

The Alternate-Universe Hoax: Gene Roddenberry's Star Trek

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Children of Earth, we know that most of you have been for many years of your lives on Earth very great fans of the Science-Fiction Dreamers. Such concepts are now prevalent everywhere on Earth—in every nation, in every university and college, and even in many seminaries. The Science-Fiction Dreamers have created a fantasy world for themselves as the real world degenerates and falls into chaos, and their world-view is altogether based on the premises of Humanism and Upward Evolution. Their world-view is now predominant in popular literature, in cinema, in television programming, and even in computer games.

Two science-fiction cosmologies of our Earth, in particular, have gained such a vast audience and such a massive popularity that they have lately gone far beyond the mere characteristic of religiosity. These two have become like actual cults, with the adherents manifesting much cult-like behavior.

Let us now investigate some of the characteristics that are common to both the *Star Trek* cult and the *Star Wars* cult.

The devotees of both nurture a peculiar worldview as they continue to worship their specialized idols. The fans eagerly observe all the magical illusions and false promises which are paraded before them; they applaud and cheer, and they beg for more entertainment of a similar stripe. They obtain inspiration from the icons and artifacts which are ceaselessly displayed for them by their science-fiction-writing prophets and the high priests of their Cosmic Optimism.

Huge crowds of such s-f fans are now seen to be renting the premises of many large buildings on Earth, which they need in order to have fellowship “conventions,” and they employ the giant buildings for this purpose. The conventions somehow function like a group-worship experience for the practitioners of each cult.

In such gatherings, the adherents absorb much inspiration and happiness from a large variety of artists and exotic entertainers who are connected with their cult. The adherents all feel much edified and encouraged by the endless array of Inspiring Illusions which their magicians place before their eyes. After leaving the convention hall, the *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* adherents find themselves full of energy and very eager to proselytize others, hoping that more people will come to share their faith in the worlds of the future.

They promote their ideology with an infinite enthusiasm. But what is the basis of their ideology? First, it is based on a Sense of Wonder that they feel when they regard the Majesty of God's Vast Universe, and they are excited about all the prospects for adventure, success, and elevation that exist within His Universe. Marvelous, they think! It's all so marvelous! That's fine, all well and good. No problem there, and in that regard, they may have fun with our Lord's blessing.

To admire a Marvelous Universe, a Universe full of adventure and endless prospects, is certainly no sin, and indeed it may be the sign of a virtuous mind.

But the secondary foundation is the predominant one for most of these cultic devotees, and this one is unGodly, the source of an abominable religion. The underlying foundation for both cults is built of the unsubtle idolatries that have already existed on our Earth for many years now: Humanism, Scientism, and Futurism.

Some of the devotees consider themselves “non-religious” because they worship only those three idols: Humanity, Science, and Future. Other devotees consider themselves “religious” because they have added to that list a fourth idolatry: These choose to worship the Universe itself rather than the Creator of All, and so they are guilty of Pantheism.

But rather than feeling shame over that fact, they *boast* about a *great pride* they feel in themselves, openly declaring themselves to be of the Pantheist persuasion...!

Do they not realize that such a position is no different from the Baal worship of ancient times, when their ancestors worshiped the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars... rather than the Creator of our Universe?

This is what angers our God, because God is a jealous God, and our race must place no other gods before God...! If they worship Baal, *they will surely perish* when catastrophe comes down upon the Temple of Baal...!

Some of the cultic devotees misconceive in *that way*, proclaiming themselves to be pantheistic. But the great majority of these devotees maintain that *certainly there can be no “God”* behind the visible glories of the Universe! Instead, they worship the Human Being as the highest form of evolution, thinking themselves to be very intelligent and powerful...!

There *may very well be* alien creatures of other stars that are much wiser and more powerful than Earthlings, these dreamers maintain! Such alien monsters might turn out to exist as beings of vast intelligence, of great age, and enormous maturity, they say! Some of these weird aliens *may be millions of years old*, the devotees declare...!

But these very same Space Cadets will simultaneously insist that *surely there could never exist* a being so intelligent and powerful as the God Almighty Who is said to have created the Universe... Who is reported to have appeared to the population of Earth in the bodily form of Jesus Christ...!

These folks insist they are very “rational” and only “logical” in their other-worldly dreams! In reality, they reason very poorly and proclaim thus:

1) Angels cannot possibly exist, of course (they’re only mythical), but alien creatures on other planets *have to exist* because there are so many stars with planets. It’s a matter of probability, you know. These alien creatures may be much wiser than human beings... maybe they are enormously ancient, millions of years old. Maybe they’ll be benevolent and bring for humans a solution to all their earthbound troubles! Maybe they’ll bring salvation to the Earth! Maybe a benevolent alien will come to Earth as a new messiah!

2) The aliens we will encounter will probably be a lot more intelligent than human beings, because they’ll have a lengthy lifespan and special powers that they get from the evolution of their life-energy. Earthlings are at a big disadvantage, though, since humans die at a young age and don’t get any chance for a long lifespan...! Earthlings die young and go to oblivion, since they don’t have a spirit. Life After Death? That would be too impossible and would require some supernatural intervention! Too bad that

the idea of eternal life is just a fanciful dream! Heaven and Hell can't possibly exist... but there may be some pre-existing heavens and hells out there among the many planets of a Big Universe...! Where did those heavenly planets come from... the ones they hope to find? Oh, they were manufactured by the mechanics of universal evolution...!

3) God Almighty couldn't possibly have been the Creator of this Universe (it got here by evolution), nor is He the Designer of our planet Earth! But this much is evident (so say the sci-fi prophets): Soon human beings will mature to the point where they will be able to create their own new planets. Human beings are so wise and powerful now that they are almost ready to start "terra-forming" planets of the Solar System and of other stars! Why, soon the people of Earth will be busy recreating and reshaping planets according to their whims, just by using their own Godlike power to remake everything they find floating around the stars...!

They think that God Almighty has not made the Universe nor the planet that they currently live upon, yet they aspire to recreate planets of other stars according to their fancy!

They feel that they are Omni-Competent and highly qualified for this endeavor!

All this is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Such thoughts are idolatry of the worst sort. Such idolatry is an abomination in God's Eye, making a travesty of God's Truth. Instead of Science-Truth, these cults have believed the lie of Science-Fiction.

This is what greatly angers our God, because God is a jealous God, and our race must place no other gods before God...! If they worship Baal, *they will surely perish* when catastrophe comes down upon the Temple of Baal...!

The *Star Trek* cult is the older of the two, but the *Star Wars* cult is equally expansive. Many of the adherents of these two science-fiction cults display exactly the same kind of obsessive behavior that is commonly found in a person whom they themselves would call a "religious fanatic." These two cults even compete with each other for a position of dominance and superiority, constantly debating as to which religion is the better of the two.

