

# **DICTIONARY OF CONTEMPORARY MYTHOLOGY**

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## INTRODUCTION

*Dictionary of Contemporary Mythology* is not intended to be an encyclopedia. Entries are accordingly limited to the amount of information necessary to identify a person, place or concept, and delineate its connection with mythology. For the purpose at hand, I have defined *mythology* very widely. Entries pertaining to grammar, for example, are included to illustrate the myth that sub-standard English is as valid a dialect as Standard English, a myth that limits any student who believes it to the lowest-paying menial occupations.

The most numerous entries are those devoted to topics that are widely recognized as mythological: religion and metaphysical subjects, parapsychology and paranormal subjects, the supernatural, the occult, tabloid tipsters, and folk legends. Many ancient gods are listed, not because they have modern-day believers but because myths once told of older gods continue to be told in connection with newer gods.

Entries pertaining to historical beliefs are strictly factual. That does not mean that when Osiris is described as a “resurrected savior-god,” the reader should believe Osiris *really* rose from the dead. It means, rather, that the ancient Egyptians *believed* that Osiris rose from the dead.

Entries calling for value judgments, such as those pertaining to political philosophies or non-empirical theological propositions, are treated from what is commonly termed a “liberal” perspective. Persons who believe that an identical act in identical circumstances can be evil when Hitler does it but virtuous by definition when a tribal god does it, or that a society should allow persons who cannot find employment to starve to death, will find no comfort here.

A few entries are intended only to be comical. A reasonable reader will have no difficulty identifying them as such.

A small number of entries include references for further reading, particularly where persons emotionally committed to a relevant belief system may question facts stated in the entry. I have not, however, given a reference for any fact proven in my: *Mythology’s Last Gods: Yahweh and Jesus*. Most such facts are, in any case, widely agreed upon by biblical historians, and disputed only by practitioners of theology, a discipline in which evidence is manipulated to fit predetermined conclusions.

Information herein is bound to be very different from what is to be found in dictionaries and encyclopedias compiled by proponents of the belief systems with which this book deals.

## A

**Aaron** According to the Yahwist, a Levite and the natural brother of Moses. In fact Aaron was neither a Levite nor Moses' brother, although Moses may well have had himself adopted by Aaron's father in order to make himself, an Egyptian prince, acceptable to the Israelites. Aaron was Moses' interpreter, since Moses could not speak Hebrew. Aaron was an Israelite, whereas the Levites were a Jewish tribe. Prior to the Israelites and Jews forming an alliance after Moses' death, the only connection between the two peoples was that they spoke mutually comprehensible Semitic languages. Aaron was the Israelites' high priest c 1240 BCE, and from the time of King David, Jewish high priests claimed descent from him.

**Abaddon** In JOB, a consciously metaphorical personification of destruction; literally personified in REVELATION as the messenger demon who was king of the locusts.

**abbot** (= "father") Dictator of a monastery.

**Abd-er-Rahman III** Caliph, 891-961 CE, who turned Spain into an oasis of culture and learning at a time when Christian Europe was at the height of a Dark Age of ignorance and church-enforced stupidity. The Caliph's lifestyle, based on defiance of the Koran, leaves little doubt that, like a number of medieval popes, he was an atheist.

**Abdon, Saint** Canonization of Abaddon.

**Abednego** In DANIEL, Babylonian name of Azaryahuw, one of three Jews thrown into a furnace for refusing to pay homage to Babylonian gods, and miraculously rescued by Yahweh. The myth of a Jewish hero saved by his god when thrown into a furnace was previously told of Abraham, who was so treated by King Nimrod of Assyria. Abednego's fellow furnace fodder were Shadrakh (Hananyahuw) and Meshakh (Miyshael).

**Abel** According to the Yahwist, victim of the first homicide. The origin of the myth was the practice, which lasted about 2000 years from the late fourth to the late second millennium BCE, of appointing *sacred kings* who would reign as consort of a ruling priestess-queen for a limited period, and then be ritually sacrificed by their successors. Somewhere along the line a sacred king conceived the idea of extending his life and reign by sacrificing a substitute "king for a day." The substitute, prior to his execution, would be ritually married to the priestess-queen, and adopted by the mother-goddess through her mortal incarnation, thereby becoming the killer's brother and father, as well as his mother's husband. The incestuous and patricidal elements of the myth were omitted from the Abel fable, but can be found in the equivalent Greek myth of Oedipus, Laios and Iokasta.

**Abelard, Peter** Christian mythologist, 1079-1142 CE, who wrote, "The suffering of hermits and martyrs is all wasted, for God is a gentle and friendly God who derives no pleasure from such things." As an opponent of masochism and proponent of a non-sadistic god, Abelard was inevitably condemned as a heretic in 1141, and his condemnation was upheld and reaffirmed by Pope Innocent II.

**Abiyamolokh** According to the Yahwist, the Palestinian king of Gerar to whom Isaac pandered his wife Rebekah; according to the Elohist, the Palestinian king of Gerar to whom Abraham pandered his wife Sarah. In both versions of the myth, the patriarch informed Abiyamolokh that his wife was merely his sister. In fact no Palestinians, also called Philistines, settled in Phoenicia in large enough numbers to build a city until four centuries after the latest date that the Jewish patriarchs could have lived.

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**abominable and detestable crime against nature** Just what this peculiar crime was, was never defined, and for that reason the Supreme Court of the United States declared that laws criminalizing it were unconstitutional. However, in all prosecutions under AADCAN statutes, evidence was introduced that the accused had engaged in pederasty, a form of sexual recreation first criminalized by Zarathustra *c* 650 BCE. If there indeed exists an abominable and detestable crime against nature, it is surely the perversion of sexual abstinence.

**abominable snowman** *see* yeti

**abomination** Anything that is anti-human and lacking any redeeming social value—such as godworship.

**abomination, desolation-inducing** In DANIEL 12:11, the statue of Olympian Zeus that Antiokhos IV placed in Yahweh's temple in 168 BCE; in MARK 13:14, the occupation of the temple by Zealots in 66 CE. The author of MARK knew that the Nazirites had fled Jerusalem soon after that event, and accordingly put into the mouth of Jesus a retroactive prophecy that his future followers should escape before the outbreak of the Roman-Jewish War that was currently in progress at the time that MARK was written.

**abortion** Spontaneous or, more commonly, deliberately induced, expulsion from the womb of a non-viable fetus. At no time in human history, including the present, has abortion not been the most widely practised form of birth control on earth. Prior to the nineteenth century CE, belief that abortion might be immoral was about as widespread as belief that table tennis might be immoral. Then in 1830 the United States defined abortion as a criminal offense, primarily because such a law was expected to prevent whites from under-breeding while their black slaves over-bred into a majority. The Roman Catholic Church continued to adhere to the Doctrine of Passive Conception, under which abortion prior to quickening was not a sin because an unquickened fetus was soulless, until 1869, when Pope Pius IX reversed his predecessors and ruled that a fetus possesses a soul from the instant of conception. Modern enforcement of anti-abortion laws constitutes state endorsement of a religion, and is based on the godworshippers' ignorance of how recently religion changed its position on this issue. The Catholic Church in particular has never opposed killing the unborn, since the Inquisition burned pregnant women by the thousands, and cases are on record of a woman giving birth on the stake, and the presiding priest throwing the infant into the flames. The abortion of a non-sentient pre-human tadpole is about as immoral as killing any other tadpole, which also has the potential to evolve into a human being in a few million years. In an overpopulated world, enforced prevention of abortion, if effective, will and must result in the starvation-extinction of the human race.

**Abraham** Character in GENESIS who, although partly a historical Jewish sheikh of *c* 1800 BCE, is also a composite of several other holders of the same sheikly title from the third, second and first millennium BCE; promoted to demigod status by his ancestor-worshipping tribe after his death. The earliest Abraham who contributed to the biblical character was a volcano-worshipper associated with the last eruption of Mount Yahweh in Anatolia, which buried Sodom and Khomorah. Abraham Prime was a worshipper of Yahweh as a deified phallus. Although most of the legends told of Abraham, such as his miraculous rescue from a blazing furnace, had no factual basis, fables in GENESIS are sufficiently unflattering to leave no doubt that the various Abrahams contributing to the legend were persons from history, not demythologized gods.

**Abraham, Book of** Imaginative fiction by Joseph Smith, founder of the original American LDS church. Prior to the discovery of the Rosetta Stone and the consequent decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphics, Smith claimed that his *Abraham* was a translation of papyri in his possession. It is now known that the papyri, some of them allegedly translated upside down, were in fact funerary

scrolls. In any field but religion, Smith's exposure as a liar would have discredited his every other fantastic claim—but that is not the way religion operates.

**Absalom** Third son of King David. Absalom killed David's eldest son and heir, his half-brother Amnon, ostensibly as an act of vengeance for Amnon's refusal to acknowledge Absalom's full sister, Tamar, as his wife after raping her, but more likely as a step toward securing the throne for himself. Absalom was the most physically attractive of David's sons, and the most loved. Probably he counted heavily on his father's love to enable him to get away with the murder of Amnon. Absalom was also popular with the Jewish masses and, as David's reign became more and more tyrannical, Absalom was able to instigate an uprising aimed at placing Absalom on the throne. David was forced to flee from Jerusalem, and for possibly as long as three years Absalom ruled unchallenged. When Absalom finally marched against David's gathering army, in a civil war that may have contributed to the Arthur-Modred myth, Absalom was defeated and summarily executed by David's field commander.

**absolution** The formal act of a priest or other intermediary informing a taboo-breaker that his god has forgiven the penitent's failure to grant blind, unquestioning obedience to the priest's every command.

**abstinence** *see* masochism

**AC/DC** *see* bisexualism

**Acacius, Saint** Canonization of Armenian wood nymph, animus of the life-giving acacia tree.

**Achilles, Saint** Canonization of Greek demigod Akhilleus.

**acosmism** The doctrine that the universe is unreal and that only a god exists. Hegel coined the word and somewhat dubiously applied it to the philosophy of Spinoza. It better describes the philosophy of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, whose present-day followers generally prefer to remain ignorant of their founder's masturbation fantasies as the only way to retain their status as believers.

**acquired immune deficiency syndrome** *see* AIDS

**act of God** Loophole in insurance policies that allows the insurance company to cheat the policy holder by pretending that a nonexistent psychopath in the sky cannot be insured against. Even though godworshippers label as "acts of God" natural disasters that cause trillions of dollars worth of damage and kill hundreds of thousands of human beings, thereby in effect holding their god personally responsible for appalling atrocities, they nonetheless simultaneously maintain that their god can do no wrong, and find him not guilty of the very crimes that they attribute to him.

**Acton principle** Principle that "power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** Book in the Christian canon that is a continuation of the anonymous gospel known as LUKE, written by the same author but incorporating several first-person narrative passages from a source document written by a fellow missionary of Paul of Tarsus. ACTS contains much that is incompatible with anything a close associate of Paul could have written.

**Acts of Peter** Manichean document of c 200 CE, excluded from the Christian canon even though its contents provided the only basis for the Roman Catholic pretence that Peter traveled to Rome and was executed there. Peter has been retroactively designated the first pope on the basis of this *Acts*, even though its spuriousness is acknowledged and there is no other reason for believing Peter ever visited Rome in his life.

**acupuncture** A form of medical quackery long practised in China and now gaining a foothold in the West. The theory behind acupuncture is similar to that of phrenology, palmistry and chiropractic,

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a pretended connection between parts of the skin and internal organs located in different parts of the body. No evidence of such a connection has ever been presented, and a study published in *Lancet*, May 26, 1984, found that acupuncture works only on patients preconditioned to believe in its validity, and whose recovery can therefore be attributed to suggestion. Acupuncture continues to be endorsed by the scientifically illiterate for the same reason that chiropractic, faithhealing and naturopathy continue to be endorsed: because treatment by any one of those forms of placebo medicine is followed by recovery in the eighty percent of all ailments that would have been healed by the body's natural defenses in the absence of any treatment whatsoever.

**A.D.** Archaic terminology, offensive to Christians when interpreted as *anno deceptitatis*, and offensive to all others when interpreted as *anno domini*, by which the Common Era (CE) continues to be designated by persons whose mythology tells them that a dead Jew is the *dominus* of the universe.

**Adam** Masculinization of Adamah, the primeval Hebrew earth mother. By the time of the Yahwist, author of the biblical Adam and Eve fable, *adam* had ceased to be the common word for "human," having been replaced by a word derived from the name of the deified vulva. According to GENESIS, Adam was the first human, created by Yahweh, c 4000 BCE. According to every relevant branch of science, humans evolved more than a million years earlier than that.

**Adam, second** In early Jewish mythology: the man who would atone for the sin of the first Adam and thereby win back Yahweh's favor; to the Yahwist: the man who did precisely that, namely, Noah; to post-exilic Jews: the prophesied Messiah who would restore the Jewish monarchy and usher in a theocracy in which death, the punishment imposed on the first Adam and his descendants, would be abolished; to Paul of Tarsus: Jesus the Nazirite.

**adamah** Hebrew word that in the Yahwist's time meant "clay" and "red," but originally meant Earth as mother of all life.

**Adamites** An early Christian sect that, on the basis of the argument that clothing was imposed on the first Adam as a mark of guilt, and the second Adam (Jesus) had restored humankind's innocence, practised nudity.

**Adams, John** Second President of the United States. Adams was an atheist who, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson dated May 15, 1817, quoted, "This would be the best of all possible worlds if there was no religion in it."

**Adam's rib** *see* Ninti.

**Adamuw** Sumerian prototype of Adam, who, like his Hebrew counterpart, committed the act that deprived humankind of immortality. The Yahwist changed the myth, so that Adam's crime was that he ate the fruit that was an opposition deity's sacramental vulva. In the Yahwist's Sumerian source, the gods wished to restrict immortality to themselves, so they tricked Adamuw into *not* eating the fruit of the tree of life, by deluding him that eating it would kill him.

**addict** A person who has a physical or psychological compulsion to continue consuming a product such as alcohol, heroin or religion that systematically cripples all who habitually use it.

**Adonay** Inflected form of the Hebrew word for "Mister," meaning in the second person "Sir," "Sire," "Boss," "Master," "Your Lordship," and in the third person "his Lordship," "el Caudillo," "der Führer," "the Master." After the priestly caste declared the name of the god Yahweh taboo in post-exilic times, *Adonay* became the prescribed spoken name by which Yahweh was to be called in order to avoid uttering the god's unspeakable name. Thus where the Hebrew bible contains the passage, "Yahweh is your gods, Yahweh alone," any Jew reading the passage aloud is required to say, "Adonay is your gods, Adonay alone." In 1611, "Lord" meant no more than "Master," and was therefore a correct translation of *Adonay* (but not of *Yahweh*). "Lord" has since acquired

connotations of divinity, and for that reason bibles that continue to use *LORD* as a translation of any biblical word are mistranslations.

**Adonis** The Syrian virgin-born savior god who, for love of the fertility goddess Ishtar, also spelled *Easter*, annually dies at Ishtaride and is resurrected on the third day. The Adonis myth, complete in the form described above, was in existence by 1000 BCE. Since Adonis and Adonay, the latter a title commonly applied to Jesus, were variant forms of the same word, and Jesus was believed by his followers to have emulated Adonis's third-day resurrection, the belief arose a century after Jesus' death that Jesus, too, had been a savior god.

**Adonyahuw** Eldest surviving son of King David at the time of David's death and therefore, by Jewish custom, David's rightful heir. Fearful that David, himself a seventh son, would name his own "sacred seventh," Solomon, to succeed him, Adonyahuw proclaimed himself king while David was still alive. Defeated by Solomon, Adonyahuw made his submission and was permitted to live. But when he made a second attempt at the throne after David's death, by attempting to consummate a marriage with David's widow, Solomon executed him.

**adoptionism** Term retroactively applied by post-Nicene Christians to the belief, held by all Christians for seventy years after Jesus' death and by most Christians for much longer, that Jesus was an ordinary mortal, conceived by the usual method, whom Yahweh had adopted as his son at the time of his immersion by John the Immerser.

**adrenalin addiction** The compulsion to engage in dangerous and ostensibly heroic behavior for the purpose of inducing a state of adrenalin intoxication. All risk-taking produces adrenalin intoxication. Only when such behavior is habitual, and involves unnecessary risk-taking, can the risk-taking be diagnosed as adrenalin addiction.

**Adrian I** Pope 772-795, who procured the forged Donation of Constantine and presented it to the Emperor Charlemagne as the basis for the papacy's claim to secular rule of the Western Roman Empire.

**Adrian II** Pope 867-872, who was one of the last holders of that office to retain a recognized wife prior to the enforcement of the dogma that clergy must be celibate. Thereafter popes kept their women hidden.

**Adrian IV** Pope 1154-1159, who granted King Henry II of England the right to conquer and occupy Ireland—on the condition that a percentage of Irish taxes be paid to the papacy.

**adultery** Originally, the crime of robbing a man of his right to pass on his inheritance to his legitimate heirs, by ejaculating sperm that would contribute to the generation of a bastard, defined as a child of many fathers, into the man's wife. In an age ignorant of the duration of pregnancy, the mortality of sperm, and the single-spermatozoon aspect of conception, any child born from five months to thirty years after an adulterous sperm-planting, provided it was the first child born thereafter, was a bastard by definition. Since there was no known criterion by which a man could determine that his wife's extra-marital recreation had been non-procreative, the belief evolved that the recreation itself constituted adultery, and that belief survived even after the discovery that all births can be attributed with certainty to sperm intromitted approximately nine months earlier, and even after the perfection of reliable birth-control procedures. So irrational is the adultery taboo today, that women who, by agreement with infertile husbands, decide to be impregnated by a donor, insist upon artificial insemination. In so doing they commit adultery in the original sense, while refraining from the purely recreational activity that is *now* deemed adultery. Had the ancients been less ignorant, the belief that non-procreational recreation could be a *sin* would never have come into existence.



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**adultery, biblical** All biblical authors, including the composers of the Deuteronomic ten commandments, defined adultery as the generation of a bastard, with the added stipulation that it was only adultery when the husband saddled with a child of many fathers was a fellow Jew.

**adultery, rationally defined** In a rational society, adultery would be redefined to accord more closely with the taboo's original purpose: robbing a husband's legitimate heirs of their inheritance by surreptitiously substituting an heir he had not fathered, in violation of an expressed or implied exclusive breeding contract. For an act of recreation to constitute adultery, or attempted adultery, the following conditions would have to exist:

- (a) The *woman* must be married or analogously committed to another man;
- (b) The woman must be fertile, capable of becoming pregnant at the time the recreation occurs, not already pregnant, and not using any kind of adequate birth control, and sperm must be intromitted;
- (c) The pregnancy-inducing recreation must be indulged without the husband's consent, either in violation of an exclusive-breeding contract, or in violation of an agreement to remain childless.
- (d) There must be some reasonable probability that the husband will be saddled with legal responsibility for a child he did not father and did not authorize to be fathered.

Recreation *per se* would not constitute adultery. Only fraudulent impregnation would constitute adultery. Artificial insemination by a donor would constitute adultery only if the husband had not consented and was deceived into believing he was the father.

**Advent** The period of approximately four weeks before December 25, that Christian churches view as the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

**Aelia Capitolina** The city built by Hadrian on the site of Jerusalem after the defeat of Bar Kokhba in 135 CE. Jews were forbidden from entering the Roman city under pain of execution. Jews had occupied the site of Jerusalem under *right of conquest* since it had been wrested from its original inhabitants by King David. Hadrian's edict caused the site to be non-Jewish for 1800 years, after which right of conquest (recognized retroactively by the United Nations) again made it Jewish in 1948.

**Aeneas** Trojan hero who, in Virgil's *Aeneid*, visited the underworld, a feat earlier credited to Odysseus in the *Odyssey*, and before that to several dozen savior gods and goddesses, including Tammuz, Ishtar, Dionysos and Semele, and later to Jesus the Nazirite in the Nicene Creed.

**affair** Apparently some kind of collaboration between a man and a woman for recreational purposes, either playing bridge together, watching a hockey game, copulating, drinking coffee, or some other analogous activity. It does not really matter which of the above associations *affair* is supposed to mean. The existence of a special word to describe any of the aforementioned collaborations is unnecessary and absurd.

**affinity** A relationship artificially created by cohabitation, based on the biblical metaphor that a man and his wife constitute a single person. By that logic, marriage to a dead or divorced wife's sister is viewed as marriage to a man's own sister, and in Canada such marriages continue to be prohibited under theocratic affinity laws. The concept of affinity was concocted by the author of LEVITICUS chapter 18, 621-612 BCE, when the Priestly author extended the incest concept to include persons not related by blood, and to this day many states prohibit marriage between a man and his former sister-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, on the basis of that religious taboo. For more than a millennium the Christian church banned marriages within seven degrees of affinity or consanguinity, thereby effectively prohibiting all marriage, and guaranteeing that a person rich enough to pay the pope the necessary bribe could have his marriage annulled on the

ground that it fell within the proscribed seven degrees and was therefore incestuous. Henry VIII divorced his first two wives on the ground of illicit affinity, the first because she was his brother's widow, and the second because she was the sister of a woman who had borne Henry's child.

**affirmative action** Weasel word for discrimination against a majority, such as Anglo-Saxons, or a former ruling caste, such as males, on the ground that the beneficiaries of such discrimination are descended from persons who were at one time victims of discrimination.

**Afghanistan** As of July 1, 2001, the world's most totalitarian tyranny, unparalleled in the West since the end of the Inquisition, but certain to become the norm if voters continue electing such advocates of mind-crippling theocracy as Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Karol Wojtyla, Ian Paisley, Western Canada's Social Credit/Reform/Alliance hate cult, America's Religious Right, Israel's Likud Party, and all political parties with "Christian" in their names.

**afterlife** Postulated continued existence of the essential self after physical death, in the form of a soul or ghost or disembodied shadow. Approximately thirty thousand years ago, humans became sufficiently aware of the inevitability of death to become emotionally catatonic at the contemplation of that inescapable certainty. In an attempt to rid himself of his mind-crippling terror of death, primitive human exercised his imagination and came up with the perfect annulment of death: *gods*, beings who live forever but could nonetheless temporarily die, and by so doing transfer the surrendered portion of their immortality to their human creators. When it became apparent from hundreds of observations that the eating of a god's sacramental body did not prevent the worshipper from dying, the idea then evolved that only the physical body died, and that the "real" self was a metaphysical breath-personification or spirit that was thereby freed to proceed to a better place. Whether the part of a human that survived physical death was his name or his *soul*, or whether the discarnate soul was transported to *The Sky* or into another body, what all religions had in common was that they enabled even the most incapacitated moral cowards to get through the day without losing control of their bodily functions, by allowing them to believe that they were going to live for ever.

**Agape, Saint** Canonization as a virgin-martyr of Aphrodite's celestial nymph, Agapeta, prototype of the fertility nun who copulated with male worshippers as a sacramental surrogate for the goddess. Agapeta's fellow nymphs were canonized with her, as Saints Chione and Irene.

**Agapetus, Saint** Canonization of the personified spirit of unselfish love, *agape*.

**Agatha, Saint** Nonexistent Christian saint, created out of a misinterpretation of an icon of a lactating Ishtar baring her breasts as the primeval Mother.

**age of consent** The age at which a woman is granted the right to choose to exercise her sexuality without committing or permitting a breach of secular law. In most countries, a man who engages in sexual recreation with a fully consenting, participating, uncoerced woman below the "age of consent" thereby commits a felony and is likely to be imprisoned, particularly if he is observably older than the woman. In rare instances, *age of consent* laws may be enforced against women recreating with males arbitrarily designated as underage. The rationalization for such laws is that the law is "protecting" the very person whose right to sexual fulfillment it takes away. Unquestionably, a child must be protected from any adult who would exploit the child sexually, and there is an age below which "informed consent" is not feasible. But that age is not eighteen, as American theocratic laws pretend, or sixteen, as English and Australian theocratic laws pretend, or even fourteen, as Canada pretends. In an age of reliable birth control, denying a woman over the age of twelve years the right to recreate with a partner of her choosing is an unconscionable violation of her rights as a physically mature sexual being. A reasonable compromise that would protect juveniles from adults who would exploit them, while simultaneously recognizing the juvenile's right to sexual fulfillment, would be as follows:

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- No person over twelve years of age could engage in sexual activity with a person under twelve years of age;
- No person more than two years older could engage in sexual activity with a person aged twelve or thirteen;
- No person more than four years older could engage in sexual activity with a person aged fourteen, fifteen or sixteen;
- A person who had reached the age of seventeen years would have full adult freedom of choice of sexual partners, except as stipulated in the previous clauses;
- For the purpose of the law, “age” would be defined as age in full years at the last birthday;
- To avoid the absurdity of a mating being legal one day and illegal the next day, the legality would be determined by the ages of the partners the first time copulation between them occurred, and a mating that was legal the first time could never thereafter be illegal. Thus a twenty-year-old male who first mates with a particular female when she is fifteen would be committing an offense. But if mating had previously occurred when their ages were nineteen and fifteen, the legality of the relationship would thereby be established and remain in force after his subsequent birthday.
- A mating would be legal only if it was fully consensual, and no precedent of previous consent could be construed as constituting an ongoing or subsequent consent.

**Agenor** In Greek mythology, the father of Kadmos and Europa, and the son of Belos/Bel/Baal; identical with the biblical hero Canaan named in the Yahwist’s genealogy as the son of Noah, and in the Priestly author’s genealogy as the grandson of Noah.

**aging** A disease in which various body cells lose the capacity to regenerate, resulting in eventual death. It is a reasonable extrapolation from previous medical progress, that when the cause of aging is discovered, its effects can be halted or reversed. It does not seem likely that such a discovery will be made within at least the next fifty years.

**Agnes, Saint** Canonization of the ewe-goddess Agna, Roman equivalent of the Hebrew Rakhel. Even though RC scholars acknowledge that “Saint Agnes” never existed, her remains continue to be preserved in Rome and worshipped by saint cultists.

**agnostic** (“without knowledge”) A person who, not being a historian with the ability to examine the relevant documents and prove that the gods of religion definitely do not exist, declares that it is not possible to know whether gods exist, although he deems it unlikely. Denigrated by mud-slinging godworshippers as a “chicken atheist,” the agnostic is in fact genuinely unaware that religion has been empirically falsified, and would declare himself an atheist immediately if he were to make that discovery.

**Agrippa I, Herod** King of Galilee 39-44 CE, and king of Judea 41-44 CE; grandson of Herod, and last king of the Jews. Agrippa appears to have believed himself to be the prophesied Messiah, on the basis of his fulfilling two messianic prophecies: (a) he was born in Bethlehem; and (b) he had been to, and therefore been “called out of,” Egypt. Agrippa was also, as king, in an excellent position to lead the anti-Roman rebellion that was recognized as the Messiah’s prime function by all would-be Messiahs, including Jesus the Nazirite. Agrippa had won several Semitic kings to his cause, and was on the verge of announcing the messianic revolution, when he died suddenly, possibly poisoned by the Legatus of Syria who suspected what he was up to. Since Agrippa repudiated his *hubris* before dying, no sect arose to await Agrippa’s second coming.

**Aharon** *see* Aaron

**Ahone** Paramount deity whose existence the pre-Columbian Amerinds of Virginia recognized, but who was never an object of worship. While the Virginians believed in the existence of gods, that

belief did not constitute a religion, since there was no accompanying belief that the gods must be obeyed, honored, flattered or bribed. The Virginians, unlike at least a percentage of Amerinds, had no religion.

**Ahriman** Humankind's first Monarch of Evil, created in the imagination of Zarathustra/Zoroaster, c 650 BCE. Zarathustra was the first mythologist to recognize that, in a world observably infested with evil, the paramount benevolent god could not be acquitted of culpability for that evil unless he was given a malevolent counterpart, an evil twin. Zarathustra therefore formulated a mythology in which the Master of Light, Ahura Mazda, and the Prince of Darkness, Ahriman, were engaged in an ongoing struggle for supremacy that Ahriman was ultimately destined to lose. When the Zoroastrian concepts of light and darkness as symbols of good and evil were adopted by the Jewish sect known as Essenes, Ahriman was likewise incorporated into Jewish mythology as Yahweh's great *Satan*, "Enemy," bringing with him his status as leader of the rebellious minor gods known in English as angels.

**Ahura Mazda** Paramount god of the Zoroastrian pantheon, monarch of good as Ahriman was monarch of evil. In the course of a Persian overlordship that lasted four centuries, the Jews assimilated many of the positive qualities of Ahura Mazda to their own paramount god, Yahweh, thereby making Yahweh a much nicer god than he had previously been. Eventually, the Jewish priestly caste became so embarrassed by Yahweh's atrocities described in their Torah, that they attempted to purge him from their mythology altogether by declaring his name taboo, replacing him with a god named Adonay who was theoretically still Yahweh under a non-taboo name, but for all practical purposes was really Ahura Mazda.

**AIDS** Acquired immune deficiency syndrome; fatal disease that is most commonly transmitted sexually. AIDS appears to have originated in Africa, through the mutation of an influenza virus prevalent in chimpanzees. By coincidence, it was brought to North America by a poly-recreational man, and as a consequence was soon observed to be spreading fastest among homosexuals. Religious bigots immediately identified it as their god's vengeance against taboo-breakers. It was already known that AIDS can be spread heterosexually and asexually, and that infants of infected mothers can be born with the disease. But what sadistic, vengeful, anti-human, hate-filled god would be concerned with a minor detail like that? Humans create their gods in their own image, and a god that would inflict AIDS upon human beings is, sadly, the mirror image of a far greater segment of the human race than more enlightened godworshippers care to admit.

**aint** Legitimate contraction in New York state, and nowhere else, for "am not;" not legitimate anywhere or under any circumstances as a contraction for "is not;" sometimes spelled ain't; however, since it is not a contraction of *ai not*, the apostrophe is superfluous.

**Akbar** Padishah of India 1542-1602; described by *Encyclopaedia Britannica* as the "greatest and wisest of the Mogul Emperors." Akbar believed in a metaphysical First Cause, a kind of non-anthropomorphic god, but rejected Islam and its humanoid *Allah*. He instituted religious toleration at a time when Europe's Christians were executing one another for the crime of "not believing in the gods the polls believes in," known at the time as *heresy*.

**Akhab** King of Israel, c 873-853 BCE. Akhab married the Tsydonite princess Jezebel, a worshipper of the fertility god Bel or Baal. When Yahweh's spokesman (Greek: *prophetes*), Elijah (*Eliyahuw*), began ranting that toleration of Baal-worship in Israel was a breach of Yahweh's right to exclusive worship within his territorial borders, Jezebel pronounced intolerance a capital offense and executed every spokesman of Yahweh that she could find. Eliyahuw responded in kind, murdering 450 of Baal's spokesmen. Akhab promptly outlawed Eliyahuw, who remained in hiding until the king's death.

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**Akhashwerowsh (Ahasuerus, Assueros)** In ESTHER, apparently King Xerxes of Persia (485-465 BCE); but in the Greek additions to ESTHER, found in RC bibles, the king called *Akhashwerowsh* in the Hebrew is identified as Artaxerxes (465-425 BCE). In Tobit, *Assueros* is the name used for Kyaxares of Media. Since ESTHER is a Hebrew adaptation of tales told of the gods Marduk (*Mardukay*) and Ishtar (*Esther*), attempts to equate *Akhashwerowsh* with a real person are somewhat pointless.

**Akka** Goddess of Akkad, ancient Babylonia, who brought gods to birth out of the subterranean ocean; masculinized as *Aquarius* in the patriarchal zodiac.

**Akkad** Semitic nation with its capital in Babylon, that superseded the non-Semitic civilization of Sumeria. Akkad was itself superseded by the neo-Babylonian Kasidites.

**Akrisios and Proitos** Heroes of the earliest surviving myth of twins who struggled for supremacy in the womb. In pre-Homeric legend, composed to sanitize southern Greece's violent history of conquest after conquest, and legitimize the Perseids as descendants of the legendary Danaos, Akrisios and Proitos were made the foreign conqueror Perseus's grandfather and father. When Greek mythology evolved to the point where all heroes had to be sons of gods, Zeus replaced Proitos as the father of Perseus, but Akrisios remained his grandfather. The myth of twins competing in the womb is found in Roman mythology in the persons of Romulus and Remus, and in the Judaeo-Christian bible in connection with (a) Jacob and Esau, and (b) Pharez and Zarah.

**Alacoque, Margaret Marie** Christian saint and masochist who derived pleasure from licking up the vomit of hospital patients.

**Alban, Saint** Canonization of the British moon goddess Albion, masculinized as a martyr executed in 287 CE for sheltering a fugitive from Diocletian's persecution—twenty years before that persecution began.

**alcoholic** A drunk who attends meetings.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Organization that attempts to cure victims of self-destructive behavior by replacing their crippling alcohol addiction with the even more crippling drug of god addiction.

**Alexander, Saint** Canonization of Roman demigod, probably identical with Alexander of Macedon.

**Alexander III** Pope 1159-1181; the first pope to decree that a marriage could be valid and sinless, but only if it was brought into existence by the magic words of a priest. Previously, marriage had been regarded as a necessary evil for human propagation, but since it amounted to an agreement to commit the venial sin of copulation, clerics were not permitted to honor such rituals with their presence. Alexander changed marriage from a secular to an ecclesiastical ritual, pronounced the formalization of a marriage by a priest sacramental, and declared that the union, once solemnized, was indissoluble—unless, of course, a man who wished to divorce and remarry was rich enough to make the pope an offer he couldn't refuse.

**Alexander VI** Pope 1492-1503. When his daughter, Lucretia Borgia, bore his child, Alexander at first issued a Bull acknowledging his paternity. However, when the great taboo-enforcer's taboo breaking generated more hostility than he had anticipated, Alexander issued a second Bull in which he named as the father of Lucretia's offspring her brother Cesare. Far from being a rationalist who recognized that the concept of *incest* had no more objective validity than *perversion* or *chastity*, Alexander was merely a hypocrite whose dictum, "Do as I say, not as I do," became the Golden Rule for twentieth century televangelists.

**Alexander the Great** King of Macedon who conquered Greece, Persia and the Indus valley, creating the largest empire seen on earth to that time. Children continue to be taught that Alexander wept because there were "no more worlds to conquer." In fact Alexander was planning

to march against up-and-coming Rome when his army let him know that he would face certain mutiny unless he changed his mind and led them home.

**Alexander Yannay** Hasmonean king of Judah 103-78 BCE. In the first year of his reign, Alexander put down all opposition, executing several hundred members of the Pharisee sect that had previously supported the Hasmoneans. He also executed the Essene Righteous Rabbi and his most active followers, for claiming to be Messiah, the prophesied Davidic king whose throne the Hasmoneans had usurped. In Talmudic times, Alexander's execution of Jesus the Essene (the Righteous Rabbi) became confused with Pontius Pilatus's execution of Jesus the Nazirite, so that the Talmudic version of the execution of "Jesus" became an amalgam of two events separated by more than a century.

**Alexis, Saint** Canonization of Alecto, one of the Furies of Greek mythology; alleged to have lived in the fifth century, but actually concocted in the tenth century.

**alfar** Teutonic elves, corporeal immortal dwarfs analogous to Norse trolls, Irish leprechauns, and Judaic/Christian/Islamic angels.

**Alfred E. Neuman** Long thought to be a myth, until he was elected pope in 1978 following the death of John Paul I.

**Algeny** Book by Jeremy Rifkin; title formed by the combination of *alchemy* and *genetics*. Rifkin argues therein against genetic engineering, using distorted science, invalid analogy, and emotionalism based on nonsense. According to *Discover*, August 1983, p. 6, "Rifkin gives new meaning to the cliché, 'A little learning is a dangerous thing.'"

**alien abductions** *see* UFO abductions

**alimony** Money that one party to a terminated marriage, usually the man, is ordered by a law court to pay to the other party. The rationale for alimony is that the woman married in the reasonable expectation of being financially supported for the term of her natural life, and her chances of finding another husband to support her have diminished in direct proportion to the time elapsed since the marriage was formalized. The husband is therefore deemed to be contractually obligated to continue providing financial support, even though the consideration for which he made that implied obligation will no longer be available to him. The awarding of alimony is tantamount to a declaration that a woman's only valid function is to provide a man with sexual gratification, and that she cannot reasonably be expected to support herself by any other means.

**Allah** Originally, the Semitic mother-goddess who was masculinized to *Al* or *El* at the time of the Big Discovery, later revived as *El*'s wife *Allat*, and finally re-masculinized as the god of the Muslims under her original feminine name.

**Allat** Deification of the planet Venus, first as the mother of the male god Allah, and later as Allah's daughter. Mohamed at first endorsed the three divine daughters of Allah as a compromise to win goddess worshippers to his new mythology, but later rejected them as incompatible with his male chauvinist philosophy: "What? Has your Lord blessed you with Sons and Himself adopted daughters from among the angels? A monstrous blasphemy is that which you utter." (*Koran*, 17:40, Penguin translation.)

**Allen, Saint** Canonization of Alaunus, Celtic deification of the planet Mercury.

**allopath** A homeoquack's name for a medical doctor who is not a homeoquack (also called homeopath).

**All Saints Day** Christianization of Pantheon festival.

**All Souls Day** Christianization of festival of Hekate.

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**almond** Vulva-shaped fruit eaten as the Body of Goddess, similar to the fig and pomegranate.

**alpha** A person of optimum functional intelligence, devoid of any tendency to doublethink or mind-freeze against new data that contradicts an emotionally satisfying previous conclusion. Alphas tend to be liberal, humanist, and opposed to state-sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder.

**alright** Incorrect spelling of *all right*; listed in some dictionaries as an alternative correct spelling.

**altar** Originally, the stone platform on which animals and children were ritually sacrificed to a god; in contemporary Jesus mythology, the table on which the god's sacramental body is prepared for cannibalization.

**alternative** Weasel word for "antithesis of," e.g.: "alternative schools," "alternative education," "alternative medicine."

**Al-Uzza** Pre-Islamic deification of the planet Mercury; accepted by Mohamed as one of Allah's three daughters at a time when compromise still seemed expedient, but later repudiated by him. (*Koran*, 17:40)

**Amarna letters** Extant letters, found at the site of Pharaoh Ikhenaton's short-lived capital of Akhetaton (Tell Amarna), that shed considerable light on the fourteenth-century-BCE invasion of Phoenicia by *Hapiru*, "Easterners," who appear to be identical with the Jews led by Joshua.

**Amaterasu** Sun goddess from whom Shintoism proclaims the Mikado to be descended, just as the Christians claim that King Jesus is descended from *their* paramount god.

**amateur** According to *Time*, April 30, 1984, p. 84, "a snooty Victorian conceit, installed by the modern [Olympic] games founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, to prevent working-class men from competing against the aristocracy."

## Amazon

(1) Tribe of warrior women who allegedly fought in the Trojan War; apparently a matriarchal society located on the south coast of the Black Sea, described by Herodotus as living in his time, the fifth century BCE, as an integrated society of men and women in which the women performed what he considered the men's work of hunting and fighting. According to legend, the earliest Amazons were a unisexual society that killed all male babies, and annually journeyed to the nearest integrated society to be impregnated. Whether such a culture actually existed cannot be ascertained. Amazons did not amputate their breasts to facilitate their use of the bow and arrow, as some less-than-credible etymologists have theorized. The claim that *a-mazo*, "no breast," was the etymological meaning of their name was nonsense.

(2) Generic term for any society in which the women were the warrior caste.

**ambiguous** Weasel word used by believers in metaphysical and paranormal hogwash as a euphemism for "negative." e.g.: "Tests of the Turin Shroud's authenticity produced *ambiguous* results."

**Ambrose** Christian masochistic saint (there's another kind?) c 339-397 CE; bishop of Milan from 374 CE. When a Christian mob burned down a pagan temple and a Jewish synagogue, and the emperor Theodosius ordered the perpetrators to make restitution, Ambrose's response was to threaten to excommunicate the emperor unless the restitution order was withdrawn. Ambrose, in company with the equally psychotic "saint," Augustine of Hippo, first proclaimed the dogma that someone as clean as Jesus could not have entered the world through something as dirty as a woman's recreational orifice, and therefore must have magically materialized outside Mary's body without the necessity of utilizing her birth canal. Ambrose's masturbation fantasy made it possible to regard Mary as a hymenally-intact virgin even after she had given birth, and in an empire filled

with virgin-mother goddesses, that immediately made Christianity more competitive. The myth of Jesus' non-birth was eventually rejected, but the "perpetual virgin" myth that it made possible is retained to this day.

**ambrosia** Originally, the flesh of a sacred king, stewed and eaten as the eternal-life-bestowing sacramental body of a resurrected savior god; eventually, any corn product, such as bread or cakes, that could reasonably be equated with the body of a corn god; to some practitioners of fellatio, euphemism for a phallus.

**amen** Hebrew affirmation of authenticity, not mere agreement.

**America B.C.** Book purporting to prove that practically everybody beat Columbus to the new world, written by Barry Fell, whose knowledge of archaeology appears to have been acquired by holding a dowsing rod over a map of the United States. Fell "deciphered" scratchings on rocks made by a passing plow as "Libyan," an ancient language that exists only in Fell's own imagination. The rest of the book is equally imaginative and equally incompetent.

**American Genesis** book by Jeffrey Goodman, who is either a genuine incompetent like Barry Fell, or a conscious hoaxer inspired by the success of hoaxer Erich von Däniken. Goodman purports to demonstrate that humans occupied the Americas eons earlier than was actually the case. Anthropologists regard his book as incompetent nonsense unworthy of the dignity of a rebuttal, but it has proven extremely popular with the unlearned masses.

**Amish** *see* Anabaptists, Hutterites.

**Amityville Horror** The book and movie of a haunted-house hoax dreamed up by an avaricious author and an unscrupulous lawyer (there's another kind?) to cash in on the superstitious public's insatiable appetite for occult humbuggery. Because the hoax was set in a real house, the location of which became widely known, and this produced an endless stream of gawkers who invaded the new tenants' privacy and harassed them day and night, the tenants launched a lawsuit against the author and his accomplice that exposed the supernatural events in the book as the products of the author's imagination. Nonetheless, prostitutes who did not care that the story was fiction, so long as it could still be milked for fraudulent profits, produced two sequels.

**Ammonites (Khamownites)** An independent tribe brutally subjugated by King David in the tenth century BCE. To justify David's aggression, his apologist, the Yahwist, composed a fable that showed the Ammonites' eponymous ancestor to be the offspring of an unchaste relationship between Levit, also transcribed as *Lot* or *Lowt*, and his daughter. Following Babylon's annexation of Ammon *c* 600 BCE, the Ammonites appear to have disappeared as a distinct people, through integration with their conquerors. The same fate befell the Israelites, conquered in 721 BCE, but was avoided by the Jews, conquered in 586 BCE.

**Ammonius** Psychopathic "saint" (there's another kind?) who burned his body with a hot iron at regular intervals in the belief that his masochism enabled a sadist in the sky to get its rocks off.

**amnesia** Temporary loss of memory caused by physical or emotional shock. Some victims forget all events prior to the trauma, including their own names, while retaining such abstract information as comprehension of spoken and written language. Others forget only the events of a limited recent period. In all cases, such amnesia lasts for a period not exceeding about two or three days. Long-term amnesia, as depicted in the book and movie, *Random Harvest*, does not exist. Permanent amnesia due to brain damage or deterioration is unrelated to shock-induced temporary amnesia, and does not validate the concept of long-term reversible memory loss.

**amnesia, autobiographical** Nonexistent ailment simulated by persons who relocate, change their names, and pretend to have no recollection of their lives prior to their arrival in their new location.



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**AMOS** Earliest prophetic book in the Judaeo-Christian bible. Writing during the reign of King Yerobowam II of Israel (781-753 BCE), Amos (*Khamows*) prophesied that Yerobowam would be killed in battle and that the Israelites would consequently be “led away captive out of their own land.” (7:11) In fact Yerobowam did not die in battle and Israel did not fall during his reign. It is often rationalized that Amos’s prophecy was fulfilled when Israel fell to Assyria in 721 BCE, thirty years after Yerobowam’s death. In fact the prophecy was specific to the reign of Yerobowam, and was no more fulfilled when Israel was eventually conquered, than Jeane Dixon’s prophecy that Ruholla Khomeini would die in 1980 was fulfilled when he died of old age in 1989. The last verses of AMOS (9:8b-9:15) were interpolated into the older book in the sixth century, and prophesied the end of the Babylonian Captivity, despite the fact that in Amos’s time that Captivity had not yet begun.

**Amphibalus, Saint** Saint created by Geoffrey of Monmouth in his historical fantasy, *Brut*, out of a mistranslation of the Latin word for “cloak.”

**Ampoule, Saint** Personification of a goddess’s Holy Vial, vulva.

**Amun** deified ram that was Egypt’s paramount god; eventually equated with sun god Ra. Worship of Amun was prohibited during the reign of Ikhenaton, who declared that all gods other than his sun god Aton did not exist. Amun’s paramourcy was restored after the mad Pharaoh’s death in 1362 BCE.

**an** Indefinite article widely misused by the pseudo-learned in conformity with the myth that it should precede an aspirated “h,” as in “an hotel.” This is incorrect. *An* is correctly used only to precede a noun or adjective beginning with a vowel sound, regardless of spelling. Thus: *an* honest man, but *a* hot drink, since the “h” is pronounced as a consonant in “hot” but not in “honest;” *an* honorarium, but *a* hotel; *an* ultimatum, but *a* unicorn.

**Anabaptists** A collective term for various communistic offshoots of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation, used to describe all neo-Christian sects that abandoned infant baptism and re-instituted the original Essene/Christian practice of baptizing (immersing) only declared adult believers. The Anabaptists also restored the communism of the original Jesus sect, with members surrendering all private property to the Commune’s treasury. That practice is continued in such modern Anabaptist offshoots as the Hutterites, Mennonites and Amish.

**anachronism** Something that is inappropriate for the time in which it is located; *e.g.*, an unelected Head of State generations after the evolution of democracy; a church or similar artifact in a culture in which scholars have known for more than a century that religion is falsifiable; nationalism on a planet moving toward planetary unity; characters or cultures in historical novels having knowledge or beliefs that did not exist until much later than the time period in which the novel is set; and the attributing of taboos to motivations based on knowledge that the inventors of the taboo did not have.

**Anacletus, “Pope”** In RC mythology, the third pope. In fact Anacletus, in some catalogues identified with Cletus and in others as the successor of Cletus, did not exist. There was no bishop of Rome prior to the last decade of the first century, and no papacy prior to 384 CE when Siricius instituted it.

**analogical argument** The argument that, just as an intricate compilation of symbiotic parts such as in a watch implies intelligent design, so the clockwork universe displays evidence of the necessity of intelligent design. The analogy breaks down when it is realized that, unlike a watch, the universe conforms precisely to the predictable effects of natural law, with everything located precisely where gravity, magnetism, nuclear forces, inertia and random chance would cause it to be. In a universe in which gravity is bound to pull any sufficiently large conglomeration of matter

into a sphere, the existence of a star or large planet that was a perfect cube would constitute evidence of intelligent design. No such evidence exists.

**anal personality** Psychobabble for a person who is all arsehole.

**anal stage** Psychobabble for early childhood.

**Anastasia, Saint** Canonization of a statue of Roman goddess Juno as “She who stands in the sky.”

**anathematism** The most radical form of RC excommunication, still practised, that ostensibly buys the anathematized person a one-way ticket to King Jesus’ eternal torture chamber without passing GO and without collecting \$200. Even though the ritual is based on the fairy-tale beliefs of the profoundly ignorant, it nonetheless constitutes a potentially libelous, slanderous, defamatory attack upon the anathematized person’s reputation, and as such may well be legally actionable in a country in which the Vatican has bank deposits that could be frozen pending a court ruling. As Dirty Harry might have said: Go ahead. Make my day.

**ancestor worship** Originally, a form of religion that developed among people who had no afterlife belief, and therefore regarded an ancestor’s name as the only part of him capable of surviving physical death. In order to give the ancestor a form of eternal life, his descendants had to perform rituals at an ancestor shrine, invoking his name for the purpose of keeping the name from being forgotten and therefore dead. Ancestor worship continues to be practised in Shintoism, but corruption from Buddhism has, in the minds of many Shintoists, given the ancestors *souls* capable of living forever even without their being worshipped by descendants.

**Andrew, “apostle”** Although Jesus’ “twelve apostles” were concocted and bestowed upon him posthumously by the author of MARK, roughly half of the twelve appear to have been historical students (Latin: *discipuli*). Gospel references to the disciple Peter having a brother seem reasonably reliable, and Peter certainly needed a partner to operate a commercial fishing boat. Although the name that MARK gave to Peter’s brother, *Andreas*, is Greek, it could have been born by a Jew with a Greek mother—and Peter’s surname, *bar Iona* means “son of an Ionian woman.” The Talmud named as one of Jesus’ five disciples a *Netser*, the Hebrew equivalent (approximately) of *Andreas*, but that should not be viewed as corroboration of Andrew’s historicity. Andrew either died at the time of Jesus’ arrest, or refused to join the Nazirite sect in Jerusalem when Peter joined.

**Andrew, Saint** Canonization of the sun god of Patros in Greece. Byzantine bishops, who created Andrew and gave him a spurious history as the founder of the Byzantine papacy, declared that he was the same Andrew who had been the disciple Peter’s brother, and that he had been executed at Patros. Only some centuries later was the detail added that he had been crucified on the x-shaped cross of Wotan, which thereafter became the Cross of St Andrew. Peter’s brother Andrew may have been a historical person. “Saint Andrew” was not.

**Andrew of Crete** Canonized Christian of c 660-740 CE who, quoting a document ultimately derived from Josephus, described Jesus as having “eyebrows which meet.”

**angels** Non-translation of the Greek word *angeloi*, “messengers.” To the Yahwist, Yahweh’s messengers were undefined, although they were clearly humanoid. Possibly the Yahwist could not decide whether they were aspects of Yahweh himself or separate individuals. They were never given names, and that implies the former interpretation. During the centuries that the Jews were under Persian overlordship, exposure to the Zoroastrian pantheon of angels, or minor gods, led to the equation of Yahweh’s messengers with the Persian angels. Eventually all gods other than Yahweh, including the *sons of the gods* of GENESIS 6:1-4, became angels. The highest-ranking gods-turned-angels in Jewish mythology were the seraphs, the seven planets, while the junior angels were the kherubs, the fixed stars. The modern conception of angels as otherwise humanoid

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but possessed of wings, comes from EZEKIEL 10:5, which referred to the wings of cherubs, which the author of that fantasy pictured as creatures with a lion's body and an eagle's wings.

**anger** In Christian mythology, one of the seven deadly sins; rationally, the healthy reaction to injustice that led to the overthrow of zoo-like lunatic asylums, state-sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder, slavery, the subhuman status of women, child labor, the Inquisition, right of conquest, unelected governments in most of eastern Europe, and Richard Nixon.

**Anglican** Pertaining to a neo-Catholic Christian sect, called Episcopal in America, founded by King Henry VIII, whose pope-equivalent is not infallible, does not hold office for life, does not forgive sins *per pro* as his god's deputy, and is merely styled archbishop, a title also born by his subordinates.

**animal rights** The alleged rights of lower life forms not to be used in research designed to improve the quality of human life, *e.g.*, cancer and other disease research. In 1984 an animal rights organization in America "rescued" a chimpanzee infected with a contagious human disease, confined in a research laboratory, and thereby risked thousands of human lives. While a rational society will not allow an animal to be treated cruelly, except to prevent a greater evil, the pretence that animals should have the same rights as humans is indefensible.

**animal worship** Primitive religion that preceded anthropomorphic gods, based on the recognition that animals are faster, stronger, more fecund, and in many other ways humankind's superiors. Evidence survives that most humanoid gods were originally animals. Zeus was in various places a bull, a ram and a wolf. Poseidon was a stallion and a bull. Amun was a ram. The Judaeo-Christian Satan evolved from both the snake goddess Tehom and the goat god Pan. Yahweh, besides being a volcano and a phallus, had also been a hawk (PSALM 91:4). Allah was a bull. If a segment of the human race survives the deliberate destruction of its biosphere, the next god created in its own image will probably be a lemming.

**animism** The belief that all things possess an *anima*, life-force. Only when the *animae* of trees, rivers, planets, volcanoes and earthquakes evolved into gods that could be flattered and bribed into intervening in human affairs was religion born.

**Ann Landers** Pen name of the author of a hilarious syndicated newspaper column of social satire, that parodies the puerile *advice to the lovelorn* drivel of the 1930s so successfully, that many persons suspect that the author may well be serious.

**Anne, Saint** Canonization of Celtic goddess of fertility, Ana, mother of all gods, herself an evolved form of the Sumerian Grandmother of God, Anna/Hanah/Diana; incorporated into Christianity as the mother of the deified Mary, mother of Jesus.

**Anne of Finland, Saint** Canonization of Finnish goddess Anniki, daughter of forest-god Tapio.

**anno deceptitatis** *see* A. D.

**anno domini** *see* A.D.

**annunciation** An announcement by a god, usually delivered by the god's chief messenger, that a hitherto sterile woman will become pregnant. The earliest annunciation in Jewish mythology was to Abraham and Sarah, the next to the mother of Samson, and the third to the mother of Samuel. In the Q gospel, followed by MATTHEW and LUKE, the planetary god Gabriel informed Joseph and Mary that they were to be the parents of the Messiah. Later interpolators added passages to both gospels that denied Joseph's paternity and turned Jesus into the offspring of a god.

**Anointers (Greek: *khristianoï*)** A pejorative term first applied to the Jesus sect founded by Paul of Tarsus at Antioch. Greek members of Paul's sect customarily referred to Jesus as *Khristos*, meaning "the anointed one," an approximate translation of the Hebrew word *mashyah*, "Yahweh's

anointed.” To most Greeks a *khristos* was a person anointed, that is massaged, with olive oil in a bathhouse, and a *khristianos* was a catamite slave who gave the massage. It therefore seemed plausible, and a good joke, that persons who declared allegiance to a *khristos* should be called *khristianoioi*.

**anorexia nervosa** Psychobabble for refusal to eat.

**Anta, Saint** Cornish canonization of Greek demigod Antaios, the son of Mother Earth, who lost a wrestling match to Herakles.

**antediluvian** Literally, “before the flood,” colloquialism for “of great antiquity,” in common usage even among persons who do not regard the biblical flood as anything but myth.

**anthropocentrism** The attitude that humankind is the fountainhead of all existence, and that therefore the universe must have been created for humankind’s benefit and must revolve around the human domicile. The discovery that Earth is a minor planet of a minor sun at the edge of a very average galaxy, and that dinosaurs flourished and became extinct millions of years before the evolution of humans, would have destroyed anthropocentrism were it not that anthropocentrism is the basis of all religion, and religion is the means by which the intestinally challenged delude themselves that they are going to live forever.

**anthropocide** The total extermination of the human race, that will take place within the next two centuries unless the criminals responsible for its commission are stopped while there is still time. While every person who uses an ozone-depleting aerosol can or leaded gasoline is a co-conspirator, the paramount species-murderers are popes and self-styled “right to life” extremists that not only preach against the sane population control that alone can save humankind from extinction, but also enforce laws that prohibit the most widespread form of population control, abortion, from being practised by persons who are not their co-conspirators; polluters who continue to poison the air we must breathe and the water we must drink, in the belief that maximizing profits is more important than the survival of the human race; self-styled educators who continue to produce a society as ignorant as themselves, a society incapable of surviving because it lacks the necessary knowledge; and the politicians who refuse to curb the polluters, out of fear that the polluters, including quantity-of-life advocates who have a depraved indifference to the quality of life, can prevent their re-election.

**anthropomorphism** The practice of creating gods in human form. The Greeks were the first people to limit their worship to gods created in their own human image, even though their gods had all previously been animals (bull Zeus, cow Hera, horse Poseidon, mare Demeter, owl Athena, snake Apollo, goat Pan). Both Islam and Christianity began with anthropomorphic gods, with the one exception that Satan is still credited with the horns, tail and cloven hoofs that reveal his goat origin, but Judaism did not become fully anthropomorphic until some centuries after the death of King David.

**anthroposophy** A cult founded by Rudolph Steiner, author of books touting the reality of the nonexistent Atlantis and the nonexistent Lemuria. Anthroposophy combined vegetarianism with the belief that Earth is a living, breathing organism. Even though Steiner’s living Earth was identical with the Mother Earth of primitive religion, Steiner stopped short of calling her a goddess. Anthroposophists are not expected to pray to Mother Earth or offer her human sacrifices, but they are required to take prescribed steps to keep her healthy. This means fertilizing her with bio-degradable garbage that has been treated with one spoonful per ton of the anthroposophical equivalent of homeopathic holy water.

**Antiokhos IV, Epiphanes** Seleukid king of Persia and overlord of Judah, 175-164 BCE. In an attempt to create a homogeneous empire that could compete with fast-rising Rome, Antiokhos imposed the Greek religion on all of Persia’s subject provinces. As part of that strategy, he placed

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a statue of Olympian Zeus in Yahweh's temple in Jerusalem, in place of the statue of a male and a female cherub copulating that he found there. Antiochos's action, the most blatant interference in Jewish religion in four centuries of foreign overlordship, caused the Jews, led by the priestly Maccabees, to launch an uprising that restored Jewish independence for a full century. That independence was ended by precisely the power Antiochos had tried to pre-empt, Rome.

**Antipas, Herod** Son of Herod the Great; tetrarch of Galilee from the death of his father in 4 BCE until his deposition by Claudius in 39 CE. Antipas executed John the Immerser for proclaiming himself Messiah, an opposition king, and plotted an unsuccessful assassination attempt against Jesus the Nazirite for the same reason. Jesus escaped when he was warned of Antipas's plot by some Pharisees (LUKE 13:31). The claim of the author of LUKE (23:11) that Antipas failed to execute Jesus when given the opportunity is nonsense. Jesus was executed by Pilatus rather than Antipas simply because he fell into Pilatus's hands first.

**antipope** Any pope who reigned concurrently with, and in opposition to, at least one other, sometimes two others, and who was retroactively deemed to have been a "false" pope when the Catholic Church instituted the pretence that at any given moment there was only one "true" pope. In fact there were many times when two or three popes reigned simultaneously, each denouncing the other(s) as usurpers. Since no valid criterion existed for legitimizing one claimant and repudiating the other(s), the decision as to which pope would be retroactively recognized and which labeled an antipope was purely arbitrary. So inconsistent was the categorization, that some popes' retroactive legitimacy was based on the argument that cardinals who elected a pope could also unelect him, while the legitimacy of others was based on the opposite argument, that a pope, once elected, could not be unelected. There were two popes during the periods 1058-1138, 1159-1180, and 1378-1449. From 1409 to 1415 there were three popes, all properly elected, but those retroactively deemed antipopes refused to be deposed by cardinals genuinely trying to restore church unity.

**anti-semitism** Hatred of Jews based on the attitude, "My god can lick your god." There was a pre-Christian form of anti-semitism, that sprang from resentment of the conceit that Jews were the chosen pets of the Master of the Universe and that all other humans were put on earth for the Jews to exploit. Reaction to Jewish nationalism led the emperor Claudius to expel all Jews from Rome, the emperor Vespasian to plot the extermination of all descendants of King David, and the emperor Hadrian to ban Jews from the new city on the site of Jerusalem. But modern anti-semitism is a Christian phenomenon based on lies in the Christian gospels. The author of MARK, to conceal from Vespasian that Jesus had been executed as an enemy of Rome, pretended that Jesus' executioners had been the Jews. The author of MATTHEW added the refinement that, when the Roman procurator professed his innocence of the shedding of Jesus' blood, "the Jews" responded, "Let his blood be on us and on our descendants." (MATTHEW 27:25). From that vicious fiction followed two thousand years of pogroms, culminating in the extermination chambers of Auschwitz and Dachau.

**anti-vampire charm** Necklet in the shape of a Roman cross with an executed criminal nailed thereto. The anti-vampire charm is alleged to depict the crucifixion of Jesus the Nazirite, but is invariably inaccurate on two counts: It shows the executed man wearing a loincloth, whereas all victims of Roman crucifixion were naked, and it shows nails through the hands, whereas victims were actually nailed through the wrists. According to the writers of movies based on the Dracula legend, vampires are rendered helpless and cringe in terror at the sight of an anti-vampire charm—provided of course that they are Christian vampires.

**Antony of Egypt** Christian saint and psychopath who more than once wrestled with cows and sheep in the belief that they were devils disguised as lions and wolves. A pathological masochist (what saint wasn't?), Antony spent most of his life, c 260-356 CE, subsisting in the Sahara desert.

**Anu** Paramount god of the pre-Sumerians, demoted by the Sumerians to the role of the deposed father of the gods, analogous to the pre-Greek Ouranos and Kronos; deification of the planet Mercury, and as such equivalent to Nabu, Hermes and Gabriel.

**Anuket (Anukis)** Goddess from whose vulva the Nile flowed and annually flooded; identical with Nukhah/Nuwah/Noah, the rain-goddess masculinized in GENESIS as Noakh/Noe/Noah; the deified vulva whose name has been corrupted in many languages to *nukie*, colloquialism for copulation.

**anus** Medical term for “arse.”

**Apam Napat** Old Iranian “god found in the water,” whose myth was retold in connection with the births of Sargon I and Moses.

**ape** Prior to European penetration of Africa, the only known apes were the tailless monkeys of Gibraltar. The discovery of such human-looking animals led Mohamed to believe that they were humans whom his god Allah had turned into apes for failing to rest on the Muslim Sabbath (*Koran* 2:65). Later, the discovery of the orangutan led the first anthropologists who examined them to classify them as *homo troglodytus*, in the belief that they were a non-sapient species of human. The eventual discovery of the most externally humanoid ape of all, the gorilla, so damaged the fundamentalist anti-Darwin lunatic fringe, that many fundamentalists committed suicide. Unfortunately, a larger number did not.

**Aphra, Saint** Canonization of the Greek goddess Aphrodite.

**aphrodisiac** Named after Aphrodite, goddess of sex: any substance that stimulates the genitals and thereby triggers a need for sexual recreation that is all but irresistible; for males, a substance that stimulates the genitals and thereby enhances the ability to copulate longer and more often. While the proximity of a willing female is a psychological aphrodisiac for males of most species, the “love potion” that features so strongly in medieval literature does not exist and has never existed. In recent times, a chemical substance has been found to stimulate male rats into copulating with measurably increased frequency, but the same chemical has had no observable effect on female rats. The only aphrodisiac that has ever affected human females has been a psychological one: the proximity of an attractive prospective partner, *attractive* being an eye-of-the-beholder concept based on the individually-preferred balance of physical beauty, power, money, security, status, and degree of availability. The closest approximation to a chemical aphrodisiac, effective on both men and women, is cantharis, a poison that has a blistering effect and can produce an irritation in the genital tract that the victim may attempt to relieve through the scratching effect of sexual activity. Despite the nonexistence of any true aphrodisiac, either desire-stimulating or performance-enhancing, prior to the recent invention of Viagra™, enormous amounts of such alleged aphrodisiacs as rhinoceros horn are sold in the Orient to gullible customers who will not be told that they do not work. In America, such magazines as *Hustler* regularly advertise placebos under such trade names as “vice spice” and “pussy prickler.” A placebo is by definition an inert substance with no biochemical effect upon the user whatsoever, often prescribed by doctors for patients who need to believe that they are taking a medicine when no medicine is in fact appropriate. But the advertisements, while adhering to the letter of the law, manage to convey the message that *placebo* is a synonym for *aphrodisiac*. The sale of such products proves that the man who said, “There’s a sucker born every minute,” was being unduly conservative.

**Aphrodite** Greek goddess of sex; still called “goddess of love” by authors and commentators who fail to comprehend that the two titles have ceased to be synonyms; an amalgam of older deities, including a sea goddess, a serpent goddess, a virgin goddess, a mother goddess, a virgin-mother goddess, a moon goddess, an earth goddess, and the deified planet Venus; equivalent to Frig, Nukie, Cunti, Ishtar, Easter, Venus, Azazel, and Satan. Prior to the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE,

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Aphrodite was commonly depicted as pregnant and possessed of functional rather than aesthetically stimulating breasts. Following the discovery of the male role in reproduction, she was endowed with a body designed to harden phalluses. The statue of Aphrodite of Milos (36 in-24 in-36 in) has remained the male ideal of female beauty for more than two millennia.

**apocalypse** Any of several hundred books written between *c* 200 BCE and 200 CE, purporting to describe the end of the world that the author expected to see within his own lifetime.

**APOCALYPSE** *see* REVELATION

**Apocrypha** Usually applied to those Jewish sacred writings that for almost three centuries were regarded as divinely inspired by Jews and Christians alike, but were eventually rejected by the Jews and burned, so thoroughly that today only versions based on Greek translations survive. As early as the time of Jerome, the Apocrypha was separated from the rest of the Vulgate on the ground that, not being part of the Jewish bible, its validity was questionable. It nonetheless continues to be included in Catholic and Orthodox bibles, but is rejected by Protestants and Jews. The Jewish rationale for exclusion is that, although included in the Septuagint, the apocryphal works were composed after the death of the last spokesman, Zekharyah, with whom the canon terminated. By that reasoning, such books as DANIEL, RUTH and several others should also have been excluded. The true reason was that the Jewish canonization council was determined not to have a bible identical with the Christian “Old Testament.” Thanks to Martin Luther, they now have exactly that.

**Apocryphal New Testament** Those gospels, letters and Acts, usually but not always written later than canonical segments of the Christian testament, that were excluded from the Christian canon. Debate over which books should be included in an official Christian bible lasted over two centuries. Some were finally excluded because their pseudepigraphic nature was recognized. But most exclusions were based on a book’s contradiction of evolved Christian mythology. The Ebionite gospel, for example, sometimes called *Hebrew Matthew* because its author claimed to be the mythical apostle Matthew, as the anonymous author of the canonical MATTHEW did not, was rejected when it was found to contain an admission by Jesus that he might have sinned unintentionally. While the Jesus of history may well have made such an admission, the posthumously deified god Jesus certainly could not have done so. Although *apocryphal* originally meant “hidden,” its meaning has now evolved into “spurious.”

**Apollinaris, Saint** Nonexistent first bishop of Ravenna, created in the imagination of Peter Chrysologus (d. 450 CE), archbishop of Ravenna, out of a local Apollo cult that he was compelled to incorporate into Christianity because it could not be suppressed.

**Apollo** Greek sun god who crossed the sky in a flaming chariot.

**Apollonian parenthood** The theory, universal from *c* 3500 BCE until the discovery of the ovum in 1827 CE, that human sperm (Greek for “seed”) was an absolute analogue of plant seeds, and that a mother was not a biological parent like a father, but merely the field in which a seed grew into a baby. Christianity, ever hostile to science, refused to abandon the Apollonian theory until long after it was refuted in 1827.

**Apollos** A disciple of John the Immerser, who continued to preach John as the Messiah after John’s execution by Herod Antipas, and after the execution of Jesus the Nazirite by Pontius Pilatus. According to ACTS, Apollos eventually switched his allegiance from John to Jesus. However, as ACTS was written by a man consciously trying to win the Immersers over to Christianity, that allegation may reasonably be doubted. Apollos was an Alexandrian Jew. Since LETTER TO THE HEBREWS was written in Alexandria shortly after the death of Paul of Tarsus, Apollos is sometimes identified as its most probable author. Other scholars suggest that the author was Apollos’s alleged converter, Priscilla, since she was certainly a Christian, whereas Apollos may

never have been. Apollos was preaching John as Messiah in Ephesus at the same time that Paul was preaching Jesus as Messiah in Caesarea.

