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BOOK ONE

THE WAY OF JESUS AND THE FAITH OF JESUS

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Notes:

Sometimes I use the name 'Iesu' for the Master (pron. ee-shoe.)

Jews use the name Hashem for יהוה in the Jewish Tanakh ('bible') for the name of the God who made Adam. I will use Hashem when referring to יהוה
When I mention Apostles, I am referring specifically to those men mentioned in the *Gospel according to John* who were trained by Jesus to spread His Gospel, and to heal people. They are: Peter Andrew, John, James, Nathanael, Philip and Thomas.

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I have been studying Jesus for more than twelve years now, and have been increasingly concerned that I have been keeping my knowledge to just my family and a few friends, when I should be widening my audience.

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On the one hand, the knowledge is a sacred trust that I am not to give to just anybody. Jesus wants to make people understand that what he was teaching them were ‘mysteries’ that were sacred and should not be divulged to just anybody that asked. The Hebrews has: ‘don’t hang rings on pigs,’ but Jerome understood it as ‘don’t cast pearls before swine.’ And that’s what it says in the King James Version.

Adam Clarke has this explanation in his Commentary on the Bible: The pearls are mysteries such as the sacrament.

As a general meaning of this passage, we may just say: ‘The sacrament of the Lord’s supper, and other holy ordinances which are only instituted for

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the genuine followers of Christ, are not to be dispensed to those who are continually returning [to sin] like the snarling ill-natured dog.’

All gentiles were called ‘dogs’ by Judaism. No mysteries were to be shown to them.

The Syro-Phoenecian woman called herself and her daughter ‘dogs,’ meaning gentiles of course. Jesus gave her only the crumbs of his mysteries.

The translation from Aramaic expressions to English, has created a lot of misunderstanding of Jesus.

But looking for an Aramaic original is hopeless. The Apostles didn’t write anything at all. We have to rely on the understanding of the

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Bishops who were taught by the Apostles or by their apprentices.

This was the first problem for me. Where could I find the writings of the early Bishops before the time when the Church established its Dogma.

Before I was thirty, hardly any of those writings by the early Bishops was in English

Fortunately, by the time I became interested in Jesus I was in my sixties, and much of the writing by the early Bishops had been translated into English.

To begin with, I studied books that were orthodox teachings of the Anglican Church. There were hundreds of them. I once spent two

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weeks poring over the books in the Bishop's library, looking for something that would help to explain what I was teaching to my classes.

Between 2006 and 2013, I taught the Bible to three different congregations. I retired at age 70 to study and write.

What I discovered during those years was that clergymen were reluctant to teach the congregation the truth about Jesus. When we got together we discussed things that would never be mentioned in Church. This was to avoid a faith crisis for people who really didn't want to know the details.

What was it that Jack Nicholson said in 'A Few Good Men?' "You can't handle the truth!"

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There is a common misunderstanding among Baptists that a person will only be judged on what they know of the Gospel, the less they know the less there will be to condemn their behavior.

At a large Baptist Church in Anderson a visiting theologian gave lectures on the truth about the Bible itself. What possessed the Pastor to allow this, I never knew. But after the first session in the morning, a lot of people did not return for the afternoon session, me included. I was feeling very embarrassed. What he was telling these well meaning people, was definitely not fundamentalism

What he said was the truth, but it was not helping anyone's faith.

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And here lies the difficulty I have. I know the truth after many years of studying and teaching, but it is not a fit subject for the vast majority of Christians.

Christians come to Church primarily for comfort and solace, and to satisfy themselves that they will go to heaven. Many people need this type of comforting to help them deal with the disappointments of their lives. People hope it will get better after they die. And this is what they are told. And so they can live with the evil that is around them—failure of marriages, kids getting on drugs, adult children moving far away, and ignoring them in their old age, and so on. The Sunday worship service takes their minds off these evils for a while.

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But **there are a few people** who are strongly convicted about The Father and Jesus, and who know that they have to do something more than just sing a few hymns, and say a few prayers on Sunday.

My discussions will appeal to these few people.

Now it is important to differentiate the truth as Jesus spoke it, from the teacher's party line of a particular religious affiliation.

Truth comes from Jesus. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

First you have to know what Jesus actually taught the original six Apostles. Most of what

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Jesus taught the Apostles Peter, Andrew, John, James, Philip and Thomas, has been kept secret from you.

Book ONE is only an introduction to get your attention. The details are in all the other Books on the bookshelf here.

Hardly anything I am going to say will sound familiar to you unless you have read the earliest writings of the Apostles and commentaries by the early Church Fathers.

These ideas come from the inspired understandings of the followers of Jesus.

I was trained in Anglicanism and I also know Catholicism and Episcopalianism. I taught the

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King James Version Bible for many years to clergy and lay people until I retired at age 70.

If you read these books and the links they point you to, you will know more than any person you meet. And you will begin to understand Jesus.

And if you follow the teachings of Jesus in Book TWO, you will have a happy life.

“The Way” of Jesus

Jesus said He was **sent** by The Father to **reveal The Father to people He could trust**, and to teach them how to reveal *His Way to the Father* to others.

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He was **sent**, He said, **to cure souls and make people free**—that is to **make** them free not to **set** them free, as some bibles say (NIV/NLT). His type of freedom had to be learned.

Jesus taught His Apostles to live the life of a holy man, free of sin, and for them to train apprentices ‘the way of Jesus’ which was **the life they must lead to obtain a knowledge of The Father**, called ‘**the royal road**’ in the Didache, a 1st century manual for conversion of pagans. In the King James Version it is written:

Joh 14:4* And whither I go ye know, and **the way ye know.**

Joh 14:5* Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not

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whither thou goest; and **how can we know the way?**

Joh 14:6* Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Now make a paraphrase:

Job 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the commandments you must obey to obtain a knowledge of The Father ye know.*

Job 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how will we be able to recognize when we have arrived at the same destination as you?*

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Job 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the final destination where you will obtain true knowledge of The Father; follow my life: no other man can find the Father unless they obey my commands and follow my life.*

Albert Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible

The way ye know - That is, the way that leads to the dwelling-place to which he was going. The way which they were to tread was to obey his precepts, imitate his example, and follow him, John 14:6.

