WHAT MESSIANIC
 JEWS & OTHER
 JUDEO /CHRISTIAN
 MINISTRIES ARE
 DOING?**

**ARE THEY SEEKING
 TO BRING
 CHRISTIANS UNDER
 THE LAW
 AND DICTATES
 OF MOSES?**

There are many and diverse individuals involved with any group or groups, even Christian groups vary greatly. Some will be sincere, some may be deliberately deceiving or stubbornly dogmatic. The writer has no intention here of criticizing sincere enough, genuine, but unbiblical persons. There will be many good people in the Jewish ministries, no doubt. But Judeo/Christianity is not ever acceptable to God, it is an abomination to Him! The book of Hebrews was written to show the Israelites who would not move into the New Covenant that they had nothing left of the Old Testament era under the Law to move back into! It was Christ Jesus or nothing! **[continued on p. 27]**



TABLE 1...

LAW
 versus
GRACE



The law says,

This DO and thou shalt live.

The law says,

PAY me that thou owest.

The law says, MAKE you a new heart and a new spirit.

The law says, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

The law says, CURSED is every one who continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them.

The law says,

The WAGES of sin is death.

The law DEMANDS holiness.

The law says, DO.

The law EXTORTS the unwilling service of a bondman.

The law makes blessings the result of OBEDIENCE.

The law places the day of rest at the end of the week's work.

The law says, IF.

The law was given for the restraint of the old man.

Under the law,

Salvation was WAGES.

The gospel says, LIVE, and then thou shalt do.

The gospel says, I frankly FORGIVE thee all.

The gospel says, A new heart will I GIVE you, and a new spirit will I put within you.

The gospel says, Herein is love, not that we love God, but that He loved us and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The gospel says, BLESSED is the man whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

The gospel says, The GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The gospel GIVES holiness.

The gospel says, DONE.

The gospel WINS the loving service of a son and freeman.

The gospel makes obedience the result of BLESSINGS.

The gospel places it at its beginning.

The gospel says, THEREFORE.

The gospel was given to bring Liberty to the new man.

Under the gospel,

Salvation is a GIFT.