The fans of each cult, both the *Star Trek* worshipers and the *Star Wars* worshipers, are busily writing (and publishing) many articles about "The Religion of *Star Trek*" and "The Religion of *Star Wars*."

The religion of *Star Wars* is seen to be one extolling the supernatural powers gotten from "the Force" and its Yin-Yang complements, which are declared to be "the Light Side" and "the Dark Side" of the Force. George Lucas has admitted that the fantasy-religion of *Star Wars* is a rather generic one (interpreted in different ways by persons of different faiths), yet it speaks of the Universe in the language of Buddhism, and with certain characteristics of Eastern mysticism. This could lead some of his young fans to a big interest in Zen or Eastern mysticism, which they may pursue in more depth as they mature.

That is a troubling proposition in itself, but even more disturbing is the mind-set of these Force-loving children... because they begin to see the fantasy universe of *Star Wars*, in their own minds, as more real than the Science-Truth Universe that God Almighty has created for them. A *Star Wars* addiction can be rather dangerous for this reason, and we have already seen countless adults who have remained just as addicted to *Star Wars* as their own children have been.

But far more dangerous than *Star Wars* addiction is the threat of *Star Trek* conditioning, because the various *Star Trek* series have been quite tireless in their presentation of the *Star Trek* religion. The *Star*

Trek religion is Humanism, and it is being presented weekly to the population of America, and to the entire planet Earth, as the only real solution for all the ills of mankind.

Star Wars seems to be mostly concerned with the fun factor, and less eager to propagandize. The fantasy-religion of its alternate universe would not be so objectionable if it were not for one salient and reprehensible fact: Judaism and Christianity are clearly rejected, made conspicuous by their absence. It is obvious that those “old-fashioned” faiths have ceased to exist in the *Star Wars* universe. Judaism and Christianity no longer exist in the alternative universe of the *Star Wars* cultists, and God’s own followers are not seen within those stories in any recognizable form.

Nevertheless, followers of a false religion (or an exotic new religion) are seen to proliferate in the stories of the *Star Wars* universe. This is the usual way of things in science-fiction stories. In most s-f novels, Judaism and Christianity have utterly disappeared (becoming extinct no doubt, through a process of evolution), while false religions abound.

The *Star Trek* cult worships these same four idols— Humanism, Scientism, Futurism, and Pantheism. But these adherents add yet another idol to the mix. They glorify also a fifth idol, which is Evolutionism. The *Star Trek* writers are constantly trumpeting the faith of Evolutionism, and when the armies of *Star Trek* followers hear that horn, the devotees quickly fall into line. They feel that evolution is undoubtedly the key to that “glorious future” which they believe the march of Time will reveal to them.

The *Star Trek* generals have watched in delight as the ranks of their recruits swelled considerably and became worldwide divisions stationed in many countries. The trekkers take much pride in their accomplishments and their enterprise, because they see they now have many armies of multi-national soldiers, armies that are already assembled in massive formations, and they sense that they are marching to victory. After many decades of unbridled growth and prosperity, the *Star Trek* generals are starting to feel that their movement is quite unstoppable.

The various *Star Trek* series are even more dangerous than that of the *Star Wars* enterprise because of their determination— and their unflagging energy— as they put out a steady stream of propaganda for the religion of Humanism. There have been a large number of magazine articles written on this subject for the people of Earth, and these declare the *Star Trek* series to be a powerful vanguard for the forces of Humanism. Isaac Asimov saw *Star Trek* as a wonderful platform for the faith of Humanism, and many others have loved it for the very same reason.

In the introduction to his 1991 interview with Gene Roddenberry (for *The Humanist*, in the March/April 1991 issue), David Alexander wrote: “Gene Roddenberry is one of the most influential yet unheralded humanists of the twentieth century. His two most famous creations, *Star Trek* and its successor *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, are solidly based upon humanistic principles and ideas.”¹

Later in that same interview, David Alexander wrote: “*Star Trek: The Next Generation* is probably the most humanistic entertainment program that is on television— or perhaps, ever has been on television.”²

A bit after that, “Another good example of humanistic philosophy on the program is the episode ‘Justice’ from the first season of the current series.” David Alexander then remarks, “At the conclusion of the episode, I recall turning to my wife and commenting that that was the most anti-religious and humanistic television program I had seen in years.”³

The various *Star Trek* series have always been amazingly effective in that regard! This vehicle of humanist propaganda has already conditioned the minds of its cultic fans... in a number that contains countless millions of individuals throughout the world... during every single year of its many incarnations, in every year that has passed since the first television series made its debut in 1966!

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I can recall all-too-clearly my own youthful fascination with the fantasy-worlds of *Star Trek*. The original TV series first appeared on U.S. television during the years from 1966 to 1969. It was as I was passing through the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, and it was one of the most influential factors in my own mental development during the high school years. My admiration for William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and Gene Roddenberry verged on idolatry at that time, and the show was my main source of inspiration in life.

I thought then, in my childish immaturity, that *Star Trek* was visionary and that it represented a dream that was the only real hope for Earth's future!

At that time, I looked to Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future and took hope from it, finding a new optimism in its naive assumptions. I watched the many episodes of the series and felt I could envision a grand ascendancy of the human race in some future era. I thought this would be a human-engineered ascendancy which would somehow be connected to technological advancement, and which would be tied to the exploration of outer space. I began then to conceive that star-travel developments and evolution would bring a necessary salvation to the teeming masses of humanity.

In those high school years, I began to accept Gene Roddenberry as the most visible prophet of a new faith— I perceived, at a very early stage, that Roddenberry's own faith was a kind of Cosmic Optimism. It was a faith in science and evolution that would appeal to the Science-Fiction Believers throughout the world.

I somehow chose, like countless other young people all across the United States (as well as many scientists in various far-flung locations), to accept this man Roddenberry as the new prophet that I would follow. I bought into his vision of a utopian future engineered by human beings and by human technology.

I should have known it was just a vain fantasy concocted by an anti-Christian atheist, but I got really excited about it and started to share Roddenberry's vision of a Glorious Future that would be human-engineered... brought about by an omni-competent human race.

I could tell, even then, that Gene Roddenberry and all his *Star Trek* collaborators *really believed* in something. To what belief-system did these script-writers and entertainers subscribe so passionately? It was plainly evident to me, so I immediately realized that the source of their inspiration was the religion of Humanism, together with a great faith in Evolution. Evolutionism was crucial to their worldview, I perceived, and it was a New Religion. It was, I foolishly believed, a grand new religion with a grand scheme for the future of humanity! *Scientism will rule*, I thought!

