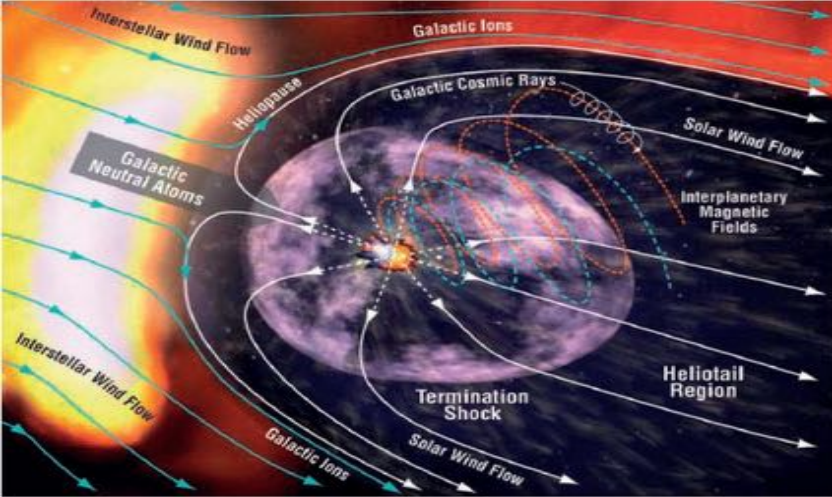


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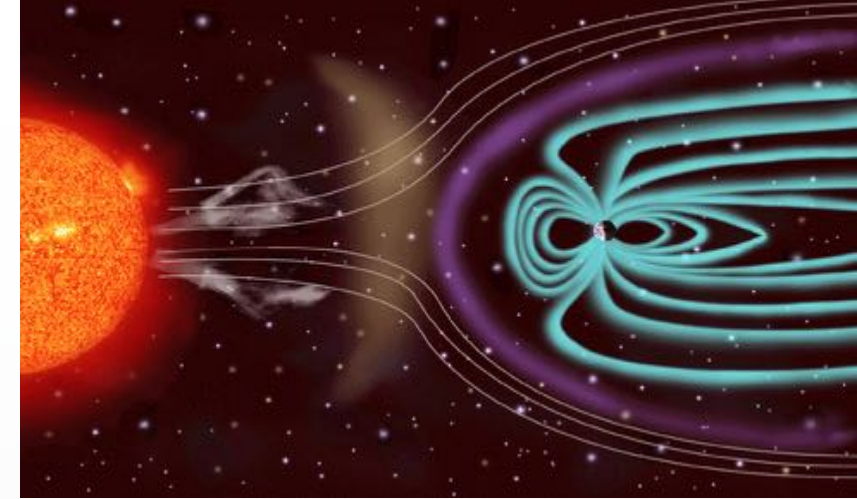
PSALM 005-03 AWARENESS OF YOUR EVILNESS

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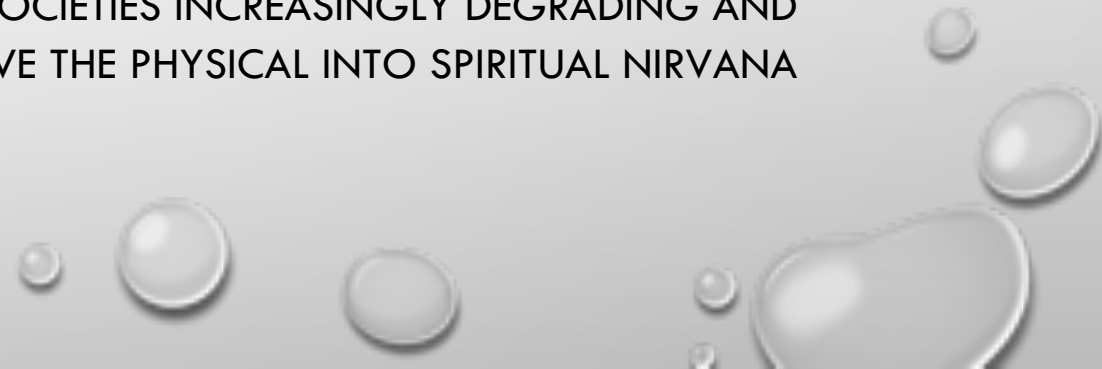
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PROLOGUE: LOST MEDITATION IGNORES THE REAL



