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A Conservative Soul-Mate body that fully complies with **all** that scripture teaches, modernised and minus controversial unbiblical baggage.

- Similar to the Mennonite way of life for leaders, but more thorough and modernised.
- True to all the 10 and Jesus commandments, including Saturday sabbath, and communal expensive property, ie Christian neo-Levite.
- Having an audited Trust to lease or rent budget housing to those involved in the great commission, using 3d printed houses on a communal NZ property like a camp ground or like a hostel. And to own expensive items of property, for leasing longterm or a lifetime, for free, to campus members.
- Teaching those things elucidated on by <http://god-help.org>
- Only reverencing infinite God/Jesus.
- Operating an internet radio or TV

channel, producing programs for those broadcasts.

- Researching scientifically robust answers to the deep questions raised by society, in a faith building manner. Recognizing that society no longer have a basic understanding of christian concepts (more so in nonchristian cultures), per Ken Ham's Foundations DVD series at answersingenesis.org or search youtube foundations ken ham . Even christians in developed nations have varying degrees of ignorance according to Pew research surveys.
- Having a church to be run by campus pastors who fully believe in this movement, with contributions to/from god-help.org and soul-mate.tv Being somewhat like Mennonites in

communal living for Christian public figures, and SDAs in commandment keeping, but different in a few matters. If we relaxed those way of life issues, i think we would become ineffective, due to lack of any anointing.

- Tending toward self sufficiency, and hydroponic glasshouse gardens.

If struggling with the position that we keep God/Jesus commandments, then reading The Great Gospel Deception by D Servant chapter 5 "The Antinomian "Christian"" offers to clear up the confusion. The easy way to remember it is that, authentic faith is the root and biblically consistent works are the fruit. Like the parable of the Talents, our authentic faith is

discerned by the fruit we bear, as we're to be fruit inspectors. Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments 1 John 2:3-4. As contrasted with Laodicean believers.

Gal 5:13-14 'For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We like to select appealing verses while minimizing momentarily challenging verses, but only if we consider "the whole counsel of God" can we avoid gambling with eternal life. For example, highlighting some comments from [Afterlife.html](#), and [CulturalChristians.html](#), we remind ourselves that the great commission says to Mat 28:20 "teaching them to

obey all that I have commanded you", and the teaching of the Apostles too, rather than pursuing lawlessness.

Mat 5:19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven. Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." Such obedience is progressively learnt, until it becomes second nature.

Instructions on the way we ought to live sound like drudgery when our heart isn't in it, as rules/instructions without a relationship often lead to rebellion or rote learned religiosity (going through the motions, rather than circumcision of the heart, ie when our heart isn't in it). It makes

all the difference when our hearts are motivated by a labour of love - Hebrews 6:10.

When we study and learn to appreciate the noble and majestic facets of God's ways and nature then His love for humanity enlightens our souls. As the creator of all beauty in the world, as seen in our scientific appreciation of that, we have tangible examples of God's will for beauty in our lives too; for noble standards of behaviour, that recognize God endowed purpose or function. We oughtn't to assume that Jesus didn't care about the 10 commandments, or Christ's Law of love (1 Cor 9:21, Gal 6:2, Jam 2:8), for God and our neighbours. As works that bear 'fruit' they demonstrate authentic faith as the 'root'. The example of the fig tree, and parable of the Talents, show us

all that faith without works is dead, though when we have authentic faith, works are the fruit of that root. And when we're innocent as little children, then Jesus yoke is light. The 'fruit' of God's Holy Spirit is Gal 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Eph 5:9 "for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth." Laodicean lawlessness isn't part of that 'fruit', again, we're reminded to seek "the whole counsel of God". Further details are in LawAndGrace.html. And when we're innocent as little children, then Jesus yoke is light. 2Pet 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness,

knowledge;

2Pet 1:6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

2Pet 1:7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

2Pet 1:8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If somehow this movement rings true, in it's entirety, to sponsors, then funding will enable quick development and hiring staff. To be worthy of God's blessing, we strive for thoroughly biblical practices or way of life. Disobedience of different degrees has limited the Holy Spirit in our nations, so that

authentic revival seems impossible, until things are sorted out in a thorough manner. While we dismiss that reality check, other belief systems are prevailing, in multicultural societies.

As an engineer, i cherry pick the best of Christian teaching, thought to optimize fruitfulness through orthodoxy, and deemphasize highly controversial aspects that aren't essential to the Christian way of life.

That's not necessarily saying deemphasized topics don't have a suggested contribution, but to build on the rock rather than on the sand of disputed or controversial scholarship. If we aspire to lead internationally in our scientific society we are required to emulate the rigor of modern cultures, not

dealing in half truths, however unintentional. Sloppy scholarship is a recipe for crisis of confidence and counterfeit pet theories, not untypical of what cause youth to abandon church once they go to university. Discussion documents are alright, no one has all the insights, but where there's rigor available, discussion ought to address it's pros and cons in a well reasoned thorough and logical, -key issues- manner, and ebook, that reduces susceptibility to half truths, in the international community. Such an effort can require input from special interest folks or forums, to manage unknowns and the work.

If we want to find treasure buried in a field, if we want to find the words of life we need to begin practicing

the works of life -- defined by and
along with Christian faith in Jesus;
expounded on at Soul-Mate.org

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God_Defend_New_Zealand

God of Nations at thy feet, In the
bonds of love we meet, hear our
voices we entreat, God defend our
free land.

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that these millions of exquisite
designs, far exceeding in beauty
and workmanship anything
produced by man, are the result of
mere chance ?"

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It needs to be mentioned that with so much emphasis on biblical theology or theory that we can overlook God's mercy. I don't adjudicate on issues that may or not fall into this category but prayerfully defer to God & Jesus.

The Great Gospel Deception by D. Servant

Apparently God requiring humanity to work for a living, while seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and "all these things will be added unto you"/us, is resolved with some type of asceticism / austerity DS describes. He later explains it, Jesus concluded: "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does

not give up all his own possessions" Luke 14:33 . "In order to be Jesus' disciple, we must relinquish ownership of all our possessions to His control. We become stewards of what is now His, and our material wealth will be used for His purposes. Otherwise we are not His disciples." Kindle Loc 1163. This is a transformed view of how we conduct our affairs in light of Jesus' teaching. Again, we become faithful stewards, holding those things lightly until God requires them of us, and not indulging in the practice of self serving purchases that don't predominantly build God's influence.

To improve on the somewhat adhoc nature of stewardship we might adopt the Levite modus operandi for property ownership, primarily using church Trust/s to manage

lease housing, and expensive items of property, for those fulfilling the great commission -- similar to real estate companies that manage rental properties, purchased as a rent/lease to own -- but eventually owned by the Trust/s. With 3D printed housing it's no longer prohibitive to build new houses at a budget price -

<https://youtu.be/wCzS2FZoB-1>

<https://www.iconbuild.com>

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Churches -- <http://www.wayoflife.org/directory/index.html>

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What must I do to have the Afterlife ?

Growing in the things of God is a daily relationship between disciples of Jesus (God our saviour) and God, which involves the work of God's Holy Spirit convincing and reminding us of things we need to leave behind us, as God transforms us into the likeness of Jesus Christ day by day (eSword Rom 12:2, 2Co 3:18)(Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will

come in to him Joh 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends ...). Practice makes perfect when God's Holy Spirit is helping us to be transformed into disciples of Jesus and His Apostles, and their standards of behaviour, in the Bible. 1311 - The New Heart: How God Can Change Us Without Violating Our Freedom

"There is no salvation without repentance, and it is a Holy Spirit-wrought change of mind that results in a change of life. Salvation is not a mere ticket to Heaven. It is a saving, life-changing relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ in the here and now."

(wayoflife.org) 1 Co 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the

foolishness of the message preached (ie righteous faith in Christ) to save those who believe.

Battle Of The Bibles - which Bible is correct according to the Majority Text ?

Battle Of The Bibles DVD - Examine the history of Revised translations
The history of the Alexandrian
Nestle Aland United Bible Society
NU Text emphasised by many modern translations, due to
Westcott & Hort

List of Disputed Bible passages - with references to the early sources as authority for inclusion.

Westcott & Hort Under Examination
The NKJV Bible seems to be the closest version which addresses the disputed passages, based on the Textus Receptus.

The closer we get to God, the more

we become conscious of our need for redemption and sanctification. Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." It needs to be mentioned that with so much emphasis on biblical theology or theory that we can overlook God's mercy. I don't adjudicate on issues that may or not fall into this category but prayerfully defer to God & Jesus.

"The Bible is the only religious Scripture that teaches the doctrine of salvation by grace. Every other one teaches salvation by works, or religiosity. Hinduism says salvation is attained by practicing dharma and working out one's karma. Islam says salvation is by surrender to Allah and obedience to his commands. Buddhism says

salvation is by reaching nirvana through life works and meditation and asceticism. If you visit the Buddhist monastery at Boudha in Kathmandu any time of the day you will find Buddhists walking clockwise, fingering their prayer beads and twirling their prayer wheels. They do this because they are trying to work out their salvation. The Bible, on the other hand, says that salvation is God's free gift to sinners. This gift was very costly for the Giver. It was purchased with a great price, which was the atoning sacrifice of God's Son on the cross. But for the sinner it is free. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The Bible says there is nothing that the sinner can offer God in order to atone for

his sins. What could we offer? Righteous works? The Bible says our righteousness is as filthy rags before God's great holiness (Isaiah 64:6). Money? What would the God of creation do with our pathetic currency? A pure heart? The Bible says the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). How, then, could we purchase our own salvation? "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6). No, salvation is the free gift of a loving and deeply compassionate God." (An Unshakeable Faith p. 42) A key to understanding authentic saving faith is here.

We're reminded that there are standards to progressively learn,

each case on its merits, Luk 20:35
But those who are counted worthy
to attain that age, and the
resurrection from the dead, neither
marry nor are given in marriage;
Luk 20:36 nor can they die
anymore, for they are equal to the
angels and are sons of God, being
sons of the resurrection.

Salvation comes by authentic faith
alone, but true faith results in the
fruit of obedience and good works.
Daily submission and obedience
result from genuine faith. We obey
because we are saved, not in order
to earn salvation. Instructions on
the way we ought to live sound like
drudgery when our heart isn't in it,
as rules/instructions without a
relationship often lead to rebellion
or rote learned religiosity (going
through the motions, rather than
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our heart isn't in it). It makes all the difference when our hearts are motivated by a labour of love (Hebrews 6:10). When we study and learn to appreciate the noble and majestic facets of God's ways and nature then His love for humanity enlightens our souls. As the creator of all beauty in the world, as seen in our scientific appreciation of that, we have tangible examples of God's will for beauty in our lives too.

There are practical steps to take, we all need to be proactive. For God and Jesus' Holy Spirit to work, we need to :

- **Repent and pray for Jesus to forgive our sins and save us,**
- Practice a healthy lifestyle as detailed below,
- Then it helps if we read the Bible, which can be downloaded

and installed for free from e-Sword Bible. An easy way to navigate through quick daily readings in one year is with NKJV daily Bible for Kindle or Kindle App for Android/PC.

A brief but clear explanation of Christian faith, contrasting and clarifying common understanding with a scriptural explanation.
What Is Sin ? Described Here.

Have you considered this intriguing range of helpful books ?

