Preface

This essay is a manifesto of sorts, addressed to Christendom in America, which argues for the material legacy of the Jewish People and the Land of Israel in the ongoing redemptive activity of the God of the Bible.

There are profoundly different ways of thinking and speaking about the world around us. We do not all think alike (even when we're thinking together); and we do not all speak alike (even when we're speaking the same language). Writers use the same words for prose and for poetry, but most of the commonality ends there (though good prose can be poetic, and good poetry can be prosaic). Biblical Hebrew exhibits a different way of thinking than the way in which we tend to think; our way of thinking is derived from the ancient Greeks. Most of Christendom reads the Bible with a Greco-Christian mind. Yet even the Greek writings of the New Covenant Scriptures were written in "Hebraic-Greek", by men who thought with Jewish minds. But most Christians don't think so; and many of us, vehemently not so. It is inconceivable to the natural minds of such believers that there could actually exist such an unlike-mindedness to that of their own. This manifesto will be ill-received in Greco-Christian America, not just for what it says, but for the way it says it. Nonetheless, earthly realities are about to put to the test the spiritual-mindedness of those who call themselves, "Christians". We shall soon see in the light of day who it is who speaks as a deceiver. And we shall soon hear in the dark of night who it is who comes as a thief.

The visual arts constitute an entirely different way of communicating that is foreign to many, if not most, non-artists---who communicate mostly with words. Even art that they think they understand is not necessarily what they think it is. Because (whether or not they realize it) they must translate into their "native tongue" what they think they see in order to "see" it. Whether the translation is crude or whether it's good, it's still a matter of what's "lost in translation". The best translations are produced by those who speak the mother tongue of that which is to be translated. Some artists are good interpreters. Some interpreters of art don't speak it as their mother tongue. Some works of art translate easier into other languages; but any translation is still a translation---not the original.

Hebraic thought and the visual arts share something in common that is essentially vital to both---juxtaposition---placing one thing next to another. There is meaning to be found in the sculptural juxtaposition of concrete and steel, for example, or in the painterly juxtaposition of one color with another. Of course it's the way that one juxtaposes things that is most important, rather than just the act of juxtaposition itself. (The failure to respect such distinctions commonly ends in the self-absorbed and self-referential perversities that are so frequently found, for example, within the world of "Art for art's sake".)

This juxtaposition of discrete (i.e. "separate" or "distinct") things in Jewish thought is sometimes called, "block logic". This sort of thing can be incongruous to the Greek mind---insomuch as seemingly contradictory elements are presented together---as if they were coherent---while at the same time lacking some kind of logical continuum to join them together. But block logic is not illogic. Rather, by way of analogy, Hebraic logic is to our world of Greek thought what the field of discrete mathematics is to the world of continuous mathematics.

Each page of "Judeo-Christian Post-America" is a discrete composition and is juxtaposed to the page which follows it. Some of the juxtapositions may seem incongruous. If any particular page begins to become too inscrutable, the reader is encouraged to leave it and move on.

Words and sentences that are bookended with :colons: are quotations from Scripture.

The essay is divided into four parts: pages 1-7 (introduction); page 8 (transition); six pages from 9-14 inclusive (Israel); and six pages from 15-20 inclusive (Christians)

Rarely do youth acquire wisdom because they are wise; 1 most earn it the hard way --- as the wages of foolishness. 2 In its youth our republic was possessed of wise men and 3 women whose labors enabled our nation to gain a measure 4 of wisdom, if even the hard way. Yet we've wasted what 5 our patrons gave to us; and have nothing to show for it. 6 The two-page essay, "America", is intended as a history 7 of how and why the United States came into existence as 8 9 a nation-state. It's focused on a few esoteric aspects of our nation's past, present, and future. Insomuch as 10 it's abstract, it provides us with scant practical help. 11 12 But if the things that are described there are actually historical, then where does that leave us? What are we 13 to do? This writer is not a wise man, and he is hardly 14 15 a prophet. But the Spirit of the God of Jacob has come upon me and He's given this word to me to speak as best 16 as I am able. What am I supposed to do? Please listen. 17 We were, once upon a time, a nation-state of Christians, 18 but we have never been a Christian nation-state, per se. 19 Why this should be so difficult to acknowledge for many 20 of us Christians here in America is telling. It almost 21 seems un-Christian, or un-American, or both, to believe 22 that America was never a Christian nation. But this is 23 2.4 the hard truth of our history: It was within the wisdom of our Founding Fathers to incorporate a declaration of 25 the gospel of Jesus Christ into our Constitution, while 2.6 at the same time ensuring that any kind of formal State 27 Religion, with all of its attendant evils, would not be 28 permitted under that same Constitution. The choice was 29 deliberate, if not unanimous. One can only wonder --- if 30 we had been given such a constitution, might its checks 31 and balances have actually had an enduring influence on 32 our republic? As it is, our Constitution documents only 33 our living folly, and nothing more. America :eats, and 34 wipes her mouth, and says, "I have done no wrong":. We 35 have no one to blame but ourselves; our nation did not 36 become us, but rather, we became our nation. And there 37 is nothing that we can do that will reverse the changes 38 that our nation, and our world, have undergone. We can 39 40 only repent.

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Repentance---to change one's direction---is no small 42 thing. Belief itself depends upon the direction of our 13 Your heart cannot believe in the God of Abraham lives. 44 and Isaac and Jacob, if your back is turned to Him. So 45 before we can believe we must repent; and repentance is 46 a mystery---no less a gift from God than faith. We can 47 repent---only because God calls us to do it. We can do 48 what God calls us to do---through His Word to us we can 49 do what is not otherwise in us to do. We can persevere. 50 We can keep the commandments of God. And our lives and 51 52 our deaths can testify to the saving power of the blood of Jesus of Nazareth---actual blood---from actual flesh. 53

The liberty to choose the way in which we would live 1 2 our lives has diminished progressively, in near inverse proportion, to the degree that libertinism has expanded. 3 The libertine --- whether as an individual or as a nation ---4 squanders the hard earned liberty of the family fortune---5 spending what should be invested, as if the inheritance 6 were an eternal birthright without beginning or without 7 end. Liberty is to freedom what capital is to money or 8 what wealth is to commerce. The libertine doesn't know, 9 or doesn't believe, that the one thing finds its origin 10 in the other---that freedom finds its origin in liberty---11 and never the other way around. The libertine does not 12 understand that money and commerce find their origin in 13 capital and wealth --- never the other way around. 14 There is no such thing as money without capital; and there is 15 no such thing as freedom without liberty. And there is 16 no such thing as truth without the Creator from Whom it 17 originates. But the libertine asks rhetorically, "What 18 is truth?" His eyelids voice pleasure as he gazes upon 19 20 goodness and imagines its undoing. He calls evil, good. 21