But now I am much older, and considerably wiser. I was not much surprised to learn the truth about Gene Roddenberry's life through my own considerable reading in this area. Other persons, however, will be astonished to learn that this producer of popular s-f television was not at all the virtuous dreamer that they have conceived him to be. Nor was he the noble-hearted and extremely intellectual writer of fiction that they may have assumed.

It is bizarre that so many on our Earth should have accepted this man as their "Great Bird of the Galaxy," and as their Prophet of a New Age, without having any real knowledge of his personal character, and without feeling any concern about the severity of his character-faults.

The personal immorality displayed in his social behavior was apparently of no great concern to the followers of this New Age Prophet. His vast army of followers gave him unswerving loyalty and devotion, offering him their endless adulation. They were absolutely blind to the personal shortcomings of their prophet. They were totally unconcerned by his ceaseless display of vices and immorality, in a behavior-pattern that is quite inappropriate for anyone who masquerades as a prophet of virtue.

If I had read at some earlier date Joel Engel's revealing book, *Gene Roddenberry: The Myth And The Man Behind Star Trek*, I would have gained a much clearer understanding of the thought-patterns of this man whom I once idolized. From that book, any reader can learn what his own co-workers and collaborators thought of him, and how they would appraise the thought-patterns of this "Science-Fiction Giant" to whom I had once devoted so much time and a personal adulation.

As Engel has thoroughly documented, many of his co-workers and collaborators recall Gene Roddenberry as a sex-obsessed womanizer, and this was reflected in the coarse language that he chose to employ for his everyday conversations.⁴ When he lost his affection for his wife Eileen and no longer felt any sense of fidelity to her, he pursued sexual relationships with other women, including Nichelle Nichols, Majel Barrett, and his secretary Susan Sackett. Engel writes that,

Roddenberry apparently confided in [Howard] Stevens a great deal. He told him that he'd chosen Gene Coon as *Star Trek* producer based on his reaction to seeing Nichelle Nichols dressed only in a knit sweater. He said that when he was still married to Eileen, he would spend afternoons at Barrett's apartment, making love to her in the shower, then have to hide his pruned fingers from his wife.⁵

Even after his marriage to Majel Barrett, he alarmed other couples with the suggestion of partner-swapping, hinting that he would like to swap spouses in the pursuit of sexual pleasure.⁶ Engel writes that "[Robert] Justman and his wife, Jackie, often felt uncomfortable around the Roddenberrys, once picking up broad hints about partner switching."⁷

It has been reported also that Gene Roddenberry was once visiting in Japan, and while there he was finding little real comfort in the use of Japanese prostitutes; it occurred to him then that he would rather be married to Majel Barrett. He called her up and asked her to come to Japan for a marriage ceremony.⁸

When she accepted his proposal and arrived in Japan, Roddenberry insisted that he wanted to have only a Shinto marriage-ceremony.⁹ Because of his antagonism to the Christian church, and because of his strongly avowed disbelief in the Christian God, Roddenberry was determined that he would not undergo a Christian marriage ceremony.

In Roddenberry's recounting, he began to miss Barrett while passing the time in Tokyo with several prostitutes. After sending for her, they were married in a Shinto ceremony, both of them wearing silk robes.¹⁰

. . . And then there were his obvious problems with monogamy, one of marriage's theoretical underpinnings. (Soon after the ceremony, he bragged to friends, he had a sexual encounter with a masseuse.)¹¹

Later on, Roddenberry's acquaintance Jonathan Frakes (who played "Ryker" in the second *Star Trek* series) got married inside the United States, with a traditional Christian marriage ceremony performed within an Episcopal church. Gene Roddenberry attended the wedding service, but was seen to be seething with inward rage, all because he thought it was such nonsense to be married in a church.

Roddenberry apparently found it outrageous that a major cast member of his *Star Trek* universe should show any sign of deference to the Christian God.

At the Episcopal marriage of *Next Generation* star Jonathan Frakes, Roddenberry was so offended by the liturgy that he very nearly left before the I-do's. "He was going nuts," Rick Berman says.¹²

Engel has written: "Not all humanists are necessarily devout atheists. But Roddenberry was, and in his atheism he exhibited the same certainty that religious fundamentalists do. By definition, such absolute certitude precludes the ability to examine or accept the validity of opposing viewpoints."¹³

It is quite ironic that Roddenberry should have hardened his heart and maintained such a rigid thought-pattern. In his certainty of the non-existence of God, Gene Roddenberry was violating one of the principal tenets of the *Star Trek* world-view that he created: the idea of showing absolute *toleration* for all manner of beliefs, no matter how bizarre. Roddenberry had promoted the idea of seeing beauty in the Infinite Diversity of infinite combinations. He could easily imagine all kinds of bizarre alien creatures, and often provided them with a set of bizarre sexual customs. He first imagined the Betazoid character of Deanna Troi (played by Marina Sirtis) as a female creature with four breasts. Ms. D.C. Fontana had felt compelled to write a memo to him dissuading him from this peculiar idea, which Roddenberry conceived as somehow provocative in appearance.¹⁴

Yet Roddenberry adamantly refused to ever consider the possibility that a Universal Being such as God might also have existence in the vastness of our Universe.

Not surprising then, that Roddenberry had also put up a strong opposition to any suggestion that there might be some kind of chaplain or ship's chapel aboard the futuristic starship *Enterprise*. Roddenberry was certain that in the future universe of *Star Trek*, all belief in religion would be discarded, cast aside by the human race as merely "illogical" superstition.

Similarly, when William Shatner wanted to make the search for God a central emphasis of the movie *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*, Gene Roddenberry was vehemently opposed to the idea, thinking that there was no place for such a search in his *Star Trek* universe. Roddenberry tried his best to dissuade the studio from pursuing such a story line, even getting Arthur C. Clarke to write them a letter explaining that it was highly improbable that people would still believe in such religious superstitions in a futuristic age such as that of *Star Trek*.¹⁵

When Gene Roddenberry issued an early memo regarding the Ferengi race to *Next Generation* production staff, it was designed to be only a description of the cultural background and thought-patterns of the Ferengi. They were to be a dishonest, manipulative, greedy, and sex-obsessed alien race, with a huge sexual appetite. But the memo was a source of considerable amusement to the production staff. Some of Roddenberry's co-workers laughingly regarded the description of the Ferengi as a pretty good one for Roddenberry himself.

Besides their "prodigious sexual appetites," the Ferengi are "connivers and manipulators."¹⁶

Engel writes that in the "Ferengi memo," Roddenberry's description of this new alien race was "an unwitting psychological self-portrait."¹⁷

It was the real-life betrayal of *Star Trek* principles that first disappointed and then angered Roddenberry's colleagues, particularly those like [David]

Gerrold and [D. C.] Fontana, who'd been there from the beginning and believed in Roddenberry.¹⁸

Gene Roddenberry did not have much respect for the Democratic President Jimmy Carter, because of his strong personal bias against any display of a religious belief in a Creator God.

