



## **The Gnostic Christian Deception**

In today's world, there are all kinds of deceptions. There are historical deceptions, there are scientific deceptions, there are philosophical deceptions, there are traditional deceptions, there are theological deceptions, and the list goes on and on. Our newspapers are full of deception, our news media is full of deception, and believe it or not... Even our houses of God are full of deception and have been from the very beginning of mankind.

Knowing this, it should be of no surprise to us that our adversary has been hard at work over the centuries. He has developed the art of deception into a finely-honed skill set. He has wielded his sword of deception throughout the centuries masterfully. In John chapter 8 first 44, our Messiah tells the Pharisees that they are of their father the devil. And he tells them that they do their father's desires. And our Messiah tells us that the devil was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Our Messiah says when he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of all lies.

We as true Christians, who do follow after our Messiah Yahshua Hamashiach, and his red-letter words...know full well the extent of the deception that has been cast over today's modern-day version of Christianity. But as true Christians, what we need to understand is that these kinds of deceptions are nothing new. Many of the denominational deceptions that we see today riddled throughout Christianity today... were born thousands of years ago.

Take Catholicism for instance... Many of the holidays that we follow here in the United States were birthed from Catholicism. When the early pilgrims first arrived here in what we know today as the great United States... the first thing that they did was to outlaw holiday's like Halloween, and Christmas. These kinds of pagan holidays were originally outlawed because people were educated enough to know the origins of these wicked pagan traditions, and rituals. And for those of us who have done even a small amount of studying... We already know that the majority of these holidays, and the traditions and rituals found within them, stem from pagan cults and practices that were born thousands of years ago. Our adversary has kept these pagan traditions and rituals alive in order to continue to mask our Father in Heaven's true appointments, Sabbaths, Precepts, and commandments.

In today's modern-day world, we have people who are still hanging onto these ancient rituals and practices that are clearly forbidden in our God breathed Scriptures. And they're not only clinging to these ancient rituals and pagan practices from thousands of years ago... They are now coming up with new deceptions, and new false wisdom, and new false understandings to

hide our Fathers true appointments, Sabbaths, Precepts, and commandments.

In our studies into the Torah and the very book of Genesis, we talk a lot about the “reality of duality”, and how we continuously see the “reality of duality” repeat itself all throughout the Scripture. We see how the Scripture itself uses “the reality of duality” to assist us, and to help us better understand why our father in heaven did a lot of things that he did in the Old Testament. In our father’s Torah, (which is the first five books of the Bible for those of you who do not know)... We see our father in heaven time and time again ordering certain things to be done that point directly to the coming of his only begotten son.

The Passover alone is chocked-full of instances of the “reality of duality”. Our Messiah takes on the duality of the unblemished Passover Lamb. His blood that covers our heads takes on the duality of the blood that our father commanded the Israelites to put on their door posts during the Exodus so that the Angel of death would pass them by. Our Messiah Yahshua Hamashiach himself has also been likened to a second Adam in first Corinthians chapter 15 verse 45... Again, showing us the biblical evidence of the “reality of duality”.

The problem for most Christians begins when we start to become addicted to wisdom. In our study into the third chapter of the book of Genesis, we spoke in some detail about the danger of continuously thirsting for wisdom. And we spoke about how the wisest king in all of mankind’s history fell out of the grace of God. Even though King Solomon was given more wisdom than any man before him, and any man that came after him, that wisdom was not powerful enough to save him from the snare of the wicked one. In the end were told by King Solomon himself, that he applied his heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. And that he perceived this as striving after the wind. And he tells us that he who increases knowledge also increases sorrow. Let’s turn to Ecclesiastes 1:16-18:

*Ecc 1:16 I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."*

*Ecc 1:17 And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.*

*Ecc 1:18 For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.*

Of course, we know that King Solomon had married a harem of pagan women who were not of the faith. And because King Solomon did not choose a wife from God’s people, and blatantly chose these pagan women from other nations... he wound up becoming what he associated with. You know even as a young man, I remember my mother telling me to be careful who I chose as my friends. And I remember her telling me that you tend to become what you associate with. If you associate with Cowboys chances are good that you’re going to become a cowboy. If you associate with bikers chances are good you to become a biker. If you associate with devil worshipers chances are good to go to become a devil worshiper. But if you associate yourself with the most high God of heaven and his only begotten son, you too will become a son of God.