The days are coming when our choices will be largely 2.2 decided for us by others, and it won't be a question of 23 how we should live our lives as Christians in the U.S.A., 24 but rather the question will be: What are we able to do 25 with what little we have left? May we show hospitality 26 to each other, and even to strangers among us, in those 27 And if it's fitting in those days, how much more days. 2.8 It's too late to "take back our America"; we 29 so today. can't take back what is spent; but we can treasure what 30 And we can give from ourselves whatever is in 31 is left. us to give. May we be willing to give to our nation in 32 equal measure to what it takes from us; but may we give 33 the things that tyranny can never take; and may we show 34 the world that the God of Israel is the true and living 35 God not just in Israel but in all the heavens and earth. 36 But having decided to govern ourselves how can we yield 37 our Bibles? Shall we eschew self-government as unclean? 38 39 Should we recuse ourselves from the electorate as if we were a judge with a conflict of interest? We vote with 40 every choice we make, whether we realize it or not; and 41 42 if the electorate tires of voting for the lesser of two evils it is because they have voted so many times in so 43 many ways in so many places, in private, for the lesser 44 of two evils. If we don't like the choices on a ballot, 45 where were we when the decisions were being made? What 46 will we say to our Master? "We knew You to be a gentle 47 man, not reaping where You didn't sow and not gathering 48 where You didn't scatter seed. So we elected to render 49 these talents that You gave us, back unto You."? Where 50 are the fields that are ripe for harvest? Have we made 51 parking lots out of them and stored the harvest in mega 52 churches? The macro church has need of great and small. 53

We may find accord in a coalition or a collaboration; 1 but we will come together; or else we will quickly come 2 apart --- both small and great --- in the onslaught forming 3 We are hated for our mega churches, and we against us. 4 5 are hated for our house churches. There is little that we can do or not do, no socio-political act of omission 6 or commission, that will not be an affront to the sense 7 of rightness of the libertine. We are hated for what we 8 say and for what we won't say. We're hated for what we 9 do and for what we will not do. Fools hate wisdom; and 10 truth will never assuage the indignation of lawlessness. 11 12

Those who despise our ways have yet to fully realize 13 how much they hate us; but when their low-grade disdain 14 coalesces at last into a feverish rage we must be ready 15 to love them in a mature and disciplined way. Or do we 16 not want them to be changed by God even as we have been 17 changed? Or have we been changed into those who do not 18 love their enemies? And if we love our enemies why can 19 we not, as Christians, love each other at least as well 20 as we love our enemies? If nothing else we should love 21 each other as if we were enemies --- if only for the sake 22 of those who wouldn't otherwise hear and see the living 23 qospel. We are kinder to a stranger than to each other. 24 25

Yet insomuch as we must rightly divide the Bible, we 26 must also divide the word, "Christian". The harvest is 27 a time for threshing; and the chaff will blow away when 2.8 the wind separates what the fingers of a man cannot. 29 Ι for one, cannot separate tares from wheat or grain from 30 But I for one, am willing to walk for two miles 31 chaff. to wade through two fields of weeds --- looking for a few 32 stalks of wheat that stand alone. The many and the one; 33 the last and the first---these are the ways of the Lord 34 of the harvest. As Christians organize themselves into 35 various denominations they emphasize certain aspects of 36 the kingdom of God. That some denominations may become 37 fields of tares almost entirely is not as objectionable 38 39 a thing as that some Christians won't submit themselves to any church and some churches won't submit themselves 40 to any denomination. If I consider some self-described 41 42 'Christian' to be an enemy then he might very well have a problem with me, even though I might love him rightly. 43 If he considers me to be 'a so-called Christian' then I 44 might very well have a problem with him, even though he 45 might love me rightly. But if we are enemies by mutual 46 agreement, then it might be best if we divide ourselves 47 Yet even then we are no less commanded to accordingly. 48 love one another. Let it be for the sake of the gospel. 49

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How shall we marshal our numbers? What calculations should we make? How can we multiply? or divide? or add? or subtract? How shall we balance complex inequalities?

One who is wise in his own estimation is the sibling 1 to one who is a judge in his own estimation. If we say 2 we are wise our words condemn us; but if we act without 3 judgment our deeds condemn us. To exercise judgment is 4 5 to learn self-correction; but a fool shouts, "Judge Not!" while reserving to himself alone all rights of judgment. 6 We must exercise judgment, not as self-appointed judges, 7 but with righteous judgment, according to the authority 8 which is vested in God's word, if we are to be properly 9 self-correcting. But if we can't learn self-correction 10 as a coalition of believers then our efforts will prove 11 to have been vain and foolish in our end. We cannot be 12 both right and righteous---to cling to one is to refuse 13 No one is right but God. 14 the other. And no one can be righteous except one who dwells in the righteousness of 15 God. And no one can know righteousness without the Law. 16 17

In matters of judgment we would do well to determine 18 five things as best as we are able in accordance to the 19 Scriptures: Always. Almost always. 2.0 Sometimes. Almost never. Never. The first and the last should determine 21 the things wherein we cannot compromise; and the middle 22 three should determine the things wherein we might find 23 ways to collaborate with those who hold Judeo-Christian 24 The things men call, "Judeo-Christian", though values. 25 not redemptive, can nonetheless conserve to some degree 26 what God has done in history; and retard to some degree 27 what men will try to make of it eventually. It is true 2.8 that values in and of themselves are nothing but a door 29 through which some are let in while others are kept out. 30 Judeo-Christian values are a gate through which nations 31 have come into greatness and through which nations will 32 go out to destruction. If our nation could be given to 33 tarry just a while longer before taking her leave, then 34 perhaps a few more stragglers might have an opportunity 35 instead to enter the kingdom of God, before those gates 36 finally close. Only foolish and wicked men collaborate 37 with their enemies, but accord between three friends is 38 39 not easily broken. And the three friends laugh together. 40

For us who are called, "Christians", there can be no 41 42 such thing as "Judeo-Christian" anything apart from our canon of God's written word---what men call, "The Bible": 43 The collection of seventy books (if one counts the book 44 of Psalms as five books rather than one) which men have 45 come to understand as the Word of God through the words 46 of men, in history. Those who have the Spirit of Jesus 47 perceive these books --- by a faith that is not their own, 48 but from God, through the historicity and the authority 49 of the text itself --- to be inerrant in their origin and 50 all sufficient in their present state for our faith and 51 practice. Let the heathen rage --- in this we must never 52 compromise. We maintain Scripture's absolute authority. 53

There is nothing more certain than Scripture. Though 1 2 every man be found corrupt, yet the word of God is true and will never fail us. These are excellent assertions; 3 but they require no exertion on our part to assert them. 4 5 To what end do men study Scripture? We can never study Scripture enough to be persuaded by study, or Scripture, 6 to act upon it. You don't need to learn Koine Greek in 7 order to grasp a translation that says, "Do what I tell 8 you to do." You don't need to go and buy a Study Bible 9 in order to understand how to understand it. Go and do. 10 Talk is cheap and good intentions are even cheaper. We 11 must do Scripture. You will grasp it only if you do it. 12 13