Have you considered How to study your Bible rightly ?

John MacArthur's helpful expositions on the successful Christian life :-

Obedience to the Faith

The Believer's Armor, Part 1: The

Belt of Truthfulness

The Believer's Armor, Part 2: The Breastplate of Righteousness

The Believer's Armor, Part 6: The Helmet of Salvation Part 2

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2Pet 1:6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

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2Pet 1:8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Consider the narrow way(eSword

Luk 13:24) or sanctification of the godly life, and repentance in concert with proactive faith. (Phil 3:9) "not having my own righteousness, which is from the law - mainly the moral law and 10 commandments, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith." No one can be saved by the law (2Co 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life; Heb 9:15). Acts 5:32 "... and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him". [Jesus teachings by the Holy Spirit are distinguished by heptadic structure, discussed below.] It is authentic faith in Christ alone that justifies, but righteous faith that justifies is never alone.

We believe that law, mainly the moral law and 10 commandments, were only a shadow of that which was to come. Christ is Col 2:10 "the head of all principality and power", Col 2:17 "These are a shadow of the things to come, but the reality belongs to Christ", Col 3:11 "Christ is all and in all", John 1:1-4 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of Men", just as Jesus is also the manna from heaven John 6:31-33, the infinite alpha and omega, and that the teachings of Christ (as conforms with sound Biblical orthodox teaching - such as found here wayoflife.org) is the fulfillment of the law - mainly the moral law and

10 commandments. Rom 13:9-10 "... and whatever other (Law) command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore - godly - love is the fulfillment of the law". The Golden Rule Matt 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets"; though righteousness or noble standards of behaviour expand on it, per the Apostles teaching.

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; Rom 9:31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Rom 9:32

Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

What does this mean ?

Wasn't it contrasting circumcision of the heart (heart felt convictions and reality check/s) with just going through the motions due to rote learned religiosity, symbolized by circumcision of the flesh ?

Authentic faith includes progressively learning the obedience of faith in God, more on progressively learning the obedience of faith in God. We're saved by authentic faith alone but we're saved to the fruits of a repentant way of life - that recognise noble/godly standards of behaviour. Written Law has no power to change our heart, but keeping God's way of life and commandments is empowered by

the Holy Spirit, (when we appreciate God's noble and majestic beauty), as a progressively learnt labour of love. We also see this in the OT verse (Deu 5:29) "Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear(/trust/honour) Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!" cf entropy.

Gal 3:24-25 -- 24: "Therefore the law - the moral law and 10 commandments - was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (faith is never alone). 25: "But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor." Or in other words, we expand on it with all the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles - in line with sound biblical orthodox teachings; (have you considered

'Law, Grace, and Salvation' in The Kingdom of The Cults Appendix B pp 610-627), again, just as Jesus is also the manna from heaven (John 6:31-33), the alpha and omega. Christ is in the Old Testament concealed and in the New Testament revealed.

Referring to the moral law and 10 commandments, we need to heed Jesus warning Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. Mat 5:18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Mat 5:19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven. The Seventh Day Adventists seem to

grasp the importance of all the moral law and 10 commandments better than others, when balanced by Romans 6. We remind ourselves that it is faith in Christ alone that justifies, but righteous faith that justifies is never alone, ie we progressively learn noble standards of behaviour that learn to love our neighbour unselfishly as a starting point, then expand on it with a noble clean lifestyle that recognises God endowed purpose or function in our standards of behaviour, and in time loving God/Jesus. Eph 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, Eph 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."

SDA's seem to hold to a variant belief of the above, explained here [The 10 Commandments Twice](#)

Removed or Kindle which holds to the 10 (with Jesus & Apostles) commandments and the faith of Jesus. It's difficult to concisely distinguish the two stances so both are mentioned here to be on the safe side - Rev 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Acts 5:32 "... and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him".

We're reminded that Jesus claimed - Luk 6:5 "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." Luk 6:6 "Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. Luk 6:7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that

they might find an accusation against Him. Luk 6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood. Luk 6:9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?" Luk 6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so

Luk 13:10 "Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. Luk 13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. Luk 13:12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." Luk

13:13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. Luk 13:14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." Luk 13:15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

We oughtn't to assume from these treatise' that Jesus didn't care about the moral law and 10 commandments, which many Christians sincerely hold to; another view is detailed in The Kingdom of The Cults Appendix B

pp 610-627. If the Sabbath is taken to be on Saturday for Christians then that is harmless and probably even more correct. Also, we would agree that the commandments Exo 20:13 "You shall not murder. Exo 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery. Exo 20:15 "You shall not steal. Exo 20:16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Exo 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house" etc, are valid standards of behaviour now as they ever were. 2Co 3:3 "clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart"; as also are Jesus and the Apostles teachings on godly behaviour, which expand on all forms of 'law'lessness, and retrograde standards of behaviour. Again, Mat 5:17 "Do not

think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." We need to include Romans 6:1-23 in our full consideration of the topic of Law and Grace, though Paul says he uses human terminology to explain his understanding Rom 6:19.

Written Law has no power to convert the soul, as sin and entropy are a self-perpetuating slippery slope so that we don't find the strength in us to transform our lives, except by faith in and through Jesus. Practice & scholarly study makes perfect when the Holy Spirit is helping us to become more like Christ Jesus (as taught in the Bible).

We're reminded that the power to live a godly life grows out of an increasing godly love relationship with God/Jesus and our neighbour,

as we proactively learn God's/Jesus ways through study and application, as a labour of love.

Rom 13:9-10 "... and whatever other (Law) command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore - godly - love is the fulfillment of the law"; though righteousness or noble standards of behaviour expand on it, per the Apostles teaching. Exo 20:6 "but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments". Love and godly obedience are increasingly inextricably linked. Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law ?" Mat 22:37 "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with

all your mind.' Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment. Mat 22:39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Again, we remind ourselves that it is faith in Christ alone that justifies, but righteous faith that justifies is never alone, ie we progressively learn noble standards of behaviour that learn to love our neighbour unselfishly as a starting point, then expand on it with a noble clean lifestyle that recognises God endowed purpose or function in our standards of behaviour, and in time loving God/Jesus.

Heart felt convictions about God's Biblical truths build from our growing appreciation for God's majesty (even if we're only beyond

reasonable doubt), as the one who created the galaxies and 'all' beauty in the Earth; also expounded by the sciences and arts. Jesustein. Again,

2Pet 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

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2Pet 1:7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

2Pet 1:8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:5 "Through him and for his name's sake we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith."
Mat 28:20 "teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you", and the teaching of the Apostles too, rather than pursuing lawlessness. Repentance requires growing obedience (in measure with the significance of offenses, and borne out of a heart felt love relationship - Rom 13:9-10) as disciples learn the ways of the master. Eph 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith", with repentance rather than license, lawlessness, or 'easy believism', learning and conforming to the biblically revealed nature or character of Christ through the empowering Holy Spirit - Rom 8:14. We're to bear fruit in keeping with

authentic faith Luk 8:15 . Mat 7:21
"Not everyone who says to Me,
'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the
kingdom of heaven, but he who
does the will of My Father in
heaven." Even the demons believe.
Authentic faith is more godly than
easy believism/also known as cheap
grace. Practice makes perfect when
God is helping us to learn noble
standards, as a labour of
increasingly heart felt convictions
and love (Hebrews 6:10). First we
make our habits then our habits
make us. To whom much is given
much will be expected, each case
on it's merits, even when our steps
are faltering. God's mercy says to
the repentant that 'though your sins
are as scarlet they shall be as white
as snow' Isa 1:18 . How many times
will God forgive us - Jesus said 70
times 7 Mat 18:22 (for us and
therefore for God too) - taken to

mean a fresh start whenever we sincerely repent and make a go of things - while treating our fellows similarly. It's true that laws can't change people's heart, only Jesus and God can. But we're also to progressively learn to fear God, honouring Him in all our ways, as being worthy of honour and in time even agape love. We progressively distance ourselves from those things that make us stumble.

If anyone says they allegedly speak or have spoken as for God/gods or Jesus (anti/pseudo-Christ) one might ask if this speech is supernaturally inspired and conforms to the Bible, as testified to by the modern day equivalent of Bible heptadic structure and possibly? equidistant letter sequences (ELS - wikipedia) ? For more on numerics & ELS, have you

considered The Seal of God and Cosmic Codes ?.

If there were gods then they would need to be infinite in order to be able to resolve entropy throughout our Cosmos. If they can't repeatedly raise the dead on demand then they're not gods, just creatures like the rest of humanity, with no possibility of giving us an afterlife. Claims like that are so called spiritual texts that don't have heptadic structure, eg the mormon and other human texts, and beings that don't have any evidence of divinity, namely heptadic's and repeatedly raising the dead, or other proofs of being infinite, not finite.

Have you considered that numerics is part of the story as we're not only concerned with numerical values of letters and words, but with

counting letters, words, vocabulary, vowels, consonants, nouns, etc. This second aspect of heptadic structure needs to be in many cases independent of the language in which it is written, and if a Text or statement is said to be spiritual and authoritative (inspired from God / gods or Jesus) in it's original language or inspired translation then it should have this secondary aspect of unique heptadic structure irrespective of the original language. Counting letters, words, vocabulary, vowels, consonants, nouns, etc can equally be applied to any language, including english, latin, arabic, etc. Therefore, testing for this secondary aspect of heptadic structure can be applied to any Text or communique claimed to be of 'spiritual' authority, ie speaking for God / gods or Jesus.

Consider (eSword Titus 2:11-14)

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Tit 2:12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Tit 2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope -- the glorious

appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Tit 2:14 who

gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his

very own, eager to do what is

good." Heb 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God,

because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Rom 1:17 "For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is

written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" (see Hab 2:4)

(eSword James 1-2:26) [The following is quoted with permission from Kris Baines.] The words echo the popular saying 'trials are opportunities for spiritual growth.' Faith without deeds is dead. Faith is so much more than belief. Let's be doers of the word - James 1:22

Thoughts and reflection on our reading :

Probably one of the best quotes that I've heard on the issue of faith versus works is this -- It is authentic faith in Christ alone that saves but authentic faith that saves is not alone. That pretty much sums up my understanding of what James is trying to get across, when he talks about faith and works.

You see it's easy for a person to say that he is Christian, or a follower of

Jesus, but it's another thing altogether to show that they are. On the other hand, it's easy for a person to make others think they are a Christian because of what they do externally, but that doesn't necessarily mean that a change has taken place in the heart.

So how do we make sense of all of this ?

Well really the focus that I should have is on my own faith, ensuring that I am walking right with God, and truly in a relationship with Him, and the way I know that is whether that faith that I have, or say that I have, is authentic - because of the works that I do. But the works must become because of my faith not as a way to get or grow my faith.

I know how easy it is to preach and teach about the things we should be doing as believers, and the ways in which we should be living, but

having the faith to speak about them doesn't amount to having the faith to actually demonstrate and live them out in my life. Having said that, the temptation is always there to superficially show works of faith in an effort to make people think we're more spiritual than we really are. And, if we're honest, we don't always correct people who think we're more spiritual than we really are.

What God wants to do for all of us is a faith in us that works from the inside out. Being backed up by works of faith that show we're sincere and genuine in our relationship with God.