**apostles, twelve** Nonexistent executive committee credited to Jesus the Nazirite posthumously, consisting of six persons who appear to have been Jesus' historical disciples, and six more invented by the author of MARK. Since the Jesus Jews, known as Nazirites, were administered by a Twelve at the time that MARK was composed, the gospel author assumed that there must also have been a Twelve during Jesus' lifetime. Mark's "twelve" included a Jacob bar Halphaias and an unidentified Matthew, while the disciples at large included Jacob's brother Levi bar Halphaias. Later gospels identified Matthew and Levi as the same man and, because Levi had been recruited at a tax office, called him a tax collector. And where MARK's twelve included a *Thaddaios*, an interpolator of MATTHEW substituted a *Lebbaios*, and LUKE substituted a second Judas, son of Jacob.

**apostolic succession** The alleged continuity of anointing of Christian bishops, based on:

- (a) the lie that Jesus anointed Peter as Head Christian;
- (b) the lie that Peter anointed a successor; and
- (c) the assertion that thereafter all new bishops to the present day were anointed by previous bishops.

In a sense, however, the concept of an unbroken line of succession is valid, since Jesus was succeeded by his brother Jacob the Righteous; Jacob granted recognition to Paul of Tarsus, temporarily, but long enough to support line-of-succession arguments; and Paul anointed district supervisors who evolved into bishops. At the time of Henry VIII's reformation in England, Bishop Cranmer, himself anointed with papal approval, anointed Protestant bishops, and the line-of-succession thereby continued through the reign of Mary I. At the accession of Elizabeth I, however, Catholic bishops refused to anoint their Protestant successors, and the unbroken line was permanently terminated. In 1896, Pope Leo XIII pronounced Anglican ordinations invalid on the ground that they lacked apostolic succession, blissfully unaware that his own succession was traced through three first-century bishops of Rome who did not exist, and the disciple Peter who never visited Rome in his life and who, as a Nazirite, regarded the Christians as pseudo-Jewish infidels.

**apostrophe** Punctuation mark used by educated persons to form contractions and genitives, and by illiterate North Americans to form plurals.

**Apsu** The subterranean ocean that was the chaos goddess Tiamat's lower body, which Marduk separated from her upper body in the Babylonian creation myth, just as Elohim did to the chaos goddess Tehom in the equivalent myth in GENESIS.

**Aqhat** In the Hymn to a Man's God found among the Ras Shamra tablets dating from the fourteenth century BCE, a righteous king named Daniel prayed to bull Al for a son, and as a consequence his wife bore him Aqhat, a savior hero not unlike Jesus, Dionysos, and Mithra.

**Aquinas, Thomas** Canonized mythologist, c 1227-1274, who declared that humans could copulate with devils, and that demons could instantaneously transport the semen of a masturbator into a woman's womb without her knowledge. He also endorsed the validity of astrology. Pope Leo XIII ordered all RC clergy to believe Aquinas's masturbation fantasies as recently as 1879. *see also* Thomas Aquinas

**Aray** Thrakian/Armenian/Georgian/Hittite resurrected savior god who lost his mystery religion elements when he became the Greek Ares. Still worshipped by Jews, Christians and Muslims as Mikhael, the deified planet Mars.



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**Ararat** Mountain range in Armenia where, in an Armenian flood myth of the second millennium BCE, the human race's sole survivor landed his ark after the world-covering flood. When the Priestly author wrote an alternative flood myth c 615 BCE to replace the Yahwist's older version, he added the detail that the ark landed on Ararat.

**achaehokum** Unlearned nonsense presented as archaeology; *e.g.*, *America B.C.* and *American Genesis*.

**archangels** *see* seraphs

**Ares** Greek war god; deification of the planet Mars; equivalent to Tiw, Mars, Nergal, and Mikhael.

**Argentina** Theocracy in which the president is legally required to be a Roman Catholic.

**Arian heresy** Name applied retroactively, for the purpose of pretending that the old was new and the new was old, to the original Christian belief, derived from Jesus' own sect, that Jesus was Yahweh's mortal creation, the successor and equal of King David. Named after Arius, deacon of Alexandria, last champion of the old orthodoxy against the new mythology championed by Athanasius, Arianism did contain elements of late Christian doctrine, since many Arians, in a compromise with Athanasians, granted Jesus a less-than-divine but more-than-human status that he had not enjoyed in the first century. Arian Christianity was the official mythology of the Roman Empire from the death of Constantinius until the accession of Theodosius, except for the two-year reign of the pagan Julian. All emperors from Theodosius on were Athanasian.

**Arinna** Hittite queen of Heaven and earth; still worshipped by Roman Catholics as Mary, the mother of Jesus.

**Aristarkhos** Greek philosopher c 310-230 BCE; the first person known to have postulated that earth was a planet and that planets orbited the sun. Aristarkhos narrowly escaped being tried for heresy for his unorthodox beliefs.

**Aristoboulos I** Hasmonean king of Judah 104-103 BCE. During the reign of his father, John Hyrkanos, Aristoboulos led a Jewish army into a Galilee that was then totally gentile, since all Jews had been led from Galilee into Judah in the reign of Simon Hasmon. Aristoboulos forcibly circumcised all Galileans who were willing to convert to Judaism, and murdered all who were not. The circumcisions guaranteed the permanence of the conversions, since outside of Judaism a circumcised man would have been an object of ridicule. An analogous tactic was used by the Muslims who conquered India to convert Hindus: An upper-caste Hindu was pelted with urine from the untouchable caste, thereby forcing him to choose between becoming a respectable Muslim, or remaining in Hinduism as an untouchable, a pariah. Among the Galileans thus converted were the ancestors of Jesus the Nazirite. Aristoboulos offered a similar convert-or-die choice to the population of Idumea, and the accepters of circumcision included the ancestors of King Herod.

**Aristotle** Greek philosopher, 384-322 BCE, who first recognized that ethics can be based on reason, and that a self-evidently valid law need not be justified by attributing it to a metaphysical lawgiver. Aristotle also recognized that the ideal government should be a balanced blending of monarchy, aristocracy and democracy. While governments following Aristotle's prescription have sometimes been evil, governments not doing so have always been evil.

**Arius** Deacon of Alexandria who fought for Christian monotheism against the Athanasian concept of a triple-god. Arius died in 336 CE, a year before the death of Constantinius led to the temporary burial of the Athanasian trinity. With the triumph of Athanasian trinitarianism following the succession of Theodosius, Arius was pronounced a heretic, and retains that status to the present day, even though he shared Jesus' own beliefs about himself, as modern Christians do not.

**ark** Wooden chest or boat, manufactured in reality as a symbol of the deified fertility principles, or in mythology as the vessel in which a chosen survivor escaped a world-embracing flood. In the earliest flood myth, from the Indus valley, the rain goddess tried to drown the human race. But the primeval yoni and lingam, (vulva and phallus) conjoined to form a hollow ark with erect mast in which the chosen one and his woman were saved. In all versions of the flood myth prior to the Hebrew, a bad god tried to exterminate humankind, and a good god saved it. In the Yahwist's version, Yahweh's paramouncy demanded that he alone have the capacity to send such a flood, and he was therefore credited with both the good-god and bad-god roles. The Priestly author, although aware of the older versions of the myth, retained Yahweh as both destroyer and rescuer. His doing so strongly implies that Satan, first mentioned in 520 BCE by Zekharyah, had not yet entered Jewish mythology at the time P wrote, 621-612 BCE, or he would certainly have been blamed. As early as 2800 BCE in Sumer, the myth existed that Ziusudra had survived a universal flood by building a wooden ark large enough to hold breeding pairs of all living species except fish and other water creatures. Ziusudra's ark was smaller than that of the Priestly author, but neither had even one-thousandth the capacity needed to hold the number of animal life forms now known to exist. In king David's time, the earliest kind of ark, a vulva-shaped hollow chest with a phallic mast, containing a conjoined stone phallus and vulva, known as the Chest of Yahweh's Treaty, or Ark of the Covenant, played a pivotal role in pre-temple Judaism.

**ark of the covenant** Wooden chest in the traditional shape of a hollow box/yoni and an erect mast/lingam, that played a pivotal role in pre-temple Judaism. The earliest date for which the ark's existence can be established with certainty is the sheikhdom of Samuel. According to the Priestly author, it was manufactured by Moses, and that is not impossible. Moses may have manufactured the fertility symbol to house the live snake that he was forced to accept into his monolatrous religion as a concession to the Israelites' goddess orientation. If so, then the snake would have been removed by King David and replaced by the stone phallus and vulva that it certainly contained when David danced naked in the ark's presence, wearing only the wooden dildo that was phallus-god Yahweh's image. The ark appears to have disappeared from Jewish ritual at the time of the building of Solomon's temple. Probably it was housed in the temple, and was either destroyed at the same time that the reformer, King Khezekyahuw, destroyed the bronze snake once associated with it, or was destroyed when the temple was razed in 586 BCE. According to the Priestly author, the ark, or chest of Yahweh's treaty, contained the scroll of the Torah. It may be that Khezekyahuw threw out the genital stones and replaced them with the J/E Torah, and P later substituted his own. Certainly P would not have stated that the ark contained the Torah, by which he could only have meant his own composition, not the J/E/D alternative, unless at the time of writing it or a replacement chest contained exactly that.

**Arkhelaos** Eldest surviving son and heir of King Herod, who had executed three older sons; named Ethnarch, "ruler of the people," by Augustus Caesar in 4 BCE, and given the rule of Judea, but not of Galilee and other areas that had been ruled by Herod. At Herod's death, a deputation of Jews had petitioned Augustus not to make Arkhelaos king over them, and that petition may have been the reason Augustus split Herod's kingdom among Arkhelaos and three Tetrarchs chosen from Herod's other sons. The deputation was described by Josephus, and incorporated into a parable put into the mouth of Jesus by the author of LUKE (19:12-15). In 6 CE Arkhelaos was deposed, and Judea was brought under direct Roman rule administered by a procurator. Arkhelaos's deposition was the factor that necessitated the first Judean census, so that Rome would have a registry of taxpayers. Since Galilee continued to be ruled by a Herodian, Antipas, it was not included in the census.

**Arkhytas** Greek philosopher, c 420-350 BCE, who first reduced the theory of finite space to absurdity by asking why, if he was taken to its edge, he could not reach beyond. Even though

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Arkhytas did not consider the concept of a finite, four-dimensional, hypersphere, the same objection would appear to apply to that metaphysical construct also.

**Armageddon** *har Megiddo*, the mountain of Megiddo in Galilee, where the Essene author of REVELATION, writing in 70 CE when the first Roman-Jewish war was still in progress, wrote that the last battle of the war would take place. He also prophesied that the Jews would win and that Rome would be razed. In fact the last battle took place at Masada, south of Jerusalem, the Jews lost, and Rome was never razed.

**Arnold, Benedict** Former confidant and adviser of George Washington, who committed the unforgivable sin of defecting to the losing side.

**arse** The excretory orifice at the terminus of the alimentary canal, for some reason equated with a donkey in America; called *anus* in medical writings; in New Guinea pidgin: the bottom or rear end of any object.

**Arsiel** Originally the Kasidite underworld god; reduced to demon status in post-exilic Judaism, when all gods but Yahweh were partially de-deified in conformity with the new orthodoxy that only the king of gods was “God,” and less-than-omnipotent immortals were not.

**Artaxerxes** Greek form of the name of three kings of Persia:

Artaxerxes I, 465-425 BCE;

Artaxerxes II, 404-358 BCE;

Artaxerxes III, 358-338 BCE.

The king in the Greek additions to ESTHER is called Artaxerxes, even though it seems probable that the Hebrew author’s *Akhashwerowsh* was intended to be Xerxes, 485-465 BCE. It was Artaxerxes I who authorized Ezra and Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem and refurbish Yahweh’s temple. Artaxerxes I must also have authorized the rebuilding of the Jerusalem walls, completed in 434 BCE, as it is inconceivable that the satrap Nehemiah could have escaped execution if he had taken such an action without a direct order from the Great King.

**Artemidos, Saint** Canonization of the Greek goddess Artemis.

**Artemis** Amalgam of a moon goddess, a virgin goddess, a mother goddess, a fertility goddess and an earth goddess; equivalent to Ishtar, Easter, Ashtareth, Astarte, Asherah, Sin, Selene, Helene, Eve, the Jewish Great Mother Tehowm, and the Christian mother goddess, Mary.

**Arthur of Britain** Unlike Moses and Jesus, of whom information survives that is so unflattering that no myth-maker would have invented it, no compelling argument can be made for the historicity of “King Arthur.” The best guess is that Arthur did exist, that he was a military leader who fought for a coalition of British tribal kings but was not himself a king, that he perhaps formed a mobile cavalry company capable of journeying wherever it was needed, and that he fought the invading Angles, Saxons and Jutes and kept them from expanding beyond the south and east coasts for fifty years. It may be that he was leader of a pro-Roman party, perhaps an appointee of the last Roman Vicarius, and as such the perceived enemy of a nationalist party that was as opposed to Roman influence as it was opposed to the Saxons. The nationalist leaders may have included men named Vortigern and Modred. Certainly Arthur’s supremacy coincided with a fifty year period when the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* claimed no victories, while the battle of Camlan, “in which Arthur and Modred died,” (*Annalles of Cambria*) appears to have been a historical civil war in which the disunited British destroyed themselves and thereby presented the invading Saxons with an island that was no longer able to defend itself. That Arthur was the leader of a Christian party, and Modred leader of a Druidic party, is less likely. Although Arthur himself possibly existed, the Arthurian romance cycle is an amalgam of pre-Arthurian myths of demigods,

sacred kings, priestess-queens, fairies and wizards, with no historical basis, just as the Jesus legend is a conglomeration of 5000-year-old myths posthumously attached to a much later dead hero.

**Aruru** Sumerian potter-goddess who created humans out of clay in the likeness of the gods, and breathed into them the breath that constituted the life force. The story of Aruru was told in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, and borrowed from there by the Yahwist for his myth of the creation of Adam and Eve. J also borrowed his flood myth from the same source.

**Aryan** Word coined by philologist Max Müller for the proto-language now more commonly called Indo-European, and for the postulated fair-skinned Asian race that he thought must have spoken it. Müller later recognized that, while an Aryan language did once exist, the concept of an Aryan *race* was speculative and indefensible nonsense. For additional information, see Jacques Barzun's *Race: A Study in Superstition*, NY, 1965.

**Ascension** The miraculous ascent of a demigod into the sky at the end of his earthly life, without the necessity of discarding his physical body, in imitation of the ascension in a flaming chariot of the sun gods Apollo and Mithra. Such a solar ascension was later credited to Eliyahuw, then to Jesus, then to Mohamed, and finally to the RC mother goddess Mary.

**asceticism** *see* masochism

**Asenath** identified by the Elohist as the Egyptian wife of Joseph and the daughter of Potiphar(kh). In Talmudic times, 200-500 CE, Asenath was transformed into the daughter of Joseph's sister Dinyah (Soph. ch. 21), in accordance with Jewish *racial purity* theory that would not allow Israelites to be descended from a woman who was not the descendant of Jacob.

**Asher** ("phallus") Phallus worshipping tribe that became part of the Jewish-Israelite confederation in the thirteenth century BCE.

**Asherah** ("vulva")

- (1) the female recreational orifice;
- (2) the personified vulva as Goddess the Mother;
- (3) the "fruit of the tree of life," the fig or pomegranate which, when fully ripened on the tree so that it split open on one side, resembled the human vulva that was the source of all life. The Mother's worshippers sacramentally ate the asherah fruit as the earthly manifestation of her immortal flesh. By consuming the Body of Goddess, the worshipper thereby acquired the portion of her immortality that she had surrendered by her annual death and resurrection at the vernal equinox, just as warriors who ate their defeated enemies' hearts absorbed their strength. In the Yahwist's forbidden fruit myth, however, written at a time when Judaism had no afterlife concept, Eve's attempt to gain immortality by eating the goddess's body in defiance of Yahweh's order backfired, and resulted in death;
- (4) vulva-shaped goddess-altars of wood or stone that were built in Judah until the time of the Babylonian Captivity.

**Ashtareth** Semitic mother goddess, equivalent to Easter, Ishtar, Astarte, Artemis, Aphrodite and Frig, and the Jewish Tehowm and the Christian Mary; the anthropomorphized vulva, worshipped in the sacrament of fornication, and honored as the creative force behind all sexual conjunction.

**Ash Wednesday** Christianized version of the Hindu ritual in which sins were washed away by covering the sinner with ashes that represented the blood of Siva.

**Asklepios** Greek physician of the heroic period who restored a patient to life, thereby arousing the jealousy of Zeus, who re-killed the patient in order to maintain his own status as the sole arbiter of life. The author of JOHN borrowed the story when he had Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, thereby angering the chief priests into plotting to re-kill him.

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**Asmodaios** Paramount demon-god in old Iranian religion; assimilated into post-exilic Judaism as the messenger of death.

**Asmodeus** “the god Asmo,” Christian demon borrowed from the Zoroastrianism of Iran; identical with Asmodaios.

**ass** American misspelling of *arse*; also a donkey.

**Assumption** The RC doctrine that the goddess Mary was assumed bodily into Heaven, thereby emulating Eliyahu, Mohamed and Jesus. Orthodox Christianity, in which Mary’s death is a Holy Day, rejects the doctrine, as does Protestantism.

**Assumption of Moses** Essene book regarded as canonical by the author of the LETTER OF JUDE, who paraphrased one of its passages (JUDE 9).

**Astarte** Hittite moon goddess, equivalent to Ishtar, Easter, Ashtareth, Artemis, Diana and Aphrodite.

**Astlik** Armenian sex goddess, assimilated into medieval Christianity as the ancestress of fairies and nymphs.

**astral projection** The separation of the astral body, the ancient Egyptian equivalent of the immortal soul or spirit, from the still-living physical body, thereby enabling the astral body to travel at infinite speed to distant points on or off the earth and observe what is happening there. Astral projection could be authenticated by the simple experiment of placing an open book on a high shelf where the astral traveler could not see it through his physical eyes, but could read it easily by floating his astral body to the top of the room and then returning to his physical body to report what he had read. No practitioner of astral projection has ever succeeded in doing so under conditions that rule out conjuring techniques and collusion. Nor has anyone ever returned from astral travel with verifiable information not obtainable by physical means.

**astrobiology** New astrology invented by Michel Gauquelin to replace sun-sign astrology, which he ridicules. Gauquelin claims to have established a correlation between the position of a planet at the time of an individual’s birth, and that individual’s success in specified fields. In fact Gauquelin’s positive results were obtained by what scientists term “experimenter bias,” and replication of his research produced only negative results. Gauquelin-nonsense is defended in the last two chapters of Hans Eysenck’s otherwise excellent *Astrology: Science or Superstition*, NY, 1982. Eysenck is the researcher who “proved,” with the aid of a grant from the tobacco industry, that there is no correlation between smoking and cancer. For a more competent evaluation of astrobiology, see *Skeptical Inquirer*, winter 1979/80.

**astrology** Originally, the belief that the stars were gods, and that constellations were groups of associated gods who acted in concert and were able to influence the lives of humans born during the period that a particular constellation wielded maximum power. With the evolution of pseudo-monotheism, the stars were de-deified, but were nonetheless still credited with the kind of influence that was previously credited only to gods. For additional information, see *Astrology Disproved* by Lawrence Jerome (Prometheus, 1978), and *Astrology: True or False?* by R. Culver and P. Ianna (Prometheus, 1988).

**astronomy** The scientific study of extraterrestrial bodies. At the time that study of the stars became a scientific discipline unrelated to fortune telling, it was renamed *astronomy* (“names of stars”) to distinguish it from the superstitious beliefs that retained the older name of *astrology* (“knowledge of the stars”).

**Astyages** King of the Medes 587-549 BCE; often identified by apologists for the biblical fiction called DANIEL with the nonexistent *Darius the Mede* of that book. Darius the Mede allegedly conquered Babylon eleven years after Astyages' death.

**Athanasius** Bishop of Alexandria 328-373 CE; leader of the trinitarian party, opposed by Arius, that eventually transformed Christianity from a one-paramount-god to a three-paramount-gods mythology. Although the three chief Christian gods had been described as a triad as early as 130 CE, and a trinity by the beginning of the third century, it was Athanasius who played the major role in having the masculinized triple-goddess of the ancients incorporated into Christian orthodoxy—primarily by calling a vote that deified Jesus at Nicea at a time when the monotheist majority of bishops had not arrived, so that the vote was stacked with trinitarians.

**atheism** The absence of belief in any god. While theists and atheists (using definition 1 below) can be found at both the top and bottom ends of the intellectual spectrum, there is an observable positive correlation between atheism and functional intelligence. The twentieth century's most prominent proponents of atheism include Stephen Hawking, Carl Sagan, Isaac Asimov, Stephen Jay Gould, John F. Kennedy (who found it expedient to pretend to be a Catholic), and Gore Vidal. Equally prominent proponents of theism are Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Dan Quayle, Karol Wojtyla, Pat Buchanan and Oral Roberts. Theism addicts are motivated by emotion, and can rationalize away an infinite amount of falsifying evidence. Adherents to atheism are motivated by reason, and would abandon their disbelief in gods immediately if the evidence justified it.

**atheist** ("no god") There are three common definitions of an atheist, each defended by its adherents as more useful than the others:

- (1) every person who does not profess belief in the existence of a god, regardless of whether he calls himself an atheist, an agnostic, a humanist, a rationalist, a naturalist, or anything else;
- (2) every person who states categorically that gods do not exist, regardless of whether he is a historian who can prove that particular gods are invented fiction, or a layman who rejects the god hypothesis as unproven and unprovable;
- (3) a person who, not being a historian with expert knowledge that the nonexistence of the specific gods of existing religions can be proven, or a philosopher who can prove by logic that such gods cannot exist, merely *believes* that gods do not exist. This kind of atheist is susceptible to deathbed conversion, as a historian or logician is not.

A historian who accepts definition (3) usually considers himself a *nontheist* rather than an atheist, on the ground that a person who has knowledge does not need belief, positive or negative. Someone who *knows* that the earth is round does not merely believe that the earth is round. To an adherent of definition 3, both *theist* and *atheist* imply mere belief, in a field in which belief is irrelevant.

**Athena** in pre-Greek religion, a deified owl who was also the primeval Mother goddess. In the final version of the Greek pantheon, Athena became a virgin, thereby revealing that she had been worshipped since a time when the concept *husband* did not exist, and in the evolved theology of a later age, a woman without a husband could only be a virgin.

**Atlantis** In two dialogues of Plato, an island civilization in the Atlantic Ocean that sank without trace within twenty-four hours, *c* 9000 BCE. There are two views on Atlantis that have any credibility:

- (1) Atlantis existed purely in Plato's imagination. Resemblances to Minoan Crete and the eruption of Santorini are coincidental;
- (2) Plato's description of Atlantis's culture and religion matched Minoan Crete so precisely that the similarity could only have been intentional. Similarly, the sinking of Santorini as a

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consequence of a volcanic eruption *c* 1500 BCE bears sufficient resemblance to the Atlantis cataclysm to be reasonably identified as Plato's model. That the eruption of Santorini immediately destroyed the Minoan civilization is no longer a viable hypothesis, and if there was a long-term connection, Plato cannot reasonably be credited with discerning it. However, the discrepancies between Plato's tale and its source material can be explained. Plato claimed to have heard of Atlantis from a poem composed by Solon, and that claim may be not without foundation. If Solon indeed wrote such a poem, Plato would have "rectified" any detail that he believed could not be accurate. Thus, where Solon (such is the theory) wrote that Atlantis had sunk 900 years before his own time, when Santorini had in fact sunk, Plato changed 900 years to 9000 years. And where Solon correctly located Atlantis/Santorini between Greece and Crete, Plato relocated it outside of the Mediterranean.

The most plausible explanation of Atlantis is a combination of both theories. Plato wrote his dialogues solely as a framework for his philosophy, and invented a backdrop called Atlantis. But in describing his fictitious Atlantis, he may well have utilized material from the history of Crete and Santorini. One thing is certain: To the degree that Atlantis differed from Minoan Crete, or perhaps a city in Media that was destroyed by an earthquake, it was pure fantasy. There was no Atlantis anywhere else. For additional information see *Ancient Astronauts, Cosmic Collisions*, by L. H. Stiebing (Prometheus, 1984), and *Lost Tribes and Sunken Continents*, by Robert Wauchope (Chicago, 1961).

**Aton** Egyptian sun god; the world's first "one true god," so designated by the fanatic Pharaoh Ikhenaton; outside of Ikhenaton's brief reign, identified with Ra and Amun.

**Aton-Moses** ("son of the sun") *see* Moses

**Atonement, Day of** *see* Yowm Kippur

**attention deficit disorder** Faculty of Education doubletalk for the inability to pay attention.

**Atthis** Phrygian savior-god executed by castration at the vernal equinox, who rose from the dead on the third day and thereby was enabled to transfer the surrendered portion of his immortality to his worshippers. In historical times, the death and resurrection of Atthis were re-enacted annually, with a corn doll being ritually executed and planted, only to be dug up three days later. When the doll was seen to have sprouted shoots, the god's resurrection was deemed to be established. Atthis was worshipped in this manner from *c* 1000 BCE until *c* 400 CE. As a vegetation god, he was also depicted as a pine tree, adopted into Christianity as the Christmas tree.

**Attila syndrome** The attitude that "might makes right," that if one has acquired the power to take another's property or abrogate his freedom by force, there is no moral reason why he should not exercise that power. Although there have been notable exceptions, such as Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler, most practitioners of the Attila syndrome have believed that the power to enforce their will on others was given to them by a god, and that the god must therefore expect them to use it. The most prominent contemporary manifestations of the Attila syndrome can be seen in the governments of Afghanistan, Israel and Iran, the surviving communist states, the Republican Party, and trade unions.

**Attila the Hun** Patron saint of conservatives; king of the Asiatic Hun tribe, 433-453 CE. Attila was extremely superstitious, and in 451 CE he allegedly allowed the masochistic Christian "saint" Genevieve to dissuade him from angering her god by attacking Paris. A year later he similarly allowed Pope Leo I to dissuade him from attacking Rome

**Augustine of Canterbury** Catholic missionary whom Pope Gregory I sent to England in 596 CE to bring that country under the Roman yoke. At the time, the Welsh practised a form of Christianity that did not recognize the papacy, while the English were adherents of the pantheon of their Norse

ancestors. Unfortunately for Gregory, Augustine was a pretentious oaf whose tactless arrogance caused him to win the first skirmish but lose the war. Augustine's first target was King Ethelred of Kent, whose wife was the daughter of France's Catholic king, Clovis, founder of the Merovingian dynasty. Ethelred was enough of a pragmatist to see the political and economic advantages of declaring himself a Catholic, and Augustine was thus enabled to establish bishoprics at Canterbury and London. More than that, Augustine was unable to accomplish, and the Catholicizing of the rest of England did not begin until a generation after his ignominious departure. Much later, the *conversion* of England was retroactively credited to him, and he was canonized.

**Augustine of Hippo** Christian saint, masochist and psychopath. Augustine co-authored with Ambrose the dogma that Jesus' mother Mary was a perpetual virgin, since Jesus had magically appeared outside of her body without the necessity of rupturing her hymen by passing through her birth canal. Augustine also absolved the Christian gods of any responsibility for evil, by declaring that earthquakes, disease, famine and other imperfections in Jesus' world were somehow caused by humankind's tendency to sin. His hatred of everything natural is exemplified by his declaration, "We are born between shit and piss."

**aura** The alleged extension of the astral, etheric or energy body, equivalent to *soul*, beyond the borders of the physical body, forming an all-over halo. The "aura" was first postulated as a metaphysical explanation of the physical phenomenon of corona discharge. It later became the basis of Kirlian photography. Except as a metaphor for an individual's eye-of-the-beholder persona, there is no such thing as an aura.

**Australia** The world's largest culturally-deprived environment, that is nonetheless not so gullible as to allow humbugs such as Oral Roberts and other televangelists to flourish there. Although Australia shares with England the dubious distinction of having no viable liberal political party, since the masses are conditioned to alternate between government of the far right and government of the far left, only in Australia does a far right, ultra-conservative reactionary party call itself the (Australian) Liberal Party.

**Authorized Version** English bible translation authorized by King James I in 1611. At the time of publication, the *A.V.* was written in the vernacular of the day and was immediately comprehensible to anyone who could read. In the more than three centuries since the *A.V.* was published, the English language has changed to such a degree that much of the 1611 wording is now a virtual foreign language. The most obvious example is its use of words such as *thou* and *shalt* and *begat* that were standard English in 1611 but do not exist in the English of the twentieth century. Continued reprinting of the *A.V.* causes many persons who would never use such archaisms in any other context, to use expressions like "Our father which art in Heaven," and "thou shalt not," and "thy neighbor," when discussing religion. Many also follow the *A.V.* in addressing their gods as "thou," even though they do not address subordinates or children as "thou." Apparently they are unaware that "thou" is the most intimate form of address, equivalent to *tu* or *du*, and imagine it to be analogous to "Sir." To a twentieth-century reader, the archaic language of the *A.V.*'s instruction to soldiers to bury excrement (DEUTERONOMY 23:13) could easily be interpreted as an authorization to masturbate.

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**avatar** In Brahmanism, the god-man, a human incarnation of the divine principle, who appeared every thousand years with a new revelation to rectify the corruption of knowledge that had occurred since the last revelation. Since Judaism never had an avatar concept, Jesus' promotion to such a status in the second century CE was probably the biggest factor in Judaism's repudiation of Christianity as an infidel religion rather than a Jewish heresy. It is, however, unlikely that the



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author of JOHN took Jesus' avatar status directly from Brahmanism, since resurrected savior gods had by then long been part of Hellenistic mythology.

**Avignon papacy** In 1309 CE pope Clement V moved the papal residence from Rome to Avignon in his home country of France. He appointed sufficient French cardinals to constitute a majority, just as later Italian popes appointed a majority of Italians. As a result, a succession of French popes kept the papacy at Avignon until 1377, when pope Gregory XI returned it to Rome. At Gregory's death, Italian pressure on the cardinals led to the election of Urban VI, an Italian. Urban was so anti-French that the French cardinals, who still constituted a majority, deposed him and elected a French pope, Clement VII. Urban VI refused to be deposed, and stayed on as pope in Rome. Clement VII and the French cardinals returned to Avignon, and maintained a separate papacy until 1417. Due to political considerations, the Avignon papacy always had greater support than the Rome papacy, and secular rulers capitalized on the schism by playing one pope against the other. To end the schism, both popes were deposed in 1410 and replaced by John XXIII. Both refused to be deposed, and for seven years there were three popes. When all three submitted to Martin V in 1417, the Avignon papacy was terminated. Martin's predecessor in Rome was retroactively recognized as a "true" pope, while all of the Avignon popes were designated antipopes, as was John XXIII, so that a second John XXIII was elected in 1958. At least one opposition pope flourished until 1449, and for some of that time there were three popes, but from 1410 only the pope in office in Rome was widely recognized.

**ayatollah** Shi'ite theocrat.

**Azazel** Jewish deification of the planet Venus as one of the seven seraphs or planetary messengers, also called archangels. When Persian influence during and after the Babylonian Captivity caused Jewish mythologians to see a need for a monarch of evil, equivalent to the Persian prince of darkness, Ahriman, to relieve Yahweh of responsibility for evil, Jewish hatred of the fertility goddess identified with the planet Venus led to the equation of the Jewish Venus, Azazel, with the previously undefined *satanas* "enemy." Azazel also became equated with messengers-of-death, Samael and Asmodeus, and in the *Authorized Version* his name was mistranslated as "scapegoat." As the Jewish Satan, he eventually acquired the physical characteristics of the Greek goat god Pan

**Azrael** One of the four Muslim archangels, corrupted from Azazel as a separate entity from Iblis, the Muslim demon king for whom alternate names are *Azazel* and *Shaytan*.

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**Baal** Phoenician fertility god whose name was also used generically to mean a god, a master, a husband, a property owner; identical with Bel and Belus; equivalent to such resurrected vegetation deities as Atthis, Tammuz, Priapos; generally depicted as possessing the common fertility god attribute of a disproportionately large, tumescent phallus; son of the chief sky god, El.

**Baal Peowr** “Lord of the (genital) Split”; Phoenician fertility god mentioned in NUMBERS 25:3.

**Baal Zebub** (“Lord of the Flies”) Deliberate Jewish distortion of the name of the Ekronite god Baal Zub. When the Ekronite god was mentioned in 4 KINGS 1:2, the Hebrew author, in his hatred of all gods but his own, insultingly called him *Lord of the Flies*, thereby implying that the god was too powerless to keep the flies away from his unattended meat offering. Perhaps the priests of Yahweh carried fly swatters.

**Baal Zub** (“Lord of the Phallus”) Fertility god of the ancient Ekronites.

**Babel** Akkadian name of the city that became *Babylon* in Greek. The Yahwist imagined that the name *Babel* was derived from the Hebrew *balbel*, “to confuse.” (GENESIS. 11:9) In fact *Bab-El* was a direct translation into Akkadian of the city’s original Sumerian name, *Kadimira*, “God’s Gate.”

**Babel, Tower of** *see* Tower of Babylon

**Babylonian Captivity** The period from 586 to 538 BCE when the population of Judah were transported to Babylon and retained there as slaves. Jeremiah (*Yiremyahuw*) prophesied that the Captivity would last seventy years (25:11) and end when Babylon fell to Assyria (50:3). In fact it lasted forty-eight years, and ended when Babylon fell to Persia.

**baby show** Australian ritual in which babies are un-diapered by a doctor, who awards the one with the largest genitals a blue ribbon.

**Bacchus** Roman fertility god and resurrected savior; god of drunkenness and debauchery; equivalent to Dionysos, Tammuz, Atthis, Osiris, Jesus, Persephone and Easter. Bacchus was the earliest hero credited with turning water into wine.

**Bacchus, Saint** Canonization of Roman god.

**backslide** To abandon or neglect religious observances, often as a result of a partial recovery of sanity.

**Bahai** Breakaway sect from Islam, not now considered a form of Islam, founded between 1844 and 1850 by Baha u’llah, who pronounced one of his followers the Imam/Messiah prophesied by Mohamed. Although Mohamed declared that a greater prophet than himself, a *Mahdi*, would eventually follow, orthodox Muslims persecuted the Bahai for teaching that the Mahdi had already come.

**bail** Money posted by an accused murderer to guarantee that he will appear in court—after he has killed the eyewitness whose testimony could have convicted him.

**bait and switch** Tactic most commonly associated with sleaze-bucket salesmen (there’s another kind?) to attract customers by advertising a bargain that does not exist (“We just sold the last one.”), so that they can be sold an expensive product they do not need at an exorbitant price. But “bait and switch” is also used by money-grabbing religions (there’s another kind?) to win new victims. Scientology is particularly notorious for advertising “free I.Q. tests,” and in the guise of interpreting the mark’s score trying to sell him propaganda publications aimed at adding him

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permanently to their sucker list. Eckankar and the Rosicrucians advertise free information on “soul travel” and reincarnation, in the expectation of selling any respondent a lifetime of superstition. Quantity-of-life cults advertise “help” for the unintentionally pregnant, only to offer, not advice on abortion access, but fanatic anti-abortion preaching. And advertisers in rationalist magazines for “136 biblical inconsistencies” have in fact been mailing respondents puerile attempted rebuttals of the listed inconsistencies.

**Balaam** In NUMBERS, prophet engaged by the Mowabites to call down his god’s curse upon the invading Israelites. According to the J/E narrative, Balaam was contacted by Yahweh, and as a consequence invoked Yahweh’s blessing on the tribe he had been hired to curse. But according to the Priestly author and the Redactor, Balaam was killed by the Israelites in battle, in punishment for cursing them. The final editor of REVELATION (2:14) used the name *Balaam* as a derogatory pseudonym for Paul of Tarsus.

**Balaam’s ass** In NUMBERS 22, the donkey that spoke to Balaam and warned him that a messenger of Yahweh was waiting to kill him—for opposing Yahweh in the original Yahwistic version, but for obeying Yahweh in the clumsy J/E redaction; only mundane talking animal in the Judaeo-Christian bible; analogous to the talking horses which warned Akhilleus of his impending fate in Homer’s *Iliad*.

**Balder** Norse savior god who died and was expected to manifest a *second coming*. Like Jesus, he is somewhat overdue.

**Baldred, Saint** Canonization of Norse savior god Balder.

**ball-breaker** Chauvinist term for a non-subservient woman.

**balls** Euphemism for testicles; temporarily replaced by *stones* on network television, on the ground that *balls* is a dirty word.

**Balthasar** *see* Gaspar

**baptism** (Greek: *baptisma*, “immersion”) Essene rebirth ritual absorbed into Christianity, in which an initiate into the sect was cleansed of all sin by being immersed in the Jordan river and reborn from the sacred river’s womb. Christianity practised *baptisma* until the fourth century CE, at which time it was replaced by *khristheis*, “anointing” Anglicized to *christening*, the initiation ritual of Jesus’ chief rival, Mithra, partly to attract Mithra worshippers to the newer god, and partly because a large number of potential converts would have found immersion too traumatic. *Baptisma* was revived at the time of the Protestant Reformation. Protestant practitioners of *baptisma* and *khristheis* generally use the correct name, but RCs practise christening and misname it baptism.

**Baptists** Christian sect that practises baptism rather than christening.

**Barabbas** Title that identified the son of the president of the Sanhedrin, *bar abba*, “son of Father.” It has been speculated that Jesus bar Abbas was arrested for being at the site of Jesus the Nazirite’s abortive uprising, possibly for the purpose of dissuading the rebels from their hopeless intent, and that he was released “for the festival,” meaning in time to celebrate Passover, when the mistake was realized. More likely the entire Barabbas tale was invented by the author of MARK to further his pretence that Jesus had not been executed as an enemy of Rome, and that the Roman procurator made a heroic effort to save his life. It was never a Roman custom to release a prisoner in honor of a religious festival, and had Pontius Pilatus released a man who had killed a Roman or ally, his own execution would certainly have followed. The man who was *Bar Abba* in 30 CE became High Priest in 63 CE.

- Barbara, Saint** Canonization of the Roman fairy queen, through the mistranslation of her title, “Divine Barbarian,” as a proper name.
- barbarian** Greek name for a non-Greek, on the ground that non-Greek languages sounded like the bleating (“ba ba ba”) of a sheep.
- bar Kokhba** (Shimeown bar Kosiba) Thought to be the last known descendant of Judas of Galilee, and as such the hereditary Head Zealot, Bar Kokhba was proclaimed Messiah, and led the Jews in the second Roman-Jewish War, 132-135 CE. He minted coins that styled him, “Shimeown, Prince of Israel.” When his death ended the war, the rabbi who had proclaimed him Messiah was executed for false prophecy, since a true messiah could neither have died nor been defeated. No sect arose to pronounce Bar Kokhba’s death temporary and await a second coming.
- Barlaam, Saint** Canonization of the hero of a legend originally told of Siddartha Gautama.
- bar mitzvah** Jewish initiation ritual for males, customarily taking place at the age of fourteen years.
- Barnabas** Cypriot Jew whose given name was Yosef, but who was better known as “son of courage,” *bar Nabas*; associate of Paul of Tarsus in his earliest missionary tours, until Paul refused to work with Barnabas’s nephew John Markos, who could speak Greek and had informed the Jerusalem commune that Paul was preaching heretical doctrines in that language, and Barnabas refused to stay without Markos.
- Barnum, P. T.** The man generally credited with the discovery that there is a customer for books called *The Devil’s Triangle, Worlds in Collision, Chariots of the Gods?, Jeane Dixon’s Prophecies, Out on a Limb, The Amityville Horror, Communion, Intruders, In His Image, UFOs Have Landed, Developing your ESP Potential, The Ghost of Flight 401* and *The Bible* born every minute.
- Bartholomew, Saint** One of six names invented by the author of MARK to complete his mythical *twelve apostles*. When Christianity took over a Roman shrine of Asklepios, human bones in the vicinity were declared to be those of the nonexistent Bartholomew, to whom the shrine was rededicated as a hospital.
- Bartholomew’s Day massacre** The slaughter of possibly as many as 70,000 French Protestants by a priest-led Catholic mob in 1572, an event that caused the jubilant Pope Gregory XIII to proclaim a year of celebration. It was widely reported that, when the leader of the massacre was asked how any Catholics among the Huguenots might be recognized, he answered, “Kill them all. God will know his own.” However, the same story was told in connection with several other massacres of Protestants by Catholics, and may or may not have had a factual basis somewhere, some time.
- Baruch, Apocalypse of** Pharisaical book composed after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE, by an author who claimed to be Baruch, Jeremiah’s secretary; excluded from all Jewish and Christian canons, probably because it contradicted the alternative *Baruch*, composed at about the same time.
- Baruch** Pharisaical book of the first century CE, written by a man who claimed to be Baruch, Jeremiah’s secretary. The author of *Baruch* identified Belshazzar as the son of Nebuchadnezzar, a mistake nobody who had lived at the same time as Jeremiah could have made. The book was nonetheless accepted into Catholic and Orthodox bibles, but rejected by Protestants and Jews.
- Basil** Christian mythologist who, on the basis of an alleged dream, authenticated the mythical Saint Mercury. Naturally, Basil was also canonized.
- Basilides, Saint** Canonization of Roman god Quirinius, previously part of Sabine trinity but later equated with Romulus.

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**bastard** Originally, a “child of many fathers,” a concept based on the belief that babies were formed from the conglomeration of all sperm ejaculated into a woman since birth, or since she last gave birth. Since a bastard had the potential to rob a woman’s legal owner of his right to pass on his inheritance to his legitimate heirs, in most ancient societies bastards, including all firstborn babies, were automatically sacrificed to the tribal god. Only after the imposition on women of premarital virginity did firstborns cease to be viewed as bastards by definition. In post-exilic Judaism, the term was expanded to include all offspring of intermarriage with a gentile. Eventually it came to include the child of a woman who was not recognized by her culture as legally married to the father, even when the child’s paternity was not unknown or uncertain. Children of remarried divorcees continue to be viewed as bastards by such religions as the Roman Catholic, that refuse to recognize the legitimacy of remarriage.

**Bathsheba** (“daughter of Ethiopia”) Widow of Uvriyah the Hittite, whom King David married after having her husband murdered. Since her name implied “black woman,” and the relative distances involved supports the theory that the black “Ethiopians” who fought at Troy were really Hittites, that the mother of David’s successor was indeed a black woman seems to be a not-improbable conclusion. Also, Bathsheba’s son, Solomon, was singularly honored by the Queen of Ethiopia, herself a black woman. According to 2 SAMUEL, Bathsheba was already pregnant at the time of her marriage to David, and the child died within hours of birth. What the chronicler probably suppressed was that it would have been sacrificed to Yahweh as a bastard sired by at least two fathers. Bathsheba is credited with influencing David to name her son as his heir. Since Solomon was David’s sacred seventh son, the *seventh son of a seventh son*, that status, rather than Bathsheba’s influence, would have been the paramount factor that gave Solomon the throne.

**battle of the sexes** Weasel terminology coined to maintain the myth that sexual recreation is not mutually gratifying, that it constitutes a victory for the woman when accompanied by a marriage certificate, and a victory for the man when not so accompanied.

**batting on a sticky wicket** Australian slang, borrowed from cricket, for engaging in sexual recreation with a woman who has recently recreated with another.

**Baubo** Pre-Greek deified vulva, anthropomorphized as a hag whose naked vulva, for reasons not explained, made the grieving Demeter laugh.

**BCE** (“Before the Common Era”) Scientific terminology for dates previously given the connotative Christian label, “BC,” that implies that the junior Christian god is The Master, and is therefore offensive to this planet’s five billion non-Christians.

**beast of Revelation** The Essene author of 70 CE described two Roman Emperors responsible for the siege of Jerusalem as “beasts.” The first beast, “wounded to death, and his deadly wound was healed,” (REVELATION 13:3) was Nero, who for many years after his suicide was rumored to be alive and planning a comeback. The second beast, given the identifying number 666, was Nero’s successor from the perspective of Judea, the emperor who had begun the siege at Nero’s order and was continuing it after assuming the imperium, Vespasian. Vespasian was described in the present tense in 70 CE as, “exercising all the power of the first beast” (13:12). The reason 666 has been so widely misidentified is that Christian mythologians have brainwashed themselves that the author of REVELATION was a Christian, and therefore 666 must have been an oppressor of the Christians. In fact the author of the 666 passage was an Essene Jew, and 666 was therefore an oppressor of the Jews.

**beatification** The granting or a dead Catholic the title of “Blessed” as a prelude to probable canonization.

**beauty pageant** Tits-and-arse parade in which women of prime phallus-raising quality, wearing as little as possible while conforming to local nakedness taboos, compete for recognition as the most

sexually-arousing woman of the year. Even though the only commodity being judged is suitability for mating, contestants are theoretically not required to demonstrate any ability to satisfy the lust that by their presence in the pageant they boast of arousing. In all but the most closely scrutinized pageants, however, copulating with the judges is generally a prerequisite for serious consideration. Beauty pageants are a survival of the medieval slave auction, at which newly nubile women were paraded naked before potential buyers of breeding stock, and the most phallus-raising could hope to be purchased by a caliph or other potentate who would keep them in pampered luxury and require them to perform no duties outside of the bedchamber. To this day, women with bodies capable of sexually arousing the rich enter beauty pageants in the hope of avoiding the necessity of marrying laborers.

**beaver** North American slang for the female genitalia.

**bee-sting therapy** Pseudo-medical quackery invented by Julia Owen, in which blindness, arthritis, asthma, diabetes and practically any other disease suffered by a person capable of paying Owen a fee ranging from £3000 sterling up, is “treated” by having the patient submit to five stings per day from “angel bees.” A full account of one gullible patient’s submission to Owen’s hoax, and his disillusionment when the treatment turned out to be fraudulent, can be found in *Ordinary Daylight*, by Andrew Potok, NY, 1980.

**been with** Pseudonym for “copulated with,” used by victims of the myth that taboo-breaking is acceptable so long as the breaker does not actually voice the taboo’s name.

**beer** Fermented drink that looks like urine, smells like urine and tastes like urine, and in Australia is commonly called “piss.”

**Befana, Saint** Austrian hobgoblin or minor goddess canonized as a woman whom the magi of the nativity myth passed on their way to Bethlehem; female gift-giver, equivalent to Santa Claus.

**Behaviorist** An epsilon who believes that all human thought, speech and behavior is the inevitable response, totally programmed, to environmental stimuli; that decision-making is a delusion, since no decision can differ from that which an individual’s programming dictates; and that rational human thought does not exist. In the behaviorist’s own case, it probably does not. Behaviorism gave birth to the even more imbecilic pseudoscience of sociobiology.

**behemoth** In early Jewish mythology, a land animal bigger than a mountain, equivalent to the tortoise on whose back the earth was fixed in eastern mythology; in JOB 40:15, a hippopotamus.

**Being There** Movie in which Peter Sellers played a retarded man whose inane gibberish was taken for profound wisdom by the ruling classes of the U.S.A. In a society in which the inane gibberish of politicians, educationists, psychologists, mythologians and other frauds is routinely taken for profound wisdom, the satire passed unnoticed and the movie was not a commercial success.

**Bel** Chief earth god of much of the ancient Semitic world; identical with Baal, son of El, and with Belus, father of Agenor and Aigyptos.

**Bel and the Dragon** Greek addition to DANIEL, added in the first century BCE, but possibly centuries older than any other part of DANIEL. In the addition, Daniel is miraculously saved after being thrown into a den of hungry lions—for the second time. The Greek additions to DANIEL are included in RC bibles, but excluded from Protestant and Jewish canons.

**Belial** Hebrew form of Belili, lord of the underworld in the Ishtar-Tammuz myth.

**Belili** Mesopotamian goddess of the underworld, masculinized in Babylonian times.

**Bellerophon** Greek hero who was falsely accused of rape by a married woman whose advances he had rejected out of regard for her husband. The earliest version of the myth was the Egyptian

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*Tale of Two Brothers*, which appears to have been the immediate source of the Yahwist's tale of Joseph and the wife of Potiphar(kh). The same story was also told of Hippolytos.

**Beloved Disciple** The “disciple whom Jesus loved,” who “leaned on his breast at supper.” (JOHN 21:20) Since the anonymous gospel called JOHN incorporated passages quoted from a much older memoir of his relationship with Jesus written by the Beloved Disciple, it became Christian dogma that the entire gospel was written by the Beloved Disciple. He was given the name “John” in the belief that he was identical with the John who redacted and included his name in REVELATION. In fact the evidence is good, if inconclusive, that the Beloved Disciple was Nathanael. In a passage in JOHN that may have been copied verbatim from the Beloved Disciple's memoir, Nathanael becomes the first and only person to accept Jesus' messianic pretensions without question at their first meeting, and Jesus describes him as “an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” Jesus would indeed have had an unparalleled love for the only man who ever accepted him at his own evaluation. The synoptics make no mention of Nathanael, and transfer to Peter scenes that JOHN attributes to Nathanael. Since Nathanael did not join the Nazirites after Jesus' death, and Peter did, it was not surprising that the synoptic authors had either never heard of Jesus' special friend, or chose to ignore him. If the Beloved Disciple was not Nathanael, then nothing is known of him.

**Belshazzar** Prince regent of Babylon, son of King Nabonidos, killed in the sack of Babylon by Cyrus of Persia in 538 BCE. One of the authors of DANIEL identified Belshazzar as king of Babylon, which he was not, and son of Nebuchadnezzar, which he likewise was not. It was Belshazzar who allegedly saw the writing on the wall, foretelling a division of “his” kingdom between the Persians and the Medes that in fact never occurred.

**Beltane** Celtic May Day festival honoring a Druidic goddess; absorbed into Christianity as St John's Day.

**Belus** In Greek mythology, the father of Aigyptos and Agenor, eponyms of Egypt and Phoenicia/Canaan; equivalent to Bel and Baal, the Jesus-type saviors of Semitic mythology.

**Ben Adam** Translated as *huios anthropou* in Greek, and “son of man” in English bibles, the title actually meant “descendent of Adam,” implying that the person so styled was the Second Adam who would win back the divine favor lost by the sin of the first Adam. That the author of EZEKIEL, in repeatedly calling himself *Ben Adam*, saw himself in that light is uncertain. But to the author of DANIEL, Ben Adam was the Second Adam, and it was from DANIEL that Jesus appropriated the title to himself.

**Benedict** Christian masochistic saint (there's another kind?) who lived most of his life in a cave, c 480-550 CE. He established several Benedictine monasteries, and was eventually equated with the older, mythical *Saint Benedict*.

**Benedict, Saint** Canonization of Apollo Benedictus, the benevolent sun god.

**Benedict VII** Pope 974; murdered by his successor, Boniface VII, who was promptly deposed and categorized as an antipope.

**Benedict VIII** Pope 1012-1024, who declared that a storm ravaging Rome had been conjured up by Jews. He executed the Jews, and the storm ceased.

**Benedict IX** Pope 1032-44, 1045, 1047-48. In 1045, in order to raise money with which to seduce his female cousin, Benedict IX sold the papacy to Gregory VI. In 1048 he vacated the papacy for the third time, to Damasus II. He promptly murdered Damasus, but was unable to secure a fourth term. For further information, see *The Crimes of Christianity*, by G. W. Foote, African Islamic Mission Publications, 1990.

**Benedictus** The song of Zakharyah, originally composed for the *Nativity of John the Immerser*, based on a song of Isaac in *Jubilees* 31:15-20; now found in LUKE 1:68-79.

**benign indifference of the universe** Albert Genius's version of a metaphysical *something out there*.

**Benignus, Saint** Canonization of the spirit of kindness.

**Benjamin** The Egyptian claimant to the title of Messiah, 55-60 CE, who promised his 30,000 followers that he would make the walls of Jerusalem fall by blowing a trumpet, as Joshua had allegedly done at Jericho. Benjamin's revolution collapsed when the Roman procurator Felix marched against him and routed his rabble army.

**Benjaminites** (Benoni) Semitic tribe that became allied with or absorbed by the Israelites, possibly in Midian in the late thirteenth century BCE, and later became one of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish-Israelite confederation.

**Benoni** *see* Benjaminites

**bent spoon award** *see* Uri award

**Berenike** Daughter of Herod Agrippa I; bedfellow of Vespasian, Titus, and her brother, Agrippa II.

**Bermuda Triangle** Concept created by arch-humbug Charles Berlitz to sell books by manufacturing a mystery where none exists. The myth started when several aircraft, flying east from Miami, found themselves over a group of islands that they were convinced were the Florida Keys. Trusting that conviction, they concluded that their instruments were malfunctioning and made a right turn that took them further out into the Atlantic ocean with insufficient fuel to return, in the belief that they were heading toward Florida. They did so despite the fact that their instruments were not malfunctioning and the islands they thought they recognized were not the Florida Keys. Other humbugs quickly jumped on the Berlitz bandwagon, expanding the alleged triangle to include the site of every ship or airplane lost at sea, until eventually *Bermuda Triangle* became simply an alternative name for the Atlantic Ocean. In fact, the number of planes and ships lost in the alleged triangle is not larger than the number lost in any other section of deep water of comparable size. For additional information see *The Bermuda Triangle Mystery—Solved*, by Larry Kusche, Prometheus, 1995.

**Bernadette** In 1858 at Lourdes in France, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, an emotionally retarded, and according to some witnesses mentally handicapped, peasant girl claimed to see and hear an apparition that identified itself as "the Immaculate Conception," a title bestowed on the Christian mother goddess Mary by Pope Pius IX in 1854. Bernadette's masturbation fantasy won a following, and at various times crowds numbering in the thousands witnessed her engaging in imaginary conversations with an invisible entity whom only Bernadette claimed to be able to hear and see. Bernadette clung to her fantasy long after an intelligent six-year-old would have grasped that some lies are only believable to other six-year-olds. Eventually her ecclesiastical inquisitors recognized that there were only two explanations for her stubborn refusal to recant: either she was quite insane, or she was telling the truth. Unfortunately, they then accepted the wrong alternative, and authenticated her claim. At that point, with the Catholic Church's credibility on the line, she was incarcerated in a convent where she could not publicly change her story. The Church's reputation was permanently protected when, shortly after that, she conveniently died, allegedly of tuberculosis. There was of course no inquest, and she was subsequently canonized. The stream that Bernadette fortuitously discovered is today a miracle shrine, and thousands of tourists go there in the hope of being miraculously cured of various ailments. The percentage of cures at Lourdes is precisely equal to the percentage that would have recovered with no treatment at all.

**Bernard** Psychopathic saint (there's another kind?) who, when a man of Jewish ancestry became a candidate for pope in the early twelfth century, wrote, "It would be an insult to Christ if the



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offspring of a Jew occupied the throne of Peter.” Bernard was apparently unaware that Jesus and Peter were also the offspring of Jews. Bernard once “exorcised” a cloud of flies, which allegedly fell dead at his incantations.

**bestiality** *see* zoophilia

**beta** A person of high functional intelligence, but ranking below an alpha. Betas tend to fill the same occupations as alphas, but have less difficulty surviving, because they are better able to ignore the stupidity of the gammas and deltas exercising power over them.

**Bethlehem** Village south of Jerusalem where King David was born. In the first century CE there was a widespread belief among Jews, although it was not universal and was eventually abolished, that the passage in MICAH retroactively prophesying the birth of David was messianic, and that the Messiah had to be born in Bethlehem. That interpretation may have led King Herod Agrippa I to believe that he was Messiah. It led to John the Immerser’s apologists crediting him with a Bethlehem birthplace. And it led to two of Jesus the Nazirite’s biographers crediting him with a Bethlehem birthplace, even though he was known to have been born in Galilee.

**between you and I** Fatuous, pseudo-learned affectation used by persons ignorant of the simplest principles of English grammar. The word “I” is by definition a nominative case pronoun, and therefore can never be used in correct English as the object of a preposition. Nor can “I” be used as the direct or indirect object of a verb, as in, “He sold my wife and I a house.” In both instances, the required pronoun is the accusative form, “me.”

**Bhagavad Gita** Hindu poem interpolated *c* 200 CE into the older *Mahabharata*. By attributing to Krishna, as an incarnation of Vishnu, a claim to be the one true god, the poem attempted, without any success, to direct Hinduism toward monotheism.

**Bhagwan** Paramount god of the Bhil people of India; adopted as his personal title by the founder of a particularly avaricious religion that flourished for a short time in the U.S.A. Since the human Bhagwan’s religion taught that there are no immortal gods, it constituted such a threat to proponents of more metaphysical mythologies that they were able to rush through the Bhagwan’s deportation with hitherto unprecedented haste.

**Bible** (“book”) Name applied to any of several Jewish and Christian compilations of ancient writings, all of which contain at least some portions common to all. For example, all bibles contain the Pentateuch and all Christian bibles contain the four canonical gospels. But only Orthodox bibles contain 1 and 2 ESDRAS, only Catholic and Orthodox bibles contain 1 and 2 MACCABEES, only the Rosicrucian bible contains THOMAS and only the Mormon bible contains the *Book of Mormon*. Every bible published by a religious organization falsifies the Hebrew, *ha-elohim*, a dual-sex generic plural meaning “the male and female gods,” into the male, singular, proper name, “God.” And every sectarian bible except the *New World Translation* and the *Jerusalem Bible* falsifies the proper name, *Yahweh*, into “the LORD.” (*The Judaeo-Christian Bible Fully Translated* corrects those and other intentional and unintentional falsifications.) Every sect using a bible recognizes only its own version as valid, and some sects recognize only a specific translation as valid. Consequently, there are English-speaking Protestant sects that misinterpret the *Authorized Version*’s archaic translation of DEUTERONOMY 23:13 as an instruction that soldiers on active service are required to masturbate.

**bibliolatry** The belief that sacred writings have magical properties that can be absorbed by touching. For example, bible kissing was once believed to transfer such power to the mouth that it became incapable of lying. The custom survives in the practice of requiring witnesses in a legal procedure to hold a bible while taking a formal oath to tell the truth.

**bigamy** The secular crime of signing a legal marriage contract when an earlier contract with a person still living has not been legally terminated. Bigamy laws have no foundation in religion, since all religious law codes since 3500 BCE have allowed a man as many wives as he could subdue. Bigamy laws were instituted as the most effective means of preventing the formation of a large bachelor class that would eventually rebel and overthrow the harem-owning class. In those societies that did not impose bigamy laws but continued to permit polygyny, bachelors were appeased by promises that they would have many wives in either a metaphysical afterlife (Islam) or a subsequent reincarnation (Brahmanism).

**Big Bang** The explosion of twelve to twenty billion years ago that created the universe. While religious fundamentalists deny that the universe is more than ten thousand years old, the truly dysfunctional are able to believe simultaneously that the universe *is* billions of years old, but that their god nonetheless created it less than ten thousand years ago.

**Big Discovery** The first discovery by men, *c* 3500 BCE, that sexual intercourse is the cause of pregnancy, and that therefore children have fathers as well as mothers.

**big ender** In *Gulliver's Travels*, a godworshipper who believed that all persons who cracked their breakfast eggs at the big end would be rewarded in Heaven, while all those who cracked their eggs at the little end would be tortured in Hell. Jonathan Swift created big enders and little enders in the vain hope of demonstrating to Protestants and Catholics that they hated and persecuted each other over doctrinal issues every bit as trivial and meaningless as the dispute between big enders and little enders.

**Big Lie** The practice of attributing one's own reprehensible tactics to one's opponents, and reiterating the accusation over and over until cultural conditioning causes it to be accepted as accurate. Habitual practitioners of the Big Lie included Communist governments that called themselves Democratic Republics or People's Republics, and accused the true democracies of enslaving their citizens; quantity-of-lifers who claim to be defending the "right to life," when in reality it is their opponents' endorsement of population control that alone can save humankind from starvation and extinction; religion, which claims to exemplify truth, justice, compassion, universal love and forgiveness, when it has from its inception been the greatest purveyor of falsehood, injustice, intolerance, universal hatred and mass murder that has ever existed; and opportunistic Jewish propagandists who continue to hold persons born since 1945 guilty of the genocidal policies of Adolf Hitler, while suppressing the fact that genocide was a Jewish invention, as is made clear in JOSHUA 6:21 and 8:26, and DEUTERONOMY 7:1-23. That the Big Lie does not always work can be seen in Osama bin Laden's failure to delude even a single Muslim country that America's war on mad dog mass murderers was a war on Islam.

**Bigfoot** *see* sasquatch

**bigot** A person who believes, in the absence of supporting research evidence, that the class or group to which he belongs is intrinsically superior to all other classes or groups, and whose mental dysfunction makes it impossible for him to evaluate any evidence disputing that belief. Bigotry, overt and covert, permeates all societies, but cripples few. In North America, Alberta is the only region where bigotry has the force of law, and the premier as of 2001 has declared that he will override the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms if the Supreme Court of Canada legalizes same-sex marriage. An individual's bigotry quotient can be estimated by his reaction to evidence purporting to prove, for example, racial inequality. While research has established that different races obtain different average scores on standard I.Q. tests, no valid evidence has ever been presented that the difference is due to intrinsic or genetic rather than environmental factors. When a researcher attempts to argue that the difference is genetic, a non-bigot will listen to his arguments and evaluate their validity. An overt bigot will applaud his arguments regardless of whether they

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are valid, questionable or nonsense. A covert bigot will heckle and do everything in his power to prevent the researcher's arguments from being heard, out of terror that the arguments will convince him and make it impossible for him to go on publicly endorsing an equality that he does not really believe. Covert bigotry prevents researchers from replicating any experiment that produced the "wrong" result, for fear of obtaining the same result. That a measured difference is not necessarily an intrinsic difference is irrelevant to a covert bigot. The most common forms of bigotry, all endorsed by the Judaeo-Christian bible, are racism (DEUTERONOMY 7:1-3), sexism (1 CORINTHIANS 14:34-35), anti-Semitism (MATTHEW 27:25), and homophobia (LEVITICUS 20:13).

**bikini top** Item that is now optional and fast disappearing on beaches in Australia and Europe, but remains mandatory in theocratic North America.

**Bilhah** The patriarch Jacob's wife, slavegirl of Rakhel. Although GENESIS identified Bilhah only as a slave, the Talmud made her the daughter of Laban, since by Talmudic times Jewish racism would not allow a matriarch to be descended from gentiles. The Yahwist reported an incident in which "Reuben tupp'd Bilhah, his father's woman." (GENESIS 35:22) The scene probably records an attempt by a sheikh's heir apparent to usurp the sheikhdom while his father was still alive.

**bimbo** Pejorative name for a woman with the rationality to evaluate every offer to share joy on its merits.

**bin Laden, Osama** Role model and hero to less than one percent of this planet's Muslims, as Milosovich and Karadzic are heroes to less than one percent of this planet's Christians.

**bioplasma body** The physical body, as opposed to the various types of metaphysical bodies attached thereto in various belief systems.

**biorhythm** In science, the autonomic responses of a protoplasmic body to recurring changes in environmental conditions, such as the alternation of day and night. In pseudoscience, a form of numerology in which living organisms are alleged to be governed by "male" cycles of 23 days, "female" cycles of 28 days, and "intellectual" cycles of 33 days. A 1981 study of psychiatric patients confirmed earlier findings that biorhythm theory is pure humbuggery. For additional information see articles in *Skeptical Inquirer*, 2:2:40-56; 3:4:26-36; 14:4:410-412.

**Birch, John** The first American soldier to be killed in what was perceived at the time as a war between democracy and worldwide communism. Like Jesus the Nazirite, John Birch was posthumously named as the figurehead of an organization he would have been the first to repudiate.

**birth control** Any system whereby carnal copulation can be accomplished without causing pregnancy. In an overpopulated world, birth control is the only alternative to human extinction through worldwide starvation, but feebleminded and psychopathic popes continue to condemn it as a "sin."

**bisexuality** Misnomer for the ability to enjoy sexual recreation with persons of either sex.

**bishop** Translation of *episkopos*, a Greek word that, until c 120 CE, meant nothing more than "supervisor." Since that date, however, bishops have become virtual dictators in their little puddles, called "dioceses."

**black holes** Pockets of matter in space so dense that their enormous gravity prevents even light from escaping. While no means exists to detect black holes directly, their existence can be inferred from their observable effect upon visible bodies within their range of significant gravitational influence. The theory has been postulated that black holes may be the entrance to "wormholes," short cuts

through hyperspace to some non-adjacent point in the universe, or perhaps in another universe. If that theory is not a myth, it will do until one comes along.

**black list** A list of show business persons prevented from working because they were accused of believing that communism, not necessarily Soviet communism, had some good points. The blacklisted persons' principal accuser, Senator Joseph McCarthy, is now recognized as a psychopath who attempted to turn America into the same kind of totalitarian tyranny he pretended to oppose.

**blackmail** An activity prohibited by law, but nonetheless regularly practised with impunity by TURDs, to whom the ability to hold an entire population to ransom is viewed as a justification for doing so.

**black mass** Parody of the RC mass that is the sincerest form of flattery. In theory, a black mass is an act of worship to the Christian antigod, Satan. In fact it is extremely doubtful that a black mass has ever been conducted or attended by persons actually believing in the antigod's existence. Attendees do, however, apparently believe that the RC mass has validity. No Protestant or Jewish ceremony has been similarly parodied. John Wilkes once released a monkey dressed as a devil during a black mass conducted by Sir Francis Dashwood of the Hellfire Club, and terrified all participants into momentarily imagining that their devil perhaps did exist. The altar at a black mass is usually a naked prostitute, substituting for the fertility nun who performed a similar function in ancient religion, and whom modern society mistakenly equates with prostitutes. The eucharistic bread served at a black mass, preferably secured from an RC mass after consecration, is eaten from the prostitute's genital orifice, in recognition that RC religion is anti-sexual and anti-human.

**Blaise, Saint** Slavic horse god Vlais, adopted into Christianity about the eighth century.

**blasphemous libel** In England, the crime of telling the truth about the insane god, or otherwise exercising free speech in a manner that disagrees with the superstitions of the mindless majority; previously called *heresy*; actually a legalistic title for "not believing in the gods the polis believes in." The last conviction in England on a charge of blasphemous libel occurred in 1977, and on that occasion all participants, including defence counsel, prosecutor and judge, acted in a manner reminiscent of the title of a play, "...as performed by the inmates of the asylum at Charenton under the direction of the Marquis de Sade." The legal recognition of such an alleged crime, and the approval of such a law by a voting majority, is one of the strongest proofs that England is the world's largest lunatic asylum.

**blasphemy** Name given by godworshippers to any expression of opinion or statement of fact deemed incompatible with their pious ignorance, in the insane belief that a higher life form, if one existed, could be insulted by a human.

**bleeding heart** Originally, an epsilon, usually a social worker, whose misplaced sympathy for thieves, rapists, murderers and other criminals, whom the epsilon deemed *victims of society*, caused the epsilon to help the criminal remain free to commit further atrocities against non-criminals, for whose welfare the *bleeding heart* cared not one iota. In more recent times, the name has been widely used by rednecks to mean persons with a genuine sense of justice, with the consequence that being called a bleeding heart is now considered a compliment.

**bleeding heart liberal** Moral retard's name for anyone 5000 years more morally evolved than himself.

**Bligh, William** A man who has had much bad press, and possibly the finest sailor since Phoenician times. Bligh was captain of the HMS *Bounty* when his crew, in 1789, declared that they intended to return to Tahiti. For the eighteen months they had spent there, they had indulged in more carnal

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recreation than they had previously experienced in their lives, and they were unwilling to continue to serve as sailors on a womanless ship. Bligh, marooned in the Pacific Ocean in a small, open boat, navigated 1800 miles to port and lived to testify against the mutineers. Bligh was also the victim of another mutiny when he was later appointed Governor of New South Wales. The cause of the second mutiny was his refusal to allow the ruling oligarchy to continue exploiting the masses. The same men who mutinied against Bligh on the *Bounty* later mutinied against Fletcher Christian and killed him—and there is no way Bligh can be considered responsible for that.