14 We should study the Bible after we have practiced it. An unseasoned youth who goes off to a seminary to learn 15 to do the Word will likely be taught to undo it instead---16 through the vain sophistries of those who profess to be 17 If the sheep that wander off to places of higher wise. 18 learning were only sheared, then perhaps the graduation 19 2.0 robes that they don would mean something. As it is too many of them find out too late that such places are too 21 often the lair of self-deceived liars who sheepskin the 22 walls of their studies with trophies. We must never go 23 alone to places where wolves run in packs --- even though 24 we think it's safe enough. We are all like sheep. But 25 some of us have been destined to serve God as shepherds. 26 A young shepherd boy's father will watch over his child 27 as he learns how to tend to the flock; and he won't let 2.8 him take the sheep out into the fields until he's ready 29 to handle the job. And when the time comes to send him 30 to the high pastures, he will make certain that trusted 31 and mature shepherds will also be there, watching their 32 sheep. The shepherd's heart is for his sheep. But his 33 father's heart is for him. What would his father do if 34 his son should be mistreated? How often do we mistreat 35 our shepherds? What I myself have done to the shepherd 36 that God placed over me was and is utterly irredeemable. 37 So I must say this to my everlasting shame in this life: 38 39 No kinder and more patient lover of God's righteousness and justice have I yet to find in these forty-eight-odd 40 years of my existence; and yet my shepherd bears in his 41 42 flesh the scars of wounds that are unforgivably painful: the wounds of an unfaithful friend---more grievous than 43 the wounds of any enemy. How he long ago forgave me is 44 as amazing to me as Simon Peter's amazement at our Lord, 45 when He forgave him the unforgiveable. I'm no shepherd. 46 I was born a wild dog but God destined me to be a sheep 47 I sleep lightly in the day and I sample the night dog. 48 air for the scent of a wolf. My teeth are ready to use; 49 and I am ready, and quite willing, to die to protect my 50 master's sheep. We gentiles are all like dogs; but not 51 all of us Christians are able to accept it. Yet a goat 52 is no better than a dog. And the Jews are stiff-necked. 53

So get over it. If you were born a Jew you will die 1 a Jew, and whether you call yourself a Christian or are 2 called a "so-called, 'Messianic Jew'", you can't change 3 what G-d made you. Though not unheard of, a Jew who is 4 5 destined by G-d to live among the Christians is as rare as the goy who is destined by G-d to be a Jew-by-choice. 6 Your Shachrit service ends, and so begins, with the cry 7 of "Hashiveinu". For the sake of all of us who believe 8 that Torah is for the Jew first, return to your calling, 9 and help the world to uphold and renew the distinctions 10 of G-d's creation. Sanity is the shalom that reigns in 11 a world of pristine clarity and true definition. 12 Serve G-d as He has called you, for the sake of peace. Go to 13 your people and find for yourself a rabbi of G-d's word. 14 Look for a rabbi who is flawed. Because unhidden flaws 15 are evidence of a true humanity and humility and beauty. 16 17

G-d's creation is unspeakably beautiful---even given 18 all the many flaws that have beset it in its fallenness. 19 As long as our breath continues on this earth our world 2.0 will be a breathtakingly poignant place. Even so. To life! 21 To the new growth, and to the dew that shimmers To love. 22 on the grass in the morning light. To the evening wind 23 that settles softly all around us, with the setting sun, 24 after a warm and gusty autumn day. To our Creator, and 25 Redeemer, Who makes all things new---even now---and for 26 all eternity --- for all who love Him more than life itself. 27 He can make your life new to you, even now, if you will 2.8 turn to Him with all your heart, and with all your soul, 29 and with all your strength. Today is the day. It will 30 always be the day --- of renewal and regeneration --- for all 31 who will simply turn to the G-d of Israel, and call out 32 to Him in the name of Yeshua the Mashiach of Yisrael and 33 the L-rd of all Creation. Mi chamocha, b'aylim Adonai? 34 Who is like You, O L-rd, among the gods? This is music. 35 This is the song of Moshe and of the children of Yisrael. 36

The mystery of lawlessness is pervasive in its power 38 39 throughout this universe; but the Creator created a new people in the earth. He called them, "Israel". And He 40 gave them the Eretz called, "Israel"; and the Law which 41 42 has overcome all lawlessness, both now and forever. It is a torah which will never pass away; and a land which 43 will never be surrendered; and a people who will not be 44 uprooted ever again. The time of Jacob's troubles will 45 soon be upon him; but his G-d will deliver him from all 46 And never again will the sound of weeping his sorrows. 47 be heard in Zion. Who among the nations will speak out 48 for Jacob? Who among us will take his stand with Israel? 49 Even though the man of lawlessness himself may kiss him 50 on the cheek, should we then forsake him to his enemies 51 as well? May it never be so! Let us stand beside Jacob---52 shoulder to shoulder -- right arm to left arm -- together. 53

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A deceiver's art is to blur a distinction until just enough uncertainty emerges to cause doubts in the minds of those he wants to deceive. Even cause and effect is called into question, "Is there really such an absolute thing as Cause and Effect? I mean, just think about it."

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God announced that He would make a New Covenant with His people the Jews. Then He announced that, in effect, 8 Israel would remain Israel, and God their God, and they 9 His people, for just as long as the cause and effect of 10 the sun and its light remain in their fixed order. One creature marvels at how such a thing could be. Another creature says, "God couldn't possibly have meant to say Who made Jacob the shepherd in this commonwealth?" that.

We must understand the distinction between flaws and 16 errors. Your shepherd can be flawed but true. 17 And you can be flawlessly false in the way you go about dealing 18 with his flaws. Or you might become flawlessly evil if 19 you fashion his flaws carefully enough into nonexistent 20 errors. We must exercise exceptional care when we term 21 someone errant. And even so, we should know that if we 22 call someone a hireling who is given charge over us, we 2.3 should also be prepared to answer for it to the One Who 24 both hires --- and fires --- if we are wrong. The shepherd 25 knows full well the accounting he must make for a sheep 26 under his charge that is lost in the fields; but do you? 27 You who are so exacting in your application of the word, 2.8 you do know---don't you---that your Bible versions have flaws 29 as well, however inconsequential they may be? Or would you 30 not agree that your version isn't inspired? Or that you are 31 not the ones who are inerrant? Could so many of you be wrong 32 about your pastors? A wise King said, :Get me a sword:, 33 so you get a sword. And then he said, :Divide the live 34 child in two:, and so you split the congregation in two. 35 And then you split apart and half of you say, "There is 36 just one New Man," and the other half says, "Are we not Ephraim?" 37 when you Are Not. And both halves say, "Y'shua! Y'shua!" 38 39 But how will you answer Him if He questions you, saying, "You say, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek nor flock nor herd 40 nor goat nor sheep nor servant nor master, but only You,' 41 42 but tell Me, what have you done with My brother, Yaacov, and why have you forsaken My mother, Miriam? Is there 43 male nor female left among My people, that you have not sold 44 into slavery? As surely as there are foreign lands and 45 Greeks and herds and goats and slaves, there is a place 46 Those who handle swords with divided hearts for you."? 47 will be smitten with them; and violence will visit them. 48 All those who take up the sword must die by it; but not 49 all those who take up the sword must kill with it. God 50 weighs the one who measures and He measures the one who 51 weighs. The sword of God only comes out of God's mouth. 52 A sheath is for a weapon as wisdom is for understanding. 53

We should thank God daily for the men and women that He has given to us as shepherds and shepherdesses. Yes. Deborah was a judge in Israel; and there were as many men in those days who were surprised by such a thing as men who are surprised today, myself among them. Simplicity is for the young and the simple. But the time has come to choose whom we will serve; and our leaders must lead; and our people must volunteer. So sang Deborah and Barak.