Coffman's Commentaries on the Bible

Ye know the way ... means that the disciples in knowing Jesus did indeed **know the way to eternal life**; but the full realization of what they did, in fact, already

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know would not come until after the resurrection of Christ. Thomas was speaking for them all in this disclaimer.

Nothing here about having any personal faith, is there? You must do the commands and live like Jesus.

The Comforter

The Bishops call the training by Jesus “**The Faith of Jesus.**” This is a phrase that Paul used in his letters to the churches, and it appears in both English and Latin Bibles, and is in every Bible printed by the Church of England. It is also in every King James Version printed in America. Unfortunately most bibles in the Protestant world of America have removed this

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phrase, and people no longer understand what it is they must do, in order to be declared righteous and justified. Saved for heaven they may be, but righteous and just they are not unless they also DO the Least Commandments (see book two).

After the Master left Galilee, He asked **The Father of The Son** to send the **Comforter** to teach the Apostles ‘all things’ and to remind them of the training He had given them.

A man who begins to follow the commands of Jesus, unites with Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven. A man who is **obedient to the entire Faith of Jesus** will reach the final destination which is to gain Eternal Life and enter the

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Kingdom of God, just like the seven Apostles. Jesus said to the Apostles:

“blessed are **you** ‘poor’ (*a nickname for the Apostles who owned nothing personal*) for **yours is the Kingdom of God.**”

Starting on The Way - Life

To enter into a life with Jesus is to live in the Kingdom of Heaven. We cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven **without** Jesus - not by studying the Bible alone, and not from just wishing.

1. We must work with **Jesus** –we must accept Him as our very own ‘neighbor,’ whom we love as ourselves (read the Good

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Samaritan here). Not as much as we love ourselves, because Jesus calls us to hate ourselves as we seem to be in this world. But to love Him so much that we no longer see ourselves as a person separate from Jesus. In the mirror we see the things as they are, and we must hate this worldly image. What we must love is beyond the reflection. What we must love is the image of a Jesus we recognize in our selves.

2. We must ask *The Holy Spirit* to answer all our questions, and to guide us rightly via our own conscience.

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3. If we will trust *The Father of the Son*¹ we can become brethren to Jesus. We must allow The Holy Spirit to guide us in everything we think and do.
4. We must accept forgiveness of our sins from The Father, and forget they ever happened. That is we must ask for His forgiveness and then acknowledge we have received forgiveness by forgetting the sin altogether, never thinking of it again. That is what The Father does for us.
5. We must accept from The Father the virtues of Jesus—the seven gifts of the Spirit, and practice being virtuous.

¹ I will use the phrase The Father of the Son to identify the Deity that Jesus calls My Father.

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When we accept the seven virtues of Jesus, and we live a virtuous life then we will be declared righteous by *The Father of the Son*.

All these things Jesus showed to John the son of Zebedee, and six other Apostles.

John said that there were so many teachings that all the books in the world could not contain them.

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.” John 21:25, KJV.

The lessons of Jesus

Some of the things that Jesus showed to the apostles have been briefly mentioned in the New Testament, but few details are given of what He actually did. Perhaps one percent of what he showed to Peter and John has been revealed to us in the New Testament.

Only two hours of Jesus's speech has been made public.

What we have in the King James Version are snippets of conversations with seven Apostles. Four of 'the twelve' mentioned in the synoptic Gospels didn't even speak to Jesus in the King James Version.

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Whatever Jesus might have said privately to Matthew, Matthias, Simon Zelotes, and James son of Alphaeus (four of the Twelve disciples) has not been made public in the Holy Bible – **there is not one word of what these disciples spoke to Jesus.** Read my book *What Apostles said*.

And though Paul has a lot to say in other books, it is not about what Jesus actually did.

Paul never quotes anything Jesus actually said, apart from one saying about the Eucharist, and he never speaks about what Jesus did.²

² Probably because nothing Jesus said had yet been written down.

Progress to Eternal Life

Jesus told his Apostles that The Father had given Him authority to offer Eternal Life. No-one had a clue what was Eternal Life before Jesus explained it.

Jesus gives Eternal Life as a reward to any man who does sufficient good works to warrant it.

Joh 10:28* And **I give unto them eternal life;** and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 17:2* As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should **give eternal**

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life to as many as thou hast given him.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, **lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may **lay hold on eternal life**.

What must we do to inherit Eternal Life from Jesus? **We must DO the Faith of Jesus.** Read

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the story of the Good Samaritan to see an example of a man doing the Faith of Jesus.

This command to **DO the Faith of Jesus**, comes from traditional Bibles such as: The King James Version and the Vulgate (Douay-Rheims.) But this idea has been removed from most American Bibles since the 1901 ASV.

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The Faith of Jesus

Paul and the Faith of Jesus

Paul is the author of seven authentic Pauline epistles. Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, and Philemon. Paul had a correct understanding of some things but some of his statements are very suspect—at least the fathers were quite critical of many things Paul said.

But here Paul got it right. Paul says that it is the faith of Jesus Christ, not the believers own faith that counts.

Ro 3:22* Even the
righteousness of God which **is**
by faith of Jesus Christ unto

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all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Ga 2:16* Knowing that a man ³ is not justified by the works of the law, but by **the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be **justified by the faith of Christ**, and not

³ 'man' here means a non-Covenantal Judean or Galilean, and others in the Diaspora who were non-Covenantal. A Non-Covenantal person such as a gentile was not covered by the Law. He would get no protection from the Law, and in fact was forbidden to even do the Law, such as Sabbath worship, sacrifices at the Temple. So a gentile not under the Covenant would gain nothing from behaving like a Jew. Those Gentiles who behave like Jesus are justified by The Father.