And as the examples of Abraham and Rahab in this passage demonstrate to us, it was the acting upon the Word of God that proved their faith in the God of the Word. And that is what makes the

difference between being a doer or a hearer only. [end of quote] Soul-Mate

(eSword Php 4:8) Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.

Our part is well expressed in the following verses and saying --

2Co 10:5 ... we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ

Gal 6:7 "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal 6:8 The one who

sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Gal 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

We are to put off the old man and put on the new (Eph. 4:22-24).

1Jn 2:3-4 "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

Rev 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

What About Legalism vs Antinomianism ?

Have you considered the controversial case against antinomianism with the case for Christ's Truth in this book - Grace Not Law!: The Answer To

Antinomianism

Which Law Do Christians Obey

Justification is by faith but saving faith is evidenced by obedience -- by walking in the light. Justification and salvation are not through obedience, but through faith which is made evident by obedience to the teachings and commands of Jesus. Actions speak louder than words. Righteous faith is more than intellectual assent or lip service.

If we aspire to a righteous or godly life, we will realise that we don't just tumble into it. We work at it over time, including prayer for breakthroughs. It seldom "just happens".

"Sow a thought and we reap an act, sow an act and we reap a habit, sow a habit and we reap a character, sow a character and we reap a

lifestyle, sow a lifestyle and we reap a destiny". Practising a healthy lifestyle is very important, as we are body, soul, and spirit; and stewards of all that God puts in our care. ¹

Corinthians 4:1 "Let a man so account of us, ... and stewards of the mysteries of God." If our emotions aren't stable, through our healthy lifestyle and relationships, then frequently our spiritual life suffers too. Improving Emotional Intelligence

We eventually reap what we sow, ideally all good, and with God's encouraging Holy Spirit prompting us to walk like Jesus Christ, we can overcome everything which hinders and blinds us to the right ways of Jesus -- if we keep our emotional and physical life healthy, for the sake of our spiritual life. We need to be level-headed, with increasingly good self control (e-Sword Galatians

5:18-23), praying for God and Jesus to increasingly help us in each area of our life as our conscience becomes sensitive to those things God's word reveals to us.

"First we make our habits, then our habits make us." Charles C. Noble

Luk 8:5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

Luk 8:6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

Luk 8:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

Luk 8:8 But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who

has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Luk 8:11 "Now the parable is this:
The seed is the word of God.

Luk 8:12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Luk 8:13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Luk 8:14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Luk 8:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble

and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

It has been said, "Show us your friends and we will show you your destiny". (Have you considered 1Co 15:33). Healthy relationships are with people that aren't crass, headstrong or maybe arrogant (2Ti 3:4), selfish or self centered, careless, materialistic, manipulative or domineering, with toxic personality excesses and deficits, given to false spirituality that exalts humans or angels/spirits, or anything contrary to the word of God (e-Sword), and generally ungodly. We're to be patient with, forgiving of, and pray for such people that they too may be transformed by God's grace into temperate God-honouring/fearing persons (Gal 5:22,Mat 6:14). 1Co

9:25 "And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things." In our common humanity, there but for the grace of God go any of us, we all stumble in these things but get back up and go on, in the God of the Bible - Eph 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Eph 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. (It is faith in Christ alone that justifies, but authentic faith that justifies is never alone).

Our thought life is transformed by agreeing with God's word (e-Sword) and incrementally adjusting our way of life so that our thoughts, acts, habits, resulting character, and eventual destiny become more like Christ each day, week, month, and year. Whatever we feed will grow. If we feed our old sin nature,

eventually God's Holy Spirit will reluctantly let us go our own way, and that is the destiny we will reap -- though we can start afresh each new day trying to gain the victory physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As we're encouraged on, to grow more like Christ Jesus, and as we feed the new nature that God prompts us onwards to, so we eventually gain victory in our walk with God. It helps tremendously if we have a healthy lifestyle, (as stewards of all that God puts in our care for His honour - holding those things lightly until the Lord requires them of us. Mat 25:15-23). There's nothing like burning off excess energy each day, sleeping well, and filling in our time with acceptable productive pursuits that don't exclude God's preeminence in our lives. A good night's sleep is typically the result and is very

helpful emotionally and consequently spiritually.

Have you considered Bearing one's cross, following in the steps of Jesus - "For most, however, bearing the cross means dying to self and one's personal desires in order to live unreservedly for the Lord and His mission."

Lord Of All or Not Lord At All by SDA Chris Buttery

Seeking the life/Afterlife of God increasingly results in us finding opportunities to make a difference that advances His Truth in our sphere of influence, where He has planted or will plant us. As our abilities and aptitudes become increasingly clearer over time, as we grow in God, so our opportunities unfold, and we each

develop what is occasionally termed a calling or maybe anointed means of making a difference that advances His Truth, fulfilling Mat 25:15-23; as may ideally be affirmed by God's people and their ongoing peer review & mentorship. James 2:18 "But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith from my works." Calvin rightly expressed this tension when he said -- We are justified by authentic faith alone, but the faith which justifies is never alone -- ie we must be proactive, encouraged to not be spectator Christians in a consumer society of convenience.

We're just students in the body of Christ, and propose ideas in 'discussion documents' for wider analysis. There will be a little

overlap between what the body of Christ step out in faith to attempt, but that only partially resembles Bible characters due to a related worldview. We don't claim that God told us something, but God may partially bless attempted steps of faith when they're in accord with His biblically expressed Word/will. To stay in tune with Holy Spirit leading we have to tune up or optimise our walk, based on sound scholarly doctrine, and put in to extinction anything that hinders a right spirit or mood if you like. Prayers may be God's way of enlisting us in what He is doing or wants to do, when our lives meet His criteria for answering our heart cry for breakthrough/s or a little progress. Being body, soul, and spirit we don't check our brains at the door of faith but strive with heart and soul for godly pursuit of

optimal scholarship, like engineers and scientists are also trained in. Faith in action doesn't mean we can indulge in building using shoddy workmanship or scholarship. 'Our utmost for His highest', even if it's just a few loaves and fishes.

Further clarification of the faith and works vs religiosity debate can be found here : by SDA Pastors
Will The Real Gospel Please Standup ?

What Is Sin ?

This discussion needs to address the paradox of freewill/choice and predeterministic outcomes. Outside the time domain and in eternity both are correct. We humans can't know about predeterministic and freewill outcomes because they're based in eternity, so we defer to God/Jesus as the intercessor for

human struggles. Whomsoever will
may come.

How Did Christ Live ?

What Is Possible For Us ?

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Obedience To The Faith details pt 1

Obedience To The Faith details pt 2

vs

Law of 10 Commandments etc

Servile or Son's Heart - Slave or

Mature Son ? Pray For Insight or A
Breakthrough. Whomsoever will
may come.

The Two Covenants

Experiencing The New Covenant ie
Religious Reality Check Video
Bearing The Cross, Wearing The
Crown
Bearing The Cross, Wearing The
Crown pt 2

The Kingdom of The Cults pg 610 defines legalism as "the doctrine that keeping the law merits salvation", which is contrary to scripturally taught obedience (the fruit) (eg Acts 5:32) - being the evidence of authentic saving faith (the root). Many Christians profess the moral law and 10 commandments to be relevant as evidence that we're obeying the law of love, for God and our neighbour/s, followed by the Apostles teachings on noble clean standards of behaviour; that recognise God endowed purpose or function. We believe the prevailing

consensus that we can never do enough to earn our salvation through works. We don't err in that view, towards 'some' SDA law keeping advocacy, 'some' seem to require to merit salvation. Though some - possibly most or all - SDA's doubtless are saved too, and have positive teaching contributions which many Christians accept. Acts 5:32 "and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him". That obedience will be as taught by conservative orthodoxy, confirmed like the noble Bereans who searched the scriptures to see if teaching was correct Acts 17:11, rather than some self proclaimed adhoc 'spiritual' guidance common today. Not legalism though, but scripturally progressively learnt obedience (the fruit) as evidence of authentic faith (the root). It is

authentic faith alone that saves but authentic faith that saves is never alone. As 'a labour of love' (Hebrews 6:10) believers cooperate with Holy Spirit led and motivated teaching that helps us to incrementally conform to the nature of Jesus Christ. We don't embrace 'lawlessness', and therefore obedience of authentic saving faith go hand in hand. To whom much is given much will be expected. Each case on it's merits, also depending on the significance of lawless acts. We're reminded that God has given humanity a measure of freewill and only stands at the door of our hearts knocking to let Him in. We don't hold the Preterist interpretation of prophecy that some profess. The seventieth week of Daniel is yet to be fulfilled.

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Word is a percentage are turning to ecumenicalism. There's no solution to 'entropy' through such wannabe emperor/leaders. Christ can only subdue entropy when invited to if we fulfill all His teachings - such as found here <http://wayoflife.org>, (and sites linked to by Soul-Mate.org).

To heal the world's ills we must avoid false spirituality which exalts humans ie finite creatures and claims to be in the place of Christ. All believers are brethren as there is only one head of the body of

Christ - Himself. Only one infinite alpha and omega whose leadership and words are testified to by heptadic structure. If we ignore these reality checks (for political expediency) then we effectively exalt a finite pseudoChrist figure. Christ/God doesn't share His infinite eminence with finite humans or angels. He alone authenticates His Word and way of life with heptadic structure.

Have you considered How to study your Bible rightly ?

Chatting with Jesus - If A J Miller
(or anyone else eg the Popes, Mormons, and wannabe emperor so called spiritual leaders and their so called 'spiritual' texts) say they allegedly speak or have spoken as for God/gods or Jesus (finite

anti/pseudo-Christ(s)) one might ask if this speech and text is supernaturally inspired, as testified to by the modern day equivalent of Bible heptadic structure and possibly? equidistant letter sequences (ELS - wikipedia) ? For more on numerics & ELS, have you considered The Seal of God and Cosmic Codes ?

If there were gods then they would need to be infinite in order to be able to resolve entropy throughout our Cosmos. If they can't repeatedly raise the dead on demand then they're not gods, just finite creatures like the rest of humanity, with no possibility of giving us an afterlife. Claims like that are so called spiritual texts that don't have heptadic structure, eg the mormon and other human texts, and beings

that don't have any evidence of divinity, namely heptadic's and repeatedly raising the dead, or other proofs of being infinite, not finite.

Have you considered that numerics is part of the story as we're not only concerned with numerical values of letters and words, but with counting letters, words, vocabulary, vowels, consonants, nouns, etc. This second aspect of heptadic structure needs to be in many cases independent of the language in which it is written, and if a Text or statement is said to be spiritual and authoritative (inspired from God / gods or Jesus) in it's original language or inspired translation then it should have this secondary aspect of unique heptadic structure irrespective of the original

language. Counting letters, words, vocabulary, vowels, consonants, nouns, etc can equally be applied to any language, including english, latin, arabic, etc. Therefore, testing for this secondary aspect of heptadic structure can be applied to any Text or communique claimed to be of 'spiritual' authority, ie speaking for God / gods or Jesus.

1John 2:18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

It's not that such wannabe emperor/leaders are necessarily overtly antichrist, but that they don't fulfill biblical teachings, being only (soft sell) look-alikes.