- LOST MEDITATION IGNORES REALITY OF SIN WHICH IS MORE OBVIOUS EVERYDAY
 - WHEN MAN-WOMAN SINNED; THEY DISRUPTED THEIR UNITY WITH CREATION; I.E., HAD TO WREST A LIVING FROM THE GROUND (GE 3:17-19; 4:11-12)
 - ENTIRE CREATION GROANS UNDER THE CURSE OF SIN EVIDENCED BY DANGEROUS IONIZING GALACTIC/SOLAR WINDS CONTINUALLY IMPACTING EARTH (RO 8:20-23)
 - MODERN MAN'S PHILOSOPHIC SCIENTISM, EVOLUTION, PROMOTES *SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST* AS TRUTH, SOCIAL DARWINISM APPLIES TO SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS; OTHERWISE KNOWN AS EUGENICS MASQUERADING AS ECOLOGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND POPULATION CONTROL
 - MAN REDUCED TO ANIMALS ACTING AS ANIMALS WITH SOCIETIES INCREASINGLY DEGRADING AND VIOLENT DESPITE THE DELUSION OF TRANSCENDING ABOVE THE PHYSICAL INTO SPIRITUAL NIRVANA



PROLOGUE: GOAL OF GODLY MEDITATION SEEKS HUMBLeness IN GOD



- LOST MEDITATION GIVES LIP SERVICE TO HUMILITY BUT PRODUCES VIOLENT STRIVING FOR CONTROL AT ALL LEVELS BECAUSE ITS DELUSION DOES NOT CANCEL FEAR; IT ENHANCES IT!
- GODLY MEDITATION UNDERSTANDS THIS CREATION IS PASSING AWAY JUST AS OUR FLESH PASSES AWAY IN DEATH BUT WILL ARISE IN *NEWNESS OF LIFE* (GE 2:15-17; RO 6:3-12; 1CO 15:45-55; HE 1:10-12)
 - BELIEVER HAS **NO POWER**; HENCE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON FATHER-SON-SPIRIT: NEW COVENANT (JE 31:31-34; MT 5:2-12)
 - WORLD HATES YOU AS IT HATES GOD (HE 11:32-38)
 - WE SEEK A CITY TO COME IN A *NEW HEAVEN-EARTH*; *NEW JERUSALEM* FROM HEAVEN (GA 4:21-31; HE 11:8-10; RE 21:1-7; 22:1-5)
 - GODLY MEDITATION LEARNS TO WALK IN CHRIST'S REALITY WHOSE LOVE NEVER FORSAKES US (JN 10:25-30; RO 8:35-39; 2PE 3:10-13)

DUALITY REQUIRES UNDERSTANDING OF EVIL

- THIS STANZA OF PSALM FIVE FOCUSES OUR ATTENTION ON DEGREES OF EVIL AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD
 - THOUGH THE ENGLISH USES *EVIL*, THE MORE CORRECT FOCUS WOULD BE SIN YET THIS IS TOO STERILE A TERM WHILE MOST PEOPLE WOULD **NOT** CLASSIFY THEMSELVES AS EVIL
 - HOWEVER, THESE ARE *RESCUING STRATEGIES* DENYING THE LOGIC AND TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE (RO 2:1-5)
 - HEARING PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE NOT EVIL OR THEY WOULD NOT COMMIT *EVILNESS* DISPLAYS THEIR IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE, SIN AND SELF; LOT AND DAUGHTERS ARE THE QUINTESSENTIAL EXAMPLES (GE 13:8-11; 18:19-22; 19:1-9, 15-26, 30-38)
 - LOT'S IGNORANCE OF PERSONAL EVILNESS, SIN, ENSNARED HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO THEIR DESTRUCTION OR DEGRADATION: REMEMBER – **EVERYONE** IS BORN IN INIQUITY, SIN (PS 51:5)

SIN IS NOT OF GOD

- GOD IS DISTINCT FROM SIN; HE IS NOT CORRUPTED BY SIN NOR CAN HIS HOLINESS COMPROMISE WITH SIN WHICH CORRUPTS **ALL** IT TOUCHES (JA 1:13-17)
- GOD DOES NOT DELIGHT WICKEDNESS { רָשָׁע; REŠA }
 - DENOTES ONE WHO IS ACTIVELY PURSUING EVIL EVEN THOUGH HE JUSTIFIES HIS ACTIONS; AHAB AND JEZEBEL WOULD BE QUINTESSENTIAL EXAMPLES: MURDER OF NABOTH (1KI 21:1-20)
 - ALSO, FALSE TEACHERS-PARENTS DELIBERATELY LEADING IGNORANT ASTRAY (2PE 2:1-2, 15; JUDE 1:4, 10-11, 16-18)
 - THIS IS NOT LIMITED TO SOCIOPATHS; IT INCLUDES ALL WHO KNOW TO DO GOOD BUT DO NOT DO IT (JA 4:16-17)
 - **EVERYONE** IS CAPABLE OF WICKEDNESS WHILE JUSTIFYING THEMSELVES NO MATTER HOW *DELICATE* OR REFINED THEY SEEM: FAÇADE FADES QUICKLY WITH TRIALS (DE 28:52-57; 2KI 6:26-30; MT 7:21-23, 26-27)