Now I'm sure that King Solomon also had the same wisdom that my mother had taught me as a young man... But you see the devil is also full of wisdom, and he knew that the one way into a man's heart and mind was through the eye. And there is nothing more appealing and attractive to the eyes of a young man than a beautiful woman. You see even the wisdom of Solomon was no match for the wisdom of our adversary.

And so, as we begin to look at Gnosticism, the first thing that we need to understand is that the very word Gnosticism means "knowledge" or "wisdom". You see the problem is my friends, that there are two kinds of wisdom. There is godly wisdom given to us by the very spirit of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... And there is a man-made wisdom, given to us by our adversary who is still trying to convince us that we are like God. Let's take a look at our Scripture and let's see where God-given wisdom comes from, and let's see what God-given wisdom produces. Let's turn to Isaiah 11:1-14:

*Isa 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

*Isa 11:2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

*Isa 11:3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear;*

*Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

*Isa 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

*Isa 11:6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.*

*Isa 11:7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*Isa 11:8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*

*Isa 11:9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

*Isa 11:10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*

*Isa 11:11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.*

*Isa 11:12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

*Isa 11:13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.*

*Isa 11:14 But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together*

*they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.*

You see God-given wisdom destroys the wisdom of men and the ruler of this world, just like light destroys the darkness. The darkness will always run from the light, and so too will the wisdom of man run from the true wisdom that comes from God.

We have seen many deceptions spring up from the religion of Christianity. And just like we have seen many deceptions spring up from the religion of Christianity, there are also many deceptions that have sprung up from Judaism. Our Messiah loved and cherished the Jewish people and still does to this very day, but has always loathed and flat out hated Judaism. Judaism, just like Catholicism, is a man-made religion. Judaism, just like Catholicism, are not Christian, nor are they part of Christianity. Judaism, just like Catholicism, has birthed many falsehoods, and many false teachings, and many false rituals, and many false traditions. And one of those false teachings is called Gnosticism.

The Gnostics were heretical movement that borrowed its beliefs from both Judaism and Christianity, and then mixed it with their own devil's brew of deception. Both historians and Bible scholars have sought to find the origins of Gnosticism, and when it began... but with no real consensus. What we do know is that Gnosticism seems to combine a mixed bag of Christianity, Judaism, Hellenism, and Greek philosophy. Some even claim it's rooted in Babylonian thought. What we do know is that Gnosticism itself predates Christianity by hundreds of years, and we also know that Judaism to this very day still contains many of the rituals, and traditions that the Jewish people learned while in bondage under Babylonian rule.

Babylonian, Persian, and Hellenistic teachings were incorporated into Judaism thousands of years ago, and still to this day remain alive and well in today's modern-day versions of both Judaism, and Christianity. For instance, ... Many people wrongly think that Yom Taruah (also known as "The Day of Trumpets") is called "Rosh HaShanah", and they wrongly proclaim that this so called "Rosh HaShanah" is the Jewish New Year... but the truth is that the very name "Rosh HaShanah" is Babylonian, not Hebrew, and anyone who reads the Bible for themselves already knows that Gods New Year according to Exodus 12:2 begins in the month of Abib in the spring, 10 days before Passover, and has nothing to do with the Fall Feast days. And we could even get into the names of the Hebrew months. God never named his months, he numbered his months. Nisan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av, Elul and the rest are all Babylonian names... not Hebrew names.