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It's only natural for us to assume that women cannot 10 lead men in battle, because there are very good reasons 11 why it almost never happens. It's also only natural to 12 assume that a mother will not send her sons into battle, 13 14 because once again there are also very good reasons why it almost never happens. But if a mother sends her son 15 to battle she will be certain that there's no other way; 16 or if a man follows a woman into battle it's because he 17 is certain that there's no one better able to lead them. 18 There's a world of difference between always and almost 19 20 always. It's as real as the difference between a woman and a man, and between a Jew and a gentile. Simplicity 21 is for the young and the simple. But we must be mature 22 in our understanding. Just as it is an abomination for 23 men to behave sexually with each other as if there were 24 no such people as real women; it is also an abomination 25 for gentiles to behave religiously with one another, as 26 if there were no such people as real Jews. Both create 27 images that are abominations of the things that God has 2.8 created. The sexual image that inflames the homosexual 29 is an abomination of beauty; and the religious image of 30 a supercessionist Christianity is an abomination of the 31 Just as "The Cosmic Christ" of the pagans is an truth. 32 abomination to all true gentile followers of Jesus, the 33 man from Nazareth, so the iconographic Jesus Christ who 34 has abrogated the Torah (and with it every Jew who begs 35 to disagree) is an abomination to the Messiah of Israel 36 Himself, namely, the Jew from Nazareth: Mashiach Yeshua. 37 Jesus is the one true Israel, not us; but the nation 38 of Israel was also that suffering servant of the burden 39 These belong to the mysteries of redemption. of Isaiah. 40 It's wiser to marvel at God's mysteries than to examine 41 42 them as if we were capable of understanding what we see. We can nearly understand it as those who are called-out 43 from the goyim and made into the new thing in the earth 44 that the prophets foresaw: A woman will encompass a man. 45 We, as the commonwealth of Israel, will encompass Jacob. 46 But it's also a mystery why there are those who rise up 47 in the dark of night to move the boundary stones of God; 48 and then say in the light of the new day, "An angel has 49 moved these stones. Now :all the congregation are holy, 50 every one of them:." But the bearer of light fell like 51 lightning; and the earth opened up beneath Korach. Why 52 is it not enough that: G-d :has separated: us from the goyim? 53

Does the present-day nation-state of Israel deserve 1 2 its name? By what right does it deserve to exist? By virtue of the archeology of the land? Or by virtue of 3 the bones that lie buried there in the soil? Who gave 4 5 this parliamentary democracy permission to appropriate such things as history and geography; or genealogy and 6 archeology; or historicity and spirituality for itself? 7 The land had been a stateless region, abandoned by man 8 and beast. It was, "The Levantine Wasteland", for all 9 who left their excrement unburied in full view as they 10 It was, "The Latrine of the Levant", passed through it. 11 to every unclean bird that flew high above it. It was 12 called, "The Region Of Palestine", by those who wanted 13 14 only to curse even the memory of a Jew and then to die comfortably in their beds in their own lands and among 15 their own people. There were no other humans on earth 16 called, "Jews" (by both themselves and those who hated 17 them), who labored to reclaim so many barren places in 18 a land forsaken by the rest of humanity. If they were 19 not Jews who returned to their G-d's lands in that day, 2.0 then there were no Jews left on earth and consequently, 21 no true G-d in no true Land called, "Israel". But G-d 22 is true to His word; and He is faithful to His promise. 23 As long as two or three of these Jews call it, "Israel", 24 then Israel it is; and Israel it will be. Forevermore. 25 But what about Jerusalem? Is it not the great city 26 of three world religions? And if it cannot be divided 27 then shouldn't it be shared by all the people of those 2.8 great religions? It's not from knowledge of the Bible 29 that anyone would dare ask such a question. :Jerusalem 30 will become a heavy stone:; and the fools that attempt 31 to humanize it will be schooled in their own Sisyphean 32 justice. Go ahead and devise your vain thing, O goyim. 33 Jerusalem is ": the city of the Great King: of the Jews". 34 It's inconceivable to the enemies of Jacob that any 35 of this insanity called, "Israel", could have happened. 36 They shake their heads and smirk incredulously, saying 37 to themselves, "Would someone please explain to me how 38 39 anyone could have ever let things get this far?" They really can't believe it; they are genuinely astonished. 40 What is happening right now in the nation of Israel is 41 42 as absurd to them as the belief that Jesus will return in person to Jerusalem, to reign over the entire earth. 43 Can you imagine what they must think of us who believe 44 that, not only will the man, Jesus of Nazareth, return, 45 but that He will return :on the clouds of heaven: with 46 thousands upon millions of angels; and all those of us 47 who have died throughout all of human history with His 48 hope and faith within them? In that Day heaven itself 49 will literally appear and interface with this physical 50 creation---in the same Jerusalem of the same Israel of 51 the same Jews that exist today. These bold assertions 52 are infuriating to those who prefer things as they are. 53

Why are some things never enough? Why are most men 1 never satisfied with what G-d gives them? A father is 2 generous to a fault who lavishes too many gifts on his 3 children; if only every child could be given the world 4 5 and all its riches as a birthday present. But at what point does wealth or intelligence or beauty or name or 6 power or might or pleasure or ease become a curse upon 7 us? Why do so many who have these things in abundance 8 despise to all eternity the G-d Who created every good 9 thing? This ingratitude is their worm that will never 10 The desire for self-justification burns brighter die. 11 than even the most blinding fires of self-preservation. 12 A man of lawlessness would rather justify himself than 13 save himself. He would sooner blind himself than look 14 at his sins and see them for what they really are. He 15 would sooner die than confess to any sin or sinfulness. 16 But he was created as an eternal creature. And though 17 there is much about the mystery of him that is capable 18 of corruption, there's also much about him that simply 19 2.0 cannot be destroyed. Inherent weakness is not a crime; it's not even a flaw; but weakness can be corrupted by 21 lawlessness. Will women question their weaknesses for 22 men, saying, "Did G-d make us weaker than men? We are 23 stronger than one man; united we are stronger than all 24 Or will a mother question G-d, saying, "Why are men.″ 25 babies weak?" To ask a question is to be alive; there 26 is life to be found in curiosity. But there is a kind 27 of question that leads only to the destruction of life; 2.8 and it is never for a creature to question its Creator 29 in such a way. Yet there are many creatures who refuse 30 to accept this. There is no place for them in the new 31 Creation that is to come --- when G-d will uncreate what 32 was formerly corruptible --- recreating an incorruptible 33 heavens and earth. Their place, even now, is found in 34 the mystery of lawlessness---that those who refuse G-d 35 in the goodness of this creation will refuse Him twice 36 over---and by their own volition---in the judgments of 37 the second death. If they hate G-d in the green, then 38 39 they will hate Him even more in the dry. G-d is right to hate them; but their hate is unjustifiable. Yet it 40 will never die. "You can't justify this!" they scream. 41 42 But do we who love G-d merit His love? Or does our love for Him, in any way at all, save us? We are lost 43 in the mystery of our lawlessness, apart from Him. We 44 cannot save ourselves, nor even make ourselves savable, 45 through our love for Him. But He is able to redeem us 46 from our lawlessness through His Torah just because He 47 chooses to exercise His right to do so as our Redeemer; 48 as our kinsman redeemer; as the Son of Man and Messiah 49 of Israel. It is not for us to know why He has chosen 50 Jacob; and called him, "Israel"; and given him a place 51 called, "Israel". It is enough for us to know that we 52 who were without hope in this world have been redeemed. 53

