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This book is the culmination of all his seeking and study, as well as his many and varied spiritual experiences. In this book, Merritt draws back the curtain on an ancient mysterious, spiritual path that the Catholic church has fought tooth and nail since Christianity began. Few understand this ancient path, and even fewer have been initiated into it's secrets. Keeping it light and easy to read, the author takes the reader down the rabbit hole of the real Matrix, and turns the world upside down and inside out. Discover for yourself, in your own Bible, the lies of God in the Garden of Eden, and the Truth told by the Serpent.

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Chapter 1
The Christian Conundrum

Orchestra of the dead. Woodcut by Michael Wolmegut, from Hartmann Schedel's Liber Chronicarum, printed by Anton Koberger, Nuremberg, 1493.

Does the Bible really teach there is only one God? Or does it teach that many gods exist? Did Almighty God really create this material world? Perhaps another, lesser god, created this material world? These are important questions, because the God of whom Jesus Christ spoke is a gentle, loving Heavenly Father. Yet, the universe is overflowing with evil, cruelty, agony and death. How can one reconcile the reality of evil, cruelty, agony and death with the theory of a loving Heavenly Father? For, as countless thinkers have said:

If God is all-powerful, then God is not all-good.

If God is all-good, then God is not all-powerful.

Either God wants to eliminate evil but is not powerful enough

Or...

God is powerful enough to eliminate evil but does not want to do so.

In other words, an all-good God would not make a universe brimming with evil, pain, violence, suffering, misery and death. An all-powerful God might do so, but such a God would not be all-good. Mainstream Christians have danced around this issue for two thousand years but none of them have given a satisfactory answer to the Problem of Evil. Their “answers” have taken the form of mental gymnastics, verbal contortions, special pleading, misdirection, “smoke and mirrors.” However, there is a very ancient and wise solution to this dilemma. The earliest Christians held this Key, this solution, and immediately realized and adopted it because of their unshakable Knowing (Greek: Gnosis, pronounced KNOW-sis) of an all-good Heavenly Father. Gnostic is the name whereby the early Christians who held this Key were known. The reason? Gnosis means to Know God as opposed to those who merely believe in God. The Catholic church later rejected this Key of Gnosis.

It is important to understand how and from what source the New Testament acquired its present form and “authority.” Then we can appreciate how important the Key of Gnosis is in understanding who Jehovah really is and therefore solving the problem of evil. So, we will take a few moments to trace the development of the New Testament “canon” or official list of books. When the Catholic church finally had the power of the Roman Empire behind it through the Emperor Constantine, those who held the Key of Gnosis were ruthlessly hunted down. Persecution and pressure to conform to the Catholic church or die resulted in their scriptures being seized and burned. Thereafter, only writings bearing the approval of the Catholic church would officially become “scripture” through councils held by the Catholic church.
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Chapter 2
The New Testament Mutates
And Evolves

The fact that the Catholic church leaders in both its Roman and Byzantine halves selected by vote which books would become the New Testament, will come as a shock to many Protestant, Evangelical, and Fundamentalist Christians. (For the purposes of this book, “Fundamentalist” means someone who believes the Bible is inerrant and infallible in the original autograph manuscripts. That it is wholly the work and word of God, the Truth in all it affirms) Most give no thought as to who said the New Testament books are the right books. Nor do they even ask if perhaps some of the right books were left out of the canon. All mainstream Christians of the western world, whether Protestant, Evangelical, Fundamentalist, Pentecostal or Charismatic, share the same canon of New Testament books selected and approved by the Catholic church. They use the Catholic New Testament whether they are Catholic or not. (I am not referring to the Latin Vulgate, but to the canon of the New Testament itself, the list of New Testament books).

