

# **GOD CREATED EVIL SO THAT GRACE WOULD ABOUND**

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## **THE ORIGINAL PARADIGM**

**In the Beginning YHWH Created the Kosmos Good and Evil and Declared it to be Very Good. This is the Original Paradigm for Understanding YHWH, the True God. This Paradigm is clearly Revealed in the Holy Bible.**

## **YHWH IS KNOWN BY THE THINGS HE HAS MADE**

As part of his Creation of Evil, YHWH Created: (1) Evil itself, which is real, and not merely a negation of Good; (2) the Temptation of Hidden Wisdom in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; (3) an Evil Creature with no Truth in him from the Beginning in order to Lie and Tempt Mankind with the Tree; and (4) in order that all of this preparation for Temptation was not Created in Vain, YHWH Made Mankind, in his own Image, Male and Female, with a dual nature too weak to resist the Temptation.

## **YHWH DOES LEAD MANKIND INTO TEMPTATION**

We therefore see that YHWH, the True God, does indeed lead Mankind into Temptation, which is why his Son taught us to pray to him that he would not. ((Matthew 6:13.) This view is contrary to that taught by the Antichrist James, the Evil brother of Jesus. (James 1:13; cf. Genesis 22:1.) It is likely that James rejected the teaching of his brother due to the creeping influence of Platonism upon traditional Jewish understanding, which is one of the reasons Jesus probably did not trust him. (See, e.g., John 7:1-10.) Another reason may have been jealousy, for James, with the rest of his family, attempted to seize Jesus after accusing him of being crazy, since Christ had rejected all of his brothers as Apostles in favor of several of his cousins, the sons of Alphaeus/Clopas. (Mark 3:13-21,31-35.) Of course, ultimately, James had his revenge, setting himself up as the Antichrist in Jerusalem over the 12 Apostles. (Acts 15, 21.) It is mainly due to the Evil influence of the Letter of James that the Original Paradigm was erased from Christian memory.

Thus, for most of Christian history the Original Paradigm that God created Evil and Leads Mankind into Temptation has been lost, misrepresented, or arrogantly dismissed as being either primitive or immoral. How did this Paradigm Shift come about?

## **PARADIGM LOST**

The Paradigm was Lost when the Platonic-Hellenistic World View dominated Classical Antiquity. It viewed the Hebrew God of the Old Testament as an embarrassing petty tribal deity, made in the image of man rather than the other way around; a God who displayed such flawed human characteristics as hatred and jealousy, who judged humans in wrath after hardening their hearts. Under Platonic categories, such an “inferior” deity was not worthy to be worshipped as something greater than man, that is, as something Divine. This creeping Platonism is obvious in the writings of Philo of Alexandria, a Jewish philosopher, and Josephus, the Jewish historian, both who wrote in the First Century of our Common Era. Of course, under Platonic Categories, it is illogical that a Perfectly Good God could also create Evil and Tempt Mankind. But the Knowledge of YHWH, the True God, is contrary to human Wisdom, (1 Corinthians 2:1-16), and can only be known by the things that God has Made. (Romans 1:20.)

It is part of this natural Revelation that causes the human mind to discern that the Kosmos contains Evil, which led the Platonists to reject the idea that a Perfectly Good God could have had anything to do directly with its creation. (E.g., see excerpt from The Republic below.) The Christian

Gnostics took Platonism to its extreme, denying that there was any Goodness in the Creation at all, and that it had, in fact, been created by an Evil demiurge. The Roman Catholic doctrine of the Fall is a modified form of this idea. In all Platonic forms, the material world is essentially Rejected as Evil, Flawed, or Fallen.

### **SOCRATIC DIALECTICS**

According to Socratic dialectics, which never overcame the inherent fallacy of human self-contradiction, the only worthy concept of “God” is that of a God who is Perfectly Good, who is incapable of having anything to do with Evil. Based on Dogma, that is, this a priori assumption, it is therefore concluded that a Perfectly Good can not Cause or Do any Harm or Evil. Such a view effectively eliminates YHWH, the Creator of Good and Evil, from all consideration as the Supreme Being! According to Plato, he cannot even possibly exist. Because of this Dogmatist’s Error, the Original Paradigm was Lost.