We have been purchased back from sin and death at a 1 2 far greater cost to G-d than we can ever know. How He could do what He did, the way He did it, is impossible. 3 But He has loved us far beyond our ability to love Him. 4 5 The G-d of Israel created the universe and all that is in it because it's in His character to share His glory. 6 Only G-d is humble; but He has demonstrated throughout 7 the history of His Torah how we should share His glory. 8 He has shown us how to be humble: as He is humble. In 9 and through His Torah He has given us good instruction 10 and true and certain command as to the way of humility. 11 The ancient Greeks liked to think; and then imagine; 12 and then act upon those imaginations of their thoughts. 13 14 They became quite adept at this and in the fullness of their time they gave birth to their pantheon of images. 15 Their minds had to see something before they would act. 16 The ancient Jews however, saw the Greeks for what they 17 were, and chose instead to act upon the words of Torah; 18 and then rest a bit; and then think about what G-d had 19 They understood G-d by doing His Torah. 20 said and done. Their hearing led to doing; only in doing did they see. 21 They sought to do justice rather than to understand it 22 with their minds. To do justice is the Torah's way to 23 understand love. Love is an action, and the action is 24 doing justice. To do justice for the sake of mercy is 25 the Torah's way to understand hope. Hope is an action; 26 and the action is to love mercy. And the most amazing 27 action of Torah---the first of these three, though not 2.8 the greatest of the three---is to walk humbly with G-d. 29 This is the Torah's way to understand faith. Faith is 30 an action; and walking humbly with the G-d of Torah is 31 the way that G-d becomes our G-d. By faith in the G-d 32 no one could see, Abram heard His Voice. And By faith 33 in the unseen G-d he heard, Abram left the land of his 34 father's gods. And by walking humbly with Him through 35 the hearing of his ears, rather than the seeing of his 36 eyes, the only true and living Creator of the universe 37 became his G-d, the G-d of Abraham. There was nothing 38 in the way of visual, explanatory proof of His reality---39 just a voice that only Abram had heard, and just words 40 that his family called, "Empty". "His imagination has 41 42 overtaken him," they said, "He says there's nothing he can visualize so he can't cast an image? Then he says 43 that he can't carve a representation because he claims 44 our minds can't understand Him like that? And he says 45 He speaks quietly with words of peace so He offers him 46 no weapons? Now he goes wandering, to who knows where, 47 without an explanation to carry in his bag or a sheath 48 to fix on his belt, and he says, 'He is a shield to me,'?" 49 But Abraham's G-d made a covenant with him as proof 50 that His Vo-ce and His W-rd were true and certain; and 51 the proof was the Land of His promise. If the Land of 52 Israel does not belong to Jacob, then his G-d is false. 53

The covenant was made by the wisdom of G-d, just as 1 2 the proverb says, :By wisdom a house is built:; and it was established by His understanding. He cut covenant 3 But He ratified it not with with Abram by His wisdom. 4 5 Abram but with Abraham; and He established it not with wisdom but understanding. And He executed it not with 6 the knowledge of the flesh but with the true knowledge 7 of the circumcision of the heart. Ishmael says, "I am 8 wiser than Jacob, and I know the secrets of the hidden 9 things---the secrets of the sword of god." But listen 10 to the Vo-ce of the G-d of Jacob, and repent O Ishmael, 11 while it's still possible for you. In the thoughts of 12 your heart you say, "I will taste of this knowledge of 13 14 the tree." But you were not conceived in sound wisdom, nor in clear understanding, nor in true knowledge, but 15 in Abram's uncircumcision; and he was just a man, just 16 as you are a man. And though you cut away your sheath 17 and think that you have thrown away the phallic symbol 18 of idolaters, the phallus of your god remains; and you 19 2.0 misunderstand both sheaths and weapons. You have been deceived by the god of this world and you can't find a 21 place to sheath the sword that consumes everything you 22 love. Turn back to the G-d of Abraham, and Isaac, and 23 Jacob; and He will give you rest. Choose life and not 24 death. But your hand will not be freed from the sword 25 of the god of the moon until you use it to destroy the 26 place where its power is unsheathed. You didn't break 27 down all of your idols, O Kaaballahian; there is still 2.8 one left standing. You must choose between two places. 29 30

G-d chose Jerusalem as the city from which His W-rd 31 would go forth; and He chose Mount Moriah as the place 32 where a house for His N-me would be built. That house 33 was just a replica of the behaviors of the heavens and 34 the earth; and G-d saw fit to undo that model of human 35 Yet G-d's behavior never changed---not then, behavior. 36 nor from the very beginning, nor to the end of history. 37 And that foundation that He chose is an eternal choice ---38 39 it will never be undone as long as this Creation moves. Jerusalem is G-d's eternal choice; no one will undo it. 40 All that moves is not alive. Yet there is a "sense 41 42 of rightness" that humans tend to acquire as they move about their lives that seems so intuitively correct to 43 them, a so-called wisdom; indeed, her eyes may even be 44 in her head. But the man who walks with her :walks in 45 darkness:, and their :end is the way of death:. There 46 are such things as death and sin, whether we choose to 47 acknowledge their temporal and eternal reality, or not. 48 And the harshest truth to accept is that sin and death 49 are the default choice of all flesh. Only G-d is able 50 to override our fallenness. G-d chose Abram and Abram 51 chose G-d, and G-d gave him a new name. He only chose 52 Abram; but through him G-d offers Himself to all of us. 53