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by the works of the law: for
by the works of the law shall
no flesh be justified. (Marcion)

Ga 2:20* I am crucified with
Christ: nevertheless I live;
yet not I, but Christ liveth
in me: and the life which I
now live in the flesh I live
by **the faith of the Son of
God**, who loved me, and gave
himself for me. (Marcion)

Paul said: “I live by the Faith of the Son of The
Father.”

And in Philippians:

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Php 3:9* And be found in him, **not having mine own righteousness**, which is of the law, but that which is **through the faith of Christ**, the **righteousness which is of God** by faith:

We learn about **the Father and The Son** by following the Faith **of Jesus**, **not by having faith in Jesus**. Let me give you an illustration.

Faith OF Jesus vs faith in Jesus

Here is an example of the difference between having faith in Jesus and living the faith of Jesus. Let us imagine you are trying to make

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water boil using wifi to control the kettle.

There actually is a kettle and an application to do this.

You put water on the electric kettle and set it

on its base.

And you initiate the controller and wait for it to boil. You have faith in the technology that it will boil. You wait ten minutes and it still has not boiled, so you wait longer having faith that eventually it will boil, but after fifteen minutes nothing has happened, so you restart the application. But an hour later nothing has

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happened, yet you are bound and determined to make the application work.

After a fruitless day of trying and retrying you o give up, and put on your coat and drive to Starbucks. You tell your fellow coffee drinkers that the app should work but it doesn't. Your friends put their heads together and suggest what might be wrong. 'What does the manual say?' I have read it twice and it doesn't mention anything about the application'

'Have you upgraded the app?' You get the latest version. The download says you need the latest OS on the phone. You upgrade the OS on the phone and try the app again.

You call your wife and ask her if the kettle is now heating the water. She says: 'nothings

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happening.’ Your friends start to give suggestions. ‘check the web for problems with the app.’ You all peer into the reviews for the app. Some people are using iPhones and some using Samsung. The people using Galaxy 8 with Marshmallow version of Android seem to be having the most issues, but Lollipop users seem to be ok.

You have just upgraded to Oreo and there are no comments on that. ‘Maybe you should go back to Lollipop version,’ one friend said. Another says, ‘you need an iPhone, there are no issues with the latest iPhone version.’

‘I don’t know,’ you say, that’s going to be expensive, and anyway all my friends use

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Android OS and I need to stay in touch with them.

That is what happens to people who try to solve problems alone at first and then by listening to their friends advice. The problem doesn't go away, and what the friends say makes it harder to decide what to do.

This is life for many people you meet. Things are going wrong in their own life, and the manual doesn't address their particular problem. They get a new Bible, which is different, they still don't understand the instructions.

They ask their friends for advice, but the advice doesn't help.

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They are told that all they need is a little more faith in Jesus and everything will work out. Their Pastors agree.

In desperation they turn to ‘god’. ‘How can I have more faith,’ they say. But they may be asking the wrong person. Perhaps they are asking the god Hashem who made Adam, rather than The Father of The Son.

An example of unproductive prayer

Anthony De Mello S.J. a Jesuit Priest, had another story of why a Pastor did not get a response to his prayer. De Mello uses the word ‘God’ without being specific about which god the Holy man was praying to. It may have been The Father, Allah, Vishnu, or Hashem. Let’s

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assume he was praying to the proper god for his particular religion.

Faith by Anthony De Mello

A holy man wants to win the lottery so that he can expand the facilities at his place of worship. He prays to God and asks to win the lottery, but nothing happens. So he determines to pray more earnestly. Nothing happens. He gets on his knees and implores God to let him win the lottery, but after doing this for three months nothing happens. Finally he cries out to God . ‘Father I am a good man, I read the scriptures every day, I never miss a Sunday service, I have

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prayed and prayed to win the lottery. Why haven't you listened to me, why can't I win the lottery?'

The voice of God bellows out. 'You numbskull, you have to buy a lottery ticket first!'

The Ticket to Eternal Life

If a Christian doesn't know Jesus's rules, he won't earn Eternal Life.

Once I had a dream about a train stopped at a station, getting ready to leave—steam hissing from under the wheels, doors slamming shut. People were leaning out of the windows saying goodbye, waving the 'ticket' they had earned

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that allowed them on the train. On the platform was a horde of bystanders who had no ticket.

In the next scene, the train leaves the station and the ticket-holders are walking up and down looking for a companion to share the journey with. Their destination is unknown. They will learn about it on the way.

Jesus has laid down the rules you must follow to earn that ticket. The rules are called ‘the Faith of Jesus.’

Thirty of these rules are contained in the Least Commandments. But there are many more. Unless you follow His rules you can’t earn the ticket.

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Now back to the story of the kettle that won't boil water

Living the Faith of Jesus

This is what it is like **when you live the Faith of Jesus.**

Jesus says: “you have several problems here that are preventing the kettle from boiling and if you follow my instructions we can watch it boil together. It is not a problem caused by the phone and the app as the others think.”

“The kettle doesn't have enough water in it to actuate it, so fill it above the minimum level. The wifi router is too far from the kettle, or the door to the wifi room is closed and the signal is

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poor. Open the door and move the kettle to another spot.”

This is how Jesus teaches us. By standing with us and explaining the proper way to do things.

Beware the Instruction Manual

Picking up an instruction manual (New Testament) and reading it by yourself isn't going to bring Jesus to help with the problem. Jesus said there has to be two people talking about His teachings for Him to be present.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20, KJV.

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Peter warned that going it alone is dangerous.

The danger of going it alone

Peter warns us ‘ many people who read the scripture especially Paul’s writings are going to misunderstand and it will lead to their destruction.’

...even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are **some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures,**

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unto their own destruction.
(2Pe 3:15 -16) .

