

The Babel Pit

"Let us build a Tower whose top may reach unto Heaven."

~ Genesis 11:4 ~

In ancient days, Humanity sought to build a 'stairway to Heaven' in the form of a great physical structure known as the Tower of Babel. (Gen. 11:1-9) The inspiration for this endeavor was Lucifer, the 'Bringer of Light,' who was responsible for instilling Humanity with a self-consciousness nature.

Mythologically, Lucifer was the angel who wanted to be God, and was subsequently cast down into the material world for His ambitions. Contrary to popular opinion, it was actually Lucifer, in the form of a serpent in the Garden of Eden, that tempted Eve to reach up towards the 'forbidden fruit' that would make her Divine. That forbidden fruit was actually our self-conscious nature. This is evidenced by the fact that Adam and Eve were *unaware* that they were naked until after they had eaten the forbidden fruit. (Gen. 3:9-11)

Consequently, it was the aspiration of Lucifer that inspired Humanity into believing that they could also attain to the nature of the Divine. This resulted in their attempt to enter Heaven 'by their own hand' through the building of the Tower of Babel. However, the Bible tells us that God thwarted their efforts by 'confounding their language,' thereby making it impossible for the builders to communicate with each other. In quite a similar fashion, the builders of our modern age, who are seeking to guide us into Heaven through socio-political means, no longer seem to be able to communicate, or cooperate with each other.

In a more positive vein, we must also keep in mind that it was also the upward reaching nature of Lucifer that lifted Humanity out of the 'Garden of Eden,' in order to potentially

duplicate the nature of Jesus Christ, and thereby bring heaven to earth, wherever we are. For it is written that Jesus said, "...the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Mat. 4:17) In other words, when something is 'at hand,' it is right there in front of us, here and now.

In today's post modern era, the nature of Lucifer is fading, and the forces associated with Satan, the 'Lord of Darkness,' are growing stronger. Furthermore, this Darkness embodies itself in human beings as unconsciousness. Consequently, Humanity is engaged in a collective process that takes us in the opposite direction of that intended by Lucifer. In other words, instead of rising up into higher states of consciousness, we are being pulled down into the darkness of our subconscious nature, which fulfills the intentions of Satan. In this sense, we could say that, instead of building a great tower, Humanity is actually digging a great 'Babel Pit' for Itself. This is because the Satanic nature is highly deceptive. Consequently, Humanity has been deceived into believing that they are progressing towards Heaven, as they are digging a 'pit to Hell.'

The mechanism by which are entering into a 'Hell of our own creation,' is through the simultaneous blessing and curse of modern technology. It is here that we must keep in mind the great universal Law of Worship, which states that: 'We become whatever we give our full attention to.' Consequently, if we daily place our attention exclusively upon modern technology, which is made up of unconscious electronic devices, then we begin to turn ourselves into *automatons*, which are nothing more than unconscious biological devices. Furthermore, as this occurs, we can easily be programmed by a variety of deceptive mass media propaganda efforts.

This phenomena is evidenced by the growing number of movies and TV dramas in our modern culture that feature a merging of human beings with bio-technology. This usually takes the form of various types of technologically enhanced cyborgs or computers and robots that supposedly develop that uniquely human quality of self-consciousness. The absurd conclusion to this trend is just another Tower of Babel misadventure, based upon the belief that we can live forever by becoming a machine, and thereby become a God.



Of course, we can defeat the deadening effects of our modern technology, through a 'daily dedicated spiritual practice.' By daily turning our attention towards the super-conscious Source of our being, we begin to become more highly conscious, instead of slipping back into our primitive unconscious nature. In other words, when we think about God, instead of our smart phone, we begin to duplicate the nature of the Divine, which is characterized by Love, Peace and Joy.

In our modern era, those who embrace an exclusively Luciferic nature tend to develop what is known as 'Monastery Consciousness.' Such individuals might be called *Highlanders*, consisting of mystics, artists, philosophers, and others who live their lives in accordance with higher, idealistic pursuits. These individuals tend to be somewhat disconnected from the harsh realities of our day-to-day world, but not all that effective within it.

On the other hand, those who embrace a decidedly Satanic nature tend to develop a highly materialistic 'Downtown Consciousness,' devoid of any sort of religious, spiritual or higher idealistic motivations. Such individuals are considered to be *Flatlanders*,

who generally attempt to flatten lofty metaphysical ideals down into restrictive 'material mandates,' which they like to impose upon others, so that everyone is pulled down to their own level.

It is important for us to realize, that one of the main tools that Lucifer uses to accomplish His lofty ambitions, is *Religion*. Alternatively, the instrument that Satan is currently using to accomplish His nefarious goals, is *Science*. However, this does not mean that we should abandon either Religion or Science, instead we must establish a harmonious balance between them. Consequently, we must come to realize that the 'Royal Middle Way' between the paths of Lucifer and Satan is the 'Way of the Lord,' Jesus Christ.

Therefore, in this modern age, the tool we must use to live a healthy, happy and prosperous life, according to Jesus Christ, must be a synthesis, or integration of Religion and Science. In this sense, traditional Christianity, which is exclusively a Religion, will not suffice. Consequently, we must embrace a higher form of Christianity that is unitive in nature, and free of all dualistic dogmas. In other words, it is the spiritual technology of 'Religious Science' that allows us to duplicate the nature of Jesus Christ in our lives, and thereby declare for ourselves that "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Mat. 10:7)

*Pray every day, lest you
become a Terminator**

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* A reference to a 1984 motion picture about a cyborg assassin disguised as a human being.