### **PLATO'S GOD IS DEAD**

There have been many attempts throughout history to expose this “Dogmatist's Error,” but Plato's ideas seem to exercise a hold on human thought like almost no other lover. A magnificent effort was made in the 19th Century when Nietzsche, sometimes hailed as the prophet of the Twentieth Century, announced in Thus Spake Zarathustra, that the Platonic God of the Western World was Dead!. This became the basis for the famous "God is Dead" debate in the Sixties among the liberal Christian theologians.

### **THE GHOST OF PLATO PAST**

Most of the people living in Classical Antiquity did not have the philosophical sophistication to understand the issues properly, and that is still probably true today. Thus here we are at the dawn of the Twenty-First Century, still having to deal with the Ghost of Plato Past, especially as it influences our perception of the real world, the world that is, as well as our mythological/idealistic/moralistic feelings and thoughts about the way the world should be. The following readings should clarify this.

### **I. YHWH ASSERTS THE ORIGINAL PARADIGM AT THE DAWN OF PHILOSOPHICAL DUALISM, TO HIS CHRIST, CYRUS THE GREAT, THE ZARATHUSTRIAN DUALIST:**

#### **YHWH CREATES EVIL**

“I am YHWH, that is my Name....Thus saith YHWH to his Christ, to Cyrus...that thou mayest have Gnosis that I, YHWH, which Call thee by thy name, am the Elohim of Israel....I am YHWH, and there is none else, there is no Elohim beside me....I am YHWH, and there is none else. I Form the Light, and Create Darkness: I Make Good, and Create Evil: I YHWH Do All these Things.” (Isaiah 42:8a; 45:1a,7 [1QIsa(a), the Great Isaiah Scroll, the oldest in existence]; emphasis added.)

### **II. THE PARADIGM ASSAULTED: PLATO'S IDEAL STATE, THE REPUBLIC, WILL CENSOR ANY IDEA OF GOD THAT STATES OR SUGGESTS THAT GOD CAN CAUSE OR HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EVIL:**

#### **STATE CENSORSHIP IS THE ANSWER TO THE CORRUPTION OF THE YOUTH**

“You know, I [Socrates] said, that we begin by telling children stories which, though not wholly destitute of truth, are in the main fictitious; and these stories are told them when they are not of an age to learn gymnastics.

“Quite right, he [Adeimantus] said....

“Then the first thing will be to establish a censorship of the writers of fiction, and let the censors receive any tale of fiction which is Good, and reject the Bad;...but most of those which are now in use must be discarded.

“Of what tales are you speaking? he said.

### HOMER TO BE CENSORED

“You may find a model of the lesser in the greater, I said; for they are necessarily of the same type, and there is the same spirit in both of them. Those, I said, which are narrated by Homer and Hesiod, and the rest of the poets, who have ever been the great story-tellers of mankind.

“But which stories do you mean, he said; and what fault do you find with them?

“A fault which is most serious; the fault of telling a Lie, and, what is more, a Bad Lie. And when is this fault committed? Whenever an erroneous representation is made of the nature of gods and heroes -- as when a painter paints a portrait not having the shadow of a likeness to the original.

“Yes, he said, that sort of thing is certainly very blameable; but what are the stories which you mean?

### SCANDAL OF THE GODS

“First of all, I said, there was that greatest of all lies, in high places, which the poet told about Uranus, and which was a bad lie too -- I mean what Hesiod says that Uranus did, and how Cronus retaliated on him. The doings of Cronus, and the sufferings which in turn his son inflicted upon him, even if they were true, ought certainly not to be lightly told to young and thoughtless persons; if possible, they had better be buried in silence....

“Why, yes, said he, those stories are extremely objectionable....

### YOUTH IS UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WHAT IS ALLEGORICAL AND WHAT IS LITERAL

“But the narrative of Hephaestus binding Here, his mother, or how on another occasion Zeus sent him flying for taking her part when she was being beaten, and all the battles of the gods in Homer -- these tales must not be admitted into our State, whether they are supposed to have an allegorical meaning or not. For a young person cannot judge what is allegorical and what is literal; anything that he receives into his mind at that age is likely to become indelible and unalterable; and therefore it is most important that the tales which the young first hear should be models of virtuous thoughts.