**blind dupe** A blind person deceived into committing a crime or injustice by a trickster who takes advantage of his blindness. Such legends are common among Amerind, Inuit and Oceanic cultures. In a Hebrew version, the blind Isaac was deceived into bestowing his firstborn Esau's blessing on Jacob. In Norse mythology, Hoder was deceived into killing Balder.

**blow job** Colloquialism for fellatio, “cocksucking.”

**blueblood** British colloquialism for an aristocrat, based on the *ikhor*, the literally blue blood that according to Homer flowed in the veins of the gods and gave them immortality.

**Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice** Four relatively healthy people in a sick society.

**Bode's law** Theory that the relative positions of planets orbiting a star conform to a predictable pattern, calculated by starting with 0 and 3 and thereafter doubling (0, 3, 6, 12...), and then adding 4, producing the series 4, 7, 10, 16, 28, 52, 100, 196, 388, 772... Bode's law appeared to be validated when Uranus and Ceres, unknown when the law was formulated, were found almost precisely where Bode's predecessor, Titius, had predicted. Neptune also turned out to be reasonably close. Pluto, however, was discovered at position 400 rather than the predicted 772, and for a while Bode's law was considered to be destroyed. Now that Pluto is widely regarded as a captured wanderer rather than a natural tenth planet (counting the asteroids as number five), the evidence against Bode's law is deemed less definitive than was once thought. While Bode's law is no longer taken very seriously, only the discovery of another planetary system that does not conform can discredit it completely.

**bog** Slavic word for a god; absorbed into English as *bogeyman*.

**bogeyman** Originally, the Christian devil; later, a mischievous and malicious subordinate demon; still later, a hobgoblin or gremlin; eventually, an unspecified being cited for the purpose of frightening children into obedience; from Slavic *bog*, “god.”

**boink** Colloquialism for “copulate” as a transitive verb; apparently coined in 1985 by a television scriptwriter who needed a dirty-sounding word that could nonetheless be used in prime time on a prudish network.

**Boldogasszony** Hungarian virgin goddess whose milk sustained all life; assimilated into Christianity as identical with the virgin goddess Mary.

**Bonaparte, Napoleon** Megalomaniac emperor of France who waged wars of aggression against the whole of Europe for personal aggrandizement. For some reason many French regard Bonaparte, not as a prototype Hitler, but as France's greatest hero.

**bone pointing** In primitive societies such as the Australian aboriginal, the ritual of executing a taboo-breaker by informing him that he has been “pointed” or “sung” to death. The victim's unquestioning belief in the witch doctor's power could cause him to enter a condition of hyper-concentration in which he allowed despair and starvation to bring about his death.

**Boniface III** Pope who, in 607 CE, persuaded the Byzantine emperor to recognize the primacy of the pope of Rome over the pope of Constantinople, the only holdout after the popes of Antioch, Alexandria and Jerusalem had made their submission.

**Boniface VI** Pope whose questionable lifestyle caused him to be deposed from the sub-deaconship, then from the priesthood, and finally, in 896 CE, from the papacy. Despite such credentials, he was for some reason never canonized.

**Boniface VII** Pope who in 974 CE murdered his predecessor, Benedict VII, plundered the papal treasury, escaped to Constantinople, and returned to Rome in 984 and regained the papacy by murdering the current pope, John XIV. He reigned until 985, and was succeeded by John XV. No other pope ever adopted the name Boniface VII, and the pope elected in 1294 became Boniface VIII. Nonetheless, retroactive pope lists show Boniface VII as an antipope.

**Boniface VIII** Pope 1294-1303, who first claimed the power to exclude from the Catholic Heaven all persons who challenged his claim to universal dominion. He was publicly accused, among other things, of fathering the children of two of his nieces. He placed his predecessor, Celestine, in prison until he died. Boniface VIII was the first, but not the last, known atheist to become pope, and at the demand of the king of France he was posthumously tried for atheism and immorality. When the evidence proved overwhelmingly convincing, the trial was halted without rendering a verdict, for fear that convicting a properly elected pope of atheism could destroy the Catholic Church. For further information, see *Unzipped: The Popes Bare All*, by Arthur Frederick Ide, American Atheist Press, 1987.

**book** In English-speaking countries, a device used at least occasionally for educational or recreational purposes by eight percent of the population.

**Book of the Dead** Egyptian sacred book, or bible, of which the oldest extant copy dates from 1800 BCE. The *Book of the Dead* contains detailed instructions for the worship of the resurrected savior god Osiris, involving the eating of his flesh and the drinking of his blood in the form of bread and alcohol. All fifty (approximately) later savior gods adopted the same ritual.

**bookmaking** Accepting wagers at odds favorable to oneself as a livelihood. Bookmaking is legal, and therefore deemed moral, in England and Australia, but illegal, and therefore deemed immoral, in North America.

**bootlegger** A person who buys alcoholic liquor during regular trading hours, and sells it at an exorbitant profit during the hours that liquor stores are closed. Allowing liquor retailers to operate 24 hours could eliminate bootlegging, but persons with sufficient intelligence to realize that seldom become lawmakers.

**Borden, Lizzie** In Massachusetts in 1892, Lizzie Borden, 32, unmarried, was acquitted of killing her father and stepmother with an axe, even though she and the victims were the only persons who could have been in the Borden house at the time that the killings occurred. The jury of godworshippers may have been willing to believe that a preacher's daughter could kill her father by such a method, but they were incapable of believing that she would enter her father's presence naked, as she must have done in order to kill him without any of her clothing being splattered with blood.

**Borgia, Lucretia** *see* Alexander VI

**born again Christian** A person who has been initiated into fundamentalist Christianity. Sometimes the convert has submitted to a physical initiation ritual, but more often the rebirth experience has taken place only in his inflamed imagination. The concept of emotional rebirth is an adaptation of the initiation ritual undertaken by devotees of the Persian virgin-born resurrected savior god Mithra, whose initiates used to stand beneath a grating on which a bull was sacrificed, so that they would be literally washed in the blood of the sacred bull. They would then be led out of the pit "born again," and as newborns would be fed on milk for several days. Mithraism is now extinct, but the practice of believers splattering themselves with sacred bull is alive and well.

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**bosom** Euphemism for tits.

**bounder** In Britain, an apprentice cad.

**Bowdler, Thomas** The editor who first produced a censored version of Shakespeare's plays. "Bowdlerized" has therefore become a pseudonym for "censored," but is also misused to mean the opposite, interpolated with "dirty" passages not present in the original.

**boxing** Spectacle in which two feeble-minded masochists attempt to batter each other senseless for the titillation of the same kind of sadists who made "lions versus Christians" a smash hit at the Circus Maximus.

**boyfriend** Until *c* 1950, an unmarried adolescent woman's regular "date," with whom she was not necessarily recreating sexually; since 1950, the recognized sex partner of any individual, regardless of age or sex. While a *boyfriend* is now always a sex partner, a girlfriend is only a sex partner when she is the girlfriend of a man or an acknowledged lesbian, not when she is the girlfriend of a heterosexual female.

**boy judge** Fable in many cultures in which a juvenile exercises judgmental wisdom; told of Daniel, Cyrus, Josephus in his autobiography, Jesus in a fable copied from Josephus, Mohamed, Charlemagne, and a character in *1001 Nights*.

**Brahma** Top-ranking member of the Hindu trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Siva, three persons in one god. While there had been female trinities for 20,000 years, this may have been the first male trinity.

**Brahman** In modern Hinduism, a member of the top ranking or priestly caste, entitled to four wives under theocratic law but now subject to India's anti-bigamy statutes.

**Brahmana** Member of the white European tribe that conquered India in the second millennium BCE. The Brahmanas appropriated all of the black Indian women for themselves, and informed the Indian men that celibacy was the ultimate virtue and men who lived celibate without trying to appropriate the Brahmanas' women would be reincarnated into the copulating castes. The black Indians were classified as Sudras, constituting a fourth and lowest caste. Sudra men were permitted one wife, compared to four for the priestly caste, three for the military caste, and two for the merchant caste. Inter-caste, meaning inter-racial, marriages were forbidden, and the offspring of illegitimate matings were declared to be casteless pariahs, *untouchables*. Obviously the Brahmanas did not observe their own taboos, for even the lightest-skinned Brahman is today more black than white.

**Brahmanism** The religion, imposed on India by the Brahmanas, which evolved into Hinduism. Brahmanism and Hinduism are sufficiently different, that equating the one with the other would be analogous to equating modern French or Spanish with Latin.

**brainwashing** A method of instilling an indefensible belief into a reluctant or unwitting subject; used mainly by dogmatic peddlers of Marxism and god mythology, but far more common in many other areas than is generally recognized. Most brainwashing is practised slowly, from birth, and the victim is unaware of what is happening.

**Bran the Blessed** Mythical king of pre-Roman Britain, canonized as Saint Vran, a British king who brought Christianity to the British during the imperium of Claudius. In the Holy Grail myth, Bran became the kinsman of Joseph of Arimathea, accepting the grail from Joseph only to have it disappear through a failure to fulfill a prescribed ritual.

**Branch** The translation of *netser*, as used by Isaiah to describe a descendant of King David whom Isaiah prophesied would lead the Israelites carried off to Ninevah by Sargon II of Assyria back to Israel. As with all genuine prophecies, meaning predictions of events that had not already

happened, Isaiah's prophecy failed when the Israelites integrated with their conquerors and disappeared as a separate people, just as the Picts disappeared through assimilation with the Scots. Jeremiah and Zechariah both read Isaiah's prophecy that a "branch" of David's family tree would work wonders, and they in turn promised that a "branch" would end the Babylonian Captivity and refound the Davidic monarchy. They, too, were wrong. The monarchy has never been restored, and not a Davidic pretender but a king of Persia terminated the Captivity. Jeremiah and Zechariah did not, however, call their prophesied "branch" *netser*, but rather *tsemakh*, a word identical in meaning but phonetically dissimilar. Around 100 CE, the author of MATTHEW created as Jesus' hometown a nonexistent village called *Nazareth*, and explained that Jesus' parents went to live there in order to fulfill a prophecy that the Messiah must be a *nazir*, a word phonetically similar to *netser*. Since no such prophecy exists, Christian mythologists argue that Matthew was equating *nazir* with *netser*. But if Jeremiah and Zechariah had seen Isaiah's "branch" prophecy as implying *nazirite*, they would have used the same word.

**brandy** Expensive whisky.

**Brannoc, Saint** Alternate canonization of Bran the Blessed of Celtic mythology, who elsewhere in Britain became Saint Vran.

**brassiere** A device invented by men to torture women; designed to hide the breasts and thereby make women less sexually attractive by removing a reminder of their femaleness from the sight of misogynists who equated heterosexual joy with evil.

**Brazil** Phallusocracy where the enslavement of women as a helot caste has not diminished in 5,500 years. Although the law does not specifically permit a man to torture and murder a wife or girlfriend who fails to grant him mindless, unquestioning obedience, in practice a man who commits crimes against women, which would be punished with life imprisonment in America, can escape prosecution by claiming that the woman had compromised his honor as a phallusocrat. It is no coincidence that a country which treats women as subhuman is totally dominated by the pathologically misogynist Roman Catholic Church.

**breach of promise** *see* jilt

**bread and wine** Since bread was made from grain, it was inevitable that ancient cultures would come to equate it with the body of a grain god. Similarly, water that became an intoxicant by contact with the god's body could easily be viewed, by a society that had no understanding of the chemical process of fermentation, as the god's blood. As early as 2000 BCE, and possibly as early as 3000 BCE, bread and barley ale were being consumed by worshippers of the virgin-born resurrected savior god Osiris in Egypt as his body and blood, for the purpose of transferring to his followers the portion of his immortality that he had surrendered by dying. The same ritual was practised by worshippers of at least a dozen other resurrected savior gods, including, Atthis, Tammuz, Adonis and Jesus, of whom only the last appears to have been a posthumously deified historical person.

**bride cake** Cake baked by Rome's Vestal virgins, broken over the head of a new bride, and eaten as a sacrifice to Jupiter; absorbed into the Christian marriage ritual as a wedding cake.

**Bridey Murphy** In 1952 amateur hypnotist Morey Bernstein told an ostensibly hypnotized subject, Virginia Tighe, that she was to project her thoughts back to a time when she was alive in a former incarnation. Obedient to the hypnotized simulator's compulsion to please the hypnotist at almost any cost, Tighe obediently described herself as one Bridey Murphy, a peasant girl living in eighteenth-century Ireland. Within weeks it was discovered that all of the information Tighe had produced in her fantasy had been adapted from her childhood in Chicago, where she had actually known a woman named Bridey Murphy. Her description of Ireland was consistent with popular fiction, but not with history. The same mass media that had headlined the new *proof* of the reality



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of reincarnation suppressed the fact that Bridey Murphy was simply a product of a manipulated imagination, rationalizing that reincarnation was news but not-reincarnation was not news. For additional information, see *A Scientific Report on "The Search for Bridey Murphy"*, M. V. Kline, ed., NY, 1956.

**bridge** Form of recreation banned by Romania's left wing fascist dictator in 1983 on the ground that it required four players, and the dictator feared that if four persons of bridge-playing intelligence were allowed to congregate, they might plot to overthrow the communist regime. It is rumored that the Vatican has banned every card game except Idiot's Delight for a similar reason.

**Bridget, Saint** Canonization of Celtic goddess Brigit, whose worship the Christians were unable to suppress.

**Brigham Young** Founder of the Mormon Church as a breakaway sect of the religion that was founded by Joseph Smith and to this day is ruled by Smith's primogenitural heir. Smith's Mormon church became so much larger than its predecessor, that the original L. D. S. church was forced to change its name to The Reorganized L. D. S. church.

**Brigham Young University** Oxymoron. An institution that is religious is not a university, and an institution that is a university is not religious.

**broad** Misogynist terminology for a woman.

**Bromius** Virgin-born savior god who rose from the dead centuries before Jesus.

**brother** In RC mythology, a celibate pervert with sufficient masochism, but insufficient lust for power, to be a priest. As with priests, the greatest incentive to become a "brother" as access to lots and lots of little boys. *see also* monk

**brother** (Greek: *adelphos*, "from the same womb") Originally, a child of the same mother; later generalized to include a child of the same father.

**brownie** British equivalent of a goblin.

**Bruce, Lenny** Jewish comedian hounded to death by the Christian police for ridiculing the ridiculous.

**Brutus, Marcus Junius** Assassin of Julius Caesar. Brutus was a moneylender who attempted to bribe Marcus Tullius Cicero, at the time Proconsul of Crete, to allow him to charge interest at double the maximum rate permitted by Roman law. Cicero refused. When Julius Caesar, Dictator for Life, enacted laws that would criminalize exploitation of the plebeians by the senatorial class, several senators, led by Brutus, murdered him.

**Brychan, Saint** Canonization of Celtic goddess of victory, Brigantia.

**bubblegum** Magical substance that, when blown into medium-sized bubbles in front of the face, has the power to give to Cleopatra, the Queen of Sheba and Helen of Troy, the incomparable beauty of Larry, Moe and Curly.

**Buddha** *see* Gautama

**Buddhist** Follower of the masochistic, antihuman mythology invented by Siddartha Gautama.

**bugger** Corruption of *Bulgar*; a practitioner of pederasty; so named because, when the Orthodox Christians of Bulgaria repudiated the Roman papacy, the current pope declared that all Bulgars were pederasts.

**Bulaing** Australian Aboriginal creator goddess. The concept of a female creator is so rare, goddesses usually giving birth to the universe rather than creating it, that its presence in Aboriginal

mythology implies that the native Australians saw themselves as creators, makers of complex tools and weapons, before they discovered the role of males in the breeding process.

**bulldyke** Pejorative term for a muscular lesbian.

**bullfighting** Spectacle in which a bull is tortured with daggers, much as a cat tortures a mouse, and is then usually killed for the entertainment of the kind of sadists who would be hunting foxes in England or patronizing boxing in America. Not surprisingly, bullfighting is most popular among those wonderful folks who gave us Torquemada.

**bullshit** Colloquialism for “that which a person of my intelligence cannot be expected to believe.” Obviously, what is bullshit to the emotionally evolved will be Revealed Truth to the intestinally challenged.

**bundling** Courting custom of Holland, Great Britain and elsewhere; prevalent in New England until the early nineteenth century, when bedrooms were as cold as the outdoors, but no longer necessary with the growth of central heating. Courting couples, having no other warm place to be alone, were permitted to socialize in the girl’s bed, but only after a beam had been placed down the middle of the bed to divide it into “his” and “her” compartments. While the beam did not interfere with premeditated lovemaking, and a full winter of bundling almost always led to pregnancy, it did prevent accidental or casual intimate contact between couples so brainwashed that they tried to avoid such contact.

**bunyip** Like the sasquatch and the yeti, a mythical beast first imagined by natives and later accepted as real by their European supplanters. The bunyip, often heard but never seen, was reputed to live in Australian swampland. When a bunyip-infested marsh was drained and found to contain no unknown life form, belief in the bunyip disappeared for ever. Unfortunately, that method of debunking the sasquatch and Loch Ness monster is somewhat impractical.

**Burbank, Luther** American botanist whose actions in creating new varieties of plants by crossbreeding caused him to be denounced by Christian churches as a blasphemer, since he observably refuted the pretence that such creation could only be accomplished by the Christians’ paramount god.

**burial** Method used by humans for wasting protein.

**burial alive** Ancient method of execution used to deceive the divine avengers into believing that the victim had not died by human hands. Where the victim was a priest, or a relative or hearth guest of the killer, or some other person under the gods’ specific protection, the common practice was to place him in a tomb and seal the entrance, as was done to Antigone and to Vestal virgins caught copulating, or to throw him into a well to drown, as with the biblical Joseph.

**burning at the stake** Favorite Christian pastime for several centuries, claiming an estimated fifteen million victims. Continental Europe now rejects the practice, but if a referendum on heretic burning was held in England, Alberta or North Carolina, there is little doubt that a sixty-percent majority would endorse its revival.

**Bush, George W.** Republican who lost the 2000 presidential election by more than 800,000 votes, but was made president by a coup d’etat that as recently as fifty years ago would have got the five Supreme Court judges who overrode the Constitution and appointed him executed for treason. As the perpetrator of over 120 executions while he was governor of Texas, Bush is the most prolific serial killer in American history. For additional information, see *The Betrayal of America: How the Supreme Court Undermined the Constitution and Chose Our President*, by Vincent Bugliosi, NY, 2001.

**bust** Archaic dirty word for *tits*.

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**battered bun** Australian slang for a genital orifice that still contains traces of seminal fluid from a previous encounter.

**Byblos** Phoenician city that was the site of the oldest known library; origin of the word *bible*, meaning “book.”

## C

**cabin boy** On sailing ships in the days before steam engines and female crew members: a boy just past puberty whose function was to provide sexual recreation for the captain and crew.

**cad** In Britain, a man who wears a “V” pin in his lapel even though he has not had a vasectomy. Recently, the growth of AIDS has made life difficult for cads.

**caduceus** Snake-entwined wand, credited to Hermes in Greek mythology and Moses in Hebrew mythology. Moses’ caduceus was in the tenth century BCE placed in Yahweh’s temple and worshipped with incense offerings, until it was thrown out by the reformer Khezekyahuw *c* 700 BCE. The caduceus is today the emblem of the medical profession.

**Caesar** Cognomen of a branch of the *gens* Julius that became a title of Roman emperors; transcribed from Latin to English unchanged, even though it was pronounced *kaisar* in Latin, and the Latin spelling caused it to be pronounced *seesar* in English. Caesar became *Kaiser* in German, *Czar* or *Tsar* in Russian, and *Shah* in Iranian.

**Caesarius of Arles, Saint** Canonization of Greek god of the north wind, Boreas.

**Caiaphas** *see* Kaiafa

**Cain** Son of Adam in the Yahwist’s mythology; grandson of Seth in the genealogy of the Priestly author; villain of the first-murder myth based on the custom of sacrificing a sacred king to a fertility goddess. In the earliest Hebrew version of the myth, the brother-killer was Seth, as it was in the original Egyptian version. The victim, representing the surrogate killed to extend the sacred king’s reign illegally, was Cain’s brother Abel.

**Cain, mark of** Originally a tattooed caste mark that identified the killer of a sacred king, and warned the population not to kill him out of season lest the goddess unleash her anger. Such caste marks continue to be worn by Hindus of the king-killing priestly caste. In Christian fundamentalism, the mark of Cain has become equated with black skin, even though the earliest biblical authors equated Cainites with the Sumerians, who were white. Mythologist Joseph Smith, in his *Pearl of Great Price*, specifically equated the mark of Cain with black skin, even though the bible endorsed by Smith had all of Cain’s descendants drowned in Noah’s flood, and explained the existence of black races by naming one of Noah’s sons *Ham*, Egyptian for “black.”

**Cainan** Alternative spelling of Cain; named as grandson of Seth in the Priestly author’s genealogy, but identical with Cain, as a comparison of the P genealogy (GENESIS 5:1-28) with the Yahwist’s genealogy (GENESIS 4:17-19) makes clear.

**Cainites** Sumerians; spelled *Kenites* in most English bibles to hide the inconsistency of having Cain’s descendants still alive in GENESIS 24:21-22 after being drowned in Noah’s flood in GENESIS 7.

**Caleb** *see* Kaleb

**calf, golden** In a myth composed by the Elohist for the purpose of denigrating the Aaronic priesthood, high priest Aaron manufactured a golden bull, translated *calf* in most bibles as a further put-down, for the Israelites to worship. In fact the historical Israelites almost certainly worshipped bull El, and the story that Moses led them to a land rich in “milk and honey” supports the conclusion that they belonged to the bull-and-bee cult of such gods as Allah and Zeus.

**call** In most Protestant mythologies, the mandatory self-delusion that enables a prospective pusher to believe that a god has “called” him.

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**call girl** Prostitute who makes house calls.

**Calley, Lieutenant** U. S marine convicted of murdering 120 Vietnamese women and children, but quickly released from custody by a president who wished to retain the support of the sizable redneck bloc that believes mass murder is not a crime when the murderer is “only obeying orders.” Calley’s superior, Captain Medina, was never convicted of any crime. Had the victims been American, Calley would have remained in prison until the day he died.

**Calvin, John** Possibly the most insane, certainly the most evil, of all sixteenth-century Protestant reformers.

**Calvinist** A follower of any of the Protestant sects based on the teachings of the psychopath John Calvin; any fanatic Protestant whose teachings resemble those of Calvin.

**camel** A horse designed by a committee.

**Cana** Also Kana or Qana: a village in Galilee named in JOHN 21:2 as the hometown of the disciple Nathanael. It seems more likely that Nathanael was a *qananaya*, zealot, the gospel author misinterpreted the title as meaning a native of *Qana*, and invented a nonexistent village of that name.

**Canaan** In the Yahwist’s genealogy, the youngest of Noah’s three sons, ancestor of the Phoenicians; in the Priestly author’s genealogy, the son of Ham and the grandson of Noah; identical with Agenor in Greek mythology. In Phoenician mythology, Canaan led his people out of Uganda and into Phoenicia.

**Canaanite** A Phoenician of the tenth century BCE or earlier. Phoenician myths had Canaan lead a migration from Uganda to Phoenicia, despite the fact that the Phoenicians were Semitic and therefore must have originated in western Asia. It is by no means improbable that they were the Hyksos, and that they settled temporarily in Uganda after being expelled from Egypt *c* 1570 BCE.

**Canada** A country with fourteen governments, thirteen of which serve no useful function.

**Canadian literature** Oxymoron.

**canals of Mars** It is now established by photographs taken from Martian orbit that Mars does not have canals, natural or otherwise. However, the fact that a belief in Martian canals ever existed provides useful information on the origin and development of myths. In 1877 the Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli thought that he detected narrow, dark markings on the Martian surface that connected larger dark markings at either end. He called the connecting dark markings *canali*, Italian for “channels.” However, *canali* was instantly confused by non-Italians with “canals,” manufactured artifacts. The belief that intelligently designed canals had already been discovered on Mars led the American astronomer Percival Lowell in 1893-1895 to imagine that he could see as many as 500 straight-line canals on Mars that were unquestionably of artificial construction. Even though the great majority of astronomers failed to see canals, and dismissed Lowell’s sightings as optical illusions caused by the viewer’s desire to see evidence of intelligent life that was in fact not present, a small number of astronomers did imagine that they also could see canals.

**Candlemas** Christian adaptation of the Roman festival honoring Juno as the virgin mother of Mars.

**cannabis** Mildly hallucinogenic plant, usually smoked in cigarette form but sometimes cooked in cakes; called *Maria Johanna* in Mexican, corrupted to *marijuana*. Popularly called *Mary Jane* in the 1950s, but that term has been completely superseded by *pot* and *grass*. Despite the lack of research evidence, it is a reasonable conclusion that cannabis is at least as carcinogenic as tobacco, since it tars the lungs far beyond the level of tobacco. But unlike tobacco it also has some positive medicinal qualities for treating specific pathological conditions.

**cannibalism** The practice of eating the flesh of one's own species, once as universal among humans as it still is in many lower species, particularly insects, but now all but extinct. Paleolithic humans probably ate human flesh purely as a means of satisfying the need for food, but the practice was eventually outlawed to discourage murder-for-food. Even after other cannibalism had been abolished, sacred kings were still stewed and eaten sacramentally as the flesh and blood of a savior god, capable of bestowing the god's immortality on the eater. Later the flesh of a sacred king was replaced by a symbolic *body of the god*, usually bread and wine.

**canon** Any collection of writings that some recognized authority has declared to be the inerrant word of a tribal god. Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish canons overlap, but are not identical.

**canonization** Christian adaptation of pagan deification ritual, in which a dead human is officially recognized as having attained immortality in the RC Heaven, and is declared to have demonstrated his status by performing at least two miracles. Since potential *saints* tend to have widespread support, it is statistically inevitable that of hundreds of thousands of prayers addressed to any particular one, some will be followed by an occurrence of the prayed-for circumstance. There is therefore no serious risk that a person nominated for canonization will fail to obtain that distinction for lack of the necessary miracles.

**Capernaum** (Hebrew: *Kafir Nahum*): A fishing village on lake Galilee where Jesus the Nazirite began his career as a faithhealer, and was probably born.

**Cardiff giant** A three-meter tall, 1350 kg statue carved out of gypsum, that was planted in a well site and "discovered" in 1869. The Cardiff giant was accepted as a genuine petrified human fossil by the same kind of pretended archaeologists responsible for the more recent hoaxes, *America B.C.* and *American Genesis*. When P. T. Barnum was unable to purchase the original, the price of which had soared past \$100,000, he successfully exhibited a copy, proving again that there is a sucker born every minute.

**cardinal** Second-ranking pusher of RC mythology, appointed by popes and having sole authority to elect popes, thereby perpetuating a closed oligarchy. Cardinals, as heads of state of episcopal provinces of the Holy Roman Empire, were literally princes, and continue to be styled Princes of the Church even though the only RC office that continues to constitute a secular throne is the papacy.

**cardinal virtues** *see* seven cardinal virtues

**cargo cult** In parts of Melanesia, a religion that worships an American soldier named John Frum, believed to have been responsible for bringing the Melanesians electrical appliances and other "cargo" during World War II. U.S. military records do not contain a John Frum, and anthropologists surmise that the prototype of the myth was a man who introduced himself as "John from America," a description that was misinterpreted as John Frum. Cargo cultists maintain that John Frum will bring more of the kind of supplies unloaded on the islands during the War, at the time of his Second Coming. Christian missionaries become particularly hostile when they point out to the cargo cultists that decades have passed without John Frum returning, only to be told that centuries have passed without the missionaries' John Frum, Jesus, returning. Government statistics estimate that eleven percent of the 165,000 residents of the 83 islands that comprise Vanuatu, southeast of New Guinea, belong to cargo cults. There is some suspicion that, to the Colonial occupation, the most undesirable element of the cargo cults was that the Melanesians' belief in John Frum fulfilling all of their needs kept them from working as three-dollars-a-month houseboys.

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**carnal** Pertaining to the physical body that is the part of a human being that observably exists, in contrast to *spiritual*, which pertains to the part of a human being that has never been demonstrated to exist and probably does not exist.

**Carnero, Primo** World heavyweight masochist on whose career *The Harder They Fall* appears to have been based.

**cartomancy** Fortune telling that utilizes tarot or similar cards.

**Castaneda, Carlos** Author of several fantasy novels originally passed off as nonfiction, but gradually becoming more blatant until reviewer Richard de Mille was forced to conclude that Castaneda was “the former hoaxer—for Castaneda is now telling tales with such abandon that reasonable men (male or female) will not believe he is trying to deceive anyone.” Castaneda’s books include *The Teachings of Don Juan, A Separate Reality, Journey to Ixtlan* and *The Second Ring of Power*. Castaneda has still not admitted that his books are flights of fancy written to test the limits of gullibility, and they continue to appear on book store occult shelves with no acknowledgement of their status as imaginative fiction. But Castaneda’s greatest crime was his rewriting of *Journey to Ixtlan* into a doctoral dissertation that was accepted by UCLA anthropology department, even though any examiner could have compared the dissertation with the printed version and detected contradictions that clearly exposed the author as a liar in one place or the other. Had Castaneda’s dissertation been a “Project Alpha,” written to expose the incompetence of a university department that would take it seriously, that would have been understandable. But long after Castaneda’s writings have been exposed as fiction, he has not denounced UCLA’s incompetence in granting him a Ph.D., and UCLA has not revoked his degree. For further information see *Castaneda’s Journey: The Power and the Allegory*, by Richard de Mille, Santa Barbara, CA, 1976, and *The Don Juan Papers: Further Castaneda Controversies*, Santa Barbara, 1981.

**castration** Removal of a male’s testicles so that he cannot father any young; later generalized to include removal of all male parts to prevent copulation with females, a common practise in harems, attendants of which were totally unsexed in the belief that copulation between a harem woman and a castrated male was still adultery, even though such copulation was not a violation of the husband’s right to father all of his women’s children, the original definition of adultery.

**castration myths** In the earliest version of such myth, Ouranos was castrated by his youngest son, Kronos, to prevent him from siring another son who would replace Kronos as Ouranos’s heir under the prevailing system of ultimogeniture. The myth was borrowed by the Yahwist, who had Noah castrated by his youngest son, Canaan. The Redactor who compiled the finished Torah in 434 BCE expurgated the story of Noah’s castration, and made the son’s crime appear to be that he had violated a nakedness taboo that had not existed in the Yahwist’s time. The tale survived orally, however, and was eventually recorded in the Talmud (Sanh. 70a).

**catamite** Corruption of *Ganymede*, the boy whom Zeus carried off to be his bedfellow; a male who allows himself to be penetrated anally by a lover’s phallus, whether for a fee or as part of a relationship; translation of Hebrew *kedesh*, a monk who submits to pederasty as an act of worship to a fertility god or goddess.

**Catherine, Saint** Canonization of *kathakali*, a nun of the Hindu goddess Kali of the karmic wheel, as a Christian allegedly executed on a burning *Catherine wheel*. The Vatican recognized Catherine’s nonexistence in 1969, and suppressed her cult, but Joan of Arc, who allegedly received revelations from the nonexistent Catherine, remains a saint in good standing.

**Catholic** (“Universal”) A member of the largest Christian sect, led by the Roman pope. Although a Christian church had existed since the time of Paul of Tarsus, for all practical purposes the Catholic Church came into existence in 384 CE, when the pope “Father,” of Rome, Siricius, first

pronounced himself *the* pope, that is spiritual leader, of all Christians, including the popes of Constantinople, Jerusalem Alexandria and Antioch. Three of the other patriarchs eventually made their submission, but the pope/patriarch of Constantinople did not, and followers of Eastern Christianity are now called *Orthodox* rather than *Catholic*.

**Catholic Truth Society** Oxymoron

**Catholic University** Oxymoron

**Cayce, Edgar** Edgar Cayce seems to have been not so much a charlatan, since there is a reasonable likelihood that he did believe the nonsense he peddled, as a paramedical quack. Cayce diagnosed illnesses by entering a trance state in the presence (usually) of the patient, and spouting nonsense borrowed from osteopathy. Later Cayce became an occultist, forming a personal cult that was a combination of Christianity, astrology, pyramidology, theosophy, and crackpot ideas from various other sources. Cayce submitted to testing of his alleged clairvoyance by Dr Joseph Rhine. But whereas all of Rhine's significantly successful test subjects had deceived the incredibly gullible investigator with conjuring tricks, Cayce's belief that he was genuine prevented him from doing so, with the inevitable consequence that Rhine pronounced him a humbug. Cayce was not a humbug. He was a crank.

**C.E.** Scientific dating system, "Common Era," that has replaced the connotative "A.D." everywhere but among fanatic Christians, who refuse to be told that "A.D." insults this planet's five billion non-Christians, by telling them that they are living in the *Year of the Master*.

**Cecilia, Saint** Saint concocted by Pope Paschal I in the ninth century as the former inhabitant of bones that he discovered in a catacomb of Artemis Calliste.

**celeritas** Latin word for "velocity," the "c" of " $e = mc^2$ ." In fact the "c" that represents the speed of light in a vacuum, measured in centimeters per second, and the "c" that represents the square root of the mass-energy ratio, are only approximately equal, although the approximation is close enough to be useful. Since both seconds and centimeters are arbitrary measures, for light speed to measure an exact number of centimeters per second would be an infinitely improbable coincidence. In fact light speed has been measured to an accuracy of less than ten centimeters per second, but not to the nearest centimeter. For that figure, based on arbitrary units, to match precisely the mass-energy ratio, which also has not been measured with better than approximate accuracy, would be a coincidence comparable with the distance between two inhabited planets being precisely pi parsecs.

**celibacy** *see* masochism

**Celsus** Pagan who wrote a tract against Christianity c 178 CE. The Christian censors burned all copies, but large parts survive in Origen's feeble attempt at rebuttal. Celsus wrote the earliest physical description of Jesus that still survives, based on a now-expurgated passage of Josephus. He described Jesus' body as "so full of imperfections" as to be "contemptible." What is significant is that Origen accepted the accuracy of that description and made no attempt to dispute it, even though he offered rebuttals of Celsus's every other point.

**cemetery** Wasted land in which valueless human remains are preserved in billions of dollars worth of real estate and boxes.

**ensorship** Interference by the state or other authority with the free expression of ideas. Censorship in the western world is less restrictive than it was thirty years ago, when federal governments in Australia, America, England and elsewhere prohibited the publication or importing of books that contained any *dirty words*, or described, however circumspectly, behavior that violated theocratic taboos. Censorship remains severe in countries ruled by fundamentalist theocrats or totalitarian oligarchies. In countries where federal laws have liberalized, local censorship remains a powerful



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means of oppression. Commercial television dares not show the semi-nudity shown freely on cable television, for fear of losing sponsors who regularly yield to boycott threats from censors. Fundamentalist Christians, who believe that the human body is the obscene creation of a god with a dirty mind, persistently attempt to suppress such publications as *Playboy* that visually expose the absurdity of that belief. School libraries, under pressure from insane censors (there's another kind?), have at times banned every book ever taught in a university literature class and acclaimed as exceptionally meritorious, while as recently as 1990 an art gallery was prosecuted for displaying a photograph of two men engaging in a non-intimate embrace. Censors believe that, because they are so mentally dysfunctional that a book or a painting can corrupt them, the rest of the human race must be likewise. Censorship is the greatest threat to freedom on earth today.

**census, Roman** In 6/7 CE, the Roman Empire's tributary state of Judea was taken out of the hands of the Herodians who had ruled as puppet kings for half a century, and brought under direct Roman rule administered by a procurator. Galilee was not annexed at that time, and remained under Herodian rule until the death of Agrippa I. In Judea, but not Galilee, which was still not subject to Roman taxation, a census was conducted for the purpose of obtaining the number and names of Rome's new taxpayers. The census was thereafter repeated every fourteen years. Since Augustus Caesar was not an imbecile, he did not order the Jews to register with the tax collectors in ancestral villages and then return to their current residences where they were *not* registered. Such journeys would have defeated the census's whole purpose. The author of LUKE copied his journey-to-Bethlehem myth from the Indian myth of Nanda, who journeyed to Mathura to pay his taxes. Since the first census took place ten years after the death of Herod the Great, who plays a central role in the nativity myths in MATTHEW, the MATTHEW and LUKE tales are mutually exclusive, and therefore cannot both be true.

**Ceraunos, Saint** Canonization of phallic lightning god Keraunos, who was the upper-world manifestation of the ferryman Kharon.

**Cerridwen** Celtic triple-goddess assimilated to father/son/spook following the victory of Christianity in Wales.

**Chad and Cedd, Saints** Bifurcated canonizations of the Celtic god Ceadda as mythical sibling bishops of Mercia and London.

**channeling** Revival of the discredited spiritualism hoax. Prior to 1984, channelers were no more successful than other spook crooks in fleecing marks. But after actress Shirley MacLaine, in a book best described as an adult version of *Alice in Wonderland*, touted the legitimacy of the channeler who first suckered her, the new scam became a sure route to instant riches. In a single weekend, the spook crook touted by the book, A. Z. Knight, parted 700 marks from *seminar fees* amounting to \$280,000. While it was reasonable to believe at first that MacLaine was as much the channelers' victim as the marks her endorsement helped them fleece, the fact that channeling has now augmented her income by hundreds of thousands of dollars makes it difficult to continue believing she is not a conscious fraud. Unlike old-style spiritualism, which produced various types of spirit manifestations by using conjuring techniques, the new spook scam offers no paranormal phenomena that an investigator such as Harry Houdini or James Randi could expose. Rather, the new spiritualist pretends to be possessed by a long-dead spirit entity from a culture that spoke an extinct language, thereby making it impossible for the entity to be questioned in its alleged native language. By far the safest language for a spook crook to claim for her alleged entity is one that never existed in the first place, such as the language of the nonexistent Atlantis. By spouting untestable inanities purporting to come from an entity being channeled, the perpetrator is relieved of the obligation to produce paranormal phenomena. Magician Jamy Ian Swiss's accurate definition is: "Channeling is just bad ventriloquism. You use another voice, but people can see your lips moving."

**chanter** A person who, like a parrot, endlessly repeats phrases that he has learned by rote, as a substitute for engaging in rational human thought. The most common forms of chanters are striking TURDs, Hare Krishnas, and enforcers of insane theocratic taboos rejected by the sane majority, such as the prohibition of the right to choose abortion.

**Chariots of Ezekiel** The Jewish writer of EZEKIEL, unaware that cherubs were deifications of the fixed stars, attempted to describe cherubs he had allegedly seen, and came up with a description that an imaginative author has equated with space vehicles. Ezekiel may well have written his science fiction under the influence of hallucinogenic mushrooms. A charitable reader will conclude that the author of *The Chariots of Ezekiel* was similarly impaired.

**Chariots of the Gods?** Best-selling fantasy posing as nonfiction by Erich von Däniken, a man of little learning, much imagination, and a willingness to lie as often as necessary to maintain an audience. While von Humboldt's first books can reasonably be interpreted as incompetent speculation that he sincerely believed, he eventually tried to prop up later books by forging evidence on which to base them.

**Charity, Saint** One of the three Graces of Greek mythology, canonized as Saints Faith, Hope and Charity.

**charity** Misleading translation of Greek *agape*, translated as "charity" in some English bibles and as "love" in others. As the word is used in bibles, the most valid translation is "compassion."

**charnel house** A place where corpses are stored. The emperor Julian described Christian churches as charnel houses on account of the Christian practice of placing fragments of corpses, called *relics*, in altars.

**Charus, Saint** Canonization of the ferryman Kharon of Greek mythology.

**chaste love** *see* courtly love

**chastity** In pre-Buddhist religions, abstinence from specifically proscribed sexual unions, such as incest and adultery; in Buddhism and its anti-sexual offshoots such as Christianity, the perversion of self-inflicted sexual abstinence.

**chastity belt** Metal belt with a bar extending downward to the crotch. When padlocked on a woman, it made urination possible but prevented copulation. In societies in which men constituted a ruling class and women a slave class, *i.e.*, all societies on planet earth, men locked their breeding slaves into chastity belts whenever they were out of their women's sight, on the assumption that women were subhumans who could not be expected to observe an adultery taboo unless physically compelled. The chastity belt gave rise to the proverb, "Love laughs at locksmiths." Many women, however, were unable to remove the belts, and died of infections that the belt caused. The chastity belt has become obsolete even in such phallosocracies as Iran, Brazil and convents.

**chauvinism** Male attitude that men should dominate and women should submit. Female support for the biblical endorsement of male domination is called *schlaflyism*.

**cheating** *see* infidelity

**cheerleader** A scantily-clad woman, selected for her phallus-raising attributes, whose job is to wiggle her assets for the purpose of titillating the spectators at a sporting event before the game and during intermissions. While it is seldom spelled out that a cheerleader is expected to copulate with the players after a victory, to discourage them from defecting to another team, one who does not do so cannot expect a long career.

**cherry** Slang for virgin; originally used to symbolize the virgin goddess because it was the same color as her blood.

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**cherub** (singular), **cherubim** (plural) *see* kherub

**chest of Yahweh's treaty** *see* ark of the covenant

**Chicken Little** The Immanuel Velikovsky of children's literature. Chicken Little was hit on the head by an acorn, and explained it by concocting a physics that was the antithesis of Newton's. Velikovsky was hit on the head by a bible and did likewise. The main difference is that Chicken Little's theory that "the sky is falling" made more sense. The fairy tale of Chicken Little dates from a time when the sky was believed to be a solid dome, as it is portrayed in the collection of fairy tales known as *The Bible*.

**chicken shit** Slang for *pettiness*.

**Childermas** English festival celebrating the nonexistent slaughter of nonexistent babies by King Herod, invented by the anonymous author of MATTHEW. In the earliest version of Herod's massacre, the intended victim was John the Immerser. The tale was later transferred to Jesus the Nazirite.

**children** The world's most believed liars, other than biblical authors. It has long been recognized that a child's compulsion to please a parent or other authority figure far exceeds its capacity to distinguish truth from falsehood. Only recently, however, has it become widely recognized that children, like Clever Hans, have a far higher capacity for cold reading, picking up subliminal indications of what an authority figure wants the child to say, than was previously acknowledged. So many children have made false accusations of molestation by adults at the unintentional prompting of questioners who seriously believed they were merely prompting the child to tell the truth, that few courts will now convict on the basis of a child's unsubstantiated testimony. Even into teenage, some children retain, not an inability to tell truth from falsehood, but a chronic inability to distinguish between those lies that are believable to an adult and lies that are plausible only to other children. They consequently are able to cling to a fantastic exercise of the imagination to the point where adults begin to wonder if their masturbation fantasies are in fact true. The best-known examples of this syndrome are Bernadette Soubirous, the perpetrators of the copycat Fatima hoax, and the children whose fantastic accusations led to the hanging of nineteen alleged witches at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692. While such juveniles may be recognized as *simple*, the full extent of their mental dysfunction and the magnitude of their lies is rarely identified.

**Children's Crusade** A march of children across France and Germany in 1212 CE that was supposed to end in Jerusalem, where the chief Christian god was presumably expected to exterminate the Muslims who had occupied the site peacefully for half a millennium, and hand the city over to the marchers. In fact, those children who survived the march as far as Constantinople were there captured by Christian slavers and sold as concubines and catamites. Nicholas of Cologne, the boy who led the German children across the Alps, is believed to have been the inspiration for the mythical Pied Piper of Hamelin. Like other Crusades, the Children's Crusade did serve the legitimate function of ridding Europe of a lot of hungry mouths at a time of massive unemployment.

**child sex** Copulatory recreation between children below puberty. Such recreation is recognized as harmless and not discouraged among the Bahuana, Kaffir, Maori, Nagas and other societies not corrupted by sex-hating missionaries from the religions of the West. While child sex is encouraged by such cultures, taboos are instituted to prevent casual pregnancy once a child reaches puberty. In societies whose attitude toward sex is based on the ravings of the psychopath Gautama, who first criminalized the recreational element of copulation as opposed to its procreational element, all child sex is forbidden on the ground that the sadist in the sky only loves children who practise masochism.

**chink** Racist term for a Chinese person.

**Chionia, Saint** Canonization of the Greek nymph whose name meant *Snow Queen*.

**chiromancy** *see* palmistry

**chiropractic** A form of medical quackery invented by D. D. Palmer *c* 1905, and turned into a national scam by his son, B. J. Palmer, after 1910. Essentially a modification of an older medical quackery called osteopathy, chiropractic is based upon the following beliefs:

- (1) All illnesses can be cured by adjustment of misplaced vertebral subluxations, despite the fact that real doctors and x-ray technicians agree that subluxations do not exist.
- (2) Germs do not cause disease, but are merely a symptom of the disease.
- (3) Penicillin, Aureomycin™ and all other drugs are useless, since they merely kill germs that are not the cause of the disease.

Chiropractic claims, for example, that adjusting misplaced subluxations of the second to fifth cervical and tenth to twelfth dorsal vertebrae can cure scarlet fever. Chiropractic is the second-largest form of medical quackery in North America, trailing only psychiatry in popularity, and in Canada chiroquacks are allowed to call themselves “Doctor.” The widespread respectability that chiropractic has acquired in many places is due to the public’s ignorance of chiroquackery’s theoretical basis, and the reality that most chiropractors are simply physiotherapists who use techniques that are valid for patients with sore backs. If chiropractic is legitimate, then orthodox medicine is a fraud, and vice versa.

**chiroquackery** *see* chiropractic

**Chosen Nation, Chosen People** Concept concocted by the Yahwist *c* 920 BCE to explain how such a tiny tribe as the Jews under David and Solomon had succeeded in establishing an empire that stretched from Ugarit to Egypt and from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates. The Yahwist’s explanation was that, of the dozens of gods in whose existence the Jews of that time believed, Yahweh was the most powerful, and Yahweh had arbitrarily chosen the Jews to be his pets, his *chosen nation*. What the Yahwist did not foresee was that David’s empire would begin to disintegrate at the death of Solomon, and disappear completely in 586 BCE.

**Christ** Anglicized form of *Khristos*, Greek for “The Anointed One,” an approximation of the Hebrew *Mashyah*, commonly Anglicized to *Messiah*, “Yahweh’s Anointed.” Jesus the Nazirite was posthumously designated *Christ* by his followers, in the belief that he was the prophesied Davidic king, despite the fact that Jesus had openly acknowledged (MARK 12:37) that he was not Davidic. Since the prophesied Christ was understood by all Jews to mean the military leader who would put an end to Roman occupation and refound an independent Jewish monarchy, and Jesus did nothing of the sort, some Christian mythologians have argued that Jesus did not claim to be the fulfillment of the Jewish prophecies. In fact what Jesus did not claim was that he was divine, virgin-born, or capable of rising from the dead. He did claim to be the Christ, a Jewish king not appointed by Caesar, and for that pretence he was executed without fulfilling any of the prophesied Christ’s functions.

**Christ the King, Feast of** Feast invented by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to growing objections to a religious leader’s status as a secular monarch. By pretending that Jesus had been a king, Pius was able to justify his own position as king of Vatican City.

**Christening** *see* anointing

**Christian disease** *see* jealousy

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**Christian name** Terminology used in England to mean an individual's given name, with depraved indifference to the fact that a non-Christian is likely to be extremely offended by the suggestion that he should have a *Christian* name.

**Christian scholar** Oxymoron

**Christian Science** Oxymoronic title of the sect founded by the mentally disturbed Mary Baker Eddy. Mrs Eddy's main thesis was that the human body does not exist and therefore can never be ill. Death, according to Christian Science mythology, is the consequence of the false belief that the body exists and can therefore die. Since no Christian Scientist has ever succeeded in living beyond a normal life span, the sect must consist entirely of persons whose lack of faith eventually causes them to think they are dead. In an almost certainly apocryphal anecdote, an atheist once told Mrs Eddy that if she really believed her own mythology, she could have no objection to lying on her back while he deluded himself that he was inserting his nonexistent phallus into her nonexistent recreational orifice, and that she should welcome such an experiment because it would give her the opportunity to make him realize that what he was imagining was not really happening. Mrs Eddy's vitriolic attacks on the medical profession diminished as she grew older, in view of the fact that she eventually felt the need for glasses, false teeth, and painkilling injections for kidney stones. When her son recognized that she was out of her mind, and should be institutionalized for her own protection, a court ruled that she was sufficiently rational to be allowed to bequeath her property as she wished. Mrs Eddy regularly claimed to have performed miracles of the kind attributed to Jesus, including raising the dead, but only her own publications ever reported such claims as fact. The fantasies that constitute Christian Science are spelled Out in *Science and Health*, originally adapted by Mary Baker Eddy from the theories of mesmerist Phineas Quimby, but so revised in later editions by ghostwriters that little trace of her literary incompetence survives.

**Christian unity** To the Protestant hierarchy: a compromise that would enable Protestants and Catholics to form a single church in which the RC pope would be the recognized head but would have no more power than, for example, a constitutional president; to the Catholic hierarchy: the unequivocal surrender of Protestants to the totalitarian authority of the RC pope.

**Christianity** Anglicization of *Khristianismos*, "Anointianity."

**Christians** *see* Anointers

**Christina, Saint** Nonexistent virgin-martyr created out of the Latin word for a female Christian.

**Christine of St Proud, Saint** Christian masochist who had herself wheeled, racked and hung beside a corpse, in the belief that a sadist in the sky savors such exhibitions.

**Christmas** Christian adaptation of the festival of the birth of the invincible sun. The winter solstice, December 22, was the sun's lowest point in the sky and was therefore deemed the sun god's death day. Three days later the sun was measurably higher, and for that reason December 25 was recognized as the god's birthday. All sun gods' birthdays were celebrated on that date, including Mithra's. When the emperor Constantine switched his allegiance from the savior god Mithra to the savior god, Jesus, Constantine ordered his new religion to adopt the customs he was used to, including Mithra's birthday, Mithra's rest day, and the practice of calling priests "Father."

**Christology** Any early Jewish document written to prove that a claimant to Christhood such as John the Immerser or Jesus the Nazirite had fulfilled every messianic prophecy that could be retroactively manufactured out of writings by prophets who had never heard of a *messiah* concept. The Q gospel was essentially a Christology.

**Christopher, Saint** Despite the fact that Herod's massacre of infants did not occur, and Jesus never traveled to Egypt to escape that massacre, Saint Christopher was the sailor who took him there. The Vatican acknowledged the nonexistence of "Saint Christ-Carrier" in 1969.

**chronology of creation** Bishop James Ussher, 1581-1656, taking biblical genealogies of the patriarchs seriously, calculated that the seventeen-billion-years-old universe, the four-billion-years-old earth, and the two-million-years-old human race, all came into existence in a seven day period in 4004 BCE. The Jewish calendar, officially recognized by the government of Israel, dates the creation of all existence to 3760 BCE.

**church** Translation of Greek *ekklesia*, "commune"; the collective membership of any Jesus sect; the building in which such a sect meets.

**Church of Satan** San Francisco organization whose members, having no belief in gods, devils or other imaginary creatures, and recognizing religion as a sick joke, pretend to worship the Christian antigod. Any genuine devil worshipper who applied for membership would be promptly shipped to the nearest lunatic asylum. But that will not happen, because *genuine devil worshipper* is an oxymoron.

**Church of Venus** Church named for the goddess of sexual union, not the planet of the same name, that makes some effort to combine religion and sanity even though the two are incompatible, by restoring the sacramental copulation that was central to the fertility religions from which resurrected savior cults such as Christianity sprang.

**Cinderella** Pagan allegory about Ella, daughter of Mother Earth, who was reduced to a cinder by the triumph of Christianity. When Cinderella's mother (paganism) died, she was raised by a wicked stepmother (Christianity) and persecuted. However, when the handsome prince (mankind) found her glass slipper (symbolic vagina), he decided to marry the woman (religion) whose foot it fitted. The ugly stepsisters' attempts to wear the slipper (copulate) resulted in the pain, misery and ugliness that were the Christian perception of sex. Cinderella's foot slid in and out with the ease, comfort and joy that were the pagan view of sex. The ugly sisters were destroyed, and Cinderella regained her rightful place as humankind's true bride, or true religion. The tale of Cinderella was a failed prophecy that the triumph of Christianity over paganism was temporary and would soon be reversed.

**circular argument** Argument that takes the form: because A is true, therefore B is true; *and*, because B is true, therefore A is true. The most widely accepted circular argument among the ignorant consists of the propositions: God exists because the Bible says so, *and* The Bible is true because God says so. A parallel argument would be: Hitler is a saint because *Mein Kampf* says so, *and*, *Mein Kampf* is true because Hitler says so.

**circumcision** Mutilation of the phallus by removing the foreskin, invented by the Egyptians as a means of identifying slaves. Circumcision was adopted by the Jewish-Israelite confederacy no later than the reign of King Saul, for reasons that cannot be established but probably as a sign of unity. In the seventh century BCE the Priestly author backdated the custom to the time of Abraham, and associated it with Jewish covenant mythology. Doctors are finally beginning to realize that circumcision serves no medical function whatsoever, and the risk of physical damage that it involves cannot be justified. For further information see Edward. Wallerstein's *Circumcision: An American Health Fallacy*, Springer Publishing, 1980.

**Circus Maximus** Arena in Imperial Rome where Nero allegedly fed Christians to the lions prior to the opening of the much larger Colosseum.

**clairvoyance** The ability to see or know future events. Unlike mental telepathy, which could conceivably be accomplished by a form of radiation or sound wave not yet identified, and if it

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existed would not involve any violation of natural law, clairvoyance can only exist if information can travel backward in time. Not surprisingly, research in clairvoyance is only conducted by persons who also believe in the possibility of time travel, faster-than-light travel, teleportation and perpetual motion.

**clap** Colloquialism for gonorrhea.

**Clare, Saint** Canonization of Celtic sun god Sinclair.

**Claudius** Roman emperor who expelled all Jews from Rome in 50 CE in response to nationalistic disturbances triggered by an itinerant Jewish preacher known only as *Chrestus*, “the holy one,” not to be confused with *Christos*, “the anointed one,” whose cult did not reach Rome until much later.

**Clay, Cassius** World heavyweight masochist who was able to compose poetry before his brain was scrambled in the boxing ring, and was barely able to compose sentences afterward. There is no known connection between his pugilism and his later development of Parkinson’s disease.

**clean animals** *see* kosher

**Clement of Alexandria** Christian mythologist *c* 150 CE. Clement was about thirty when the concept of a three-god triad, which later evolved into a trinity, was first postulated by Theophilus of Antioch. Clement tried to nip the new mythology in the bud, and wrote a vigorous defence of the old orthodoxy that Yahweh was Christianity’s only god, and Jesus was Yahweh’s anointed king. Clement was canonized before trinitarianism finally replaced monotheism as Christian orthodoxy. Once canonized, he could not be uncanonized. He was, however, deprived of his status as a martyr by Pope Clement VIII, since he had died defending the old Christianity against the new.

**Clement I** Possibly the first supervisor of a Christian community in Rome, *c* 96 CE, and certainly the first whose name survives. Clement was retroactively designated a pope, even though bishops of Rome were not *popes*, as that word is now understood, until 384 CE, and community supervisors were not bishops until the second century. Persons named as *popes* before Clement included Peter, who was never in Rome, and Linus and Anacletus, neither of whom ever existed. Much third-century pseudepigraphia was attributed to Clement, including the so-called Clementine Homilies.

**Clement V** Pope 1305-1314, who burned the leaders of the Knights Templar to death for the purpose of exterminating the Templars’ unique pretence that descendants of Jesus’ body were currently alive and that one of them, not the pope, was the true Head Christian. Clement moved the papal court from Rome to Avignon after making a deal with the king of France to split the property confiscated from the Templars. The Templars’ belief that Jesus had married and produced at least one child appears to have originated at the time of the first Crusade, and certainly had no basis in fact.

**Clementine Homilies** Third-century collection of sermons spuriously attributed to Clement of Rome, Clement I. It was a Clementine homily that justified celibacy, on the ground that demons were in the habit of *possessing* the bodies of copulators for the purpose of sharing their orgasms. The same homily advocated other masochisms, also to discourage demon possession.

**Cleophas** *see* Klopas

**Cletus, Pope** Nonexistent successor of nonexistent Linus as bishop of Rome a generation before there ever was a bishop of Rome, and pope 400 years before there was a pope. Cletus is equated with Anacletus in some pope lists, and called his predecessor in others.

**Clever Hans** The first talking horse. Clever Hans was credited with the capacity to answer such questions as, “How much is four plus three?” by stamping its foot seven times. While the

suspicion that Hans' owner was cuing the horse to stop counting when the correct number had been reached turned out to be correct, it was also discovered that he was not doing so consciously. The horse was able to recognize involuntary physical reactions in the owner that enabled it to realize that its foot-stamping should cease. For further information see Oskar Pfungst's *Clever Hans: the horse of Mr Van Osten*, translated by Carl Rahn, NY, 1965.

**client confidentiality** Immoral and imbecilic regulation in American law that requires a lawyer to conceal evidence revealed by his client, and to become his client's accomplice in deceiving juries into acquitting persons whom the lawyer's testimony could convict. A priest's right to conceal information revealed to him in confidence can be defended on the logical, albeit spurious, ground that he is obeying a "higher" lawgiver. No such defence of lawyer-client confidentiality exists or can exist. An ethical lawyer will inform his client that he will not help him plead *not guilty* unless the client's every statement to the lawyer is consistent with the assumption that he really is not guilty. That being so, no reason exists why a defence lawyer should not be automatically required to testify whether his client has made any admission of guilt in his presence. Lawyer-client confidentiality is obscene. Reporter-source confidentiality is insane, and courts have consistently refused to recognize it as legitimate.

**clitoridectomy** Amputation of the clitoris to prevent females from experiencing sexual pleasure. In the so-called civilized world, the last known clitoridectomy was performed in the USA in 1948 on a five-year-old girl caught masturbating. In the most totalitarian phallusocracies, such as Iran and Brazil, it is likely that such mutilations continue to be performed on a regular basis.

**Clodius** Roman aristocrat of the gens Claudius, who had himself adopted by a plebeian, a man younger than himself, in order to qualify for the office of tribune of the plebeians. He was widely believed to be the lover of his sister Clodia. Since that relationship became the subject of widely publicized jokes by the lawyer Cicero, it can be assumed that brother-sister matings were not as acceptable in Rome as they were at the time in Egypt. Clodius was also the lover of Julius Caesar's first wife, and on one occasion disguised himself as a woman and sneaked into a religious ritual restricted to women in order to be with her. He was detected, but managed to escape. Although no one doubted his guilt, Caesar claimed to believe in his innocence rather than lose such a useful manipulator of the plebeians who were Caesar's own power base. When asked why he divorced his wife if he did not believe the allegations of her adultery with Clodius, Caesar answered that "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion." That answer became the basis of further jokes by Cicero.

**cloning** The production of individuals that are genetically identical, accomplished by taking the nucleus from a cell with the normal adult number of chromosomes, transplanting it into an ovum from which the nucleus has been extracted, and implanting the resultant engineered zygote in an adult womb. The individual produced by such a method will be identical with the donor of the nucleus. While the cloning of a sheep has been achieved, there is evidence, as yet unverified, that the clone is subject to premature aging. As of 2001, no human has been cloned. The book, *In His Image*, purporting to describe the cloning of a human adult, was a hoax.

**closed shop** Form of mental slavery in which a person who is sufficiently morally evolved to oppose everything a trade union stands for, is obliged to join the union and obey its tyrannical orders in order to obtain employment. The only difference between a closed shop and the Mafia is that in the Mafia stupidity is not considered an advantage.

**coat of many colors** In all bibles based on the Vulgate, Jerome's mistake in mistranslating "coat with sleeves" as "coat of colors" continues to be perpetuated. No biblical author ever credited Joseph with a many-colored coat.



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**cock** Pseudonym for phallus, probably named after the peacock whose beautiful erect tail excites his females.

**cock horse** Supine man with erection; so named because of the similar up-and-down motion of a woman riding a passive tumescent male and a horse-breaker riding a bucking horse.

**cock robin** In a medieval nursery rhyme, the victim of an assassination, killed by an arrow from a sparrow. The rhyme commemorated the ancient practice of killing a sacred king at the end of his stipulated term. In the society, probably Celtic, that produced the rhyme's prototype myth, the sacred king would have worn the emblem of the robin clan while his executioner and successor wore the emblem of the sparrow clan.

**cocksucker** Pejorative expression implying that a homosexual man or heterosexual woman engages in an activity that the speaker has been culturally conditioned to regard as reprehensible.

**cocksucker's lips** Mouth that through long usage has developed a permanent set in which the length of the Y axis exceeds that of the X axis; often seen on persons unable to breathe through the nose, on men who wish to be easily identified as homosexuals, and on actresses in copulation-exploitation movies.

**cocksucking** *see* fellatio

**cockteaser** Woman who participates in sexual foreplay but, at the point where full recreation should commence, habitually withdraws her expressly implied consent and invitation. While any woman is entitled to withdraw consent to intimacy at any time, one who engages in foreplay knowing from repeated experience that copulation will not be permitted, is rightfully termed a cockteaser. Masochistic religions (there's another kind?) that label the sharing of sexual joy as sinful, nonetheless encourage adolescent females to be cockteasers by categorizing cockteasing as morally superior to natural love. A cockteaser is both a sadist and a masochist, and is thus exceptionally qualified to become an RC nun.

**Codex Strasburg** Early Christian document in which the disciple Simon is declared to have acquired the surname Peter, (Greek *petros*, Hebrew *kefa*), meaning "rock," by standing on a *rock* on which Ezekiel once preached. This contradicts the interpolation in MATTHEW in which the title is associated with Peter's pretended appointment as Head Christian, an office he never held.

**coffee** The ultimate proof of how much the American colonists hated the British, that they were willing to throw perfectly good tea into Boston harbor and start drinking that stuff. In his science fiction novel, *Unpopular Planet*, Evelyn Smith wrote, "Why would any human being in his right mind drink anything as nasty as coffee? But back in the Eighteenth Century we brainwashed the Human Race into believing they couldn't live without it, because it's the only thing that'll kill the Snarkweed on Tawadyn and Earth's the only Planet it'll grow on."

**cognitive dissonance** Mental imbalance caused by an attempt to adhere to two incompatible theses simultaneously. For example, a tobacco company employee who learns that he is directly responsible for killing 800,000 Americans every year, but who cannot change his employment due to market conditions, is in a state of cognitive dissonance. So he resolves the conflict by ceasing to believe that smoking kills people. Whether a person who continues to be an accessory to mass murder, by brainwashing himself that he is not an accessory to mass murder, is more insane than one who simultaneously believes that the universe is four billion years old but was nonetheless created by his god less than ten thousand years ago, and cannot grasp that he believes both A and not-A, is uncertain. The latter situation does not constitute cognitive dissonance, which can only exist in a mind capable of comprehending that it is harboring incompatible beliefs.

**coincidence** The random occurrence of two or more events that have a low probability of occurring at the same time. An example of coincidence is that American presidents elected in years divisible

by 20 from 1860 to 1960 all died in office. The president elected in 1980, however, did not die in office, and therefore eliminated the necessity of looking for some explanation of the pattern other than coincidence. While a coincidence is an event of low probability, it may well be part of a universe in which an event of such nature has a high probability of occurring. For example, when an individual buys a ticket in Canada's 6/49 lottery and his numbers match those chosen as winners, that is a coincidence with a probability of one in fourteen million (*49 choose 6*). But when fourteen million tickets are sold, then the probability of one player picking the winning slate approaches certainty. While it is not reasonable to accept coincidence as the explanation when a man marries three times and all three wives drown in the bath after naming him beneficiary of a large insurance policy, coincidence is the explanation when a person who follows the advice of an astrology column appears to benefit therefrom.

**coition** *see* fuck

**coitus** *see* fuck

**cola wars** Advertising battle in which Coca Cola™ and Pepsi Cola™ each spent more money than they could possibly hope to recover, for the dubious satisfaction of achieving higher gross sales than the other.

**cold fusion** In 1989, physicists in Utah claimed that chemicals in a test tube caused the production of more energy than was being consumed. Since perpetual motion was immediately ruled out, the physicists concluded that nuclear fusion must have occurred in the test tube. The claimed results of the experiment proved impossible to replicate, and it seems certain that not fusion but some kind of *dirty test tube* effect produced the anomalous result. Since it was known that fusion can only be achieved by creating temperatures only obtainable on earth by nuclear fission, the physicists' decision to publish before their results had been confirmed can only be described as ill-considered. For additional information see "Cold Fusion: A Case History in Wishful Science," *Skeptical Inquirer*, Winter 1990, pp. 161-170.

**cold reading** Technique used by palmists, teacup readers, crystal gazers, and mental magicians, to tell fortunes; by persons skilled at being interviewed, to ascertain what another person wants to hear, by analyzing his autonomic responses to what has already been said and changing his story every time he detects a negative reaction; and by psychiatrists and other alleged therapists to pass themselves off as legitimate medical practitioners. Cold reading is particularly useful to diplomats, politicians, self-styled psychics (there is *not* another kind) and other confidence tricksters.

**colorization** Computerized technology that has created a whole new market for classic movies that had not been seen for many years because they were made at a time when color was considered an expensive option that could not be justified by the estimated market potential. Movies that might never have been seen again in a culture that has learned to regard black and white cinematography as archaic have been made watchable by colorization. The claim of directors that colorization vandalizes their art would disappear overnight if those directors were offered residuals.

**Colsen syndrome** Named after convicted Watergate conspirator Charles Colsen, whose professional career was terminated when he was caught obeying the illegal orders of Richard Nixon, but who saved himself by declaring that he was a *born again* Christian. When Colsen's ploy worked, and he was accepted back into conservative society, his precedent led hundreds of white collar criminals caught with their hands in the till to become respectable again by contracting the *born again* Colsen syndrome.

**Columba, Saint** Canonization as a virgin-martyr of Celtic goddess of sex, Colombe.

**Columbus, Christopher** Beneficiary of an accident of geography that harmonized with his ignorance. About 240 BCE, Eratosthenes correctly calculated the diameter of the earth. Almost

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400 years later, Ptolemaias published his belief that the earth's diameter was not the 13,000 km calculated by Eratosthenes but only 9000 km. If Ptolemaias had been correct, Asia would have been less than 6000 km west of Europe, and that was the figure Columbus chose to accept. He first approached the King of Portugal for finance, but that king was aware that, as calculated by Eratosthenes, Asia was 19,000 km west of Europe, far beyond the range of fifteenth-century sailing ships. The king and queen of Spain, accepting Ptolemaias's incorrect figure, financed Columbus's voyage. By a fortuitous coincidence, Columbus discovered America at almost the precise distance he had expected to find Asia, thereby providing further support for the generalization that fortune favors the ignorant. Columbus believed to his dying day that America was India, and American natives continue to be called *Indians* in perpetuation of that error. Columbus proved to be such an inept and egocentric administrator of the American colony, that the king of Spain was eventually left with no option but to impeach him. Although a country in South America was eventually named after Columbus, the new continents were named *America*, after the first man who recognized that they were continents and not the east coast of Eurasia, Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

**commandments, Egyptian** From the *Book of the Dead*, composed no later than 1800 BCE:

- I have not scorned the gods.
- I have not unlawfully killed or ordered a killing.
- I have not committed adultery or sexual fraud.
- I have not stolen.
- I have not committed perjury.

**commandments, ten** *see* ten commandments

**Common Era** Scientific dating system identical with the Christian calendar (1990 CE = 1990 AD), but connotatively neutral so that it is not insulting to non-Christians.