The writer of Corinthians said when you read the New Testament be wary. ‘The words on the page can kill your spirituality.’ You must have Jesus with you, to guide you.

Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. (2Co 3:6) .

And in Acts, the Eunuch says he can't understand the scripture alone :

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“And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeſt? And he ſaid, How can I, except ſome man ſhould guide me? And he deſired Philip that he would come up and ſit with him.” Acts 8:30, 31, KJV.

The New Testament is a users guide

The New Testament is not the ticket to get on the train. The New Testament is like a user's guide of what you need to do to earn a ticket. Unfortunately like many users' guides, it is

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translated from a foreign language - I'm sure you have experienced manuals like this.

The Church has given us instructions on what to do to earn a ticket. Many are listed in the thirty Commandments of Jesus (Book Two of the series). Here are a few that are unique to Jesus.

'give a cup of water to one who is thirsty.' (Mt 10:42; Mr 9:41)

Lend to your enemies (Lu 6:35-49)

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him;

That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on

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thy right cheek, turn to him
the other also.

Jesus gave these instructions to the Apostles.
And there are many more.

By the 3rd century there were more than a
hundred books detailing Jesus's instructions.

The original notes were lost

None of the Greek or Coptic original
documents written by the followers of the seven
Apostles was available to Tyndale in 1525
when the King James Version was written.

Only Catholic theologians had access to the
Vatican Library containing those documents.

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William Tyndale could only translate from the commonly available documents and he mostly translated from the Latin Bible that had been written by Jerome in the 4th century. He did check it against some 11th century Greek documents, and he consulted with Martin Luther, but essentially the King James Version reads the same as the Vulgate Bible.

Many of the rules of Jesus were left out of the two traditional Bibles of the 19th century –the Douay Rheims Version and the King James Version. And they have not been added back in to English Mainstream Bibles.

Our Bibles are like the Lonely Planet guide to destinations of the world. There are brief descriptions of places you might like to visit,

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but not enough information to enable you to recognize your new homeland.

Remember:

Joh 14:4* And whither I go ye know, and **the way ye know.**

Joh 14:5* Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and **how can we know the way?**

Joh 14:6* Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way,** the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Our destination is Jesus, to live with Jesus is our ambition. We achieve this by ‘keeping His

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words,' which is everything He taught the Apostles. The purpose of the New Testament is to provide examples of how the Apostles Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip and Thomas shared a life with Jesus.

Mark, Luke, and Paul cannot show you this life because they never met Jesus. All they can do is recall stories they heard from others. Now, by tradition, Mark heard from Peter,

Mark was the translator of Peter's Aramaic sayings into Greek writing for the purpose of education of Caesar's equerries. Very little of what Mark actually heard from Peter was released in the New Testament. In the Gospel of Mark there are only 18 minutes of Jesus's

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speech. That is how long it takes me to read Jesus's sayings in that Gospel.

So, you won't learn much about Jesus's teaching from Mark nor that your destination is Jesus Himself. In no place does Mark say that Jesus is the way. The same holds for the writings of Luke and Matthew. Neither of those disciples reported that **Jesus** himself was their destination in the Kingdom of Heaven ("I am the Way").

Paul never says that **your destination is Jesus**. Paul only talks about a spiritual Messiah whom he calls '**the Christ.**' This is not the same

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person as the Jew's *Messiah* who will be a descendant of King David, and is yet to come and only after the world has converted to Judaism.

Luke never met Jesus or any Apostle trained by Jesus, so what Luke knew about Jesus came from third parties—mostly it came from Marcion who was a Bishop and a follower of the Pauline school of theology AD 140.

Once again I remind you:

Joh 14:4* And whither I go ye know, and **the way ye know.**

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Joh 14:6* Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The Faith of Jesus is everything

If you would gather up all the teachings of Jesus from the beginning of his ministry you would have an encyclopedia of **The Faith of Jesus**.

Much of His teachings have already been compiled for you in books such as the *Pre-Nicene New Testament*.

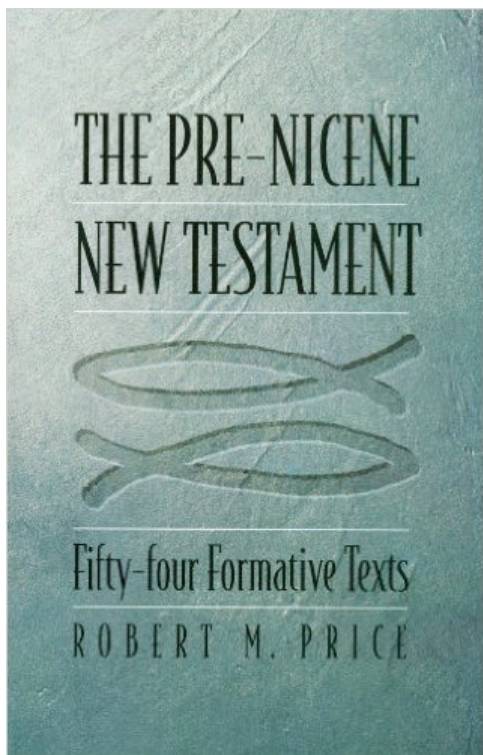
In the Pre-Nicene New Testament is the Shepherd of Hermas which was considered to

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be scripture by both Irenaeus (150 AD) and Origen (250 AD), who were theologians for the Church and considered to be the experts on Christianity. The Shepherd is in the Sinaiticus