“There you are right, he replied; but if any one asks where are such models to be found and what tales are you speaking -- how shall we answer him?

### THE GOD OF PLATO

“I said to him, You and I, Adeimantus, at this moment are not poets, but founders of a State: now the founders of a State ought to know the general forms in which poets should cast their tales, and the limits which must be observed by them, but to make the tales is not their business.

“Very true, he said; but what are these Forms of Theology which you mean?

“Something of this kind, I replied: -- God is always to be represented as he truly is, whatever be the sort of poetry, epic, lyric or tragic, in which the representation is given.

“Right.

“And is he not truly Good? and must he not be represented as such?

“Certainly.

“And no Good thing is hurtful?

“No, indeed.

“And that which is not hurtful hurts not?

“Certainly not.

### PLATO'S DIALECTICAL ERROR

“And that which hurts not does no Evil?”

“No.

“And can that which does no Evil be a cause of Evil?”

“Impossible.

“And the Good is advantageous?”

“Yes.

“It follows therefore that the Good is not the Cause of All Things, but of the Good only?”

“Assuredly.

“Then God, if he be Good, is not the Author of All Things, as the many assert, but he is the Cause of a few things only, and not of most things that occur to men. For few are the Goods of human life, and many are the Evils, and the Good is to be attributed to God alone; of the Evils the Causes are to be sought elsewhere, and not to him.

“That appears to me to be most true, he said.”

(From The Republic, by Plato; Book II, 377-379 [Great Books of the Western World, Vol. 6, Chicago: EB, 1950, 2nd Ed. 1990], pp. 320-322; emphasis added. It is obvious that YHWH is not the God of Plato, and, hence, not the God of Orthodox Christian Dogma. What Plato is really outlining is a blueprint for State Totalitarianism, a blueprint that was followed in the Fourth Century by Orthodox Christianity, and in the Twentieth Century by the ruthless, violent republics of Nazi Germany and the U.S.S.R.)

### III. NIETZSCHE CONFRONTS PLATO'S GHOST:

#### THE INVENTION OF PURE SPIRIT

“It seems that, in order to inscribe themselves in the hearts of humanity with eternal demands, all great things have first to wander the earth as monstrous and fear-inspiring grotesques: Dogmatic Philosophy, the doctrine of the Vedanta in Asia and Platonism in Europe for example, was a grotesque of this kind. Let us not be ungrateful to it, even though it certainly has to be admitted that the worst, most wearisome protracted and most dangerous of all errors hitherto has been a dogmatist's error, namely Plato's invention of Pure Spirit and the Good in itself. But now, when that has been overcome, when Europe breathes again after this nightmare and can enjoy at any rate a healthier -- sleep, we whose task is wakefulness itself have inherited all the strength which has been cultivated by the struggle against this error.

#### THE DENIAL OF TRUTH AND PERSPECTIVE

“To be sure, to speak of Spirit and the Good as Plato did meant standing Truth on her head and denying Perspective itself, the basic condition of all Life; indeed, one may ask as a physician: “how could such a malady attack this loveliest product of antiquity, Plato? did the wicked Socrates corrupt him after all? could Socrates have been a corrupter of youth after all? and have deserved his hemlock?” -- But the struggle against Plato, or, to express it more plainly and for “the People,” the struggle against the Christian-Ecclesiastical pressure of millennia -- for Christianity is Platonism for “the People” -- has created in Europe a magnificent tension of the Spirit such as has never existed on earth before: with so tense a bow one can now shoot for the most distant targets.”

(From the Preface of Beyond Good and Evil, by Friedrich Nietzsche [Great Books of the Western World, Vol. 43, Chicago: EB, 1952, 2nd Ed. 1990], p. 463; emphasis added. Nietzsche is usually misunderstood since some of his ideas were misrepresented by the Nazis. Of course, the fact that he rejected anything outside of what can be directly perceived by the senses, such as concepts like God, Sin, and Redemption, did not make him welcome in most of Christianity. Because of the Platonism is Christian Dogma, he considered himself to be an Anti-Christian and even wrote a work

by that name, sometimes titled The Antichrist.)