**common law marriage** In a theocratic society that believes marriage is brought into existence by a ceremony or licence, any marriage that observably exists but has not been properly registered under statutory law.

**Common Sense** Tract by Thomas Paine that most Americans have heard of but imagine to be an argument against "taxation without representation." In fact it was a reasoned debunking of the absurdity of religion.

**Communion** Book by Whitley Strieber, whom some view as a crank and others as a humbug, endorsing the reality of alien abductions. For a full rebuttal of Strieber's fiction, see Philip Klass's *UFO-Abductions: A Dangerous Game*, Prometheus, 1989.

**communion, sacrament of** *see* eucharist

**communism** Originally, an economic system that repudiated the concept of private property. Although an organized communist theory can be traced no further back than the time of its promulgation by Siddhartha Gautama, c 500 BCE, the Elohist's tenth commandment of EXODUS 20:17, c 770 BCE, was such an unambiguous affirmation of the validity of private property, that it could only have been composed in a culture in which communist theory was at least being postulated. Communism, along with celibacy, was propagated by Buddhist missionaries to the Jewish sect that became the Essenes, and through the teaching of the renegade Essene, Jesus the Nazirite, became the recognized lifestyle of the Jewish Jesus sects. Even though the authors of the synoptic gospels were Christians, adherents of the gentile religion founded by Paul of Tarsus, rather than Nazirites, the Jewish sect led by Jesus and his relatives, their gospels included a significant amount of Jesus' communist teaching. For that reason the author of the fourth gospel wrote his theogony for the purpose of repudiating the communism, celibacy and other Essene

elements of the synoptics. In modern times, *communism* has come to mean the social, economic and political theories of Karl Marx.

**Communism** Misnomer for left wing fascism that differs in no way whatsoever from right wing fascism, and for that reason is the object of pathological hatred by right wing fascists such as Senator Joseph McCarthy and his successors, because it reminds them too much of themselves. America's Republican Party is far more fanatically anti-Communist than the Democratic Party, for the obvious reason that Republicans have far more in common with Communist totalitarianism than do the Democrats. Europe's Communist Parties all but disappeared in 1989, but communist parties still exist.

**Communist Party Dissolution Bill** Attempt by Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies, founder of an ultra-conservative political party, which he called "Liberal" for the purpose of preventing the formation of a true liberal party, to establish a fascist dictatorship by giving himself the right to *declare* a political opponent a communist and jail him and seize his property. Under Menzies' proposed law, the onus would have been on the *declared* person to prove that he was not a communist, an impossible task. Opposition in Parliament forced Menzies to submit the Bill to a referendum, and it was overwhelmingly defeated. Fortunately for Menzies, his belief in a fascist god is false, for otherwise he would now be sharing a spit in Hell with Joseph McCarthy.

**Comstock, Anthony** American Postmaster General who first censored America's mail.

**comptroller** Pseudo-learned, imitation-Latin spelling of "controller," based on an invalid analogy.

**conceit** Superficially similar to pride, but reprehensible because it does not have pride's valid basis. A proud person is aware of his worth. A conceited person has an inflated opinion of his worth.

**concentration camps** Innocent-sounding name of extermination factories in which Hitler's National Socialists murdered an undeterminable number, but probably somewhere between 1,000,000 and 6,000,000, Jews Gypsies, homosexuals, retards, NGI criminals, common criminals, and other targets of Hitler's paranoia.

**concubine** Originally, a wife acquired as a non-virgin and whose first or next child was destined to be sacrificed as a bastard-of-many-fathers, after which she would be promoted to the status of heir-producing wife; later, a second-ranking wife whose children, regardless of birth order, would rank below the children of the official or royal wives; still later, a common-law wife.

**concupiscence** Masochist's name for sexual sanity.

**condom** Balloon-shaped rubber or plastic male birth control device worn over the phallus like a skin-tight glove, designed to keep sperm contained therein, and to prevent the transfer of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases from an infected to an uninfected partner. The condom is more than 90%, but less than 100%, effective on both counts. Until the defeat of the Vatican-puppet dictator of Uganda, the free distribution of condoms was prohibited in that world's most AIDS-infested nation, on the ground that the god created by Pope Karol Wojtyla in his own image has a pathological hatred of joy, but delights in premarital death.

**confabulation** "The tendency of ordinary, sane individuals to confuse fact with fiction and to report fantastical events as actual occurrences." —Robert A. Baker

**confession** Masochistic ritual in which a member of a god cult tells a voyeur priest about victimless acts in which he participated, agrees that his failure to be sufficiently masochistic has angered the cult's sadistic god, and hypocritically promises that he will not break the god's insane taboo again even though he may have already made plans to do exactly that. Confession originated in Mithra worship, from which it was borrowed by the Essenes and passed into early Christianity as a form of self-discipline. But not until medieval times did confession become a Catholic sacrament

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associated with sin-forgiveness. Originally, confession was instituted as a means whereby the church hierarchy could learn from a potentate's domestic staff of his secret behavior, and use that information to blackmail the potentate for the church's benefit. Eventually, priests were placed under an obligation not to reveal information obtained in confession even to an ecclesiastical superior, and the day came that priests started taking that obligation seriously, thereby nullifying the ritual's original purpose. Today the ritual has become so insane, that a priest who learns from a confession of a forthcoming crime is required to conceal that information, without any possibility of his being prosecuted as an accessory. In a radical Protestant sect that practises public confession, a present-generation pastor confessed that he had committed adultery with a female member of his congregation whom he named, when in fact the adultery had occurred only *in his heart*, as delineated in MATTHEW 5:28. RC confession was particularly useful to such as Al Capone, who could murder on Friday, confess on Saturday, receive communion on Sunday, and go straight to Heaven if he died on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Indeed, Catholicism teaches that a sin is forgiven the instant a sinner makes the decision to confess it at the first opportunity. Capone was therefore at risk only if he died in the few minutes after committing a murder but before deciding to go to confession.

**confirmation** In Christian sects that practise infant baptism, a follow-up ritual performed at puberty in which the applicant for full membership is required to declare his belief in the sect's dogmas. Only after confirmation is he/she allowed to participate in the five-thousand-years-old god-eating ritual first practised by the worshippers of Osiris, in which bread and wine are consumed as the body and blood of a dead god.

**Confucius, Kung Fu Tse** Chinese philosopher of the sixth century BCE, who may have independently devised the teaching, "Do not do to another what is hateful to yourself," although it could have reached him by diffusion from Zarathustra, who taught the same rule in Persia at least a century earlier.

**connotation** Any implication that is not part of a word's definition, but is nonetheless understood to be present. Words can be synonyms by denotation but antonyms by connotation. Some examples are as follows:

PEJORATIVE	NEUTRAL	EUPHEMISTIC
superstition	mythology	religion
terrorist	guerrilla	freedom fighter
mitt reading	palmistry	chiromancy
kikes	Jews	chosen nation
cocksucker	homosexual	gay
sucker	mark	victim
psychoquack	psychiatrist	therapist
fanatic	fundamentalist	born again
promiscuous	sexually active	popular
gullibility	credulity	faith
babysitter	teacher	educator
mind pablum	soap opera	daytime drama
retarded	mentally handicapped	special
penguin	nun	sister
charnel house	Catholic church	house of worship
shyster	lawyer	legal adviser
humbug	entertainer	psychic
crap	rap	music
pusher	preacher	evangelist

legalized assault	boxing	sport
homosexual foreplay	wrestling	sport
cruelty to animals	foxhunting	sport
sadism	bullfighting	sport
fuck	copulate	make love
sadist in the sky	imaginary playmate	God

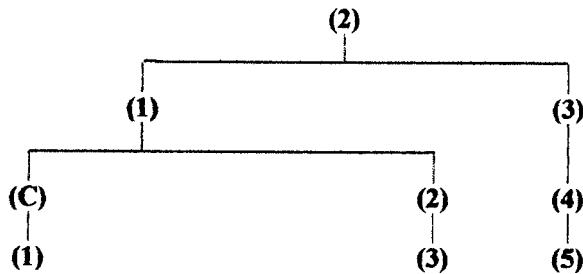
**Conon, Saint** Canonization of Ossian folk hero Conan, a demigod similar to the Trojan War's Thersites. The Christianized Conon was alleged to have been born in Nazareth in the third century CE, more than a century before there ever was a village called Nazareth.

**conquest, right of** *see* right of conquest

**conquest of Canaan** The systematic extermination by the fourteenth-century Jews under Joshua of every man, woman and child in Jericho and the surrounding territory that the Jews coveted. Joshua's genocide, the first in recorded history, was justified by the biblical authors who retroactively labeled the conquered territory the *promised land*, and declared that it was the rightful property of the Jewish god Yahweh who was entitled to give it to anyone he chose.

**Conrad, Saint** Sadist canonized for burning 8000 heretics.

**consanguinity** Blood relationship, counted in *degrees* that represent the number of steps by which two persons are separated, counting only parent-child relationships as steps. In the following chart, the control figure (C) is the indicated number of degrees removed from other persons on the chart.



It will be observed that parent and child are related in the first degree of consanguinity, siblings in the second degree, uncle and niece or aunt and nephew in the third degree, and first cousins in the fourth degree. Prior to 1215 CE, the Christian church prohibited marriage between persons related within seven degrees at consanguinity or affinity, thereby effectively guaranteeing that almost any marriage could be annulled as incestuous if the husband was rich enough to pay the pope a large enough bribe for him to order a genealogy search. In 1215 the ban was reduced to the fourth degree, the level currently prohibited for RCs. Most Protestant sects prohibit marriage only within three degrees of consanguinity, while Judaism, following laws in LEVITICUS probably composed by a priest married to his niece, prohibits only first and second-degree marriage. Since secular law tends to be based on the religion of the majority, Jews are not permitted to marry aunts or uncles in Christian-dominated countries, and Protestants are not permitted to marry cousins in Catholic-dominated countries.

**conscience** Among the rational, that part of the mind which recognizes acts that unnecessarily hurt a non-consenting victim as immoral or evil; in god mythology, that part of the mind that does not prevent a godworshipper from breaking an illogical taboo, but does prevent him from enjoying it.

**Conscience of a Conservative** Oxymoron.

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**consensuality argument** The rationalization that, because belief in a god is universal, “they can’t all be wrong.” Proponents of the consensuality argument claim that, for godworship to be universal, humankind must have an innate need for such a belief, and that need could only have been programmed into the human psyche by a creator. That argument breaks down once it is recognized that many Inuit tribes have never practised any kind of godworship, although they have believed in the existence of gods, as other cultures have believed in the existence of leprechauns, fairies, ghosts and werewolves. The basic argument implies that, since the entire human race believed in a flat earth for hundreds of thousands of years, therefore they can’t all be wrong and the earth is flat. Like all of the other arguments for the existence of a creator-god, the consensuality argument leads to a *reductio ad absurdum*.

**conservative** A person who, lacking the five thousand years of evolution that would enable him to differentiate between right and wrong without the necessity of a Lawgiver making the decision for him, supports an existing tyranny because his ancestors said it was good. This is true regardless of whether the ruling tyrant is an unelected right wing fascist such as Henry VIII, an elected right wing fascist such as Adolf Hitler, an unelected left wing fascist such as Joseph Stalin, or an elected left wing fascist such as James Hoffa. A conservative is incapable of questioning the dictum of Paul of Tarsus that, “The powers that exist have been ordained by a god.”

**Conservative** Member of a political party dedicated to the repeal of the twentieth century, the perpetuation of hereditary incompetence, and the enforcement of taboo as a substitute for morality.

**Constantine, Constantinius** Roman emperor 311-337 CE. Originally a worshipper of the savior god Mithra, Constantine switched to Jesus when, after murdering several members of his family, he was told by the Mithraic Holy Father that such sins could not be forgiven. The savior god Jesus, however, through his designated officials, offered forgiveness of all sins to persons who submitted to Christian baptism. Since forgiveness through baptism could be received only once, Constantine refused to be baptized immediately. Rather, he kept a priest at his side at all times, under orders to baptize him if death seemed imminent. He was thus enabled to sin freely for many more years, and still be guaranteed a no-questions-asked ticket to the pie in the sky when he died. Among the Mithraic customs Constantine refused to abandon, and which therefore became Christian customs, were the sun god’s rest day, Mithra’s birthday, the *mizd* or *mass* wafer, and the practice of calling priests “Father.”

**Constantius** Roman emperor 337-361 CE; son of Constantine; an adherent of Arian Christianity, in contrast to Constantine’s acceptance of Athanasian Christianity after the rigged Council of Nicea had voted Jesus a god.

**constellation** Any group of stars that, because they are roughly in the same direction from earth, appear to be a cluster. Constellations have no objective existence, since individual components may be half a galaxy apart and only appear to form a coherent group when viewed from the direction of earth.

**consubstantiation** In the mythology of Martin Luther, the dogma that bread and wine acquire the additional substantial properties of a god’s body and blood at the moment of consecration, but simultaneously retain all of their original substance. In the dogma of transubstantiation, which Luther rejected, consecration completely changes the material into the god’s body and blood, so that it thereafter only *looks like* bread and wine.

**contempt for the law** The inevitable consequence of criminalizing the commercial distribution of cocaine, which kills 2000 Americans a year, while legalizing the commercial distribution of tobacco, which kills 800,000 Americans a year.

**contraception** Any method or device used to prevent copulation from resulting in pregnancy. In an overpopulated world, contraception is the only alternative to the extinction of the human race

through universal starvation. Nonetheless, popes and other anthropocidal murderers continue to advocate an insane ban on contraception, declaring it a sin against the insane laws of their insane gods.

**contributing to the delinquency of a minor** Theoretically, encouraging a juvenile to commit acts that are antisocial or self destructive, where such behavior violates criminal law; in practice, engaging in the sharing of joy with a pretended minor whom saner cultures recognize as a consenting adult. In America, for example, a man can be jailed for recreating with a woman with whom he would be permitted to cohabit openly in England. And women have been jailed for bestowing on a teenage boy the incomparable gift of sexual recreation.

**contrition** Form of self-delusion in which a person who has committed no act that unnecessarily hurt a non-consenting victim tortures himself with guilt because he has violated taboos that no sane god would have imposed in the first place.

**conversion** Switching from rationality to irrationality, or from one superstition to another.

**coon** Racist term for a black person.

**copulation** Literally, joining together; possibly the most neutral synonym for sexual mating, widely considered to be not as clinical as *coitus*, not as vulgar as *fucking*, not as squeamish as *intercourse*, and not as colloquial as *screwing*.

**copulation by candlelight** Outdoor ceremony held at dusk on December 24 in various Australian capital cities, in which several thousand adolescent couples engage in sexual recreation, while holding lighted candles, singing “Oh cum all ye faithful,” and practising what they preach.

**corn flakes** Breakfast cereal invented by sex-hating psychopath W. Kellogg, as a bromide that he believed would blunt sexual desire and prevent the masturbation that he blamed for all human misery and degeneracy. According to a survey of confirmed masturbators, it does not work.

**Cornelius, Saint** Canonization of Celtic horned god Cornelius, also called Cernunnos or Corineus.

**Corona, Saint** Canonization of Asklepios’s virgin-mother, Coronis.

**corona discharge** Whenever matter, animate or inanimate, is placed in an electrically charged field in a gaseous environment, atoms adjacent to the gas are ionized and consequently discharge free electrons. That produces photons of light in the visible and ultraviolet range that register on photographic film as a halo surrounding the body, and in near-darkness can be seen with the naked eye. St Elmo’s fire is an example of corona discharge. Although corona discharge is a natural phenomenon, when emitted from a living person it has been hailed by the scientifically illiterate as a metaphysical *aura* that reflects the moral and other qualities of the *soul*.

**coronation of Mary** RC myth that finally made the Christian Mary the equal of Hera, Juno, Isis and other goddesses by having her crowned Queen of Heaven.

**corporal** In the military, a person who demonstrated that he was a good private, by granting blind, unquestioning obedience to inefficient, illogical and incompetent orders that he was too stupid to question, and was consequently promoted to a position where he became the one giving the inefficient, illogical and incompetent orders. The same system operates in the civil service, except that there corporals are called *supervisors*.

**Corpus Christi** RC festival copied from pagan summer solstice harvest festival.

**correct English** The dialect most commonly used by writers of scholarly works in both England and America until *c* 1945, but now all but extinct in North America and fast dying in England. Languages do change. Double negatives were correct English in Chaucer’s time but are not today. “Hopefully” as a substitute for “We hope that” is fast becoming correct English in North America



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but not in England. But such usages as the inclusion of apostrophes in non-possessive plurals, wrong-case pronouns such as “between you and I,” and alleged sentences that do not contain a principal clause, will never be correct English.

**Cosmas and Damianus, Saints** Canonization of Kastor and Polydeukes.

**cosmic consciousness** State of god-like awareness, equivalent to nirvana, that is the ultimate bribe for joining metaphysical scams such as the Rosicrucians.

**cosmic egg** The primordial material or condition out of which the Big Bang generated the universe. Just what that material or condition was is unknown. Whether it is speculated that it was pure neutronium or pure energy, the question is raised: Where did it come from? The impossibility of answering that question satisfactorily has led metaphysicians to declare that a god created it, apparently unaware that they are merely changing the question to: Where did the god come from? If the assumption is to be made that something has always been there, then the conclusion that the *something* was the cosmic egg, whatever that was, requires less unproven hypotheses than the conclusion that the *something* was a creator god.

**cosmography, biblical** The map of the universe as believed, imagined, pictured and described by the authors of the Judaeo-Christian bible. Since that bible was composed by a pre-scientific culture, its cosmography naturally conformed to the beliefs of the time and is not compatible with the scientific knowledge of a later age. If the Bible is nonfiction, then the earth is a flat disk (DANIEL 4:10; MATTHEW 4:8; REVELATION 7:1) that neither orbits the sun nor revolves on its axis (PSALM 93:1; 96:10; 104:5), is covered by a solid crystal dome that rests on the earth’s rim (JOB 22:14; REVELATION. 6:14; ACTS 10:11; GENESIS 1:6-8), and to which are attached stars tiny enough to fall to earth (REVELATION 6:13; 8:10), a sun that is not a star (GENESIS 1:16), and a moon that is not a reflector of light but a source of light (GENESIS 1:16). And it was all created less than ten thousand years ago.

**cosmological argument** The argument that everything in the universe must be caused, that each cause must itself have a cause, and ultimately there must be an uncaused *first cause* that can only be an intelligent god. The argument breaks down when it is realized that, if the postulated god did not need to be caused, then neither did the primeval chaos, cosmic egg or whatever other condition preceded the current universe.

**Cottingley fairies** Cutout fairies hung on background trees and photographed with two young girls, creating the illusion that fairies were fluttering in the girls’ vicinity. The photographs deceived Conan Doyle into assuring the world that fairies are real, even though a Kodak laboratory technician informed him that such an effect could easily be faked. The girls confessed that the picture was a hoax after a newspaper reporter identified the book from which the fairies had been cut out.

**Councils, Christian** A series of meetings of Christian bishops in the fourth century CE, which alternately pronounced trinitarianism and monotheism the true Christianity. Following the final victory of trinitarianism at the Council of Constantinople, the Councils of Nicea, 325 CE, and Constantinople, 383 CE, both of which had voted that Jesus was a god, were retroactively designated the First and Second Ecumenical Councils and pronounced infallible, while all of the Councils between those dates that had de-deified Jesus were pronounced schismatic and heretical. In fact the only fourth-century Council that was not stacked by one side or the other, and truly depicted the consensus of all Christian bishops, was that of Rimini in 360 CE, and it rejected the three-headed god and voted that Jesus was a mere creation of a unitarian god. All other Councils, including the so-called Ecumenical Councils, forced a vote on the question of Jesus’ divinity at a time when opponents of the organizers’ viewpoint had not had time to arrive in significant numbers.

**Counter Reformation** Revisionist program within the RC church following the rise of Protestantism, designed to prevent further defections by making those reforms originally demanded by Martin Luther and others that did not lessen priestly power or diminish the claim that the RC church could not err on matters of dogma.

**Count of Paris** Courtesy title by which the man recognized as rightful king of France by a surviving monarchist faction is generally designated, even though such a title has no validity under the laws of the French Republic. The Count of Paris is widely viewed as *the* pretender to the French throne, but in fact he is only the Bourbon candidate, primogenitural heir of Charles X. There is also an Orleans faction, whose pretender is the heir of Louis Philippe, and a Bonaparte faction that would restore the heir of Napoleon III. At one time there was a majority of monarchists in the National Assembly, but the refusal of the three factions to endorse a single candidate, out of fear that an opposition faction's king could be less easily replaced than a republic, led to them all voting to retain the Third Republic.

**Country of the Blind** H. G. Wells' allegory of his experiences as a sane man in the lunatic asylum called England, where the person who recognizes religion as a form of insanity is treated as if *he* were insane. To symbolize the tremendous pressure on rationalists to conform to the superstitions of the majority, Wells portrayed his hero seriously considering agreeing to have his eyes amputated to cure his delusion that he possessed a nonexistent sense called *sight*.

**courtesan** medieval hetaira.

**courtly love** Medieval cultural practice that walked a fine line between self-gratification and masochism; lauded in poetry and prose by Dante, Petrarch and Chrétien de Troyes. Courtly love always involved a gallant knight, or equivalent, and a forbidden woman, invariably some other man's wife. Although the couple lusted for each other, as in the legends of Tristan and Isualte, Lancelot and Guinevere, and others, they forced themselves to keep their love chaste. Chaste love did not, however, mean adoration from afar, but rather the non-adulterous consummation of *coitus interruptus*, copulation without sperm-intromission. Since no usurper's sperm was deposited in the wife's womb, or at least that was the theory, the lovers' copulations did not rob the husband of the certainty that his wife's children were his legitimate heirs, and therefore did not constitute adultery. Unfortunately for the courtly lovers, the husbands tended to reject the claim that their wives' matings were non-procreative, and for that reason the lovers needed to keep their relationships secret. Modern commentators tend to view courtly love as simple adultery, possibly because, like the non-consenting husbands, they also refuse to believe that the illicit copulations did not involve sperm intromission.

**covenant** The mythical agreement invented by the Yahwist *c* 920 BCE between the Jewish patriarchs and their paramount god. Under the retroactive covenant, Yahweh promised to give the Jews all of the territory that they actually occupied at the time the myth was invented, and to reduce all gentiles to serfdom in a Jewish theocracy. In return the Jews agreed to pay homage to Yahweh alone and ignore all of the other gods, and to murder anyone who honored another god within Yahweh's territorial borders.

**Covenant mythology** Mythology based on the conceit that a partisan god chose a particular group of humans to be the recipients of his blatant favoritism, and that he agreed to discriminate in their favor against all other humans on the condition that they bribed him with rituals and sacrifices and sycophancy. Above all else, the god's pets were to grant unquestioning obedience to the priests and spokesmen through whom the god's orders were communicated. Covenant mythology was perfected by the Priestly author, *c* 600 BCE, and backdated to the time of Abraham, *c* 1800 BCE.

**Covenant of the Commune** Also called *Manual of Discipline*; the oldest Essene document, apparently written by the sect's first Righteous Rabbi and founder, *c* 140 BCE. The *Covenant*

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spelled out the Essene commune's commitment to communism, celibacy, abolition of family ties, an afterlife that involved reward for obedient Essenes and punishment for all others, and unqualified acceptance of all Jewish sacred writings, including many that were excluded when an official canon was formulated for Judaism more than two centuries later. Since the *Covenant* did not mention the Essene belief that the Righteous Rabbi was Messiah, and that he would fulfill his messianic function at a postulated *second coming*, Jesus the Nazirite continued to regard it as the definitive arbiter of Jewish behavior even after he abandoned Essene orthodoxy and founded his own sect, the Ebionites, "Paupers," in the belief that *he* was Messiah.

**cover** In stud farms, euphemism for *impregnate*.

**cover-up** Deliberate suppression of facts that, if they became common knowledge, would disrupt the status quo to the detriment of an entrenched vested interest. Successful cover-ups are rare, for the obvious reason that, the greater the number of persons involved in a conspiracy, the greater the probability that one of them will eventually make his knowledge public, either from an attack of conscience, or a change of philosophy, or an accidental slip, or in exchange for personal benefit, including immunity from prosecution. That there has ever been a successful long-term cover-up in a democracy is improbable. The facts of the Jack the Ripper case may conceivably have been covered up in an England even more totalitarian than the England of 2001, not to protect the reputation of the guilty individual but to protect the reputation of the oligarchy to whom he apparently had close ties. Even if the Ripper was not, as many now believe, Queen Victoria's personal physician, the possibility of a successful cover-up cannot be ruled out in a country that to this day holds an Official Secrets Act over the heads of persons with knowledge of government crimes, hypocrisy and stupidity. The closest America has ever come to a successful cover-up is in the field of religion. More than a century ago, the Judaeo-Christian bible was shown by historians to be as demonstrably falsifiable as *Alice in Wonderland*. That information has been successfully withheld from the ignorant masses. But what the vested interests whose livelihood depends on preserving god mythology have never been able to do is keep the facts from interested scholars. Thousands of books proving the fraudulence of religion are no further away from anyone in the western world than the nearest university library. The semi-cover-up has succeeded only because god addicts do not want to be given information that could cure them, and the small amount that drifts through can be removed from awareness by self-delusion. Cover-ups in a society in which free speech is not a crime are virtually impossible. Nonetheless, adherents of cover-up theories claim that the United States government has successfully covered up the alleged facts that:

- President John Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy involving the F.B.I., the C.I.A., the Mafia, the Ku Klux Klan and Fidel Castro, and Lee Oswald may not even have been involved;
- Marilyn Monroe was murdered to prevent her from going public with details of her sexual relationships with persons in high office;
- In 1947, at Roswell, New Mexico, the Air Force took possession of a crashed extra-terrestrial spaceship containing the bodies of several alien life forms. The administrations of Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton have all succeeded in keeping the facts suppressed. The latter theory, in particular, implies that what would be the most sensational news story in recorded history has been successfully covered up by the same government agencies that could not cover up one insignificant break-in at the Watergate building. Anyone who believes that should give serious consideration to a brain transplant.

**cowry** Sea shell revered as vulva-image c 20,000 BCE.

**Coyote** To the Apaches and Navajos: a demigod; to the Maidu: the supreme demon; to the Miwok: the supreme creator god.

**cranberry jam** Sandwich spread that Americans put on turkey.

**crank** A person who, like a humbug, peddles pseudoscientific nonsense as science, but who sincerely believes that his fully falsified fiction is fact. For a selection of prominent cranks, see under humbug.

**crap** Slang for excrement, named after Thomas Crapper, inventor of the flush toilet; anything worthless.

**Creation Epic, Babylonian** Poem dating from *c* 2800 BCE, in which Marduk created everything in existence in the same order later copied by the Priestly author, 621-612 BCE, in GENESIS chapter 1. The Epic begins with creator-god Marduk slicing his mother, the serpent goddess Tiamat, in two, and creating the sky and the land out of her upper and lower parts, just as Elohim did to his mother Tehowm in the GENESIS copy. When GENESIS was translated from Hebrew to other languages, the role of Tehowm was expurgated and she was replaced by an impersonal *void*.

**creationism** Modern superstition that, even though human and bonobo (pygmy chimpanzee) DNA are 99 % identical, the two species were created separately and are unrelated; even though light from quasars twelve billion light years away has already reached earth, the universe is less than 10,000 years old; and even though the Judaeo-Christian bible contradicts itself in more than 1000 places, and in seven places endorses a flat earth, it is nonetheless literal truth.

**creationist** A person whose capacity for rational human thought is approximately equal to that of a Canada goose.

**creation mythology** The myth that the universe was not hatched from a goddess's egg or born from her womb, as was believed prior to the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE, but was created by a male god without female participation. It was humankind's new status as a maker of sophisticated artifacts that led the new ruling class, men, to envision a god who was likewise a maker of things. Creation mythology first materialized in the imaginations of persons who were ignorant and scientifically illiterate as a consequence of living in a pre-scientific age, and continues to be believed by persons whose ignorance and scientific illiteracy is self-inflicted.

**Creation Research Society** Organization whose members are required to sign a statement of belief that reads, "The Bible is the written Word of God, and because we believe it to be inspired throughout, all of its assertions are historically and scientifically true in all of the original autographs. To the student of nature, this means that the account of origins in GENESIS is a factual presentation of simple historical truths." For some reason, members of the Creation Research Society ridicule the Flat Earth Society, even though the Judaeo-Christian bible, which both groups hail as revealed truth, endorses a flat earth and a geocentric universe as unequivocally as it endorses a divine creation that took place less than ten thousand years ago. The Creation Research Society exists for the sole purpose of pretending that the rationalization of unscientific dogma constitutes research. For a full rebuttal of the C.R.S.'s incompetent arguments, see Philip Kitchener's *Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism*, NY, 1984.

**creation science** Oxymoron.

**creative inertia** The political, ethical, moral and social values of conservative political parties.

**credibility gap** The difference between a fascist politician's statements and anything a reasonably intelligent person could be expected to believe.

**credulity** A predisposition to believe the incredible without subjecting anomalous claims to critical evaluation; called *gullibility* by the scientifically literate, and *faith* by the brainwashed. For an

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evaluation of the causes of credulity, see *The Transcendental Temptation*, by Paul Kurtz, Prometheus, 1991, and *Why People Believe Weird Things*, by Michael Shermer, W. H. Freeman Company, 1998.

**creed** Any set of contrary-to-fact beliefs that a member of a god cult is required to profess in order to remain in good standing in the cult.

**cremation** Method of spending millions of dollars to waste a human corpse that could have been productively rendered into fertilizer, possibly even paying the carcass's executor instead of charging him.

**Crestwood Heights** Alleged study of a Montreal suburb, that filled hundreds of pages with the revelation that the inhabitants of Crestwood Heights tend to rise at 7.00 a.m., eat corn flakes for breakfast, go to work, and copulate at regular intervals. Had the book been written for extraterrestrials, it might conceivably have served some useful function. Instead it demonstrated the contentless puerility of the *work* of sociologists.

**crime** In a rational society: any action that can reasonably be expected to cause unnecessary injury to a non-consenting victim, including social, economic and emotional injury; in a theocracy such as the various states of planet earth: any action that has been declared taboo by lawgivers who may or may not have had valid purposes millennia ago but who could not have foreseen the circumstances of a later age, or any action that has the potential to weaken the tyranny of the ruling commissars of the intolerant majority.

**crime against humanity** Religion, and actions stemming from religion.

**crime against nature** *see* abominable and detestable

**crime against masochism** Also called victimless sin; the deliberate participation in a joyful, shared experience, in defiance of the buddhistic teaching that joy is sin. Masochists call crimes against masochism by such names as adultery, fornication, immorality, incest, infidelity, perversion, self abuse, promiscuity, sodomy, soliciting, statutory rape, tomcatting, and unchastity.

**Crispin, Saint** Canonization of the Roman god of shoemakers.

**cross** Two posts intersecting at right angles, used as execution stakes by the Romans. Condemned criminals were tied or nailed to such stakes and left there until they died of asphyxiation.

**cross of St Andrew** *see* Wotan, *and* Andrew

**crucifix** Anti-vampire charm.

**crucifixion** Roman method of execution, used only for slaves and persons guilty of rebellion against the empire. The victim was stripped naked, usually nailed to a cross through his wrists and ankles, although some victims were simply tied, and left hanging until he died of asphyxiation. Often, a board was nailed in place to support his buttocks, so that the victim might enhance the crucifixion's exemplary value by suffering for as long as three days before dying, since without such support death was bound to occur within about three hours. However, when a quick death was desired, so that the Roman sentries could be freed for other duties, the victim's legs were broken with the back of a sword, causing death within minutes. Prior to death, the victim was certain to defecate and develop an erection, and the Romans regarded such degradation as an integral part of the execution's exemplary message.

**Crusade** The systematic extermination by Christians of any man, woman or child who refused to transfer his allegiance from the Muslim gods to the Christian gods; first instituted by Pope Urban II in 1095, ostensibly to *free* Jerusalem from Muslim rule, but actually to rid Europe of its

unemployed rabble by sending them to Asia where Urban hoped that most of them would be killed by the Arabs.

**crypto-zoology** The study of animals that do not exist.

**cubit** Measurement mentioned in connection with Noah's flood and other biblical myths, and often left untranslated in English bibles. A cubit was approximately 45 cm, usually measured as the distance from a man's elbow to his fingertip.

**Cuchulain** Celtic virgin-born resurrected savior god who was simultaneously his mother's lover and impregnator and therefore *of one substance* with his father; canonized as St Sebastian.

**cuckold** Originally, a man deceived into raising another man's bastard as his own, just as certain birds are deceived into hatching eggs laid in their nests by a cuckoo and nurturing the cuckoo's chick at the expense of their legitimate young. As the original purpose of the adultery taboo became lost over many centuries, and the belief evolved that even non-procreative extramarital recreation constituted adultery, so did the term *cuckold* generalize to mean the husband of a woman who took a lover, even when her extramarital activity did not involve the risk of impregnation.

**CUFOS** Center for UFO Studies; organization formed by J. Allen Hynek to search for evidence that UFOs exist as something other than misidentified aerial objects. It has never found any.

**cuius regio, eius religio** "Whose the region, his the religion"; the agreement reached at the end of the seventeenth-century religious wars, that the ruler of an autonomous region of the Holy Roman Empire was to have the right to impose whatever mythology he chose on all residents in his fiefdom. Dissenters were given permission to emigrate to another territory where the ruler's mythology matched their own, but anyone who chose to stay in a state whose religion he disputed could be burned for heresy or otherwise disposed of as the ruler saw fit.

**cult** Any mythology smaller or newer than one's own.

**cultural hypnosis** Any belief system that has become so accepted by a society that, with rare exceptions, every person born or absorbed into the society accepts it without question even though the belief may be incapable of surviving critical scrutiny. Concepts that have been universally accepted through cultural conditioning include demon possession, flat earth cosmography, divine intervention in human affairs on request, a mother goddess, a father god, a concept of morality that can accept identical behavior as unspeakably evil when committed by Hitler but virtuous when committed by the god of the majority, and the reality of a mental condition called "in love" as a prerequisite for mating. Victims of cultural hypnosis are not only incapable of questioning the validity of their conditioned belief; they are incapable of comprehending that any question exists. Thus to a person who considers himself "in love" or "saved" or in a "state of grace" or "possessed" or "bewitched," the suggestion that his condition exists only in his conditioned imagination will be as incomprehensible as the suggestion that his arms and legs exist only in his own imagination. Most cultural hypnosis is therefore inaccessible to reason.

**cum** Also spelled *come*: as a verb, to orgasm; as a noun: semen.

**Cunda** *see* Cunti

**Cunegonde** Wife of Holy Roman Emperor Henry II. Pope Innocent III canonized Cunegonde in 1200 CE on the dubious ground that she had died a virgin. In fact the pretence that the childless couple had never copulated was invented long after both were dead.

**cunnilingus** From Latin words meaning cunt-licking; orgasm-inducing behavior involving oral stimulation of the clitoris and vicinity; also called muffediving.

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**cunt** Old English name for the female genital orifice. Following the French conquest of England in 1066, the French language became the language of the upper classes, while the *vulgi*, the conquered masses, continued to speak English. Consequently, certain English words, being used only by the *vulgi*, came to be considered *vulgar*. A person's social status could therefore be discerned by whether he used the English word *cunt* or the Latin *vagina*, the English *pig*, *cow* and *sheep*, or the French *pork*, *beef* and *mutton*, the English *fuck* or the Latin *intercourse*. Since *cunt* is clearly a form of *Cunti*, a Hindu sex goddess and vulva personification, it must date back to Indo-European times.

**C.U.N.T** Acronym for Canadian Union of Narcotics Traffickers.

**Cunti** Hindu fertility goddess, wife of Siva; equivalent to Frig, Nukie, Easter, Aphrodite, and Venus.

**cunt on the hoof** *see* beauty pageant

**Cupid** Roman equivalent of Eros.

**current bun** Australian slang for a louse-infested vulva.

**curse** Invocation to a god to inflict a designated punishment, usually death, if the person invoking the curse fails to fulfill a vow. In GENESIS Jacob swore an oath "under the curse of his ancestor Isaac," calling down the fate of Isaac, sacrifice, if he broke his oath to Laban.

**Cuthbert, Saint** Canonization of Celtic sea god. From 1104 until 1827, a wax dummy was regularly displayed in Durham Cathedral as the undecayed remains of the mythical St Cuthbert.

**Cybele** Anatolian mother goddess, mother of the resurrected savior god Atthis; equivalent to Isis, Semele, Davkina and Mary.

**Cyniburg, Saint** Nonexistent third "Saint Cyniburg," manufactured out of parts of the legends of two previous Cyneburgs and given a new time and location.

**cynic** A realist who realizes that there is no such thing as a free lunch.

**Cyprian** Bishop of Carthage who was the first Christian priest to be executed. Cyprian vandalized a Roman temple for the specific purpose of getting himself executed as a martyr. Naturally he was canonized.

**Cyprian and Justina, Saints** Pretended virgin and the would-be seducer converted by her. The Vatican recognized the nonexistence of Cyprian and Justina in 1969.

**Cyrano de Bergerac** Seventeenth-century humanist and author who fought a large number of duels with persons who made fun of his larger-than-average nose. Cyrano was the author of some of the earliest science fiction. In one of his tales, a man traveled to the moon in a sleigh drawn by a flock of geese.

**Cyril of Alexandria** Patriarch of Alexandria, died 444 CE, who tried to rebut the emperor Julian's tract, *Against the Galileans*. The main value of Cyril's rebuttal is that it enabled Julian's arguments to survive despite the Christian censors' burning of all copies of the original. In writing about Jesus' physical appearance, Cyril conceded that he had been "very ugly of countenance." Cyril's immediate source for that description is not known, although it may have been Julian, but ultimately it was derived from a now-expurgated passage of Josephus.

**Cyrus** King of Persia who conquered the Medes in 549 BCE and Babylon in 538 BCE. He was not assisted in the Babylonian conquest by any *Darius the Mede*, since no such person ever existed. Cyrus allowed the Jews who had been transported to Babylon to return to Jerusalem, thereby ending the Babylonian Captivity after forty-eight years rather than the seventy years prophesied by

Jeremiah. Cyrus also ordered the rebuilding of Yahweh's temple in Jerusalem, thereby causing an interpolator in ISAIAH (45:1) to proclaim him *Messiah*. Cyrus ordered work on the temple halted when he learned that it had been the center of a cult of vicious xenophobia, but by that time Third Isaiah's hasty interpolation had become a permanent part of the much older book.



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**Dabog** Slavonic sun god. With the introduction of Christianity, Dabog, like many other pre-Christian gods, was assimilated to the Christian devil.

**Dagon** Semitic corn god, portrayed in Jewish scriptures as the paramount god of the non-Semitic Philistines.

**Dalai Lama** Non-hereditary theocrat of Lamaism, a Tantric form of Buddhism, chosen as a baby by astrological and other metaphysical omens similar to those used to choose the Egyptian bull god Apis. *See* Lamaism.

**Damascus Covenant** Essene document dating from the first century BCE in Damascus. Among the provisions of the *Covenant* was the absolute ban on remarriage by divorced persons later preached by Jesus the Nazirite and quoted accurately in MARK. The author of MATTHEW distorted the teaching into a conditional ban that could be circumvented in appropriate circumstances.

**Damasus** Last bishop of Rome, 366-384, prior to the transformation of that office into the papacy by a claim of paramouncy over Rome's co-equal popes of Jerusalem, Alexandria, Antioch and Constantinople. When the emperor Theodosius rejected the title *pontifex maximus*, previously borne by every emperor since Julius Caesar as high priest of the Roman gods, on the ground that such a title was incompatible with Theodosius's status as a Christian, Damasus claimed it for himself, and all popes have done likewise. Since Damasus murdered 160 supporters of a rival for the Roman See, naturally he was canonized.

**Damian and Cosmas, Saints** Canonization as twin brothers of the homosexual lovers of Greek mythology, Damon and Pythias.

**damnation** Possibly Jesus the Nazirite's only original contribution to god mythology. Zarathustra taught that *sin* must be purged by purification through fire in an underworld purgatory. Essenes adopted that teaching unchanged, and called their purgatory Gehenna. Jesus appears to have misinterpreted his sources, and transformed the Essene underworld of temporary purgation into an underworld of permanent revenge-torture that can only be described as a sadist's dream. Damnation is the sentencing of a dead taboo-breaker to be barbecued with flamethrowers for all eternity, and to remain conscious and in total agony throughout the entire experience so that he will know he is being punished. Damnation is the most repulsive obscenity ever conceived in a mind so evil and insane that merely torturing his enemies to death was not sufficient to gratify its creator's pathological hatred of the human race. All evidence says that the concept originated with Jesus the Nazirite.

**Dan** Eponymous demigod of a Semitic tribe that became part of the thirteen-tribe Jewish-Israelite confederacy c 1200 BCE; incorporated into a Jewish-Israelite genealogy as the son of the hybrid demigod Jacob/Israel, identical with Greek demigod Danaos.

**Danaë** Virgin who bore a son, Perseus, to the King of Gods, Zeus, who impregnated her by shining through the bars of her prison in the form of a beam of sunlight. The myth of a mortal woman who bore a god's son while somehow remaining a virgin continued to be retold of various heroes until less than two thousand years ago.

**Danaos** Eponymous demigod of the Danaans, and the builder of Danaopolis, later renamed Mycenae. Danaos and his followers fled from Egypt and settled in Greece, just as the tribe of Dan

fled from Egypt and settled in Phoenicia. Since the Danites and Danaans appear to be identical, it may be that they were the Hyksos, expelled from Egypt c 1570 BCE.

**dancing** Sexual foreplay performed standing, usually to music.

**dangerous child** Person of whom a prophecy is made that he will cause the death or downfall of a potentate. The potentate consequently attempts to kill him, but the child lives to fulfill the prophecy. Heroes of dangerous-child myths include Abraham, Oedipus, Paris, Perseus, Cyrus, Moses, John the Immerser, Jesus, Lug, and Sargon I.

**Daniel** Originally, the hero of an Ugaritic myth. A righteous king named Daniel prayed to the bull god Allah for a son, and through the intercession of Allah's son Baal was given his wish in the person of Aqhat, a hero not unlike Jesus. EZEKIEL mentioned Daniel as one of the three righteous figures in Jewish mythology, along with Noah and Job, and that eventually led to books being written that were credited to all three of EZEKIEL's heroes.

**DANIEL** Apocalyptic work begun in the third and completed in the second century BCE. The earliest portion, consisting of chapters 3 and 4, were composed c 240 BCE. Chapters 5 and 6, containing the *writing on the wall* incident, were added shortly afterward. Chapters 2, verses 4b to 49, and chapter 7, were composed within a few weeks of the event they retroactively prophesied, the defeat of Antiokhos IV and the establishment of Hasmonean rule in 164 BCE. All of those segments were written in Aramaic. Two additional segments were added within the next thirty years, the former in Hebrew and the latter in Greek. The Hebrew additions consisted of the verses now numbered 1:1 to 2:4a and 8:1 to 12:13, and contain the earliest references in Jewish mythology to an afterlife belief, as well as the earliest references to Gabriel and Mikhael, Jewish adaptations of the planetary gods, Mars and Mercury. The Greek additions, completed in time to be included in the Septuagint, now comprise chapters 13 and 14 of Catholic bibles, but are excluded from Protestant and Jewish bibles. DANIEL's authors were profoundly ignorant of Babylonian history. According to one or another, Nebuchadnezzar was succeeded as king by his son Belshazzar; Babylon fell to Darius the Mede; and the Hasmonean monarchy would last for ever. In fact Belshazzar was prince regent, never king, and was not related to Nebuchadnezzar; Darius the Mede did not exist; and the Hasmonean monarchy fell to Rome in 63 BCE.

**Däniken, Erich von** Author of *Chariots of the Gods?* and other books expounding the theory that astronauts from outer space have visited the earth. Däniken's books seem plausible to the uninformed reader, on account of the author's practice of presenting a distorted view of the artifacts described and deliberately suppressing information that would expose his theories as nonsense. It is possible that Däniken started out as a crank, writing incompetent hypotheses that he believed were valid. But for his last books he has been shown to have deliberately falsified evidence, even to the point of having fake artifacts manufactured to his specifications. For additional information see *The Space Gods Revealed*, by R. Story, NY, 1976, and *Ancient Astronauts, Cosmic Collisions*, by W H. Stiebing, Prometheus, 1984.

**Dares the Phrygian** Narrator of a medieval account of the Trojan War who claimed to be a combatant in Hektor's army.

**Darius the Mede** According to DANIEL, the man who conquered Babylon and was succeeded by Cyrus the Persian. Mythologists have attempted to validate DANIEL's fiction by equating Darius with Cyrus, the true conqueror of Babylon; with Astyages, defeated by Cyrus in 549 BCE, eleven years before Cyrus conquered Babylon; and with various other improbable candidates. In fact there was no such person as Darius the Mede, and no such person as the prophet Daniel. The DANIEL authors, writing 400 years after their hero allegedly lived, were so ignorant of Babylonian history that they imagined Darius I, a Persian who reigned 521-485 BCE, to have preceded Cyrus, who reigned 538-529 BCE.

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**dark age** Any period of which little is known because it followed the defeat of a civilized society by an uncivilized one and scholarship was thereafter suppressed or nonexistent. Dark ages followed the fall of Mycenae to the Dorians, and the fall of the Roman empire to Christianity.

**darkness fetish** The compulsion to copulate under the blankets with the lights out, based on the buddhistic teaching that sexual recreation is evil and should not be performed in the tribal god's sight. Almost universal in Western society for more than a millennium, the darkness fetish is finally being recognized as a conditioned response to anti-sexual religious propaganda.

**Darwin, Charles** Naturalist who, at the same time as Alfred Wallace, first postulated that evolution was caused by natural selection and not by genetic retention of learned behavior as previously postulated by Lamarck. Although natural selection remains theoretical and untestable, the status of evolution as a fact, fully proven by molecular biology and other sciences, has been established to the satisfaction of all but the hardcore lunatic fringe. The myth that Darwin reverted to godworship in his last days is false, as his daughter quickly attested when the lie was first concocted.

**Dathan** According to the Yahwist, Dathan was the leader of an unsuccessful rebellion against Moses. When the Priestly author wrote an alternative version of that rebellion, he made the leader an Aaronic Levite named Korah. The Redactor eventually riffled the two stories together, giving the impression that Moses was faced with rebellions by Dathan and Korah simultaneously.

**dating** The practice of unattached persons socializing on a one-to-one basis with potential sex partners, for the purpose of finding a long-term sex partner.

**Daughters of the American Revolution** Emetic organization dedicated to the repeal of the twentieth century.

**David** King of Judah *c* 1010-970 BCE, and king of Israel *c* 1003-970 BCE; founder of the Jewish monarchy that lasted until 586 BCE and is now irreversibly extinct. David was a general in the army of the Jewish-Israelite dual monarchy's first king, an Israelite named Saul. David, a Jew, capitalized on Jewish hostility to an Israelite king, and made himself king of an independent Judah. After Saul's death he also became king of Israel, partly by right of conquest and partly by marrying Saul's heiress, Mikhal. By warring against his neighbors one at a time, David established an empire in which Jews and Israelites combined did not constitute a majority, but he made no attempt to treat the diverse ethnic groups under his rule as equals. As a consequence, the Israelites seized their independence at the death of David's son Solomon, and the rest of the empire disintegrated in the same generation. David's improbable success led the Yahwist to explain the Jewish empire by declaring that the Jewish god Yahweh was the most powerful of all the gods, and the Jews were Yahweh's pets, a chosen nation. David did not kill Goliath, who was killed by Elhanan long after David became king (2 SAMUEL 21:19), and he was not anointed king while still a child.

**Davidic** Descended from King David. Following the fall of Israel to Assyria in 721 BCE, prophecies began to be composed that the entire Davidic empire would one day be restored by David's anointed descendant, the Messiah. That concept became central to Judaism after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BCE. By the last century BCE, claimants to messiahship were springing up like mushrooms, all claiming to be Davidic, as the prophecies specified that Messiah must be. The only person known to have claimed to be Messiah while simultaneously acknowledging that he was not Davidic was Jesus the Nazirite.

**David, Saint** Canonization of the red dragon of Wales, the sea god Devi, adopted into Christianity in the eleventh century as a mythical missionary who proselytized Wales in the sixth century.

**Davkina** Babylonian queen of Heaven; wife of Ea; mother of savior gods Tammuz and Ishtar, the deified sun and moon; equivalent to Cybele, Latona, Semele, Demeter and Mary.

**Day, Saint** Cornish canonization of *Deus*, Latin for “God.”

**daylight** Concept viewed by the ancients as intrinsically different from sunlight. The Priestly author clearly thought so, as he had his gods in GENESIS create *light*, meaning daylight, days before they created the sun and moon.

**daylight saving time** A compromise between the equal-units time system in which moments twenty-four hours apart are given the same time designation, and the equal-zero system in which sunrise or sunset is always given the same time designation.

**deacon** Transcription of Greek *diakonos*, originally an administrator of an Essene or neo-Essene commune, but by 120 CE a Christian official with specified duties and authority. A deacon’s obligations were first spelled out in the letters TIMOTHY and TITUS, written sixty years after the death of Paul of Tarsus by a man claiming to be Paul.

**Dead Sea scrolls** Essene documents found at Qumran in 1947. Sufficient of the scrolls have been published to leave no doubt that Jesus the Nazirite was a renegade Essene who taught doctrines formulated by the Essene Righteous Rabbi two centuries earlier. The great majority of the scrolls, however, have been deliberately suppressed. Scholars who have shown any willingness to reach conclusions determined by the evidence, in contrast to mythologists’ practice of rationalizing the evidence to conform to predetermined conclusions, have been refused access. It can no longer reasonably be doubted that there is a conspiracy by desperate defenders of Jewish and Christian mythology to guarantee that ninety percent of the Dead Sea scrolls are suppressed permanently.

**Dean drive** Reactionless space drive that violates Newton’s third law of motion and utilizes pseudoscientific doubletalk to rationalize perpetual motion. The Dean drive’s feasibility was allegedly demonstrated in 1960, utilizing principles of conjuring that the assembled marks failed to detect. The Dean drive was defended as recently as 1979, in volume 1, number 5, of science fiction magazine *Destinies*, pp. 155-179, by a scientifically illiterate writer who justified it as follows: “Throw a rope into the air and climb up it before it has a chance to fall down. Then, before you have the chance to fall down, throw the rope up again.”

**Dean, John** To a Republican: a backstabbing traitor who refused to grant blind, unquestioning obedience to the Party Leader’s orders to violate the laws of the United States by lying to Congress and helping the Party Leader escape the consequences of his attempt to establish a political system in which the Party Leader was above the law; to a Democrat: the only one of Richard Nixon’s co-conspirators who, when he realized that he must choose between helping the Party Leader become an absolute dictator and preserving constitutionally instituted responsible government, chose the latter.

**death** The ultimate taboo. Although death occurs with regularity and certainty in nature, it is totally purged from mythology-ridden conversation. Everybody has to “pass away,” “pass on,” “pass over,” “depart,” “buy the farm,” “kick the bucket,” or be “deceased” or “the late.” Nobody ever *dies*, even though death is the irreversible end of existence that religion was invented to annul.

**Deborah, Song of** The poem that constitutes chapter 5 of JUDGES, and is the oldest writing in the Judaeo-Christian bible.

**debut** Archaic ritual still practised in Australia and elsewhere, in which a newly nubile female is publicly displayed on the modern equivalent of an auction block for the purpose of announcing her availability for breeding.

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**decadent** In a state of decay; used by the commissars of theocratic and doctrinaire tyrannies to describe every society but their own.

**decalogue** *see* ten commandments

**deceased** A dirty word for *dead*.

**Declaration of Indulgence** Proclamation by England's King James II, 1685-1688, granting full human rights to Roman Catholics. King James ordered that it be read in all churches, but seven bigoted bishops refused to do so. They were tried for sedition, but were acquitted by a jury of Catholic-hating fanatics. The seven bishops continue to be regarded as Anglican heroes, even though such behavior today would be recognized as reprehensible intolerance.

**de facto marriage** Australian terminology for a cohabitation that has not been legally registered with the theocratic state; called *common law* marriage in North America.

**Defender of the Faith** Title bestowed on England's King Henry VIII by Pope Leo X as a reward for Henry's authorship of a tract denouncing the teachings of Martin Luther. When future kings of England embraced the Protestant mythology against which Henry VIII had defended his realm, they retained the papal title while simultaneously repudiating the RC faith of which each claimed to be the "defender."

**degenerative mutation pressure** The use of stop-gap medicine and questionable social priorities to enable persons with incurable, crippling hereditary diseases, including feeble-mindedness, to lower the quality of the human race by breeding in it.

**deification** The process of a lawmaking body declaring that a dead person is henceforth to be considered a god. The Roman Senate deified its earliest emperors in the first century CE, and the Christian Council of Nicea followed that precedent when it deified Jesus the Nazirite. Deification is still a regular ritual in the RC church, but now the procedure is called *canonization*.

**deiphobia** Psychosis hailed as meritorious by persons who display tattoos and bumper stickers that read, "Fear God"; the fear that, unless one spends his entire life as a masochist, sadists in the sky known as deities will torture him with flamethrowers for trillions of eons.

**deism** Philosophy based on the hypotheses that:

- (1) A god created the universe, but since the instant of creation it has not interfered in mundane or human affairs and cannot be bribed or implored to do so;
- (2) Right and wrong are objectively identifiable by non-metaphysical criteria, and are not defined as "whatever the god says they are";
- (3) Humans have immortal parts called *souls*;
- (4) The quality of an individual's afterlife is contingent upon his behavior in his physical life.

**deja vu** The feeling of reliving an earlier experience. Such feelings can occur when an individual's mind registers a scene subliminally and is then distracted. When he again looks at the scene, his earlier unconscious registration of the scene causes him to believe he has seen it before—as indeed he has, moments earlier.

**delta** A person who is incapable of comprehending why his ancestors were not content to go on living in caves, and who lives in constant terror that some day, somewhere, someone might actually *do* something.

**deluge** *see* flood

- Demeter** Part of the matriarchal trinity of Demeter/Persephone/Hekate, a virgin/mother/crone triple-goddess that preceded the various male trinities; corn goddess, equivalent to Ceres, Eve, Mary, Cybele, Isis, and Easter; originally a mare.
- Demetra, Saint** Popularization of Greek goddess Demeter, never officially canonized but widely accepted by the populace.
- demiurge** According to Gnostic Christians of the second and third centuries CE, and the much later Anabaptists, the minor god who, at the command of the supreme Christian god, created the universe and made an appalling mess. Following the Creation, the demiurge falsely introduced itself to Adam and Eve and their descendants as the supreme god, and was worshipped as such by the Jews until Jesus came along to reveal the true god. In recognizing Yahweh, the god of the Jews, as the epitome of evil, the Gnostics were centuries ahead of their time. Unfortunately, they failed to recognize that Jesus' god, who tortured dead souls with flamethrowers for trillions of eons, was even more evil.
- democracy** A system of government that does not work, but which fails less miserably than any alternative system. Aristotle recognized that the perfect government must be a combination of democracy, aristocracy and monarchy, but he did not indicate how the three branches should be balanced. Democracies have tended to be most effective when the role of the *demos*, the masses, has been limited to choosing the aristocracy (Parliament, Congress) and monarch (prime minister, president) by whom it prefers to be governed, while retaining the absolute power to dismiss a monarch or aristocrat who proves unsatisfactory. A too-weak *demos* could not have removed Richard Nixon from office in mid-term, and only a too-strong *demos* could have rendered itself impotent by surrendering absolute power to a Julius Caesar or a Jimmy Hoffa.
- democrat** A person who believes that all members of a society, with defensible exceptions such as children, should have the right to choose the government and governors they prefer.
- Democrat** A member of the political party in America most likely to enforce just laws and repeal unjust laws, but nonetheless capable of infiltration by the kind of misogynists, racists, fascists and thieves who usually prefer to join the Republican Party.
- Democratic Party** Political organization that twice made Ronald Reagan President of the USA, in 1980 by nominating Jimmy Carter when Ted Kennedy could not have been defeated, and in 1984 by nominating Walter Mondale when Gary Hart could not have been defeated.
- Democratic Republic** Official name of the defunct fascist tyranny of East Germany.
- demons** First conceived by Zarathustra as those minor gods that chose allegiance to the Prince of Darkness, Ahriman, in contrast to the angels, minor gods that supported the god of light, Ahura Mazda. In Essene mythology, the demons were the souls of the giants, inheriting immortality from their immortal fathers even though the physical bodies they had inherited from their mortal mothers drowned in Noah's flood. Since the demons had once had bodies, and had therefore been able to eat and copulate, they developed the habit of *possessing* humans for the purpose of again enjoying those activities through the occupied body. In Christianity, demons ceased to be dead giants and became rebel angels.
- Deng** Chinese savior god who defeated death and the prince of the underworld by sacrificing himself and rising from the dead; commonly depicted as a swallow, as the Christian spirit of truth and holiness was commonly depicted as a dove..
- deniability, plausible** Morally retarded doctrine concocted by a morally retarded political party to allow its moral retards to act on their moral retardation and escape the consequences of their actions. Under the doctrine of plausible deniability, whenever a member of the morally retarded party was elected Autocrat, he would convey the message to his subordinates, either overtly or

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covertly, that they were to gratify his every whim, but were not to tell him that they were doing so. Then if he was caught with his hand in the till, he could escape impeachment by denying that he had any awareness that laws were being broken in obedience to his orders, and the persons obeying his orders could escape imprisonment by declaring that they were only obeying orders. No doctrine of deniability was necessary for the Tudor and Stuart kings of England, who operated under the dictum that “the king can do no wrong,” which can be paraphrased, “When the king does it, it’s not illegal.” When that dictum, modified to cover an elected monarch, was repudiated by the American Congress, the morally retarded party instituted the scam of plausible deniability to replace it.

**Denis, Saint** Canonization of the Greek god Dionysos.

**Densa** Anti-Mensa society that, like the black mass, serves no function but to validate the organization it satirizes. Densa repudiates Mensa, not from any recognition that most members of Mensa are not functionally intelligent, but because they mistakenly believe all Mensans *are* intelligent and therefore undesirable deviates in a mediocracy in which denseness is the norm.

**departed** A dirty word for *dead*.

**deprogramming** Kidnapping a person who has switched from a large god cult to a small god cult, and using brainwashing techniques to recondition him to accept the more respectable superstition. Deprogramming has become significantly less common since a jury convicted a deprogrammer of kidnapping and sentenced him to jail.

**dermoglyphics** The reading of the lines, calluses and markings on the bottom of the feet as an alleged means of obtaining information about a person’s health. Dermoglyphics was invented by Stuart Wheelwright in the belief that it was an improvement on the technique of closing the eyes, opening a medical dictionary, and jabbing a pin into a randomly chosen paragraph. In fact the two methods are of precisely equal value.

**dermo-optical perception** *see* eyeless vision

**dervish** Islamic monk whose rituals include self-hypnosis, hysterical ecstasy, and profound self-delusion—just like Christian and other religious fanatics.

**desertion** In a war, the ultimate proof of sanity, since any sane person who is being shot at will run away. Fortunately for the Hitlers and Napoleons of history, few soldiers are sane.

**designer jeans** oxymoron.

**destroyed** Euphemism for *killed*, usually applied to animals that have outlived their usefulness, such as racehorses that are no longer able to race.

**determinism** The theory that there is no such thing as free will, and that every action, even every thought, is a predetermined conditioned response to a stimulus that was itself a conditioned response to a previous stimulus, *ad infinitum*.

**Deuce** In Druidic Britain, the paramount male god’s female antagonist, eventually equated with the Christian devil. Despite phonetic similarity to *Deus* and other words derived from *devas*, Indo-European for an immortal, it is possible that *Deuce* is derived from *duo*, Latin for “two,” as the common noun *deuce* certainly is.

**Deukalion** Hero of a Greek flood myth in which the righteous Deukalion and his wife were the only persons saved when Zeus sent a flood wipe out the unrighteous. Deukalion was the son of Prometheus and the grandson of Iapetos, who became Iapet, Noah’s son, in the biblical flood myth.

**deus ex machina** “God from a machine”; expression based on the practice of ancient authors, particularly Euripides, of backing their characters into an inescapable corner only to have them

rescued by a god lowered onto the stage by a winch to solve their problems. In Hollywood cowboys-and-Indians movies, the *deus ex machina* was invariably the fortuitous arrival of the Fifth Cavalry. Earth is currently being made uninhabitable by air and water pollution, ozone layer and rain forest destruction, overpopulation and other irreversible evils, because the persons capable of halting the destruction are godworshippers who seriously believe that, no matter what they do, the human race will be rescued from extermination in the last act by a *deus ex machina*.

**Deuteronomist** The author of DEUTERONOMY. While his identity is not known for certain, internal evidence indicates that he was simultaneously an Aaronic priest and a self-styled spokesman for the god Yahweh, who wrote in 621 BCE. The individual who best fits that description was Jeremiah, whose father was, or had the same name as, the high priest who allegedly found DEUTERONOMY in Yahweh's temple.

**DEUTERONOMY** Law code written in 621 BCE by a man claiming to be Moses; found behind a loose brick in Yahweh's temple by high priest Khilkyahuw.

**dev** Armenian immortal. When Armenia was Christianized, a *dev* was equated with the pagan gods and transformed into a devil.

**deva** Sanskrit for "god," Zend for "devil," from Indo-European, *devas*, an immortal.

**devadarsi** In Hindu temples, a "slave of the gods," that is, a nun who engages in sacramental copulation with male worshippers in honor of the gods' gift of fertility.

**devel** Romanian for "god."

**devi** Hindi for "goddess."

**devil** From Indo-European *devas*, "god"; any minor god belonging to the faction opposing the good gods; originally a devil was distinct from a demon, in that a devil had never been endowed with a corporeal body. In Essene mythology, which became Christian mythology, a devil was a member of the band of messenger gods, (Greek: *angeli*), that supported the Satan in his rebellion against Yahweh.

**Devil, the** In Judaeo-Christian mythology, the planetary god Azazel, a masculinized Venus, who led a rebellion against Yahweh and was thereafter known as *ha-satan*, "the enemy."

**devil worshipper** Theoretically, a person who believes in the existence of a minor god whom he believes to be the epitome of absolute evil, and offers it his allegiance. In fact no person outside of a lunatic asylum or a kindergarten has ever worshipped a god that he recognized as evil, although two billion Jews, Christians and Muslims currently worship an epitome of evil that they delude themselves is omnibenevolent. The Church of Satan practises a form of devil worship, but membership is restricted to persons sufficiently sane and intelligent to recognize that their figurehead devil does not exist, and that their ceremonies are the equivalent of farting in the faces of the ignorant godworshippers.

**diabolepsy** Compulsive playacting in which an exhibitionist pretends that he is *possessed* by one or more demons, deriving great satisfaction from deluding gullible onlookers, particularly priests and psychiatrists, into believing he is possessed or thinks he is possessed.

**dialectical materialism** Metaphysical theory of history which, except for the absence of gods, meets every reasonable definition of a religion, including the fact that it is firmly centered on failed prophecies. The theory's formulator, Karl Marx, wrote at the height of nineteenth-century economic serfdom, and was as incapable as any other man of his time of predicting the course of economic history even a century ahead.

**Diana** Roman moon goddess; equivalent to Selene, Artemis, Sin, Isis, Helen, Easter, Ishtar, Manat.



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**Dianetics** A form a quackery that closely resembles psychiatry and psychoanalysis, based on the science fiction imaginings of L. Ron Hubbard. When Hubbard's Dianetic Foundation went bankrupt in 1952, he bet a friend that he could rename his scam, register it as a religion, thereby enabling him to solicit donations and evade taxes, and show a profit within a year. The result was Scientology, the longest-running successful hoax of the twentieth century. For further information see *Marginal Medicine*, ed. by R. Wallis and P. Morley, London, 1976.

**diaspora** Translation into Greek of Hebrew *nazareth*, "dispersion," meaning the worldwide community of Jews outside of Judea. At the time of Jesus the Nazirite, the Jews of Galilee were deemed to be part of the dispersion. The anonymous author of MARK consequently wrote that Jesus came from "the *nazareth* of Galilee." Later gossellers, using MARK as a source but not realizing that *nazareth* meant *diaspora*, concocted a village called Nazareth. No village of that name existed until the fourth century CE.

**Dictys of Crete** Narrator of a medieval account of the Trojan War who claimed to be a member of Idomeneus's navy on the Greek side.

**Diefenbaker, John** Statesman whom the Canadian press destroyed by continuing to report his every inane utterance long after it had become evident that he was suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

**dietary laws** *see* kosher

**diffusion theory** Theory that near-identical folk tales in separate cultures have a common origin. It is generally believed that diffusion theory explains some common motifs, while polygenesis "many beginnings," better explains others.

**dildo** Artificial phallus first worn by priestesses to masculinize themselves following the transformation of the giver of life from Goddess the Mother to God the Father *c* 3500 BCE; later worn in religious rituals honoring phallus gods by priests and potentates such as King David (2 SAMUEL 6:14). The dildo was eventually secularized as a device worn by women for the purpose of playing a male role in a rare form of lesbian coupling.

**Dillinger, John** American gangster whose phallus was not of exceptional proportions and is not preserved in the Smithsonian Institution.

**Dinah** Goddess of a matriarchal tribe that became part of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy *c* 1200 BCE. Sometime after that date, but before 900 BCE, Dinah was included in a mythical genealogy as the daughter of the hybrid demigod Jacob/Israel. In Talmudic times, Jewish racism made Joseph's Egyptian wife Asenath the daughter of Dinah, in order to prevent the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim from being descended from a gentile woman.

**dink** Pejorative term for "not one of us"; literally, a phallus.

**Diocletian** Roman emperor 284-305 CE. Diocletian granted Christianity equal rights with all other mythologies for the first few years of his reign. However, when the Christians attempted to burn down the imperial palace in an attempt to frame Diocletian's Mithra-worshipping deputy emperor Galerius, Diocletian realized that his toleration was not reciprocated and declared adherence to the Christian gods a capital crime. Diocletian executed an estimated 200 Christians between 303 and 305 CE, while Galerius executed a further 1,500 under Diocletian's edict following his accession in 305.

**Dionysos** Greek savior god who was the son of the virgin Semele and the king of gods, Zeus. Like all savior gods, Dionysos surrendered a portion of his immortality to his worshippers by dying and rising again on the third day. In the earliest version of the myth, his divine mother rescued Dionysos from the underworld. In the later version, it was Dionysos who rescued his mortal

mother from the underworld and carried her to Olympos. Equivalent to Bacchus, Adonis, Jesus, Osiris, Atthis, Tammuz, Mithra, Easter, Persephone, and Priapos.

**Dionysos, Saint** Canonization of the Greek savior god. Documents by an author claiming to be the nonexistent saint first appeared *c* 500 CE.

**dirty old man** A male older than thirty who refuses to submit to cultural phallosurgery. George Burns was labeled a dirty old man when he stated that sex at the age of ninety-eight was enjoyable, “especially the one in winter.” Isaac Asimov wrote a book titled, *The Sensuous Dirty Old Man*. (NAL, 1972)

**dirty test tube syndrome** Originally, an anomalous result of a scientific experiment later discovered to have been caused by pollutants in the test tube and not by the factor being tested. The most notable dirty test tube effect was the alleged discovery of polywater, thought to be long-molecule water but eventually discovered to be silicon compounds eroded from the glass of the test tube. A more recent dirty test tube effect was the imagined discovery of cold fusion. The term *dirty test tube syndrome* has now generalized to mean any anomalous result attributed to an experimental factor but actually caused by an extraneous factor not taken into consideration. Most obvious is the practice of parapsychologists of attributing successful card-guessing and analogous results to ESP, when the true explanation is the use of conjuring techniques by experimental subjects, subliminal clueing, and statistical incompetence.