GOD DOES NOT DWELL WITH EVIL

- EVIL { רָע; RA } IS THE INSIDIOUS EVIL FORMED FROM OUR FALLEN NATURE
 - IT IS *NORMAL* TO EVERY PERSON AND EXCEPT FOR GOD'S GIFT OF GUILT NONE WOULD BE AWARE OF ONE'S SINFULNESS (PS 51:5; RO 2:14-15)
 - EVERY PERSON REJECTS GOD'S TRUTH SUBSTITUTING ONE'S LIES, PHILOSOPHIES, TO EXPLAIN LIFE AND ESTABLISH ONE'S WORLDVIEW WITH YOU AS THE *HERO OF YOUR OWN STORY* (RO 1:18-28)
 - CONTINUALLY EXCUSING ONE'S SIN DEADENS THE CONSCIENCE AND EVENTUALLY REMOVES GUILT ONE'S RESTRAINT; PSYCH'S *ACTUATED* MAN OR SOCIOPATH/PSYCHOPATH (EP 4:19; 1TI 4:2)
 - EVERYONE IS SOMEWHERE ON THIS CONTINUUM {TOTAL DEPRAVITY}
 - BY SAYING, "THERE IS NO GOD," ONE CANNOT DO GOOD {ONLY FROM GOD} (PS 14:1; MK 110:18)

THUS, GOD HATES EVILDOERS

- DOES GOD LOVE SINNERS? BIBLE SAYS GOD **HATES** THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THEIR SIN AS THEY LOVE THEIR SIN (RO 9:10-14; EP 1:3-14)
- EVILDOERS { לַעֲוֹנִים; P^AAL;} EMBRACE THEIR SIN AS NORMAL REJECTING THOSE WHO ARE OF GOD; THEY *DECIDE* THEIR CONDITION IS NORMAL: LIKE THE MEN OF SODOM (MT 5:10-12)
 - GOD GIVES THEM UP TO PRACTICE THEIR SINFULNESS; MAKE A WORLD WITHOUT GOD (RO 1:18-28)
 - THESE LOVE THEIR WORKS EXCHANGING GOD'S TRUTH FOR LIES EVEN BELIEVING THEY HAVE TRUTH: MORALISTS; RELIGIONISTS; ALL WORKS-BASED RELIGIONS/PHILOSOPHIES (RE 3:15-17)
 - THEY BELIEVE GOD'S SALVATION CAN BE BOUGHT OR IMITATED (AC 8:14-24)

CHARACTERISTICS OF ALL SINNERS

- SINNERS DO NOT HIDE THEIR CONDITION BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE TRUTH
 - BOASTFUL – THEY LAUD THEMSELVES AS FREE FROM FEAR, GUILT AND CONSTRAINTS ON THEIR BEHAVIORS (PS 75:2-5; 1CO 3:18-22; 2PE 3:3-4; JUDE 1:8-13)
 - LIARS – BY REJECTING THEIR INNER WITNESS OF GOD AND HIS OUTER MANIFESTATION, THEY SECURE THEIR JUDGMENT WITH THEIR VERY DEEDS TESTIFYING AGAINST THEMSELVES (JN 8:44; RO 1:18-21; RE 20:11-15)
 - DECEIT AND BLOOD THIRSTY – SIN'S NATURAL RESULT IS **ALWAYS** DEATH EVEN AS THEY DECEITFULLY PLAN THE ENSLAVEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF OTHERS (PR 1:10-19; EZ 28:15-16; JN 8:44)
- PSALMIST DESCRIBES THE CONTINUUM OF SINNERS SHOWING THEY ARE WITHOUT HOPE IN OPPOSITION TO GOD WHO DOES NOT DELIGHT IN THEIR DEATHS (EZ 33:11)

HEART OF SINNERS: REBELLIOUS PRIDE

- COMMON ASPECT OF EVIL, SIN: COVETING TO BE AS GOD VIA REBELLIOUS PRIDE
(1SA 15:23; IS 14:14; COL 3:5; 1TI 2:3-6)
- GOD CALLS THE DEAD WORLD TO SALVATION; BUT THEY DO NOT HEAR (JN 3:16; EP 2:1-9)
- GOD MAKES PEACE THROUGH CHRIST'S SACRIFICE **ALONE** ERASING OUR SIN (RO 5:1-11; HE 5:5-10)
- HOW DOES ONE BECOME SAVED? THROUGH FAITH WHICH DESTROYS BOASTING (RO 3:27-31; 10:9-13)
 - TRIBULATIONS & TRIALS, HAGIAZO PROCESS, *PUSHES* ONE TO CRY OUT TO GOD LIKE: PHILIPPIAN JAILER; ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH; AND YOU? (MT 7:7-8; AC 8:26-37; 16:25-30)
 - THOSE WHOM GOD DRIVES SEEK AND FIND HIM EVIDENCED BY REPENTANCE, HUMILITY; THUS, JUSTIFIED LIVING BY FAITH REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUS TRUTH OF CHRIST'S LOVE
(PS 69:30-33; 107:1-32; RO 1:17; 1CO 13:1-3; 2CO 2:14-17; 1JO 3:16)