Engel writes of this, repeating the words of Gene Roddenberry:

“I worry,” he said of Jimmy Carter to his secretary Susan Sackett, “about a president who claims he has a personal relationship with God.” “He felt Carter was a superstitious person, and he didn’t believe in superstition,” Sackett explains. “He believed we should rise above ‘petty superstitions,’ as he called them.”¹⁹

Gene Roddenberry would doubtless prefer and praise our later Democratic President named Bill Clinton, liking him a lot better than he liked the other liberal Democrat that was Jimmy Carter. Gene Roddenberry obviously felt that the pursuit of sexual pleasure was far more important than a display of marital fidelity— or of belief in a communicating God.

I suspect that Roddenberry would feel that in the adulterous Bill Clinton he could find a liberal Democrat who was much more to his liking. They have some common ground, and in the liberal Bill Clinton, Roddenberry could find a president who is “after his own heart.”

In my own case, I found it very hard to admire that adulterous president, knowing that he had so besmirched the office of the U.S. Presidency. It is hard to understand how this man who claimed to be a Baptist Christian could often take such anti-church positions, always making a defense of personal immorality. On two different occasions, President Clinton vetoed a ban on partial-birth abortions, even when a majority in Congress had already approved such legislation.

Such behavior is extremely difficult to comprehend, and it certainly does not behoove a Christian (reputedly a Baptist) to behave in such a manner. But I’m sure Roddenberry would have greatly admired President Bill Clinton as a “free thinker,” not bound by the traditions of conventional morality.

Michael Eisner, later to control the Disney empire, looked at the *Star Trek* franchise and saw in it a property that could become the popularity-base of a fourth TV network in the United States.²⁰

Joel Engel likewise evaluates the *Star Trek* phenomenon as a major societal influence:

As a symbol of a more perfect world to come, it transcended its original entertainment medium and grew into a social movement, a philosophy, even a religion. “It was a cult,” Eisner says, “and it seemed to me at the time that the cult was large enough to start a fourth network.”²¹

In his book, Joel Engel writes, “One of the most obvious facts of Roddenberry’s life was that nearly everyone who worked with him regularly in a creative capacity on any incarnation of *Star Trek* eventually disliked or distrusted him.”²²

Many of Roddenberry’s closest co-workers and collaborators remember him as a person who was a con-man, a deceptive person, and a prevaricator. He often broke promises that he made, and his employees were regularly kept at minimal pay. They remember him as one who manipulated other people to his own advantage in a cruel and injurious fashion.

Even Leonard Nimoy apparently sensed a certain inadequacy in Gene Roddenberry, a man who had been elevated to a position of great adulation by the *Star Trek* fans. Engels writes in his book:

“My business dealings with him were always miserable,” Leonard Nimoy says. “Gene always had an agenda— his own. I didn’t see him step up to bat and be the decent honorable humanist that he portrayed himself to be, and that always disappointed me.”²³

Roddenberry often professed himself to be an atheist, taking great pride in his unbelief. Gene declared that he had attended some Baptist church services as a youth, but the communion service he had seen there had seemed to him a lot like cannibalism. He often professed publicly that he had quickly rejected Christianity as anti-intellectual nonsense.

Gene Roddenberry was raised to be a good Baptist, just like his mother. But in his early teens, he began questioning his religious inculcation. “I was around fourteen and emerging as a personality,” Roddenberry told *The Humanist*. “I had never really paid much attention to the [church] sermon before. I was more interested in the deacon’s daughter and what we might be doing between services. I listened to the sermon, and I remember complete astonishment because what they were talking about were things that were just crazy. It was Communion time, where you eat this wafer and are supposed to be eating the body of Christ and drinking his blood. My first impression was, ‘This is a bunch of cannibals they’ve put me down among.’”

Apparently, Roddenberry hadn’t paid very close attention in church to the reasoning behind the Communion ceremony, because he said that he “puzzled” over its origins: “How the hell did Jesus become something to be eaten?”

At that epiphanic moment, Roddenberry continued, he began to equate Jesus with the likes of Santa Claus and chose to ignore “the nonsense,” “magic,” and “superstition” of religion. Thus freed from the concept of God— “the guy who knows you masturbate”— he tried to extricate himself from shame, guilt, and blame, from contrition or penitence— from any emotion or thought that might undermine the pursuit of pleasure or the quenching of passion.²⁴

Little wonder then that his lifetime on Earth was one of many vices and personal failures. Rather than being the Virtuous Visionary that I once imagined, Gene Roddenberry was a man addicted to alcohol and drugs throughout all the years of his successes. His collaborator David Gerrold has stated that he is not sure he ever once saw Roddenberry sober.²⁵ He apparently drank alcohol from the moment he awakened till the day was done. His drug use included a large number of legal and illegal drugs, among which were marijuana and cocaine.²⁶

It is also reported that one of the drugs Roddenberry used was Prozac,²⁷ because he had carried on a lifelong battle against depression. Engel quotes Roddenberry’s one-time secretary Susan Sackett as saying, “He seemed to suffer from depression on and off all of his life.”²⁸ Who would have expected that from the High Priest of Cosmic Optimism?

However, there is a Christian pastor whose sermons I find much more beneficial and informative — Dr. D. James Kennedy of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. I’ve always liked Dr. Kennedy’s TV sermons because they are so rich in historical data and informational content, and his teachings are a lot more educational than those of Gene Roddenberry.

At this point, I cannot help but recall having once heard Dr. Kennedy quote the famous Thomas Huxley, who was one of the first major proponents of Darwin's theory of Evolution, as having said, "I suppose that the reason we [all] leapt at the Origin is that the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores."²⁹

No doubt Roddenberry found his atheistic and evolutionary beliefs convenient in a very similar way.

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Aldous Huxley, also a writer of science-fiction stories, was the author of a novel entitled *Brave New World*, which envisioned the possibility of a terrible dystopia (a negative-utopia) arising as the future fate of our Earth. In the dystopia that he imagined, drug-use was commonplace and would be used to maintain control over the population of our world. Huxley himself was a drug-user, very familiar with this kind of situation, in which the drug-addiction exercises a great measure of control over a person's daily life.

He likewise was a revolutionary-thinker, a humanist of the same stripe as Roddenberry, and yet a bit of an anarchist as well. Like Roddenberry, he frequently put illegal drugs inside his human body, and he too lived his life as a sexual libertine. In his own day, Aldous Huxley was regarded as "the apostle of a new morality."

In later life, Aldous Huxley spoke more honestly about the real foundation of that "new morality" which he had espoused.