**dirty words** English words that ceased to be used by the ruling classes following the French invasion of 1066, and thereby became associated with the *vulgi*, the lower-class masses, and thus *vulgar*. In many languages, including Hebrew, there are no *dirty words*. In other languages the concept is deemed valid, and using *dirty words* in public is a criminal offense. English words that were once standard but came to be regarded as vulgar or dirty once they had been replaced by French or Latin equivalents include *fuck*, *cunt*, *shit*, *arse*, and other words pertaining to genital and excretory parts and functions.

**disciple** A follower of a teacher, not necessarily a teacher of mythology. Jesus the Nazirite had perhaps as many as one hundred disciples, half of them female. The term is generally limited to followers who accept a guru’s teaching as revealed truth.

**disloyalty** To conservatives: the capital crime of refusing to grant blind, unquestioning obedience to a designated leader, even when that leader is as morally retarded as Richard Nixon, as feebleminded as Karol Wojtyla, as fanatic as Ronald Reagan, as criminal as Jimmy Hoffa, or as xenophobic as Canada’s pretended “liberal” leaders of the 1980s, Turner and Lévesque; to liberals, the unreasonable failure to support a reasonable leader, for purely self-serving motives.

**Dives** Christianization of Dis, the Roman underworld god, as the rich man in the parable attributed to Jesus in LUKE 16:19.

**divine right of kings** Medieval doctrine that, since kings were once absolutists who had the power to do anything they wished, a power ordained by the ruling deity, they must therefore retain the right to do anything they wish. The doctrine was dealt a severe blow when its most vociferous proponent, England’s Charles I, was executed. The doctrine survives in morally retarded ultra-right political parties in the form, “When the President does it, it’s not illegal.”

**divinity, faculty of** In an otherwise legitimate university, a faculty that awards degrees to persons who have learned how to manipulate evidence in order to make it conform to predetermined conclusions, in contrast to the practice in every other faculty of making the conclusions conform to the evidence.

**divorce** In a rational society, the observable fact that former cohabiters have ceased to cohabit; in theocratic societies, the formal declaration by a court or equivalent body that a marriage is legally

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dissolved. In theocratic America, actor Errol Flynn's second-last wife was recognized as his legal widow, even though his last wife had been with him for more than a year at the time of his death.

**Divorce Italian Style** Movie which, because it was more true than funny, finally forced the Italian government to open its eyes to the observable fact that cohabitation-breakdown and partner-realignment were as prevalent in Italy as in the rest of the world, defy the papal tyranny, and institute legally recognized divorce.

**Divum** Pre-Roman sky god approximating to Uranus but assimilated to Zeus.

**Dixon, Jeane** Astrologer and fortuneteller of the Nostradamus school, who first won prominence by prophesying the assassination of John F. Kennedy—after it had happened. Each year Dixon made several dozen alleged prophecies, each having a probability of fulfillment ranging from quite low to reasonably high. She then drew attention to her successful guesses, attributing them to nonexistent psychic abilities, and ignored the great majority of her prophecies that were not fulfilled. Dixon at no time ever submitted a prophecy to an objective investigating agency, and never made a prophecy that such an agency would have regarded as a *hit*, as opposed to a generalization sufficiently vague that it was bound to be fulfilled in some way, some time. In January 1981 Dixon prophesied that Iran's Imam Khomeini would die that same year. In view of Khomeini's advanced age and the fact that literally thousands of his opponents were plotting to assassinate him, the probability of Dixon's *prophecy* being fulfilled was at least 80 %. In fact Khomeini did not die until 1989. Dixon was a humbug with no more ability to foretell the future than the average blowfly. For further information see *ESP, Seers and Psychics* by Milbourne Christopher, NY, 1970; and *Jeane Dixon: Prophet or Fraud?* by Mary Bringle, NY, 1970, described by *Publisher's Weekly* as "a hatchet job on a sitting duck."

**DNA** Deoxy ribonucleic acid; molecule containing the genetic blueprint of all terrestrial life forms, containing millions of atoms and capable of trillions of permutations. DNA has provided the final proof of the reality of evolution, by revealing similarities far beyond the widest bounds of coincidence, not only between human and bonobo/chimpanzee DNA, but also between human and bacterial DNA, confirming the common ancestry of all life on this planet, plant and animal. The similarity of human and bonobo DNA is 99 %. Attributing that observable reality to any factor but common ancestry would be like examining a book that differs from *War and Peace* by seven words per page, and declaring that the one was not a mutation derived from the other or from a common source.

**doctrinaire** A particularly inflexible dogmatist. The description, *doctrinaire*, was widely applied to the French Revolution's Maximilian Robespierre.

**doctrine** *see* creed

**docudrama** Television weasel word for fiction posing as documentary.

**dog** Animal first tamed by women, and pictured as accompanying the oldest goddesses such as huntress Diana. Myths of dogs killing men who chanced upon the goddess's nakedness support a theory that, prior to the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE, women regularly enjoyed their dogs' sexual services. Myths composed after the Big Discovery show women being impregnated by such unlikely partners as bulls, horses and swans, but not by dogs, and that suggests that woman-dog matings occurred with sufficient frequency for the myth-makers to realize that they were always non-procreative.

**dog fashion** Copulation by rear-mounting.

**dog in the manger** "Since I can't eat hay, the cows can't have any." A later version of Aesop's Dog in the Manger fable was the gospel myth of Jesus cursing a fig tree.

**do-gooder** An epsilon who, in the belief that he is *doing good*, helps criminals and parasites to do enormous harm to non-criminals and non-parasites. There is a long tradition in Polynesia that missionaries came to the Pacific to do good, and did very well.

**dogmatist** A person whose blind acceptance of a political or religious creed is impervious to evidence; a victim of self-inflicted brain death.

**dolphin** Sea mammal with a brain that appears to be the equal of the human brain in the three primary areas of actual mass, brain/body mass ratio, and mass/surface-area ratio. Extensive research has been carried out to discover whether dolphins are sentient beings capable of contemplating their existence and aware of their mortality, but results appear to be negative. While further research may be justifiable, the point is fast approaching when the conclusion must be accepted that, if dolphins were more intelligent than, for example, dogs, some evidence of that intelligence would have been found by now.

**Domitian, Titus Flavius** Roman emperor 81-96 CE. No biography favorable to Domitian survives, for the same reason no biography favorable to Nero survives. Domitian was the enemy of the Christians, and Christian censors systematically hunted down and burned every publication unfavorable to their mythology. Following the publication of MARK at the beginning of the reign of Vespasian, the persecution of Christians, begun by Nero, was halted for a decade. That led the Christians to resume the atrocities against other mythologies that had caused Nero to outlaw them in the first place, and the consequence was that Domitian had no alternative but to declare adherence to Christianity again a capital crime.

**Donation of Constantine** Document in which the emperor Constantine allegedly donated the secular rule of the western empire to the bishop of Rome when he transferred his capital to Byzantium. Popes claimed authority in Western Europe for several centuries under the terms of the Donation, until a historian noticed that the document had been signed at Constantinople several years before there was any Constantinople. There were also other anachronisms. Even popes now acknowledge that the Donation of Constantine was a forgery.

**Donatists** Sect named after Donatus, Christian bishop of Carthage who was not its founder, which flourished from 303 to 412 CE and survived in depleted form for a further four centuries. The Donatists were fanatic death fetishists, and often stopped strangers and demanded to be killed by them in compliance with the edict of Diocletian, threatening to kill the stranger if he failed to comply. No other sect carried the Christian obsession with so-called martyrdom to such a pathological degree, although many Christians such as the bishop Cyprian committed acts of desecration against other mythologies' temples for the purpose of being caught and executed. The Christian hierarchy denounced Donatism and Donatic practices in the realization that, if every Christian courted martyrdom, the Jesus hoax would be wiped out. Donatic fanaticism has become an integral part of Muslim holy war theory, with all cannon fodder killed in battle guaranteed a no-questions-asked ticket to the pie in the sky when they die.

**doodle** A male bird; slang for *phallus*, analogous to *cock*.

**dork** A phallus; equivalent to *schmuck* and *dink*.

**Dormition of Mary** Greek Orthodox commemoration of the death of Jesus' mother, observed August 25; antithesis of RC *Assumption*, the dogma that Mary was transported to the sky alive, a myth previously told of Elijah and Jesus. In Orthodox doctrine, Mary simply died and was buried like any other human.

**Dorothy, Saint** Non-existent virgin-martyr, allegedly executed under Diocletian, who sent a scoffer a gift of fruit and roses from beyond the grave. Although such a *miracle* could easily have been faked, scholars are satisfied that the entire story has no historical basis.

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**Dositheus** Gnostic Jew of the second century CE, who was about the 200th claimant to the title of Messiah. A sect that accepted Dositheus as Messiah and expected him to fulfill his messianic function at a postulated *second coming* survived until the tenth century CE. Dositheusites were never persecuted by the Christians the way the Nazirites and Ebionites were persecuted, because, although all three sects were purely Jewish, the Dositheusites had no pagan beliefs such as virgin birth and third-day resurrection, and therefore did not constitute an opposition salvation mythology.

**doublethink** Dysfunctional mental process that enables dogmatists to believe mutually exclusive theses simultaneously. Thus a tobacco pusher can simultaneously believe that contributing to 800,000 American deaths a year is evil, but *he* is not evil even though he does exactly that. A Christian can believe in three paramount gods while simultaneously doublethinking that he is a monotheist. A McCarthyist can believe that communism is evil because it brutally persecutes all dissent, but *he* is not evil even though he brutally persecutes all dissent. A legally registered *wife* can believe that prostitutes are immoral because they provide sexual services in exchange for material benefits, even though *she* provides sexual services in exchange for material benefits. A Jew can believe that genocide and racism are evil, but the Jewish god Yahweh, whose Torah unequivocally endorses genocide and racism, is not evil. A TURD can believe that the will of a majority should prevail, but simultaneously believe that a small number of TURDs should be allowed to blackmail an entire population. And a husband can believe that occasional non-procreative extra-marital recreation is harmless and irrelevant when he does it, while simultaneously believing that such behavior is and ought to be considered the sin of adultery when his wife does it. A skilled doublethinker can believe absolutely anything, provided he is given enough time to rationalize it.

**double truth doctrine** Doctrine composed by desperate godworshippers, out of the recognition that religion and fact cannot be harmonized, that two incompatible theories can be simultaneously correct. The practitioner of such doublethink is able to accept as proven that the earth is 4.6 billion years old, while simultaneously believing that it was created by his paramount god *c* 4004 BCE.

**Doubting Thomas** In the gospel called JOHN, Jesus' twin brother who refused to believe that a dead man had come back to life until he had examined the former corpse himself. Although the synoptics had given Jesus a disciple named Thomas, only JOHN made Thomas Jesus' twin, in conformity to the tradition in Greek mythology that the divine offspring of a god and a mortal woman should have a mortal twin. Since the synoptics had given Jesus a brother Judas, but not a brother Thomas, the Gnostic author of the *Gospel of Thomas* identified himself as "Judas Thomas." The *Doubting Thomas* incident in JOHN was written to supersede a questionable incident in Luke. In an attempt to prop up a faltering resurrection myth supported by nothing more than a bald assertion that Jesus had been seen alive after his execution, the author of LUKE composed a fable in which Jesus spoke to two disciples, Simeon and Klopas, who failed to recognize him. The claim that persons who had been with Jesus for several weeks, and last saw him three days earlier, could talk to him and not recognize him, was so inconsistent with plausibility that the tale damaged rather than supported the resurrection myth. To rectify the problem, the author of JOHN invented a posthumous personal appearance by Jesus that was consistent and unambiguous. In JOHN's version, Jesus' disciples instantly recognized him, thereby rectifying the absurdity in LUKE. He was examined and found to have the holes in his body that authenticated his claim to have been crucified. JOHN's story left no doubt that the man seen alive after the crucifixion was really Jesus, and not a stranger that an active imagination had equated with Jesus sixty years later, as LUKE's posthumous *Jesus* appeared to be. Unfortunately for JOHN's credibility, the author had never been in close contact with a crucifixion, and consequently declared that Jesus had holes in his hands, rather than in his wrists, where a crucified person's injuries would really be. The fable's composer also had Thomas address the resurrected

Jesus as “My master and my god,” the title demanded by Domitian of all who entered his presence, thereby indicating that Jesus was the True Emperor. Jesus was thereafter depicted in Christian iconography as wearing the emperor’s halo.

**Down syndrome** genetic disorder considered a disqualifying handicap in a person who aspires to drive an automobile or practise medicine, but a qualification in a person seeking to be the Republic presidential nominee or the Catholic pope.

**dowry** Money paid by a woman’s father to her husband at the time of her marriage, in exchange for a written guarantee that her husband will ensure her a satisfactory income for life in the event that he dies before her. The dowry system was designed to protect a man’s daughters, not to denigrate them as liabilities that he had to pay another man to take off his hands.

**dowsing** The practice of holding a forked stick or analogous object in such a way that it would point to the ground or give some other indication of the presence of water or some other material being sought. Dowsing became so popular some decades ago that scientists felt obliged to test its validity. As a result of that testing, it is now established that the chances of finding water or anything else by dowsing are equal to the chances of finding the same material by closing the eyes and sticking a pin in a map. For some years a prize that has now passed \$100,000 has been available to any person who can use a dowsing device to distinguish which of several identical barrels contain water and which do not. The prize remains unclaimed, even though several dozen dowsers have taken the test and been amazed to learn that their guesses were wrong.

**Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan** Creator of Sherlock Holmes. Doyle was a profoundly gullible man, whose belief in spiritualism and fairies was unshakeable. Doyle accepted as evidence of the reality of fairies, a photograph made by two prankster children posing in front of cardboard cutouts. Every time magician Harry Houdini demonstrated to Doyle that a spirit medium who had fooled him was a fraud, Doyle became more resentful. He ended his friendship with Houdini when Houdini declared that the mediumistic messages given to him by Doyle’s wife were false. Despite Houdini’s assurances that he used conjuring techniques, Doyle believed to his dying day that Houdini escaped from prison cells by dematerializing his body. Where emotionally-satisfying beliefs were not involved, Doyle was highly intelligent. But like the equally gullible present-day parapsychologists, his refusal to comprehend that he was being deceived by liars bordered on stupidity. For further information see *Final Séance*, by Massino Polidoro, Prometheus, 2001.

**Dracula** Mythical antagonist of Bram Stoker’s nineteenth-century vampire novel, but loosely based on the historical Count Vlad the Impaler. Vlad impaled 23,000 of Caliph Mohamed II’s soldiers, and thereby so repulsed the invader, by convincing him that monsters capable of such an atrocity had no place in Islam (obviously, this was before Osama bin Laden), that Mohamed abandoned his attempt to conquer and annex Transylvania. Vlad did not remain a Christian hero for long, however. Comparable atrocities against other Christians won him the name “son of the devil,” *dracula* in Romanian, and he was overthrown and forced into exile. Vampire movies invariably show Dracula cowering in terror whenever anyone waves a cross, but the historical Dracula, as a Christian general fighting Muslim invaders, fought under the banner of the Christian cross.

**drag** Female clothing and makeup worn by a male, regardless of whether the male is a transvestite or an actor or undercover police officer playing a role.

**dragon** Generic translation of names from several languages of mythical creatures whose only common factor was that they all could be described as monstrous reptiles. The recurrence of *dragons* in the legends of disparate cultures has led to the myth that the concept must have had a common, factual basis. Creationists have even argued that the dragon myth constitutes evidence that humans and dinosaurs were contemporaneous. In fact the Hebrew *dragon* of ISAIAH 27:1

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was basically identical with the *serpent* of GENESIS 3:1, and had no common origin with the crocodilian *dragon* of Chinese folklore, or any other *dragon*.

**dream** *see* lucid dream *and* prophetic dream

**drug** All-embracing term applied to a wide range of products ranging from dangerous narcotics such as heroin, to mild intoxicants such as cannabis, and even salt, sugar and coffee in the vocabulary of some neo-Christian sects.

**drunkenness** Self-inflicted repulsiveness; in the Australian army: a crime called *self-inflicted wounds*.

**Druse** Follower of a form of Islam founded by Caliph Hakim of the Fatimate sect in 1029 CE, in which Mohamed is given a role analogous to that of Jesus in mainstream Christianity, as the incarnation of the paramount god. Neither Mohamed nor Jesus ever claimed such a status.

**dualism** The theology, first postulated by Zarathustra, that the universe is ruled by two co-equal gods, one responsible for everything good and the other responsible for everything evil. When Judaism evolved toward pseudo-monotheism after the Babylonian Captivity, the old belief that Yahweh alone was responsible for everything that happened became an embarrassment, since much that happened in Yahweh's world was observably evil. Judaism, in constant contact with Zoroastrianism on account of the continuing overlordship of Persia, rejected the Zoroastrian Prince of Darkness as Yahweh's equal, but did accept him as Yahweh's *Satan*, "enemy," whom Yahweh allowed to inflict evil on the world for reasons best known to himself. The modified dualism of Judaism was adopted by Christianity and most modern mythologies, but was rejected by Mohamed, whose teaching was a reversion to the monism of pre-Captivity Judaism, with Allah retaining primary responsibility for all evil, and the Muslim devil reduced to the level of a tempter.

**Dumuzi** Sumerian god who became Tammuz in Hebrew.

**Dungeons and Dragons** Updated version of Cowboys and Indians, with all of the role-playing imagination and sophisticated "let's pretend" brain-neutralization of the original, designed for supposed adults with all of the intelligence and sophistication of the infants for whom the original was designed. There have been undocumented reports of D & D addicts emulating god addicts by losing the ability to distinguish fantasy from reality, but such tales are best viewed as science fiction.

**Duns Scotis** Christian mythologist who, by disagreeing with Thomas Aquinas, lent his name to persons of gross ignorance: "dunce." Aquinas was the rationalizer who first proposed five metaphysical arguments for the existence of a creator god. He acknowledged that each of his five arguments was invalid, but argued that five wrongs make a right. Anyone who was able to recognize Aquinas as an idiot was no dunce.

**Durex™** In Australia: cellulose tape; In North America: a condom.

**dweeb** *see* telebabble

**dyke** Pejorative epithet for a lesbian.

**Dymphna, Saint** Canonization of *ma dompna*, meaning "my lady," found on a brick buried near a coffin in thirteenth-century Antwerp.

**dysgenics** The systematic lowering of the quality of the human race by encouraging the intelligent to have only one or two children while the unintelligent have many children, as is actually happening in the early twentieth-first century. Religion strongly supports dysgenics, for the logical reason that religious belief and intelligence correlate inversely. In England in 1975, a retarded twelve-year-old girl was about to be sterilized with her doctor's approval and her mother's

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consent, when an epsilon social worker (there's another kind?) intervened and obtained a court order preventing the sterilization on the ground that retards have an inalienable right to pollute the human race by breeding more retards. Such social workers are practitioners and promoters of dysgenics.

**dyslexia** Faculty of Education doubletalk for the inability to learn to read.



## E

**E** The Elohist.

**Ea** Father element of the Sumerian trinity of Ea, Anu and Enlil; adapted to Babylonian mythology as the king of gods, father of sun god Tammuz and moon goddess Ishtar.

**earring** Item once inserted through a hole drilled in the ear as a means of identifying slaves; now worn as a decoration by the modern slave class, women, as a sign of nubility, and by some men for reasons yet to be ascertained.

**Earth** Backward planet on which the dominant species has not evolved to the point where it recognizes the necessity of a single world government and single language, and where irreversible destruction of the biosphere continues because the destroyers believe a *deus ex machina* will save them before they exterminate themselves.

**Easter** Variant form of fertility goddess Ishtar; originally the moon, but later equated with the planet Venus; equivalent to Ashtareth, Astarte, Aphrodite, Cybele, Isis, Mary, Persephone, Diana, Eve, and Jesus, whose resurrection festival still bears her name.

**Easter bunny** Moon hare sacred to the Saxon goddess Easter, which laid eggs for good children on Easter eve.

**Ebionites** Anglicized form of *ebionim*, Hebrew for *The Paupers*, the name by which Jesus the Nazirite called his commune. The Ebionites were communistic, and recruits were required to liquidate all possessions and give the proceeds to *the poor*, that is, to the communal treasury. After Jesus' execution, his best-known disciples joined a Jerusalem Essene commune that thereafter became known as Nazirites. Those disciples who returned to Galilee remained Ebionites. The Christians exterminated both Nazirites and Ebionites no later than the sixth century CE. Jerome said of the Ebionites that, "Wanting to be both Jew and Christian, they are neither." In fact Ebionites and Nazirites were purely Jewish sects that regarded Jesus as a purely Jewish Messiah. They had no belief in Jesus' alleged divinity, virgin birth, or other Christian dogmas (except resurrection) invented after Jesus' death.

**Ebla** Site of a royal archive in northern Syria where 16,500 tablets dating from *c* 2400 BCE were discovered between 1974 and 1976. The tablets, written in cuneiform script in a semitic language resembling Hebrew and Ugaritic, have been found to contain the names *Adam, Eve, Jonah, David, Yah* and *El*, suggesting that the Jews who conquered Phoenicia during the reign of Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE, were descended from residents of Ebla. That view is further supported by references on one of the tablets to a city named Uwr near Haran, a far more probable place of origin of a Jewish patriarch named Abraham than the Persian Gulf city of the same name.

**ECCLESIASTES** Book written *c* 200 BCE by a Sadducee claiming to be King Solomon. Even though ECCLESIASTES clearly endorsed the Sadducee philosophy that there is no such thing as an afterlife (3:19-20; 9:5), it was included in the Jewish and Christian canons by compilers committed to the mythology that there *is* an afterlife.

**ECCLESIASTICUS** Book written by a Sadducee named Jesus ben Sirakh soon after 200 BCE; named ECCLESIASTICUS to avoid calling it *Jesus*, included in RC bibles on the ground that it was part of the Septuagint, but rejected by Jews and Protestants because it was never part of the Hebrew Masoretic text. ECCLESIASTICUS was the source of one of the teachings attributed to Jesus the Nazirite: "Forgive your compatriot for the injury he has done you, and similarly shall your disobediences be forgiven when you pray." (28:2)

**ecdysiast** From *ecdysis*, the arthropod practice of shedding the outer skin to facilitate growth: a woman who walks onto a public stage and proceeds to remove her clothing in such a way as to arouse the mating instinct of watching males.

**Eckankar** “The stupidest cult. A coloring-book Occult/oriental philosophy in which daydreaming and wishful thinking become ‘the ancient science of soul travel.’ Learn to project your astral body *while driving!*!” —Ivan Stang, *High Weirdness By Mail*, NY, 1988.

**economics** Questionable science with no demonstrated predictive value. While economics has considerable face validity, in that about half of the economic policies instituted by governments appear to achieve positive results, the fact remains that finding three economists who can agree on even a basic set of general principles is practically impossible. As in all pseudosciences, it is not rare for two doctoral candidates to write dissertations so incompatible that for either one to be valid the other must be nonsense, and for both to receive Ph.D.s.

**ecstasy** (From Greek *ekstasis*, “to stand naked”): Hallucinatory fit in which the sufferer imagines that he is being given a revelation by a tribal god. In some American lunatic fringe religious sects, believers in external sources for self-hypnosis have been known to howl and bark and speak gibberish. Christian nuns in ecstasy have experienced orgasms that they have attributed to the presence of their imagined husband or, more recently, to rape by demons. Equivalent to Eastern mythology’s nirvana.

**ectomorph** Psychobabble for an imagined body type and allegedly related personality. Other nonsense words in the same series are *endomorph* and *mesomorph*.

**ectoplasm** Name given by spook crooks to any substance found dribbling from a medium’s mouth after the lights are turned on at the end of a seance. One spiritualist, tied by competent investigators so that he was unable to free his hands to perform his usual conjuring tricks, nonetheless succeeded in delighting his dupes by producing ectoplasm—the lining from his necktie, ripped out with his teeth.

**Ecumenical Council** Name bestowed retroactively on those fourth-century Christian councils of bishops that voted for the Athanasian trinitarian mythology that became Christian orthodoxy. Those councils that had voted for the Arian unitarian creed of early Christianity were at the same time retroactively declared to have been schismatic.

**Eddy, Mary Baker** *see* Christian Science

**Eden** Homeland of the mythical Adam and Eve. When Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden, cherubs, fixed-star gods, and a flaming sword, a comet, were ordered to stand permanent guard to prevent their returning. The myth was composed at a time when the author could not conceive of the day ever coming when the earth was so completely populated and explored that the nonexistence of a territory defended by armed immortals would become evident. In medieval times, the discovery of the Sumerian civilization led Christian mythologists to imagine that the Garden of Eden had been located in Mesopotamia. Later speculated locations included Mars, Venus, and the proto-planet that may have disintegrated into the asteroid belt. One could with as much validity speculate on the location of Brobdingnag or Lilliput.

**editor** Prior to the 1950s, a person skilled in correct English whose job was to see that all stylistic, grammatical and spelling errors were removed from an author’s work prior to publication; since c 1950, an illiterate whose knowledge of correct English is equaled by his knowledge of Etruscan.

**Edmund, Saint** Canonization as a martyr of East Anglian savior god annually sacrificed in the form of a bull.

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**Edomites** A Semitic tribe conquered by King David; retroactively declared by the Yahwist to be the descendants of Esau, cursed by Isaac to be the perpetual slaves of the descendants of Jacob. The Edomites had the last laugh when, following their enforced conversion to Judaism by the Maccabees, an Edomite named Herod became king of the Jews.

**educable mentally handicapped** Faculty of Education doubletalk for *retarded*.

**educational objectives** Faculty of Education doubletalk used to describe the alleged purpose of a school lesson in terms resembling a cross between a mathematically-flavored defense of flat-earth theory and glossalalia.

**Educationese** *see* Faculty of Education doubletalk

**Edward VIII** King of England 1936; forced by Stanley Baldwin's government to abdicate on account of his fanatical support for the racist policies of Adolf Hitler. Edward was, however, allowed to save face by informing the British populace that his abdication was necessitated by his determination to marry a divorced woman. Such a marriage would, under England's theocratic laws, have deprived his wife of the title of *Queen*, and would have barred his children from the succession, but would not have necessitated abdication.

**ether** Unlearned pronunciation of *either*.

**ego** When Sigmund Freud's psychobabble was translated into English, the names he used to describe the three postulated conflicting elements of the human mind, the *ich*, the *uber-ich* and the *es*, instead of being translated into *I*, *ultra-I* and *it*, were instead rendered in the Latin forms of *ego*, *super-ego* and *id*. The *ego* was the part that made a final decision after being fed conflicting information by the morally aware *super-ego*, which can be equated with conscience, and the amoral, self-centred *id*, or animal instinct.

***Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar*** Book written by Joseph Smith, founder of the American L. D. S. church, allegedly deciphering hieroglyphics. A comparison of Smith's alleged decipherment with the true decipherment, based on the discovery of the Rosetta stone, revealed that Smith's book was a hoax and that there was no connection whatsoever between the Egyptian symbols printed in Smith's book and the English words written beside them as Smith's pretended translation. In a rationalization beyond all comprehension, the Mormon hierarchy now argues that Smith's pretended translation was not literal but inspirational. Since the individuals responsible for such a pronouncement could not have *all* been certifiably insane, the logical conclusion is that they were liars willing to peddle whatever the marks would buy in order to retain power.

**Eisenhower, Dwight** In the opinion of many opponents of big government, the best president America ever had, for the logical reason that he was the closest thing to having no president at all.

**ekklesia** Greek for *commune*, meaning the membership of any Jewish last-times sect; later applied to the pseudo-Jewish Christians. Once Christianity had ceased to be communistic, *ekklesia* acquired its present meaning of *church*.

**El** Paramount god of the Tigris-Euphrates valley and Anatolia after whom *Ilium*, "El's Town," was named; god of the ancient Israelites until their extinction in 721 BCE, and thereafter of the Galileans inhabiting the land that had been Israel; the god of the Galilean Jesus the Nazirite; identical with Allah, despite that name's feminine suffix. When the Jews and Israelites formed an alliance c 1200 BCE, the Jewish phallus god, Yahweh, and the Israelite sky god, El/Allah/Allahim, became equated for reasons that were political rather than mythological.

**El Shaddai** Hebrew for "Allah the demon"; term used by the Priestly author and the Redactor to describe their paramount god in a small number of places such as EXODUS 6:3, where Yahweh

tells Moses his real name and declares that the Israelites previously knew him only as *El Shaddai*. At the time P wrote, a demon was merely an immortal, not necessarily evil.

**Elder, the** (Greek: *presbyteros*); Title claimed by the authors of the anonymous 2 JOHN and 3 JOHN. Neither *presbyteros* was the author of the gospel called JOHN or of REVELATION, and there is no reason to believe that either was named John, the name erroneously applied to other documents attributed to the John who was the redactor of REVELATION. For evidence that 2 JOHN and 3 JOHN were not written by the same author, see *Deconstructing Jesus*, by Robert Price, (Prometheus, 2000, page 50).

**Eleazar bar Yair** Leader of the Iskariots at the time of the first Roman-Jewish war of 66-74 CE. The Iskariots, “daggersmen,” meaning terrorists, were a militant branch of the Zealots, a sect founded by Eleazar’s grandfather, Judas of Galilee. Following the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE, Eleazar led his followers to Masada, where they managed to hold out for a further four years. When defeat became inevitable, Eleazar recognized that terrorists could not expect the same mercy granted the citizens of Jerusalem. So he persuaded the entire population of Masada to kill their children, then their women, and then themselves. Although Bar Kokhba was descended from Eleazar’s grandfather, it would be stretching coincidence to the limit to speculate that he was either the infant who escaped the Masada bloodbath by being hid in a drainage culvert, or that infant’s son.

**Elect** In mythologies with a predestination belief, those members of the sect born to be saved. Members of such predestination sects as Calvinism have never had any difficulty recognizing who were the Elect: themselves.

**electro-shock therapy** Medical quackery in which a mentally dysfunctional patient is jolted unconscious by having several thousand volts of electricity passed through his brain. Generally discredited even among psychoquacks, E.S.T. is still practised by dogmatic believers in the hurting-is-good theory that is also the basis of Western religion.

**Eleusis** A village near Athens where a mystery religion involving the resurrected savior goddess Persephone continued to be celebrated long after the rest of the world had switched to male saviors. A Christian emperor suppressed the Eleusinian mysteries at the end of the fourth century CE, out of jealousy that they too closely resembled Christianity.

**Eleutherius, Saint** Canonization as a male of Aphrodite Ilithyia, “Mother of Fecundity,” patron of safe childbirth.

**elf** *see* fairy

**Eli** Name given in LUKE’s genealogy as Jesus’ paternal grandfather. MATTHEW’s genealogy named Jesus’ paternal grandfather as Jacob.

**Elias, Saint** Canonization of the sun god Helios, transformed into a Christian martyr in the imagination of Eusebius.

**Elisha** Jewish spokesman who flourished in the early ninth century BCE. Elisha was credited by the authors of 2 KINGS, chapters 4 and 5, with multiplying provisions so that they filled many pots, raising the dead, and curing leprosy. Those alleged miracles, along with others attributed to Elisha’s predecessor, Eliyahuw, were borrowed by the authors of the Christian gospels and credited to Jesus the Nazirite.

**elitist** Mediocrity’s name for anyone who recognizes a mediocrity as a mediocrity.

**Eliyahuw** (Elijah, Elias) Jewish spokesman of the early ninth century BCE. An intolerant Yahweh worshipper, Eliyahuw once tricked 450 spokesmen of Baal into entering a my-god-can-lick-your-god contest that turned out to be an ambush, and murdered all 450. The authors of 1 KINGS

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chapters 17 and 19, and 2 KINGS, chapter 2, credited Eliyahuw with multiplying food, surviving a forty-day fast in the desert, raising the dead, and departing for Heaven in a flaming chariot which only Elisha could see. Those alleged miracles, along with others attributed to Elisha, were later attributed to Jesus the Nazirite.

**Elizabeth, Saint** Daughter of a thirteenth-century king of Hungary, whom Conrad von Marburg, her priest, regularly stripped naked and whipped from the time of her marriage at age 13 to her death at age 24. After killing her, Conrad had her canonized to enhance his own reputation as her teacher. When Conrad was finally lynched by a group of knights who resented the sadism that had caused him to burn 8000 heretics, he too was canonized.

**Elizabeth** Named in the lost *Nativity of John the Immerser* as John's mother. The author of LUKE, who used *Nativity* as a source, included in his gospel a song of praise attributed to Elizabeth, commonly called the *Magnificat*, copied from the older work. The gospel author followed his source in attributing the song to Elizabeth, as the oldest surviving manuscripts reveal, but an interpolator later transferred it to Mary. LUKE also made Elizabeth Mary's cousin, thereby making Mary a Levite. That did not, however, prevent the RC church in the sixteenth century from declaring that the Jesus genealogy in LUKE was the ancestry of Mary, thus making Mary Davidic and not Levite.

**Elizabeth I** Queen of England 1558-1603. Elizabeth executed considerably less people per year for adherence to the wrong Head Christian than her sister Mary I had done. However, since Elizabeth reigned almost eight times as long, she wound up killing as many Catholics for being Catholic as Mary had killed Protestants for being Protestant. Strangely, no English historian ever refers to "Bloody Elizabeth."

**Elkesaites** An offshoot of the Nazirite sect that separated *c* 100 CE, probably in rebellion against the Nazirite practice of restricting the sect's leadership to Jesus' relatives. Since the Elkesaites flourished at a time when Christianity had become completely pagan, utterly dissimilar to the Jewish Nazirites, the Christians came to view the Elkesaites as a Christian heresy that had reverted to Judaism. In fact the Elkesaites, like the Nazirites and Ebionites, were Jesus-Jews who regarded Christianity as a pagan abomination.

**Elmo, Saint** Canonization of the spirit believed to be responsible for "St Elmo's fire," a form of static electricity.

**Elohim, Allahim** Hebrew word formed by taking the root *El*, "god," adding a feminine singular suffix to produce *Alah*, "goddess," and then adding a further masculine plural suffix, *-im*, to produce a word meaning "the council of gods and goddesses." The Israelites worshipped Elohim, "the gods," for several centuries before the politically motivated equation of Elohim with Yahweh finally took hold. At that point the belief arose that "the gods" was singular, and a Jewish council eventually so decreed. Later biblical authors invariably coupled *Elohim* as subject with a masculine singular verb, but continued to modify it with plural adjectives.

**Elohist the** Israelite author of *c* 770 BCE, possibly a Shiloh priest, who wrote a history of his tribe and its Jewish allies, in the belief that Jews and Israelites were the same nation rather than mere allies, that repeated stories told by the Yahwist from a northern or Israelite perspective. The J and E histories were combined into a single continuous narrative *c* 700 BCE. The Elohist is so termed by historians because in GENESIS he always called his god *Elohim*, never *Yahweh*, even though he later used the two names interchangeably.

**Elphin, Saint** Canonization of a local Lancastrian *elf*, a word that meant both a small, humanoid life form similar to a fairy, and a heathen.

**Elysian Fields** That portion of the Greek underworld reserved for heroes; sometimes equated with the Isles of the Blessed, pictured by the ancients as occupying a position west of Europe approximating to the actual location of the Canary Islands; equivalent to Valhalla, Paradise, Avalon, Heaven.

**Emmanuel** *see* Immanuel

**embryo transplant** System whereby a gamma woman married to a delta man could produce a child with the genes of two alpha-plus donors. If a program of embryo implantation, promoted by a campaign along the line of, "Give your child a better chance than you had," could reach the point where between one third and two thirds of all pregnancies were produced by implants, the human devolution caused by the present practice of alphas and betas having one or two children while deltas and epsilons have ten to fifteen children, could be halted and reversed within a century. Under such a system, the genes of an Einstein, Newton, Rembrandt or Leonardo could be propagated one-hundredfold, mated to the genes of a Jenny Lind, Grace Kelly, Marie Curie, Anna Pavlova, Nadia Comeneci, or even women chosen for physical beauty alone.

**E.M.H.** *see* educable mentally handicapped

**enciente** French for "pregnant," in common usage in English when pregnancy was considered a topic that could not be mentioned in the vernacular but could be spoken of in a foreign language. Since *pregnant* never fully evolved into a *dirty word*, *enciente* was not absorbed into English as a permanent substitute.

**Encratites** Early Christian sect so repulsively masochistic that even other Christians considered them sick.

**end justifies the means** Philosophy often debated as if it must be either absolutely true or absolutely false. In fact a person who asserts that the end can never justify the means is as intellectually handicapped as one who gives the philosophy his unequivocal endorsement. For all of the people most of the time, and most of the people all of the time, an end cannot justify the means. But when an end *must* be achieved, such as preventing the extermination of the human race through overpopulation, air and water pollution, ozone depletion, greenhouse intensification, acid rain, forest destruction, over-fishing, overgrazing, nuclear winter and other suicidal human policies, then any unavoidable means to achieve that end is justified. For an end to justify its means, four conditions must be met:

- (1) The means must not be a potentially greater evil than failure to achieve the end.
- (2) There must be no less-evil means available.
- (3) There must be a reasonable probability that, if an undesirable means is used, it *will* achieve the desired end.
- (4) The end must be so necessary that failure to utilize every possible means to achieve it would constitute the greatest evil of all.

**endoheresy** Deviations within science that may conceivably be the result of faulty reasoning, but whose proponents at least attempt to adhere to valid scientific methodology re testability, replicability, clean test tube and other acceptable procedures. Endoheresy and exoheresy may both be invalid, but endoheresy is usually more worthy of detailed examination.

**endomorph** *see* ectomorph

**energy body, astral body** *see* astral projection

**energy chart** *see* biorhythm

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**enforcer syndrome** The attitude of many god pushers that a professional taboo-enforcer is not himself bound to observe the taboos, just as a traffic policeman is not bound to observe speeding restrictions when pursuing a suspect. In recent times televangelists Bakker, Armstrong, Swaggert and several others have been caught violating the taboos they vehemently preached. The definitive portrait of the enforcer syndrome is to be found in Erskine Caldwell's novel, *Journeyman*.

**England** "I cannot but conclude the bulk of your natives to be the most pernicious race of little odious vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth." —Jonathan Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*.

**English disease** French name for syphilis, which the English call "the French disease."

**Enigma of Loch Ness: Making Sense of a Mystery, The** Book by Henry Bauer promoting the reality of the nonexistent Loch Ness monster. Although Bauer practises doublethink and shuts his eyes to the so-called enigma's logical solution, a reviewer stated that "he does try to be fair." See the review by Edward Kelly in *Skeptical Inquirer*, Spring 1987, pp. 293-296.

**Enlil** Sumerian messenger god, one third of the ruling trinity of Ea, Enlil and Anu; deification of the planet Mercury; equivalent to Nabu, Gabriel, Hermes, Mercury.

**Enoch** Disparate collection of Essene writings dating from the second century BCE until well into Christian times, all claiming to be written by the pre-flood patriarch Enoch. The oldest portions of *1 Enoch* contain angelologies borrowed almost verbatim from Zoroastrianism and incorporated into Christianity. *1 Enoch* also transformed Gehenna from a garbage dump outside Jerusalem into an underworld in which sinners were tortured by flamethrowers for the purpose of purging them of their sins. The Essenes viewed Enoch as outranking Moses, and therefore regarded *Enoch* as higher-ranking scripture than the Pentateuch. The author of the LETTER OF JUDE quoted from *1 Enoch* in such a way as to indicate his acceptance of its authoritative status. Probably the reason *1 Enoch* was not accepted into Jewish or Christian canons, even though ninety percent of its content was accepted, was its dogmatic endorsement of a 360-day year at a time when even mythologians no longer disputed that the year was not shorter than 365 days.

**environmentalist** A person with the moral and intellectual evolution to comprehend that making planet earth uninhabitable for future generations is a monstrous crime against humanity.

**envy** One of Christianity's capriciously chosen seven deadly sins. In fact envy is the healthy appreciation of another person's achievements, and the desire to emulate those achievements. Envy only superficially resembles the mind-crippling psychosis of jealousy, which any sane list of cardinal evil motivations would certainly include. However, since the paramount god of the Judaeo-Christian bible was itself afflicted with jealousy, terror of the god's insane vengeance forced the compilers of the sin list to find a substitute.

**ephod bad** Hebrew for "erect dildo," the gold-plated, triple-life-sized sacred phallus that was part of the uniform of early Judaism's high priests. King David danced naked before his phallus god Yahweh, wearing only the sacred dildo, to celebrate his recovery of the ark of the covenant. David's Israelite wife Mikhal, coming from a culture that practised vulva worship rather than the phallus worship of her Jewish husband, contemptuously upbraided the king who "uncovered himself today in front of his courtiers' slavegirls, as one of those conceited flashers exposes himself." (2 SAMUEL 6:20) Although nakedness would not become a Jewish taboo until five centuries after David's time, it had clearly become incompatible with Mikhal's concept of kingly dignity. A similar attitude survives in cultures that would not permit their queens to appear in public in the same bikini swimsuits that would be deemed acceptable on anyone else.

**Ephraim** One of the tribes of Israelites that formed an alliance with the Jews c 1200 BCE. Ephraim and Manasseh were placed in a politically motivated genealogy as the sons of Joseph. The third Israelite tribe, Benyaminites, were made descendants of Joseph's only full brother.

**Epikuros** Greek philosopher, 341-270 BCE, who founded the Epicurean school dedicated to the pursuit of satisfaction through moderation, kindness and rationality, thereby foreshadowing the Humanists. Epikuros's school was the first to accept women students, thereby giving women an equal status in Epicureanism that they have yet to obtain in Christianity. Epikuros was the first to point out one of godworship's more obvious self-contradictions: "The gods can either take away evil from the world and will not, or being willing to do so cannot, or they neither can nor will, or lastly, they are both able and willing. If they have the will to remove evil and cannot, then they are not omnipotent. If they can but will not, then they are not benevolent. If they are neither willing nor able, then they are neither omnipotent nor benevolent. Lastly, if they are both able and willing to annihilate evil, how does it exist?"

**Epiphanius** Christian apologist who, c 375 CE, concocted a genealogy that made *Panther*, a name invented by the author of *Toldot Yeshu* as a pun, the surname of Jacob bar Matthan, MATTHEW's version of Jesus' paternal grandfather.

**Epiphany** Christian holy day commemorating Jesus' alleged manifestation to the pagans in the form of the magi who allegedly followed a new star from Persia to his birthplace, just as, in an older myth, they had followed a new star to the birthplace of Zarathustra; adapted from closing ceremonies of pagan twelve-day winter solstice carnival. Only in a culture completely ignorant of the distance and size of the stars, and the difference between stars and meteors, could a mythologist have expected his readers to believe a star could hover directly over and thereby identify a single building.

**Episcopalian** American Protestant sect equivalent to the Church of England; so named because it retained the RC practice of making every community or diocese subject to an *episcopos*, bishop, an office abolished by radical Protestantism.

**episcopos** Greek for "supervisor;" originally, the supervisor of a Nazirite commune, elected by the members. When Paul of Tarsus began his missionary career as a Nazirite, he founded communes that were placed under supervisors. After Paul stopped teaching Jewish doctrines and for all practical purposes founded a new, pagan religion called Christianity, supervisors evolved into bishops, petty dictators who could not be removed from office by the communities (no longer communes) that had elected them. *Episcopos* thus came to mean "bishop."

**epsilon** A person whose functional intelligence is in the bottom two percent. While morons are deltas, imbeciles and idiots are epsilons, as are persons with measured intelligence quotients that do not reflect their impaired functional intelligence. A person who has no ability to reject conclusions that are incompatible with the evidence is an epsilon. In 1982 epsilons held the offices of American president, Catholic Pope, chief censor and policy maker at NBC, CBS and ABC, and all professorships in all faculties of education in all North American universities.

**Equal Rights Amendment** Proposed amendment to the American Constitution reading, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The amendment, commonly termed ERA, failed to become law when it was ratified by only 35 of the required 38 states. It was defeated because it was actively opposed by persons who saw the equality of all human beings, male and female, as a repudiation of the declaration by the misogynist psychopath Paul of Tarsus that women are inferior and must be treated unequally. But the Amendment's opponents were not honest enough to acknowledge their real, biblical, objection. Instead they deluded State legislatures that "on account of sex" referred to sexual preference rather than the fact of being male or female, thereby pandering to several states'



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endemic homophobia. Most prominent among the women who utilized the Big Lie to retain women's divinely ordained slave status was one Phyllis Schlafly, a middle-aged godworshiper who did for male supremacy what the Uncle Toms did for white supremacy. Schlafly's bible stated unequivocally that women are subhuman, and she was not willing to tolerate any alteration of that status. History is likely to rehabilitate Benedict Arnold long before it rehabilitates Schlafly.

**Erastianism** The theory of Erastus, that the highest authority in a secular state was not the pope, who was a foreigner, but the king or lower-ranking head of state. Erastus based his position on the declaration of Paul of Tarsus that the chief Christian god ordained secular authority. Henry VIII, formerly a loyal follower of the popes, became fully Erastian when three successive popes, fearing the Holy Roman Emperor more than they feared Henry, refused to permit Henry to divorce the Emperor's aunt.

**Eratosthenes** The man who, in the third century BCE, first calculated with great accuracy the diameter of the earth, thereby refuting the Flat Earth Society 2000 years before it existed.

**erb** Pronunciation of *herb* in 'ertford, 'ereford and 'ampshire, where 'urricanes 'ardly hever 'appen, and in America.

**erection** Condition of penis during or in expectation, preparation or anticipation of copulation or equivalent orgasm-inducing behavior, due to influx of blood that fills all available receptacles and thereby distends organ to maximum volume and hardness; sometimes applied to hardness of nipples due to sexual arousal or chilling environmental conditions.

**Eros** Originally, Greek god of homosexual love, as Aphrodite was goddess of heterosexual love; originally a son of Khaos, but later a son of Aphrodite; depicted as firing love arrows to inflame lust between mature men and youths, later between men and women. Eros was always depicted as an adult, and was the hero of a love myth of Eros and Psyche, personifications of humankind's physical and spiritual aspects. Only in his Roman form as Cupid did the god of copulation become a cute, winged baby.

**eroticism** From Eros, god of sex; the display, usually in art or literature, of activity or inactivity associated with sexuality. To qualify as eroticism, an artwork must trigger a positive emotional response to its artistry, possibly but not necessarily including sexual stimulation. It must not trigger revulsion in persons with a normal appreciation of erotic art. Photographs in *Playboy* qualify as eroticism. Photographs in *Hustler* do not.

**erotomania** Contagious hysteria endemic in convents from the fifteenth to the nineteenth centuries, causing nuns to engage in overt erotic behavior including exhibitionism and heterosexual and homosexual coupling, while fantasizing that they were *possessed*. Erotomania all but disappeared when the excuse that "the devil made me do it" lost its credibility. The percentage of nuns who couple with priests and with other nuns has probably not decreased in the past century, but that is not the same thing.

**Esau** The mythical brother of the patriarch Jacob, and alleged ancestor of the Edomites, created in the Yahwist's imagination for the purpose of being cursed by his father Isaac and thereby justifying the brutal subjugation of his alleged descendants by King David. The Yahwist also used Esau and Jacob as one of his two versions of the myth of twins quarreling in the womb, of which the best-known version involved Romulus and Remus.

**eschatology** Mythology involving prophecies of the end of the world. Eschatological books, called apocalypses, were produced prolifically during the period 200 BCE to 200 CE, at which point the closing of the Jewish and Christian canons removed the market. The preaching of Jesus the Nazirite, like that of all messiahs, was based on the assumption that the end of the world was at hand and that his presence fulfilled eschatological prophecies of earlier writers. Fundamentalist

Christians continue to see biblical prophecies, both those that were already fulfilled at the time of writing and those that were never fulfilled (there is no third kind) as pertaining to a future end of the world.

**Esdras** Books written in the first century BCE and later, in Greek, by authors claiming to be the fifth-century BCE high priest Ezra (Greek: *Esdras*). *3 Esdras* was written by a Sadducee, and *4 Esdras* by a Pharisee. Both are included in Orthodox bibles, but rejected by Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

**E.S.P.** *see* extra sensory perception

**Espousals of Mary** RC holiday, January 23, commemorating Joseph's acceptance of Mary as his prospective wife. The Jewish custom that the feast actually commemorates was Joseph's insertion of his middle finger into Mary's genital orifice for the purpose of establishing that she was a virgin. Such an inspection of Rebekah by Isaac prior to his accepting her as his wife was part of the patriarchal narrative of the *Book of Noah*. Since Joseph proceeded with the marriage, it can be assumed that Mary was indeed virginal, and remained so for the further thirty seconds it took Joseph to disrobe. There is no question that Joseph was the rupturer of Mary's hymen. The accusation that Jesus was not Joseph's natural son but a bastard was first raised *c* 100 CE in response to the virgin-birth fable interpolated into MATTHEW at that time.

**Essene** Thought by some to be a word of Aramaic origin meaning "healer," but almost certainly a corruption of the Greek word for "saint," a self-description of many sects, including modern-day Mormons. The Essenes came into existence when the Khassidites, whose name also meant "saints," split into two factions. The majority called themselves "separatists," *Pharisees*. The original sect disappeared from historical records for a half-century, and re-emerged *c* 140 BCE with a new name, *Essenes*, and a new philosophy that was utterly un-Khassidic and explains the Pharisees' decision to separate. Some time after 200 BCE, Buddhist missionaries penetrated Judah. The Khassidite leadership accepted buddhistic teachings on moral philosophy, and became Essenes. The Khassidite rank-and-file rejected buddhistic masochism, and became Pharisees. Gautama had promoted the perversion of self-inflicted celibacy to the stature of a virtue, with marriage denigrated as the vilest sin, and the Essenes accepted that teaching. So were Gautama's sacred communism that rejected the concept of private property, and his rejection of family ties. Despite their new buddhistic orientation, the Essenes retained the Zoroastrian beliefs that they and the Pharisees had inherited from the Khassidites, including an angelology and demonology borrowed almost verbatim from the Zend Avesta, and dualism. The virtual founder of the Essenes appears to have been a man named Yahuwshua/Yeshu/Jesus. Paul of Tarsus derided persons who preached "a Jesus other than the Jesus I preach," at a time when only Nazirites, Immersers and Essenes were touting their dead leaders as Messiah and promising his second coming. Also, the Talmud authors clearly confused the execution of the Essene founder with the execution of the Nazirite, and that could not reasonably have happened unless the two men had the same name. Nonetheless, surviving references call him only *the Righteous Rabbi*, and the coincidence that Jesus' brother was simultaneously *the Righteous* and the head Essene suggests that all head Essenes bore the same title. The belief that the Righteous Rabbi was Messiah, and would fulfill his messianic function at a postulated second coming, arose almost immediately following his execution by Hasmonean king Alexander Yannay. While some scholars date the Righteous Rabbi's first appearance to *c* 140 BCE, and his execution to the first year of Yannay's reign, 103 BCE, others date the execution to Yannay's last year, 78 BCE, coinciding with Yannay's massacre of Pharisees. When no second coming occurred within a reasonable time, a secular branch of the Essenes arose that abandoned celibacy and took upon themselves the obligation of breeding more Essenes. Jesus the Nazirite was born a secular Essene but, like John the Immerser, founded his own sect, called Ebionites, when he started believing that not the Righteous Rabbi but he himself

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was Messiah. Except for the permanence of torture in Hell, which appears to have originated with Jesus, every teaching attributed to Jesus in the Christian gospels can be traced to Essene documents written before Jesus was born.

**ESTHER** Pious fiction written for the purpose of deceiving the Great King of Persia into believing that his ancestor Xerxes had been saved from assassination by a Jew named Mardukay, a variant of the Babylonian creator god Marduk, and had married Mardukay's cousin Esther, the Hebrew spelling of which can also be transcribed as *Ishtar*. Other characters in ESTHER, such as Haman and Vashti, were also Mesopotamian gods, clearly indicating that the Hebrew author adapted older myths to suit his purpose. Greek additions to ESTHER, included in RC but not Jewish or Protestant bibles, have Mardukay saving Xerxes from assassination on two separate occasions. Also, Esther/Ishtar is introduced as one of 365 phallus-raising virgins procured to audition for the vacant role of consort queen in Xerxes' bed, despite the fact that she is the first cousin of a man 118 years old, and despite the fact that Herodotus identified Xerxes' wife, not as Vashti or Esther but as Amestris.

**etemmu** The earliest "ghost" concept. In Babylon, an *etemmu* was the immortal part of a dead person who remained unburied. It could wander the land and become vindictive.

**eternal life** *see* immortality

**ether** The belief that light and other electromagnetic waves could not travel through vacuum led to the postulation that all space is permeated by an ethereal substance that could not be detected but must be present. The nonexistence of luminiferous ether was established partly by Morley and Michaelson, who showed that light traveled through vacuum at a constant speed, unaffected by its alleged direction in respect to the ether, and partly by Einstein, who demonstrated that light has particle properties and can therefore cross a vacuum without the necessity of an *ether* in which to make waves.

**ethereal body** *see* astral projection

**Ethnarch** "Ruler of the people," title given to Arkhelaos by Augustus Caesar in 4 BCE as a compromise when the Jewish people asked him not to make Arkhelaos their king.

**ethnic cleansing** Term created by Yugoslavia's Eastern Orthodox Christians following the collapse of European communism, to describe the same policy of extermination that World War Two Nazis called the "final solution." The victims of the Orthodox Christians' *ethnic cleansing* were Yugoslavia's Catholics and Muslims. The Orthodoxers originally justified the policy as retaliation for the murder of 100,000 Orthodox Christians by Catholics almost fifty years earlier, when the Catholics of Croatia sided with Hitler against the Orthodox Christians of Serbia. The world news media, in reporting the *ethnic cleansing*, deliberately concealed the religious nature of the sectarian war by calling the Orthodox Christians *Serbs*, the Catholics *Croats*, and the Muslims *ethnic Albanians*.

**ethnocentricity** Extension into adulthood of the me-centered conceit with which all children are born but most outgrow between the ages of six and twelve. Ethnocentricity is the thinking that caused bible authors to see Jerusalem as the center of a flat earth, the earth as the pivot around which the universe revolves, Hebrew as humankind's original language prior to the Tower of Babylon confusion, the Jewish god Yahweh as the supreme ruler and creator of the universe, and the Jews as Yahweh's *chosen nation* of special pets.

**eucharist** The eating of a sacramental meal that represents or symbolizes the body and blood of a savior god. The earliest eucharistic ritual involved the eating of a fig or pomegranate, each of which, when fully ripened until it split open on one side, resembled a human vulva, as the Body of Goddess, the deified Vulva in the Sky. Since the savior had surrendered part of her/his

immortality by undergoing a temporary death, worshippers could absorb the surrendered immortality by eating the god's sacramental body, just as they could absorb a warrior's strength by eating his physical body. The Egyptian *Book of the Dead*, c 2000 BCE, described the ritual for eating the body and blood of Osiris, a corn god, in the form of the corn products of barley bread and barley ale. All future male savior gods were also eucharistically consumed as bread and alcohol. The last female savior to be eaten sacramentally was the Germanic sex goddess Frig, whose body was eaten on her name-day, Friday, in the form of a vulva-shaped fish well into Christian times, causing the Christians to adopt Friday as fish-eating day in order to absorb her worshippers. About 70 CE the Greek author of MARK pretended that the Jew Jesus had instituted a pagan eucharistic ritual for his followers, and some time later another Greek interpolated a similar passage into a letter of Paul.

**Eugenia, Saint** Canonization of pre-Christian goddess worshipped as a healer, roughly equivalent to Asklepios.

**eugenics** The policy of improving the quality of the human race by selective breeding. When the concept of eugenics was first formulated in the nineteenth century, its merit was not questioned. Since then the only government to implement a eugenics program, on a small scale, was that of Adolf Hitler, whose racial beliefs were emotionally based and irrational. Since Hitler's death, all mention of eugenics has triggered the response, "Hitler did it, and therefore it is a bad thing." If that argument were carried to its logical conclusion, a lot of people would be refusing to eat, drink and urinate. The success of selective breeding in the case of racehorses, as well as other animals and plants, is common knowledge. Less known is that Hitler's selective breeding policy did produce a generation of offspring of significantly above average intelligence and physical beauty, judging the latter quality by subjective Western standards. Majority belief today has been culturally conditioned into accepting eugenics as fine for horses but *racist* when applied to humans. And the question of who decides which humans are to be granted breeding permits does raise the conundrum: Who guards the guardians?

**Eugenius III** Pope 1145-1153, who annulled a marriage one year only to declare it valid and indissoluble a year later. Both judgments were universally recognized as politically motivated.

**Eugenius IV** Pope deposed by the Council of Bado and replaced by Felix V, resulting in a civil war. The RC calendar retroactively classified Felix V as an antipope.

**Euhemerus** Greek philosopher of the third century BCE who first theorized that all gods were mere posthumously deified folk heroes.

**Euphemia, Saint** Canonization of a statue of the Muse.

**euphemism** Originally, an alternative description used to avoid naming a potentially malevolent entity, based on the belief that naming it could cause it to appear. The belief survives in the saying, "Speak of the devil..." Jews continue to speak of their god, Yahweh as *Adonay*, "My Master," while Christians in England refer to their devil as "Old Nick." A euphemism has now become a nicer designation of anything unsavory, such as *faith* for gullibility, *religion* for superstition, *pass away* for die, *conservative* for moral neanderthal, and *teacher* for babysitter.

**eupraxophy** Word coined by philosopher Paul Kurtz to mean good conduct based on scientific wisdom, as opposed to the attempt to base good conduct on the arbitrary decrees of a god or other lawgiver whose concept of right and wrong appears to be based on the toss of a coin.

**Euripides** Greek playwright of the fifth century BCE who was the first person known to have denounced slavery as intrinsically evil. Not a single author of the Judaeo-Christian bible saw slavery as anything but the natural order, although some did prohibit the enslavement of members of one's own mythology.

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**Eusebius** Bishop of Caesarea 315-340 CE, who wrote a history of the Christian church's first three hundred years, copied mainly from earlier writers. Although Eusebius wrote much metaphysical nonsense in his other works, his history is generally free from supernatural fantasizing and is by no means worthless as a source of historical data.

**Eustace, Saint** Canonization of a mythical sacred king, sacrificed in the form of a stag.

**euthanasia** From Greek words for "good death," the inflicting of a good death on a person otherwise destined to a painful life and lingering death; currently defined to mean killing as an act of mercy, either with the victim's consent or in the belief that the victim would consent if the means existed for him to do so. Thus the painless killing of an aging cancer victim would constitute euthanasia, as would the killing of a grossly dysfunctional infant. Euthanasia is opposed by masochistic mythologies that regard suffering as something imposed by their gods and therefore good, so that it must be endured for as long as the sadist in the sky chooses to keep the victim alive and in torment. The one valid objection to euthanasia is that the means has not yet been devised to protect persons who do not choose to die, especially from avaricious relatives who could kill first and later claim to have had the victim's consent.

**evangelist** *see* pusher

**Eve** In GENESIS, the first woman; created but not named in the Priestly author's creation myth; created from Adam's rib in the Yahwist's creation myth. As a consequence of the Redactor's combining of the J/E and P theogonies, the Judaeo-Christian bible now shows Eve being created twice, on the sixth day in GENESIS 1:27, and some time after the seventh day in GENESIS 2:22. Both Eve and her Greek equivalent, Pandora, were created in the imaginations of misogynists who blamed Woman for all of Man's ills.

**evil** All behavior that unnecessarily hurts a non-consenting victim; all belief systems, such as religion, communism, astrology, that inspire their adherents to act in a manner that is illogical, inexpedient, hurtful to oneself or others, or incompatible with objective morality. The epitome of evil is the Judaeo-Christian bible's identical twins, Yahweh and Satan.

**evolution** The development of lower into higher life forms. That evolution occurred is an observable fact. That it occurred as a consequence of natural selection is an untestable but logical theory that is consistent with all available data. A century ago, the best evidence for evolution was the fossil record and Darwin's observations of the effect on species of isolation. More recently, molecular biology has established that human and bonobo DNA are ninety-nine percent identical, a situation that can only be explained by common ancestry, and human DNA is sufficiently similar to the DNA of all terrestrial life, plant and animal, bacterial and viral, that again common ancestry is the only conceivable explanation.

**Ewe, Saint** Canonization as a male of the earth mother, the biblical Eve.

**ex cathedra** Statement by a pope in which the doctrine of infallibility is invoked. Since several dozen infallible utterances have been falsified, recent popes have had the prudence to avoid *ex cathedra* pronouncements entirely, or at least to restrict them to metaphysical statements that are by definition not falsifiable.

**exceptional** Sociologists' doubletalk for mental retards.

**excommunication** The expulsion of a member of a god cult.

**execution** State-sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder.

**executive privilege** Theory that a Republican President of the USA can do anything he wishes and can never be compelled to answer for his actions because he is above the law: "When the President does it, it's not illegal." Holdover from the medieval doctrine that "the king can do no wrong."

**existentialism** The philosophy formulated by John Paul Sartre, that there is no universal moral law or absolute morality, since moral values are by definition human inventions. To an existentialist, human freedom is the highest moral objective, and each human is responsible only to himself. Sartre did not suggest that a valid moral code could not be formulated, only that any such code was bound to reflect the imperfections of its human authors.

**EXODUS** Second book of the Judaeo-Christian bible; called *Veleh Shmowth*, after its opening words, in Hebrew.

**Exodus, the** The departure from Egypt in the late twelfth century BCE of the Israelites, but not of the Jews, who were never in Egypt. Stripped of its mythological elements, such as the ten plagues, the parting of the sea of reeds, the manna, and the extinct volcano Yahweh's alleged demands to "Let my nation go," the exodus tradition does appear to have a historical basis. The probable truth is that the Israelites were invited to settle on Egypt's southern border by Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE, as a first line of defence in case the Hapiru who had driven them out of their Midian homeland invaded Egypt. Then in the reign of Pharaoh Ramoses II a century later, they were expelled into the Sinai desert at the demand of unemployed Egyptians who resented the occupation of good farmland by foreigners. The leader of the exodus was Moses, a grandson of Ramoses, who could speak no Hebrew and consequently engaged an Israelite, Aaron, to be his interpreter. The Israelites lived off the Sinai desert for many years, so they could not have numbered more than about 2000, the maximum number the Sinai could have supported. Their wandering ended when they assassinated Moses and, with the aid of the Jews, settled the area of Phoenicia north of Judah.

**exoheresy** Deviations from scientific orthodoxy by persons who are not scientists and consequently do not use objective methods of inquiry to produce theories that are capable of testing, replicating and validating by corroboration. Unlike endoheresy, which tends to be testable and worth testing, exoheresy is generally so incompetent that any scientific rebuttal would grant it undeserved dignity. In recent times scientists have started to respond to exoheresy, in recognition that their refusal to acknowledge the existence of such cranks and humbugs as Velikovsky, Píso and von Däniken was causing the public to think that those writers' crackpot theories could not be rebutted.

**exorcism** A form of suggestion therapy in which the exorcist goes through the motions of expelling a nonexistent demon from the sick mind of a religious fanatic.

**expecting** Dirty word for *pregnant*.

**external evidence** Evidence for a document's accuracy or inaccuracy from a source other than the document itself. For example, when Hittite and Egyptian documents each claimed a victory over the other on the same date, each constituted external evidence of the other's accuracy in declaring that a battle took place. And when evidence from sources other than the Judaeo-Christian bible proved that the earth is not flat, not covered by a solid crystal dome to which the sun, moon and stars are attached, not fixed in place never to be moved, and not a mere six thousand years old, that external evidence proved that the bible's cosmography, although internally consistent in its flat-earth endorsement, was nonetheless demonstrably false and therefore not the inerrant revelation of a god that was both knowledgeable and truthful.

**extra sensory perception** The capacity to transfer information from one individual to another without utilizing any of the five known senses. While extensive research has failed to detect a sixth sense, its possible existence is not incompatible with any physical law as presently understood, in contrast to clairvoyance which, if it existed, would violate the law that an effect (knowledge of an event) cannot precede its cause (the event foreknown). The possible existence of ESP has been under investigation for more than a century, and in that time not a single positive result has ever been obtained that could be replicated under conditions that ruled out information

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transfer by the five normal senses. It is no coincidence that the only persons who have consistently claimed to have achieved positive results, clinging to that claim even after their test subjects have been shown to have cheated, have been those who have shown no ability to differentiate between the theoretically possible, such as thought transference, and the theoretically impossible, such as clairvoyance. There is a near-perfect positive correlation between belief in the reality of extra sensory perception and the need to believe in a metaphysical reality not bound by the laws of cause and effect, one-way progression of and through time, and the certainty of eventual death. If *souls* can communicate directly, without using any of the senses of the physical body, then clearly souls exist and eternal life exists. If ESP exists, its existence can be established beyond dispute by a single replicable positive result. No such result has been obtained after hundreds of thousands of man-hours of experiments. Despite the claims of incompetent investigators who refuse to recognize how easily they have been deceived by conjuring tricks, ESP has never been demonstrated to exist and almost certainly does not exist.

**extreme unction** Non-repeatable RC ritual, administered to the dying, which guarantees a no-questions-asked ticket to the pie in the sky to such good Catholics as Al Capone and Pope Leo X.

**eye of the beholder** The only place in which such concepts as beauty, ugliness, art, monster, abomination, perversion, chastity, pornography, tadpole rights, royal blood, tradition and patriotism have any reality.

**eyeless vision** Conjuring trick performed by the kind of magician commonly termed a mentalist, in which he demonstrates the ability to see and read even though his eyes have been blindfolded. In fact it is almost impossible to blindfold a magician so that he cannot see by peeking down past his nose. Even though eyeless vision has been achieved only by conjuring, and self-styled psychics have been unable to perform when blindfolded by magicians who know how the trick is done and are able to prevent the use of conjuring techniques, gullible parapsychologists (there's another kind?) have many times attested to the genuineness of the demonstrations they have witnessed.

**Ezekiel** Jewish spokesman who wrote a book after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, in which he claimed to have foretold that event. It was Ezekiel who coined the phrase, *Ben Adam*, meaning "descendant of Adam" or "human" but translated into Greek as *huios anthropou* and from Greek to English as *son of man*. According to Ezekiel, the god Yahweh habitually addressed him as *Ben Adam*. The author of DANIEL applied the term *Ben Adam* to an apparent messiah, and that caused Jesus the Nazirite to appropriate the same title for himself.

**Ezekiel, Chariots of** see *Chariots of Ezekiel*

**EZRA** Book about a Jewish high priest who lived in the fifth century BCE, written by a chronicler in the third century BCE as a continuation of CHRONICLES. The book contained many historical inaccuracies, including the assumption that Artaxerxes I, 465-425 BCE, had reigned before Darius I, 521-485 BCE.

**Ezra** Jewish high priest in whose hands the final edited Torah first appeared in 434 BCE, and who can therefore be identified with the Redactor with reasonable probability. Ezra presided over the Feast of Booths in 441 BCE in accordance with the formula spelled out in DEUTERONOMY, and in 434 BCE in accordance with the formula in LEVITICUS. He made no claim to have "discovered" a new Torah, as the finder of DEUTERONOMY had done, and that omission strongly implies that he himself had combined J/E/D and P into a single continuous narrative. Ezra was born in Babylon, and traveled to Jerusalem with the permission of Artaxerxes I for the purpose of reviving Yahweh worship. The racism of Ezra, who ordered all Jews to expel their non-Jewish wives and all children born to them, has been surpassed only by Adolf Hitler.