Christianity, like the life of Christ, was meant to be ground-up, not a religio-political system down (Mat 23:7-9). Those who espouse hierarchical Christianity have forgotten that these things are all going to pass away (1 Cor 13:8-13 , Luk 21:33 - upholding biblical truths in love for God and our neighbour) and that religio-political hierarchical Christianity may? be found to be unwitting party to the pseudo-Christ system of yet another religion with all it's compromising shortfalls. A little like the Pharisees, and their organization, of Jesus day. Jesus is the only head of the body of Christ; the only infinite full solution to life's simultaneous equation, all others being brethren. We don't believe in religious hierarchies, with the elect at the top of a

pecking order. Righteousness seldom works that way, and that is an important goal of discipleship & bible teaching. Hierarchies are so outdated, in today's world of republics, 3 or 4 yearly democracies, scientific peer review and discussion groups, and in the communication / information age, where most are well educated. Spokespersons have some role to play, but we must remember that the final Antichrist will use the role as an authority figure to his sinister advantage. The old maxim can never be forgotten that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Can we imagine anyone in modern society asserting that they speak as though they are God or infallibly when it's plain their words don't have the modern day equivalent of the Bible's unique heptadic structure ?

What percentage of professing Christians and scientists welcome a human presidency/Emperor over humanity ? Scientists might well differ, knowing as they do from long standing experience how much work world-wide interest groups have to put into most leading advances, and that no one human can lead those groups, let alone humanity on an international scale, but we and they all rely on broad corporate scholarship and contributions from those interest groups. Isn't that the initial reason for the internet's creation ?

Life's Simultaneous Equation

The role of believers is to point us all to Christ's biblical Words of life, like one infinite solution for life's simultaneous equation; have you

considered No Other God
discussion of the Trinity ? John
17:21 "that they all may be one, as
You, Father, are in Me, and I in You;
that they also may be one in Us,
that the world may believe that You
sent Me." 1 Corinthians 8:6 "yet for
us there is one God, the Father, of
whom are all things, and we for
Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom are all things, and
through whom we live." John 6:68
Simon Peter answered him, "Lord,
to whom shall we go? You have the
words of eternal life." John 15:4
"Remain in me, and I will remain in
you. No branch can bear fruit by
itself; it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless
you remain in me."

Christ's Words of life are like a
simultaneous equation - there are

three possible outcomes, no-solutions / infinite-partial-solutions / one-infinite full-solution. We know there are partial solutions, (possibly infinite 'partial' solutions), the one infinite full solution is the infinite Alpha-and-omega (Rev 1:8) of the Lord of life God's son Jesus Christ, as described and defined in the Bible, and the subject of the below unique heptadic Bible numerics.

If finite beings had a formula for a utopia, it would have occurred long ago. Because humans and angels are finite, we don't have the capacity for resolving the large scale entropy/issues that large populations and sophisticated/scientific technologies cause. No matter the size of an organization, the answers to a smoothly functioning bio/ecosphere is an infinite God/Jesus.

Any who dismiss the finite vs infinite distinction will have serious trouble dealing with look-alike phenomena. Entropy

For finite beings to claim their organization holds the answers is not borne out by history, since no utopia has resulted. We're called to make "the way, the truth, the life (infinite)" known to humanity, rather than a finite pseudo-Christ system that purports to resolve our most pressing questions. When we run low on natural resources, when populations get large, when national debts become hopeless, when various species go toward extinction, with dead zones in the sea, and environmental concerns like pollution, or climate change, with floods and droughts, when sufficient food production is

inadequate for all nations including those with famine conditions, when the variety of premature death rates across all nations don't bear publicizing, our problems outstrip human capacities to resolve them - for our biosphere (humanly intractable).

We're allowed to give it our best efforts, such as sustainable development attempts, as long as we don't compromise on false teachings, but also recognize that finite beings can never resolve large scale problems. We can't even stop numerous medical conditions, that medical science has catalogued, and superbugs are already on the horizon.

The role of believers is to point us all to the one infinite solution for life's simultaneous equation, Jesus. He alone is the lifeforce and person that has the capacity for such

demands, and repeatedly raised the dead (unlike NDE's) and healed diseases.

As highlighted by the heptadic structure of God's Word.

When God makes it possible to explore the renewed heavens, then human capacities will need an infinite God to run things even more.

Competing spiritual realities don't have a show of resolving these reality checks, being finite. We all need to face up to these reality checks, since others can't repeatedly raise the dead on demand, or resolve our most pressing large scale needs.

Wannabe pseudo messiahs need to repeatedly raise the dead on demand, resolve our national debts for all nations, resolve numerous medical conditions science has catalogued, perhaps create a solar-

system in it's spare time, etc.

Utopia History

Cosmic Codes Evidence Of Design

Bible numerics & heptadic structure discussion.

One example --

Please note the following is not the controversial Equidistant Letter Sequences, read Cosmic Codes for more.

The following has all been met in the first 11 verses (in the Greek) in the genealogy of Jesus Christ in Matthew chapter 1. Also refer to the works of Dr Ivan Panin (re wikipedia) on the heptadic structure of the Bible, distinguishing it from all other literature. (one example of evidences for supernatural design in God's Word)

Excerpt (With Permission Koinonia House)

A Design Challenge

Consider the following assignment. Try designing a genealogy, even from fiction, which meets the following criteria:

1. The number of words in it must be divisible by seven evenly. (In each of these constraints, it is assumed that the resulting divisions are without any remainders.)
2. The number of letters must also be divisible by seven.
3. The number of vowels and the number of consonants must also each be divisible by seven.
4. The number of words that begin with a vowel must be divisible by seven.
5. The number of words that begin with a consonant must be divisible by seven.
6. The number of words that occur

more than once must be divisible by seven.

7. The number of words that occur in more than one form shall be divisible by seven.

8. The number of words that occur in only one form shall be divisible by seven.

9. The number of nouns shall be divisible by seven.

10. Only seven words shall not be nouns.

11. The number of names in the genealogy shall be divisible by seven.

12. Only seven other kinds of nouns are permitted.

13. The number of male names shall be divisible by seven.

14. The number of generations shall be 21, also divided by seven.

If you encountered such a genealogy, would you attribute such

characteristics as these to random chance ?

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[Isa 59:19](#) When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

[The Kingdom Of The Cults by Dr Walter Martin](#)

The authoritative reference work on major cult systems for nearly forty

years.

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Coming To Faith

Status quo and 'way of life' finds different expressions in our world. We increasingly value quality of life and health, employment both paid and voluntary, progress and innovation or creativity that fuels the preceding goals, education that expands our potential for improvement in these things, demand and supply that are foundational laws of commerce, efficiency that gets the most for our money - and low cost of living that

makes efficiency possible eg the Chinese economy, a good work ethic that doesn't foster laziness yet has a humanitarian instinct which is expressed as welfare and charity. Housing for all; yet now beyond the reach of many, if not most. Tourism for those with disposable income. A tax system that centralises a varying percentage of the resource pool for the common good - including health and expensive medicines, hospitals and their expensive technologies with long waiting lists or high user-pays costs, education, roads and transport, clean water and energy supply, commerce, mining natural resources, the national defense or war machine/s, overflowing prisons with rampant recidivism, and the known bureaucracy called government. We do as the Bible also suggests, seeking and finding, the

pursuit of knowledge in our scientific and information age has become an authority that even rivals the God of the Bible, and Jesus the Lord of life, the true master scientist - Jesustein.

Saturation of goods and services drive prices down to commodity levels as competition from local and world suppliers, and their importers redefines efficiency (and to some extent our way of life). Often local shops or outlets are reluctant to publicize or even mention upfront their prices due to pressure of competitors ever playing the game of one-upmanship. Auctions are rapidly redefining commerce, sometimes even starting at \$1 reserve. Price comparison websites pit competitors directly against each other. Economic recession requires bail outs using borrowed

money and restructuring that may or may not save the day, as real growth is elusive - particularly in nations for whom the blessing of God is partially in doubt.

Unemployment tends to be another indicator of troubled economies.

Multi-culturalism is the banner for immigration policies that try to balance or redistribute the populace of land hungry nations.

China is reported to have found the need to partner with African nations, to expand or grow, and redistribute it's populace. It might have been reported that China is now a dominant owner of Australia's coal resources.

We see broken relationships everywhere in our disposable culture of convenience; which welfare tries to patch up.

Technology or self seeking humanistic philosophy and our highly optimised means to those ends, in all their forms or expressions, aren't a substitute for life. They have given us buoyant optimistic hope and temporary vision for our future, yet national debts around the world are said to be reaching critical levels. Natural disasters put enormous pressure on the national purse/s. It's reported that diseases are reaching epidemic proportions in some nations. Land use is reaching saturation point. We might emphasise the extended family or whanau as our polynesian cultures do, more sharing and caring, a different expression of the welfare system. After all, we can't take our materialistic gains with us into the afterlife. We might increasingly sacrifice our national

sovereignty on the alter of more sharing and caring for the common good of our global village and it's global citizens. This may prove to be humanity's best efforts - another tower of Babel, highly optimised but ultimately futile, full of sampling errors and successive approximation. It's reported that there are those nations redeveloping Babylon as a center for world government, setting it up as a communications and commerce hub. Ultimately it will be headed by humanity's leader for our troubled times, the (boastful deluded) voice of compromise and consensus that omits the Lord of life from the equation, Jesus of God's word (e-Sword) the person and conservative life force - as defined by those sites linked to by Soul-Mate.org .

We imagine that because things are

the way they are, that is how they always will be or should be. We climb our ladder/s of 'success', only to learn sometimes too late that it was leaning against the wrong wall. Christ's Words of life are like a simultaneous equation - there are three possible outcomes, no-solutions / infinite-partial-solutions / one-infinite full solution. We know there are partial solutions, (possibly infinite 'partial' solutions), the one full solution is the infinite Alpha-and-Omega (Rev 1:8) of the Lord of life God's son Jesus Christ, as described and defined in the Bible. Only God and His saviour Jesus can remedy the water cycle of the Earth so that productive land use becomes possible, and even the deserts once again blossom, renewing the topsoil lost by erosion and undoing the damage to our ecosystems that deforestation is

reported to have caused. (Isa 35:1
The desert and the parched land
will be glad; the wilderness will
rejoice and blossom. Also see Henry
Commentary Isa 35:5-10 e-Sword)
Our lifespan is shorter than those of
early biblical times, and we just
assume it's the best we can hope
for, but perhaps that might change
too. Our eyesight frequently
deteriorates with age, we get heart
disease which admittedly can be
improved on but not eradicated,
cancer, and numerous other
afflictions medical science has
catalogued. While grateful for
improvements made, God has
promised true healing of the nations
when the Lord Jesus reigns.

In God's economy, (as defined by
Brethren/Baptist/SDA and those
sites linked to by Soul-Mate.org),
our resources, land use, all the

organisations of government will be managed by the Lord of life.

Currently humanity is struggling with what science calls "Entropy", and until Jesus Christ, the infinite person and conservative Life force, is invited to heal our land - we are mostly spinning our wheels.