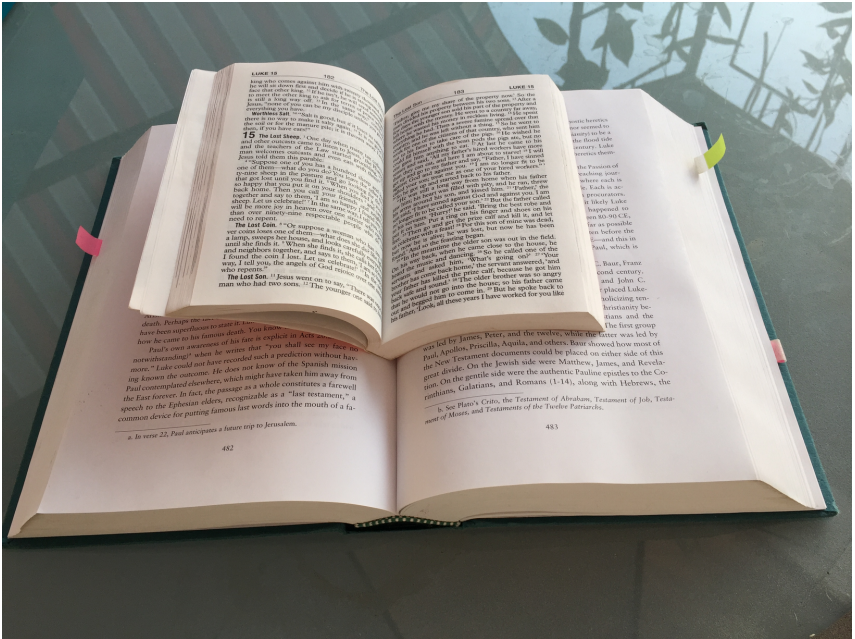
Bible of the 4th. century.

“In this monumental work, Professor Price offers an inclusive New Testament canon with twenty-seven additional sacred books from the first three centuries of Christianity, including a few of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Nag Hammadi writings.



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Price also reconstructs the Gospel of Marcion and the lost Gospel according to the Hebrews. Here, for the first time, is a canon representing all major factions of the early church.”



COMPARE THE ORIGINAL PRE-NICENE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK SIZE WITH THE SMALL NEW TESTAMENT THAT WE COMMONLY USE. THE LITTLE BOOK IS WHAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MADE PUBLIC WITH THE FOUR GOSPELS, AND PAUL'S WRITINGS.

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Books include: the Gospel according to Peter, Gospel according to Thomas, and Gospel according to Philip. Also Gospel according to Mary Magdalene. Acts of Paul and Thecla. And fifty other books.

Other books have been discovered from different sites.

The *Pistis of Sophia* is from the 4th century.

The *Gospel of Judas* is from the 2nd century.

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Letters of Clement of Rome (which was included in the Sinaiticus Bible as scripture in the 4th. century).

Many of these books are now in English translation on the Internet.

There is no excuse today for not knowing what the entire Faith of Jesus as it has been recorded since the 3rd century. One of my friends had said to me recently that the books of Thomas, Philip, James, Andrew, and Peter have been lost to us, that is why they aren't in the Bible. But this is ignorance. All these books have always been available to theologians who could read the language of those books. The

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Roman Catholic Church has always known of these books since the 4th century.

Books about the Faith of Jesus.

A Google search on ‘faith of Jesus’ will bring up thousands of articles, including you tube discussions. But first: make your own search of the King James Version Bible to see how Paul describes the Faith of Jesus or Faith of Christ (Ro 3:22; Ga 2:16; 3:22; Php 3:9; also see Re 14:12.)

We must live by this Faith if we hope to find ‘Our Father,’ and for Him to recognize us as His child. It is only through the Faith of Jesus that we can find The Father.

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Whatever little faith you can generate in your own mind is not important to Jesus or The Father. Your own faith was never expected to do much good. ⁴

“And Jesus said ... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” Matthew 17:20, KJV.

Luke wasn't so confident that a man could move mountains with faith.

⁴ A beginner needs faith to start his enquiry into Jesus and The Father. After baptism, he trades faith for a belief that comes from his own experience of The Father, which cannot be controverted.

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“And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.” Luke 17:6, KJV.

But the message that Jesus gives is that even an Apostle’s personal faith was not much use. That is why a person’s own faith can accomplish very little. Blind faith will not get you very far. Wishing you had more personal faith does no good.

You have to **DO more of Jesus’s Faith** to experience The Father’s love. When you do what Jesus says, you will know how the Father

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also loves us. **Your** faith cannot move mountains. Only **the Faith of Jesus** can move mountains, or pluck up trees. That's what Jesus was implying.

‘If you had even a little of my Faith, you could do wonders. See that mustard tree. When it was but a seed it knew that it would grow into a big mustard tree. It had no doubts about what was going to happen. This is how you must be. You must be absolutely confident that you will become a great Apostle. The Father has provided all the faith you need by sending Me to give you confidence.’

Be confident of His Faith

We need confidence in His teaching.

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For you to pray for help without having at the same time confidence that the prayer has already been answered, is futile.

Jesus said don't doubt, have confidence, believe you will get it, just ask and you will receive it.

"For verily I say unto you,
That whosoever shall say unto
this mountain, Be thou
removed, and be thou cast
into the sea; and **shall not
doubt in his heart, but shall
believe that those things
which he saith shall come to
pass; he shall have
whatsoever he saith.**

Therefore I say unto you,
What things soever ye desire,
when ye pray, **believe that ye**

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receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:23, 24, KJV.

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?" Luke 11:9-12, KJV.

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And James said: when you ask for wisdom don't waver, be certain you will receive what you ask for.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But **let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

James 1:5-8, KJV.

And Jesus said:

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“... Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.” John 16:23, KJV.

If you say: ‘whether I get it or not is God’s Will, and if I don’t get it then God has decided against my wishes,’ you slap Jesus in the face with those words, for He has promised you that you will get whatever you need from The Father.

If you aren’t receiving wisdom, perhaps you have not yet practiced the lower steps of the Faith of Jesus. You must have a fear of God, an open mind, you must teach your family, and so on (read [making the divine bread](#)) before you can receive wisdom.

Forgive to be Forgiven

You will not receive help from The Father if a brother has anything against you. You must settle with them first before asking The Father for anything.

“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge

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deliver thee to the officer,
and thou be cast into
prison.” Matthew 5:23-25,
KJV.