After G-d chose Abram did He then choose Sarai? Or 1 did He choose Hagar? Or did He choose Ishmael? 2 Where was He when all of those unfortunate choices were made? 3 Why did He wait to say to Abram, :No longer shall your 4 5 name be called, "Abram":? And why did He wait so long to say of Sarai, Abram's wife and sister, "Do not call 6 her what she is; Sarah is what she shall be called now." 7 The blood of Abram and the flesh of Sarai were knit by 8 the hand of G-d into a son who G-d called, "Isaac", in 9 accordance to his promise. Isaac was the child of two 10 new names---G-d created Isaac from the seed of Abraham 11 and the womb of Sarah. Isaac was the only son Abraham 12 would have with Sarah. Isaac was the only name he was 13 14 ever given; G-d would never call him by any other name. According to the laws of the flesh, Isaac shouldn't 15 have been born; but he was born to Sarah through G-d's 16 word to Abraham. Yet, according to the laws of heaven, 17 what is born of G-d's kingdom belongs to G-d, so Isaac 18 was the heir of G-d's promise to Abraham but he wasn't 19 20 Abraham's legal heir. How could Isaac be both the son of Abraham and the son of G-d's promise? G-d promised 21 Abram the impossible according to the flesh. So whose 22 son was Isaac, G-d's or Abraham's? Abraham offered up 23 the son of his flesh to G-d and in return G-d gave the 24 son of His promise to Abraham. G-d had every right to 25 give whatever was His concerning Isaac to Abraham; and 26 Abraham had the legal right to give to G-d whatever of 27 The legal entanglements that had bound Isaac was his. 2.8 Isaac were undone by G-d's sovereign exchange of Isaac. 29 It had never entered G-d's mind to require the life of 30 Isaac, or even to take him from his mother's tent; but 31 such was the requirement of the gods of uncircumcision. 32 G-d required only the blood of Isaac's circumcision on 33 the eighth day; and that day at Moriah Abraham's heart 34 was circumcised while his knife cut the cords of death 35 that had bound his son Isaac, as one destined for fire. 36 These are the ways of the kingdom of G-d---a wisdom 37 not of this world or of this age, but of an Eighth Day 38 39 to come---a Day of all new names, when everything will be made new. But the flesh and blood of this creation 40 cannot reveal these things to men or angels apart from 41 42 the Sp-r-t of G-d, Who chooses names, old and new, for Ishmael could have been given a new name by G-d; both. 43 but it was Sarai's voice, not G-d's, that Abram heeded 44 when he went into Sarai's tent and begat Ishmael there. 45 G-d could have called Esau by a new name; but He chose 46 the younger son, the son of his mother's tent. And He 47 said, "I will once more take My promise to Abraham and 48 the tent of Sarah, and bring forth a son of My kingdom. 49 And he shall be called, 'Israel'; and I will make four 50 tents from one, and out of four wombs will come twelve 51 And I will bless the tents of Jacob. They will sons. 52 be My people, and I will be their G-d forever and ever." 53

There are so many things about the history of G-d's 1 2 kingdom here on earth that have yet to be written. We will have a thousand years to read and learn about all 3 the wonders of His ways from Abraham to Moses to David 4 5 and to Jesus; and His most wondrous, overarching theme is the literal and tangible reality of the ways of G-d 6 in the affairs of His Creation. The profundity of His 7 wisdom resides in His kingdom that is peopled by flesh 8 and blood people, even though it's a kingdom of heaven. 9 Abraham was G-d's kingdom of heaven---on earth. Eretz 10 Yisrael---the land of Israel---is G-d's wisdom in that 11 it's His earthly real estate, uniquely juxtaposed with 12 His heavenly real estate. Charmers will immaterialize 13 the historical people and places of The King's kingdom. 14 And yet, the material people and places of the kingdom 15 of G-d---on earth---will stand in witness against them. 16 The occultists spiritualize the earth in their fertile 17 imaginations but their so-called, "ancient wisdom" has 18 always been sexually confused. Their goddess is false. 19 But G-d redeemed the earth of Canaan from the kingdoms 2.0 of darkness and He called it, "Eretz Yisrael". Wicked 21 men can say, "Ah ha! Do you see now? This insistence 22 upon a literal Land of Israel---it is foolish nonsense---23 an historical derivation of the ancient fertility rite 24 Christ has freed us from such idolatry." of the region. 25 But the image that they worship will also say, "Christ 26 has freed us from the idolatries of particularisms and 27 brought us into the true worship of universalism. Not 2.8 Abram, but Abraham. Not Jacob, but Israel. Not Jesus, 29 but the Christ." But G-d's kingdom of heaven on earth 30 is grounded upon the significance of the uniqueness of 31 G-d. The Creator of the Universe is unique. There is 32 no god like Him. He Is uniquely unique. He Is beyond 33 all human and angelic understanding. But He has loved 34 Abram uniquely; and redeemed his uniqueness in Abraham. 35 He has loved Isaac uniquely in Isaac's uniqueness; and 36 He has loved Jacob uniquely in Jacob's uniqueness; and 37 He has loved the land of Canaan in its uniqueness, and 38 39 redeemed its uniqueness in the Land of Israel. G-d Is unsearchably unique. But He has made Himself known in 40 redemption. G-d created a unique people to be uniquely 41 42 His own---so that the uniqueness of every other nation in every other land might be redeemed through Him --- as 43 the G-d of the People of Israel, in the Land of Israel. 44 And G-d became a unique---one-of-a-kind---man, so that 45 through Him, the uniqueness of each one of us might be 46 redeemed from the kingdoms of the absence of His light. 47 The kingdom of this world suffers entropy and degrades 48 into a barren sameness; and it is peopled by creatures 49 whose erstwhile uniqueness is disfigured by corruption. 50 When King Jesus reigns in Israel the uniqueness of all 51 of Creation and everything in it will come alive again. 52 Until that day all of Creation groans with aging pains. 53

The uniqueness of the U.S.A. does not reside in some 1 2 federally contrived unity of fifty self-defining states, but rather, in our nation's hitherto unheard of respect 3 for and deference to the sovereignty of its individuals. 4 5 The Biblical teaching of the significance of uniqueness was able to take root in the earth of what would become 6 America because two oceans isolated those fertile lands 7 from the immediate dictates of the landlords of the old 8 and older worlds. The "American Experiment" of the new 9 world order was the fashioning of what began as a great 10 compromise by the functionaries of elitists with people 11 who read and believed the Bible. Biblical literacy was 12 an effective precursor to the implementation of elitist 13 14 definitions of governance. The elite of every grouping of humanity differentiate themselves through imprimatur: 15 He who has the ability to define can lay claim to power. 16 And when exercised discretely, this power of definition 17 and redefinition allows that elite to define themselves 18 as the holders and keepers of authority. They have two 19 rules which define the essence of their purposes. 20 Rule number one: Gain control over the power that resides in 21 the many. And rule number two: Strengthen and increase 22 the control of that power. The authority and wealth of 23 any preexisting realities are co-opted or counterfeited 24 to create a self-perpetuating, transcendent entity that 25 projects its appropriated power ever upward and outward. 26 At the very heart of its darkness is an utterly lawless 27 rebellion against the authority of God the Creator, Who 2.8 has delegated a measure of His authority throughout His 29 Creation. It was not enough for certain creatures that 30 God should imbue and invest His Creation with His glory; 31 but they presumed to possess what God hadn't given them. 32 It was a most unfortunate presumption on Lucifer's part; 33 and the consequences were immediate and permanent. But 34 Even if he was and is without excuse. He knew better. 35 he refuses to admit it, he should not have done what he 36 did---because he did know better. Now he only has hate. 37 And what lawful arbitrage is allowed him in the time he 38 has left in his kingdom of this world---and his time is 39 He will not be wasting a single minute from now short. 40 until the end. But still he must wait to begin his end 41 42 game. Because God will always have the first, and last, word. 43