And so, my point in all of this is that when a Christian runs from the deceptions of Christianity and into the arms of Judaism... they are essentially jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. Both Judaism and Christianity are guilty of breaking the very clear, and very concise word of God found in Deuteronomy 12:29-32:

*Deu 12:29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to*

*dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,  
Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'  
Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.  
Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it..*

Early in 180AD a man by the name of Irenaeus wrote a book called “Against Heresies” and in this book it’s written that he considered “Gnosticism” to be a serious threat to the church. These Gnostics proclaimed that they possessed secret knowledge that they had received from Jesus himself. Most Gnostics teach that there are two deities, one good and one evil, and they teach that it was the evil deity that created the heavens and the Earth. They actually see the Serpent in Genesis chapter 3 as the good deity who tried to help Adam and Eve find knowledge. They believed that Yahshua Jesus was the son of the good deity, (also known as the serpent)... and that he was actually sent to oppose the evil deity that created the heavens and the Earth.

Maricon of Sinope was born in 85AD, and he was one of the original Gnostics who taught that Jesus was a different, and unrelated God than the God that created the Heavens and the earth. Maricon of Sinope taught that the old God of the Old Testament was evil and had been done away with... and that the new Christian God was Jesus. Maricon had even put together his own Bible excluding the whole Torah, and all of the writings of the prophets and claimed that this new God “Jesus” was the new God of the age. Maricon’s Bible only included the teachings of Jesus and Paul, and had even tossed out the book of Acts... but the early church called it heresy and tossed it and Maricon out on his ear. Maricon taught that his new god “Jesus” did not come in the flesh, but that his incarnation and sufferings were merely appearance only. According to scripture... this clearly identified Maricon and his Gnostic friends as “Antichrist”. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-3:

*1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

*1Jn 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that **Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is from God,*

*1Jn 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.*

The Gnostics prided themselves on their “secret knowledge” that they claimed to get this so called “secret knowledge” from Jesus himself, but it was this very so called “secret knowledge” that identified them as heretics according to the scripture. The Gnostic belief system was alive and well in the Apostle Paul’s day, and we even see him warning Timothy against this demonically inspired copycat religious system in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:20-21:

*1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge,"*

*1Ti 6:21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.*

Paul also warned the church at Corinth in great detail about the Gnostic Jesus in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:4-6:

*2Co 11:4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.*

*2Co 11:5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.*

*2Co 11:6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.*

The Gnostics believed that the law is of no use, and that there is no reason to keep it. They claim that Christians were not actually responsible for what they did in the flesh, and that Christians could not actually sin. This is exactly what much of today's modern-day Christian denominational charters of men teach concerning the law of God. They teach that you're once saved always saved, so it really makes no difference how you live or what you do. What most Christians do not understand is that "Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law" comes right out of the Devils bible... not ours!

There was one sect called the Nicolaitans, that also believed that all of Gods laws were done away with, and they even taught that they had a duty to break the laws of God, because in doing so, they were rebuking the evil God of creation. Listen to what our Messiah wrote to the church of Ephesus concerning the Nicolaitans in Revelation 2:5-6:

*Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*

*Rev 2:6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

And by the way my friends... who is it that today's modern-day professing Christians will be teaching their children to worship this December 21<sup>st</sup>? Saint... who? Saint Nicolas?

The Gnostic heresy known as Nicolaitism is mention twice in the book Revelation. The church of Ephesus was praised for rebuking the Gnostic heresy of Nicolaitism, but the church at Pergamum is reprimanded for holding to the doctrines of Nicolaitism in Revelation 2:15-16:

*Rev 2:15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.*

*Rev 2:16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.*

Make no mistake about it my friends... those who reject the law of God are indeed hated by our Messiah. He did not stand for it when he was with us, according to Matthew 5:17 through 20... and he does not stand for it today. Let there be no doubt that Gnosticism has always been considered to be an enemy of the faith, and was opposed by both the Apostles, and our Messiah.