Our job is to hasten His coming, growing Soul-Mate shared lay leadership (which usually requires college & intensive study) and participation way of God's Truths, to maximise spiritual growth and emphasise congregational involvement when self control and well taught responses are increasingly evident over time (with some asceticism or self denial mixed in, Mat 16:24). Secondhand faith relies on an 'expert' leader to feed and pastor us, rather than taking ownership for our proactive

growth - as occurs in home groups; also similar to the Bereans who searched the scriptures. Calvin said, it is authentic faith alone that justifies, but faith that justifies is never alone -- ie we must be proactive, encouraged to not be spectator Christians in a consumer society of convenience (Soul-Mate). A good leader works themselves out of a job, raising up others who will share in the work as opportunities and abilities present themselves. Shared lay leadership (with intensive study, numerous reference materials, college training, and occasional referral to experts) often doesn't even require salaries, has inbuilt redundancy, tends to be far more 'fault tolerant' - as we're all a mixture of truth and some errors or failings in our finitude and lack of experiences (most lacking training in the sciences), and can free the

most effective among us for new opportunities when God encourages our steps of faith.

Reinforcement and extinction, closely likened to Reversi, and "practice makes perfect", increases the spread of His government. (Loosely likened to an applied chaotic binary math example, see this article).

Cosmic Codes pp 307-308 "An engineer who is designing a communication system in anticipation of hostile jamming, or other countermeasures, needs to employ several critical techniques to be effective. In addition to taking advantage of available error detection and correction techniques, he will also attempt to spread his message throughout the available bandwidth. He will avoid

clustering his message into areas which would increase his vulnerability to jamming interference. It is provocative to notice that the Biblical text evidences these same techniques." Math is intrinsic to the Bible. Matt 10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Have you considered The Seal of God ?

Isaiah 9:6 **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

Infinite vs finite leadership, demonstrated by repeatedly raising the dead on demand, by heptadic structure, etc.

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Law And Grace

As students of scriptural topics we struggle with law/commandments and grace topics. Discussion typically doesn't address the whole counsel of God, including the subject of what lawlessness is about and where antinomianism applies, based in referenced books. Denial retreats into accusations of legalism, while ignoring any call for genuine repentance. The Kingdom of The Cults pg 610 defines legalism as "the doctrine that

keeping the law merits salvation", which is contrary to scripturally taught obedience (the fruit) (eg Acts 5:32) - being the evidence of authentic saving faith (the root). Many Christians profess the moral law and 10 commandments to be relevant as evidence that we're obeying the law of love, for God and our neighbour/s, followed by the Apostles teachings on noble clean standards of behaviour; that recognise God endowed purpose or function.

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;

Rom 9:31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. What does this mean ?

Wasn't it contrasting circumcision of the heart (heart felt convictions and reality check/s) with just going through the motions due to rote learned religiosity, symbolized by circumcision of the flesh ? 1

Corinthians 7:19 "Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters", ie the moral law and Jesus & Apostles noble/godly standards of behaviour. Authentic faith includes progressively learning the obedience of faith in God. We're saved by authentic faith alone but we're saved to the fruits of a repentant way of life - that recognise noble/godly standards of

behaviour. Written Law has no power to change our heart, but keeping God's way of life and commandments is empowered by the Holy Spirit, (when we appreciate God's noble and majestic beauty), as a progressively learnt labour of love. We also see this in the OT verse (Deu 5:29) "Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear(/trust/honour) Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! " cf entropy.

Jesus upheld the commandments of God, including the 10 commandments. Matt 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. " Jesus reiterated the highest of the 10 commandments, to love God and

our neighbour Matt 22:37-40. The rich ruler was loved for having kept God's commandments from his youth Mark 10:19-21, Matt 19:17-20 "... But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." The great commission mentions teaching willing disciples to adhere to Jesus's commandments, Matt 28:20, but the New Testament and Paul's letters hadn't been written in Jesus time, so He included the Old Testament moral law too, as seen in Rev 14:12. We know that all the 10 commandments are valid standards of behaviour now as much as when they epitomised the moral law - of which the 10 obviously are part. If Jesus upheld the 10, there's no exemption from God's more detailed moral commandments, of which they're the highest part. Others would have us believe that we're not under God's

commandments/law, but that isn't what Jesus said (before the NT existed).

Valid standards of behaviour can never do enough to earn our salvation, but that doesn't mean we're exempt from doing our best to progressively learn noble standards, even aspiring to the lofty goal of godly holiness and a pure heart of righteousness. The Christian isn't exempt from godly standards but, again, can never do enough to earn salvation. We're required to progressively become worthy, but we're justified by authentic faith alone (the root), though that faith is never alone (the fruit). To assert that believers are not under the moral law is to say that we're not required to keep God's commandments (the fruit), including the 10 commandments,

which is easy believism; and risks emasculating society's rule of law. Rev 14:12 "... keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." (Act 5:32) "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." (1Jn 2:3) "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." It's both authentic faith (the root) and biblically consistent works (the fruit), as James teaches. Intellectual assent or lip service won't cut it, as we're to be fruit inspectors, actions speak louder than words. Praise God and pass the ammunition is the motto of some (not legal execution by the rule of - God's - law). (Mat 18:3) and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matt

11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I/He is gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

God's noble standards of behaviour start with loving our neighbour and God, then pursue all righteousness - noble standards of behaviour and intent. Society's rule of law is built on that foundation, so that chaos doesn't occur, when stealing, murder, lying, character matters, etc is humanity's base instinct. Weeds grow more readily than wheat, so we're required to keep those seeds of our intent or thought life under discipline, to nip it in the root and bud, leading to the fruit of authentic saving faith. Practice makes perfect when God's Holy Spirit is leading willing disciples in the way of life detailed in the Bible,

with its unique heptadic structure. First we make our habits then our habits make us.

It's accepted that Gal 5 teaches if Christian's lead a godly/holy way of life, which is the fruit of God's Holy Spirit, as expounded on by Jesus and the Apostles, then they're not under the restraints of the moral law. That means the 10 commandments are being kept as second nature, so what is broadly codified by the moral law is now lived through the Holy Spirit, of "authentic" faith. But the reality is liberal Christians are largely indistinguishable from everyone else, being more products of their culture. So therefore they have a form of godliness but deny its power (Why Entropy Matters), including the excesses or occasional abuses of those in leadership.

Fiduciary responsibility is a totally foreign concept to some percentage of Christians, and others, hence exacerbating the backdoor problem, ie cultural baggage and human propensities. The way of life, so that God endowed purpose or function are second nature, is narrow but manageable when practice makes perfect. When we're innocent as simple children then Jesus yoke is light. (1Jn 2:3) "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." We know there is no salvation without repentance, a change of our way of life in favour of noble/godly standards of behaviour. Jesus mentioned that God's view of sin potentially could require cutting off a hand or plucking out an offending eye if it causes us to sin, a serious matter indeed. Some would call that legalism, and not recognise easy

believism. I have a distinct aversion to outer darkness so i try not to gamble with anything which risks that outcome.

Hebrews 8 indicates that believers are under the New Covenant. This might be integrated with keeping Jesus commandments, because the Holy Spirit brings Bible teachings to our attention, and to our rememberance - sometimes by our scholarly study and sometimes by teachers. The key thought is that believers aren't to learn by rote unless it's a labour of love and through heart felt convictions.

We're to progressively learn how to have a circumcised heart (heart felt reality), not merely parrot head knowledge, going through the motions, which was symbolized by circumcision of the flesh under the Old Covenant. As many as are led

by the Holy Spirit, in biblically consistent ways, as endorsed by mature believers, Rom 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." We'll know if we truly know Jesus teachings because (1Jn 2:3) "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." Again, (Act 5:32) "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." That is "authentic" faith that saves, and increasingly has biblically consistent fruit to prove it, as we're to be fruit inspectors. We'll know if our way of life is led by the Holy Spirit because it will progressively become biblically consistent, to godly standards of behaviour, as contrasted with finite spirits that aren't biblically consistent. 2Pet 1:5 For this very reason, make every

effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 2Pet 1:6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 2Pet 1:7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 2Pet 1:8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. cf John 15:1-11 about becoming productive Christians as we are guided by God's Holy Spirit, through developing interests (based on numerous scholarly reference materials at Christian bookshops).

This will be what distinguishes the five wise and the five foolish virgins - who had a form of godliness but deny it's power (cf entropy), not having Holy Spirit filled oil lamps -

being born again, (like the oil used to symbolically anoint OT kings and saints). 2Co 3:3 "clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart." Heb 8:10 "For This Is The (New) Covenant That I Will Make With The House Of Israel After Those Days, Says The Lord: I Will Put My Laws In Their Mind And Write Them On Their Hearts; And I Will Be Their God, And They Shall Be My People." The New Covenant is not about rote learned religiosity but righteousness through Holy Spirit led authentic faith (moral law and Jesus & Apostles noble standards of behaviour, with God endowed purpose or function - increasingly becoming second nature as practice makes perfect) that result in heart

felt convictions. We're to progressively become the message, living epistles, as our lives are transformed by personal or group study and application of God's Word. The Word became flesh to teach us how our flesh is to manifest God's Word, as we're transformed in to the body of Christ - with biblically consistent lives. Aka "What would Jesus do - WWJD"; also cf Matt 7:12 The Golden Rule, or Luk 6:31 "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise".

1 John 2:3-5 "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we

know that we are in Him."

Matt 3:8-9 fruits worthy of repentance. Being under Abraham's covenant wasn't a ticket out of a biblically consistent way of life. The Christian isn't exempt from noble godly standards of behaviour, when they become second nature, through a biblically consistent lifestyle.

Luk 3:8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones."

John 8:31-34 So he said to the Jews who believed in him, "If you continue to accept and obey my teaching, you really are my followers. You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Many who'll never read the Bible do read the lifestyle/way of life of believers. Experience often trumps theory or dogmatic rhetoric; it's not do as i say rather than do as i do. It's said that if it doesn't work at home then don't export it. All the bumper stickers or jewelry go largely unnoticed by those trying to make the best out of life experiences. Signal to noise ratio is distinguished by noble standards of behaviour where experience and theory/rhetoric/dogma agree, as we walk the talk. We humans may never be perfect, due to a multiplicity of stumbling blocks, but progressively practice improves making perfect when first we make our habits then our habits make us; when led by God in biblically consistent ways.

We humans struggle to comprehend and live upto God's noble standards, that recognise God endowed purpose or function, as a way of life. Galations 6 teaches us how to progressively manage the weeds in all our lives. Gal 6:1 "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted." Gal 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." We attempt low key mention of concerns, through associated topics by gifted teachers, treating each case on it's merits, depending on how influential it is and the duration of a matter, and how teachable believers are. Reading the riot act usually is counter-productive. The Golden Rule Matt 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have

them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Luk 6:42 mentions removing the plank (bossy or superior religiousity) in our own eye before attempting to remove the speck in someone else's eye (without button-holing folks and pointing the finger). The moral high ground evidently requires the gentle humility and graciousness of people who know that, there but for the grace or providence of God go any of us. If our personality is more like a-bull-in-a-china-shop (colloquialism) then we can be sure that other believers, with better people skills, are much more suited to tactful considerate handling when delicately teaching on any concerns, after requisite prayer over a period of time. We humans tend to be products of our environment as much as we are of our limited knowledge of the Bible,

or other learning, due to our limited life experiences. The penitent tax collector was forgiven, but the self-righteous pharisee (religiousity) remained unjustified Luk 18:13-14 . We need to be as innocent as little children too though, as the role model or way of life of the Apostles demonstrated for all of us. Spiritual reality checks are said to be caught as much as taught. If we're neglecting to impart a labour of love for noble standards of behaviour then taught often isn't caught in a lasting way. Some like to be life-coaches, others run seminars.