#### **IV. THE SELF REVELATION OF YHWH: A PERFECTLY GOOD GOD, WHO NOT ONLY CREATES A KOSMOS OF GOOD AND EVIL, BUT REVEALS HIMSELF AS A GOD WHO CAN COMMIT EVIL IN ORDER THAT GRACE WILL ABOUND:**

##### **GOD DOES EVIL AND REPENTS OF IT**

There are numerous examples in the Old Testament where God clearly does or intends on doing Evil and then Repents of it. He did great Evil upon Egypt and Pharaoh. (Deuteronomy 6:22; 28:35,59.) Many times he sent Lying Spirits (Pneumas) and Evil Angels among his own people. (Deuteronomy 13:1-3; Judges 9:23; 1 Samuel 16:14,15,16,23; 18:10; 19:9; 1 Kings 22:20-23; 2 Chronicles 18:17,22; Psalm 78:49.) And even though Satan was the Secondary Cause of the Evil that came to Job, it was still attributed to God as the Primary Cause. (Job 2:11; 42:11; cf., 2 Samuel 24:1 & 1 Chronicles 21:1.) Then there are the countless times God promises to bring Evil upon Israel, David's House, the Temple, and Jerusalem. (E.g., Judges 2:9; 2 Samuel 12:11; 17:14; 1 Kings 9:9; 11:14,23; 14:10; 21:21,29; 2 Kings 22:16; 2 Chronicles 34:24,28; Nehemiah 13:18,27; Jeremiah 4:6; 6:19; 11:11,17,23; 17:18; 18:11; 19:3; 21:10; 23:12; 25:29; 39:16; 40:2; 44:11; 45:11; Micah 1:120.)

And, of course, there are the times God Repents of the Evil he did or intended to do. (E.g., Judges 2:18; Jeremiah 18:18; 23:3,19; Joel 2:13; Jonah 3:10; 4:2.) Unfortunately, it was this overwhelming evidence of God's true nature that was Rejected by the Platonists. The following readings are thus geared to show the grievous error of Platonism and why a true understanding of God is necessary if a student wants to really comprehend the world in which he or she exists: the world that "is," not the world as we would like it to be.

##### **THE ORIGINAL SIN OF THE KOSMOS: THE CREATION OF EVIL**

"In the Beginning Elohim Created the Heaven and the Earth. And the Earth was without Form, and Void; and Darkness was upon the Face of the Deep. And the Pneuma of Elohim Moved upon the Face of the Waters. And Elohim said, Let there be Light: and there was Light...."

"I Form the Light, and Create Darkness; I Make Good, and Create Evil; I YHWH Do All these Things...."

"And Elohim said, Let us Make Man in our Image, after our Likeness....So Elohim Created Man in his own Image, in the Image of Elohim Created he him; Male and Female Created he them...."

"And Elohim saw Every Thing that he had Made, and, Behold, it was Very Good."

(Genesis 1:1,26-27,31; Isaiah 45:7 [IQIsa (a)]; emphasis added.)

##### **GOD'S TEMPTATION TRAP: THE PARADISE OF EDEN**

"And YHWH Elohim planted a Paradise eastward in Eden [Pleasure]; and there he put the Man whom he had Formed. And out of the ground made YHWH Elohim to grow every tree that is Pleasant to the Sight, and Good for food; the Tree of Life also in the Midst of the Paradise, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil...."

"And YHWH Elohim took the Man, and put him into the Paradise of Eden to dress it and keep it. And YHWH Elohim Commanded the Man, saying, Of every tree of the Paradise thou mayest freely eat: but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the Day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt Surely Die...."

"And YHWH Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which YHWH Elohim had taken from Man, Made he a Woman, and brought her unto the Man....And they were both Naked, the Man and his Wife, and were Not Ashamed."

(Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17, 21-25; emphasis added. The relationship between Mankind's sexuality

and shame and guilt is at the heart of modern psychology. To become naked and unashamed is a goal we all need to obtain. The Liberty of the Holy Pneuma provides us with the necessary context in which to achieve this goal.)