Many wrongly proclaim to this very day that all of the laws precepts and commandments of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob have all been done away with, and they continue to wrongly proclaim that Paul preached against the law of God. But I would submit to you my friends that the only reason that they preach these things, is because they have been blinded by the man-made doctrines, theologies, and philosophical understandings of their so-called "early church fathers" who hated the Jewish people so much, that they rebuked the very oracles of God, that God himself had given to the Jews. The apostle Paul tells us very clearly why the early Israelites fell out of favor with our father in heaven in Romans 9:30-33:

*Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;*

*Rom 9:31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.*

*Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,*

*Rom 9:33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

And so, if we decide to take the time to really dig in to the writings of the apostle Paul, we will find that the apostle Paul never taught against the laws of God.

**Rom 2:13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

**Rom 3:31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

**Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**Rom 6:2** **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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**Rom 7:12** So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

**Rom 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.

**Rom 8:8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.**

And we even have the apostle James, who was the very brother of our Messiah who tells us very clearly that Paul always lived in observance of the law in acts 21:20-24:

*Act 21:20* And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,

*Act 21:21* and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.

*Act 21:22* What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.

*Act 21:23* Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;

*Act 21:24* take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. **Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law.**

The very reason why people believe that Paul was preaching against the law is because they take what Paul has written in his letters to the churches and to the apostles out of context. Much of what Paul wrote was in opposition to the Gnostic believers who had come to preach another Jesus, and another gospel, and another spirit other than the one that Paul and the apostles were preaching. For example, let's turn to Colossians 2:16:

*Col 2:16* Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

I cannot tell you my friends how many people that I have come into contact with, that try to pass this Scripture off in order to do away with our fathers Seventh Day Sabbath, that he said would be assigned between him and his people and a perpetual agreement throughout all of our generations forever. And the reason that they use the Scripture to try to get rid of our father Seventh Day Sabbath, is because they are once again taking the writings of the apostle Paul completely out of context.

Colossians 2:16 has nothing to do with a “do as thou wilt is the whole of the law” doctrine of demons. The apostle Paul is clearly warning the church about the Gnostics in Colossians chapter 2. You see it was the Gnostics who believed in asceticism and the worship of Angels, and it was the Gnostics who did not believe in keeping our fathers feast days and his festivals and his appointments or his months, that began with the new moon, or his sabbaths.

What Paul is telling the church, is to beware of the teachings of the Gnostics. He’s telling them not to let the Gnostics pass judgment on them in questions of food and drink or with regard to a feast day or a festival, or our fathers new moons that began each month, or his Seventh Day Sabbath. The only way to properly understand this Scripture is to read the rest of the chapter. So let’s turn back to Colossians 2 16-23:

*Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.*

*Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.*

*Col 2:18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,*

*Col 2:19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.*

*Col 2:20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—*

*Col 2:21 "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"*

*Col 2:22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?*

*Col 2:23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.*

Notice in Colossians chapter 2 verse 16, that Paul warns the church not to allow the Gnostics to pass judgment on them in question of food or drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or Sabbath. Paul clearly tells them that these things are shadow of things to come but the substance belongs to the Messiah. Why does he say that? Because our fathers feast days, and his new moon calendar, and his seventh day Sabbath are all a shadow of things to come. Once again Paul is speaking of the “reality of duality” that we see all throughout the scripture. All of our father’s feast days point directly to our Messiah. The spring feast days all pointed to his first

coming, and the fall feast days all point to his second coming.

And what does Paul say in verse 18? He says let no one disqualify you insisting on asceticism and the worship of Angels. Who was it that worshiped Angels? The Gnostics. They went on about visions, puffed up without reason by their sensuous minds because they did not hold fast to the head, who is the Messiah who nourishes the whole body and who holds the whole body together and brings those into the body who are of God.