I'm puzzled by how Abraham was accepted by God, because this passage talks about commandment keeping, which is glossed over by Paul while he's focusing on distinguishing faith and fruit, but

made explicit in 1 Corinthians 7:19

"Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters". If only i had access to all the notes of commentators on this topic, i might be able to unravel contrary views.

Genesis 26:4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; 'and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

This passage agrees with Matt 3:8-9

"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones."

It's "authentic" faith alone that saves (the root), but faith that saves is never alone (the fruit), as James teaches, we're to have fruits, and to be fruit inspectors.

To include the whole counsel of God on this topic, people need to cover what lawlessness is about, repentance from lawless works into what?, and how antinomianism applies.

1 Timothy 1: 8-11 is included in the whole counsel of God, that the law applies to the lawless, not to holy people. The moral law is good if used lawfully, and is not made for a righteous person. If we keep God's commandments as second nature then we're not doing it by rote learned, going through the motions. The 10 commandments are lived by keeping Christ's law (1 Cor 9:21, Gal 6:2, Jam 2:8), to love God

(biblically consistent lifestyle) and our neighbours, through the obedience of faith.

Gal 5:23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Eph 5:9 "for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth." Laodicean lawlessness isn't part of that 'fruit', again, we're reminded to seek "the whole counsel of God". And when we're innocent as little children, then Jesus yoke is light.

Again, 2Pet 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

2Pet 1:6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance,

godliness;

2Pet 1:7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

2Pet 1:8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, many Christians profess the moral law and 10 commandments to be relevant as evidence that we're obeying the law of love (1 Cor 9:21), for God and our neighbour/s, followed by Jesus and the Apostles teachings on noble/godly clean standards of behaviour; that recognise God endowed purpose or function.

[cf Afterlife.html](#)

[Rom 16:26](#)

but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for *obedience to the faith*. We increasingly/progressively learn to obey because we're saved, as a labour of love -- which is the 2 highest commandments, Christ's Law of love.

Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. If there's no fruit, it's possible there's no root, as James teaches.

Mat 5:19

Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

1 John 2:3

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him.

John 8:31-34 So he said to the Jews who believed in him, "If you continue to accept and obey my teaching, you really are my followers. You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Again, we increasingly/progressively learn to obey because we're saved, as a labour of love -- which is the 2 highest commandments, Christ's Law of love Gal 6:2, 1 Cor 9:21 .

We know there is no salvation without increasing progressive repentance from lawless deeds.

God can save people who're weak in the faith, according to His grace, like the parable of the Talents, as long as they're faithful according to their measure of faith in Jesus & Bible teachings. But it's sensible to not gamble with our afterlife, by increasingly/progressively learning the way of life detailed above in 2 Pet 1:5-8 so as to become worthy.

During the time of trouble, it ?may? be, according to the Bible, and if we got it wrong before then, that God will save all who call on Him, Acts 2:17-21, as long as they don't receive cf Soul-

Mate.org/MarkofTheBeast.html or worship his "finite" image, but they'll possibly be outside the Church, like loyal foreigners weren't Jews, though living in the land of Israel. The mystery of the Church might explain this.

Acts 2:17-21

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'

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Why Does Entropy Matter ?

Psa 127:1 "A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain."

Isa 65:23 "They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with

them."

Technology or self seeking humanistic philosophy and our highly optimised means to those ends, in all their forms or expressions, aren't a substitute for life. They have given us buoyant optimistic hope and temporary vision for our future, yet national debts around the world are said to be reaching critical levels. Natural disasters put enormous pressure on the national purse/s. It's reported that diseases are reaching epidemic proportions in some nations. Land use is reaching saturation point. The crime rate in some nations is reported to be astronomical, eg a murder every 28 minutes. Humanly intractable entropy prevails. We might emphasise the extended family or whanau as our polynesian

cultures do, more sharing and caring, a different expression of the welfare system. After all, we can't take our materialistic gains with us into the afterlife. We might increasingly sacrifice our national sovereignty on the alter of more sharing and caring for the common good of our global village and it's global citizens.

In God's economy, (as defined by the Brethren/Baptist/SDA and those sites linked to by Soul-Mate.org), our resources, land use, all the organisations of government will be managed by the conservative Lord of life. Currently humanity is struggling with what science calls "Entropy", and until Jesus Christ, the person and conservative Life force, is invited to heal our land (as we conform to biblical standards) -

we are mostly spinning our wheels.

The solution to the world's ills is the counsel of God with conservative orthodox revival (eg Brethren/Baptist/SDA teaching & <http://wayoflife.org>), and we humans can only hope to elucidate that. Quick fixes for 'large scale' entropy are often less achievable by humans when we aren't inclined to follow the paths of God's standards of behaviour - which are the key to open up God's counsel. To the extent that we're largely blind to the need for conservative orthodox revival we necessarily follow the paths of entropy. Until Christian insights open our eyes to our serious need for survival and remedying entropy, through genuine repentance of known contrary standards of behaviour,

there's not alot anyone can do to alleviate the world's 'large scale' ills, (lesser scale ills often can be improved). God has given humanity a measure of freewill and only stands at the door of our hearts knocking to let Him in.

Only God and His saviour Jesus can remedy the water cycle of the Earth so that productive land use becomes possible, and even the deserts once again blossom, renewing the topsoil lost by erosion and undoing the damage to our ecosystems that deforestation is reported to have caused. (Isa 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Also see Henry Commentary Isa 35:5-10 e-Sword)
Our eyesight frequently deteriorates with age, we get heart

disease which admittedly can be improved on but not eradicated, cancer, and numerous other afflictions medical science has catalogued. Our lifespan is shorter than those of early biblical times, and we just assume it's the best we can hope for, but perhaps that might change too. While grateful for improvements made, God has promised true 'large scale' healing of the nations when the Lord Jesus reigns.

Humanity has benefited from technological progress, but shortcuts to resolving man made problems often aren't adequate for the scale of entropy being dealt with. If we simply slap sticking plaster solutions on festering wounds then we've often just kicked the can down the road once the

scale of the problem more fully manifests. Until entropy is corrected by humanity turning to God and Jesus Christ, and learning their and the Apostles standards of behaviour, as taught by conservative orthodoxy, we will continue to be slaves to large scale entropy; irrespective of technological quick fixes or short term solutions. If we can't turn to God then we necessarily continue to not enjoy His fountain of living water or counsel. God has given humanity a measure of freewill and only stands at the door of our hearts, knocking to let Him in.

For financial matters, of course nations that default on debt are relieved from it's burden but at what cost for trading relationships ? And if manufacturing is brought home then that eventually might

ameliorate the situation, except there's little to prevent knock-off production and undercutting by competitors, as already occurs in many cases. We need more thorough solutions than free-market competition offers, though what that would be is up to economic specialists.

I don't have well defined economic ideas, not being a focus for me, but naturally hold to Matt 6:33 'seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (standards of behaviour), and all these things shall be added to you'. This implicitly assumes Christ's kingdom is not a look alike/s. What this says to me is that the ways of life, both personally and for nations, depends on our relationship to God/Jesus, espoused by the Apostles, including their standards of behaviour. Jesus

as the conservative person and Life force is excluded from our thinking and standards of behaviour at our cost due to entropy - notwithstanding capitalist or socialist leanings of nations. We climb our ladder/s of success often to find it was leaning against the wrong wall, even if we try to humanly fine tune our financial parameters. Population growth puts pressure on our policies, through various expenses and resource limitations, (related discussion in [ComingToFaith.html](#)) , so that humanly intractable entropy prevails. When God makes it possible to explore space more, then humanly intractable problems will guarantee that we will need God's involvement and standards. Studying godonomics.com DVDs isn't possible yet but interesting though they might be, if we don't

seek first the kingdom of God 'and' His righteousness (standards of behaviour), in the way described in look alike/s, we will continue to run into brick wall/s for both capitalists and socialists or some hybrid of them both.

Ultimately, as populations grow, life's simultaneous equation requires counsel from the only source of true infinite lasting wisdom - God / Jesus. His leadership can only be put off or delayed while population demands aren't too pressing (see UN Agenda 21 below). When we run out of non-renewable natural resources it will require an unprecedented breakthrough , including for food production; (related discussion in ComingToFaith.html). I'm sure others can think of various needs that become 'humanly intractible'

when populations become enormous. If we deny our need for God / Jesus and His and the Apostles standards of behaviour, as taught by conservative orthodoxy and <http://Soul-Mate.org> , we eventually only hurt ourselves and our nations. Humanly intractible problems guarantee that entropy will escalate beyond what we can all manage. If that's not reason enough, the future of space colonisation under God's renewed worlds mentioned in the Bible, mean populations will exceed human ability to cope considerably. Probably needless to consider that if God renews the worlds He will also provide the means to get there and back for humanity and our materials, within human time frames. We might ask if Angels already have such means for travel, and if that will become available to

us too, in a supernatural worldview ?

Social evolution is our norm and we strive for lasting progress - hand in hand with Jesus. As the nations accept His leadership (according to conservative orthodoxy) so we will all enter into the fullness of His blessings, throughout our living systems.

We remind ourselves that by reducing and/or replacing sugar in foods and drinks (which also helps with obesity), we free it up for use in ethanol production, ie renewable energy.

When we turn to conservative orthodoxy 'then' Jesus will return as accepted leader for us all and He will be free as leader to correct the Earth's water cycle. Again, if we

can't turn to God then we necessarily continue to not enjoy His fountain of living water or counsel. God has given humanity a measure of freewill and only stands at the door of our hearts, knocking to let Him in.

Then the deserts are promised to blossom, so we can produce even more ethanol, as populations multiply. Along with ceramic engines that handle ethanol better. The new Duke engine is discussed here.

Are you acquainted with UN Agenda 21 on population control or management, that no doubt is a best effort by governments, but omits God's remedying of the Earth's water cycle (once widely accepted as our leader) so deserts

blossom once again, freeing up land for food, energy production, and population growth. And so climate change is normalised.

There's no solution to 'entropy' through some wannabe emperor/leaders. Christ the conservative person and life force can only subdue entropy when invited to if we fulfill all His teachings - such as found here <http://wayoflife.org> (and sites linked to by Soul-Mate.org). Heb 1:3 "who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, ..."

Have you considered A Planet in Upheaval 4 Escalating 'Entropy'

Have you considered How to study your Bible rightly ?

Without the Holy Spirit leading or anointing us our lives amount to little of consequence. Except the Lord build the house the builders labour in vain. Except we remain in the Vine we can do nothing - which otherwise amounts to entropy, an old wineskin that can't hold Jesus new wine, the new covenant and a fountain of living water, the Words of life John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 15:4 "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Have you also considered Wikipedia on Entropy ?

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Progress

I believe in God's topsy turvy worldview and aspire to what I think of as 'divinely ordinary', though i don't currently ride on a colt like Jesus did; unless our i30 can be called a colt. He must become more and we become less, as John The Baptist mentioned, no room or place for human ego or swelled head resulting from progress. The proud are said to be sinful, and i have a distinct aversion to and try not to gamble with outer

darkness. Rudyard Kipling's IF sums it up. Few can handle status or compromising situations naturally, without power corrupting and absolute power corrupting absolutely, perhaps like Scribes and Pharisees or, yet to come, finite pseudochrist, in modern times. I'm reminded that lofty pursuits are for those to whom it comes naturally. I continue with the few remaining occasional contributions (not having been given permission to use materials from leaders), but it is said to be that which God might do, not mere mortals like us. If we're advocating selflessness, and radical discipleship, then we must become that message. Anything which risks grieving the Holy Spirit also jeopardizes providential leading, and associated "lasting" fruitfulness, as part of Jesus vine.