### **THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY: THE CREATION OF SATAN, THE DEVIL**

“Now the Serpent was more Crafty than any beast of the field which YHWH Elohim had Made. And he said unto the Woman, Yea, hath Elohim said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the Paradise? And the Woman said unto the Serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the Paradise: but of the Fruit of the Tree which is in the Midst of the Paradise, Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye Die.

“And the Serpent said unto the Woman, Ye shall not Surely Die: for Elohim doth know that in the Day ye eat thereof, then your Eyes shall be Opened, and ye shall be as Elohim, Knowing Good and Evil.”

(Genesis 3:1-5; emphasis added. When animals talk, we should know that we are in the realm of fable, a device used in wisdom literature. Animal imagery is even more prevalent in the Book of Revelation, where the Serpent is identified with the Great Red Dragon, Satan, and the Devil. [Revelation 12:9.] It appears that Christ drew on the Genesis account for his teaching on the Origin of the Devil, to wit, that Satan was Created Evil from the Beginning: “He was a Murderer from the Beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaketh a Lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a Liar, and the Father of it.” [John 8:44; cf., 1 John 3:8: “For the Devil Sinneth from the Beginning.”])

The Biblical Satan is thus not the Devil of the Platonic Myth of a Good Angel gone Bad, that is, an Angel Created Good, who, out of Pride, subsequently Sinned and Fell from Grace; a Myth that ignores the plain teaching of Scripture, replacing it with prophecies to human kings [Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28].) It became necessary for Orthodox Dogma to invent this Myth of Satan because, having Rejected the traditional Jewish view of God for a Platonic one, it became endlessly stuck in the mental trap of how a Perfectly Good God could have allowed Evil to come into existence to begin with. To this day Orthodox Dogma still struggles with the existence of Evil.)

### **BY HIS SELF-CONTRADICTORY KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, MANKIND BECOMES ASHAMED OF HIS OWN FLESH, PRESAGING PLATONISM'S REJECTION OF THE MATERIAL WORLD**

“And when the Woman saw that the Tree was Good for food, and that it was Pleasant to the Eyes, and a Tree to be Desired to make one Wise, she took of the Fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her Husband with her; and he did eat. And the Eyes of them both were Opened, and they Knew that they were Naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

“And they heard the Voice of YHWH Elohim Walking in the Paradise in the cool of the day: and Adam and his Wife hid themselves from the Presence of YHWH Elohim amongst the trees of the Paradise.

“And YHWH Elohim Called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy Voice in the Paradise, and I was afraid, because I was Naked: and I hid myself.

“And he said, Who told thee that thou wast Naked? Hast thou eaten of the Tree, whereof I Commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

“And the Man said, The Woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the Tree, and I did eat. And YHWH Elohim said unto the Woman, What is this that thou hast done?

“And the Woman said, The Serpent Beguiled me, and I did eat....

### **DRIVEN FROM THE PARADIGM**

“And YHWH Elohim said, Behold, the Man is Become as one of us, to Know Good and Evil:

and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and Live Forever: therefore YHWH Elohim sent him forth from the Paradise of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

“So he Drove out the Man; and he placed at the East of the Paradise of Eden Cherubim, and a Flaming Sword which turned Every Way, to keep the Way of the Tree of Life.”

(Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17, 21-23, 25 -- 3:13, 20-24; emphasis added. Note that it was impossible for this story to have any other outcome since God had rigged the deck from the Beginning.)

### **GOD'S TRUTH BECOMES A LIE AND SATAN'S LIE BECOMES THE TRUTH**

“And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his Eikon; and called his name Seth; and the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters: and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he Died.”

(Genesis 5:1-5; emphasis added. In order for God to have Mercy on Adam, he had to eat his own words: Adam does not Surely Die in the Day he eats, thus making the Serpent's Lie partially come True; in fact, Adam lives for almost another thousand years before he returns to the dust from which he came.)