In order to exploit the potential power of Christian 44 beliefs in the sovereignty of the individual, the elite 45 crafted a process to gradually define and bureaucratize 46 the meaning of the individual: "The American people are 47 the product of a certain kind of exceptional individual ---48 the citizen of a shining city on a hill---in a new land 49 of promise; in a new 'Israel', if you will." And after 50 our Pax Americana has fulfilled its purpose, it will be 51 deconstructed suddenly and quickly, though with no less 52 care than it was constructed. There's little we can do. 53

That is to say, there's little we can do about their 1 2 decisions, even the decisions that affect us. But they can't determine the decisions that we make in our minds 3 and our hearts. They can't determine who we cherish or 4 5 what we reject. The gates of the kingdom of heaven are So should we go out; or should we come open, not shut. 6 in? Should we engage the world; or should we pull back? 7 Some say we are charged to "take dominion", "It is ours, 8 for God has given the spirit of this age into our hands." 9 There are many things that are intoxicatingly beautiful 10 about life and the living of life under the sun in this 11 Creation. But only a madman gazes into the sun; and he 12 walks in the ways of darkness. :Rejoice in the wife of 13 your youth:, says the proverb, :let her breasts satisfy 14 The springs of living water flowing you at all times:. 15 from the Spirit of God are in no way intoxicating to us. 16 Our spirits may be piping hot or icy cold; but sobriety 17 characterizes even our most joyous dancing and shouting. 18 Jesus turned water into wine; but we must never confuse 19 20 the one with the other. Only a fool gazes into a glass of wine and thinks he gains something, as he sips glass 21 after glass. Who will deliver him : from the adulteress 22 who flatters with her words:? One joins himself to the 23 many, who have left the one. :She leaves the companion 24 of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God:. We 25 must repent. Are we so sodden with desire that we also 26 embrace presumptuousness? They preen and they jerk and 27 they cackle and they writhe --- in the name of the Spirit. 2.8 And their leaders smirk and swagger with roguish hubris; 29 and their speech and their words leave an aftertaste of 30 violence. No. We should come out of her in repentance; 31 and enter into the kingdom of heaven with sober purpose. 32 We know that God is not the author of confusion; but 33 we should also know that He allows even His words to be 34 answered with confusion by the adversary. God reserves 35 to Himself Alone the right to speak first, but He won't 36 There is a common tactic of evil dictate our response. 37 men and angels that approaches madness but is effective 38 39 as a response to the Spirit of truth. The more clearly and concisely the truth is presented, the more confused 40 and lengthy will be the follow-up of the deceiver as he 41 42 seeks to take away from what was said by adding to what If the Spirit comes in power and a man barks was said. 43 like a dog it's not the Spirit Who has done this to him. 44 But if another despises what the Spirit has said to him 45 because he associates it with the folly of self-wrought 46 madness, then he's no better off than the one who barks 47 like a dog. The same master of madness who can break a 48 dog's neck when he tires of the barking can make a wise 49 fool scream like a pig when he tires of the sounds that 50 he makes in his incessant rooting after truth. 51 Yet God also reserves to Himself Alone the final word. The Day 52 is coming, as it was written, when He will say, :Enough!:. 53

Life is about going out and coming in, and coming in 1 and going out. And truth is about where your residence 2 is; that place from which you live your life. If truth 3 resides in you, then you will reside in truth, wherever 4 5 you may live. If Jesus resides in your home, then stay where you are. If He resides in your church, then stay 6 where you are. If He resides in your labors, then stay 7 where you work. If the olive press is abandoned, where 8 will you find oil? And if the flour mill is unattended 9 where will you find bread? Will the Son of Man approve 10 of such behavior? What will He say to us if He returns 11 to find His servants starving in the darkness of cities 12 because we have fled to the hiding places of the church? 13 14 But if the truth is far from you then you must find Him at all costs, even if you must move from where you live 15 and worship and work. Wherever you find a genuine love 16 for the Bible you will find at least a seed of love for 17 the truth; and a genuine love for the Bible is found in 18 the doing of it. Do the Bible and it will grow in your 19 20 heart, and you will grow in it. Do life; enjoy it; eat and drink to the Bridegroom and the Bride. But prepare 21 yourselves for the days of fasting that are yet to come. 22 One can see many things about the secrets of a man's 23 heart by the way he governs himself at a lavish banquet: 24 does he enjoy himself too little or too much? or not at 25 all? or does he seek to govern the occasion? or does he 26 humbly submit himself to the hospitality of the hostess? 27 and the instructions of the host? A party is political 2.8 governance in action. We may or may not like to attend 29 parties; but governance in our nation is a lavish feast 30 to which we are invited, and we despise the invitations 31 at our peril. We are extended the gracious opportunity 32 to send someone to represent us on our behalf if we are 33 unable to attend in person; but we must be certain that 34 they will speak for us as we would speak, and judge for 35 us as we would judge, and only agree to the things with 36 which we would agree. Nonetheless we ourselves must go 37 out to smaller more casual banquets if we are to locate 38 39 such people. Or who do you trust to choose such people? If you trust any political party to choose for you, you 40 will be given someone who doesn't know you, and someone 41 42 you don't know. We are not compelled to choose someone who can advance the cause of a political party, nor are 43 we self-compelled to select someone who can gain entrée 44 into a place that we ourselves would never be permitted. 45 We are only compelled by God to select righteous people 46 from among us as our representatives, even if they have 47 no chance of meeting with the approval of the public at 48 large; and we are compelled to provide them our support 49 in every righteous way that we are able. Our standards 50 of political action are the same two standards preached 51 by the Prophets of Scripture: Justice and Righteousness. 52 We must strive for the righteousness and justice of God. 53