You must also not be committing any sin deliberately. You must not have any anger towards anyone. You must not hate any person. You must not be envying others, or lusting after ‘attachments’. You must not be breaking any of the Least Commandments as described by Jesus in Matthew. Don’t try to live the Old Testament commandments because they are not properly described in English Bibles, and they do not apply to people who are not under the Covenant with Abraham and Moses. The

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Old Testament Laws only apply to Jews, the rabbis say.

Be a child of God

You must be a **child of God** for The Father to recognize you.

The Father loves all people of all faiths, but He will honor His **children's** requests the soonest 'blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God,' and He will answer them because they are requested in the name of their brother Jesus His only begotten Son.

The Father will also respond readily to those people who are living the Faith of Jesus even if they don't know Jesus.

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A good man is good because he follows his conscience which is attuned to the Holy Spirit which manifests the Faith of Jesus, even though he may not know Jesus or the Spirit.

The rules of Life are summarized in the Least Commandments of Jesus. And for a more detailed explanation read Book Two of this series starting at page 25.

Salvation

“Salvation” is a Jesus thing

Salvation is a way of life that was exemplified by the followers of Jesus. It is not a one-time event through baptism. Baptism in water is a ritual required for entrance into the fellowship

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of some churches. Baptism in water signifies a commitment to living a holy life as defined by the teachings of Jesus.

Mark was never baptized. And though John the Baptist did immerse several of the Apostles, it was not done in the name of the Trinity, or even Jesus. Jesus did say this:

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:5, KJV.

But Jesus taught something different in the original Gospels. He says.

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"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Verily, verily, I say to thee, If any one may not be **born from above**, he is not able to see the reign of God;'" John 3:3, YLT.

It seems that being born in water was an addition by the Church to make the text agree with their traditions about baptism.

Jesus never baptized anyone with water. He even refused to baptize John The Baptist, though John requested it.

Jesus baptized only with fire and The Holy Ghost (Luke 3:16.)

Still, all Christian religions do some form of water baptism. There is disagreement between

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the groups about the proper way to baptize, and some baptisms are not recognized as valid by some churches. Jesus didn't describe a water baptism.

Just realize that Jesus never said baptism by water was a requirement for entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.

About water

Jesus said that **you must drink the water that He offers**, not be dunked into it. This water from Jesus is a new Life –a rebirth in the Kingdom of Heaven.

To the Samaritan woman at 'Jacob's' well, Jesus said: salvation is not based on ancestor worship to be done in a particular location, but

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salvation comes from drinking the water that He offers, and loving the Spirit of The Father which reveals Truth.

The Samaritan woman said:

Our fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob] worshipped in this mountain;... [they came to Mount Gerazim to worship, and this is why the Samaritan Temple was located there].

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when [soon] ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the father [Abraham].

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Ye worship ye know not what: [the true nature of HaShem is unknown to you], we know what we worship: [we have all the knowledge of HaShem because it resides in the memories of the Pharisees].

But the hour cometh, and now is, [it is already happening] when the true worshippers [children of The Father] shall worship the father [pater] in spirit and in truth: for **the father** seeketh such [people who believe on him] to worship him.

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Up to this point Jesus has been using the term ‘father’ to mean Abraham. Then He introduces the idea of a spiritual Father.

God [Theos=The Supreme God=The Father] is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
[He is not an ancestor to be worshipped in a specific place, like a mountain.] ”
John 4:20-24, KJV.

The ‘well of Jacob’ from which the woman draws water every day, is a metaphor for Oral Torah from which the woman draws inspiration every day. Jews and Samaritans live by the same Oral Torah, though Samaritans ignored the teaching of the Old Testament prophets.

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The woman had listened to the advice of her priests, but it wasn't helping her overcome a desire for attachments. The five *husbands* was a metaphor for her five senses she was trying to satisfy. She lusted after things, she liked to eat well, she desired men, she had to have music, she loved perfumes. All these desires had a negative influence on her. She was unhappy. Every day she came to the scriptures looking for help and couldn't find it.

Jesus told her that she had to come to Him.

Jesus said that salvation came from a life directed by His teaching (which would be a continual source of inspiration for the woman).

You are like the woman at the well, desiring attachments which you hope will make you

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happy, but all attachments do is cause you to worry.

Perhaps one of your attachments is your Church. You like the fellowship, the chance to get away from the house for a while, to sing perhaps, and to act like you are a good person for an hour or so.

All these desires are counter productive.

If you go to Church it must be for the benefit of The Father, not you.

How can you benefit the Father? By doing His Will, as Jesus has described it in Matthew.

So, if you go to Church it must be for the purpose of learning to do what Jesus explained to the Apostles. The Pastor must show you

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what to do to experience the goodness and love of The Father in such a manner that you can help others to also experience the Father. You must share your experiences with others, you must discuss Jesus teaching with others in the congregation. You need to come away from the service knowing more about how to do the will of the Father. Otherwise there is no point in going to Church. Yet there is the sacrament, isn't there? But is it doing you any good? You must be in a state of Grace for the sacrament to have meaning. Jesus is present in the wafer, and if you swallow the wafer while you are still committing sin, the ingestion is meaningless. Jesus will not be present in a body that is committing deliberate sin. You in fact

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condemn yourself if you take the sacramental offering knowing you are being sinful.

Another thing: you must have a clear understanding of who is the Father of Jesus. If you think The Father is the Jewish God HaShem who created Adam, then you blaspheme The Father and Jesus.

Forgive others

In order for you to receive grace from the sacrament you must be a good person with a clear conscience that you are not deliberately sinning against the teachings of Jesus. You must be living the Least commandments (It's all about Jesus-book two.)

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The Father must forgive your trespasses against the commandments of Jesus.

So, before you come to the Altar for the sacrament, and before you ask The Father to forgive your sins, you must have forgiven all others their trespasses against you, and you must also have forgotten they ever occurred.