In verse 20 Paul tells us that if you died with the Messiah through baptism, and you died to the elemental spirits of the world... then why is it that you continue to walk as if you are part of this world? Paul says why do you submit to regulations like “do not handle, do not taste, do not touch” according to human precepts and teachings? Notice my friends that he is not preaching against God’s precepts and teachings, he’s preaching against human precepts and teachings. Let me ask you my friends is God’s law, human precepts and teachings?

And let us all make note of what Paul says in verse 23. He says these things have an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. Why? Because without the spirit of God dwelling within you, you cannot stop the indulgence of the flesh.

So, as we can clearly see in Colossians chapter 2... today’s modern-day version of Christianity that continues to proclaim that Colossians chapter 2 verse 16 does away with our fathers seventh day Sabbath, is nothing more than a demonically inspired doctrine of demons. This was Gnosticism at its finest. And it is still alive and well in the doctrines of the denominational charters of men today.

And just to nail this down tightly I want us to back up to Colossians chapter 2 verse eight

*Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

To this very day Gnosticism has bled into the man-made doctrines of today’s modern-day version of Christianity.

Paul clearly tells us to see to it that no one takes us captive by what? Paul says by philosophy. What is philosophy my friends? Philosophy is the wisdom of men. Men like Plato and Aristotle and Socrates. Philosophy my friends is man-made wisdom, and this was incorporated into the false religion of Gnosticism. Paul, in Colossians chapter 2 tells the church not to let anyone take

them captive by philosophy, and empty deceit according to “human tradition”, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to the Messiah. No, my friends, Colossians chapter 2 verse 16 has nothing to do with trashing our fathers seventh day Sabbath that he said would be assigned between him and his people, and a perpetual agreement for all generations forever.

And this is just a small taste my friends, of how those who do not have the ears to hear or the eyes to see, still cling to the devilish religion of Gnosticism. And we were warned my friends that they would indeed do this. Peter warned us that those who were “lawless” would twist the writings of the Apostle Paul to their own destruction... as they do the other scriptures. Let’s take heed, to the warning that was given to us by the apostle Peter in second Peter 3:15-18:

*2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,*

*2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.*

*2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

*2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

You see the apostle Peter warned us about those people who were lawless, and he for-warns us that lawless people would indeed, come and twist the writings of the Apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures. Peter tells us that these people are ignorant and unstable, and he tells us not to be carried away with the error of lawless people so that we don’t lose our own stability.

But you won’t hear about this warning from the apostle Peter sitting in today’s modern day denominational church pews. And the reason that they don’t teach you about this massively important warning that comes from the apostle Peter, is because it annihilates there “do as thou wilt is the whole of the law” doctrine of demons. It annihilates their dispensational state of grace theology, that teaches that we are now living in a dispensational state of grace apart from the laws of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob that our very own Messiah said would not pass away until heaven and earth pass away... and all things were accomplished. And we know that Heaven and Earth do not pass away, and all things are not accomplished until Revelation chapter 21.

Gnosticism my friends is alive and well in today’s modern-day version of Christianity. And it is a cancer in the midst of God’s people. It is the voice of the “shining one”, the “Nickcosh” the “serpent” himself whispering into the ears of God’s would be professing Christians, who professed to be Christians... But are not studied to show themselves approved. They would rather sit in a church pew on the wrong day of the week and listen to some man that they barely

know preach out of the back half of the book while programming them not to read the first half of the book... and as long as they put their tithes in the Golden plate, they're told that they're once saved always saved and can thereby live a "do as thou wilt is the whole of the law" type of lifestyle. This my friends is the exactly the same nonsense that the serpent whispered into the ears of Eve clear back in the garden.

The first thing that the serpent did, was to question what God said. He planted that seed of doubt in the mind of Eve, by asking her if God really said that she could not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And then, once that seed of doubt was planted... and the serpent knew that he had Eve doubting the word of God... all he had to do was go to step two... Which was the flat-out denial of what God had commanded. And Eve took the bait... hook line and sinker, just like many of today's modern-day professing Christians have taken the bait hook line and sinker.