Writing in his acclaimed book *Ends And Means*, Aldous Huxley finally confessed the truth of the matter. In that book he said, "I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning, consequently I assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfactory reasons for this assumption—for myself, as no doubt, for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneously liberation from a certain political and economic system and liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom."³⁰

The foundation of that "new morality" which Gene Roddenberry promoted throughout our world was built upon similar circumstances. Gene Roddenberry's creative accomplishments caused him, in a like fashion, to be regarded as "an advocate of humanism, the apostle of a new morality."

But the "scientific" thought-pattern of these men is not logical at all, nor is it unbiased and objective, as they falsely profess. The perspective which they espouse is one of pseudo-science and irrationalism; and they have used it to create a false Universe, a fantasy Universe that has no existence outside of their own imagination.

Yet they are unaware of their own blindness, and they entice millions of followers to partake of their folly, and these adherents do indeed share in the delusion of their favorite authors.

The blind herds of humanity eagerly follow behind these sightless leaders, like lemmings headed for the cliff of their ultimate destruction.

Do these "scientific" visionaries help our race to devise a wonderful utopia for the population of our Earth? Do they help propel our planet in a new direction, to some fabulous "Star Trek" heaven which might come to exist in our planet's distant future?

No, for they are deceivers and purveyors of False Science. Their predictions are valid only as they relate to the potential of our scientific technology, which is constantly improving, still advancing at a steady clip.

Instead, they use their own sexual appetites as a justification for such liberal horrors as the Abortion Holocaust. They object to the old morality because it interfered with their desire for sexual freedom, and in its place they offer a “new age” of sexual license.

So what is the outcome of this so-called “scientific attitude” toward the management of human affairs on Earth?

In order that there may no longer exist any restrictions upon the sexual lusts of our society, our Earth’s population has, for the most part, condoned the Abominable Holocaust of the abortionists. The liberals of our Earth have insisted that they are “pro-choice.”

But our God is pro-life! Those who choose to hate God are lovers of death. God has declared in His Holy Scripture that “All those who hate Me love Death.” These unbelieving abortionists love death, and they are truly *disciples of Death*, for they do not keep God’s commandments, nor do they appreciate the salvation that God has offered them.

God has given Freedom of Choice to all human beings on our Earth. God allows you to make choices, but God has also warned you that you must choose wisely. The people of Earth can choose Eternal Life with God, or they can choose the detachment of a perpetual hellishness, living without Him for all of eternity.

All those who hate God love death. Those who now eagerly destroy the youngest and weakest individuals of humanity will, in just a few more years, be eagerly seeking to destroy as well the oldest individuals among the population of our Earth.

Just as there were financial incentives to reward the abortionists who perpetuate the Abominable Holocaust of human child-sacrifice, so there will be economic “advantages” to be gained from the new Euthanasia Industry that will perhaps very soon be springing up on our planet.

The Euthanasia proponents will not be satisfied with the elimination of unborn infants and the most decrepit of elderly persons, of course; they will wish as well to see the elimination of those babies who are born defective in any way. They will wish to see the elimination of any child who is not born with visible signs of a superior strength and vitality—for that is the way of the fascist mentality.

This is in accord with the faulty premise which they cherish, the weird notion that they can use genetic manipulation to re-direct the future of the human race, and in this process they believe they will ultimately produce “a superman.”

What is the outcome of this so-called “scientific attitude” toward the management of human affairs on Earth? The science-fiction writers, together with a large number of science-fiction speakers, are regarded as visionaries, and they are the ones whom the masses of humanity have chosen to lead our race, as the brave New Prophets of humanity. Has this “new morality” produced a New Age of health and vigor for the societies of our Earth?

Quite the contrary. It has already produced on Earth, at this very moment, a nightmarish development which goes far beyond anything conceived by Jonathan Swift in his *Modest Proposal* of 1729.

Abortion clinics all over our planet are busily selling “fetus material” and unborn-baby organs to a variety of scientific research laboratories. A great many businesses are doing their “research-and-development” with the aid of the body-parts of these unborn babies, and it has become a highly profitable business for them.

A great deal of money is passing hands— going from the fetus-brokers to the abortionists, and from the research companies to the fetus-brokers. There is a great deal of money to be made in the abortion industry, it seems.

The Nazis were great believers in “efficiency,” and so they sometimes felt compelled to transform the bodies of their Jewish victims into something more useful— like bars of soap, which they could use to wash the faces of the “super race” which survived their Holocaust.

The Abortion Fascists are likewise directed by an inner urge, one of a similar sort, an instinct which tells them they should put the bodies of dead babies to some good use.

So they sell the dead baby-parts to the cosmetic research labs, who think to incorporate “fetus material” in facial creams for fine ladies. Having fetus-material in the facial cream, they conceive, will have a wonderful effect on the delicate skin of fine ladies, helping each of them to rejuvenate the skin of their faces— ridding them of unpleasant wrinkles and worry-lines!

And this is only one of many ideas for the efficient use of “fetus material,” which the research laboratories, hospitals, and universities of our Earth have turned into a highly profitable business opportunity.

Swift’s incisive satire, which he had humbly named *A Modest Proposal*, had been written centuries before this development. In it, he had suggested that human babies from the poorer segment of his nation— coming as they did from impoverished families who could not afford them and who got little financial benefit from them— should be sold as a special delicacy for fine ladies and rich gentlemen. Their bodies could be cooked and served to wealthy gentlemen as a fine cuisine, and the skins of these babies would not have to go to waste, because they could be transformed into ladies’ gloves and purses.

The skins of these tiny babies could be transformed into a soft and luxurious leather, and they would then be utilized to produce a variety of leather goods. This plan, Swift proposed, would bring about the most efficient use of a valuable natural resource. It would greatly reduce the numbers of the poor, and it would allow all persons to live out their days in a well-fed fashion. The plan would even rescue all the poverty-stricken neighborhoods in the land, lifting them up from the deprivation of their plight, since the poor would be well-compensated for the loss of their babies. They were to receive financial remuneration for the harvesting of their babies, and would be richly rewarded for their sacrifice.

This, Swift felt, would become a major source of income for the impoverished masses, a means by which their babies would no longer be a drain upon the parent’s financial resources. The babies could in this way become productive and useful, and could become a major source of income for the parents. The richer classes of society could thus be rid of the unpleasant existence of the poorer element, and beggars would be eliminated from their society.

This abrasive vision of Jonathan Swift has now come to pass, and the human population of Earth now cannibalizes itself, eating the dead bodies of the millions of aborted babies which it has produced.

For this abomination alone, God should pour out His Wrath upon our Earth. These holocausts have arisen in an environment of sexual lust, self-indulgence, and narcissistic excess, as humanity now allows its sins to run rampant on our Earth. The liberals, the “Humanists,” and all the Evolutionists of the human race has used the desire for “sexual freedom” as their justification for these travesties.