Chapter 5
The Father Of Lies

Remember that Jesus said that Satan is “The Father of Lies.” (John 8:44) Well, let us look at Genesis in that light. Let us see who told the Original Lie. If you read the allegory of the Garden of Eden, the Jehovah gods tell Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because “in that day thou shalt surely die.” Genesis 2:17. On the other hand, the Serpent promised them “Ye shall not surely die. For God (the elohim, the gods) doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods (the elohim), knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4-5.
Fortunately, many of the ancient writings of the earliest Christians, the Gnostic Christians, came to light seemingly by “accident” in 1945 in Nag Hammadi, Egypt. These Gnostic Christian scriptures form a second, wiser, more spiritual New Testament than the Catholic New Testament that all mainstream Christians currently use. The books of the Gnostic Christian scriptures were originally written in Greek, then subsequently translated into the Coptic language, the language of the Christians in Egypt. In this book I will point out the Greek words underlying the Coptic translation, to establish continuity with the Koine (“common”) Greek of the New Testament.

I heartily recommend the Gnostic Christian scriptures to all those who have finished this book, whose eyes have thereby been opened, and who seek a purer stream than we have in the corrupted Catholic New Testament. Yet, I caution the reader against clinging to them as mainstream Christians cling to the Bible. Do not make a paper and ink idol, or paper-Pope, out of the Gnostic Christian scriptures. Do not let them become a substitute for your own direct personal experience and Knowing of God as mainstream Christians do the Bible. These writings do contain the ancient Gnostic solution to the problem of evil, the problem we discussed at the opening of this book, as well as many other spiritual gems.

The solution to the problem of evil which the Scriptures of the Gnostic (Knowing) Christians explain, and which the Catholic church violently rejected, is this:

The spiritual realms were formed from the Heavenly Father’s own Essence, the all-good and loving Father of whom Jesus spoke. Seven elohim or Archons, distant descendants of the Absolute God, fashioned this material universe from eternally pre-existing dead defiled matter. These lesser elohim were unable, as well as unwilling, to fashion a universe free of suffering and death. Read the very short Gospel of the Egyptians in the Gnostic Christian scriptures to explore this teaching further. The True God, however, has been active through various Divine beings such as the Logos (Word), Sophia (Wisdom), Zoë (Life) and Charis (Grace), to bring us a direct Knowing of the Divine. This activity culminated in Jesus Christ. We will revisit this topic later in the book, but for now let us examine the Biblical evidence for the existence of more than one God.
Paul in the New Testament asks us a very interesting question. He asks us “What communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14) Paul’s answer, of course, is none. Light has no communion with darkness, nor righteousness with iniquity. With that fact in mind, a truly striking contrast between Jehovah and the Heavenly Father can be found by comparing 1 John 1:5 and Acts 26:18 with a number of verses describing Jehovah. (Remember, when you see LORD or GOD in all capitals in the Old Testament, the Hebrew is actually Jehovah, or more accurately, Yahweh) 1 John 1:5: “This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is LIGHT and in Him THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.” Acts 26:18: “To OPEN THEIR EYES, and to turn them from DARKNESS to LIGHT, and from the power of SATAN unto GOD.” Clearly, darkness is of Satan, and Light is of the True God. Now contrast those two verses with all of these verses describing Jehovah/Satan (emphasis mine):

“Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.” 1 Kings 8:12.
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Chapter 12
One Fountain Or Two?

On the one hand, we read in the Bible that “God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all,” and on the other hand we have also read in the Bible that darkness is part and parcel of God. On the one hand we read that “It is impossible for God to lie,” and on the other hand we read of Jehovah deceiving prophets and lying. On the one hand we read that “God is love” and “love is not jealous,” and on the other hand we read that Jehovah is a jealous god. On the one hand, we read the Sermon on the Mount and its call to pacifism, gentleness, altruism, and that we should “be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect,” and on the other hand we read of the savage, vile, bloodthirsty, and murderous acts of Jehovah. On the one hand we are told “God is Love” and we have Love clearly defined for us in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and on the other hand we see Jehovah behaving in a truly Satanic fashion of undiluted evil. Are we really reading of only one God? Or is it obvious to you by now we are reading of at least two deities, one merely a god and one the Most High God? At this point we must ask ourselves, can both good and evil spring forth from the same God, a God who is Love personified? (1 John 4:8, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.)