## **V. YHWH DOES EVIL SO THAT GRACE WILL ABOUND:**

### **TO “SEE” YHWH: MOUNT MORIYAH**

One of the most profound Secrets of YHWH's Creation of Evil is Mount Moriyah (“to See YHWH”; cf., 2 Chronicles 3:1). It is on this Mount, still central in world history today, and just below it, that the Preincarnate Christ makes three extraordinary Appearances: **(1)** as the mysterious Melchizedek, Priest-King of Salem, the Gentile Shrine of El Elyon, who blesses Abram; **(2)** as the Angel of YHWH in Heaven, the Voice of God to Abraham; and **(3)** as the Killer Angel of YHWH on Moriyah, the Image of God, who is “Seen” by David. These Appearances are Keys to the Mystery of the Gospel, which will be fulfilled when the Man Jesus Christ (the full Incarnation of the Angel of YHWH) makes his final Appearance on Moriyah, on the Cross, and below it Three Days later in his Resurrected Body.

It is our teaching that the Angel of YHWH was the Preincarnate Christ King of Zion based on several passages in the Old Testament where to “See” or “Hear” the Angel of YHWH was the same as Seeing or Hearing YHWH himself: that is, the Angel of YHWH was his Image on Earth. (See, e.g., Abraham's conversation with the Angel of YHWH before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah: Genesis 19; Jacob wrestling with the Angel, after which he had Gnosis that he had seen God Face-to-Face: Genesis 32:24-30 [Jacob asks the Angel his Name but all he gets is a blessing]; Moses has an encounter with the Angel of YHWH in the burning bush, who is also Called God's Presence, who goes before them and leads them into battle as the Captain of God's Army: Exodus 3:2; 14:19; 23:20,23; 32:34; 33:2,14; Numbers 20:16; Joshua 5:13-15; Gideon attains knowledge that the Angel of YHWH is the Image of YHWH: Judges 6:12-23; and the father of Samson not only receives knowledge that the Angel is God's Image, but is told that his name is “Wonderful,” a title of the Divine Christ King of Zion: Judges 13:3-22 & Isaiah 9:6.)

Of course, some passages in the Orthodox New Testament cast doubt on this teaching, as in Matthew 2:13, where the Angel of the Lord tells Joseph in a dream that the child Jesus's life is in danger from Herod, but this can be explained by the mystical teaching that the Pneuma of Jesus was both on Earth and in Heaven at the same time, a teaching that Jesus himself seemed to favor (see, e.g., Matthew 22:41-46). The teaching that the Pneuma of YHWH and the Angel of YHWH are synonymous is also borne out in Acts 8:26,29,39, dealing with Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, a teaching also supported by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:17 and Colossians 1:27, where we are

told that the Lord is the Pneuma, and that he is in us, the Hope of Glory. Based on this authority, the following readings are submitted to show the relationship between the Preincarnate Christ and Mount Moriyah.

Mount Moriyah, as the texts below reveal, rises above the Valley of Shaveh, where Abram was blessed by Melchizedek (Genesis 14:17-20). A thousand years later, David becomes Melchizedek on Moriyah, and all of his Sons inherit this Priesthood (2 Samuel 24; 8:18; Psalm 110:1-4). After another thousand years, Jesus Christ, as a Son of David, Dies in this Place as another Melchizedek (Hebrews 7-9). Note the “Third Day” theme in the second and third Keys, and the bread and wine theme, vis-a-vis, the Last Supper, in the first Key.

**THE FIRST KEY: ABRAM BLESSED BY YHWH:  
THE KEY OF MELCHIZEDEK**

“And the King of Sodom went out to meet [Abram] after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the Kings that were with him, at the Valley of Shaveh, which is the King's Dale. And Melchizedek King of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the Priest of El Elyon. And he Blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of El Elyon, Possessor of Heaven and Earth: and Blessed be El Elyon, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

“And the King of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the King of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto YHWH, El Elyon, the Possessor of Heaven and Earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich.” (Genesis 14:17-23.)

**THE SECOND KEY: YHWH TEMPTS ABRAHAM:  
THE KEY OF ABRAHAM**

“And it came to pass after these things, that Elohim Did Tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the Land of Moriyah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

“And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the Place of which Elohim had told him. Then on the Third Day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the Place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the donkey; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

“And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the Lamb for a burnt offering?