For this abomination alone, God should pour out His Wrath upon our Earth. But there is other immorality as well, a continuing sinfulness which is progressively worse.

Professor J. D. Unwin of the University of Cambridge wrote a book called *Sex And Culture*, which Huxley regarded as a work of the highest importance. Perhaps Huxley should have read it more carefully. In this book, Professor Unwin discusses the trends of society and the tides of civilization through centuries of time, and he comes to the following conclusion: "Sometimes a man has been heard to declare that he wishes both to enjoy the advantages of high culture and to abolish continence. Any human society is free to choose either to display great energy or to enjoy sexual freedom; the evidence is that no nation can do both for more than one generation."³¹

Gene Roddenberry, you may now perceive, is an example of that person who wishes to enjoy the advantages of high culture—in his real life, and in the fantasized utopia of that "Star Trek" heaven which he created for himself, a painless place of custom-crafted perfection. Yet he thought he would do this while he was simultaneously absorbed in the pleasures of his "sexual freedom." He sought to redesign the Universe to his own specifications, while remaining forever irresponsible in his personal life, with no feelings of moral accountability.

I can only wish that Gene Roddenberry had pondered these words of Professor Unwin before he died, and I can only wish that he had recognized the deeper truths of human history. More importantly, and more specifically, I wish Gene Roddenberry had learned to appreciate the wisdom and logic of God's Holy Book. If he had understood our Christian heritage, Gene Roddenberry might then have left a better inheritance for "the next generation" of humanity.

He would then realize and know with certainty that there are Absolute Truths in God's Universe. God's Universe, the one which God Almighty has authored, is more than just an Open Door. The Universe which God Almighty has created is not a cold and impersonal universe, like the alternate realities of the science-fiction writers. It is not merely a foolish game intended for the endless amusement of Earthlings—nor is it merely an Infinite Diversity of delights for our personal entertainment.

There is an Infinite Diversity of viewpoints for the creatures of God's Universe, but there is only ONE being who can establish the Absolute Truths of God's Universe. God is that Being Who Sees the End From the Beginning. God is that Superbeing Who has created our Universe. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last... the Holy One Who has No Beginning, and Who will likewise has No Ending.

God is the God of Science-Truth, and God's Son is the Door. He who enters by this Door has found the Gateway to Ultimate Truth.

Our Father In Heaven is the God of Absolute Truth, and God's Son likewise is the God of Absolute Truth. God's Spirit likewise is the God of Absolute Truth, and confirms the Truth of the Son.

This Holy Trinity is One God, and He is Truth, and He is Absolute. Our Lord is the God of Science and the God of Absolute Truth, and so our Lord is the God of Science-Truth.

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Little Earthling, the fact is that you were conned, and you were conned in a Big Way. Con artists are aware that they can usually get people to believe them if they just make the lie big enough. Similarly, the science-fiction authors manage to con all of their readership by a very simple ruse: They tell the reader the Biggest Lies imaginable, but it is a story that the unbeliever very much wants to hear.

It is a story the unbelievers are *extremely eager* to hear, because they have nothing else in which to place their faith. There is a God-shaped vacuum in their hearts, a hole that should have been filled with a belief in Christ.

Instead, they create for themselves a fantasy-playground in outer space, and they dream of finding heaven on another planet... or in a distant future... or through technological progress. If they are unhappy, they conceive a strange thought: maybe they will find some talented alchemist who will mix up just the right batch of chemicals for them... producing the gold that will make them happy, or the medicine that will eliminate their discomfort.

This is the nature of the Great Science-Fiction Hoax, to which we have referred in several of the tracts of this series. It is a deceit that is pervasive and invasive.

This is the Great Lie which has overwhelmed our planet during the Last Days of Old Earth. You will perhaps recall that God's Holy Scriptures in the New Testament predicted, roughly two thousand years ago, that in the Last Days the population of the Earth would fall under the delusion of a Great Lie. I suggest that the two-headed monster which is Evolutionism/Humanism is precisely that Great Lie of which God's prophets have spoken.

This is the Lie that was predicted by God's prophets at least 2000 years ago, and even earlier than that.

Darwin called his abominable book *The Origin Of Species*. There are some on our Earth who would perhaps maintain that his book would be better named *The Origin Of The Great Lie*. But I think they are not exactly correct in that assumption. The Lie of Evolution, this myth that the Universe somehow got started without any need of a Creation by the Almighty God of Heaven, has been around a long time... and precedes all the mental ramblings of Charles Darwin, that theology-student-turned-apostate who turned the world upside-down.

In the next tract of this series, we will deal with a topic which we will call the Inevitable Progress Scam, and we will then explain further the long history of this Great Lie.

The Great Lie of Evolution, I believe, precedes Darwin; it precedes the French Enlightenment; it precedes even the false religion of ancient Babylon. I think it goes back to the evolutionary fantasy of Lucifer, who refused to recognize our God as his Creator and Lord... because he was unwilling to acknowledge God's Own Eternal Nature and God's Omniscience.

With this Great Lie the angel Lucifer deceived himself, and with it now he deceives a massive population on our planet Earth. With it he now deceives all the nations of this ancient Earth. With it and similar lies, he has deceived a great many generations of humanity. Therefore he is rightly called the Father of All Liars.

I am now ashamed to think that I myself spent so many years of my life following the Teachers of Untruth, the Evolutionists, so often wallowing in the unreal worlds of their immorality. Others, who are still devoted Evolutionists, must now continue to make excuses for a similar preoccupation.

My parents sent me to a Presbyterian Sunday School through all the years of my childhood and my youth, right up until the time I finished high school. Rather than properly admiring the Scriptures and the prophets of our God, which God Almighty has sent to our Earth in great abundance, I once chose to instead idolize the prophets of Science-Falsehood.

I now think, *"Forgive me, Lord Almighty! It's true that I went astray for many years— for a great many years I was lost and deceived. I fell prey to the cults of the evolutionists. I know that now. But I have*

repented of that sin long ago, and I have already asked for forgiveness in the name of my Savior, Who is Your Son.”

And that I have obtained. But I can see now that I was not nearly so intelligent as I thought myself to be during all those many years of my Evolution-worshiping youth. Strangely, I even continued to feed my s-f addiction with further films and more television programs of the same sort, long after I had returned to a solid belief in the Holy Scriptures of God’s Book!

A lifetime of early s-f addiction creates habits that are not easily broken, but now I know what’s happening when I see some new s-f show appearing on national television. I know what it’s all about. I know the producers/writers/actors are trying to indoctrinate everyone with their own belief-system, which is a faith in the False Religion of Evolution. And I no longer have any real interest in the s-f shows... although I still find myself tuning in for a few of the superhero programs. But even that is pretty much limited to the one TV show that is called *Smallville*... and perhaps one or two superhero movies that I may see each year in the confines of a local cinema, or at home via a rented DVD.