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**fabricated truth** Perpetrator's view of a lie told for the purpose of encouraging belief in anything the liar views as a greater truth. *e.g.*:

- mental conjuring passed off as psychic phenomena or ESP by a person so convinced that such things exist that he believes he is furthering the cause of truth by faking evidence supporting his belief;
- suppression of the true explanation of a natural phenomenon, such as a broken water pipe leaking rusty water onto a statue and creating the impression that the statue is bleeding, for the purpose of furthering his sincerely held belief that *miracle* is a valid concept. Pope Wojtyła's so-called pilgrimage to Fatima, *after* learning that the Fatima phenomenon was a hoax, was an endorsement of the Fatima hoaxers' lie for the purpose of furthering belief in the reality of Mary as a living goddess;
- deliberate suppression of negative information about a dead hero in order to maintain his hero status, *e.g.*, Martin Luther King's hypocritical violations of his mythology's adultery taboo; Edgar Hoover's sexual preferences; Jesus the Nazirite's physical deformities; Edward VIII's racism; Siddartha Gautama's masochism; Brutus's loan sharking; a recent Mormon prophet's Alzheimer's; and Pope Wojtyła's feeble-mindedness;
- encouragement of nationalism by pretending that military persons shot by their own side for cause were killed in the line of duty. Erwin Rommel was executed for allegedly plotting against Hitler, but he was publicly proclaimed to have died in battle.

**facilitated communication** System in which another person, called a facilitator, places his hands under the wrists of a severely autistic child or juvenile, while the autistic one, previously incapable of any kind of communication, touches the keyboard of a typewriter or computer console and taps out intelligent messages. In the earliest such experiments, the messages were nondescript, but nonetheless clearly conveyed a normal level of human intelligence even in subjects who for years had evinced the intelligence of a house cat. Then, at a time when false memory syndrome had caused many celebrities and others to accuse their fathers and uncles of sexually molesting them as children, the autistic began making the same accusations via facilitated communication. The definitive debunking of facilitated communication occurred when the autistic subjects were shown photographs and asked to describe them. The facilitators were shown different photographs, but were told that they were identical with those shown to the subjects. Facilitated messages were then tapped out that were accurate descriptions of the photographs shown to the facilitators, but not of the photographs shown to the subjects. The experiment established definitively that the alleged facilitated communications were coming from the facilitators, not from their autistic puppets.

**Faculty of Education doubletalk** Also called educationese; dialect in which all education theses and journal articles are written. The main functions of Faculty of Education doubletalk are:

- (1) to hide from outsiders the incredible ignorance of professors of education, an ignorance that would be immediately apparent if they wrote in any comprehensible language;
- (2) to allow graduate students in education to write 400-page theses that, if the parts that are contentless gibberish were removed, would fit comfortably on the back of a postage stamp with plenty of room left over for the Gettysburg Address.

**Faculty of Mythology doublethink** The only dialect in which books purporting to validate god mythology can be written, since in any rational language the distortion of the evidence to conform to predetermined conclusions would be inescapable.



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**fairy** (elf, gnome, goblin, hobgoblin, brownie): Winged humanoid, usually depicted as being the size of a butterfly, probably because belief in fairies originated as a consequence of butterfly sightings. Belief in fairies survived until the beginning of the twentieth century, but may now be extinct. As recently as the turn of the century, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a book containing photographs of what he declared to be authentic fairies. In fact prankster children forged the photographs by utilizing cardboard cutouts. The current equivalent of the fairy is the UFO, which similarly produced hundreds of copycat sightings after the first one was reported by a sincere crank.

**faith** The difference between faith and insanity is that faith is the ability to hold firmly to a conclusion that is incompatible with the evidence, whereas insanity is the ability to hold firmly to a conclusion that is incompatible with the evidence. Faith is touted as a virtue by all god mythologies for the obvious reason that, if adherents of a mythology were permitted to disbelieve those parts of the mythology that had been empirically and objectively disproven, the mythology would cease to exist. "Faith is that quality which enables us to believe what we know to be untrue." (*The Omnibus Boners*)

**Faith, Saint** Canonization of the Roman goddess *Bona Fides*, as one of the three spurious daughters (Faith, Hope and Charity) of the equally spurious Saint Sophia, deified Wisdom.

**faith, hope and charity** A.V. translation of an interpolation in 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 that utilizes the Big Lie technique of coupling a good and an evil in order to pretend that the one is the other, as typified in the idiom, "sex and violence." The CORINTHIANS passage is more accurately translated as "uncritical credulity, unrealistic expectation, and compassion."

**faith healer** A person who covertly manipulates a patient into utilizing his auto-immune system to cure himself, by claiming that a god will cure him in answer to a prayer. Faith healers have a success rate of 80 percent, the exact proportion of patients who would have recovered with no treatment or prayer whatsoever.

**Faithhealers, The** Book by James Randi (Prometheus, 1987) that critically examines the claims and performances of faithhealers, and shows the majority to be conscious humbugs while the remainder are self-deluded cranks

**Fall** In Christian but not Jewish mythology, humankind's loss of divine grace as a consequence of the sin of Adam and Eve, necessitating atonement by a Second Adam.

**fallibilism** Doctrine that there can be no such thing as objective truth, and that nothing can be known with certainty. If fallibilism is a valid theory, then the proposition  $1 + 2 = 3$  is opinion. Fallibilism is self-evidently absurd to everyone except infants, *Homo neanderthalensis*, and professors of education.

**Fahrenheit** Archaic and illogical temperature scale adopted solely because the inventor of the first practical thermometer concocted it; now replaced by the more logical Celsius and Kelvin scales by 94 percent of the human race.

**false memory syndrome** Phenomenon first solicited from the imaginations of their subjects by hypnotists, but more recently by psychotherapists using neo-Freudian techniques. The earliest publicized instances of false memory were obtained by instructing an allegedly hypnotized person to go back in his mind to a time before he was born and describe a past life. Almost without exception, subjects did so. That alleged past lives were false memories, fantasies, was fully established when several subjects of such experiments all claimed to be reincarnations of the same historical figure. The next false memory syndrome to become fashionable involved abductions by extraterrestrials in UFOs. Hypnotists who believed in alien abductions would find credulous subjects, persuade them that there were holes in their memories, and instruct them to remember

what had really happened during the allegedly lost hours. By leading questions, the hypnotist was able to convey what he wanted the subject to say, and the subject obediently did so. The subject was persuaded to visualize the fantasized incident in such detail, that he was afterward convinced that it was a genuine recollection of an actual event. But by far the most pernicious use of false memory syndrome was perpetrated by self-styled therapists who started by informing credulous patients that they were evincing symptoms of childhood sexual abuse. Despite the patient's denial that such abuse had ever occurred, the therapist instructed the (usually female) patient to allow her mind to go blank and to think back to the time when, according to the therapist, the abuse had occurred. In other words, the patient was instructed to imagine such an event. When the subject complied, the therapist then utilized the same technique as hypnotists, instructing the patient to look closely at the picture in her mind and fill in details. The subject invariably did so. At the point where the fantasy was vivid and detailed, the therapist was invariably able to persuade the subject that her carefully directed fantasy was a genuine memory of a sexual assault that had actually happened. As a consequence, several patients publicly leveled accusations of molestation against innocent guardians. In fact, when a genuine sexual molestation of a child occurs, the child either never forgets the incident, or forgets it totally and permanently with no possibility of it ever being recalled, just as 99 percent of all experiences from childhood are forgotten and never recalled. What cannot happen is that such an experience is forgotten for twenty years and then remembered at the prompting of a therapist whose other female patients all tend to *remember* the same thing. In some incidents, therapists have been successfully sued by patients whom they deluded into forming false memories long enough to accuse the innocent, but who came to realize that the alleged assault had never occurred. For further information, see *Hidden Memories*, by Robert A. Baker, Prometheus, 1992.

**fart** The emission of methane from the rectum, often with musical accompaniment.

**Fartism** The school of Christian mythology which holds that Jesus farted and belched like any other man.

**Fascist** Far-right political oligarchy founded by Benito Mussolini, using as its emblem the *fasces* that lictors carried before a Consul of Rome as the symbol of his authority.

**fascist** Any extremist political oligarchy or philosophy that practises or preaches Mussolini-type totalitarianism. *e.g.*, the regimes of Franco, Hitler, Peron, Stalin, Castro, the Moral Majority, Canada's CRAP party, trade unions, all popes, Begin, Shamir, Sharon, Khomeini, Saddam, Gaddafi, Nixon, Reagan, Bush Jr, Thatcher, Menzies, Aberhart, Manning, Douglas, Duplessis, Paisley, and North America's religious right.

**faster than light travel** Physical impossibility for any object of non-zero mass. Einstein's equation for the mass of a moving object includes the term,  $c - v$ , in the denominator. At the point where  $v$ , the object's velocity, equals  $c$ , light speed, the denominator becomes zero, and mass therefore becomes infinite. Since infinite mass is an absurdity, therefore velocity equal to light speed is an absurdity. Einstein's equation has been sufficiently tested to support an assumption that it is always valid.

**fasting** *see* masochism

**fatalism** The belief that all events are irreversibly predetermined; epitomized by the Muslim axiom, "I cannot die unless it is my day to die."

**FAT CUNTS** Acronym for "Fight Abortion Through Coercion, Unintelligent Nonsense, Terrorism and Screaming."

**Fate** "The country's leading purveyor of paranormal hogwash" —Martin Gardner.

**fate worse than death** Archaic terminology for pregnancy.

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**Father** Title born by priests of the Persian savior god Mithra and by the president of the Jewish Sanhedrin. Even though MATTHEW 23:9 showed Jesus the Nazirite saying, “Call no one Father on the land,” Christian priests became “Father” when the emperor Constantine switched his allegiance from the god Mithra to the god Jesus, and compelled the Christian hierarchy to incorporate all of the Mithraic practices to which he was accustomed.

**Fatima** Arabian moon goddess adopted into Islam as Mohamed’s daughter, wife of his brother Ali. Since it was caliph Ali rather than warlord Mohamed who was married to the goddess, Ali originally outranked Mohamed, and in Shi’ite Islam still does. Later, Fatima’s stature as ancestress was attributed to her descent from Mohamed.

**Fatima hoax** Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, in Fatima, Portugal, a ten-year-old girl named Lucia dos Santos and two slightly older cousins, both now dead, claimed to see and hear a vision that they identified as the Christian goddess Mary. On the last occasion, the children were accompanied by 50,000 Portuguese citizens, none of whom saw anything unusual, even though the three children claimed to be seeing and hearing the goddess. On that occasion, according to Lucia, the goddess revealed that World War One would end that same day. It did not. In later years Lucia wrote accounts of her visions, some of which were made known to the public. The main document, however, was an account of the goddess’s promises, made in 1917, that was not to be opened until 1960. In that year, Pope John XXIII read the document and promptly ordered its suppression, possibly with the intention of publishing it after Lucia’s death. While it is mere speculation that the document contained a prophecy that communism in Russia would have disappeared by 1960, it cannot reasonably be doubted that it contained failed prophecies that would have discredited the Fatima hoax permanently, and brought down worldwide condemnation on a woman who had conceivably long since confessed her indiscretion to her priest. When Pope Wojtyla read the document after his accession, there can be little doubt that he ordered it and all copies of its contents destroyed, for he subsequently made a *pilgrimage* to Fatima for the purpose of upholding the hoax. Even though Wojtyla was of subhuman intelligence, it is inconceivable that he would have put the papacy’s credibility on the line without first making sure that evidence of Lucia’s hoax could never reappear. Eventually, the Vatican announced that the document contained a prophecy that a priest in a white robe would fall in a hail of bullets, a prophecy that retroactively justified its suppression until after the failed assassination attempt against Wojtyla. Anyone who believes that probably owns a lot of swampland in Florida.

**Febronia, Saint** Canonization of Roman goddess Juno Februata, patron of sexual ecstasy, whose orgiastic feast became St Valentine’s day.

**Felicity, Saint** Canonization of personified fortune and fertility.

**Felix, Saint** Canonization of *felicitas*, personified fertility, as one of almost one thousand named saints alleged to have been among the approximately three hundred executed by Diocletian.

**fellatio** Latin for cocksucking.

**fellow traveler** A person who sees a degree of validity in opinions that the speaker hates, or who refuses to join the speaker in suppressing all dissent. Thus to a fascist such as Joseph McCarthy, all liberals, Democrats, civil libertarians and moderate Republicans were lumped together as “communists and fellow travelers.”

**female form divine** Australian baby talk for *tits and arse*.

**feminist** Any person who supports the platform that men and women should have equal rights, equal pay for equal work, and equal status in all fields, in a society currently based on male supremacy. While some members of feminist organizations are undoubtedly attempting to replace male supremacy with female supremacy, just as the Irish Republican Army is attempting to replace

Protestant absolutism with Catholic absolutism, the majority are committed to the principle of equal rights for all. Opposition to feminism comes mainly from godworshippers, on the ground that their bibles categorically declare women a lower life form.

**femme fatale** Originally, a woman who was raised on snake venom and other poisons, causing her husband to die on their wedding night; probably an attempt to explain venereal disease.

**fertility god** Type of god that came into existence following the Big Discovery, as a male equivalent of the various savior goddesses such as Easter and Persephone who died in winter and rose again in the spring. At first male saviors took the goddess's place in the underworld so that she could return to the upper world and end the desolation of winter. Later the goddess's role was abolished, and a male savior annually died for the sins of the world and rose again on the third day, transferring the surrendered portion of his immortality to worshippers who sacramentally ate his body and drank his blood in the form of bread and alcohol. The earliest male fertility god was Osiris, and the last, 3000 years later, was Jesus. Between the two came Dionysos, Atthis, Tammuz, Mithra, Adonis, and many others. Just as fertility goddesses originated as deified vulvas, so fertility gods began as deified phalluses. Archaeologists have unearthed statues of Hermes, Priapos, Atthis and others, with either one oversized phallus or numerous phalluses. Since the god Jesus was based on the historical leader of a cult that glorified celibacy, he was never depicted as superphallic or multiphallic.

**fertility goddess** The personified vulva, worshipped as Mother of all living things in the days when the concept *father* did not yet exist. In the 30,000 years before the creation of male gods, worshippers sacramentally consumed the Mother's sacred vulva in the form of the vulva-shaped fig, pomegranate, almond, fish, cherry, and other forms. Persephone retained her fertility goddess status until well into Christian times.

**Festus, Porcius** Procurator of Judea 60-62 CE. It was Festus who decided to turn Paul of Tarsus over to the Sanhedrin for trial on capital charges under Jewish law. Since condemnation by the Sanhedrin was absolutely certain, Paul played his ace of trumps and acknowledged that he had accepted Roman citizenship and was therefore entitled to appeal to Nero. The claim in ACTS that Festus would have freed Paul if he had not appealed to the emperor is nonsense.

**fetish** Any object of monocentric fixation.

**Fields, W. C.** Whisky addict who refused to drink water because "Fish fuck in it." In fact fish do not copulate. The female lays unfertilized eggs, and the male then squirts sperm over them.

**fifth force** Postulated force of nature additional to the electromagnetic, gravitational, and strong and weak nuclear forces, which if it existed could explain telepathy and telekinesis. It could not, however, explain precognition, which is a violation of the law of cause and effect and therefore cannot exist. Telekinesis and telepathy, extra-sensory perception, could exist if there was a fifth force, but more than a century of competent research producing only negative results (incompetent research regularly produces positive results) has established that they almost certainly do not. No fifth force is therefore necessary, since there are no inexplicable phenomena to explain. Scientists consider the possibility of a fifth force vanishingly small.

**fig** Regarded in Egypt and some other places as the fruit of the tree of life, capable of giving eternal life to worshippers who ate it sacramentally as the vulva of the personified Vulva, Goddess the Mother. The fig, like the pomegranate and the almond, was a logical choice for such a role, since the fully ripened fruit tended to split down one side and assume a striking resemblance to the human vulva.

**fig leaves** When Mithra, the Persian prototype of the god Jesus, was born in a cold climate, he knitted fig leaves together to form a loincloth to keep himself warm. The fig tree was an obvious

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choice from which to seek such protection, since it was the tree of life, and its fruit was the sacramental vulva of Goddess the Mother, the deified vulva. More than one thousand years after Mithra made himself a garment of fig leaves, the Priestly author had Adam and Eve do likewise, for the purpose of introducing into Judaism the world's first nakedness taboo.

**fighting** Form of recreation practised by children, intellectually handicapped hockey players, sadists and masochists, and other lower life forms.

**Figurehead of State** Absentee monarch of such countries as Australia and Canada, whose pretended status is tolerated only so long as she does not forget that she does not really have any more authority or rights in those countries than any other nonresident alien.

**final solution** Name coined by the National Socialist Party that ruled Germany during World War Two, for the policy of total extermination that the Nazis attempted to implement as a response to a perceived *Jewish problem*. Since the *final solution* was Nazi policy for a full two years prior to Germany's defeat in 1945, the number of Jews actually killed in Hitler's death camps may conceivably have been close to the six million that has become a Jewish dogma, but insufficient evidence for or against such a figure is ever likely to be discovered.

**fire of Rome** A fire that occurred in 64 CE, lasted six days, killed thousands, and demolished ten of Rome's fourteen districts. Christian mythology upholds the belief of Suetonius that the fire was started at the order of the emperor Nero, and that Nero punished the Christians for his own crime. Tacitus, however, while reporting the rumors of Nero's guilt, agreed with what remained the majority opinion for many decades, that the Christians had started the fire and been deservedly punished. However, Nero carried the punishment of the Christians to such extremes, that he generated a backlash of sympathy for those Christians who had not been involved in the arson but were executed simply for being Christian. There is no evidence that the passage in REVELATION, written after the fire and prophesying that Rome would be destroyed by fire, was borrowed from an older document whose prophecy the arsonists were trying to fulfill, but such a possibility certainly exists. Nero paid for most of the reconstruction after the fire.

**firmament of the heaven** *Authorized Version's* translation of Hebrew words in GENESIS 1:17 meaning "dome of the skies." In the seventh century BCE when the Priestly author wrote, it was believed that the sky was a solid dome covering the flat earth at a height of a few hundred miles, and that it rested on the horizon that was the edge of the world. The sun, moon and stars were believed to be attached to the dome. If any god *inspired* that cosmography, it was clearly as ignorant of astronomy as its human spokesman.

**first cause** Every event had causes that triggered it, and those causes had causes, and so on down to the *first cause* that was not caused. It is argued that that first cause could only have been an intelligent life form, or god, that has existed eternally. Unfortunately, the necessity of assuming that such an intelligence could have existed uncaused is as unreasonable as assuming that the present condition of the universe could exist uncaused. To the degree that the *first cause* theory has any validity, the true first cause is the inherent properties of matter, commonly termed laws of nature, which caused what was to evolve into what is.

**First Lady** Pretentious title, first applied to Dolly Madison, bestowed on a woman whose only qualification is that she sleeps with the biggest frog in her puddle.

**first past the post** Archaic and inequitable voting system that disenfranchises supporters of minority political parties, by forcing them to choose between voting for their preferred candidate, knowing that such an action is the equivalent of not voting at all, and voting for the major-party candidate whom they consider the lesser evil. *First past the post* is suitable for small children and mentally handicapped adults, and for that reason is favoured in countries in which low intelligence is not considered a disadvantage in a politician. It survives because political parties elected under

such a system are unwilling to introduce an equitable system such as the single transferable vote or proportional representation, because they doubt that they could win under any other system. Observed inequities caused by *first past the post* include:

- in Alberta, the Social Credit party won 47 percent of the vote and 90 percent of the seats;
- in western Canada, the Liberal party won 25 percent of the vote and 0 percent of the seats;
- in England, the Liberal party consistently wins 15 percent of the vote and 1 percent of the seats, and a further 15 percent of the voters, whose first choice would have been Liberal, vote Conservative as the safest way to prevent the hated socialists from winning.

**fish** Vulva-shaped sea creature that was sacramentally eaten as the body of the Saxon sex goddess Frig on her name day, Friday. Christianity consequently borrowed Friday as fish-eating day in order to assimilate goddess worshippers who would not have converted if they had been forced to abandon customs with which they were comfortable.

**Fixx, James** Author whose books extolling the virtues of jogging plummeted from the bestseller charts when he died of a heart attack brought on by jogging. Clearly jogging is not for everyone, and perhaps should not be practised at all without competent medical advice and supervision.

**flag** Symbol of a nation or community's moral, political and economic philosophy, that is nonetheless just a piece of cloth. Generally, only conservatives or moral retards (there's a difference?) tend to be incapable of distinguishing between the symbol and the philosophy that it represents, and to support laws equating disrespectful treatment of the symbol with the attempted illegal overthrow of elected government. The attitude that insulting, by burning or other means, a symbol such as a flag should be a criminal offense, stems from the religious dogma that insulting the tribal god is or ought to be a crime called blasphemy. A person who cannot comprehend that no sane god could be insulted by a mortal, is unlikely to be able to grasp that no nation can be harmed by purely symbolic gestures such as flag burning. Laws prohibiting flag burning constitute a suppression of free speech; but conservatives have never *really* supported free speech.

**flagellants** Masochists whose favored orgasm substitute is to march in parades mourning the death of a savior god, now invariably the god Jesus but formerly the goddess Easter and others, whipping themselves. Even popes have condemned the custom in the hope of ridding Christianity of its masochistic image, despite the fact that Christianity's most famous *saints* were canonized for just such perversions.

**flashback** Technique used by television sitcoms to pass off reruns as new episodes.

**Flat Earth Society** Organization that at any moment contains first year members who joined as a joke, but whose leaders and long-term members are Christian fundamentalists who, recognizing that the Judaeo-Christian bible contains seven stories that can be true only if the earth is flat, and believing that their bible is literal truth, are adamant that the earth therefore must be flat. Flat Earthers are the only true biblical fundamentalists, since any person who acknowledges that the earth is a sphere thereby acknowledges that the JC bible contains lies.

**fleshpots** A.V. translation of Hebrew words more accurately translated in later bibles as "pots of meat" or "bowls of meat." The continued reprinting of the *Authorized Version* at a time when the English of 1611 has become almost as incomprehensible as the English of Chaucer, has led to the expression *fleshpots* being interpreted by illiterate believers (there's another kind?) as meaning something akin to an Arabian brothel. In fact, EXODUS 16:3 contrasted the Israelites' hunger in the desert with the plentiful bowls of meat they had abandoned in Egypt.

**FLK syndrome** The condition of being a "funny looking kid."

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**flood** Virtually every culture subject to periodic flooding created a myth of a flood that had covered the entire earth, and elements of the story often diffused from one culture to another. The earliest version was that of the Indus Valley. The rain goddess whose name eventually evolved into *Nukie* and *Noah* sent a flood to wipe out the human race in punishment for switching its allegiance from female to male gods. But the deified generative principles, the lingam and yoni, phallus and vulva, conjoined to form an ark, a hollow box with erect mast, that floated on the water and repopulated the earth. In later versions, a male god learned of the goddess's evil plan and thwarted it by warning a just man to construct an ark large enough to carry all species of animal known to the author. In the earliest written version, the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, the Sumerian hero Ziusudra took a male and a female of each species aboard, and released a raven and a dove in order to ascertain when the water had subsided. An Armenian flood myth had the ark land on the Armenian mountain of Ararat. GENESIS contains two incompatible flood myths, written c 920 BCE and c 600 BCE and riffled together shortly before 434 BCE. Among the contradictions between the two versions is that the Priestly author made no distinction between clean and unclean animals, having Noah take one male and one female of each species, whereas the Yahwist had Noah take seven of each clean species and two of each unclean species; J's flood lasted forty days, whereas P's flood lasted a year; and Noah's sons in J were Shem, Japheth and Canaan, while in P they were Shem, Japheth and Ham.

**Flora** Roman goddess of spring, whose May Day festival of round robin copulation continued to be celebrated by Christians for at least 1500 years, but is now practised in its original form only by adherents of the nature religion, Wicca, whose members call themselves witches.

**flower child** Someone who believes that the war between carnivores and herbivores could be ended by having the herbivores renounce all means of defense, and that if murder, rape and other forms of violence are ignored they will go away.

**flying saucer** *see* unidentified flying object

***Flying Saucers Have Landed*** Book allegedly written by an alleged adult, George Adamski, and edited into reasonably literate English by Desmond Leslie. In fact the book's level of sophistication strongly suggests that its true author was a retarded seven-year-old, since no ten-year-old could have told such a puerile fantasy and seriously expected to be believed by adults. Adamski's grasp of reality falls slightly below that of Bernadette Soubirous and Dan Aykroyd.

**Flynn, Errol** Australian film actor whose phallus was of average dimensions, despite the near-unanimous belief of Australian men that its length was 56 cm or 22 inches. Flynn did, however, according to a person present at the party in Vancouver where he died, have a wart on his penis.

**food, multiplication of** Myth that appears several times in the Judaeo-Christian bible, first in connection with Eliyahuw, then Elisha, and finally with Jesus, whose biographers simply copied his predecessors' miracles and attributed them to their hero.

**Ford, Arthur** Spook crook who twice achieved celebrity by giving accurate information about public figures that he claimed to have obtained by non-sensory means. Ford correctly quoted the message that Harry Houdini had promised his wife he would send her after his death if spiritualism had any validity. Bess Houdini rejected. Ford's claim that her husband had spoken through Ford, since she knew that the message could have been conveyed to the medium by any of the persons to whom she had blabbed it during a period of alcoholism. Much later, Ford convinced Bishop Pike of his genuineness when, on a televised seance, he revealed information about Pike's friends that he had culled from the thousands of obituaries he kept on file for just such a purpose. Such are the lengths to which believers in humbuggery will go to maintain their delusions, that the authors of Ford's biography endorsed his legitimacy while simultaneously acknowledging that he had many times been caught using conjuring techniques "to avoid disappointing the public." For additional

information, see Martin Gardner's, *Science: Good, Bad and Bogus* (Prometheus, 1981), and Milbourne Christopher's, *Mediums, Mystics and the Occult*. (NY, 1975)

**foreknowledge** Knowledge that a future event will occur as the effect of a past or present cause. *e.g.*: The auditors who count the votes have foreknowledge of which persons and films will win Academy Awards. Most persons have foreknowledge that the sun will rise tomorrow. In the metaphysical sense, foreknowledge is awareness of the details of a future event that has not yet been caused to occur, or of which no information concerning its already-existing cause has been received by normal sensory means. Since a cause (occurrence of a phenomenon) must precede its effect (observation or awareness of the phenomenon), it necessarily follows that metaphysical foreknowledge is a violation of the law of cause and effect and therefore cannot exist. Since such foreknowledge cannot exist, it further follows that an entity possessed of such foreknowledge, whether god, psychic, or other, also cannot exist. And what cannot exist does not exist.

**foreplay** Any behavior, but especially body contact such as oral and digital stimulation, performed for the purpose of sexually arousing another person as a prelude to copulation. The most popular form of public foreplay, presented as competitive sport, is called *ice dancing*.

**foreshadowing by retroactive prophecy** Literary technique used by the Yahwist to heighten the reader's interest by salting his narrative with *prophecies* that were fulfilled later in the story. At regular intervals the Yahwist put into the mouth of Yahweh and others *prophecies* that Abraham's descendants would one day rule the land ruled by King David at the time of writing, conquer the tribes conquered by King David, and establish the dynasty established by King David. Authors of the Judaeo-Christian bible's prophetic books used the same technique of composing retroactive prophecies, but their purpose was invariably to establish credibility so that their prophecies of the future would be taken seriously. In fact, while biblical authors had an impressive although imperfect record when prophesying the past, not a single one ever succeeded in correctly prophesying the future.

**forgiveness** In salvation mythology, the annulment of the penalty for taboo-breaking, so that the alleged sinner could enter his cult's afterlife. In some religions, including RC, a priest or equivalent can dispense forgiveness on the god's behalf, but in Protestantism only the god can forgive, and no means has been established to assure the sinner that it has done so.

**Fornicalia** Roman festival in which male worshippers copulated with nuns as a sacramental performance of the sex goddess's life-producing ritual. The name meant literally "oven feast," from Latin *fornix*, "oven," an oven being equated with the goddess's womb.

**fornication** Word used in all English bibles as a translation of the Greek *porneia*, but actually derived from *fornicalia*; sacramental copulation between a male worshipper and a fertility nun as an act of worship to the nun's goddess. Everywhere that *fornication* appears in the Judaeo-Christian bible, it means precisely that. Fornication was false-god worship. In Christian times the word generalized to mean any form of sexcrime involving an unmarried woman, while *adultery* generalized to incorporate non-procreative acts by a married woman, so that all sexual recreation other than between a husband and wife became one sexcrime or the other. Modern commentators often describe original fornication as *sacred prostitution*, for the same reason that many Protestants describe the RC Eucharist as *cannibalism*: hostility to the practices of any mythology but one's own. Fornication did involve a man's paying an offering to the nun's goddess and receiving sexual gratification in exchange, but what he was really purchasing was communion with the deity. Common prostitution did, however, come into existence as a consequence of the discovery by ex-nuns that men were willing to pay for sexual recreation. The sacrament of fornication differed little in theory from modern Jesus-eating. For the worshipper, the nun was transubstantiated into the Body of Goddess, while for the nun the worshipper was transubstantiated into the savior god



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who was both her son and her husband. Thus, although to nonbelievers the nun appeared to be spreading her legs for anyone willing to pay her fee, in her own mind her copulations were always with the invisible god. She was therefore spiritually a virgin whose chastity was beyond question, and the day eventually came when nuns of the goddess Vesta and the god Jesus were required to be literal virgins. At the point where true fornication had disappeared from Christianized society, the word acquired its new meaning.

**Fort, Charles** Described by Isaac Asimov as “the Immanuel Velikovsky of his time” (the 1930s); a crank whose pseudoscientific nonsense is no longer taken seriously; author of a Velikovskyan book of alternative metascience called *Lo*, that was serialized in *Astounding Stories* in 1934 on the ground that it resembled science fiction. In fact it *was* science fiction.

**forty day fast** Plinius the Elder prescribed a forty day fast for men who wished to father boys. Whether such a belief existed when a chronicler credited Eliyahuw with fasting forty days in the desert is unknown, but the allegation that Eliyahuw afterward anointed Elisha as his successor, thereby acquiring a spiritual if not biological son, suggests that it did. The author of MARK, who borrowed all of Eliyahuw’s miracles and attributed them to Jesus, did likewise with the forty day fast. MARK also had Jesus tempted by the Prince of Darkness at the end of his fast, just as Zarathustra had similarly been tempted.

**for unlawful carnal knowledge** Spurious folk etymology of *fuck*.

**four empires in DANIEL** The third author of DANIEL, who wrote all of chapter 7 and most of chapter 2 in 164 BCE, retroactively prophesied that, following the death of Nebuchadnezzar, the world would be ruled by four successive empires, the fourth of which would be overthrown and replaced by a theocracy of saints. Mythologians have attempted to equate the four empires with Rome, Islam, the papacy, and various other political forces that had not come into existence in 164 BCE. In fact the saintly theocracy of the prophecy has been acknowledged even by scholarly mythologians (oxymoron?) to be the Hasmonean monarchy established by Judas Maccabaeus and his brothers. At the time of writing, Judas was still alive and still at war with the Seleucids who ruled Persia, but Judas’s initial victories encouraged the author to prophesy that an independent theocracy would be established and would last forever. In fact it lasted one hundred years. Since the four empires were pre-Hasmonean, they obviously included the Babylonian empire of the usurper Nabonidos, the Persian empire of Cyrus and his successors, and the Greek empire of Alexander and his Seleukid successors. The clue to the fourth empire lies in a previous DANIEL author’s declaration that Babylon fell, not to Cyrus, its true conqueror, but to a nonexistent *Darius the Mede*. The author of chapter six stated that Darius the Mede was followed by Cyrus the Persian, and the author of chapter seven used that error to create a fourth, nonexistent, Median empire between the Babylonian and the Persian. For additional information see *Darius the Mede and the Four World Empires in the Book of Daniel*, by H. H. Rowley, Cardiff, 1935.

**foxhunting** “The unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable.” —Oscar Wilde. Form of animal torture in which a live fox is chased and ultimately torn apart by a pack of dogs for the entertainment of those members of the British aristocracy whose sadism is too chronic for them to be satisfied by watching boxing or tearing the wings off flies.

**Fox sisters** In 1848 two American children, Kate and Margaret Fox, developed the art of cracking their toes against the foot of the bed in order to make loud rapping noises that their parents found inexplicable. The girls explained the noises by pretending that *spirits* made them as a means of announcing their presence. When a book written by the girls’ married sister announced the spirit rappings to the world, the hoax of spiritualism was born. Before her death at an advanced age, Margaret Fox realized that she had unleashed a monstrous fraud on the world and confessed the hoax. But her confession came too late to put an end to spiritualism. Too many pushers were

fleeing too many little old ladies of their life savings by pretending to contact their dead relatives, and too many eternal-life addicts were too comfortable with the assurances of the spook crooks that death was nothing more than transition to *the other side*. The Fox sisters were not the only persons whose discrediting was insufficient to destroy a scam that they had invented. The discovery that Ellen White plagiarized her pretended revelations on which Seventh Day Adventist mythology is based has not led to that sect's disappearance. The discovery that Joseph Smith was a plagiarist and a liar whose *Book of Mormon* was a copy of a historical novel has not diminished the LDS church that Smith founded. The repeated exposure of Jeane Dixon as a liar and a humbug did not reduce the number of newspapers that prostituted themselves by carrying her astrology column. And the exposure of televangelists Garner Ted Armstrong and Peter Popoff has not abolished either from television. For additional information see E. W. Fornell's *The Unhappy Medium*, Austin, 1964; and H. G. Jackson's *The Spirit Rappers*, NY, 1972.

**Francis of Assisi** Christian masochistic saint (there's another kind?) who imagined that he was able to converse with birds and insects. Today anyone making such a claim would be confined to a cell with padded walls. But Francis lived in a culture even less capable of distinguishing sense from nonsense than present-day creationists. In 1224 Francis became the first victim of self-hypnosis to become so deluded that he began bleeding in the five places that his bible told him Jesus had been wounded. In fact, while Francis's stigmata matched the bible's report that Jesus was wounded in the hands, feet and chest, Jesus' true wounds would have been in the wrists, ankles, and lower legs. Francis was unquestionably paranoid, and he once walked naked through the streets while in a tantrum over a rebuke from his bishop.

**Frankenstein** The first science fiction story, written in 1818. The moral of *Frankenstein* was that there are things humankind is not meant to accomplish or to know, even though he apparently has the capacity to do so, and that transgressing the limits of human ignorance will unleash divine nemesis. The same kind of dysfunctional reasoning caused religious fundamentalists to condemn biologist Luther Burbank, and causes present-day fundamentalists to oppose gene-splicing, cloning, and other alleged divine prerogatives.

**Frankenstein, Georg** Fifteenth-century nobleman of the historical family borrowed by Mary Shelley for her science fiction novel. The legend that Georg killed a dragon appears to postdate England's *St George* myth.

**fraternity** University social club organized for the purpose of giving adults the opportunity to behave like children, practise sado-masochism, and participate in a hereditary caste system.

**fraternization** Militaresque for copulation.

**fravashi** Zoroastrian guardian angels, adopted by Christianity as part of its folk culture but never officially canonized as dogma.

**free admission** Tactic used by touring pushers of god mythology to get believers in the door so that they can be parted from far more money than they would have paid for an admission ticket.

**free demonstration** Sales pitch for a product nobody needs.

**freedom fighter** A terrorist whose political or religious orientation is identical to one's own, or whose enemy is perceived as one's own enemy.

**freedom of religion** Constitutional amendment that, according to American jurors, does not permit a Rastafarian to smoke cannabis sacramentally, does not permit communicants of the Church of Venus to copulate sacramentally, does not permit a Humanist to conduct opening exercises in the United States Senate, but does permit Jehovah's Witnesses and Christian Scientists to kill their children by withholding lifesaving medical procedures.

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**free gift** Tautology.

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**free love** Anthropologists' term for the cultural system in which every female is free to copulate with any male at any time, with no social pressure to bond with a single partner and no belief that copulating with one partner can constitute an act of *unfaithfulness* against another partner. In such societies, a women's right to practise free love ceases when she marries, since its continuance would deny her husband the right to raise children of whose paternity he is certain. Free love was the norm among Polynesians until their comparatively sane gods were overthrown by the insane gods of Christian missionaries, who prohibited all sexual activity except between monogamous registered partners, in bed with the lights out, in what came to be called the *missionary position*. The Bolsheviks attempted to impose compulsory free love in Russia in the early months of the revolution, in an attempt to demonstrate the superiority of taboo-free recreation, but the attempt was abandoned when the commissars recognized that the brainwashed masses saw free love as compulsory immorality.

**free lunch** The apparent acquisition of a no-strings-attached benefit, in violation of the principles of conservation of energy, entropy, and "me first." There is no such thing as a free lunch.

**freemartin** Word coined by Aldous Huxley in *Brave New World* to mean a woman who is able to recreate sexually at will, but has been rendered surgically or chemically infertile.

**Freemason** Member of a secular religion that combines the worst features of trade unionism and god worship. The degree of correlation between the rituals of the Freemasons and the Mormons has led historians to the conclusion that Joseph Smith had been a Freemason. Some investigators have claimed to see a similar parallel between Freemason procedures and details of the acts of Jack the Ripper. Freemasons are required to believe in an architect of the universe, but are free to equate the architect with the creator god of any major religion. While Freemasons tend to keep a low profile, there is a highly visible branch of the organization called the *Shriners* that sponsors circuses, and parades in flamboyant costumes on festive occasions.

**freemate** A person who has an ongoing sexual relationship with another, but is not bound by the legal or implied obligations denoted by a formal contract of marriage.

**free speech** The right to hold and express any opinion or conclusion one chooses, provided it does not contradict the official party line of a society's sacred cows. Thus it is not a crime to voice the indefensible conclusion that the earth is flat, but free speech does not include the right to teach the equally indefensible conclusion that Hitler's extermination program never happened. Every American feels free to question former vice president Danforth Quayle's intelligence, but no one dares question the feebleminded pope Karol Wojtyla's intelligence. Scientists are free to publish research findings that all races are of equal intelligence, but with rare exceptions dare not publish opposite findings. In England, Germany and Canada there is not even a pretence of free speech, as the prosecutions of James Keegstra, Denis Lemon, and Ernst Zundel prove. That persons criminalized for exercising an imagined right of free speech have invariably reached incorrect conclusions is irrelevant. If publishing falsehoods in the belief that they are true is to be deemed a criminal offence, then the publishers of bibles should all be in jail.

**free will** The ability to make decisions that are neither the immutable consequence of a god's predestination nor the preconditioned response to cultural conditioning. Denial that free will exists or can exist is most strongly asserted by Calvinists, to whom every thought or action is predetermined by the cult's god, and Skinnerians, who classify every human action as a

conditioned response to a stimulus. Any person who thinks he does not have the functional intelligence to make free choices is probably right.

**free world** That part of planet earth where the victims of mind-crippling tyranny rejoice because their Big Brother is in the sky rather than in Moscow.

**French disease** English name for syphilis, which the French call “the English disease.”

**French kiss**

- (A) open-mouthed kiss with extended tongue;
- (B) cunnilingus.

**French letter** Condom.

**French safe** Condom.

**Freud, Sigmund** Creator of psychoanalysis, the form of humbuggery that in the mid-twentieth century supported more parasites than any other fraud except religion. Like Torquemada and Velikovsky, Freud was a sincere fanatic who originally attempted to cure mental aberrations by hypnosis. When he proved inept at utilizing hetero-suggestion, he was forced to seek a substitute. He came up with psychoanalysis when he realized that it was an excellent method of obtaining ten years’ fees from a patient who could have been cured in one sitting by ostensibly hypnotic suggestion. For further information see Martin Gross’s *The Psychological Society*, NY, 1978, and Hans Eysenck’s *The Decline and Fall of the Freudian Empire*, London, 1985.

**Freyja** Old Norse equivalent of Frig, the deified vulva, after whom *Friday* is named.

**Freyr** Deified phallus, brother and husband of Freyja, the deified vulva.

**Friday the Thirteenth** Double bad omen in male-god mythology, because it is the conjunction of two goddess symbols: the day of Frig, the Germanic fertility goddess; and the number thirteen that represented the signs of the zodiac in the days when all deities including the fixed stars were female.

**Frig** Germanic goddess of sex and fertility; deification of the planet Venus; equivalent to Aphrodite, Ashtareth, Astarte, Artemis, Ishtar, Easter, Venus, Anuket, Nuki, Cunti, Azazel, Lilith, Eve.

**Frum, John** *see* cargo cult

**fuck** Evolved form of Old English *fachen*, to strike or bang; as an intransitive verb: to engage in sexual recreation; as a transitive verb: to destroy or damage; as a noun: the act of fucking. In a culture warped by buddhistic/Essene anti-sexualism, *fuck* is often used sexually as a transitive verb by persons who view copulation as something done by a man to a woman rather than as a joyful, shared experience. Following the French conquest of England in 1066 CE, French became the language of the upper classes while English remained the language of the *vulgi*, the masses. As a consequence, French names for body parts and natural functions came to be regarded as mandatory in educated usage, while English names such as *fuck* were viewed as *vulgar*, lower class. *Vulgar* eventually came to mean *dirty*, and *fuck* is so regarded by the brainwashed to this day.

**F.U.C.K.** Acronym for Friends United in Close Kinship, a loosely affiliated group of social clubs for people who like to fuck.

**fuck you** A survival of the Old English expression, “I fuck you,” which meant, “I am the alpha male, with the right to mount every member of the herd, including you.” Despite its inappropriateness, heterosexual females who have no awareness of its etymology sometimes use the expression.

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**fucked** As a verb: preterit of *fuck*; as an adjective: damaged or destroyed.

**fucking** Present participle or gerund that cannot legitimately be used as an adjective, except in such sentences as, "At the stud, I saw a fucking horse in action." Only an illiterate would use a word pertaining to sex in a non-sexual context such as, "I want a fucking ticket on the first fucking boat off this fucking island and I'm not fucking coming back."

**Fu Hi** Chinese patriarchal hero credited with being the first man to discover the male role in reproduction. Even though most of the world made the Big Discovery of the connection between copulation and procreation at about the same time, c 3500 BCE, no other mythology has a hero analogous to Fu Hi.

**Fuller, John G.** Author of *Arigo: Surgeon of the Rusty Knife*, and *The Ghost of Flight 401*, the former a paean to a Brazilian medical quack who practises conjuring under the label *psychic surgery*, and the latter a fantasy novel about a ghost that Fuller touts as nonfiction. Some have denounced Fuller as gullible, easily deceived, incompetent at investigating the improbable claims of hoaxers, and lacking even minimal rational judgment. Others consider that evaluation too flattering, and see Fuller as lacking integrity and willing to peddle any lie a gullible public will buy, with no interest in checking the authenticity of the ridiculous hoaxes on which he lives as a parasite.

**fundamentalism** Religious fanaticism that refuses to acknowledge that any part of a sacred document could be something other than revealed truth. Fundamentalist Christians thus believe, because their bible says so, that the universe is about 6000 years old, humans did not evolve from lower life forms but were a separate divine creation, Adam and Eve were historical persons, and Noah's flood was a historical event. Fundamentalist Jews believe all of the above, and also that Jews have a divine right to displace the lawful inhabitants of the land Yahweh allegedly *promised* to Abraham. Fundamentalist Muslims believe that killing authors who write about them unflatteringly is morally acceptable. Fundamentalist communists believe that the future prophesied by Karl Marx exists, even though it observably does not. And fundamentalist atheists refuse to believe that Jesus the Nazirite was a person from history, even though early documents contain much unflattering information about him that no apologist or hagiographer would have invented.

**funeral** Ritual in which a dead person's nonexistent soul is committed to the care of a nonexistent god in a nonexistent Heaven, and a few dollars worth of fertilizer is temporarily protected from worms by a few thousand dollars worth of wood and brass that was sold to the corpse's relatives at a profit of ten thousand percent.

**Furies** Three Greek goddesses who punished crimes against worshipped ancestors and crimes against hospitality; equivalent to the messengers in Jewish mythology who destroyed Sodom and Khomorah.

**fury** The psychopathic rage attributed to Yahweh throughout the Judaeo-Christian bible, that caused him to murder anyone who happened to be handy.

## G

**G spot** Named after Grafenberg, the phenomenon's alleged discoverer: an alleged bean-shaped spot on the interior wall of the female genital orifice that, when stimulated, results in arousal and orgasm, producing a vaginal rather than clitoral orgasm. The existence of a G spot has been postulated on the observed ability of a woman to orgasm when stimulated internally, even though the simpler explanation of such orgasm is that motion anywhere in the pubic area can be converted to clitoral stimulation by autonomic processes that the G spot's alleged discoverer either failed to observe or chose to ignore. Neither anatomists nor microbiologists have been able to find any evidence that any portion of the female recreational orifice contains any properties not possessed by similar tissue elsewhere in the body, and maintain that the only part of a woman's body with the physical or chemical properties necessary to trigger an orgasm is the clitoris. A.K. Ladas and others spelled out the argument for the existence of the G spot in *The G Spot and Other Recent Discoveries* (NY, 1982). Although an occasional researcher claims to have replicated Grafenberg's findings, just as a few researchers claimed to confirm the reality of N rays and Martian canals, the consensus among physiologists is that the G spot does not exist and the vaginal orgasm does not exist.

**Gabriel** Jewish planetary god/seraph/archangel; deification of the planet Mercury; equivalent to Mercury, Hermes, Nabu, Anu and Loki. Gabriel first appeared in Jewish mythology in DANIEL, 164 BCE.

**Gad** Phoenician god of fortune who was the traditional eponymous ancestor of one of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish/Israelite amphictiony. When the Yahwist, or possibly an older source, composed a genealogy that showed the thirteen tribal eponyms as sons and grandsons of the hybrid Jacob/Israel, Gad became Jacob's fifth son. In the J/E redaction he became Jacob's seventh son, and in a seniority list by the Priestly author he became the eleventh son.

**Gaia** Deification of the earth as primeval goddess-the-mother.

**Galerius** Roman emperor 305-311 CE. Galerius was a worshipper of the savior god Mithra, the deified Jesus' main rival for three centuries. For that reason, while Galerius was still deputy to the emperor Diocletian, the Christians tried to burn down the imperial palace and frame Galerius. The plot backfired, and Diocletian abandoned his policy of toleration and declared adherence to Christianity a capital offense. It is estimated that, in addition to the 200-250 Christians executed by Diocletian, Galerius executed a further 1500 under Diocletian's decree.

**Galgaliel** Post-exilic Jewish sun god, one of the seven planetary gods deemed to be the sons of Elohim; equivalent to Apollo, Shamash, Hyperion, Helios; first named in Jewish mythology in the Essene *Book of Enoch* of the second century BCE.

**Galilean itinerant** Pejorative terminology used by first-century Judeans to describe traveling preachers from the north such as Jesus the Nazirite.

**Galilee** The area of Phoenicia north of Samaria and west of the Sea of Galilee, adjacent to modern Lebanon.

**Galileo Galilei** Italian astronomer, 1564-1642, whose invention of an efficient telescope enabled him to verify Copernicus's theory that the planetary system is heliocentric. Since the Judaeo-Christian bible placed the earth rather than the sun at the center of the universe, Galileo was forced to declare that his facts were erroneous in order to avoid torture and execution by the RC church. Galileo also discovered the four largest moons of Jupiter. However, since Jupiter was a planet and therefore could not have moons, for otherwise earth, which also had a moon, would have had to be

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recognized as a planet, the Inquisitors refused to look through Galileo's telescope out of terror that the Christian devil might bewitch them into seeing the nonexistent moons and thereby weaken their faith.

**Gamaliel** Pharisee rabbi who was president of the Sanhedrin at the time of Jesus the Nazirite's execution by the Roman procurator. The author of ACTS put a speech into Gamaliel's mouth in which he described as a past event a rebellion by Theudas that in fact took place a decade after the speech was alleged to have been made. In the same speech Gamaliel was portrayed as defending the Nazirites, despite the fact that the same author, following MARK, identified the Sanhedrin as the body responsible for Jesus' condemnation.

**gambling** The practice of agreeing to pay money or other consideration if a speculated event does not occur, in exchange for receiving an analogous benefit if the event does occur. Some mythologies classify gambling as sinful, and as a consequence it is severely restricted even in countries where such restriction constitutes unconstitutional enforcement of a "law respecting an establishment of religion." Some individuals gamble self-destructively, just as some individuals eat, drink and copulate self-destructively.

**gamma** A person of mediocre intelligence and talent. Gammas tend to have an unrealistic perception of their own abilities, and for that reason many become big frogs in small puddles. Because they constitute two-thirds of the human race, gammas acting in concert have often achieved the necessary power to remold society in their own mediocre image, particularly in trade unions, regional politics, North American schools, the news media, mass entertainment, national conservative and communist parties, and government employment.

**gang bang** Continuous copulation involving several males and one female who was either unreasonably coerced into granting the appearance of consent, or was in a state of impairment that prevented her from adequately expressing non-consent.

**Ganymede** Prince of Troy with whom the paramount Greek god Zeus had a sexual relationship. Since even Christianity could not convince the Greeks that homosexual recreation is morally questionable, Zeus's interlude with a boy has never been regarded unfavorably. Ganymede's name, corrupted to *catamite*, has become a generic term for any boy who is the lover of an older man.

**garbage in, garbage out** Axiom from computer terminology, summarizing the fact that no information derived from a computer can be more valid than the data that was fed into the computer. The GIGO principle can be seen in such fields of pseudo-learning as religion, psychology, parapsychology and sociobiology, in which *evidence* created out of nothing for the specific purpose of upholding a predetermined conclusion can be shown to support that conclusion. "Garbage in, garbage out," is a new wording of the old truth that one can prove absolutely anything if he can get people to accept his axioms.

**garment** *see* yarmulke

**gasoline pill** Pill that costs less than three cents to make, and which, when dropped into four liters of water, converts it into a high-powered motor fuel. The pill has never been marketed because the oil companies have purchased the patent and are keeping it suppressed. Anyone who believes that such a pill exists or could exist probably owns an autographed copy of *Out on a Limb*, plus a lot of swamp land in Florida.

**Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar** Names invented in the sixth century CE for the three nonexistent kings from the east who brought gifts to the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem, a place he never visited in his life, since he was actually born in Galilee, probably in Capernaum.

**Gauquelinonsense** *see* astrobiology

**Gautama, Siddartha** Renegade Brahmana who, probably in response to psychosomatic impotence, created a new perversion by declaring all sexual recreation, particularly marriage, an unforgivable sin, and promoted the masochism of celibacy to the status of a virtue. Gautama found hundreds of disciples as mentally disturbed as himself, and won from them the title of *Buddha*, “the enlightened.” Gautama was the first person to formalize a theory of communism, when he declared that there can be no such thing as private property. He also repudiated the concept of kinship or family ties. Buddhist missionaries in the second century BCE transmitted Gautama’s perversion to Judea, where a Jewish sect that became the Essenes adopted it. The Essenes, through Jesus the Nazirite and Paul of Tarsus, passed on buddhistic masochism to the Christians, and consequently Christianity remains the sickest joy-hating sado-masochistic perversion on earth to this day.

**gay** English word that changed its meaning from “high spirited, merry, joyful” to “homosexual” in less than three decades.

**Gehenna** Greek transcription of Hebrew words meaning “valley of the sons of Hinnom,” site of an altar near Jerusalem where Jews sacrificed their firstborn children in accordance with a commandment of Moses until c 400 BCE. After that date Gehenna was converted into Jerusalem’s garbage dump and graveyard for the bodies of criminals and animals, and a fire was kept burning there to dispose of the waste rather than bury it. A late interpolation in ISAIAH described the fate of the Jews’ enemies in terms of the never-ending fire and ever-ravenous maggots of Gehenna, and that image, along with the name, was picked up by the Essenes, as their version of Zoroaster’s purgatory. Jesus the Nazirite changed the underworld fires from temporary purgation of sin into permanent punishment, and thereby changed Gehenna from the Essene purgatory to the Christian Hell.

**geisha** Japanese woman trained in singing, dancing and other man-pleasing arts. Even though Buddhism has a large following in Japan, buddhistic masochism has not penetrated the mythology of the majority, and consequently the pretence that abstaining from sexual recreation can somehow be virtuous is all but nonexistent outside of fundamentalist Buddhism. Consequently, although sexual services are not part of what a man pays for when he engages a geisha, a geisha who refused to share his bed would be offering the same kind of insult as an entertainer who participated in a command performance and then refused the monarch’s offer to shake hands.

**Geller, Uri** Israeli magician whose talent was insufficient for him to earn an adequate living on stage, so he began performing his conjuring tricks for persons whose desperate desire to believe in the reality of psychic phenomena blinds them to the fraudulence of his pretence that he is not a magician but a *psychic*. There is no such thing as a psychic. For more information see James Randi’s *The Truth About Uri Geller*, Prometheus, 1983.

**Gemara** *see* Talmud

**gender** In grammar, the artificial classification of words as *masculine* or *feminine*, even though the object that the word names is sexless. In English, grammatical gender has been replaced by natural gender, so that a word naming an organism of the female sex (lioness) is automatically feminine gender, a word naming a male organism (man) is masculine gender, a word naming a sexual entity of unstated sex (baby) is common gender, and a word naming a sexless object (chair) or abstraction (democracy) is neuter gender. This has led to the increasing erroneous use of *gender* as a synonym for *sex*, even though *sex* is an attribute of a life form, whereas *gender* is an attribute of a word. In other languages, gender survives unmodified, and no such confusion between gender and sex has occurred. For example, in German *Mädchen* is neuter gender even though a *Mädchen*, young girl, is female sex. *Freiheit*, freedom, is feminine gender, and *Frieden*, peace, masculine gender, even though both concepts are sexless abstractions. In French the word for the sun is

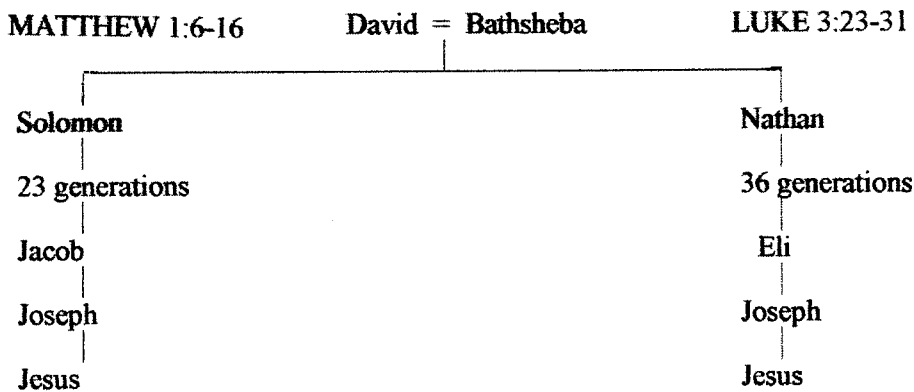


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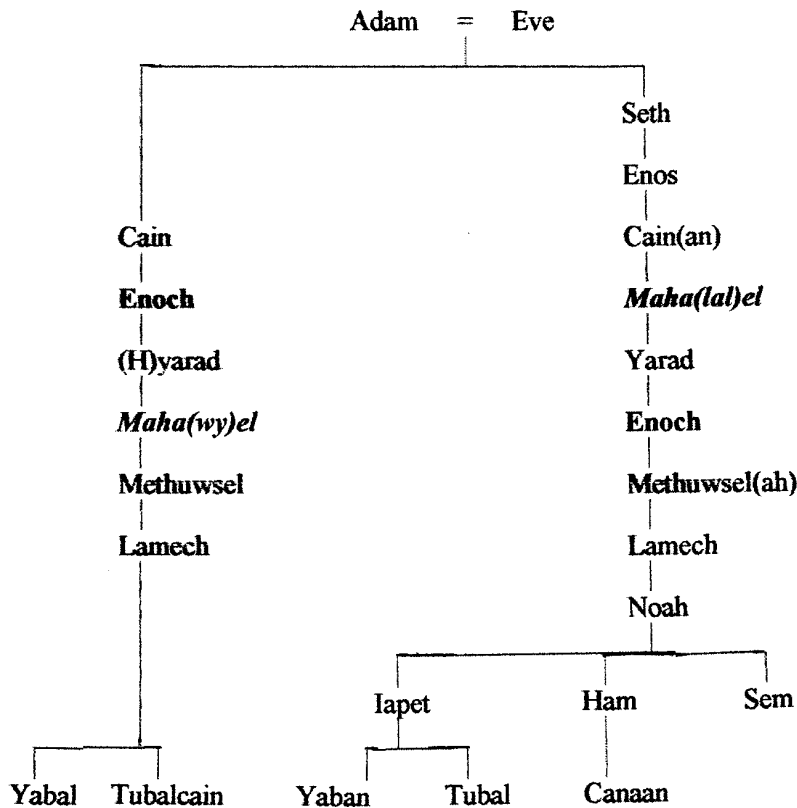
masculine and the word for the moon feminine, whereas in German the reverse is the case, and in English both words, since they name sexless things, are neuter gender. Life forms do not have gender. Only words have gender.

**gender bender** Slang expression based on the misuse of *gender* as a synonym for *sex*, to describe a person perceived as displaying a persona more appropriate for the opposite sex.

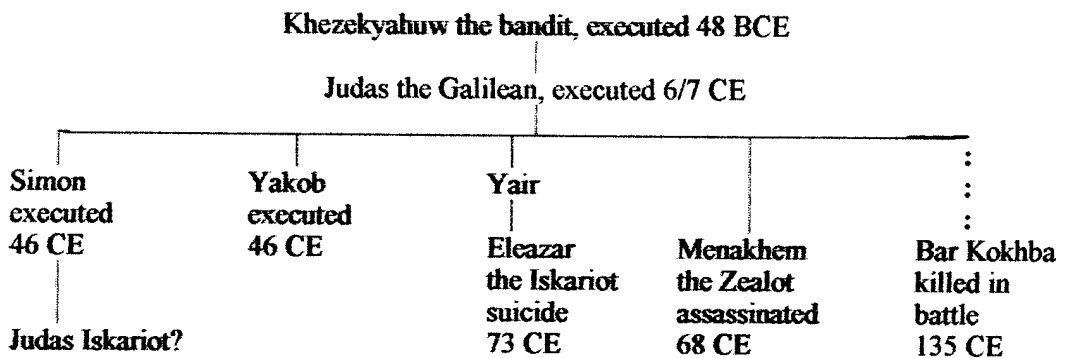
**genealogy of Jesus** Jesus the Nazirite acknowledged (MARK 12:35-37) that he was not descended from King David, even though the *messiah* that he imagined himself to be was by definition David's descendant. Nonetheless, after his death, that acknowledgement was ignored by Christians who rationalized that, as Messiah, he must have been Davidic. Consequently, two incompatible genealogies were concocted to show his descent from David, one of which was included in the gospel known as MATTHEW and the other in the gospel called LUKE, despite the fact that both of those gospels also included the MARK scene in which Jesus denied being Davidic. The genealogies differed as follows:



**genealogy of patriarchs** The Yahwist was the first biblical author to compose a genealogy showing the descent of the nonexistent Adam to the nonexistent Noah and beyond. When the Priestly author three centuries later wrote an alternative Torah to supersede J/E, he deemed himself free to copy, alter or ignore J as he saw fit, since he could not have foreseen that a Redactor would one day combine J/E and P into a single continuous narrative. Because the spellings had changed, R failed to recognize that the *Cain* of the J genealogy and the *Cainan* of the P genealogy were the same man, and consequently included both genealogies in his edited Torah as different persons. The duplication becomes evident when the genealogies are compared. Whether the transposition of Enoch and Mahalalel/Mahawyel in one of the genealogies had already occurred in R's original Torah, or was a copyist's error, cannot be established.



**genealogy of Zealots** The founding of the Zealot sect is generally credited to Judas of Galilee, crucified in 6/7 CE for leading a rebellion against the imposition of direct Roman rule on Judea, even though Judas's father Khezkyahuw, whom Josephus called a bandit, led the opposition to the installation of the Herods as Roman puppets a generation earlier. Menakhem was Judas's son or grandson. Bar Kokhba seems to have been his grandson or great grandson, but he could have been descended from any of the other persons named in the genealogy. Whether Jesus the Nazirite's disciples, Simon the Zealot and Judas the Iskariot, were Judas of Galilee's son and grandson cannot be established.



**GENESIS** First book of the Judaeo-Christian bible; called *Breshith* in Hebrew.

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**genetic engineering** The generation of new species, or species with new characteristics, through the use of recombinant DNA. Opposition to genetic engineering is based less on the Frankenstein dilemma (“What if the creation turns on its creator?”) than on the jealousy of godworshippers desperate to believe that only their gods can do such things.

**genetic fallacy** The false belief that a thesis or discovery can be invalidated by discrediting its author. The genetic fallacy has been used to attack eugenics on the ground that Hitler practised it, and to attack democracy on the ground that the first person to attempt to impose elective leadership on an autocratic dictator was the Christian devil.

**genetic memory** Neo-Lamarckian theory put forward as a less-metaphysical explanation of hypnotic past life regression, by persons who failed to recognize that past life *memories* are in fact fantasies. The most obvious argument against genetic memory is that a human brain cell or DNA molecule could not carry any memory of a parent’s life subsequent to its separation from the parent, and therefore cannot explain a fantasized *memory* of a former incarnation’s death. Equally valid is the fact that every gene in the human body is identical down to the last atom with a gene possessed by a remote ancestor, and therefore cannot contain information of events subsequent to that ancestor’s last reproductive mating. Genetic memory was an attempt to provide a rational explanation of events that in fact occurred nowhere but in the human imagination.

**Genevieve, Saint** Canonization of the goddess Diana as the generator of life. Official RC hagiography portrays Genevieve as flourishing at the time of Attila, 433-453 CE, and Clovis, 481-511 CE, even though Jerome, who died in 422 CE, had already listed her as a virgin-martyr.

**genocide** The extermination of a human population. The earliest instance of genocide appears to have been the extermination by Cro-Magnon man of Neanderthal man, now proven by DNA analysis to have been a separate species and not a subgroup of *Homo sapiens* that disappeared by assimilation. The earliest genocide in historical times was the extermination of the inhabitants of at least two Phoenician cities by the invading Jews *c* 1330 BCE, an extermination that was still Jewish policy as late as the second century BCE, when the Hasmonean kings wiped out the Moabites. In the twentieth century the Jews became the victims of the genocidal policies of Adolf Hitler.

**Genovese, Kitty** Victim of the myth prevalent among epsilons that one should not *get involved*. Genovese was murdered on a public street in New York in the 1960s in full view of thirty witnesses, none of whom intervened even to the extent of making an anonymous telephone call to the police.

**gentile** From Latin *gens*, “tribe”; a word in current usage as a euphemism for *goy*, a Hebrew word that historically has meant “dirty uncircumcised heathen foreigner.” To Jews, all non-Jews are gentiles. To a Mormon, all non-Mormons, including Jews, are gentiles.

**gentleman** Originally, a man of sufficient income and status to qualify him to vote. As the franchise was expanded, voters continued to be deemed *gentlemen*, so that under universal franchise *man* and *gentleman* became interchangeable.

**genuflection** “knee-bending”; The momentary kneeling of a subservient in the presence of a superior or symbol of same as an act of homage or worship. Genuflection is generally deemed more subservient than ring kissing.

**George III** King of England at the time of the American Revolution; one of the few Englishmen, including Wilkes and Pitt, who foresaw the inevitable consequence of Parliament’s intransigent rejection of the American colonies’ demands. As a constitutional monarch, King George was restrained from publicly taking sides on an issue being debated in Parliament. But his letters

reveal that he worked as hard as anybody behind the scenes to combat the conceited, ethnocentric snobbery that is the true English disease.

**Geoffrey of Monmouth** Fiction writer whose *Chronicle of the Kings of Britain* transformed sixth-century guerilla leader Arthur into a Norman feudal monarch. Geoffrey's Latin novel, which he pretended to have translated from an ancient Welsh document, was accepted as nonfiction for several centuries. Then one by one historians began recognizing the anachronisms that enabled them to date its composition to precisely 1134-1136 CE. The most blatant was that Arthur's father, Uther Pendragon, lusting for Igraine, chased her to Tintagel Castle—six hundred years before Tintagel Castle was built. Since no vested interest depended for its survival on maintaining the pretence that the *Chronicle* was *revealed truth*, its status as imaginative fiction is no longer disputed. Exposure of hundreds of similar anachronisms in the Judaeo-Christian bible has, however, been successfully kept from the unlearned masses by two vested interests. The first are the more than two million professional Christians and Jews whose jobs would cease to exist if their bible's status as a proven work of the human imagination became widely known. The second group are intestinally challenged believers who reason that, if the evidence that there are no gods to grant them immortality can be kept from reaching the masses, then they can continue to believe in the life-after-death fantasy even though they have encountered evidence that it *is* a fantasy.

**George, Saint** Canonization of the Druidic savior god Green George, the deified oak tree. George, the Green Knight of the medieval poem, had already been transformed into a Christian martyr in the martyrology of Jerome. The dragon-slaying incident was not added to his myth until the seventh century.

**Geraint, Saint** Canonization of the Welsh demigod who was one of the legendary knights of the nonexistent round table.

**Gerda** *see* Gertrude

**German Democratic Republic** Until 1989, an ideal society where the inmates were so deliriously happy that the government had to build a wall to prevent them from escaping to West Germany and telling the citizens there how wonderful ghetto life really was.

**Gertrude, Saint** Canonization of Teutonic frost giantess, Gerda.

**Gervase and Protase, Saints** Originally, a Milanese canonization of Castor and Pollux; later equated by Ambrose with two unidentified bodies discovered in the vicinity of a basilica he was preparing to dedicate.

**getting it on** Colloquialism, considered acceptable to the epsilons who censor network television, for sexual recreation.

**getting off** Colloquialism for physical or mental orgasm.

**Gandhi, Mohandas** Hindu leader and non-violent freedom fighter who lived to see Britain committed to Indian independence. At an early stage of his career as a *mahatma*, holy man, Gandhi abandoned his aging wife and began sleeping with beautiful, naked teenage girls. For several decades his devoted followers accepted uncritically his explanation that, by exposing himself to sexual temptation, he was cementing his self-imposed celibacy. Sure. And Santa Claus comes down the chimney on Mithra's birthday.

**ghetto** Word formed by Anglicization of the Italian word *geto*, "foundry," a foundry site being the location of the first concentration camp for Jews in 1516. Originally an area of a city where Jews were compelled to reside by the city's Christian controllers, *ghetto* has generalized to mean any region or suburb in which an identifiable ethnic minority, not necessarily Jewish and not necessarily under compulsion, resides in large numbers.

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**ghost** Roughly equivalent to the ancient Egyptian concept of the *ka* or astral body; the disembodied breath, spirit, of a person who has died. Belief in the existence of ghosts remains appallingly high even in America, as is evident from the success of the *Amityville Horror* hoax. Although ghosts tend to haunt houses, whereas spirits attend séances, the concepts are interchangeable. A noisy ghost, *poltergeist*, is found only in houses containing a pubescent female or intellectual equivalent who feels a need to use extraordinary means to become the center of attention, while English ghosts are found anywhere that their presence is likely to contribute to the tourist trade. For further information see R. C. Finucane's *Appearances of the Dead*, Prometheus, 1984.

