

Matthew 6:22-24



PSALM 005-02 MEDITATIVE PRAYER BUT TO WHOM?

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PROLOGUE: BELIEVER'S BURDEN HAGIAZO PROCESS

- DAVID-CHRIST-BELIEVER BEGINS BEGGING YAHWEH TO HEAR HIM IN HIS NEED
 - HOW GREAT IS THE NEED? SO GREAT THAT IT CANNOT BE EXPRESSED JUST IN WORDS BUT IN GROANS AND UTTERANCES (RO 8:22-27)
 - THE PRESSURE {THLIPSIS – TRIBULATION} IS SO GREAT ONE IS DRIVEN TO EDGE OF ONE'S STRENGTH {DESPAIR} {HAGIAZO PROCESS}: ONLY GOD CAN ANSWER

Words “groan” and “cry” examples of rarely used Hebrew words in Bible; thus, reference to Romans



PROLOGUE: WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTATION WHEN YOU PRAY?

- PRAYERS OF MANY ARE NOT ANSWERED BECAUSE OF PERSONAL LUST AND WORLDLY DESIRES
 - THIS WORLD IS PASSING AWAY
 - OUR FOCUS MUST BE ON THE NEW HEAVEN-EARTH SPENDING ETERNITY WITH CHRIST
 - OUR PURPOSE IS TO SHOW THE WORLD CHRIST IN US THE HOPE OF GLORY (COL 1:24-29)
 - WORLD ALREADY KNOWS HOW TO BE SELFISH AND SELF-CENTERED; CHRISTIANS ARE TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY BY NOT RESORTING TO THE WORLD'S WAYS UNDER THE SAME PRESSURES (MT 5:13-16, 38-48)
- TRUE MARK OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY: HUMILITY (MT 5:2-12)
 - TRUE MATURITY IS LOVE: FORBEARANCE AND FORGIVENESS; I.E., STEPHEN (AC 7:59-60; 1CO 13:1-8)

PSALMS: PRAYERS ARE MEDITATION



- THE WRITINGS {PSALMS, PROVERBS AND CANTICLES} SUGGEST MEDITATION, APPLYING SOME ASPECT OF THE MATERIAL TO ONE'S LIFE (DE 6:4-9)
 - PSALMS – EMOTIONS; PROVERBS – MIND; AND CANTICLES – SINGLEMINDEDNESS LOVE (RE 2:17; 3:12-13)
 - JEWS TOOK THIS MATERIALLY AND REPLACED GOD'S WRITTEN WORD WITH THEIR ORAL CUSTOMS (MK 7:1-13)
- PSALMS, SONGS, SPECIFICALLY FOCUSES ATTENTION ON GOD-SON-SPIRIT-BELIEVER BONDS
 - PSALMS SHOWS THE EMOTIONAL ASPECT OF ONE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BUT BASED ON KNOWLEDGE SO ONE'S ENTIRE BEING IS INVOLVED IN CONTINUAL WORSHIP
 - SELAH { סֵלָה, SELA}, MEANING UNKNOWN, MAY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTION TO MUSICIANS AND A CALL TO WORSHIPERS TO MEDITATE ON THE MEANING OF THE PSALM ([WHAT DOES SELAH MEAN?](#))