(There's only one infinite head creator of the body of Christ, 'all' others being finite creatures and brethren.) To claim to speak with more than finite authority on spiritual topics we might expect those words to have the modern day equivalent of heptadic structure - the Holy Spirit's Seal of sevenfold counts of letters, words, vocabulary, nouns, verbs, consonants, etc which applies regardless of the language spoken (as communiques are allegedly couched in an authoritative spiritual language)

<https://Soul-Mate.org/SealOfGod.txt>

To be fully confident of these things requires reading this book, and maybe Cosmic Codes by Chuck. It's seriously important when ascribing superior spiritual authority to finite leadership, otherwise we might

subscribe to competing spiritual leadership as multitudes still do - and they're doing so in large numbers apparently.) I avoid status.

Matt 21:5

"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

If believers are led by the Holy Spirit, we're required to learn from Jesus grassroots lowly example. Not promotion to status, but like the Apostles as in the early church. They were a minority culture, and their lifestyle is our model.

To accomplish anything of "lasting" consequence requires no room for proud egos, lest we grieve the Holy Spirit and lose any anointing. Few can personify what the Apostle Paul

personified, (apparently also originally as a lowly tentmaker.) To avoid the pitfall of lapsing into a Laodicean pseudochrist with a foot in both camps, our outreach is only effective when we let go of status, like Moses did, and Paul who originally was a Pharisee of imagined merit. Philippians 3:8 "Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." To have a heavenly vision on the Damascus road Paul was to learn the lifestyle and become/exemplify/personify the message. Acts 9:3-5 . It's a worthy goal, for which i'm just a student, not of noble birth like Moses or Paul. It's said that kings will recognise these realities, but they eventually will rely on the lowly

body of Christ for heavenly leading or anointing. Rom 8:21 "because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." That isn't Laodicean liberty, and associated entropy, but noble standards of behaviour that recognise the value of self control and God endowed purpose or function.

Isaiah 65:23

They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, And their offspring with them.

We need reminding that the proud jeopardize salvation, so it backfires to prevail if it results only in knowledge which puffs up. That would risk lapsing into one of a

number of characteristics of pseudochrist, more so if Laodicean too. I think it's one of the reasons that authentic faith is the means of salvation. The gospel of salvation by authentic faith is our primary message. We avoid status or glamour which have mixed agendas, other than low-key grassroots outreach. We want enough reasoning to advance authentic grassroots faith, bringing down strongholds (of principalities) that exalt themselves against the "whole counsel of God" Acts 20:27 "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God". But not losing our own salvation due to becoming proud.

What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul. I have a distinct aversion to

outer-darkness and try not to gamble with anything which risks lapsing into sinful practices or condition. The way of life is narrow Matt 7:14 though if we're innocent as a little child it's manageable Mark 10:15 . Matt 11:29-30 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." I'm just a student, not coming from a noble family.

I'm reminded, when reading today, Jesus Beatitudes, that blessed are the poor in spirit, and the rich have received their consolation. We're taught to store up our treasure in heaven, and to be rich toward God.

I'm waiting for PhDs to resolve the key truth about the changes in

rigidity of time throughout the cosmos. It's reported that there is a 5 microsecond difference per year between the atomic clocks at Greenwich and at Boulder Colorado, apparently due to a change in gravity

https://creationwiki.org/Gravitational_time_dilation It's therefore likely that outside of our solar system there is a significant difference in the seeming rigidity of time, and between galaxies that seeming rigidity of time is likely to be considerably different, in interstellar and intergalactic space.

A key to success is to maximise signal to noise ratio, keeping distractions down, staying simple, and employing simple key truths that resolve questions about competing reasoning, without deteriorating into prideful attitudes.

To make progress in this way, we do what comes naturally for each one without biting off more than we can handle. I've done what i could, and defer to PhDs for scientific reality checks. Leading PhD exponents are best placed for expounding on scientific questions without attitude problems; eg resolving the non-rigidity of cosmological time question. When some try to sell a version of evolution, they'll depend on the rigidity of time, throughout the cosmos, to confuse the masses. Science fiction is the roots of that.

I'm reminded that i avoid any semblance of glamour or status, otherwise it would deteriorate in to an ego trip. In God's topsy turvy world the way of influence is down ie grassroots. There's no need for any one person to lead, as when

we're all becoming believers and walking the talk, according to Soul-Mate.org, then there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and numerous believers will offer contributions to the way forwards, without any one person being in the spotlight. That's the goal of secular leadership, to identify sound ways forward, and when the sons/daughters of God are contributing then the corporate body of Christ will achieve more, within their sphere of influence. In the information/computer blogging age that style of progress is becoming the new norm, and hierarchical organisations aren't relevant to the way blogs or collective websites work any more. Especially once science and leading thinkers are part of that new norm along with their particular God given anointing. If it's good enough

for scientists to use blogging to identify ways forward then it's good enough for the rest of us too (that's why the internet was invented apparently). Would anyone like to blog their contribution on that topic?

If we aspire to lead internationally in our scientific society we are required to emulate the rigor of modern cultures, not dealing in half truths, however unintentional. Sloppy scholarship is a recipe for crisis of confidence and counterfeit pet theories, not untypical of what cause youth to abandon church once they go to university.

Dan 2:34

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Rudyard Kipling IF
If you can talk with crowds and
keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings nor lose the
common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends
can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none
too much;

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Loving Heartfelt Compliance With All That Jesus Discussed, versus A False Sense Of Belief For Cultural Christians, In Society.

Are we giving allegiance to another Jesus, made in our society's image rather than the person discussed in the infallible Bible ?

We humans tend to be products of our cultures more than authentic

disciples. Cultures in which animism is prevalent reportedly mix biblical teaching with beliefs of animism. Cultural Christians tend to do similar mixing of beliefs, such as theistic evolution (god-help.org), materialism for our comfort zones, youthful addictions, liberalism, pantheism for mormons and others (not infinite gods, unlike infinite Jesus), etc.

Thankfully there is hope. When we progressively learn to agree with the Bible (daily Bible readings and scholarly teachings) the Holy Spirit begins to enlighten our minds, showing us things which reflective believers progressively learn to distance themselves from. "First we make our habits, then our habits make us", Charles Noble. An easy way to navigate through quick daily

readings in one year is with [NKJV daily Bible for Kindle](#) or Kindle App for Android (Google Play Store)/PC.

[Lord Of All or Not Lord At All](#) by SDA Chris Buttery

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Designs in Nature : "Would you say that these millions of exquisite designs, far exceeding in beauty and workmanship anything produced by man, are the result of mere chance ?"

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It needs to be mentioned that with so much emphasis on biblical theology or theory that we can overlook God's mercy. I don't adjudicate on issues that may or not fall into this category but prayerfully defer to God & Jesus.

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Mark Of The Beast

Why Big Tech Wants You To Ditch Your Password CNBC Jan 2020
Patch it up and keep on rolling is the modus operandi of political leaders. The fact of life that increase in crime necessitates increases in internet security leads us all into the Mark of the Beast, however unwilling leaders might be. Internet security is symptomatic of the crime driving those security measures. So increased security is a direct metric of that crime, and

broad acceptance of biometricIDs is proof that society has broadly failed to accept God's standards of behaviour, as our way of life, detailed at god-help.org and Soul-Mate.org. That's a plausible rationale for why accepting the Mark of the Beast is acceptance of Satan's finite way of life over God's infinite biblical way of life and standards of behaviour. If we accept the Mark of the Beast biometricID, (yet to come in it's final form), and cashless cryptocurrency, then we've effectively resigned our fate to finite failures, (patch it up and keep on rolling), in our way of life or standards of behaviour, and can't be saved.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_ID_Act

With cashless cryptocurrency growing in popularity, and with the genetic revolution being embraced

by large nations, the final biometricID is only a play away. Large nations might address the problem of mobile phones using a biometricID -- and soon to follow mark of the beast -- by developing a version of (open source) Android, in collaboration with foss community and an agreeable phone supplier, that only uses a local version of 2 Factor Authentication (based at their phone company), and not fingerprint or facial recognition, (or soon to emerge DNA biometrics). Also search youtube for secure Android and GrapheneOS. Google Authenticator from Google Play Store works well too. We can improve on proof of identity without adopting a biometricID by using 2 Factor Authentication, where our phone company uses our PIN and Google Authenticator to authenticate phone based

transactions. A smartphone can be purchased for \$79 now - <https://www.amazon.com/Net10-Samsung-Galaxy-Prepaid-Smartphone/dp/B08CL51X7Y/> , and a small learning curve is better than a biometricID with privacy and spiritual issues. A smartphone also needs to install and simply setup AutoStart app then start NoRoot Firewall or better, from Play Store, to protect the PIN and Google Authenticator from hacking attempts.

There's a reason that collection of DNA sequences is already occurring, by certain businesses and legal agents, because they're intent on globally ID'g everyone regardless of privacy and spiritual concerns.

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No Other God

The mystery doctrine of the Trinity, (proof verses are offered below), resolves the seeming contradiction that both Father God and God the Son are one, including the Holy Spirit. John 17:21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." The doctrine has baffled many, because we're limited to finite human experience, and because unless we

examine the whole counsel of God, in the Bible, we can overlook key verses that make plurality and oneness plain; a bit like our university(s) that pursue unity with diversity, and the body of Christ.

1 John 5:6,7;

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. John 10:30 "I and My Father are one."

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Revelation 1:7-8

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even

they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Jews who hold that God the Father is alone also hold that a messiah is to come, who will usher in God's kingdom. But a messiah can't resolve entropy throughout the cosmos, creating a utopia, or give us an afterlife unless he is infinite/divine, like Jesus Christ claims to be - as demonstrated by repeatedly raising the dead on demand. The heptadic structure of the Bible shows it to be God inspired. The heptadic signature of the genealogy of Jesus Christ shows the Holy Spirit authenticates Jesus' divine infinite person.

Some have missed the Old (& New) Testament verses that indicate the God head is a plurality of 3 persons in one God, referenced below.

Genesis 1:26, 3:22, Isaiah 6:3,8

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 5:37

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

John 6:46

Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

John 4:24

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 4:39

Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Deuteronomy 5:7

You shall have no other gods before Me.

1Kings 8:60

that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other.

Isaiah 44:6

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

Isaiah 45:5

I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me.

Isaiah 45:14

Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

Joel 2:27

Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel:

I am the Lord your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

Mark 12:32

So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He."

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other (ie Jesus Christ), for there is no

other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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Genesis 1:26"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness";

3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us";

Isaiah 6:3,8

And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?"

11:2,3

Isaiah 42:1; "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles."

Isaiah 48:16;

"Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me."

Isaiah 61:1-3;

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may

be glorified."
63:9,10;

New Testament

Matthew 1:18,20;

Matthew 3:11,16;

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 12:18,28;

"Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles."

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 28:19;

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 1:8;

I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:35;

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 3:16,22;

John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

And the Holy Spirit descended in

bodily form like a dove upon Him,
and a voice came from heaven
which said, "You are My beloved
Son; in You I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1,14,18;

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me To
preach the gospel to the poor; He
has sent Me to heal the
brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty
to the captives And recovery of
sight to the blind, To set at liberty
those who are oppressed; To
proclaim the acceptable year of the
Lord."