While living on this Earth, I once felt a great pride in my own ability to “figure out” the Universe in which I lived. In my youth, I believed that I could see the way of the world better than other men. How is it then that I was so blind for so many years?

It is because I was conned and hoodwinked for many years, allowing my mind to be manipulated by False Teachers and False Prophets— by s-f and fantasy authors who distorted the truth of God’s Universe, turning it into a deception and a travesty.

But that’s enough for now about the fantastic world-view of the unbelievers — the humanists and the evolutionists who live daily in an unrealistic world of their own imagination. These dreamers live totally in a world of Illusion and Delusions. The gods and goals that they conceive for the Universe are merely figments of their own idle minds. They live in a world of darkness and dreams that is devoid of the Light of Jesus Christ. Their world is unreal, a product of their own overactive imaginations... not at all consistent with the Real Universe which God Almighty has created.

Before you continue onward to the next booklet in this series, we wish to explain for you the basic Truth of Reality... the Absolute Truth of God Almighty. We need to tell you that Jesus Christ is the Truth and the Light of the World— that’s why He is called the Word of God.

Jesus died by torture as an innocent victim of sin, so that you and I might be spared the torture of Hell. He died sinless, proving to all humanity, and proving to all the angels likewise, that He would follow His Father’s will exactly and completely... even when it required of Him that He would undergo a torturous crucifixion.

Jesus won His battle against Satan that day, and in His crucifixion He created for us an escape route, a means by which we humans may escape the fate we really deserve... which is a destination in Hell. In His Resurrection, He showed us that Resurrection Body which He plans to give to His followers.

At the Resurrection Day, which is still somewhere in our future, a great many of His followers, those who are True Believers, will be given a wonderful Glorified Body like that which Jesus displayed to crowds of humanity during the first 40 days after His Resurrection.

There are others who will never gain a Resurrection Body, nor an Eternal Life with God in Heaven. They will never again see the Presence of Jesus or His Father, and thus they will lose forever the Light of the World.

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You've heard the evolutionary explanation of Universal development for a great many years, with all of its elaborate details... ever since you were a child. You've surely encountered its advocates in every arena of the academic world and in every arena of everyday life. Its proponents are everywhere, and they have already proselytized much of the Earth. You are doubtless thoroughly accustomed to that way of thinking.

But what is the Biblical scheme of Earth's history and direction...? It's the alternative explanation that God has given us in His Holy Scriptures.

A lot of people on our planet, even some Christian theologians, have tried to make the Bible compatible with their own evolutionary beliefs. But can that really be done? Such people reduce Biblical history to insignificance beside the enormity of their faith in the grand Theory of Evolution.

The Bible paints a very different picture concerning the history and future destiny of the Earth, and it is quite at odds with the beliefs of those who have faith in Evolution.

In the Holy Bible, God offers you a different and superior view of Earth's development and its future fate. From the Holy Scriptures of the Bible we learn that Jesus Christ makes known to us the great secrets of the Universe— secrets not revealed on Earth from the time of Creation until the time of His arrival on our planet.

Here's the Truth about the Universe, its progress, and God's ultimate goal for the human race... the establishment of a paradise that God plans for the people of the Earth...

What is the Biblical scheme of Earth's history and direction?

It's a long-range plan by which God will transform and re-populate the planet Earth...

It's a vision of vast scope and mind-boggling predictions...

God's developmental plan for our Universe is an astounding program of transformations ...!

Here are 20 stages of ascent that should lead you to a genuine comprehension of your purpose and destiny in the Universe. These will help you to reach a higher level of consciousness, a lofty place where you will better understand of the history of the Earth and God's goal for humanity...

1. A theme of **WARFARE** runs through the many books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We see evidence of angelic warfare, of historic military warfare between God's chosen people and the ungodly nations.

There are predictions of further warfare between the elect of Christ and the anti-Christian forces, and of a final great battle of Armageddon.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE devastates this planet until Christ's Kingdom comes !

2. A theme of **APOCALYPTIC DESTRUCTION** and **RE-CREATION** runs through the books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We see this in the Genesis record of Noah and the Great Flood, and in the predictions of the Old Testament prophets.

Jesus himself speaks of this in great detail as he is quoted in Mat. 24, Luke 17:24-37, and other places in the gospels. There are many such references in the epistles, and the final book, John's Revelation of Jesus Christ, is devoted almost exclusively to this subject.

3. A theme of the **SURVIVAL OF A REMNANT** who are loyal to God runs through the many books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

4. Rather than the Darwinian concept of "natural selection" and "survival of the fittest" (*meaning the strongest*) in a scheme of evolution, God's system of development is quite different!

God's plan is that there will be "DIVINE ELECTION" of all those who have chosen to accept His system of grace and mercy through Jesus Christ, and His plan calls for a "SURVIVAL OF THE LOYAL" instead.

5. **In this scheme which God Himself has formulated, it is not the STRONGEST who survive, but rather the SUBMISSIVE!**

(In this regard, it is certainly true that God can make the weak person become strong. But a person who is too strong and egotistical God may choose to crush, in order that he— or she— will be humbled and will become submissive to the will of God!)

6. God is continuously harvesting the Earth as His ever-progressing plan of **DIVINE SELECTION** goes forward, through a wise and millennia-long program of evaluation— through interminable *testing* of people and a very lengthy developmental process of **SELECTING** and **REJECTING**.

7. Thus, a theme of **DIVINE SELECTION** through a **LONG-RANGE**, millennia-spanning **DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM** becomes evident.

8. This calls for a **MAJOR SHIFT IN THE WORLD-VIEW** that is held by any individual.

It truly requires a **COPERNICAN REVOLUTION IN THE MIND-SET** of a human being.

9. You must comprehend with an entirely new way of looking at the Universe— for to be among the redeemed, to be among the survivors who are granted eternal life with God, you must place **JESUS CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF YOUR UNIVERSE**, in the very place where once *YOUR OWN EGO* had ruled supreme!

You need to put the Sun of Heaven inside your heart! Once He is there, He will illuminate your mind and all areas of the Universe with the bright Light of His Presence. His Light will be radiant in your face, in your life, and your actions. Just as Moses' face was radiant after he was in the presence of God, the follower of Jesus reflects the brilliant Light of the Lord Christ! His Holy Spirit will be inside you forevermore, making you aware of His Lordship and His Truth... giving you eternal access to His Divine Wisdom.

10. To be among the rescued, you must be a part of the Chosen Remnant of humanity that God will save from the Old Earth. A person must first become a believer of God, one who believes all God's words (His open communication to the human race), as revealed through Holy Scriptures and through God's only true Son, Jesus Christ.