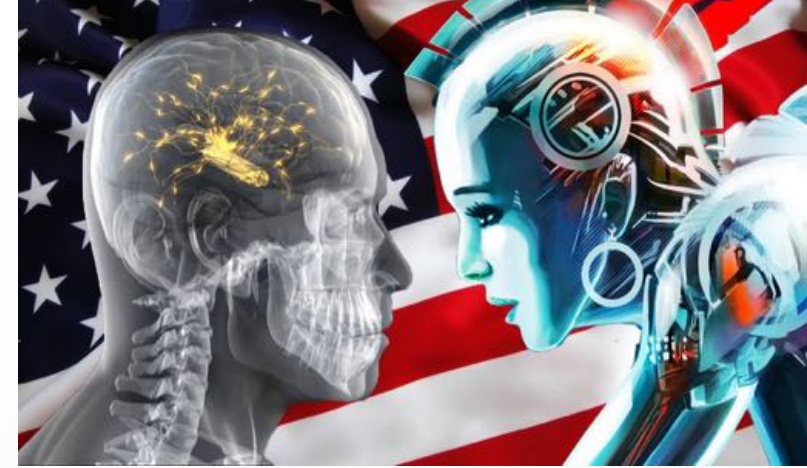
SATAN ENDORSES MEDITATION



- SATAN DOES NOTHING *NEW*; HE COPIES THEN DISTORTS WHAT HE LEARNED FROM CHRIST WITH HIMSELF AS THE FOCUS (EC 1:9-11)
 - SOLOMON'S REQUEST FOR GODLY WISDOM WAS DISTORTED INTO A SEARCH FOR WORLDLY WISDOM LEADING TO *HEBEL* {הֶבֶל} EMPTINESS: WORTHLESSNESS LEADING TO DESPAIR (EC 1:1-12-18)
 - DEPRESSION IS THE REALIZATION ONE'S LIFE DOES NOT LEAD TO MEANING BUT TO JUDGMENT; HENCE, FEAR IS A FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT OF DEPRESSION (1JO 4:17)
 - THIS SHOULD LEAD ONE BACK TO GOD, SOURCE OF LIFE, AS IT DID SOLOMON (EC 12)
 - HOWEVER, SATAN DELUDES PEOPLE VIA THE PRACTICE OF MEDITATION ON ASEBEIA LIES RANGING FROM SCIENTISM TO EMPTY PHILOSOPHIES TO WORKS-BASED RELIGIONS TO DEATH (RO 1:18-28)



MEDITATIVE PRACTICES VERY ANCIENT

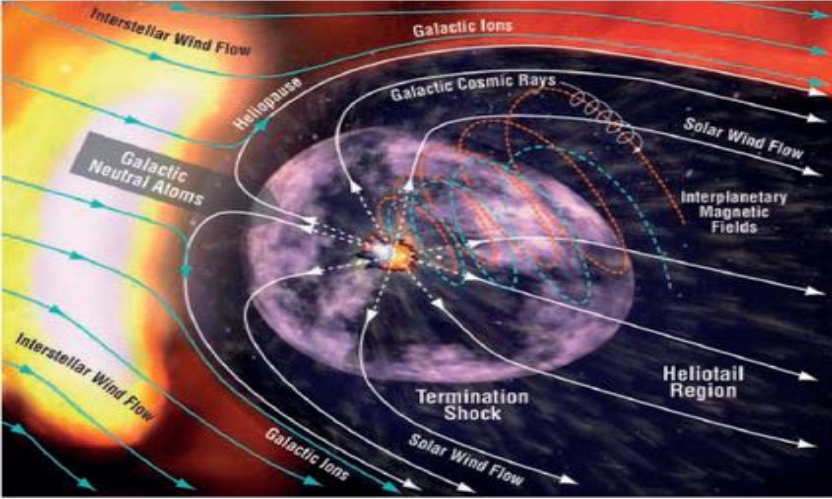


- MEDITATIVE PRACTICES DATE BACK TO THE UPANISHADS AND PROBABLY FROM THE ARYANS OF CENTRAL ASIA APPROXIMATELY 3000 B.C. AND WRITTEN BETWEEN CA. 1500-500 B.C.
 - CLAIMS ARE MADE THESE PRACTICES OLDER THAN GODLY WORSHIP PRACTICES AND RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS IN GENESIS
 - SINCE MAN-WOMAN SINNED, CHRIST NO LONGER WALKED WITH THEM; HENCE, COMMUNICATION CHANGED TO MEDITATIVE PRAYER PRACTICES: CHRIST CHOOSING ABEL OVER CAIN (GE 4:3-5)
 - CAIN TOOK THIS PRACTICE WITH HIM WHEN HE ESTABLISHED HIS OWN SOCIETY WITH OTHER REJECTORS OF GOD; FOCUS OF THEIR PRAYERS WERE NOT CHRIST BUT GOD OF SELF (GE 3:5)
 - THESE WERE CULTURALLY MODIFIED OVER THE MILLENNIUM BUT REMAINED THE SAME: DELUSION (2TH 2:3-12)
 - TODAY'S LABEL IS CULTURAL DIVERSITY; I.E., SAME GOAL OF UNIFYING MAN UNDER SATAN