Politics and government, and government and religion 1 are four things, and three things, and two things. And 2 one thing: governance. Our adversaries are quite aware 3 of these distinctions and effectively conflate the four 4 5 in their efforts to inaugurate the reign of their brand They preach passionately about the need of governance. 6 to maintain clear distinctions between Church and State, 7 as well they should, while at the same time commingling 8 their "Non Governmental Organizations" and governmental 9 authority in grossly immoral relationships that corrupt 10 the essential sanctity and virtue of governmental power. 11 There are things that government should, and should not, 12 The discipline of limited self-government requires do. 13 us to exercise self-restraint in our relationships with 14 ourselves and others. If we live unrestrained lives in 15 our country then we will elect unrestrained individuals 16 to govern our affairs; and they will anoint individuals 17 who lack judicial restraint to police us. Tyrants need 18 only a mob and an oligarchy to establish their dictates. 19 2.0 The many and the one. The rabble and the nobility. We must always choose self-restraint; even when faced with 21 the provocations of tyranny. Or the tyrant will appear 22 from within our own ranks; and we will become his serfs. 23 There is a tyrant within each one of us individually; 24 and there is a mob waiting to form with every gathering 25 of individuals; and there are arbiters in our midst who 26 would manipulate our power for their aims and "the good" 27 of the whole. Power wanders in the many; might gathers 2.8 in the few. Both lodge their authority in the commands 29 of the one. Every individual is endowed with authority 30 over himself alone or herself alone by the One Who made 31 them. God has created no man or woman with any greater 32 natural authority than this. But He has created us all 33 to be under authority. A child is born with no natural 34 authority over his future progeny; but his parents have 35 authority over him. If a man abuses his authority over 36 himself as an individual, then he will likely abuse his 37 authority over his children as a father. A father must 38 39 discipline his children; but a man must not forget that his son is a man and his daughter is a woman; and if he 40 violates their sovereignty as individuals, he will lose 41 42 his own sovereignty as an individual in the process. Ι exercise power over my children through my authority as 43 their father; and I can gather that power into might to 44 enforce my authority. But if I force my will upon them, 45 acting in my capacity as a man, in my personal strength, 46 while calling myself a father, I do not act in the name 47 of authority but rather, I function as an authoritarian. 48 Even if I must spank them, I must never spank them with 49 my hand directly, but rather with the rod of discipline. 50 Those who call themselves, "Progressives", have nothing 51 but contempt for the ways of God's authority. Each one 52 of them functions as a god; they rule as authoritarians. 53

We all must judge ourselves individually; but no one 1 in their capacity as an individual should judge another. 2 We must judge ourselves corporately as well; but we are 3 not obligated to judge anyone who is outside of us. 4 We 5 must establish courts to judge ourselves; and we should only appoint individuals to act as judges who are known 6 to have mastered themselves in the exercise of judgment. 7 One must understand self-restraint in order to exercise 8 judicial restraint. If I do not judge myself rightly I 9 will come under judgment. If we do not judge ourselves 10 rightly we will come under judgment. And if nations do 11 not judge themselves rightly, then they will come under 12 I don't allow another individual to judge me judgment. 13 14 if they attempt to judge me in their own name; but I do labor to submit myself to the judgment of those who are 15 in authority over me. As Christians we shouldn't judge 16 those who are not Christians as if they were Christians; 17 nor should we judge our nation as a Christian nation if 18 it is not a Christian nation. And our nation has never 19 been a Christian nation; and it will not be a Christian 20 nation until Jesus reigns in Jerusalem; and not one day 21 We cannot govern others as we govern ourselves. sooner. 22 We love a good proverb; it can make even our foolish 23 man feel wise. And we love to say, "Lord! Lord!"; but 24 too often we conduct ourselves as if there were no Lord. 25 We have all practiced atheism in the secret thoughts of 26 our hearts; we have all at one time or another, said in 27 our hearts, :there is no God:. Whence wisdom? I begin 2.8 with an awareness of the Creator God Who Is not like me. 29 We are not wise---this is the truth---and only in truth 30 can we act wisely --- even though we are not wise. 31 Truth and wisdom must never be conflated; because what people 32 are and are not, and what people do and do not do, have 33 absolutely nothing in common---apart from this absolute 34 distinction between wisdom and truth---with what God Is 35 and isn't, and what He does and doesn't do. Truth says 36 to us, "You are not God." We are not God---and we will 37 never, ever, become God. Never. Why should this be so 38 39 difficult for us to understand? This is the truth, and only in truth can we act godly --- even though we are not 40 God. Who Is G-d? What is He and what is He like? Who 41 42 is like Him? These are distinct questions. God became like us, so that we can be like Him; He came to be with 43 us, so that we can be with Him; He loved us, so that we 44 can love Him in return. The only question that we must 45 answer is this: Will we return His love? God is not :a 46 son of man that He should repent:. But will the son of 47 adam return to God? God loved adam but adam failed God. 48 God redeemed adam by becoming the Son of Man and acting 49 as his kinsman redeemer. Who can understand God's ways? 50 They are too profound for us who trust in Him. His Law 51 is perfect. And His governance will increase endlessly 52 in the truth---in Y'shua HaMashiach---Jesus the Messiah. 53

The kingdom of God consists of His King and subjects. 1 There is such a thing as a history of time that doesn't 2 repeat itself; and such a thing as a geography of place 3 that is immovable. These are things of the sovereignty 4 of God, the Creator. There is no escaping what the God 5 of history decrees; and there is no undoing what He has 6 God has chosen the people and the land of Israel 7 done. as His inheritance. He will inherit Jacob and the Land; 8 and Israel will inherit Him as their King. 9 They belong to each other. And through the gospel of Messiah Jesus 10 we can belong to them as well. America is our land and 11 it is beautiful---but it's not holy as Eretz Yisrael is 12 It is our debt of love as American Christians to holy. 13 support and defend the Land and the people of Jacob, to 14 the best of our imperfect ability --- laboring along with 15 Israel, even in its imperfections. Amalek always preys 16 upon the weaknesses and imperfections of Jacob, to keep 17 him from entering and possessing the Land that God gave 18 19 to him. Cursed is the name of Amalek wherever he hides --whether among Christians, or Americans. Or movers, and 20 Or pundits, and preachers. Or the Politician. shakers. 21 Or the President. His name will be blotted out forever. 22 The gates of the kingdom of heaven are yet open wide. 23 And all that is truly important are the people who have 24 yet to enter God's kingdom. And the only way that they 25 can enter is by the shed blood of the Lamb of God. 2.6 His blood opened the gates from the foundation of the world. 27 And when He closes no one will be able to open Him. We 2.8 must work while His light is in the world; we must save 29 those who are destined to be saved. We must love those 30 who hate us; and we must bless those who curse us; just 31 as God did for each of us who once hated and cursed Him. 32 If you can truly love the one who hates you -- even just 33 34 once --- then he may hate you just once. But even if his hatred for you continues, so must you continue in truth---35 no matter the cost to you personally. God Himself will 36 37 wipe away every tear. But we must weep as Rachel weeps; even though we cannot understand why God allows what He 38 As American Christians we have been divided by allows. 39 the political intrigues and sophistries of the deceiver. 40 41 White Christians seek social righteousness; while Black Christians seek social justice. Divided in our pursuits, 42 our justice leads only to slavery and our righteousness 43 leads only to depravity. White Christians are about to 44 experience a deprivation of justice; and their brothers 45 and sisters who are Black will be able to give them aid. 46 And Black Christians are about to experience repentance 47 concerning social righteousness; and their brothers and 48 sisters who are White will be able to give them support. 49 We are not Democrats and we are not Republicans. We 50 are citizens of the kingdom of the Lion and the Lamb of 51 God. May we strive to :keep the commandments of God and 52 hold to the testimony of Jesus: even to our last breath.

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