Mt 6:14* For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Mt 6:15* But **if ye forgive not** men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mt 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto

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you, **if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**

Mr 11:25 And when ye stand praying, **forgive, if ye have ought against any:** that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mr 11:26 But **if ye do not forgive,** neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

This is how the Father forgives you.

He will forget you did something wrong, as long as you ask for His forgiveness and

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believe you have received it, then immediately forget the sin itself.

As Jesus reminded us:

(Mt 21:22)

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

This is not hard to do. I have no memories of anyone being mean to me, or criticizing me, or doing anything to deliberately hurt me.

I remember the last time I was angry. It was before I was a Christian, and at least twenty years ago. And now I can laugh at the memory, it makes a good story.

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It is good to retain happy memories. You can use happy memories to drown out bad memories [that is a method to discuss another day].

So forgive and forget, and you will have no bad memories to haunt you.

Now, let's talk about who it was that Jesus came to forgive in the first place.

Why sent only to the Lost Sheep?

Why was Jesus sent to *the lost sheep of Israel* only? Why was He not sent for gentiles?

The Father sent Him to aid the last of the Israelites who were struggling to live under

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their Covenant with HaShem. Of the original twelve tribes, only Judah was still under the Covenant of HaShem. Within Judah there were thousands of disparaged Judeans who had been discarded by the ruling classes: the Scribes and Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Nazarites. Those disparaged Judeans had been prevented from entering the spiritual Kingdom of Heaven. These people were *the Lost Sheep of Israel*. The Pharisees had up the Kingdom of Heaven for these people.

(Mt 23:13)

13 But woe unto you, scribes
and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye shut up the kingdom of
heaven against men: for ye

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neither go in yourselves,
neither suffer ye them that
are entering to go in.

In other words *the lost sheep* were unable to learn what to do to remain within the Covenantal laws.

The Lost Sheep included the poor, the halt, the lame, the blind, the slaves, and men and women with menial jobs like fishermen, harlots and tax collectors. None of these classes of people were allowed to worship in the manner of the Covenantal people.

Jesus told them that He had been sent by The Father for them specifically.

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Jesus was forbidden by His Father to teach the existence of The Father to Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees because it would have been suicide. Jesus would have been stoned to death. Covenantal people (righteous Jews) had been hardened by HaShem against knowing any God other than Hashem. Jesus quoted Isaiah who said that HaShem told him this. (Isa 6:9)

“He [Hashem] hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.” John 12:37, 40, KJV.

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HaShem was 'a jealous God,' and demanded the death by stoning of any Judean who worshipped any other God.

Jesus discussed Law with Scribes (teachers) and Pharisees (lawyers) in meeting houses, but He never revealed the news that He had been sent by another God, whom they did not know.

Jesus restricted His revelations about the Father to those people who were not under a Covenant— people could listen to Him about The Father and not run to the authorities to betray Him.

The Jews had strong laws against blasphemy. Even to say the divine name of their God would condemn a man to a stoning death. And to say

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that their God had a begotten Son was a serious blasphemy.

No begotten Son of HaShem

The Jews taught that **HaShem** who made Adam **has no begotten Son**. To say such a thing is blasphemy according to Jewish Law. And strangely it is also against US Law to say that HaShem has a Son.⁵

⁵ PL 102 of 1991 states that the moral Law of the US is based on the Talmudic teachings called the Noahide Laws which all Gentiles are required to obey to be considered righteous. One of those Noahide Laws states that it is blasphemy to say that HaShem has a son.

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But let me show you that the New Testament states our God The Father has a begotten Son.

Joh 1:18* No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Joh 3:16* For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:18* He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name

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of the **only begotten Son of God**.

1Jo 4:9* In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his **only begotten Son** into the world, that we might live through him.

The phrase **only begotten** applies to Jesus. There are other sons of God. Remember that according to Luke's Gospel Adam was a Son of God also, (Lu 3:38) but Adam was not a **begotten** Son of God as the rabbis who claim Adam as their Jewish ancestor will quickly point out. HaShem **begot** no Son, they say.

And what of the Muslim God Allah?

The Qur'an states Allah has no son:

Muslims say the same thing. In the Qur'an it says that Allah has **not begotten any son**.

"Say He is God, the One and Only God, the, Eternal, Absolute. **He begets not**, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him!" Qur'an [II2:I-4]

They said, "**The Most Gracious has begotten a son**"! **You have uttered a gross blasphemy**. The heavens are about to shatter, the earth is about to tear asunder, and the mountains are about to crumble. Because they claim that the Most Gracious has begotten a son. **It is not befitting the Most Gracious that He should beget a son**. Every single one in the heavens and the

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earth is a **servant** of the Most Gracious. He has encompassed them, and has counted them one by one. All of them will come before Him on the Day of Resurrection as individuals. Quran: [19:88-95]

In blasphemy indeed are those that say that Allah is Christ the son of Mary.

Say: "Who then hath the least power against Allah, if His will were to destroy Christ the son of Mary, his mother, and all every - one that is on the earth? For to Allah belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between. He createth what He pleaseth. For Allah hath power over all things." Quran [005.017]

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They do blaspheme who say: "Allah is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." **Whoever joins other gods with Allah- Allah will forbid him the garden, and the Fire will be his abode.** There will for the wrong-doers be no one to help. Quran [005.072]

It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be" and it is. Quran [019.035]

And the Billy Graham organization is quick to agree.

Billy Graham Evangelists Association

From their Web Site:

“Muslims do not speak of God as their heavenly Father. In the Islamic faith, Allah is not only a different name for god; the deity it designates is far more impersonal than the God of the Bible. Father—the very name that Jesus gave us as the designated name for use in prayer—is a name that simply does not fit Allah as depicted in the Quran.