“And Abraham said, My son, Elohim will provide himself a Lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the Place which Elohim had told him of; and Abraham built an Altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the Altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

“And the Angel of YHWH Called unto him out of Heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I have Gnosis that thou fearest Elohim, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

“And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that Place YHWH-YIREH: as it is said to this day, In the

Mount of YHWH he shall See.

“And the Angel of YHWH Called unto Abraham out of Heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I Sworn, saith YHWH, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in Blessing I will Bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy Seed as the Stars of Heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore: and thy Seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy Seed shall All the Nations be Blessed; because thou hast Obeyed my Voice.

(Genesis 22:1-19; emphasis added.)

### **THE THIRD KEY: YHWH MOVES DAVID TO SIN: THE KEY OF DAVID**

#### **DAVID TAKES ZION**

“And the King and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land....Nevertheless, David took the Stronghold of Zion: the same is the City of David....So David dwelt in the Fort and called it the City of David.” (2 Samuel 5:6-7.)

#### **YHWH MOVES DAVID TO SIN**

“And again the anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel, and he Moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. For the King said to Joab the Captain of the Host, which was with him, Go now through all the Tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people....

“And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto YHWH, I have Sinned Greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O YHWH, take away the Iniquity of thy Servant; for I have done very foolishly. For when David was up in the morning, the Rhema of YHWH came unto the Prophet Gad, David's Seer, saying, Go and say unto David, Thus saith YHWH, I offer thee Three Things; choose thee one of them, that I may Do it unto thee. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be Three Days' Pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

“And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the Hand of YHWH; for his Mercies are Great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So YHWH sent a Pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the Time Appointed: and there Died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

“And when the Angel stretched out his Hand upon Jerusalem to Destroy it, YHWH Repented him of the Evil, and said to the Angel that Destroyed the people, It is enough: Stay Now thine Hand. And the Angel of YHWH was by the Threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.

“And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an Altar unto YHWH in the Threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.” (2 Samuel 24:1-2,10-18.)

#### **DAVID MADE MELCHIZEDEK**

“And Araunah said, Wherefore is my Lord the King come to his servant? And David said, To buy the Threshingfloor of thee, to build an Altar unto YHWH, that the Plague may be Stayed from the people. And Araunah said unto David, Let my Lord the King take and offer up what seemeth Good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. All these things did Araunah, as a King [the prior Melchizedek of Zion], give unto the King. And Araunah said unto the King, YHWH thy Elohim accept thee [as the New Melchizedek]....So David bought the Threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

“And David built there an Altar unto YHWH, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So YHWH was Intreated for the land, and the Plague was Stayed from Israel....Then David said, This

is the House of YHWH Elohim, and this is the Altar of the burnt offering for Israel....

“Yet have I set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion. I will Declare the Decree: YHWH hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I Begotten thee.... YHWH said to my Lord, Sit thou at my Right Hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. YHWH shall send the Rod of thy Strength out of Zion: Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.... YHWH hath Sworn, and will Not Repent, Thou art a Priest Forever [Olam] after the Order of Melchizedek.... [A]nd David's sons were Priests.” (2 Samuel 24:19-25; Psalms 2:7; 110:1-2,4; 2 Samuel 8:18b.)

### **DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO ZION**

“So David went and brought up the Ark of Elohim from the House of Obededom into the City of David with gladness.... And they brought in the Ark of YHWH, and set it in his Place, in the midst of the Tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH.... In Salem also is his Tabernacle, and his Dwelling Place in Zion.” (2 Samuel 6:12b,17.)