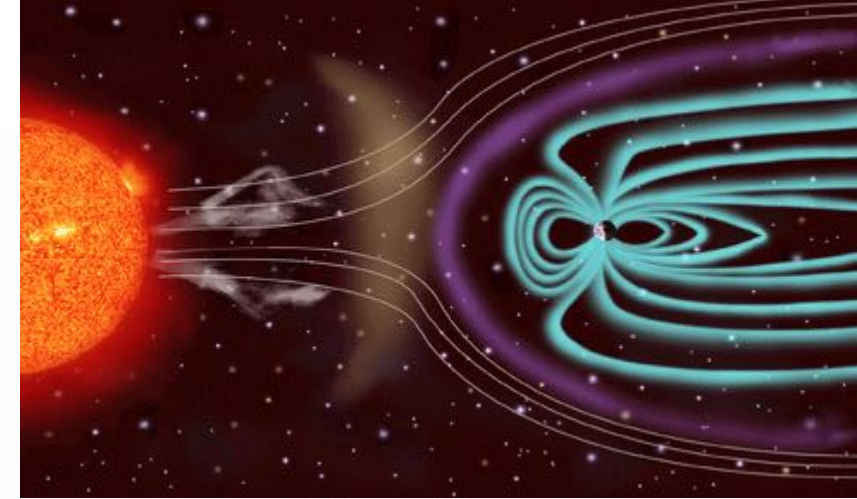
DELUSION IS THE GOAL OF LOST MEDITATION



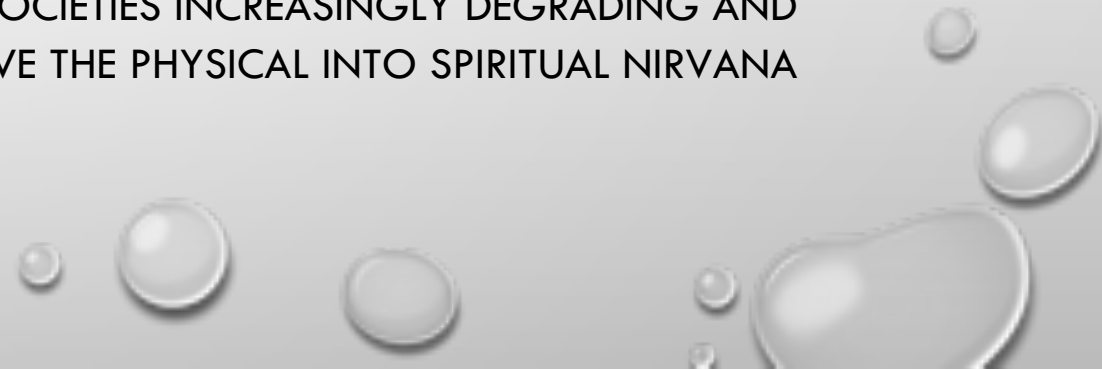
- LOST MEDITATIVE PRACTICES APPEAR TO HAVE DIFFERENT FORMS, BUT THE END IS ALWAYS THE SAME: TRAINING THE MIND AGAINST GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION
- RELIGIOUS MEDITATION WHETHER OF ORIENTAL MYSTICISM TO WESTERN GNOSTICISM TO TODAY'S PHILOSOPHIC-SCIENTISM **ALWAYS** VIEWS:
 - NATURE-UNIVERSE AS GOOD AND MAN AS PART OF THIS SYSTEM: PANTHEISM TO PANENTHEISM
 - ENLIGHTEN ONES MEDITATE, TRAINING THEIR MINDS TO JOIN THEIR IDENTITY INTO ONENESS {SOUNDS LIKE RELIGIOUS SOCIALISM SINCE ITS AUTHOR IS THE SAME: SATAN {CAN ONLY BE ONE}}
 - ALL FORMS DEVELOP A CONSTRUCTED BELIEF MATRIX THAT PHYSICAL REALITY IS UNREALITY
 - PHYSICAL IS EVIL TO BE CONTROLLED; SPIRITUAL IS GOOD TO BE REALIZED VIA TRAINING {WORKS}



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



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)