Furthermore, Muslims claim that Allah has no son. This represents a head-on collision between the God of the Bible and Allah. For, as the Bible makes clear, the one and only true God is most perfectly revealed as the Father of the

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Son, Jesus Christ. In the Gospel of John, Jesus repeatedly teaches that no one has truly known the Father, except by the Son. In one of the most clarifying verses in the New Testament, Jesus declared Himself to be “the way, and the truth, and the life,” adding, “no one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

Because Muslims deny that God has a son, they explicitly reject any Trinitarian language. From the very starting point, Islam denies what Christianity takes as its central truth claim: the fact that Jesus Christ is the only begotten of the Father. If Allah has no son, then Allah is not the God who reveals Himself through the

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Son. How then can calling God “Allah” not lead to anything but confusion—and worse?”

I agree— **only The Father has begotten a Son**. How then could anybody confuse **the Father of the Son** with either HaShem or Allah? These gods begot no son, therefore neither of them could be The Father of Jesus.

Jesus never once said My Father is HaShem or My Father is Allah.

When a person follows Jesus **he will be lead to The Father** not to Allah, HaShem, or any other god.

When you pray it had better be to **The Father of The Son**, not to HaShem or to Allah.

All Good children go to Heaven

According to several authorities: Jesus, and Pope Francis, even Origen has said it; a place in Paradise is guaranteed to **all good people**—even to Atheists if they **are good people**.

I had many conversations with a Sister Superior head of a Convent. We had tea every Tuesday. She said that even a native in the wilderness would be saved if he followed his conscience and was a good person even if he/she knew nothing of Jesus, or The Father.

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When you read the **Least commandments of Jesus**, you will realize that any person can follow those rules, and these rules are embedded in every human's conscience. You don't have to read a Bible to be a good person.

If an Atheist or Hindu, follows his conscience he/she will be guided by The Holy Spirit which is attached to the human soul—this is not the Comforter, this is the Spirit of life that is breathed into every human – that which makes him/her alive. All people have this Spirit within them, and without it they would die. Someone who dies ‘gives up the ghost,’ we say.

Just because every human has The Holy Spirit within them doesn't prevent him from doing bad things. Every person has freedom of

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choice. Anyone can go against his conscience and be bad. The Holy Spirit doesn't 'go away' when you are bad. The Holy Spirit stays with your soul and will try and get you to listen to your conscience, which is the conduit for spiritual communications with the Father and with Jesus.

When you die The Holy Spirit stays with your soul. Made free from the flesh you will perhaps finally hear the spirit say: 'I have been trying to tell you all along that it would eventually kill you!'

Listen to your conscience.

The reward of a good life

According to Jesus a person's spiritual 'reward' in this life depends on good works they do.

What *you* do in this life determines whether you are worthy of the reward of Eternal Life in this life, and in the world to come Life everlasting.

Even the worst of human souls will be refined and made righteous in the world to come. Peter gave an example of some bad human souls that were refined by Jesus's Spirit (1Pe 3:19-20).

Many of Cain's descendants had been confined to Spirit Prison after being drowned by Hashem in the Euphrates flood. They were

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released from prison by the Spirit of Jesus and some Gospels says that He brought those spirits to Paradise during the time between the crucifixion and the ascension.

Some five billion souls must be in Paradise, for that is the number of people who have died since the first homosapiens were created 350,000 years ago.

Faith IN Jesus is not enough

Just because a person has faith in Jesus does not mean Jesus will let them into the Kingdom.

“When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye

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begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, **Lord, Lord, open unto us;** and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, **We have eaten and drunk in thy presence,** and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, **I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.**" Luke 13:25-27, KJV.

"**Many** will say to me in that day, **Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?** and in thy name have cast out devils? and **in thy name done many wonderful works?** And then will I profess unto

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them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**" Matthew 7:22, 23, KJV.

So you can have faith in Jesus but the doors to heaven may be closed to you by Jesus himself because you are not following His Least commandments. Read book two of the *It's All about Jesus* series, to see which of his commandments you are not following.

Jesus said that you must do his commandments.

(Lu 6:46)

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

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I suppose a person who thinks his salvation depends on his own faith must live with much doubt and uncertainty about whether his/her faith is good enough. They pray for more faith, fearful that their prayers are not going to be answered.

But Jesus said: ‘don’t worry, be happy. Be happy don’t worry. Just do what I tell you and you will be all right, I guarantee it.’

Salvation is a life doing the sort of good works the Son has described.

Specific beliefs, or specific rituals are not important to The Father who loves all people equally. As Jesus said:

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“That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for **he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**”
Matthew 5:45, KJV.

The Father has promised The Son that all people who love Him, and His Son will be saved, independent of any Creeds and beliefs.

A man's goodness is determined by how well his life parallels that of Jesus. Examples of good people who followed the teachings of Jesus are Billy Graham, President Jefferson, Albert Schweitzer, Mother Theresa, and Gandhi. They were not all Christians.

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A person only has to live the Life described by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, and chapters 5,6,7, and 8 of Matthew, to be saved and to be rewarded with Eternal Life. Read my book “All about Jesus, Book Two.”

The rules of Jesus are non-denominational. All people can live according to these rules, regardless of their religion. His example can be followed by anyone.

All **good** people will go directly to Paradise, whether they have been baptized or not. Remember the man on the cross. He must have been a good man who had fallen afoul of the Roman laws. In fact all men who were crucified by the Romans got a pass to heaven level #1. That was the Jewish Law.

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Listen to what Jesus said about making bad souls ‘good’ by refining them in the fire (fire is a metaphors for grace).

“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: [the refining process]there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” Matthew 13:41-43, KJV.

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In other words, the bad souls of human beings will be made righteous by the Angels, and these souls will also enter into Paradise (Heaven.)

Jesus said: The Devil and His Angels will be the only beings sent into everlasting fire (they had no bodies nor human souls).

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, **into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**” Matthew 25:41, KJV.

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Now read book TWO.

It is all about what Jesus means when He says:
‘be good.’

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