### **SOLOMON MOVES ZION TO MOUNT MORIYAH**

“Then Solomon began to build the House of YHWH at Jerusalem in Mount Moriyah, where YHWH Appeared unto David his father, in the Place that David had prepared in the Threshingfloor of [Araunah] the Jebusite.... And the Priests brought in the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH unto his Place, into the Oracle of the House, to the Most Holy Place, even under the Wings of the Cherubim.” (1 Kings 8:6; since 1 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21 are out of chronological order, it is almost impossible to tell whether David moved the Ark to Zion prior to numbering the people or afterwards. It is our opinion that he numbered the people and became Melchizedek prior to moving to Ark to Zion since: (1) when he brought the Ark up to Zion he wore a linen ephod, thus designating his Priestly status; (2) after he brought up the Ark we hear nothing more of Gad the Seer, who is replaced by Nathan the Prophet, who tells David he cannot build the House of YHWH in his lifetime, but his Son would, presupposing that Moriyah had already been purchased at the time; (3) and, finally, the Tabernacle he erected for the Ark already spoke of his Royal Priesthood, which was not established until he purchased Moriyah. It is also noteworthy that at this time that the Mosaic Tabernacle was located at Gibeon, and was not reunited with the Ark until Solomon's House of YHWH was completed [2 Chronicles 1:3; 5:1-8]. In the House of YHWH, the Aaronic and Melchizedekian Priesthoods coexisted until the time of King Uzziah, the Leper King [2 Chronicles 26], and fierce competition between the two can be discerned between the lines until then.)

### **CONCLUSION: GOD CREATED EVIL SO THAT GRACE WOULD ABOUND**

The Covenant of Sonship that YHWH made with the House of David (2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89) is the New Covenant of the New Testament (Isaiah 42:6; 49:8; 55:3; 59:20-21; 61:8; Jeremiah 31:31; Acts 13:34), which was confirmed by the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25). This Covenant is one of Eternal Grace and Mercy and makes All Sinners Justified and Sons of God (2 Samuel 7:14-16; Psalm 89:26-37; Psalms 32:1-2; Romans 4:5-8). It Frees All Sinners for All Time from the Fear of Eternal Punishment.

Finally, the teaching that God Created Evil so that Grace would Abound is taught without ambiguity in Romans 5:18-21: “For if by One Man's Offense Death Reigned by One; much more they which receive Abundance of Grace and the Gift of Righteousness shall Reign in Life by One, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the Offense of One Judgment came upon All Men to Condemnation; even so by the Righteousness of One the Free Gift came upon All Men unto Justification of Life. For as by One Man's Disobedience Many were made Sinners, so by the Obedience of One shall Many be made Righteous. Moreover the Law entered, that the Offense might Abound. But where Sin Abounded, Grace did much more Abound: that as Sin hath Reigned unto Death, even so might Grace Reign

through Righteousness unto Eternal Life by Jesus Christ Our Lord.” (Emphasis added).

In Antinomian Universalism, the words “All,” “Many,” and “Our,” are all-inclusive for All Sinners throughout Eternity. When we say, “Christ Died for our Sins” (1 Corinthians 15:3), “our” means All Sinners for All time. That All Sinners are Saved and will Rise in Christ is also taught without ambiguity in 1 Corinthians 15:20-22: “But now is Christ Risen from the Dead, and Become the Firstfruits of them that Slept. For since by Man came Death, by Man came also the Resurrection of the Dead. For as in Adam All Die, even so in Christ shall All be Made Alive.”

Finally, that the Melchizedekian Priesthood is Eternal and makes the Aaronic Priesthood and the Law of Moses Obsolete is also taught without ambiguity in Hebrews 7:11-22: “If therefore Perfection were by the Levitical Priesthood, (for uder it the people received the Law,) what further need was there that Another Priest should rise after the Order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the Order of Aaron? For the Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a Change also of the Law. For he whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another Tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which Tribe Moses spake nothing concerning Priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the Similitude of Melchizedek there ariseth Another Priest, who is Made, not after the Law of a Carnal Commandment, but after the Power of an Endless Life. For he Testifieth, Thou art a Priest Forever after the Order of Melchizedek.

“For there is Verily a Disannulling of the Commandment going before for the Weakness and Unprofitableness thereof. For the Law made nothing Perfect, but the bringing in of Better Hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an Oath he was made Priest: (for those priests were made without an Oath; but this with an Oath by him that said unto him, YHWH Sware and will not Repent, Thou art a Priest Forever after the Order of Melchizedek:) by so much was Jesus made a Surety of a Better Covenant.” (Emphasis added).