**giants** Beings named by the Yahwist as having lived on earth prior to Noah's flood. The Yahwist did not equate the giants with the children born to mortal women who had mated with the *sons of the gods*. An author of *Enoch*, who also declared that the giants were 137 meters tall, made that equation. The giants had inherited their mortal bodies from their mortal mothers, and their bodies consequently drowned in Noah's flood. They had, however, also inherited immortal parts, *souls*, from their immortal fathers, and their souls survived the flood to become the evil spirits. The myth must have considerably predated *Enoch*, since by the time *Enoch* was written, all Jews except the Sadducees believed that mortals have immortal souls, and the tale's author would not have needed to utilize immortal fathers in order to explain why the giants had immortal parts. In Greek mythology, the giants were sons of Kronos who fought against Zeus, and that tale was adapted by the author of REVELATION, who had the Satan lead an army against the forces of the Jewish paramount god. Zeus confined the defeated giants to the underworld, as the Jewish god did to the defeated rebel angels.

**gifted** Misnomer for talented, based on the myth that talent is a gift from a metaphysical gift-giver.

**gigolo** Recreational serviceman.

**Giles, Saint** Canonization of the Druidic savior god Oisín.

**Gilgamesh, Epic of** Sumerian poem dating from c 1800 BCE, describing the early Sumerian king Gilgamesh's unsuccessful search for immortality. The poem contained a description of a worldwide flood which the hero Ziusudra escaped by building an ark. Ziusudra ascertained that the land was dry by releasing a raven and a dove, as did Noah in the version written by the Yahwist a millennium later. In the *Epic*, as in all older flood myths, the god who chose to save a righteous man was not the same deity whose malicious caprice had inflicted the flood in the first place. The Yahwist was compelled to attribute both roles to Yahweh, exterminator and rescuer, as the only alternative to crediting another god with powers comparable with Yahweh's.

**gin** Alcoholic drink manufactured to simulate the taste of kerosene, castor oil and eucalyptus; in Australia, semi-pejorative term for an Aboriginal woman.

**Gingrich, Newt** Leader of a Congressional conspiracy to impeach President Clinton for nonpolitical, legal actions that violated the taboos the polis believed in, even though impeachment on such grounds would have been a "law respecting an establishment of religion," in a desperate attempt to delude future historians that Richard Nixon's enforced resignation stemmed from behavior no different from what Democratic presidents did. The attempt failed, and Gingrich retired into well-deserved obscurity.

**ginseng** Herb whose root resembles a human body and is for that reason valued by the scientifically illiterate as an aphrodisiac and panacea even though, unlike the narcotic mandrake which it resembles, ginseng root has no analgesic, hallucinogenic, medicinal or physical qualities whatsoever.

**girlfriend**

(1) the woman with whom a man has an ongoing sexual relationship;

- (2) the woman with whom a lesbian has an ongoing sexual relationship;
- (3) the confidante of a heterosexual woman. Until about the mid-twentieth century, *girlfriend* could also mean a woman with whom a man regularly socialized with a view to establishing a sexual relationship but with whom he had not yet copulated. That meaning has now ceased.

**Glooskap** Amerind Abnaki virgin-born resurrected savior.

**glossalalia** Gibberish spouted by religious fundamentalists who believe they are speaking a sacred language comprehensible only to their sectarian god. The letters of Paul of Tarsus reported that disciples of Jesus the Nazirite after his execution magically acquired the ability to speak foreign languages, translated as “other tongues” in the AV. Lunatic sects interpret that wording as meaning that they spoke an unknown language incomprehensible even to themselves. Not to be outdone, the fundamentalists began speaking nonsense syllables and deluding themselves that their gibberish was the *unknown tongue*. Most branches of Jesus mythology regard persons who spout gibberish as demented, but their own sects hold them in high regard. For additional information see W. J. Samarin’s *Tongues of Men and Angels: The Religious Language of Pentecostalism*, NY, 1972.

**gluttony** Overeating; listed as one of Christianity’s seven cardinal sins even though it hurts no one but the practitioner and is therefore not sinful, merely stupid.

**gnome** *see* fairy

**Gnosticism** Christian sect of the second and third centuries CE responsible for the Gospel of Thomas and other extant documents. The Gnostics, drawing of non-Christian Greek mythology, believed that the universe was created by a Demiurge who was the enemy of the true god of Jesus.

**goblin** French household spirit, equivalent to English brownie, possessing mischievous qualities later attributed to poltergeists.

**god** Originally, any life-form that was immortal, regardless of whether it was perceived as good, evil or indifferent. Since the sun and moon observably lived for ever, they were certainly humankind’s first universal gods, although in some areas volcano gods and earthquake gods may have been deified earlier. The Indo-European word for an immortal was *devas*, and only in later, evolved languages did that word come to mean a good immortal (deity) in some places and a bad immortal (devil) in other places. More than ten thousand years ago gods were credited with the ability to surrender a portion of their immortality to favoured humans by undergoing a temporary death and resurrection. Only within the past 2500 years has any god been credited with the qualities of omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence or omnibenevolence. Even though those qualities are mutually exclusive, the gods of the largest current mythologies are credited with all of them. The word *god* is derived from *Godan*, paramount deity of the Goths, to whom it meant a specific god and was not a generic term for all gods.

**God** As portrayed in its own official biography, the Judaeo-Christian Bible, the most sadistic, evil, megalomaniac serial killer in all fiction; evolved form of the name *Godan*, paramount god of the Goths. Even though Christianity has three primary gods and thousands of secondary gods called *angels* and *saints*, the belief that monotheism is somehow superior to polytheism led the early Christians to delude themselves that they were monotheists. That led at first to the use of the same word as both a proper name for their paramount deity, *God*, and a generic term for other deities, *god*. Later, following the recognition that religious wars had to be stopped before they exterminated all participants, opposing religions that both claimed to be monotheistic started accepting each other’s paramount god as their own paramount god under a different name. Thus, to English speakers, the chief RC god was “God,” the chief Baptist god was “God,” the chief

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Mormon god was “God,” the chief Jewish god was “God,” and the chief Muslim god was “God.” This consequently reinforced the pretence that the god that permitted birth control and alcohol but prohibited pork-eating, and the god that prohibited birth control but permitted alcohol and pork-eating, and the god that permitted birth control and pork-eating but prohibited alcohol, were all “God,” and that there was only one God. The paramount Hindu god did not become “God” for the logical reason that, even though Hinduism and Christianity have approximately the same number of gods, Hinduism has never pretended to be monotheistic. The pretence of hostile mythologies that they recognize the same *God*, and there is only one *God*, is analogous to the Smiths calling their doberman *Dog*, and the Joneses calling their poodle *Dog*, and both families agreeing that the one true Dog is simultaneously the Smiths’ doberman and the Joneses’ poodle and the Browns’ cocker spaniel and the Whites’ dalmation and...

**god addict** A person who can remain a believer even after having his attention drawn to *Mythology’s Last Gods*, which disproved the god hypothesis as definitively as the first photographs of the Martian surface disproved the *canals* hypothesis; A moral coward who needs an afterlife belief to neutralize his terror of death and get him through the day without having to be institutionalized and diapered.

**Godan** Paramount Gothic deity, “Father Goth,” whose name became *God* in English and Dutch, *Gud* in Swedish, Danish and Norwegian, *Gott* in German, and *got* in Yiddish. Equivalent to Odin and Woden.

**God-fucked** Mentally and emotionally crippled by a belief system that equates morality with the capricious whims of a tyrannical god.

**Godiva, Lady** Nonexistent Saxon heroine created to disguise the true origin of the annual ride through Coventry of a naked woman on a white horse on May Day as the representation of the Druidic mother goddess. The ride was suppressed by the Puritans (1649-1660), either because they recognized its pagan origin, or because female nakedness outraged their anti-sexual paranoia, but was revived in 1678. It was celebrated unchanged until 1826, after which date the rider was forced to wear clothing.

**godlet** Doll or god-image worshipped as a living god.

**god racket** The industry devoted to the suppression of the century-old discovery that religion is objectively falsifiable.

**gods, the** In Australia, the lowest priced upper balcony in a legitimate theatre.

**God the father** The Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE, that children have fathers as well as mothers, coupled with the observable fact that women were physically weaker than men and could be enslaved by men as breeding stock, led to a belief in a *God the father* who outranked the previous paramount deity, Goddess the mother, and whose impregnation was necessary for her to produce her children. The male revolution that made men the ruling caste on earth, simultaneously made God the father the ranking deity in the sky.

**God the king** The rise of autocratic monarchies in which the king had the power and the unquestioned right to do anything he wished, led to the promotion of a culture’s paramount deity to the monarchy of the skies with the same rights and powers as his mortal prototypes.

**God the maker** The status of men as the makers of tools and weapons led to their concocting a god who was the maker of the universe.

**God the pet-master** The domestication in prehistoric times of dogs, cats and other life forms as pets, led to the belief that gods also had pets. The Yahwist pictured the Jews as the pets, *chosen nation*, of the deified volcano Yahweh, whom he promoted to the status of master of the universe.

**God the slave-master** The rise of totalitarian monarchies in which all citizens were subjects, that is slaves, of the king, led to the belief that a culture's paramount god was its master and that the god's worshippers were its slaves. English bibles tend to show Jewish patriarchs, kings and others describing themselves, and Yahweh describing them, as the god's *servants*. The correct translation of the Hebrew is in all such instances *slaves*.

**godworship**

- (1) to persons who have had the disease and recovered: a contagious form of insanity;
- (2) to persons who have never had the disease: incomprehensible stupidity;
- (3) to persons currently afflicted: a euphoric retreat into ecstasy that enables the mind to shut out all reality, particularly the reality that all living organisms must eventually die, totally, permanently and irreversibly. Godworship is considered a more respectable escape into a fantasy world than escape through alcohol or other drugs. In fact it is the most pernicious form of addiction, for it is the only opiate that can cripple its victims to the point where they commit sadism, masochism, mass murder and spectacular suicide in the belief that such acts are pleasing to a lawgiver even more insane than themselves.

**Godworshipper** A person who believes, not merely that a specific god exists, but also that right and wrong are whatever the god says they are, that the god must be obeyed without question, that the god is partisan and can be bribed or flattered into granting the worshipper's petition, and that behavior that would be recognized as sadistic or evil when perpetrated by Adolf Hitler, is virtuous, albeit *mysterious*, when perpetrated by the god.

**godworshipthink** The mental gymnastics that enables a believer to see his god as responsible for saving his life by causing him to miss a plane that crashed, but not responsible for causing the deaths of the passengers who did not miss the plane. Under godworshipthink, the worse an atrocity is, the more the omnipotent god that caused or permitted it must be thanked and praised that the atrocity was not even worse. For the definitive example of godworshipthink, *see* Mahmud al-Qazwini.

**Golden Legend** Thirteenth-century CE compilation of the lives of nonexistent Christian saints and martyrs whose alleged acts violated every law of nature ever observed and found to be inviolable. The *Golden Legend* was so laughable that even at the time of writing few persons were able to take it seriously. It nonetheless remains the basis of Catholicism's current catalogue of saints and martyrs.

**golden rule** Insane and unfulfillable distortion of an ethical dictum that, in its virginal form, summarized true morality in a single sentence. The earliest form of the dictum, now denigrated as a mere *silver rule*, inferior to the golden, was that of Zarathustra: "Do not do to another that which is hateful to yourself." At least two centuries after Zarathustra, whether by diffusion or polygenesis is uncertain, Confucius taught the identical rule in China. The rule, still undistorted, first appeared in Judaism in the Pharisaic book called TOBIT, and was later taught by the Pharisee rabbi Hillel, who died about the first decade of the Common Era. The distorted version, or *golden rule*, originated in a speech put into the mouth of Jesus the Nazirite by the author of LUKE: "Do to others what you would have them do to you." The distortion made the rule not merely undesirable, but also impossible. For while it is both morally desirable and physically possible to abstain from treating others as one would have them abstain from treating him, the converse is clearly false. *e.g.*: I do not want another person to rob or kill me; therefore I do not rob or kill him. On the other hand, I may want six billion human beings to elect me President of Earth, but I cannot do the same to them. I may want a billionaire to give me all of his money, but while it is physically possible for me to give him all of mine, few would see any virtue in my doing so. As for the man who fantasizes a supermodel ripping off his clothing and mating with him with depraved indifference to



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whether he consents, the impossible rule says that he should do the same to her. In most jurisdictions that would be called rape. The *silver rule* is perfect. The *golden rule* is insane.

**Goliath** Palestine hero described as a *giant*, a word used by the ancient Jews to describe anyone taller than about 178 cm (5 ft 10 in). Goliath was killed in battle by Elhanan of Bethlehem (2 SAMUEL 21:19) after the death of King Saul, and after King David had ceased personally participating in wars in case he was killed and his empire was left leaderless. Possibly because David had died with Goliath's sword among his possessions, he was posthumously credited with killing the giant while he was still a boy, many years before Goliath's actual death. The true account of Goliath's death, plus the fantasy that David had killed him, were both included in the book called SAMUEL compiled centuries after David's death.

**Gomorrah** Site of a recreational activity now lost to history. Everybody knows what *sodomy* means. But what was *gomorrah*?

**Gong Gong** In Chinese religion, the devil that unleashed the universal flood. Only in the Hebrew flood myth was the flood inflicted by a *good* god.

**gonorrhoea** Sexually transmitted disease affecting the genito-urinary tract; commonly termed *clap*.

**good old days** Even in China under totalitarian communism, and in the USA under totalitarian Christianity, living standards and relative freedom have never been higher. There were never any *good old days*.

**Gorgonius, Saint** Canonization of the gorgon of Greek mythology, a monstrous hag whose gaze turned men into stone.

**gospels** Fictional biographies of Jesus the Nazirite, written by Greeks who all but denied that Jesus was a Jew.

**goy** Hebrew word meaning "infidel" or "heathen"; Jewish name for non-Jews that is the equivalent of *kike*; also applied to Jewish nontheists by Jewish fundamentalists; plural *goyim*.

**grace, divine** RC concept meaning the applied self-hypnosis, allegedly god-sent, that enables a person who is not innately masochistic to practise masochism in the belief that he is helping a sadist in the sky to get its orgasm-equivalent.

**grace at meals** The practice of godworshippers at mealtimes of reciting a formula that expresses thanks for that which is, to that which is not.

**Grafenberg spot** *see* G spot

**graduate** In countries in which teaching is still legal: to complete a university's prescribed course of studies and demonstrate, by examination or assignment, that one has acquired the knowledge and skills to function as a professional in a specified field; in North America: to complete twelve years as a pupil at a child-minding institution, and receive a certificate attesting that the holder has warmed a desk for a prescribed length of time without necessarily learning to read, write, or count past ten without removing his socks.

**Graham, Billy** America's most successful televangelist; holder of honorary doctorates, despite a lack of the qualities usually associated with such degrees, and an unlearned grasp of the English language that is best described as *hillbilly*; author of many books and articles assuring readers that his god really does torture taboo breakers with flamethrowers for trillions of years, but is nonetheless a nice guy. This raises the question: Since Graham's god is such a sadist, what does he need with a devil?

**grail, holy** In the mythology of medieval England, the cup associated with the execution or last supper of Jesus the Nazirite, either to catch his blood or hold his wine. The cup was allegedly

rescued by Joseph of Arimathea and given to Bran the Blessed, who brought it to Britain. In Thomas Malory's Arthur stories, the fellowship of the Round Table was permanently disbanded when every member vowed never to return to Camelot until he had found the grail. The hero of the earliest grail myth was Gawaine. Later heroes included Percival, Lancelot and Galahad. In fact "holy grail," *san greal*, appears to have been a corruption of "royal blood," *sang real*, meaning the primogeniture heir of Jesus. Just when the erroneous belief that Jesus left descendants originated is not known, but it was no later than the time of the first Crusade.

**graphology** Pseudoscience in which character and personality traits are alleged to be revealed by an individual's handwriting. Since handwriting is an acquired skill, that is analogous to claiming that an individual's character is delineated by the way he plays golf or makes an omelet. Modern police forces who would not consider consulting an astrologer or a phrenologist, are far less reluctant to call in a graphologist, even though the three forms of fortunetelling differ qualitatively in no way whatsoever.

**Gratian** Roman Emperor 375-378 CE. Gratian was the last emperor who was an adherent of monotheistic Christianity, retroactively denigrated as the Arian heresy. He was succeeded by Theodosius, the first emperor since Constantine to support the trinitarian Christianity of Athanasius that became Catholicism.

**great schism, first** The separation of Catholic (Roman) and Orthodox (Byzantine) Christianity that began in 1054 CE and continues to this day. Catholic popes had been claiming primacy over all other bishops since 384 CE, but each side had continued to recognize the other as a legitimate patriarch. In 1054 CE, Constantinople's continued refusal to accept less than equality with Rome caused the Roman pope, Leo IX, to excommunicate the Byzantine pope, and that in turn led the Orthodox Church to excommunicate the Roman pope and repudiate Catholicism.

**great schism, (second)** The period in RC history when there was one pope at Avignon and another at Rome, 1378-1417 CE, with secular Christian princes supporting whichever of the two offered the more favorable terms. Avignon popes of the period have been retroactively labeled antipopes, on the ground that cardinals cannot depose popes and therefore the deposition of Roman pope Urban VI and election of Clement VII by a majority of cardinals in 1378 was invalid. On the other hand, since popes *can* be deposed by a majority of cardinals, the deposition of three popes and subsequent election of Martin V in 1415 was valid. Retroactive papal calendars now show Gregory XII, who reigned in Rome, as a legitimate pope whose reign ended in 1415, the year of his deposition, and Martin V as reigning from 1417, the year he was effectively installed in Rome. An Avignon papacy continued until 1429, but from 1417 virtually the whole western empire recognized only Rome.

**great year** The time taken for the sun and moon to complete coinciding cycles; originally set at eight lunar years, it was later recalculated to nineteen solar years. The change was made when sacred kings, figureheads who reigned for a great year and were then ritually sacrificed, became interested in extending their lives and reigns. The myth that Troy's King Priamos had nineteen legitimate sons and fifty who were not legitimate, was based on the concept of a sacred king who seized power from the lawful priestess and continued to rule beyond his designated great-year term.

**Great Wall of China** Once touted as the only terrestrial artifact visible from the moon; since the first moon landing, it is now known that the Great Wall is not visible from the moon.

**Greek** The language spoken by the god of Orthodox Christianity. As recently as the early twentieth century, Slavs in the Balkans were warned not to pray in their native languages, as the Orthodox god spoke only Greek, just as the Catholic god spoke only Latin.

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**greenhouse effect** The slow increase in temperature in earth's biosphere caused by the release into the atmosphere of large amounts of carbon dioxide through coal-burning factories, automobile exhaust emissions, and other sources. Carbon dioxide is transparent to sunlight, so that heat energy is allowed to reach the earth's surface, but is opaque to infrared radiation, so that excessive heat is trapped in the atmosphere instead of being dispersed into space. The consequence is an increase in the average temperature of the whole earth, an increase that need only amount to five or six degrees Celsius in order to melt the polar ice caps, raise ocean levels, flood all coastal and lowland areas, reduce the area of the continents by ten percent or more, turn current cropland into desert, and wipe out most of the life on earth. The greenhouse effect will not be halted so long as polluters are allowed to place profits, comfort and jobs ahead of the survival of the human species.

**Greenpeace** Organization first formed for the legitimate purpose of saving endangered species from extinction, but which destroyed its credibility when it began taking sides on such issues as which of several environmentally-equal energy-producing methods should be prohibited, which non-endangered species should not be killed or farmed, and which emotionally-appealing philosophy unrelated to environmental preservation should be imposed on a majority that might or might not agree.

**green salad** Term used to disguise the fact that the salad maker ran out of tomatoes and wished to make their absence seem deliberate.

**Gregory I** Pope 590-604, who first adopted the title, "slave of the slaves of God," and who first introduced into RC dogma the doctrine of purgatory as a halfway house separate from Heaven and Hell. When the Byzantine emperor, who repudiated the Roman papacy and supported the independence and regional paramountcy of the bishop of Constantinople, was murdered, Gregory I instantly hailed the murderer as a hero and called upon the population of Heaven and earth to rejoice that the god of the universe had recognized his status as Head Christian by assassinating the secular ruler who denied it. Gregory's fanatic persecution of heretics inevitably got him canonized.

**Gregory II** Pope 715-731, who waged a civil war against the Byzantine emperor for trying to ban image worship, a practice Gregory endorsed. For the emperor's attempt to uphold the RC first commandment (Protestant second commandment), Gregory prayed to the god Jesus to unleash Satan and his hordes against his opponent. Naturally the perpetrator of such piety was canonized.

**Gregory VI** Pope 1045-1046, who purchased the papacy from Benedict IX, only to be deposed and replaced by Clement II, who was deposed in turn by Benedict IX, who thereby became the only pope to serve three non-consecutive terms.

**Gregory VII, Hildebrand** Pope 1073-1085, who made the first all-out attempt to impose the perversion of celibacy on priests, thereby opening the door for the adultery, incest, and nun-seduction that became the norm for priests and popes for the next five centuries, until the counter-reformation forced such practices underground in the interest of church survival. Gregory's imposition of priestly celibacy also helped disguise the sexual orientation of hundreds of thousands of men who to this day continue to become priests as a means of gaining access to lots and lots of little boys. Gregory endorsed as morally sound, "the lie that is told in a good cause," and the use of the sword to compel obedience to his dictates. His persecution of clergy who were properly married under the mores of the time, a century before the Church started *performing* marriages in defiance of a 1200-year tradition that marriage was ungodly, led to massive civil unrest that resulted in his being deposed and dying in exile, universally hated.

**Gregory IX** Pope 1227-1241, who formally established the Inquisition, and to support his luxurious life style raised taxes in France, England and Germany. He eventually incited so many nations to revolt that he was deposed by the Romans and exiled.

**Gregory XIII** Pope 1572-1585, whose response to the massacre of up to 70,000 French Protestants on August 24, 1572, was to declare a year of celebration.

**Gregory XVI** Pope 1831-1846, who in 1835 denounced the theories that the earth revolved on its axis and orbited the sun as, “false in theology and heretical, because expressly contrary to Holy Scripture,” and “opposed to the true faith.” Later popes, forced to recognize that astronomers are right, now ignore the passages in their bible incompatible with a revolving, orbiting, earth, in the belief that if they ignore them they will go away.

**gringo** Bigoted Hispanic’s name for a white American.

**grok** Word coined by Robert Heinlein in *Stranger in a Strange Land*, to mean literally “drink” in the Martian language, but carrying the implication of total understanding. Thus, “I grok its fullness” means, “I fully comprehend all of the implications of the situation.”

**groupie** An adolescent female who follows rock bands for the purpose of engaging in sexual recreation with the performers.

**groupthink** Pressure-induced collective response in such groups as religions, trade unions, political parties, business organizations and others, in which individuals are brainwashed into granting blind, unquestioning belief to orthodox dogma or fashionable or traditional opinions. Participants are inhibited from expressing or even thinking points of view that deviate from the groupthink norm. For example, a groupthink victim in network television is not only incapable of rejecting network norms in favor of cable norms; he is incapable of asking himself why there should be a difference. Groupthink is a primary factor contributing to the continued existence of religion long after it has been falsified, the hysteria of the Nazi and McCarthyist periods of history, and the widespread acceptance of most of the contrary-to-fact belief systems currently popular. For further information see Irving Janis’s *Victims of Groupthink*, Boston. 1972.

**grove** A.V. translation of *asherah*, a Semitic word that means literally “vulva,” but in the places translated as *grove* means a vulva-shaped altar or shrine.

**Guadalupe, Our Lady of** Statue of a Mestiza woman which, even though it does not look the least bit Jewish, the RC church has given Mexicans permission to worship as a Mexican version of the goddess Mary.

**guardian angel** Christianization of the Zoroastrian *fravashi*. Since a guardian angel’s sole function is to watch over an individual and attempt to dissuade him from taboo-breaking by some unspecified means, it may be that the appointment of guardian angels was Heaven’s solution to its unemployment problem.

**Guignole, Saint** Canonization of Gaulic phallus god depicted in his church in Brest with an erection. The statue’s erect penis was adjustable, so that as fast as women scraped off splinters to keep as fertility charms, the priests pushed the penis further forward to retain its heroic length.

**Gwen, Saint** Separate canonization in Brittany and Cornwall of the Celtic mother goddess who appears in the Arthur legends as Guinevere.

**Gwyn** Welsh virgin-born resurrected savior who became Gawaine in early Arthurian literature, but later contributed more to the character of Arthur himself.

**Gypsy** Practitioner of a goddess-centered religion derived from Hinduism; so named in the mistaken belief that Gypsies originated in Egypt. In fact the Gypsies migrated from India to Romania soon after 1000 CE, and most communities worldwide continue to speak a dialect of Romanian called Romany.

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**H** Holiness code.

**HABAKKUK** Prophetic book begun during the Babylonian captivity of 586-538 BCE, but undated so that references to Babylon's success could pass for prophecies. The first author wrote from 1:1 to 2:3; the second author, apparently after the completion of the Torah in 434 BCE, 2:2 to 2:20; the third author, after 65 BCE, 3:1 to 3:16 and 3:19b, and a fourth author, soon afterward, 3:17 to 3:19a.

**Hades** Greek underworld god whose name became a synonym for the Christian Hell. Hades apparently began as the paramount god of the Achaeans, but was relegated to the underworld when the alliance of Achaeans, Ionians and Aeolians necessitated giving their respective gods, Hades, Poseidon and Zeus, separate but equal demesnes. Under Greek overlordship, the Jews borrowed Hades' status as ruler of the underworld as a characteristic of their new antigod, Satan, whose other attributes were taken from Pan and Ahriman.

**Hadrian** Roman emperor 117-138 CE. In 130 CE Hadrian issued an edict that phallus-mutilation was henceforth illegal. Although the ban was aimed solely at priests of Cybele, who were in the habit of castrating themselves, it had the side effect of prohibiting circumcision. Jewish opposition to Hadrian's decree led to the second War of Independence under Bar Kokhba, which ended with Hadrian razing Jerusalem, banning Jews from ever returning, and building a Roman city on the site, with a temple of Jupiter on the site of the former temple of Yahweh.

**Hagar** Abraham's slave-wife, whom he callously ordered to leave his oasis with their son in order to pander to his viciously jealous senior wife, Sarah. Although the story cannot be taken seriously, it is so unflattering to a worshipped ancestor that no apologist would have created it out of nothing. Such stories are a good indication that Abraham was basically a person from history, not an idealized fantasy.

**HAGGAI** Prophetic book written in 520 BCE, prophesying that Zerubbabel, current Davidic pretender, would overthrow Babylon and refound the Jewish monarchy. Haggai's prophecy, and a similar one by Zecharia, failed to inspire Zerubbabel to declare the war that the prophecies were written to trigger. Zerubbabel accepted his appointment by Darius I as satrap of Judah without trying for a bigger piece of the pie. Neither Zerubbabel nor anyone else ever re-founded the Jewish monarchy.

**Haggard, J. Rider** Novelist whose most imaginative fiction was an *autobiography* in which he described his alleged past lives.

**hagiography** Literally, "sacred writing"; biographies of Christian saints and analogous heroes, written by naïve and imaginative believers. The biography of the humbug Arthur Ford by the gullible ignoramus, Allen Spraggett, would constitute hagiography. *Mommy Dearest* would not.

**HAGS** Acronym for Housewives Against Gratuitous Sex.

**haiku** Poem constructed in accordance with a formula that constitutes a legitimate art form in Japanese but has no artistic merit in English. Unfortunately, many English teachers think that haiku is also a valid English art form.

**Hail Mary** RC prayer addressed to the goddess Mary, based on passages in LUKE in which the messenger god Gabriel addresses Mary as "highly favoured one," the term commonly used in the first century by procurers to inform attractive women that a potentate too powerful to be refused wished to bed them.

**Halleluwyah** Hebrew word used in several psalms, meaning “We praise Yahweh,” often chanted by Christians of parrot mentality who neither know nor care what it means.

**Halloween** “Sacred evening,” Christian adaptation of a Celtic festival honoring Samhain, Druidic god of the underworld.

**halo** The circle of light that Roman emperors were portrayed as wearing around their heads. After the gospel called JOHN depicted Jesus as the True Emperor by having Thomas address him in the manner instituted by Domitian, Jesus was henceforth depicted in Christian iconography as wearing a halo.

**Ham** In the Yahwist’s flood myth, the sons of Noah were Sem, Japheth and Canaan, ancestors of the Jews, Philistines and Phoenicians. When the Priestly author wrote his alternative Torah, intended to supersede J/E, he recognized that J had not put an ancestor of the black races on the ark. P therefore made Noah’s sons Sem, Japheth and *Ham*, whose name was Egyptian for “Black,” and made Canaan Ham’s son. When the Redactor combined J/E and P into a single narrative, he was obliged, in order to retain the P genealogy, to change a J story in which Canaan castrated his father Noah and was consequently cursed. R changed the perpetrator to the P version of Noah’s youngest son, Ham. He could not, however, transfer the subsequent curse to Ham, since it had been invented to explain and justify the slave status of the Canaanites in the Jewish empire. He therefore constructed a bible that stands to this day, in which Ham committed a crime, Canaan was punished for that crime, and the reader was expected to believe that Justice had been served.

**Hammer of Witches** Instruction manual for the Inquisition’s torturers, authorized by Pope Innocent VIII in 1484, written by two Dominican sadists, and endorsed by the University of Cologne. It ordered that women accused of witchcraft or copulation with devils were to have long needles thrust into their breasts and vulvas in the presence of a priest, and that the torture was to continue until they confessed. After that, they were to be slowly burned to death as a foretaste of the fires of King Jesus’ eternal torture chamber. Whether the document’s authors fantasized themselves thrusting a different kind of prong into the naked women’s tormented vulvas, or were too committed to each other to entertain thoughts of heterosexual coupling, is not known.

**Hammurabi** King of Babylon who, *c* 2230 BCE according to some scholars or *c* 1750 BCE according to others, wrote a lawcode that was later plagiarized by the Deuteronomist. In attributing to his god Shamash a lawcode that was ethical, just, and totally defensible, as Hebrew laws were not, Hammurabi created the first god in history whose concept of right and wrong was anything but, “Heads it’s a sin; tails it’s a virtue.” Yahweh did not begin to acquire a sense of objective morality or justice until the composition of DEUTERONOMY in 621 BCE, and to this day his moral evolution is thousands of years behind the god of Hammurabi.

**Hananyah** Named in ACTS as high priest shortly after the execution of Jesus the Nazirite. In fact no Hananyah was high priest from the time of Jesus’ death in 30 CE until 48 CE. That the author of ACTS could make such an error is further proof that he wrote so long after the events described, that no one who could have given him accurate information was still alive.

**Hananyah** Hebrew name that became *Ananias* in Greek. According to ACTS 5, Hananyah and his wife Sapphire were converts to the Nazirite sect after Jesus’ death and after Peter had become the second-ranking Nazirite. Hananyah and Sapphire pretended to comply with the commune’s initiation requirement of selling all of their holdings and giving the proceeds to the commune’s treasury, but secretly withheld a portion for themselves. They consequently died. Retaining private property was one of the severest breaches of Nazirite discipline. And it is known that persons expelled from Essene and neo-Essene communes for nonconformity were so bound by inviolable oaths, that eating food prepared outside of the commune became impossible and they

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consequently starved to death. It is therefore by no means improbable that the Hananyah incident, stripped of its magical elements, had a factual basis.

**handfasting** In Scotland, Denmark and elsewhere, a trial marriage that can be annulled at the end of one year without ritual or legal procedure if either party so wishes, provided that the trial marriage has remained childless.

**handgun** Device created for the sole purpose of killing human beings, and for which no other use ever has or in all likelihood ever will be discovered. America needs the NRA, which encourages every American citizen to own a handgun, like Germany needed Hitler.

**hand in marriage** Euphemism that a man is expected to request when what he really wants is ownership of her body for breeding purposes. The expression is probably derived from the custom of a woman displaying her status by wearing a marriage ring on her hand.

**hanky panky** Corruption of *hakkni panki*, Gypsy words for the sleight of hand used to deceive and swindle non-Gypsies in the belief, common to all religions, that non-initiates are subhuman scum who can be cheated without sin.

**haoma** Persian equivalent of nectar, the drink of the gods that gave them their immortality; drunk sacramentally by worshippers in order to absorb the god's immortality.

**Hapiru** The name found in the Amarna letters to identify the invaders attacking Jerusalem and vicinity during the reign of Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE. The name, identical with the word *Hebrew*, meant "easterners," that is, persons from east of the Jordan river, but probably evolved from a word that meant "camel drivers." *Abraham* is an evolved form of the same word. The main Hapiru invader would have been the Jewish leader, Joshua, whose conquest forced the Israelites, an unrelated tribe, to flee into Egypt at the invitation of Ikhenaton's Phoenician viceroy on whom the *Joseph* character was based.

**Happy Hooker, The** Semi-literate memoir of Xaviera Hollander, who must have been a thousand times more competent at mating than she was at writing in English, or she would have starved to death.

**Harimathaia** *see* Joseph of Harimathaia

**hard on** American slang for *erect phallus*.

**Hare Krishna** Mythology whose adherents entertain passengers at airports by doing parrot impersonations, chanting over and over in Sanskrit, "The penis is in the vagina": "*Om mani padme hum.*"

**harem**

- (1) the women's quarters in an oriental dwelling;
- (2) an oriental potentate's stable of privately-owned bed-women;
- (3) a sports team's cheerleaders.

**harlot** Temple nun in the service of the Semitic goddess Har, a title of Ishtar, whose function was to copulate with male worshippers as an act of homage to the fertility goddess.

**Harut and Marut** In the Koran, two angels who assumed human form and were seduced by women; Muslim adaptation of the Iranian sky gods Haurvatat and Ameretat.

**Hasmoneans** Kings of the Jews, descended from Simon bar Matathyah bar Hasmon, who ruled Judah from 164 BCE until 63 BCE. Until his death in 142 BCE, Simon was officially only high priest and military leader, and the royal title was not assumed until the accession of his son. But

Simon is nonetheless viewed by historians as the dynasty's first king, on the ground that he was unquestionably a monarch regardless of his title.

**Havah** *see* Eve

**hazing** Infantile perversion in which applicants for admission to a clique are subjected to life-threatening and demeaning humiliation, inflicted by persons who themselves survived similar treatment and now feel that they can exorcise a masochistic self-image by graduating to sadism.

**Hazor** (Hebrew: *Khatsowr*); the only city described in JOSHUA as being captured by the Jews, that was in Galilee rather than in Judah where the Jews actually settled. According to JOSHUA, the Jews murdered the entire population of Hazor, adult and child, just as they had done to cities in Judah that refused to submit. In fact Hazor was conquered by the Israelites, not the Jews, almost two centuries after Joshua's death, and was the only city in Israel that was subjected to violence. Since it had been the capital of a northern confederacy that the Jews saw as a threat to their security, it is not unlikely that the Jews helped the Israelites to destroy it, and the Jewish-Israelite alliance dated from that event.

**head** (1) oral-genital stimulation; (2) a drug addict; (3) a navy toilet.

**headshrinker** Euphemism for a psychoquack.

**healing crystals** Quartz crystals that allegedly impart energy to any person whose *witness bone* they contact. According to anatomists, the witness bone exists only in crystal gazers' imaginations.

**heart** Muscle that pumps blood through the body and has no function remotely connected to the emotions. In ancient times, before the function of the brain was discovered, the liver was identified as the center of abstract intellect and the heart as the center of emotion, morality and compassion. All references to the liver as the source of intelligence have vanished from the language, and an instruction to "Use your liver" as a synonym for "Think" would be incomprehensible to anyone but a student of history. But for some reason the association of the heart with connotative thinking remains part of everyday vocabulary, and an educated person can say, "I know in my heart..." without appearing ignorant. In fact, attributing brain functions to the heart is as absurd as attributing them to the liver, the kidneys or the fingernails.

**heart line** Term used in palmistry based on the ancient belief that the heart rather than the brain is the center of emotion.

**heart of hearts** Yuk!

**heathen** Epithet used by Christians to describe non-Christians, meaning "dirty unbaptized ungodly scum who will be tortured in Hell in the Christian afterlife." The word's pejorative connotations are gradually being recognized, and it is now deemed by many as inapplicable to adherents of any mythology that professes to be monotheistic.

**Heaven** Alternative name for the sky when perceived as the abode of a god or gods. German makes a distinction between *im Himmel*, in the metaphysical sky, and *am Himmel*, in/at the physical sky. Other languages, particularly those from which the Judaeo-Christian bible was translated, make no distinction whatsoever, and the English words *Heaven* and *sky* are alternative translations of the same word. Heaven/sky is *ouranos* in Greek, *ha-shemim* in Hebrew, *Caelum* in Latin, *himmel* in Scandinavian, but two different words in English. To the Priestly author, the dome of the skies, rendered "firmament of Heaven" in the A.V., was a solid crystal hemispherical dome that rested on the rim of the flat earth and constituted the ceiling of the domain of humans and the floor on which Yahweh pitched his tent. With the evolution of an afterlife belief that relocated dead souls with their gods, "above the sky" came to mean "in Heaven," and that new wording helped religion outlive the discovery of the roundness of the earth and the immensity of the universe. The first



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manned sputnik revealed the nonexistence of a god's palace on earth's alleged roof, but no scientific search can establish the nonexistence of a metaphysical "Heaven."

**Heber** Jewish proper name in use at Ebla as early as 2400 BCE. The Yahwist made Heber the eponymous ancestors of the Hebrews, but in fact it was simply an evolved form of the proto-Semitic word for "easterner."

**Hebrew** Cognate of *hapiru*, the word used by residents of Jerusalem and vicinity in the reign of Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE, to describe the Jews and other invaders who were in the process of conquering them.

**Hebrews, gospel called** Fictional biography of Jesus the Nazirite, of which only fragments survive in passages quoted in later documents, apparently originally composed in Hebrew, c 150 CE. The author of *Hebrews* claimed to be the historically dubious apostle Matthew, and initial acceptance of that claim led RC mythologians to record that Matthew had indeed composed a gospel. When the Christian canon was compiled, the discovery that *Hebrews* portrayed Jesus as acknowledging that he might have sinned led to its rejection, since such a passage had by then become incompatible with Christian dogma. Since the existence of a gospel by "Matthew" had also become dogma, an alternative *Matthew* was sought, and an anonymous gospel was accepted as such and became the MATTHEW of the Christian bible. Even though *Hebrews* was written by a Nazirite who rejected MATTHEW and LUKE as pagan documents, it contained passages borrowed from both. *Hebrews* is sometimes called "Hebrew Matthew."

**HEBREW, LETTER TO** Letter written in Greek shortly after the death of Paul of Tarsus, probably in Alexandria, and possibly by either Apollos or Priscilla. The author of this unsigned letter was the first person to grant Jesus a higher status than the "angels." Few people today attribute it to Paul.

**hedonist** A masochist's name for a non-masochist.

**Hekate** Greek underworld goddess who was the personification of death. Hekate was originally the third stage of the triple-goddess who annually metamorphosed from virgin to mother to crone. Later the three stages, under the names Persephone, Demeter and Hekate, were viewed as three distinct persons who existed simultaneously, even though they were somehow manifestations of a One Goddess. By classical times Hekate had been written out of the Persephone myth as practised at Eleusis, but in Ireland the original version survived for so long that the Irish Hekate, Brigid, had to be incorporated into the new religion as St Bridget.

**Helios** Pre-Greek sun god, equivalent to Hyperion, Apollo, Sol, Shamash, Ra, Galgaliel; pictured as journeying through the sky in a flaming chariot, as were later sun gods such as Apollo and Mithra, and historical persons to whose legends solar myths were attached, such as Eliyahuw and Jesus.

**Hell** Old Norse goddess; queen of the underworld, later masculinized to king of the underworld; also the name of the underworld ruler's realm; equivalent to Hades, Pluto, Dis, Hekate, Innana, Samhain, Satan, Lucifer.

**Hell, Christian** Jesus the Nazirite's only original contribution to god mythology: an underworld in which the souls of Jesus' perceived enemies are sadistically tortured with flamethrowers for all of eternity. In the seventh century BCE, Zarathustra or his maguses decreed that the only way a sin-ridden soul could be cleansed was through the purgation of fire, fire being so perfectly pure that it was viewed as a manifestation of the perfect god, Ahura Mazda. Zarathustra's purgatory was borrowed by the Jewish sect of Essenes, and in Essene minds became not merely a place of purification by fire but also, in a vengeance-based mythology, a place of punishment for sin. Before a Jew could be made worthy of the Essene/Pharisee afterlife, he needed to atone for his disobediences, and an underworld *Gehenna*, named after a refuse dump, was where that happened.

Then along came Jesus, in whose fevered imagination torturing his opponents to death slowly with flamethrowers was inadequate to satisfy his paranoid misanthropy. Jesus dreamed up a Hell in which the agonized screams of his millions of victims continued to thrill and titillate him for billions and billions of eons. Hollywood once made movies that portrayed Indians as so subhuman that they staked cowboys to the ground under the blazing sun, slit their eyelids, poured honey over them, and allowed them to be tortured to death by ants and scorpions, in the middle of the camp where the women and children could hear and enjoy their screams. The implication of such fiction was: What kind of monsters would do such a thing? Jesus' Hell, which exceeded a million-fold anything Hollywood's stereotype bad guys did, surely raises the same question.

**Hellfire Club** Pseudo-satanist organization in eighteenth-century England, none of whose members actually believed in the Christian devil's existence. John Wilkes once released a monkey dressed in a devil costume in the middle of a club black mass, and so terrified all members present by creating the momentary fear that there really was a devil, that he was immediately expelled from the club.

**Helot** Originally, a member of the aboriginal serf caste in ancient Sparta, periodically decimated by the ruling Hellenic Spartiates; now, a member of any identifiable group denied basic human rights in the land of their birth by an oligarchy they did not elect. *e.g.*: non-whites in pre-Mandela South Africa, non-Jews in Israel, non-Anglicans in Ulster, non-Shi'ites in Iran, non-males in Brazil, non-French in Quebec, and non-morons in trade unions.

**henotheism** The doctrine that, while there are many gods, there is one paramount god to whom all others are subservient. Judaism evolved from monolatry to henotheism toward the end of the seventh century BCE, and from henotheism to pretended monotheism, in which the minor gods were renamed "angels" and "devils" so that only Yahweh was still defined as a "god," in the third century BCE. For a mythology to be deemed henotheistic, it is not sufficient that one god outrank all others, as Zeus, Amun, Jupiter and Brahma outranked their fellows. The subordinate gods must be so answerable to the paramount god that for all practical purposes they have no power to make their own decisions or act independently. Modern religions that are in fact henotheistic, although they pretend to be monotheistic, include Judaism, Christianity and Islam, but not Hinduism or Shintoism. The first fully henotheistic religion on earth was Zoroastrianism, although Judaism may have started evolving toward henotheism first.

**Henri III** French king who in 1576 was one of the instigators of the Bartholomew's Day massacre of up to 70,000 French Protestants, in the belief that he was pleasing the Catholic god. Henri showed rather less concern for the Catholic god's whims when he regularly participated in black masses. Henri's dictum, "Do as I say, not as I do," became the catechism of twentieth-century televangelists.

**Henry II** Holy Roman Emperor, 1002-1024. Pope Eugenius III canonized Henry in 1146, not because he had been a pious simpleton, although that helped, but because he had granted total obedience to the five popes of his reign. The canonization was intended as a subtle reminder to more independent emperors such as Henry IV and Henry V of the alleged power of popes to exclude from the Christian Heaven any emperor who refused to toe the papal line.

**Hephaistos** Greek volcano god, equivalent to Yahweh, Vulcan, Prometheus, the Cyclopes.

**Hera** Queen of Heaven, as were Juno, Rhea, Cybele, Isis and Mary; originally a deified cow.

**Henry VIII** King of England 1509-1547; instigator of the Protestant Reformation in England. Henry was the author of a 1521 tract rebutting the anti-Catholic doctrines of Martin Luther, and was rewarded for his efforts when Pope Leo X bestowed on him the title, "Defender of the Faith." Even though the "faith" referred to was the Roman Catholic, and the ongoing Protestantism of Henry's daughter Elizabeth led to her excommunication, the title has been retained by English

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monarchs to this day. Henry's revolt against Rome began when Pope Clement VII refused to annul Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, whose nephew, the Holy Roman Emperor, threatened retaliation if the pope did grant the annulment. Henry, who sincerely believed in a god that would not refuse the king of England a son, rejected the pope's authority and declared himself virtual "pope of England." He later came to regret having sided with Protestantism, and was compared by the Imperial Ambassador with a man who had jumped off a high cliff and changed his mind halfway down. After divorcing Catherine and marrying Anne Boleyn, who also failed to produce a male heir, Henry found her to be an intolerable shrew who actually tried to force him to execute both Catherine and Mary, Henry's daughter. Instead, Henry executed Anne for alleged adultery, the justification being that adultery by the queen constituted treason, since it potentially passed off a bastard as heir to the throne. Almost certainly Henry knew that the charges against Anne were false. But Katherine Howard, the second of Henry's wives to be executed for adultery, was guilty as charged.

**Herakles** Greek demigod who became the hero of so many universal myths that he cannot reasonably be equated with any person from history. Herakles, *Hercules* in Latin, spent three days in the belly of a whale, as did the Jewish hero Jonah centuries later. He killed his children in a fit of madness in conjunction with his election to the throne of Thebes, thereby revealing that one of his prototypes was a sacred king who sacrificed child substitutes to extend his life and reign. He entered the underworld and returned alive, a feat emulated by Orpheus, Dionysos, Odysseus, Aeneas, Dante and Jesus. He was credited with such historical events as commanding the first pirate vessel to cross the Black Sea, and suppressing goddess worship in several Greek cities. His death reads like the behavior of a man dying of cancer who chooses to end his agony in a heroic suicide. Attempts to grant Herakles full divine status failed when the author of *Odyssey* placed him in Tartaros, and later mythmakers dared not contradict a book that had acquired the status of a bible.

**heredity** The transmission of physical qualities from parent to offspring through the propagation of genes present in the parent from birth, or through the replication of a parent's mutated genes. Hereditary characteristics can be positive, such as intelligence, negative, such as hemophilia, or neutral, such as skin or eye color. In Christian mythology, the tendency to *sin* is considered to be hereditary, inherited from Adam.

**heresy** In a theocracy: the crime of not believing in the gods the polis believes in; recently renamed *blasphemy* in England and *pornography* in America; in the Republican Party: the crime of not granting blind, unquestioning obedience to the Party Leader, even when the Party Leader is a moral retard who at any other time or place in human history would have been executed for treason, or a neanderthal dogmatist to whom right-wing fascism is superior to left-wing fascism.

**Hermes** Deification of the planet Mercury; Greek messenger god, equivalent to Nabu, Gabriel, Mercury.

**Hermes, Saint** Canonization of the Greek god by Roman bishop Alexander I, retroactively styled "pope" Alexander I.

**Herodians** Family of kings descended from Antipatros, whom Julius Caesar appointed as the first procurator of Judea, who ruled as puppet kings for about a century. The dynasty included Herod the Great, Herod Antipas, Herod Agrippa I, and Herod Agrippa II, as well as Agrippa II's sister-wife, Berenike.

**Herod the Great** Eldest son of Antipatros, and Judea's first king since the overthrow of the Hasmoneans. Herod was named king by Augustus Caesar after Antipatros's death in 43 BCE, but was prevented from assuming office by Antigonos, the last Hasmonean pretender, for six years. Herod reigned without serious challenge from 37 BCE until his death in 4 BCE. As an Idumean,

Edomite, Herod was not a popular king, even though he rebuilt Yahweh's temple. To try to win acceptance by the Jews, he married the Hasmonean heiress, Mariamne, but had no children by her. Most of his sons married their nieces, as is permitted under the laws of LEVITICUS, whose author was in all likelihood married to his niece, but Herod's ten or more wives appear to have been chosen for political motives. His eldest surviving son, Arkhelaos, succeeded him, after he had executed three older sons. Augustus Caesar, commenting on Herod's son-killing, once stated that he would rather be Herod's pig than Herod's son. Herod was a tyrant whose every atrocity was chronicled in great detail by the historian Josephus. Had Herod ever massacred any Bethlehem children, Josephus could not have failed to say so. Josephus mentioned no such event, for the obvious reason that no such event ever occurred. The massacre of infants was a common theme in Jewish mythology, and was twice associated with Herod, first in connection with the birth of John the Immerser, and later in connection with the birth of Jesus the Nazirite. Because Herod was the founder of a monarchy and builder of the temple, the Sanhedrin at one time debated a resolution that he be recognized as the prophesied messiah. They concluded, however, that the messiah's task was to free the Jews, not to intensify their slavery as Herod was doing.

**Herodotus** Greek historian of the fifth century BCE who reported, among other things, that in India copulation was not regarded as something that must be performed behind closed doors, but was rather practised as casually and publicly as eating and urinating. By reporting such information, Herodotus thereby revealed that the Greece of his time had evolved a taboo that prohibited public copulation.

**Hesiod** Greek poet of *c* 700 BCE who described the war between the gods, in which Zeus and his followers triumphed over the Titans when Zeus introduced his secret weapon, the thunderbolt that was the ancients' interpretation of lightning. The Essene authors of *Enoch* and *Jubilees* borrowed the story, but in their version Yahweh's field marshal was Mikhael, the deified planet Mars, while Satan, the deified planet Venus, led the rebel army. The story was retold in the original Essene version of REVELATION, and reached its final Christian form in *Paradise Lost*.

**Hestia** Elder sister of Zeus; originally a mother goddess, but later virginized in the belief that unmarried goddesses must be virgins. In fact only the oldest goddesses became virgins, because their rituals had survived unchanged from the time when the concepts *husband* and *father* did not exist. Romanized as Vesta, a virgin-goddess whose priestesses were all required to be virgins and were executed if they were caught copulating; equivalent to Athena, Artemis, Mary, and various other goddesses who became virgins after being mothers.

**hetaira** Greek word that literally meant "companion," but was generally restricted to women who offered companionship, including sexual gratification, to the highest bidder. The hetaira was the prima donna of the carnal arts, and enjoyed a status comparable with that of Jenny Lind., Anna Pavlova and Sarah Bernhardt. Her services were usually available only to the rich and powerful. The Gnostic gospel, *Thomas*, described Mary the Magdalene as Jesus' hetaira, and that reference eventually led to the belief that Mary had been Jesus' wife and had borne him at least one child, whose descendants the heirs of Gnosticism believed to be currently living.

**hetairos** Masculine form of *hetaira*, meaning "comrade" but also commonly applied to an individual's personal catamite. In MATTHEW 26:50, Jesus addressed Judas the Iskariot as *hetairos*, and that scene and others led to a widespread belief, supported by a bishop of Oxford, that Jesus and Judas had been lovers. Most scholars believe that, in a totally intolerant society, Jesus' widespread acceptance as a prophet could not have been achieved if he had been homosexual.

**hex** German word for a witch or wizard, as well as the spell cast by either.

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**hexagram** Figure formed by two congruent and concentric equilateral triangles, so placed as to form a regular six-pointed star. The hexagram originally symbolized the sexual conjunction as equals of the goddess, whose yoni was represented by the down-pointing triangle, and the god whose lingam was represented by the up-pointing triangle. In post-Reformation times the hexagram was adopted as a symbol of Judaism and given the names, “seal of Solomon” and “star of David,” thereby implying that it had been a Jewish symbol 2500 years earlier than was actually the case.

**Hexateuch** The first six books of the Judaeo-Christian bible.

**Hezekiah** Hebrew: *Khezekyahuw*; king of Judah 715-686 BCE. Khezekyahuw was the first Jewish king to enforce the fanatic persecution of all mythologies other than Yahweh worship in Judah. He destroyed the images of phalluses and vulvas that had been established as altars to fertility gods and goddesses during the reign of Solomon. He removed the caduceus from the temple, where it had been worshipped for three centuries, and destroyed it as a prohibited godlet. He was probably also the king who removed the stone phallus from the Ark of the Covenant where it had been placed by King David, and substituted the J/E scroll that was possibly already attributed to Moses. Khezekyahuw centralized the Jewish religion and effectively forced all Jews to bring their sacrifices and offerings to the temple in Jerusalem where the Aaronic priesthood was supreme. All of Khezekyahuw’s acts became commandments put into the mouth of Moses in LEVITICUS, and there is little doubt that Khezekyahuw’s reforms inspired the writing of that book by a Priestly author who had known Khezekyahuw but may well have written decades later.

**hick** A rural person who, when speaking to visitors from a city, tells incredible lies that he knows no local person would swallow, in the conviction that city folk are stupid and gullible.

**hickie** Mark caused by sucking, called a “love bite” in Australia, placed on or near the neck of a woman by an adolescent male with whom she is not copulating. The woman knows the hickie’s true inference, and displays it as evidence to her girlfriends that she is able to retain a boy’s interest without having to *put out*. The male who inflicts a hickie imagines that it will be interpreted as evidence that he *is* copulating with the woman bitten.

**high places** A.V. translation of *ha-bemuwth*, altars on which sacramental copulation took place in honor of the gods and goddesses of fertility. King Hezekiah destroyed the *bemuwth* throughout Judah as part of his centralization program to restrict religious rituals to the Temple. That he was not antagonistic to sexual forms of worship is evident from his failure to abolish the same practices in Jerusalem. Not until the reign of Josiah were the last *bemuwth* destroyed, and sacred copulation with nuns and monks ceased to be an accepted part of Jewish religion.

**high priest** Hereditary leader of the Aaronic clan of the Levite caste of Jewish priests, from the reign of Solomon, c 970 BCE, until the destruction of the temple in 70 CE. Under King Saul, a high priesthood claiming descent from Moses was all but exterminated for being sympathetic to David, and a new high priesthood instituted for which an Aaronic descent was concocted. David, on becoming king of the two nations, instituted a dual high priesthood, with power shared by the allegedly Aaronic Tsadowk and the allegedly Mosaic Abiathar. At David’s death, Abiathar supported Adonyahuw, while Tsadowk supported Solomon. Solomon consequently deposed and banished Abiathar, but did not dare execute a high priest. All high priests from then on were descendants of Tsadowk. The Mosaic priesthood seems to have disappeared at the time of the fall of Israel to Assyria in 721 BCE. The Aaronic priesthood disappeared with the destruction of the temple in 70 CE. The high priests achieved their maximum power when they also reigned as Hasmonean kings, from 164 BCE to 63 BCE.

**high school** In Australia: a secondary school that teaches a curriculum specifically aimed at university entrance, incorporating grades seven to twelve; in North America: grades ten to twelve

in any school, regardless of whether it teaches matriculation-oriented material or provides a child-minding service for unteachables.

**high school diploma** Documentary evidence that the holder attended school for twelve years without necessarily learning to read, write, or count past ten without removing his socks. Such a diploma, unaccompanied by matriculation, is clear evidence to a prospective employer that the holder is academically inept.

**Hilaria** Roman festival of the vernal equinox, celebrating the resurrection of the savior god Atthis on the third day; adapted from the resurrection festival of the goddess Easter, whose name is retained in the Christian adaptation of the same myth.

**Hilarion** Christian masochist, *c* 291-371 CE, who originated the pretence that a sadist in the sky enjoys watching masochists spend their lives in a cell or in a desert without ever speaking to another person or copulating or doing anything reasonably sane. Naturally he was canonized.

**Hillel** Pharisaic rabbi who flourished in the opening decade of the Common Era. Hillel, as a member of a Jewish sect that owed all of its original doctrines to Zoroastrianism, taught the Zoroastrian rule: Do not do to another what is hateful to yourself. He also taught the Priestly author's equivalent (LEVITICUS 19:18): Show your compatriot the same compassionate consideration you show yourself. Jesus the Nazirite later, according to his biographers, preached both of those rules, and that convergence contributed to the pretence that Jesus had been Hillel's pupil. In fact both teachings were standard among Essenes and Pharisees, and Jesus' oft-demonstrated ignorance belied any claim that he had been taught by a learned rabbi.

**Hinduism** Mythology that differs little from its immediate precursor, Brahmanism. Hindus continue to revere the cow-mother in much the same way the Greeks worshipped cow-mother Hera 3500 years ago. Despite having even more gods than Christianity, Hinduism is monistic holding that good and evil emanate from a single divine source. Like Christianity, Hinduism is headed by a paramount trinity, consisting of Brahma, Siva and Vishnu. Unlike Christianity, Hinduism has never pretended to be monotheistic, and has therefore not renamed its minor gods *angels*, *demons* and *saints*. Hinduism has never been corrupted by buddhistic masochism, possibly because the founder of Buddhism was a renegade Brahmana. Hinduism therefore does not glorify celibacy and related perversions, although individual Hindus such as Gandhi have adopted buddhistic practices.

**Hipparkhos** The astronomer who, in 134 BCE, sighted the first recorded supernova, which he reported as a "new star." That could not have been the first "new star" sighting, however, as a myth that the birth of Abraham had been heralded by a new star existed for centuries before 134 BCE, and no such myth could have been invented before it was known that "new star" was not an impossible concept.

**Hippocrates** Earliest writer, *c* 460-377 BCE, known to have recognized that, "From the brain alone arise our pleasures, joys, laughter and jests, as well as our sorrows, pains, griefs and tears," centuries before the general public abandoned the belief that intellect is centered in the liver and emotion in the heart.

**Hippolytos** Son of Greek demigod Theseus. Hippolytos resisted the efforts of his stepmother Phaidra to seduce him, and as a consequence she accused him of rape. Theseus, believing Phaidra's story, drove Hippolytos to his death. His name meant "unleashed horse," and that name indicated the specific circumstances of his death. The same basic story was told in the Egyptian tale of the Two Brothers, the Greek myth of Bellerophon, and the biblical fantasy of Joseph and the wife of Potiphar.

**Hippolytos** Christian mythologist *c* 170-236 CE; Roman presbyter who, on account of his disagreement with the current bishop of Rome, set himself up as an opposition. bishop. The RC

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calendar lists Hippolytos as an antipope, but in fact no bishop of Rome made claims of paramouncy over other bishops, thereby creating a papacy, until 150 years after Hippolytos's death. Despite his status as a schismatic and an antipope, Hippolytos's *Philosophumena* continues to be regarded as Christian orthodoxy by Catholic and Protestant churches alike.

**Hippolytos, Saint** Canonization of the son of Theseus as a Christian martyr trampled to death by stampeding horses on Diana's feast day; eventually equated with the mythologian of the same name, but originally distinct.

**history** What happened in the past, or what someone said happened in the past, or what someone thought happened in the past, or what someone wanted others to think happened in the past, or what someone wanted others to think he thought happened in the past; the study of the past by scientific methods and logical reasoning; the propaganda of the winning side; a catalogue of human atrocities; conclusions about the past that are consistent with the evidence, in contrast to theology in which conclusions are predetermined and evidence rationalized to fit them.

**Hitler, Adolf** The inevitable consequence of the victorious allies' decision at the end of World War One to "squeeze Germany till the pips squeak"; a paranoid mediocrity whose rise to power was the fortuitous consequence of preaching the right message in the right place at the right time. Hitler could no more have risen beyond *big frog in a small puddle* status without the Treaty of Versailles to spawn him, than Joseph McCarthy could have done in a world without communism.

**hit man** A person who is paid for killing people.

**hit on** Pejorative term implying that extending an invitation to share joy is necessarily selfish.

**Hobal Hubal** Pre-Islamic local god of Mecca, whom Mohamed equated with Al-lahu, paramount god of the universe whom Mohamed declared to be the only "true" god.

**hobgoblin** *see* fairy

**hocus pocus** Intentional distortion of *hoc est corpus meum*, representing non-sacramentalist Protestantism's perception of the Catholic god-eating ritual, previously performed only in Latin.

**Hokmah** Hebrew goddess, consort of Yahweh, eulogized in WISDOM OF SOLOMON; equivalent to *Shekinah*, deified wisdom.

**Holiness Code** Lawcode of EXODUS 20-23, included in the Elohist's chronicle of *c* 770 BCE, but clearly older, since part of it was quoted by the Yahwist *c* 920 BCE.

**holly and mistletoe** Red and white berries representing the fertility goddess's blood and the fertility god's sperm, that were part of the Druidic Yuletide festival; assimilated into Christianity as part of the Christmas festival.

**Hollywood** Source and purveyor of most of the silliest and most mind crippling superstitions ever to come out of puerile or prostitute minds. Hollywood continuously produces entertainment units that perpetuate and reinforce contrary-to-fact beliefs, for the sole purpose of maintaining and expanding the market for *more* entertainment units that purvey scientifically illiterate superstition.

**holocaust** Literally, a burnt sacrifice to a god in which a dead animal is totally consumed, leaving no portion for the god's priests. The word has been applied to the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ended World War Two by "sacrificing" 300,000 to save the 2,000,000 who would have been killed before the war could have been ended by other means. Since about 1960, *the Holocaust* has become an idiom for the Nazi extermination program in which persons perceived as the Nazis' enemies were massacred in death camps set up for the purpose. In recent times, apologists for the Hitler regime have denied that extermination camps ever existed, on the ground that recovered skeletons and documentary evidence cannot account for even 100,000 dead

civilians. No competent military historian agrees with that conclusion. There is, however, no valid evidence that the number of Jews killed in the camps was as high as the 6,000,000 that has become for all practical purposes a Jewish dogma. No census figures for Europe's pre-war Jewish population exist, and no statistics exist for the number of Jews who migrated from Europe after 1939. The *six million* figure is based solely on the unsubstantiated boasts of death camp commandants who saw inflated kill figures, not as a confession of an appalling atrocity, but as a measure of their efficiency. The American high command in Viet Nam claimed to have killed five times the total Vietnamese population for the same reason. Only dogmatists with no competence in historical methodology deny that there was an extermination program, and that Hitler *attempted* to kill twenty million Jews. But whether the total number of victims, only half of them Jewish, was as few as one million or more than ten million, cannot be established. That Hitler died with his *final solution* incomplete in no way diminishes the magnitude of the Nazi atrocity.

**Holofernes** Mythical general under Nebuchadnezzar in JUDITH but bearing the name of a historical general of Artaxerxes III.

**holy days** In Jesus mythology, days that all worshippers are expected to observe. Christian holy days include festivals honoring the Invincible Sun (Christmas), the goddess Ishtar (Easter), the god Mars (Michaelmas), the goddess Hekate (All Souls Day), the Pantheon (All Saints Day), and the god Samhain (Halloween).

**holy land** The territory known at various times as Phoenicia, Judah, Palestine and Israel. Around 920 BCE the Yahwist retroactively labeled the land conquered by Joshua and David "the promised land," by pretending that Yahweh had promised to give it to the conquerors' ancestors. Jews since the Yahwist's time have consequently regarded Judah as a holy land, theirs by divine right. Islam and Christianity, both claiming to be the Jews' rightful successors as inheritors of the Jewish god's treaty, now make similar claims.

**holy spirit** Translation of *pneuma hagion*, which originally meant "consecrated breath," that is, a pious state of mind, but which authors of the Christian gospels personified into a living entity. The Essenes, from whom the Christians took the concept, used the expression to mean the abstraction that was later called *conscience*. The personified "holy spirit" was fully deified by Theophilus of Antioch c 180 CE, and given equal status with Yahweh and Jesus in a divine triad that was not yet a trinity, a. one-god-in-three-persons. That status, borrowed from goddess mythology, was bestowed a century later by Athanasius. The gospels called JOHN and *Hebrews* both made the personified holy spirit female. *Hebrews* even had Jesus refer to "my mother the holy spirit." LUKE and MATTHEW, in their virgin-birth interpolations, show the holy spirit as a male capable of impregnating Mary. Despite JOHN's implication that a follower of Jesus must be "born again" from the womb of the holy spirit and the river Jordan, modern Christianity makes the holy spirit unambiguously male.

**holy war** "The granddaddy of all oxymorons." —Johnny Hart.

**holy water** Originally, water mixed with dust that Jewish women accused of adultery were required to drink, in the belief that the drinker, if guilty, would be cursed to suffer body rot. So strongly did Jewish culture believe in the efficacy of priestly curses, that guilty parties tended to confess rather than drink the holy water. Holy water is now part of RC ritual, and that led to an anonymous Protestant concocting the story of a Catholic cook who put holy water in the pressure cooker and blew Christ out of the kitchen.

**homemaker** (a) an architect; (b) an engineer; (c) a carpenter; (d) a pretentious housewife.

**homeopathy** Form of medical quackery in which such allegedly curative substances as virgin's tears, ground bedbug and skunk essence, diluted to the density of one molecule per cubic light year, are claimed to cure absolutely everything. The theory of homeopathy is that a substance



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capable of causing symptoms in the healthy can cure the same ailment in the ill. That theory, carried to its logical conclusion, would mean that smoking should cure cancer.

**homeoquackery** *see* homeopathy

**Homer** Name retroactively attached to the editor who combined a large number of poems, some of them predating the Trojan War, into a single epic known as *Iliad*, c 800 BCE, and also to the poet who composed *Odyssey* c 700 BCE. The poems attributed to Homer constituted the earliest Greek bible. All attempts to turn the demigod Herakles into an Olympian god were doomed to failure when the *Odyssey* located him in Tartaros, from which place he could not be extricated without repudiating Homer's bible. Because *Iliad* was a collection of separate poems about the same events by different authors, it often happened that a hero killed in one part of the finished amalgam turned up alive in a later part. The ancient Greeks explained such inconsistencies with the words, "Homer nodded." That explanation was far more rational than the incredible doublethink that has been used to justify the Judaeo-Christian bible's many inconsistencies.

**homosexual** A person who practises homosexuality. Like "typist," "violinist" and "gymnast," the word describes something an individual does, not what he/she is.

**homosexuality** The practice of engaging in orgasm-inducing behavior with a member of one's own sex. Homosexuality as a concept came into existence in the early seventh century BCE, when Zarathustra or his maguses separated it from other sexual coupling in order to ban it for the purpose of maximizing procreation.

**honeymoon** Period of one lunar cycle at the beginning of a marriage, when the newly mated couple traditionally sought the blessing of the fertility deity who also supplied milk and honey, by engaging in prolific mating and consuming large quantities of mead.

**honkie** Word used by some black Americans to describe a white American. Although *honkie* is intended to be pejorative, it has never been resented as offensive by whites, as blacks have resented *nigger*. Most white Americans are more resentful of being called *gringo*.

**hoodoo** *see* voodoo

**hooker** slang for "prostitute," thought to be derived from civil war general Joseph Hooker, who habitually patronized ladies-for-rent.

**hoop snake** Snake that takes its tail in its mouth and rolls down hills in the form of a hoop. The hoop snake was concocted by rural hoaxers to deceive city dwellers, much like America's jackalope, with the consequence that many victims of the hoax claimed to have personally seen such a creature, and a generation evolved that believes in its reality.

**Hoover, J. Edgar** Absolute monarch, until his death, of the sovereign state of FBI, so powerful that he was able to blackmail the President of the United States into keeping him in office. Hoover's hatred of heterosexuals caused him to fire at least one agent who was discovered to be living with his fiancée. Hoover's hobbies included watching baseball, drinking brandy, and sucking cocks.

**Hope, Saint** Mythical sister of mythical Saint Faith and Saint Charity, all canonizations of the three Fates of Greek mythology.

**Hopkins syndrome** The capacity to believe that lack of specific memories of a time when in fact nothing happened is a consequence of being abducted by aliens from UFOs. Bud Hopkins, author of *Intruders*, interviewed many persons whose predilection for believing scientifically illiterate hogwash was demonstrated by their coming to him in the first place, and by leading questions was able to convince them that they had been victims of alien abductions.