John 1:32,33;

And John bore witness, saying, "I
saw the Spirit descending from
heaven like a dove, and He
remained upon Him. I did not know
Him, but He who sent me to baptize
with water said to me, 'Upon whom
you see the Spirit descending, and
remaining on Him, this is He who

baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

John 3:34,35;

For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

7:39;

John 14:16,17,26;

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26;

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 16:7,13-15;

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It

is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

20:22;

Acts 1:2,4,5;

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be

baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 2:33; Acts 10:36-38;

Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ -- He is Lord of all -- that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing

Romans 1:3,4;

concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with

power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 8:9-11,26,27;

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 2:10,11;

1 Corinthians 6:19;

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 8:6;

yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

12:3-6;

2 Corinthians 1:21,22;

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

3:17;

2 Corinthians 5:5;

Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 13:14;

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians 4:4,6;

And because you are sons, God has

sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Philippians 1:19;

Colossians 2:2;

2 Thessalonians 2:13,14,16;

1 Timothy 3:16;

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Titus 3:4-6;

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been

justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 9:14;

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1Peter 3:18;

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit

1 John 5:6,7;

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the

Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 3:20

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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About Us

- **The Tri-une God** We believe in one God, eternally existing in three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who know, love, and glorify one another. This one true and living God is infinitely perfect both in his love and in his holiness. He is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy to receive all glory and adoration. Immortal and eternal, he perfectly and

exhaustively knows the end from the beginning, sustains and sovereignly rules over all things, and providentially brings about his eternal good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation, to the praise of his glorious grace.

- **Revelation** God has graciously disclosed his existence and power in the created order, and has supremely revealed himself to fallen human beings in the person of his Son, the incarnate Word. Moreover, this God is a speaking God who by his Spirit has graciously disclosed himself in human words: we believe that God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which are both record and means of his saving

work in the world. These writings alone constitute the verbally inspired Word of God, which is utterly authoritative and without error in the original writings, complete in its revelation of his will for salvation, sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and final in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks. We confess that both our finitude and our sinfulness preclude the possibility of knowing God's truth exhaustively, but we affirm that, enlightened by the Spirit of God, we can know God's revealed truth truly. The Bible is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it teaches; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; and trusted, as God's pledge, in all that it promises. As God's people hear, believe, and

do the Word, they are equipped as disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.

- **Creation of Humanity** We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in his own image. Adam and Eve belonged to the created order that God himself declared to be very good, serving as God's agents to care for, manage, and govern creation, living in holy and devoted fellowship with their Maker. Men and women, equally made in the image of God, enjoy equal access to God by faith in Christ Jesus and are both called to move beyond passive self-indulgence to significant private and public engagement in family, church, and civic life. Adam and Eve were made to complement each other in a one-flesh union

that establishes the only normative pattern of sexual relations for men and women, such that marriage ultimately serves as a type of the union between Christ and his church. In God's wise purposes, men and women are not simply interchangeable, but rather they complement each other in mutually enriching ways. God ordains that they assume distinctive roles which reflect the loving relationship between Christ and the church, the husband exercising headship in a way that displays the caring, sacrificial love of Christ, and the wife submitting to her husband in a way that models the love of the church for her Lord. In the ministry of the church, both men and women are encouraged to serve Christ and to be developed

to their full potential in the manifold ministries of the people of God. The distinctive leadership role within the church given to qualified men is grounded in creation, fall, and redemption and must not be sidelined by appeals to cultural developments.

- **The Fall** We believe that Adam, made in the image of God, distorted that image and forfeited his original blessedness-for himself and all his progeny-by falling into sin through Satan's temptation. As a result, all human beings are alienated from God, corrupted in every aspect of their being (e.g., physically, mentally, volitionally, emotionally, spiritually) and condemned finally and irrevocably to death-apart from God's own gracious

intervention. The supreme need of all human beings is to be reconciled to the God under whose just and holy wrath we stand; the only hope of all human beings is the undeserved love of this same God, who alone can rescue us and restore us to himself.

- **The Plan of God** We believe that from all eternity God determined in grace to save a great multitude of guilty sinners from every tribe and language and people and nation, and to this end foreknew them and chose them. We believe that God justifies and sanctifies those who by grace have faith in Jesus, and that he will one day glorify them all to the praise of his glorious grace. In love God commands and implores all people to repent

and believe, having set his saving love on those he has chosen and having ordained Christ to be their Redeemer.

- **The Gospel** We believe that the gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ-God's very wisdom. Utter folly to the world, even though it is the power of God to those who are being saved, this good news is christological, centering on the cross and resurrection: the gospel is not proclaimed if Christ is not proclaimed, and the authentic Christ has not been proclaimed if his death and resurrection are not central (the message is "Christ died for our sins . . . [and] was raised"). This good news is biblical (his death and resurrection are according to the Scriptures), theological and salvific (Christ died for our

sins, to reconcile us to God), historical (if the saving events did not happen, our faith is worthless, we are still in our sins, and we are to be pitied more than all others), apostolic (the message was entrusted to and transmitted by the apostles, who were witnesses of these saving events), and intensely personal (where it is received, believed, and held firmly, individual persons are saved).

- **The Redemption of Christ** We believe that, moved by love and in obedience to his Father, the eternal Son became human: the Word became flesh, fully God and fully human being, one Person in two natures. The man Jesus, the promised Messiah of Israel, was conceived through the miraculous agency of the Holy

Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He perfectly obeyed his heavenly Father, lived a sinless life, performed miraculous signs, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. As the mediatorial King, he is seated at the right hand of God the Father, exercising in heaven and on earth all of God's sovereignty, and is our High Priest and righteous Advocate. We believe that by his incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus Christ acted as our representative and substitute. He did this so that in him we might become the righteousness of God: on the cross he canceled sin, propitiated God, and, by bearing the full penalty of our sins, reconciled to

God all those who believe. By his resurrection Christ Jesus was vindicated by his Father, broke the power of death and defeated Satan who once had power over it, and brought everlasting life to all his people; by his ascension he has been forever exalted as Lord and has prepared a place for us to be with him. We believe that salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved. Because God chose the lowly things of this world, the despised things, the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, no human being can ever boast before him-Christ Jesus has become for us wisdom from God-that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

• **The Justification of Sinners**

We believe that Christ, by his obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. By his sacrifice, he bore in our stead the punishment due us for our sins, making a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice on our behalf. By his perfect obedience he satisfied the just demands of God on our behalf, since by faith alone that perfect obedience is credited to all who trust in Christ alone for their acceptance with God. Inasmuch as Christ was given by the Father for us, and his obedience and punishment were accepted in place of our own, freely and not for anything in us, this justification is solely of free grace, in order that both the exact justice and the rich grace

of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners. We believe that a zeal for personal and public obedience flows from this free justification.

• **The Power of the Holy Spirit**

We believe that this salvation, attested in all Scripture and secured by Jesus Christ, is applied to his people by the Holy Spirit. Sent by the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, and, as the "other" Paraclete, is present with and in believers. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and by his powerful and mysterious work regenerates spiritually dead sinners, awakening them to repentance and faith, baptizing them into union with the Lord Jesus, such that they are justified before God

by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. By the Spirit's agency, believers are renewed, sanctified, and adopted into God's family; they participate in the divine nature and receive his sovereignly distributed gifts. The Holy Spirit is himself the down payment of the promised inheritance, and in this age indwells, guides, instructs, equips, revives, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

- **The Kingdom of God** We believe that those who have been saved by the grace of God through union with Christ by faith and through regeneration by the Holy Spirit enter the kingdom of God and delight in the blessings of the new covenant: the forgiveness of sins,

the inward transformation that awakens a desire to glorify, trust, and obey God, and the prospect of the glory yet to be revealed. Good works constitute indispensable evidence of saving grace. Living as salt in a world that is decaying and light in a world that is dark, believers should neither withdraw into seclusion from the world, nor become indistinguishable from it: rather, we are to do good to the city, for all the glory and honor of the nations is to be offered up to the living God. Recognizing whose created order this is, and because we are citizens of God's kingdom, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, doing good to all, especially to those who belong to the household of God. The kingdom of God, already present but not fully

realized, is the exercise of God's sovereignty in the world toward the eventual redemption of all creation. The kingdom of God is an invasive power that plunders Satan's dark kingdom and regenerates and renovates through repentance and faith the lives of individuals rescued from that kingdom. It therefore inevitably establishes a new community of human life together under God.

- **God's New People** We believe that God's new covenant people have already come to the heavenly Jerusalem; they are already seated with Christ in the heavenlies. This universal church is manifest in local churches of which Christ is the only Head; thus each "local church" is, in fact, the church, the household of

God, the assembly of the living God, and the pillar and foundation of the truth. The church is the body of Christ, the apple of his eye, graven on his hands, and he has pledged himself to her forever. The church is distinguished by her gospel message, her sacred ordinances, her discipline, her great mission, and, above all, by her love for God, and by her members' love for one another and for the world. Crucially, this gospel we cherish has both personal and corporate dimensions, neither of which may properly be overlooked. Christ Jesus is our peace: he has not only brought about peace with God, but also peace between alienated peoples. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity, thus making peace,

and in one body to reconcile both Jew and Gentile to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. The church serves as a sign of God's future new world when its members live for the service of one another and their neighbors, rather than for self-focus. The church is the corporate dwelling place of God's Spirit, and the continuing witness to God in the world.

- **Baptism and the Lord's Supper** We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordained by the Lord Jesus himself. The former is connected with entrance into the new covenant community, the latter with ongoing covenant renewal. Together they are simultaneously God's pledge to us, divinely ordained means of grace, our

public vows of submission to the once crucified and now resurrected Christ, and anticipations of his return and of the consummation of all things.

- **The Restoration of All Things**

We believe in the personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ with his holy angels, when he will exercise his role as final Judge, and his kingdom will be consummated.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust-the unjust to judgment and eternal conscious punishment in hell, as our Lord himself taught, and the just to eternal blessedness in the presence of him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb, in the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness. On

that day the church will be presented faultless before God by the obedience, suffering and triumph of Christ, all sin purged and its wretched effects forever banished. God will be all in all and his people will be enthralled by the immediacy of his ineffable holiness, and everything will be to the praise of his glorious grace.

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He must become more, we must become less John 3:30. Any glory belongs to God & Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit leading or anointing it amounts to nothing of consequence. Except the Lord build the house the builders labour in vain. Except we remain in the Vine we can do nothing - which otherwise amounts to entropy, an old wineskin that

can't hold Jesus new wine, the new covenant and a fountain of living water, the Words of life John 6:68
Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 15:4
"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Any human assistance is nothing without anointing; and there but for the grace of God go us too, in our common humanity we all get it wrong and wander off God's paths. Many ! contributors make up a mosaic or tapestry of insights into Christian reality. If we make any claims to the contrary we deceive ourselves and deny the grace of God. Just because God chooses to work anonymously more often than

not doesn't accrue credit to others and certainly not us either.

Anything else that exalts humans is in jeopardy of becoming a golden calf that we should all reject or at least have minimal connection with.

Luk 5:37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. Luk 5:38 No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.

John 4:14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

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