God will show us mercy and forgiveness of our sins **only** when we come to Him through the sacrificial death of His one true Son, Jesus. God has made provision for grace (leniency and forgiveness), but He offers it to us **only** via the substituted sacrifice of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

11. **Jesus has willingly agreed, already, to receive all your preordained punishment**, in order that you may be spared from the Judgment fate— a destination in Hell. *That punishment is what a person's sinfulness will otherwise deserve.* . . . and it will be found inescapable. . . at the great Judgment Day of God, when God will ultimately evaluate and judge the deeds of all souls.

12. Any soul can be spared on the basis of God's own painful sacrifice, by a belief in the salvation God offers through His chosen Messiah, His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Those souls that are spared will be the ones that have opened the door of the heart and have allowed Jesus Christ to come inside. Through His Holy Spirit, He can take up residence inside you as the New Center of the Universe. . . as a brilliant light at the center of the spiritual "solar system." After that, everything in the Universe will revolve around God in an orderly and logical fashion. The progress of the Universe, and of God's Plan for it, will from that time forward seem logical and orderly to your mind.

13. Are you still living as the only focal point of an Earth-centered universe? It's time for you to stop making this Earth the center of it all!

Could a Christ-in Revolution change your mind-set. . . and establish instead the reality of a God-centered Universe?

You can move away from humanism if you so desire, move on to a higher level where you worship the True God, the Creator of our Universe. Do you really believe that Man is the center of all things... the measure of all things? God is the One Who will ultimately measure and evaluate the deeds of every human being!

You need to put the Sun of Heaven inside your heart. Jesus Christ is "the Sun of Righteousness," and through His Holy Spirit, He can put some of His righteousness inside you. More importantly, God credits the follower of Jesus Christ with the Holiness and Righteousness of His Son. You need to place Him on the throne of your heart, declaring Him to be "the Sun King" of your life!

14. The brilliant light of Jesus Christ can give you an **"internal guidance system"** for your heart. . . and *this will provide orderly direction for the "planetary system" of your personal worldview.*

When you put Jesus on a throne in your heart, He provides a warm "sun" for that great void in your internal universe, and it will then burn continuously to dispel all the darkness/ coldness that would exist there without His presence. *After that, you will have a logical "solar system" for all the interactive elements of your life.*

15. Those souls who are not to be spared on this basis (those who have rejected God's words, His truth, His light, and His sacrifice) will suffer eternal separation from God. They will be cast instead into what Jesus calls "the Outer Darkness." They will be forced to endure an eternal separation from God and God's final achievement— *the recreated Paradise that will then be revealed as His ultimate objective.*

This will be a NEW EARTH produced by God **for all those persons whom He has rescued (or harvested)** from the present world. God will populate it with those He has chosen through His millennia-long DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM of **DIVINE SELECTION.**

16. This is God's final goal— His objective is to produce an entirely different world, a new and totally restructured world that will be vastly superior to this present world of distress and disorder, of countless evils and sin-produced chaos.

It is certain that the NEW EARTH will be immensely more pleasant than this present one, which will eventually be rejected and replaced!

17. You gain an Eternal Life with God when you put the Sun of Heaven in your heart. You can do this by placing Jesus Christ, **Who in the Trinity of God created our Universe**, upon a throne at the center of your heart! *He deserves that position and that kind of respect.* He was first **God The Son**, but when born in human flesh He became the only sinless and righteous person who ever lived. Yet He sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself— for you and for me, for all people everywhere— **so that whoever wishes for salvation might be rescued from the due punishment of sins.**

18. If you will do this, you will gain a new contentment and peace as you accept God's organizational plan for the Universe. . . because you'll be letting God be the Ruler of All Things in this world. . . and in your own life.

The Sun of Heaven will then reign in your life as the supreme Power that governs all things. The Bible calls Jesus Christ both "the Sun of Heaven" and "the Sun of Righteousness." When you place Christ in your heart, He will lead you to a new life of righteousness. The Holy Spirit will start to rebuild you in the image of God, making you more like Jesus. You'll become a brother (or sister) to Jesus Christ!

19. All it really takes is a simple but sincere little prayer— one that you should make up in your own words. The prayer for deliverance and for God's leadership should come from your own heart!

Some important elements that you might include are:

- 1) your desire to turn away from the wrongness or evil of your past life, and your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of God's truth through Bible study,

5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

After accepting forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you must sincerely seek to turn away from evil, to the best of your ability; and you must further seek to gain knowledge of God's will through a diligent study of the Holy Scriptures of the Bible. Also, you must not neglect to maintain a fellowship and communication with God through the device of daily prayer.

20. This Sunday, don't just worship the sun, like the followers of Baal, the Roman polytheists, and the pagans. You shouldn't worship nature like the pantheists and the animists. The *supernatural* does exist, because God's Spirit is *above* and *behind* the natural world... and *superior* to it. So don't worship the sun and the stars like the naturalistic science advocates, the humanists, the evolutionists, and many of our modern-day science-fiction fans!

Don't go out to worship the sun and stars this Sunday. Instead, go out to a good Bible-believing church and worship the Holy One Who is the Sun of Heaven— Jesus Christ, Who is both the Son of God and God The Son. Jesus Christ is the Sun of Heaven, and He is the Light of the World!

When you accept Jesus into your heart, His Light will transform your own mind and heart. Your purpose and goals will be changed, because you'll want other people to learn about the good news of Jesus Christ's resurrection. You'll want to share the light, and you'll want to worship the Sun of Heaven in a house of God!

This Sunday, bless the Father in Heaven by honoring His Son, of Whom He is very proud.

Jesus said of the people of God that "The kingdom of heaven is like a **net** that God has cast into the sea, and it gathers of every kind: When it is full, it will be pulled up on the shore, where they will sit down to sort the catch, and they will **collect the good fish in baskets, but the bad things will be thrown away. This is the way it will be at the end of the world:** The angels shall come forth, and they will **separate** the unrighteous persons from among those justified by God. . ."

Excerpt from the book of Matthew, who was a constant companion of Jesus and his devoted disciple [13:47-50].

Jesus spoke of the people of God as being like a seed that is growing secretly, saying, "As for the kingdom of God, it is as if a person should cast seed into the ground; and then he sleeps, and he rises up night and day to see that the seed is springing forth and always growing up, although he knows not exactly how. The Earth is bringing forth fruit from itself; first the blade, then the ears of corn, and after that the fullness of the ears of corn. And when all the **fruit of the Earth** has come forth, immediately God will use the sickle to reap the fields, because the **harvest-time** has come."

Excerpt from the book of Mark [4:26-29].

It's also important for all of us to remember this:

- 1) **WE SPEAK TO GOD** by our prayers.
- 2) **GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of Holy Scripture.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can!!

God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

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