You see our Messiah spoke in parables because he did not want them to understand. In the book of Matthew chapter 13 verses 10 through 17, our Messiah clearly tells us, "*to you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.*" He tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 13 verse 13 that he speaks to them in parables because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. He tells us that "Indeed in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says, "you will indeed hear but never understand and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed."

You see my friends not everyone is going to understand the Scriptures. Only those of us who come to the Scriptures with an open mind and true faith in the Messiah will understand what is written in the Scriptures. You see there are two kinds of wisdom. There is the wisdom that comes from God... and then there is the wisdom that comes from man. Doctrinal theology, philosophy, hermeneutics, eschatology, produce man-made knowledge. Prayer and supplication produces God-given knowledge.

You don't need four years of seminary school, and another two years of philosophy training, and a bachelor's degree, and a doctorate to understand the God breathed Scriptures that our father in heaven made sure that we would all have in our very own hands. And this is exactly why in Matthew chapter 23 verses eight through 12, our Messiah commands us not to be called Rabbi, because we have one teacher and we are all brothers. Our Messiah commands us not to call any man our father on earth, for we have one father, who is in heaven. Our Messiah commands us not to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. And he tells us that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Now we all know in Ephesians chapter 4 verses 11 through 14, Paul tells us that he gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists, and the shepherds and the teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, and for building up the body of the Messiah. And so, there are apostles, and prophets, and evangelists, and shepherds (which is another name for pastor) to

equip the saints for the work of ministry. And although these are all teachers... They are not instructors who instruct us in how to carry out our lives. These are simply teachers, that help to teach us what the word of God says. Our Messiah is the instructor that instructs us in how to put our fathers word into practice and how to walk it out in our lives. He will instruct us in how to navigate. He will instruct us in whether to turn to the right, or to the left. Human teachers can only teach what the word of God says, but only our father in heaven through his Ruach Hakodesh can instruct us in how to put what our father says to good use.

There is a library known as the “Nag Hammadi library”, also known as the Gnostic Gospels. This collection of Gnostic texts was discovered near the upper Egyptian town of “Nag Hammadi” in 1945. 13 Leather bound writings were found in a sealed jar by a local farmer named Mohammed Al Samman. The discovery of these texts significantly influenced some modern-day Bible Scholars to incorporating some of these Gnostic teachings into today’s version of Christianity.

These Gnostic believers called themselves Christians but were not. And we can clearly see the apostle Paul rebuking these Gnostic believers all throughout his writings to the churches and to the apostles. But shortly after the death of the Apostles...these Gnostics began to write books. And they claimed that they had this secret knowledge that was given to them by Jesus, even though they taught against almost everything that the true Jesus ever taught. These Gnostic Gospels are comprised of books that have the names of the apostles in their titles in order to give them more credence.

One of these late second century texts is called “the prayer of the apostle Paul”. Another text is called “the secret book of James”. Another one of their Gnostic texts is called “the gospel of truth”. Another text is called “the gospel of Thomas” and the “Gospel of Philip”, and so on and so forth. Most of these Nag Hammadi books, also known as the Gnostic Gospels, are dated to the fourth century A.D., long after our Messiah and the apostles were all dead and buried. Most scholars date the authorship of the Gnostic Gospels to around the second and third century.

So, with all of this being made known... as modern-day Christians, we need to be aware of these things, and we need to not only educate ourselves, and our children and our children’s children, but we also need to educate our brothers and sisters around us so that they are not taken captive by the deceptions that have been perpetrated through the demonically inspired wisdom of men, rather than the wisdom of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And so, with that all being said, I will leave you with Paul’s closing warning to Timothy found in first Timothy 6:20-21:

*1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge,"*

*1Ti 6:21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.*