The Bishop of Speier adoring the Virgin and Child. From an Episcopal Proclamation, Speier 1483.
Donald Duck And Jehovah

All of us grew up watching and enjoying the antics of Donald Duck. We laughed as he slowly but surely lost control of a situation, and then finally, in an impotent rage, threw a temper tantrum. Sometimes, it was his nephews Huey, Dewey, and Louie who drove poor Donald to the brink and beyond. We can all relate to Donald because often we too are faced with a situation that is beyond our control no matter what we do. After all, we are finite beings. However, when Donald Duck finally came to the end of his rope and threw a destructive temper tantrum, he displayed three important traits:

1. He is impotent in the face of great difficulty.
2. He utterly lacks self-control.
3. He can be manipulated by others and by circumstance.

When Huey, Dewey, and Louie continued to disobey Donald despite all his warnings, all he could really do in the end was throw a fit and destroy things in his impotent rage. In this, Huey, Dewey, and Louie demonstrated their control over their Uncle Donald. They could push his buttons until he could no longer respond to the situation in a rational or constructive manner, and he was finally overcome by his mindless rage. Donald had been successfully manipulated and shown to be impotent. For one is truly impotent when one can no longer respond to a situation constructively or maintain composure and self-control, and can only rage and destroy. As humans, we can relate to this. It reminds us of our own finiteness, and our own foibles. However, when we read about this same behavior being displayed by the supposedly omnipotent and omniscient god Jehovah in the pages of the Bible, it should give us instant pause for thoughtful analysis of Jehovah. Humans push Jehovah, over and over again, beyond his ability to respond to a situation in a constructive, rational, or self-controlled manner.

Just as Donald Duck throws impotent destructive rages because he can no longer respond constructively or rationally, so does Jehovah. In the pages of the Bible, humans disobey this supposedly omniscient and omnicompetent god over and over, until he finally throws a destructive temper tantrum. He kills everyone on earth with a flood, sparing only a handful. He sends
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"I am now at Home, spiritually, though I remain a pilgrim and stranger in this world." 
Hebrews 11:13.

Gnostic Christianity is the inward, mystical spirituality that so many Westerners are searching for in Far Eastern religions. You can find spiritual Reality in the midst of Christianity. You can become yourself a Christ, for that was and is the original intent and purpose of Christianity.

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plagues upon Egypt because the Pharaoh of Egypt will not obey him. Jehovah kills all the firstborn sons of the Egyptians. Jehovah commands the Israelites to slaughter millions of men, women, the elderly, children, infants, babies, and even rip unborn babies out of their mother’s wombs. In his impotent wrath, Jehovah again and again destroys vast multitudes of the Israelites, his own “chosen people,” because he can no longer find a way to respond in a meaningful, constructive, self-controlled manner to their disobedience, despite his supposedly omniscient, omnipotent, and omnicompetent nature. The Final Solution for Jehovah is always impotent destructive rage and murder.

We can laugh at Donald Duck's behavior because we see our human finiteness and foibles portrayed onscreen. Yet, when we find such behavior attributed to a supposedly omniscient, omnipotent, and omnicompetent Jehovah, we should be horrified and repulsed. Why? The real God is beyond our flesh in intelligence, power, and wisdom. That God is not subject to our human finiteness and foibles, being superior to our flesh, not inferior as Jehovah is. The True God is always able to find a meaningful, constructive way to respond to any situation. The True God could never be manipulated and controlled by finite creatures as Jehovah is.

“Huey, Dewey, and Louie” (the human race) would never be able to exhaust the True God's mental and emotional resources and push it over the brink into impotent, murderous rage.

As we have seen over and over, “Jehovah” is none other than Satan the Devil. Those who worship that god, “The God of this Age,” and fill their mind with tales of its impotent rage, begin to display such behavior themselves. Again I point the reader to the Christian Right, as well as Christian history, for confirmation of my claim. It is only logical that we would become like that which we worship, that which we give the highest place in our minds and hearts. Those who worship Jehovah/Satan pose a continuous real threat to the lives of each other and to those of us who do not worship their nasty god. Christian and Jewish history (and today’s news) are overflowing with examples of the savagery of those who have filled their minds and hearts with the Jehovah/Satan fiend.

Wherever Gnosticism has arisen, those who worship the God of this Age have murdered Gnostics nearly to extinction. Why do you suppose that is so?