- Horeb, Mount** Elohist's version of Yahweh's sacred mountain, in contrast to the Yahwist's version, Mount Sinai.
- Hormidz, Saint** Canonization of the Zoroastrian paramount god, Ahura Mazda.
- Horny** In parts of England and Scotland, euphemism for the Christian devil, whose name the inhabitants avoid in the belief that its use would make the devil appear.
- horseshit** An allegation or conclusion too absurd to be considered mere bullshit.
- horseshoe** Charm used by Hindus, Arabs and Celts on account of its vulva shape, to invoke the blessing of the great Mother.
- Horus** Virgin-born Egyptian savior god who was the sacrificed Osiris risen from the grave; equivalent to Jesus, Atthis, Tammuz, Adonis and Dionysos.
- hosanna** Imperative form of the Hebrew verb *to liberate*; equivalent to "Help!" Usually left untranslated in English bibles, to maintain the pretence that Jesus the Nazirite was not a political figure who set out to instigate an anti-Roman revolution. The correct translation of MATTHEW 21:9 is "Liberate us, descendant of David."
- HOSEA** Book written by a minor spokesman after the fall of Samaria in 721 BCE, claiming that Yahweh had given him advance warning of that event. Apart from nine identifiable interpolations, none larger than about one verse, HOSEA was the work of a single author.
- hospitality code** The ancient tradition under which two persons who have eaten together as host and guest are permanently disbarred from ever harming each other. It was the hospitality code that prevented Proitos from killing Bellerophontes when he believed his wife's lie that Bellerophontes had raped her. It was the people of Sodom's blatant breach of the hospitality code, in that they denied to Levit's houseguests the protection due to persons who had eaten at Levit's table, that was Yahweh's reason for destroying Sodom in the Yahwist's myth. Not until two centuries after the Yahwist's death was the Sodomites' crime reinterpreted as a breach of a homosexual taboo that had not existed when the myth was composed.
- host** From Latin *hostia*, "victim," from which is also derived *hostage*; the consecrated bread that RC mythology equates with the body of a dead Jew.
- hostage syndrome** There have been many instances in recent history of persons who are held hostage for long periods by terrorists expressing sympathy for the terrorists' cause and favorable opinions of the individual terrorists. The hostage syndrome, or empathy for one's tormentors, is generally thought to be the consequence of cognitive dissonance. The hostage is initially aware that the terrorists holding him are psychopathic subhuman moral retards. But he is also aware that if he in any way reveals that opinion to the terrorists, they are likely to kill him. So he pretends to be *open minded* and to *see* their point of view. Cognitive dissonance is thus generated, in that his observable behavior is incompatible with his true beliefs. Since he cannot terminate the dissonance by changing his behavior, he terminates it by the only alternative method: He changes his beliefs. Just as a person who cannot stop smoking hypnotizes himself into believing that smoking will not harm him, so the hostage hypnotizes himself into believing that terrorists are nice guys who will not harm him. The hostage syndrome is particularly prevalent in societies infested with religion. God addicts, terrified that a psychopath in the sky will torture them in Hell for all eternity if they dare recognize that the protagonist of the Judaeo-Christian bible is as evil as Hitler and as insane as Caligula, hypnotize themselves into believing that "when God does it, it's not evil." Thus, the execution of 24,000 hostages in retaliation for one man's alleged offense (NUMBERS 25:9), the death of 100,000 earthquake victims in China or Armenia, and the infection of innumerable victims with AIDS and cancer, become, not incomparable atrocities

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committed by the most sadistic monster in all fiction, but merely an omnibenevolent Father's *mysterious ways*. *see also* doublethink

**hot cross bun** Christian adaptation of the Persian cake embossed with the sword of Mithra, eaten as the body and blood of Mithra in the *mizd* ritual that became the Christian *mass*.

**Houdini, Harry** Stage name of Erich Weiss, an American magician who made his reputation as an escapologist, escaping from safes, cells, sealed boxes, handcuffs and other devices designed to constrain people. Houdini often performed no more than three or four magical illusions in an entire show. He would have himself locked in a safe on stage, close the curtains, and have the audience stare at the curtains for as much as ninety minutes before he reappeared and announced that he had escaped. In fact the escape had been accomplished within a matter of seconds, long before the two or three minutes worth of air in the safe had been consumed. Houdini then sat on the stage reading until the audience's reaction to the growing certainty of his suffocation convinced him that maximum suspense had been achieved. Houdini's most famous feat, however, was conning reporters into believing that an under-ice escape in another city had once gone wrong, and that he had survived by breathing the air between the water and the ice for twenty minutes. In fact Houdini never in his life dropped through a hole in river ice without being thoroughly secured to a safety line. The tale of his underwater adventure was pure fiction. Houdini's greatest service to the world was his exposure as frauds of every spiritualist medium he ever investigated. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, desperate to continue believing in the spook hoax after Houdini had exposed five or six mediums who Doyle had been convinced were genuine, including Doyle's wife, ended his friendship with Houdini rather than be forced to acknowledge that spiritualism was a fraud and his wife was a simulator. So thoroughly did Houdini discredit the spiritualism scam, that when it was revived in the 1980s, the new generation of spook crooks had to invent a new name: *channeling*. For biographies of Houdini, see William Lindsey Gresham's *Houdini: The Man Who Walked Through Walls*, (OOP) and Ken Silverman's *Houdini: The Career of Erich Weiss*, NY, 1996.

**Houri** Non-corporeal woman whom Mohamed promised his followers would be made available to them in the Islamic Heaven, at the rate of eight personal houris per man. The certainty of having a harem of houris in the afterlife caused the believer to tolerate a sexless existence on earth, thereby allowing Mohamed and other ranking Muslim sheikhs to assign all of the most phallus-raising women to their own harems. As with all of Mohamed's other teachings, the houri also was borrowed from older mythology. Zarathustra more than one thousand years earlier had offered his faithful followers an afterlife filled with virgin playmates capable of growing new hymens after each bout of recreation, and that ability was retained in the Mohamedan houris. A comparison of Mohamed's houris with the Christian Heaven's harps and celibacy makes clear why thousands of Christian men turn Muslim every year, but conversions the other way are all but nonexistent. The Muslim houris were modeled on Norse mythology's valkyries. Currently, Muslims are falling for the *houris* hoax as a bribe for suicidal killings of Israeli civilians.

**house call** According to earth's oldest inhabitant, the house call is not a myth. It apparently became extinct shortly after World War Two.

**Hubal** Pre-Islamic god of Arabia associated with the Ka'aba meteorite that was first revered as an image of the divine vulva; later rededicated to Allah.

**Hubbard syndrome** American author Carl Sandberg wrote a short story in which a man started a rumor of an oil discovery in Hell. When the protagonist's rivals had all purchased drilling equipment and gone to Hell to dig for oil, the protagonist did likewise—in case the rumor proved to be true. The Hubbard syndrome, named after science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, who

founded a religion called scientology to win a bet and later came to believe in his own fantasy, is the ability to believe one's own lies.

**Hubert, Saint** Canonization of pagan hunter god.

**Hughie** The world's first and only sane god, created in the science fiction novel, *The Autobiography of God*, and utilized in other novels by the same author. Hughie has never revealed his (common gender) existence. He has never laid down guidelines for human behavior. He defines *morality* as the conscious avoidance of all behavior that unnecessarily hurts a non-consenting victim, and *sin* as such unnecessary hurting. Unlike all other gods, whose nonexistence is their only redeeming feature, Hughie's nonexistence is his only bad point.

**Hughieism** The theory that, if a god exists, as it probably does not, it must be a more evolved life form than humans, and therefore totally sane, intelligent and moral, as the gods of all religions past and present are not. Such a god may conceivably have the capacity to grant eternal life to persons who have not been hurters, but accepting an intolerable lifestyle in the expectation of being rewarded in Hughie's Heaven is every bit as stupid as practising masochism in the expectation of being rewarded in the sadistic Jewish/Christian/Muslim paramount God's Heaven.

**Huguenots** French Protestants, up to 70,000 of whom were massacred by Catholics on Bartholomew's Day 1572, causing the current pope to proclaim a year of celebration.

**human** The only animal with the ability to mate with its entire body.

**Humanae Vitae** *Mein Kampf*'s only rival as the sickest prescription for human misery ever to come out of an unbalanced mind. Composed by Pope Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae* ordered Catholics to behave in a manner guaranteed to cause the human race to overpopulate itself into extinction within two hundred years. Fortunately, not all RCs are as insane as Paul VI and his feeble-minded successor, Wojtyla, and most in fact practise sane population control in defiance of the insane orders of their insane tyrants.

**humanism** The philosophy that, since all claims that morality has been defined by a god have been discredited, human behavior must be based on rationally derived human criteria. Although humanism rejects belief in gods, it goes beyond mere atheism, and offers an alternative rationale for ethical behavior, in place of the dogma that right and wrong are whatever a metaphysical lawgiver says they are.

**humanism, religious** Attempt to combine humanistic morality, based on reason rather than pretended revelation, with belief in a god.

**humanism, secular** True humanism, so subtitled to distinguish it from religious humanism.

**humanist** A person who believes that morality can only be based on human reason. While most persons describing themselves as humanists believe that gods do not exist, some hold that some kind of metaphysical judge might exist, but if so, it is not the author of laws attributed to gods by any religion.

**human sacrifice** There were two main forms of human sacrifice in the ancient world:

- (1) sacred king sacrifice. Once a year a tribe's fertility deity demanded the sacrifice of a figurehead king as the price of its continued goodwill, and in exchange for that one life taken, the god granted life to the crops, herds and worshippers. It has been estimated that if Christianity had retained sacred king sacrifice instead of substituting heretic killing, more than forty million lives would have been saved.
- (2) infant sacrifice. Prior to the institution of cradle-to-marriage virginity for women, when it was known that recreation causes procreation but not known that pregnancies last nine months or that a child can have only a single father or that sperm dies within forty-eight

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hours, there was no way for a man to guarantee that his woman's first child was fathered by him alone. Rather than raise a bastard, a child of many fathers, the father sacrificed the first child to his favorite god, as Abraham did with Isaac in the Elohist's myth before the Redactor added a substitution interpolation into the story. After the sacrifice, the wife observed an adultery taboo, so that further sacrifices were unnecessary. Premarital virginity was imposed on women as the only means of putting an end to the wasteful practice of sacrificing all firstborns. The Yahwist's ten commandments, attributed to Moses, included an order to sacrifice all firstborn (EXODUS 34:19), and Jews' continued the practice into the seventh century BCE (4 KINGS 21:6).

**humbug** A person who, like a crank, peddles pseudoscience as science, but who, unlike the crank, is a conscienceless liar who knows full well that his fiction is indeed fiction. A selection of prominent humbugs and cranks in the most widely swallowed fields of hogwash is given below. Since the detection of a single conscious lie or faked experiment is sufficient to categorize a nonsense peddler as a humbug, and experiments are often faked by persons who believe they are helping propagate *truth*, some of the names in the humbug column may also be cranks. And when a humbug has been caught cheating over and over, an investigator who continues to pronounce him genuine, and cannot be shown that the humbug has deceived him with conjuring techniques, is clearly a crank.

PSEUDOSCIENCE	CRANK	HUMBUG
alien abductions	John Mack	Whitley Strieber
alien autopsy	Jonathan Frakes	FOX TV network
astrology	Nancy Reagan	Jeane Dixon
Atlantis and Mu	James Churchwood	Charles Berlitz
Bermuda Triangle	none of note	Charles Berlitz
biorhythms	practitioners	newspapers
conspiracy theories	Chris Carter	Oliver Stone
creationism	Flat Earth Society	Garner Ted Armstrong
ESP	Puthoff and Targ	Uri Geller
faithhealing	Christian Science	televangelists
ghosts	Conan Doyle	John Fuller
graphology	practitioners	none of note
human cloning	none of note	David Rorvik
Loch Ness monster	Henry Bauer	Frank Searle
neo-Christianity	Mary Baker Eddy	Ellen White
	Brigham Young	Joseph Smith
neo-hypnotism	Maharishi Mahesh Yogi	L. Ron Hubbard
neo-spiritualism	Shirley MacLaine	J. Z. Knight
occult	Helene Blavatsky	L. Ron Hubbard
	Conan Doyle	Lobsang Rampa
	editors of <i>Fate</i>	Carlos Castaneda
palmistry	non-professionals	carnival hucksters
paranormal healing	Edgar Cayce	psychic surgeons
pseudo-archaeology	Barry Fell	Erich von Däniken
pseudo-cosmography	Immanuel Velikovsky	Erich von Däniken
pseudo-morality	Anita Bryant	Jimmy Swaggart
psychic precognition	TV scriptwriters	<i>National Inquirer</i>
psychic prophecy	Nostradamus	Jeane Dixon
reincarnation	Rosicrucians	past life therapists
religion	Ronald Reagan	most popes

sasquatch	Grover Krantz	Jon Beckjord
shroud of Turin	S.T.U.R.P.	Pope Paul VI
spiritualism	Conan Doyle	all mediums
theocratic prophecy	REVELATION	DANIEL
UFOlogy	J. Allen Hynek	Paul Cerny
water witching	practitioners	none of note

**humbuggery** The deliberate propagation of a contrary-to-fact belief for personal benefit. The main forms of humbuggery infesting western society are religion, psychology, astrology, chiroquackery, E.S.P., UFOlogy, neo-spiritualism, and babysitting that poses as education. The most insidious reinforcers and propagators of humbuggery are television, Time-Life books, and *Reader's Digest*, the first two aimed at the twelve-year-old mind and the latter at the eight-year-old mind.

**humility** The deliberate denying of one's known abilities in order to create the impression that there is much to deny. In fact persons who are habitually humble tend to have much to be humble about.

**hundredth monkey** Occult speculation once mistaken for a serious scientific hypothesis, that when an animal such as a monkey learned a new skill, such as diving into a hot pool, the first ninety-nine other monkeys to acquire the same skill needed to learn it directly by observation and experimentation. But once the *hundredth monkey* had acquired the skill, their collective knowledge somehow permeated the environment. Thereafter, all monkeys were able to utilize the same skill without the necessity of learning it by any physical means, and future generations were born in which the new skill was instinctive. The number 100 was not considered magically significant. The *hundredth monkey* could have been the 87th or the 203rd. But there was believed to be a critical point at which, once a specified number of monkeys could do something, all monkeys could do it. The theory was adequately tested by competent investigators, and falsified. Learned behavior in any species can never become instinctive. There is no *hundredth monkey*.

**hung** Slang for "endowed with a large penis."

**hunger** The condition of lacking adequate food, most commonly as a consequence of overpopulation, which in turn is the consequence of theocratic opposition to abortion and other forms of birth control.

**Hurkos, Peter** Fraudulent psychic (tautology) who practised the conjuring technique of cold reading for the purpose of deceiving the gullible into believing that he possessed powers that do not exist. On the *Steve Allen Show* in Los Angeles in 1963, Hurkos was so insulting to a woman who refused to pretend that his generalizations were true, that the host became observably uncomfortable and must have been tempted to break his rule to remain polite to his invited guests. When Hurkos once too often claimed to be *helping* the FBI in an investigation, he was arrested and charged with impersonating a federal officer. Hurkos spent his last years in well-deserved oblivion. Hurkos may have been the most repulsive sleaze bucket ever to perpetrate the *psychic* hoax, with Uri Geller and Jeane Dixon fighting it out for second and third place.

**husband** Concept that came into existence *c* 3500 BCE as a consequence of the Big Discovery, to mean a man who was a woman's legal owner and the only person permitted to breed her. The concept has since expanded to mean the only man with whom a woman is permitted to engage in sexual recreation, even of the non-procreational type.

**Hutterites** Russian god cult transplanted into Canada in the nineteenth century; the closest surviving Jesus cult to the Ebionite sect founded by Jesus, since it still adheres to the Ebionite practice of communal ownership of all goods and services, abandoned by the early Christians after the composition of JOHN *c* 130 CE. The Hutterites do not, however, practice such other Ebionite

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customs as repudiation of all sexual intercourse, marriage, and family ties. The above description applies equally to such other neo-Anabaptist sects as Mennonites and Amish.

**Hyacinth, Saint** Canonization of Apollo's catamite.

**Hyakinthos** A beautiful boy with whom the Greek god Apollo had a sexual relationship. The belief that homosexual love was less commendable than the heterosexual kind did not reach Greece until the triumph of Christianity in the fourth century CE.

**Hyksos** Semitic tribe that conquered Egypt and ruled as the fifteenth to seventeenth dynasties, 1730-1570 BCE. The tales of Abraham's stay in Egypt suggest a possible connection between the Jews and the Hyksos, but the absence of supporting evidence makes such speculation precarious. Also, the legend that the Canaanites, a Semitic tribe, came to Phoenicia from Uganda raises the possibility that the Hyksos *may* have fled to Uganda from Egypt. The Hyksos were expelled from Egypt by Amunhotep I, founder of the eighteenth dynasty.

**hymn** Song of praise, usually to a god.

**Hynek, J. Allen** High priest of UFO mythology; only member of the Condon commission investigating UFOs who failed to recognize that there was nothing left to investigate after ten years of totally negative findings; as much responsible for the propagation of UFO belief as the fruitcake who first reported seeing a flying boomerang in 1947; proof that even a person with a Ph.D. can be so committed to an emotionally satisfying belief, that he can shut out all falsifying evidence in order to retain that belief.

**Hypatia** One of the first victims of Christianity's intolerant hatred of all competing mythologies whose name has survived. Hypatia was torn apart by a mob of rampaging Christians in 415 CE, at the instigation of their bishop, for teaching neo-Platonism in an empire well on the way to becoming a Christian theocracy.

**hyperconcentration** Suggested alternative name for the very small portions of the alleged phenomena lumped together under the misnomer, *hypnotism*, that may conceivably be real. While hypnotism, the ability to delude others by *power of suggestion*, has been almost totally discredited, the human mind's ability to delude itself remains observably real.

**Hyperion** Pre-Greek sun god, one of the fourteen Titans of the seven planets; equivalent to Helios, Apollo, Galgaliel, Mithra, Sol, Shamash, Aton and Ra.

**hyperspace** A word first coined by science fiction writer Isaac Asimov as a hypothetical solution to the problem of getting his characters from one planetary system to another without violating the physical law that massive bodies cannot equal or pass the speed of light. The concept of hyperspace is, however, taken seriously by some theoretical astrophysicists, who compare the observable universe to the two-dimensional surface of a sheet of paper that can be so folded that any two points on the paper remain the same distance apart along the paper's surface, but adjacent to one who can travel through the paper. Hyperspace is a postulated fourth dimension, in which points far apart in the three-dimensional universe may be close together in the four-dimensional hypersphere. Of those scientists who do consider hyperspace a concept worthy of investigation, few if any believe it could make interstellar travel as viable in reality as in science fiction. More would compare the short cut through hyperspace with the short cut through a sphere. While the distance between two points on the surface of a sphere will always be shorter through the sphere than along the surface, only when the distance traveled is at least one-tenth of the circumference does the difference become significant, and even between points at maximum separation the saving in distance is only about one-third. Hyperspace as a free lunch exists only in science fiction.

**hypersphere** An Einstein hypothesis in which the universe is finite but boundless, analogous to the surface of a sphere. The three-dimensional universe perceived by our senses is the postulated *surface* of a four-dimensional hypersphere. A space traveler proceeding in a constant direction in the three-dimensional universe, like an ant walking along any great circle of a sphere, will eventually reach his original starting point. Even though several of the equations used in Einstein's theory have been validated, and no alternative explanation for their correctness has found favor, most mathematicians continue to regard Einstein's extra-dimensional concept as more metaphysical than scientific, and expect that a less esoteric theory will eventually be harmonized with Einstein's calculations.

**hypnogogic hallucination** "Waking dream" that occurs during the process of falling asleep, and in retrospect appears to have a reality lacking in normal dreams; origin of the concept *vision* as a metaphysical experience.

**hypnopompic hallucination** "Waking dream" that occurs during the process of waking from a sleep, and in retrospect appears to have a reality lacking in normal dreams.

**hypnosis** Word coined by Dr James Braid from the Greek *hypnos*, "sleep," to mean the sleep-like state of suggestibility that he was investigating as a potential medically useful condition. Braid tried to abolish *hypnosis* and substitute *neurypnology* when he realized that, whatever the state of consciousness of a supposedly hypnotized person might be, it was not sleep.

**hypnotism** The art or technique of inducing a state of hypnosis or heightened suggestibility. Although the word *hypnotism* remains useful as a description of the self-delusion that enables an individual to remove from his awareness all knowledge and evidence that falsifies an emotionally satisfying belief, the existence of any kind of hypnotism that is more than that is now considered doubtful. Persons subjected to direct suggestion have been observed to so control or overcome pain, that surgical operations have been performed that would normally have resulted in fatal shock trauma. However, the degree to which the patient is consciously cooperating is uncertain. While his control of pain appears to exceed what he could accomplish under other circumstances, that he actually feels no pain, as opposed to being able to suppress or ignore the pain, is not established. That some ostensibly hypnotized persons, told to act out a suggested hallucination, consciously simulate what they believe a hypnotized person would do, is fully established. That all ostensibly hypnotized persons who act out hallucinations are shamming, has become a reasonable conclusion based on the lack of any evidence whatsoever to the contrary. It seems certain that some women have submitted to sexual intimacies with hypnotists who have suggested, "I am your current lover or husband." But it is equally certain that such subjects have been fully aware of external reality, and have submitted in the conviction that they could deny responsibility on the ground that, "I thought he was my husband." Except in the broad sense that a viewer is *hypnotized* by a television commercial into buying the advertised product, but always retains the ability to choose *not* to buy the advertised product, the conclusion is growing among competent researchers that hypnotism has never been demonstrated to exist and almost certainly does not exist. For additional information see *Hypnosis: The Cognitive-Behavioral Perspective*, N. P. Spanos and J. F. Chaves, eds, Prometheus, 1989; and *They Call it Hypnosis*, Robert A. Baker, Prometheus, 1990.



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**Ia, Saint** Canonization of Io, cow goddess of the Ionians.

**Iapet (Japheth)** In the Yahwist's genealogy, the second son of Noah and the ancestor of the Philistines; in the Priestly author's genealogy, Noah's third son, ancestor of the Europeans; equivalent to Greek Iapetos.

**Iapetos** Greek Titan who was the grandfather of Deukalion, the Greek flood hero who was equivalent to Noah, and the father of Prometheus, the pre-Greek Titan who created the first human out of clay.

**iatrogenic disorder** Pathological condition caused by doctors and their treatment techniques, often more severe than the problem that brought the patient to the doctor in the first place. In the days before doctors practised modern hygiene, most hospital patients routinely died of diseases they did not have when they were admitted. Today, the most common iatrogenic disorders are those caused by such quacks as past-life therapists and psychoanalysts, who mentally cripple their patients by instilling the therapist's own contrary-to-fact beliefs.

**Iblis** The Muslim devil; equivalent to Satan and Ahriman.

**ice cream** In television commercials, symbolic phallus shown being fellated by a breedable woman for the purpose of implying, "Buy the advertised product and this is what she'll do to you."

**iconoclast** A person so opposed to icon worship that he made a point of vandalizing icons. The term later generalized to mean anyone who offered forceful arguments against traditional beliefs.

**iconography** The making of icons, images or representations of mythological figures such as gods, angels and saints. Iconography is prohibited by Judaism and Islam, but prevalent in Christianity, particularly Catholic Christianity. The prohibition stemmed from the Elohist's second Commandment, composed to enhance Yahweh's mystique by making him impossible to depict in any form whatsoever, but later interpreted as a prohibition of all forms of visual art. Christianity accepted the Jewish ban on icons for its first five centuries, and in that time Josephus's description of Jesus the Nazirite as a bald, stooped, old-looking, ugly, deformed near-midget was expurgated from all manuscripts. Consequently, when a sixth-century painter ignored the prohibition and depicted Jesus in the Mandylion as a tall, handsome Adonis, that representation became the concept of Jesus that is reproduced to this day. Since Mohamed created Islam as an extension of Christianity, at a time when Christianity still prohibited icons, Islam did likewise. But following the painting of the Mandylion, Christianity changed into the most icon-ridden mythology on earth, borrowing heavily from the iconography of the pagans. For example, Michelangelo's *Pieta* is identical in form with pre-Christian sculptures of the executed savior Atthis and the sorrowing mother Cybele. And only when statues of Isis and the infant Horus were dated to pre-Christian times was it realized that they did not depict Mary and the infant Jesus.

**id** Latin for "it"; Freudian psychobabble for the allegedly autonomous part of the mind that seeks total gratification of its every whim. *see also* ego and superego.

**idiot** From Greek, *idiotes*, meaning a hick who is uninterested in politics: a person whose I.Q., on a scale with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15, lies in the range 25-55. An idiot ranks below an imbecile (55-70) and above a vegetable (0-25). An idiot is incapable of rising above the mental level of a four-year-old. Down syndrome victims tend to be idiots, but some have progressed to the imbecile level. Social workers argue that *idiot* and *imbecile* are pejorative words,

and that the former should be called “trainable mentally handicapped” and the latter “educable mentally handicapped.”

**idol** A godlet, meaning a statue of a god or demigod thought to possess either the god’s essence or at least a channel of communication to the god. RC mythology maintains that a statue is not an idol, since prayers to the statue are *really* directed to the deified/canonized entity of whom the statue is a mere representation. In Protestant mythology, any statue to which prayers are directed is an idol.

**idolatry** When Jewish lawmakers instituted a ban on the manufacture of any kind of representation of the invisible god Yahweh, Judaism formulated the concept of idolatry to describe any mythology that did make statues of its gods and perform rituals of homage in the statue’s presence, as earlier generations of Jews had done. Protestants tend to view Roman Catholic forms of worship as idolatry.

**Ignatius, Saint** Canonization of a statue of Herakles captured when Hadrian won a battle at Antioch and carried back to Rome as the spoils of war.

**Ignatius of Loyola** Canonized Christian masochist who in 1540 founded the Jesuits as an ultra-conservative response to liberal pressures that led to the Counter Reformation.

**ignoramus** Latin for “We do not know”; a person who is unaware of more information in more fields of knowledge than the majority of the population.

**ignorant** Latin for “They do not know”; unaware of specific facts, but not necessarily unlearned in other areas. Thus a godworshipper may be learned in astrophysics, but he is by definition ignorant in the field of god mythology, for the obvious reason that a person who knows how and why religion came into existence could no more be a godworshipper than an astronaut who has viewed the earth from an orbiting satellite could be a flat-earther.

**Ikhenaton** The world’s first monotheist; Pharaoh of Egypt 1380-1362 BCE; formerly called Amunhotep IV; Ikhenaton, who adopted a new name when he adopted a new god, Aton, in place of Amun, declared that his solar deity, Aton, was not merely the world’s most powerful god, but was its only god. He banned the worship of Amun, the ram god of No-Amen (“Thebes”), with the consequence that after his death the revived Amunite priesthood destroyed all evidence of Ikhenaton’s existence. Monotheism died with its creator, but a substitute, monolatry, was introduced a century later by the Atonic priest *Atonmoses*, Moses. Monotheism was not conceived again until Judaism reduced all gods but Yahweh to the level of created beings in post-exilic times, thereby creating a kind of pseudo-monotheism.

**Iliad** Epic poem about the last year of the Trojan War. *Iliad* consists of twenty-four books, or stanzas, each of which was probably a separate poem before an editor retroactively named Homer combined them into a reasonably unified whole c 800 BCE. Those books that glorified Akhilleus were probably composed by Aeolians who migrated from Thessaleie to Boiotia immediately following the end of the Trojan war, transforming a much earlier sacred king into a hero of the war. The sections concerning Great Aias were composed at least two centuries before the war. Other books could date from as late as the ninth century BCE. In its present form, *Iliad* contains amendments made at the order of Pisistratos, tyrant of Athens, and possibly some from even later. *Iliad* was the first piece of writing to acquire the status of a *bible*, the inerrant Word of the Gods. It was written at a time when the concept *fiction* did not yet exist, and those who did not accept it as revealed truth simply denounced it as *lies*. Plato took the latter view, and castigated Homer as an impious blasphemer who accused the gods of ungodly behavior. Although basically fictitious, and featuring gods and other nonexistent entities, *Iliad* is not valueless as a source of history, as Heinrich Schliemann demonstrated in the nineteenth century CE, when he unearthed Troy and Mycenae precisely where *Iliad* had declared them to be.

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**Ilion** “El’s Town”; Asian name for Troy, named for the chief sky god of most of western Asia.

**illegal confession** Oxymoron. Unless a confession was extracted by torture, or by some other form of coercion that would throw doubt on its validity, no sane lawcode would rule it inadmissible. But sanity has played no part in the incredible game of chance that passes for law enforcement in America since five judges decreed that a Constitutional Amendment designed to put an end to torture somehow also gave criminals the right to withdraw voluntary confessions, and conceal such confessions from juries, unless the criminal had been specifically warned that he had the right to remain silent. No sane person would have concocted such a law, and no sane person could interpret the Fifth Amendment as giving criminals the right to have voluntary confessions suppressed.

**illegitimate** A person who was never lawfully born yet undoubtedly exists. Only godworshippers could have invented an oxymoron as patently stupid as “illegitimate birth.”

**imbecile** A person whose I.Q., on a scale with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15, lies in the range 55-70. An imbecile ranks below a moron (70-85) and above an idiot (25-55). Whereas morons make good soldiers, postal workers, boxers and god-worshippers, imbeciles are generally incapable of filling even those occupations. The highest offices ever held by imbeciles have been King of England (1422-1461) and Pope (1978-2002+).

**Immaculate Conception** The RC fantasy that, whereas all other humans are born tainted with *original sin*, the goddess Mary was not. Pope Pius IX promulgated the Immaculate Conception myth in 1854.

**Immanuel** Hebrew name meaning “Allah is on our side.” As evidence that Yahweh would aid Akhaz, king of Judah, against the kings of Israel and Syria, the spokesman Yoshiyahuw (Isaiah) promised Akhaz that Yoshiyahuw’s wife would bear a son named Immanuel, who would still be in his infancy when Akhaz triumphed over his attackers (ISAIAH 7:14-16). Immanuel was not to be virgin-born, and only when ISAIAH was mistranslated into Greek did the Hebrew word for a young wife, *khalmah*, become corrupted into the Greek word for a virgin, *parthenos*. Had the interpolator of MATTHEW been able to read Hebrew, the pretence that Jesus was the son of a virgin would never have been concocted. The pretence that the alleged prophecy, “He is to be called Immanuel,” was fulfilled by Jesus was absurd, since Jesus was never called *Immanuel* in his life.

**Immersers** First-century CE sect founded by John the Immerser.

**immersion** *see* baptism

**immortality** The capacity to live forever. Around 30,000 BCE, humans first became conscious of the reality that all living things, including themselves, eventually die. But they also observed that the sky gods—sun, moon, stars and planets—live forever. So they theorized that, if the immortal gods would surrender just a portion of their immortality, humans, too, could live forever. Since the moon observably died once a month, only to be reborn as a *new* moon, while the sun died, or reached a low point in the sky, once a year, only to be reborn December 25, the logical explanation was that the death of the gods was a gift to humankind, and that humans could acquire immortality by eating the dying god’s flesh sacramentally. The human imagination consequently created religion, in order to delude itself that it was immortal.

**imprimatur** In RC mythology, consent from an official censor for the printing of a particular book. The Catholic Church once forbade the reading of any publication that lacked an imprimatur. Even though the *Index of Forbidden Books* has been abolished, Catholics are still discouraged from reading anything that contradicts church dogma, for the obvious reason that the only permanent godworshipper is an ignorant one.

**In His Image** Fiction by David Rorvik, purporting to be a factual account of the cloning of a human male. While there is no discernable reason why a human cannot eventually be cloned, what is known for certain is that no such cloning has yet occurred.

**Inanna** Sumerian goddess of sex and war; supplanted by Akkadian Ishtar.

**incarnation** In Jesus mythology, the birth of a god as a human baby. In the first century CE, Jesus the Nazirite was accepted by his followers and earliest biographers as exactly what he claimed to be: the successor and equal of King David. The Greek author of JOHN, familiar with stories in which mortal women gave birth to gods, made Jesus a god. Some time after that, the dogma evolved that Jesus was a pre-existing god even before his incarnation as Mary's son.

**incest** "unchastity"; Following the invention of marriage as a consequence of the Big Discovery of c 3500 BCE, the most common form of marriage in all cultures for almost two millennia was between siblings. Because few families produced precisely the same number of sons and daughters, the practice of waiting for an available sibling before mating led to a dangerous population drop. Since merely permitting adolescents to wed outside of the family would not have worked, they had to be forced to do so by the creation of a prohibition on within-the-family marriage. This was achieved by declaring the old marriage customs *taboo*, sacred to the gods, who alone could wed daughters, sisters and nieces. As with all sexual taboos, the original rationale was eventually forgotten, and fanciful rationalizations were invented to justify the gods' apparent caprice. The myth was invented that the marriage of close relatives produced deficient children. While it is true that close-relative mating can reinforce harmful genes as easily as beneficial genes, freak births that can be attributed to such a cause are extremely rare. As for the religious teaching that non-procreative recreation between siblings is *sinful*, whereas tennis playing between siblings is not sinful, only a culture permeated with buddhistic/Essene/Christian anti-sexualism could maintain such a belief.

**income tax** A temporary measure introduced more than a century ago for the duration of the war. Since the income tax has not yet been abolished, presumably the war is still going on.

**incompatible** Divorce court doubletalk for "she no longer orgasms when they copulate."

**inconsistency, external** Statements in a document purporting to be nonfiction, that are incompatible with what is known to be true from sources outside of the document. The Judaeo-Christian bible's main external inconsistencies are in the area of cosmography. The bible asserts that the earth is flat, immobile, less than 10,000 years old, and covered by a solid dome to which the sun, moon and stars, all as tiny as they appear to the naked eye, are attached. Such inconsistencies can exist only in fiction.

**inconsistency, internal** In a document purporting to be nonfiction, separate statements that are mutually incompatible. The Judaeo-Christian bible contains about a thousand pairs of mutually exclusive statements, and therefore at least a thousand statements that must be false for the contradictory statements to be true. Some of the inconsistencies are as follows: There is an afterlife (DANIEL 12:2). There is not an afterlife (ECCLESIASTES 9:5). Jesus' paternal grandfather was named Jacob (MATTHEW 1:16). Jesus' paternal grandfather was named Eli (LUKE 3:23). John the Immerser was Eliyahuw reincarnate (MATTHEW 17:13). John the Immerser was not Eliyahuw reincarnate (JOHN 1:21). Jesus was born before the death of King Herod (MATTHEW). Jesus was still unborn when Quirinius conducted the first Judean census ten years after Herod's death (LUKE). Jesus was a god (JOHN). Jesus was not a god (all other Christian books). Descendants of Cain, not being on Noah's ark, died in the flood (GENESIS 9:19). Cain's descendants were alive in Moses' time (NUMBERS 24: 21). Such inconsistencies can exist only in fiction.

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**incubus** A male demon that assumes human form in order to engage in sexual recreation with a mortal woman. Incubuses were once commonly blamed for erotic dreams, especially those of nuns, whose incubuses sometimes assumed the form of Jesus. Although other mythologies accepted the buddhistic teaching that celibacy was a virtue, only Christianity taught its victims to practise additional masochism for the specific purpose of making themselves unattractive to lusting incubuses.

**indecent exposure** In god-infested countries, the crime of failing to hide from view whichever parts of the body majority superstition deems *obscene*; e.g., in Jesus-infested countries, the genitals and breasts; in Mohamed-infested countries, the face; in nineteenth-century England, the legs. A gift of silk stockings to Queen Victoria was rejected on the ground that “The Queen of England has no legs.” Until recently, the exposure of a woman’s uncovered hair in church was considered indecent, because Paul of Tarsus had written that such a sight was likely to arouse the lust of angels.

**Indian rope trick** Magical illusion in which a magician, in the open air in a roofless environment, throws a coil of rope into the air. The rope remains suspended, with the top out of sight in the clouds and the bottom reaching the ground, while a boy climbs up it and disappears from sight. The magician, armed with a blade, climbs up after him and also disappears. Then body parts start to fall to the ground, until the whole boy, in several pieces, is piled in a heap. The magician climbs down the rope, covers the body with a cloth, whisks the cloth away, and the boy is present, alive and unharmed. The magician tugs on the rope, and it falls. Not for more than a century has any Occidental claimed to have seen the “Indian rope trick” as described above, and earlier claims are now discounted. The Magic Circle, a professional society for British magicians, has offered a large prize to anyone who can demonstrate the trick. The prize remains unclaimed, even though several magicians have performed rope tricks that the Magic Circle has ruled were not *the* trick. Any magician could perform an Indian rope trick on a stage where the top of the rope was above the audience’s field of vision, or on a raised platform through which an iron pipe could be thrust upward inside a hollow rope. The dismembered body and cloud-reaching rope are not considered essential elements that must be replicated to claim the prize. But the rope must remain vertical and support the weight of at least a small monkey under conditions that rule out overhead support and rods from a cellar, using a rope that at least looks normal under casual scrutiny. There never was a real Indian rope trick.

**Indian time** Rationalization by social workers and other racists that an American Indian’s failure to report for work on time should be tolerated on the ground that Indians operate on *Indian time* and are genetically incapable of comprehending such a complex concept as clock time.

**indulgence** Time off for good behavior, granted by the RC church to persons destined to spend eons in Purgatory. Indulgences were once sold for cash, but are now peddled more subtly as an incentive to participate in church rituals. Although the Pope is credited with the power to abolish all afterlife punishment and discomfort for the entire human race, none has ever done so, perhaps from fear that if he appears less sadistic than his god, the god will torture *him* with its eternal flamethrowers.

**inedia** The ability to survive without eating for extended periods. In all competently investigated cases, the claimant was found to be sneaking food and drink when no one was looking.

**inexhaustible food supply** Common motif in the mythology of Celts, Chinese, Japanese, Amerinds and Oceanics. One version is the “horn of plenty”, *cornucopia*. Others are the Jewish Chanukah myth of the oil that lasted eight days, the Christian myth of the loaves and fishes, and the Pentateuch fantasy of *manna* from the sky.

**infant damnation** Doctrine that unbaptized infants are tortured for all eternity in the Christian Hell, now repudiated by the RC church even though it was officially proclaimed as Catholic dogma by a church Council in 418 CE. The doctrine continues to be endorsed by radical Protestantism.

**infanticide** Until the nineteenth century CE, the most widespread form of population control in most of the world, with abortion ranking second; effectively suppressed in all places conquered and occupied by imperialist Europe. For further information, see the entry in Funk and Wagnall's *Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology and Legend*.

**infidel** One who is not a follower of the Muslim god and is therefore destined for the same afterlife as cockroaches and ticks; equivalent to the Christian concept *heathen* and the Jewish concept *goy*; analogous to *kike*, *wog*, *fag*, *scab* and *spic*.

**infidelity** Also called *cheating* and *unfaithfulness*; in those forms of god mythology which maintain that an action can be simultaneously victimless and sinful: some kind of technical breach of the rules of a recreational activity, either playing tennis or golf with someone other than one's registered partner, or engaging in non-coercive, non-procreational, non-infectious copulation with someone other than one's registered partner, or some yet to be discovered analogous activity that gives pleasure to all participants and hurts no one. The belief that recreation *per se* can constitute an immoral act derives from the time when every act of sexual recreation was believed to contribute to the woman's impregnation.

**infra** Usually, any person who ranks below an alpha, but sometimes used to mean any person who ranks below an alpha-plus.

**Inmar** Finnish sky god assimilated into Christianity by attributing his qualities to Mary.

**inmates** Persons by whom schools, prisons and mental hospitals cannot be run.

**innocence** Godworshipper doubletalk for ignorance.

**Innocent I** Pope (402-417) who made the first serious attempt to enforce the Roman patriarchate's primacy over the patriarchate of Constantinople, a primacy first claimed by Siricius in 384 CE. Counting Siricius as the first, Innocent was the third *pope*, or self-proclaimed Head Christian. Rome's claim was rejected in the East, and in 1054 the Eastern and Western Head Christians excommunicated each other to make the separation of Catholic and Orthodox churches permanent.

**Innocent II** Listed in the official Catholic calendar as pope from 1130 to 1143, even though he was named pope in a rigged election involving a very small number of cardinals in 1130, at the same time that Anacletus II was being elected by a full conclave. When Anacletus died in 1138, and his successor survived only one year, Innocent was accepted as legitimate pope by the same cardinals who had elected Anacletus. Consequently, Anacletus was retroactively deemed to have been an antipope, since the alternative would have been to label Innocent an antipope from 1130 to 1138, and a legitimate pope thereafter.

**Innocent III** Pope 1198-1216, who unleashed an army of 400,000 against the Albigensians of French Provence, ordering the entire population of several thousand square kilometers massacred for the crime of refusing to recognize papal authority. Once the slaughter was accomplished, Innocent then got the slaughterers out of his hair by sending them on the Fourth Crusade. In fact the crusaders got no further than Constantinople, where they sacked and looted the city and raped and murdered the Orthodox Greek population. Innocent consequently wrote that "We rejoice" because the Catholic god in its homicidal partisanship had transferred Constantinople "from the schismatics to the Catholics."

**Innocent VIII** Pope 1484-1492, who in a papal bull in his first year declared that belief in witchcraft, previously deemed heresy, was henceforth Catholic dogma. When he was dying,

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Innocent abandoned the Christian gods and turned instead to the goddess Panacea, the deified human breast, and followed her prescription by consuming only breast milk. He did not recover.

**innocents, massacre of** Mythical slaughter of babies in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy an opposition king. Among the heroes of various mythologies who escaped such a massacre were the Hindu god Krishna, who was probably the myth's prototype, plus Abraham, Jason the Argonaut, Jesus the Nazirite, John the Immerser, Modred of Britain, Moses, Nimrod of Assyria, and Sargon of Assyria. The author of MATTHEW attributed such a massacre to King Herod, despite the fact that Josephus, who detested Herod and chronicled his every atrocity, made no mention of such an event.

**Inquisition** Ecclesiastical court first appointed in 1232 CE for the purpose of trying persons accused of worshipping the wrong gods, or worshipping the right gods in the wrong manner. Its rationale was that it would save the innocent from the lynching that automatically followed such an accusation. Like all organisms that came into existence for valid reasons but became corrupted by absolute power (mafia, trade unions), the Inquisition quickly evolved into a worse evil than the one it replaced. Almost half of the Inquisition's victims were tortured and executed for witchcraft, a crime that did not exist until Pope Innocent VIII invented it in 1484 and ordered the Inquisition to prosecute it. The Inquisition reached its zenith in Spain between 1483 and 1498 under Grand Inquisitor Tomas de Torquemada, who is estimated to have burned 2000. Altogether, the number of human beings burned to death by the Inquisition between 1232 and 1820 exceeded fifteen million, a full third of all homicides committed by fanatic Christians in obedience to the perceived orders of their genocidal gods.

**insane asylum** Former name for what is now called a mental hospital.

**insane society** A society that proclaims one set of beliefs and code of behavior that it teaches to its children, but practises another; regards person A as reprehensible for performing a specified act with person B, and simultaneously admires person B for performing the same act with person A; requires all children to attend a teaching institution, but does not teach them anything; proclaims education a universal right, but simultaneously promotes the freedom to remain ignorant; considers monocentric fixation on a particular sex partner a valid basis for choosing a breeding mate; believes that breaking certain taboos is tolerable, but talking about such breaches is intolerable; talks of "sex and violence" as if joy and sadism were related; and acclaims universal love while practising universal hatred.

**insanitocracy** Any State with an established religion.

**insanity** The condition of subnormal rationality of an individual or group by comparison with a statistical norm. An individual such as Caligula can be deemed insane by comparison with the rest of his society, and a society such as Khomeini's Iran can be deemed insane by comparison with the rest of the world. Although insanity is often spoken of as if it were an absolute, with psychoquacks arguing that an accused felon "is" or "is not" insane, in fact there must always be an arbitrarily defined norm against which standards of sanity are evaluated. Perhaps the most useful definition of insanity would be that an insane person is one whose ability to act rationally at all times falls below the  $n$ th percentile of the population, where  $n$  is some arbitrary figure between 0 and 50. By such a definition, godworshippers would be deemed sane as the inevitable consequence of constituting a majority. Yet in two more centuries, when godworship has ceased to exist, there can be little doubt that godworshippers will be deemed to have been insane by the standards of a god-free society. A person who never accepts conclusions that are incompatible with the evidence is absolutely sane, and a person who always accepts conclusions that are incompatible with the evidence is absolutely insane.

**insanity, legal** Spurious defence with which an unscrupulous lawyer can get a murderer released to kill again. Legal insanity is defined as the inability to distinguish between right and wrong. Such inability, as the law understands it, does not exist, and if it did exist it would constitute grounds for incarcerating a person with such inability with the stipulation, "Never to be released." Medically, insanity is better defined as the ability to commit murder or analogous violence, and such a condition could not be considered a mitigating circumstance, because to do so would mean defining every perpetrator of violence as *not guilty by reason of insanity*. In a sane society, it would be the prosecution, not the defence, which attempted to prove an accused person insane, because only an insane person would be subject to the maximum penalty. Insanity, in such a circumstance, would have to be defined as the kind of moral retardation that would make future offences extremely probable.

**instinct** Genetic programming, found in animals up to the mammalian level but not in humans, that causes individuals to behave in an unlearned predictable manner for reasons that science has so far failed to ascertain. Attributing behavior to *instinct* is a face-saving way of saying, "We don't know why it does it."

**intelligence, functional** The capacity to engage in rational human thought, reaching only conclusions that are compatible with the evidence, without allowing emotional considerations, cultural conditioning, self hypnosis or the compulsion to maintain a comforting status quo to interfere with logical reasoning. Intelligence quotient correlates with functional intelligence as tallness correlates with basketball talent. The latter is unlikely without the former, but even an unequalled amount of the former does not guarantee possession of the latter.

**intelligence quotient (I.Q.)** An individual's adjusted score on a test designed to measure his functional literacy, vocabulary, and capacity to recognize mathematical relationships. No valid I.Q. test measures specialized knowledge. Thus a valid test may ask which of five alternates is a synonym for "implausible," on the ground that acquisition of a large vocabulary is evidence of intelligence, but may not ask what sport Babe Ruth played, since interest in sport is unrelated to intelligence. Alleged I.Q. tests that contravene those standards have indeed been administered, but they have invariably been composed by sociologists and psychologists either to enable the socioquacks and psychoquacks to obtain high scores, or to support their view that I.Q. is not a valid concept. The reason many sociologists, psychologists and teachers denigrate the concept of I.Q., is that of all professions those three average the lowest scores. Also, when I.Q. tests did not support the dogma that all races are equal, and it was found that Japanese average higher scores than Americans, white Americans average higher scores than black Americans, and Jewish Americans average higher scores than other Americans, the low-scorers were able to denounce the concept of I.Q. as *racist*. In fact since the capacity for logical reasoning is at least partially the result of learning and cultural conditioning, and all subcultures in a society do not have equal access to an enriched environment, even the measured fifteen point difference between the average race-A American and the average race-B American cannot be attributed to non-environmental factors. Individuals of all races and all cultures have obtained the ninety-eighth percentile score necessary for admission to Mensa, and members of all races and cultures have failed to qualify for membership. While I.Q. is a valid measure of some part of an individual's reasoning capacity, it must be noted that some of history's greatest intellectual achievers have been persons who scored low on what would be retroactively recognized as a prototype intelligence test. And some of the highest scorers within Mensa observably have the functional intelligence of cockroaches, with no ability whatsoever to grasp that "A" and "not-A" cannot be simultaneously true. Intelligence quotient is not meaningless, but neither is it a measure of functional or true intelligence.

**intelligence, sentient** The kind of intelligence meant when it is claimed that only humans are known to be intelligent; the ability to comprehend that death is the inevitable consequence of aging; the



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capacity inherent in a species that enables some individuals to comprehend multiplication or to understand the concept, *prime number*. The dolphin's large, convoluted brain has raised the possibility that dolphins possess human-level or sentient intelligence, but considerable research has failed to support such a hypothesis. More likely dolphins are pre-sentient.

**intelligent** Comparative term, analogous to *tall* or *heavy*, used to describe a person with more of the quality being evaluated than someone described as *unintelligent*. An intelligent person will obtain a high score on a properly designed I.Q. test in his primary language, provided the test is not biased in favor of a culture other than his own. No test exists to measure factors that make an individual less intelligent than his I.Q. score would indicate, but some observational data is relevant. For example, a person who can maintain conclusions incompatible with the evidence is not intelligent. A person who can regard an unreplicated experimental finding as definitive is not intelligent. A person who utilizes the reasoning, *post hoc, ergo propter hoc*, is not intelligent. A person who cannot comprehend that omnipotence and omniscience are mutually exclusive is not intelligent. A person who cannot comprehend that the existence of an omnipotent, omnibenevolent entity is incompatible with the existence of evil, is not intelligent. A person who can believe that the identical act in identical circumstances can be evil when Adolf Hitler did it but virtuous when his god does it is not intelligent. A person who can believe that an entity more morally evolved than humans would torture taboo-breakers for eternity, when many humans have observably evolved beyond such sadism, is not intelligent. A person who cannot comprehend that foreknowledge and free will are mutually exclusive is not intelligent. A person who believes that a majority cannot be wrong is not intelligent. A person who equates twelve years of organized babysitting with education is not intelligent. A person who can believe that the earth is a spheroid, while simultaneously categorizing as *revealed truth* a book that in seven places describes a flat earth, is not intelligent. A person who regards factual evidence as a violation of his right to remain ignorant is not intelligent. Two-thirds of the members of Mensa are not intelligent.

**intermarriage** Marriage or mating between persons who see themselves as members of hostile identity groups. Thus a marriage between members of different religions would be seen as intermarriage by the participants, but not by someone who sees both parties as godworshippers. Other marriages that could be viewed as intermarriage include black-white, American-Russian, Democrat-Republican, and egalitarian-schlaflyist.

**internal affairs** Section of a law enforcement agency that investigates allegations of corruption against the agency's own investigators. Either internal affairs departments are invariably staffed by sadistic fanatics who delight in destroying the careers of innocent police officers by finding them guilty until proven innocent, or such departments have been maliciously libeled by almost every television series dealing with law enforcement that has ever been broadcast.

**internal evidence** *see* consistency, internal

**international religious conspiracy** Somewhat dubious name applied to the unspoken agreement between the largest god mythologies that, "We won't tell the truth about your superstition if you don't tell the truth about ours." Originally, when it was recognized that religious wars would ultimately exterminate both sides, an understanding was reached that each side would tolerate the other's viewpoint so long as it could not be objectively disproven. By the time historians did disprove religion, by tracing all claims of a god revealing its existence to the same authors who also assured their readers that the earth is flat, the concept of *religious freedom* had become such a sacred cow that confronting a believer with falsifying evidence was seen as a violation of his right to choose ignorance.

**interpersonal bioenergetics** Fucking.

**interview** Ritual in which job applicants are asked trick questions, and the candidate who sticks most closely to the self-evidently *right* answers, in other words the most blatant liar, gets the job. Persons who imagine that they can make a rational evaluation of a person's abilities on the basis of an interview, are deluding themselves that they can read minds.

**intuition** Word invented by misogynists to describe female thought processes, in the conceit that intelligence is limited to males.

**Intruders** Book by Budd Hopkins that, either by conscious distortion of the evidence or intellectual incompetence, endorses the indefensible conclusion that alien abductions are real. For a full rebuttal of Hopkins' nonsense, see Philip Klass's *UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game*, Prometheus, 1989.

**inverted snobbery** Oxymoron. Snobbery is snobbery.

**investigative reporter** An amateur, trained neither as a historian nor a detective, who attempts to do the work of both and has no comprehension of how miserably he fails. While most investigative reporters merely sensationalize trivia and have no real belief that they are writing nonfiction, the most successful write historical novels such as *All the President's Men* that they seriously believe to be contemporary history.

**invincible ignorance** Ignorance that cannot be cured by learning, since the ignoramus is incapable of comprehending the relevant data. Approximately one-third of all godworshippers are possessed of the invincible ignorance that will make it impossible for them to abandon their contrary-to-fact beliefs even in the face of an infinite amount of falsifying evidence.

**invisibility** The quality of being so totally transparent from all directions simultaneously, that no visual means exists to detect the invisible object's presence; alternatively, the quality of being in a position around which all light is bent, so that light skirting the invisible object appears to be passing unhindered through the object's location. While the latter kind of invisibility is theoretically possible, the amount of energy needed to create such a condition will almost certainly never be available, since the only light-bending ever measured required the gravitational force of the sun. The former kind of invisibility can be achieved under very restrictive conditions. For example, glass is invisible when viewed through glass. Air is for all practical purposes invisible under most conditions, since its individual molecules comprise only a tiny portion of what is otherwise empty space. If full transparency could be achieved, as in H. G. Wells' *The Invisible Man*, the absence of eyes capable of reflecting or absorbing light would make the invisible man blind. But in science fiction such paradoxes are acceptable.

**Ion** Mythical eponymous ancestor of the Ionian Greeks, listed in GENESIS 10:2 as the son of Iapetos. The A.V., which spells Iapetos as *Japheth*, spells Ion as *Javan*.

**Ionians** Greek worshippers of Poseidon, whose ancestors, worshippers of the Great Mother, derived their name from *yonī*, Sanskrit for "vulva." In male-god times, the Ionians concocted a mythical ancestor, Ion.

**I.Q.** Intelligence quotient. In America in particular, the belief is widespread that one's I.Q. is as absolute as his age, when in fact it is measured in arbitrary units that vary from test to test. Assigning on individual an I.Q. score without identifying the scale is as meaningless as listing his height as 80 without stating whether that figure indicates centimeters, inches or something else. As an analogy, a temperature of 200° sounds higher than a temperature of 10° or 0°. But if the 200° is Kelvin, the 10° is Fahrenheit, and the 0° is Celsius, then the 200° is the lowest and the 0° highest. Similarly, an I.Q. of 147 on a scale with a standard deviation of 24 is lower than an I.Q. of 130 on a scale with a standard deviation of 15. Any person can truthfully claim an I.Q. of 207, provided

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he scores above the fiftieth percentile, if he sets the standard deviation high enough. The only I.Q. score that is the same on all scales is 100, which is always set at the fiftieth percentile.

**Ireland** The Vatican empire's only surviving satellite slave state.

**Irenaeus** Christian mythologist, c 130-200 CE, whose *Adversus Omnes Haereses* defended the orthodox Christian position that the Jewish god Yahweh and the god preached by Jesus were the same god, and attacked the Gnostic teaching that Yahweh was the Demiurge who, being a subsidiary and incompetent god, had created a flawed universe and was now the enemy of the sky god preached by Jesus. Irenaeus saw Yahweh and Jesus as a divine duality, but died unaware that Theophilus of Antioch had deified the *holy spirit* and thus turned the duality into a triad that eventually evolved into a trinity.

**Irene, Saint** Canonization of Greek goddess of peace, one of the three Horae, goddesses of the seasons. Her sisters were Eunomia and Dike. The three were absorbed into Christianity as saints Irene, Agape and Chionia, virgin-martyrs alleged to have been executed April 3, 304 CE, at Salonika.

**Iris** Pre-Greek goddess superseded by Hermes and later by Gabriel as the messenger of the paramount god(dess).

**Irish Republic Army** Fascist terrorist organization dedicated to the violent overthrow of a totalitarian tyranny in Northern Ireland run by Protestants, and the substitution of a totalitarian tyranny run by Catholics. The IRA favors self-determination for the Republic of Ireland, where a majority supports the Catholic gods, but is unequivocally opposed to self-determination for Northern Ireland, where a majority supports the Anglican gods. The IRA could not exist without the financial support of Catholic Americans who would immediately inform the FBI if anyone tried to procure them to offer aid and comfort to an organization attempting to overthrow democracy and impose a Catholic theocracy in America, but who see nothing wrong with giving money to murderers who are attempting to do exactly that in Northern Ireland.

**irregardless** Yuk!

**irrevocable oath** Rash vow made by a person who did not foresee its disastrous consequences, and was thus forced to do something monstrous in fulfillment of his oath; a common motif in many mythologies. Zeus was forced to display his magnificence to Semele, knowing that his doing so would kill her. Jephthah was forced to sacrifice the first living thing he saw, even though it turned out to be his daughter. Herod Antipas was forced to grant a child's capricious whim, which turned out to be the execution of John the Immerser. Idomeneus, under a vow identical to Jephthah's, was forced to sacrifice his son. Modern Christians and Jews who would not hesitate to denounce any person who fulfilled such a monstrous vow today, nonetheless for some reason regard Jephthah favorably.

**Isaac** According to the Elohist, a son whom Abraham sacrificed to Yahweh; according to the Yahwist, the son of Abraham who succeeded him as sheikh of the Jews; according to the redactor of J/E, who needed to explain how Isaac could be sacrificed early in his narrative but turn up alive later, the son whom Abraham was about to sacrifice when a messenger from Yahweh stopped him. Several stories that starred Isaac in the Yahwist's narrative were associated with Abraham in the Elohist's version. An Isaac may have been a historical sheikh of the Jews, but not a very important one, and not a close relative of Abraham or Jacob, both of whom may have been historical.

**ISAIAH** Book begun by a spokesman named Yeshayahuw, and interpolated so many times that the original author's work now comprises only the first twelve of sixty-six chapters. It was Yeshayahuw's promise to King Akhaz that "a young woman is going to become pregnant" (ISAIAH 7:14), the "young woman" being Yeshayahuw's wife, mistranslated into Greek as "a

virgin is going to become pregnant,” that led an interpolator to insert a virgin-birth fable into MATTHEW.

**Isaiah, second** Author of chapters 13-14, 24-27, 34-35, and 40-55 of ISAIAH. Since second Isaiah proclaimed Cyrus the Persian as Messiah, he could only have written after Cyrus ordered the temple of Yahweh rebuilt in 538 BCE, and before that order was rescinded in 537 BCE.

**Isaiah, third** Author, *c* 490 BCE, of chapters 15-23, 28-33, and 36-39 of ISAIAH, in which he retroactively prophesied most of the historical events of the sixth century.

**Isaiah, fourth** Suggested name-of-convenience for the many and varied interpolators who wrote chapters 56-66 of ISAIAH in the late fifth century BCE.

**Ishmael** Eponym of the Ishmaeli Muslims; according to the Yahwist, Ishmael was the eldest son of Abraham by his Egyptian slavegirl, Hagar. Clumsy editing makes the biblical Ishmael simultaneously a baby and a fourteen-year-old at Isaac’s weaning.

**Ishtar** Goddess of sex, fertility, the sea, war, the moon, and the planet Venus; originally a resurrected savior whose body was sacramentally eaten in the form of a vulva-shaped pomegranate, but demoted to consort-of-savior after the Big Discovery; Ishtar’s name in different areas evolved into Easter, Astarte, Ashtareth, Artemis; equivalent to Aphrodite, Frig, Cunti, Anuket, Nukie, Inanna.

**Isis** Egyptian virgin-mother and Queen of Heaven, wife of the savior Osiris; mother of Horus, who was Osiris reborn; prototype of Semele, Cybele and Mary. Ancient statues of Isis and the baby Horus were once displayed in Christian churches in the belief that they depicted Mary and Jesus.

**Iskariot** Aramaic corruption of Latin *sicarius*, a wielder of a *sica*, dagger; an assassin or terrorist, member of the ultra-terrorist wing of the Zealots, called *sicarii* on account of their practice of murdering Jews in the Temple or anywhere else for paying taxes to Rome. The only known leader of the Iskariots was Eleazar bar Yair, grandson of the founder of the Zealot sect. Eleazar led the mass suicide at Masada in 74 CE. Whether Jesus the Nazirite’s disciple, Judas Iskariot, was descended from the Zealot founder is uncertain.

**Islam** Religion with one paramount god, compared to Christianity’s three, but with just as many minor gods, called *angels* and *devils*; monistic, attributing good and evil to a single deity, whereas Christianity is dualistic, with good and evil emanating from antagonistic gods, Yahweh and Satan. Islam was either founded by Mohamed in Medina and Mecca in the sixth century CE, as a reaction to the polytheism of Christianity and the xenophobia of Judaism, or founded after Mohamed’s death and associated with the southern cities of Mecca and Medina even though Mohamed had been more a military than a religious leader, who flourished in northern Arabia, closer to Jerusalem which he saw as his religion’s spiritual center. Islam’s paramount god is Allah, a male god with a female name, whose symbol is still the moon goddess’s crescent. Islam’s sacred book is the *Koran*, allegedly dictated by Mohamed over a period of several years, but in fact largely borrowed from pre-Islamic sources. Practitioners of Islam are called Muslims. For further details, see *The Quest for the Historical Muhammad*, (2000), *The Origins of the Koran*, (1998), *What the Koran Really Says*, (2002), and *Why I Am Not a Muslim*, (1995), all by Ibn Warraq, Prometheus.

**Islamic Republic** Totalitarian theocracy in which sanity is a capital crime, as it was under Inquisitional Christianity.

**Israel** The patriarch demigod of a Semitic tribe called Israelites who can be traced no further back in history than *c* 1400 BCE and who became extinct in 721 BCE. If Israel was a historical person, he must have lived considerably earlier than the fifteenth century BCE, although not necessarily in the same century as the Jewish demigod Jacob, with whom he was equated by the Yahwist.

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## Israel, state of

- (1) the area of northern Phoenicia infiltrated and occupied by the Israelites, with Jewish aid, c 1200 BCE, and held by them until they became extinct in 721 BCE;
- (2) state created by the United Nations in 1948 CE, incorporating territory that was once Judah, misnamed by its modern Jewish occupants in the belief that Jews and Israelites were the same people.

**Israelites** A Semitic tribe that appears to have lived in the oases of Midian at the north end of the Arabian desert until the reign of Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE, at which time they were forced to flee from invading *Hapiru*, “Easterners,” of whom the overall leader appears to have been the Jewish sheikh Joshua. The Israelites were apparently invited by Ikhenaton and his Phoenician satrap, Yanhuma, the biblical *Joseph*, to settle in Goshen on Egypt’s northern border and provide a first line of defence in case the *Hapiru* invaded Egypt. The Israelites left Egypt c 1240 BCE, probably unwillingly, as a consequence of unemployed Egyptians demanding their land, under the leadership of an Egyptian prince now known as Moses, but failed to reconquer Midian. After assassinating Moses, the Israelites formed an alliance with the Jews, who helped them settle into the portion of Phoenicia north of Judah. Around 1030 BCE the Israelites instituted a monarchy, choosing a warlord named Saul as their king. Saul succeeded in making himself king of Judah as well, causing the Jewish warrior, David, to rebel and proclaim himself king of an independent Judah. After Saul’s death, David conquered Israel and became king of the Israelites as well as king of the Jews. At the death of David’s son Solomon, the Israelites regained their independence from the Jews, and maintained a separate monarchy until 721 BCE, when they were conquered by Assyria and carried into captivity in Ninevah and Media. In the next century, the Israelites were so totally integrated into Assyrian culture that, when Ninevah fell to Babylon in 612 BCE, there were no Israelites left, only Assyrians of Israelite ancestry. By that time, however, the Yahwist’s pretence that Jews and Israelites were the same people had led the surviving Jews to believe that they were Israelites. Rather than accept that the true Israelites had become extinct, the Jews invented the myth of the *lost tribes of Israel* that formed the basis of the religion founded by Joseph Smith in America in the nineteenth century CE.

**Israfel** Islamic deification of the planet Mars as Allah’s herald, one of Islam’s four archangels. Israfel’s name does not appear among the seven archangels of Christianity or Judaism, even though he has the duties of Gabriel and the planetary origin of Mikhael, both of whom also appear among the Islamic quartet.

**Issakher** Hebrew: *Yisaskhar*; One of the six original Jewish tribes that, with three tribes of Israelites and four subsidiary tribes, formed the original Jewish-Israelite confederacy c 1200 BCE. The Yahwist named the tribe’s eponym as the fifth son of Jacob, and made Joseph the *sacred seventh*. In J/E, all patriarchs named as older than Joseph by either J or E were placed ahead of him, so that Joseph became Jacob’s eleventh son. Issakher thereby became the ninth, although he remained Leah’s fifth.

**Ivan Vassilli** According to *The Haunted House Handbook*, NY, 1978, a Russian ship on which an “evil presence,” first detected in 1903, caused several sailors to jump overboard to their deaths. The ship was burned soon afterward when no sailor could be induced to board it. Investigation of this ghost fable has established that the *Ivan Vassilli* simply did not exist. The story appears to have been invented in an *American Weekly* article of April 14, 1940, titled, “More Proof That Hoodoos Ride Ships,” as a light-hearted joke that a later generation failed to recognize as intended fantasy.

**Iya** Amerind hurricane deification, viewed as a malicious demon, unlike European storm gods such as Zeus, who were granted paramountcy as suppliers of crop-sustaining rain.

## J

**J** The Yahwist; from German *Jahwist*.

**jack off** Slang for *masturbate*.

**Jacob bar Halfyah** Named in the synoptic gospels as one of Jesus the Nazirite's nonexistent *twelve apostles*; probably not a historical person; in MARK, the brother of Lewis bar Halfyah, who became a tax collector in LUKE and who was equated with "Matthew" in MATTHEW.

**Jacob bar Matthan** Father of Jesus the Nazirite's father Joseph in the genealogy in MATTHEW; not mentioned in the genealogy in LUKE, which named Joseph's father as Eli.

**Jacob bar Zebedyah** Called *James* in English language bibles; brother of John; disciple of Jesus the Nazirite; named in the synoptic gospels, along with John, as members of the mythical *twelve apostles*, executed by Herod Agrippa I in 43 CE.

**Jacob the Righteous** Younger brother of Jesus the Nazirite. Jacob probably acquired his title as Head Essene, supervisor of a Jerusalem Commune of Saints, whose previous leaders had all been styled *Righteous Rabbi*. Jacob was not a believer in his brother's messiahship during Jesus' lifetime, but became a believer after Jesus' death. What appears to have happened is that Jacob was Head Essene at the time of Jesus' death; that after Jesus' death Jacob allowed Peter to preach to his commune; that the entire membership, including Jacob, converted from believing that the long-dead Righteous Rabbi was Messiah, to believing that Jesus was Messiah; and that Peter thereafter became Jacob's second-in-command. Certainly Jacob was Head Nazirite. The Christians also recognized him as Head Christian, even though, from the arrest of Paul of Tarsus, Jacob and the Nazirites did not recognize the Christians as anything but "those who pretend to be Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of the Enemy." (REVELATION 2:9) Jacob was a nazirite from birth, meaning a practitioner of various forms of masochism, including celibacy. High Priest Hananyah executed him for false prophecy in 62 CE, when he persisted in declaring that his non-Davidic brother was Messiah even though the spokesmen had declared that Messiah must be Davidic. He was replaced as Head Nazirite by his cousin, Shimeown bar Klopa.

**Jacob and Zakharyah** Grand-nephews of Jesus the Nazirite, grandsons of Jesus' brother Yahuwdah (Jude/Judas). Jacob or Zakharyah may have become Head Nazirite for a short time after the execution of Shimeown bar Klopa by Trajan in 107 CE, but it is not certain that they even outlived him. All three must have died childless, since leadership of the Nazirites passed to persons who were not Jesus' relatives, opening the way for the bishop of Rome to claim that he, rather than the Head Nazirite, was the Head Christian.

**Jacob the patriarch** (Hebrew: *Yaakob*, originally *Yahkob*, "Yahweh's Penis", implying, "military leader who won many sons/worshippers for Yahweh with his sword.") Jacob, whom the Yahwist equated with the Israelite demigod Israel, was probably a historical sheikh of the Jews a century or two after Abraham. The strongest argument for Jacob's historicity is that mythologists do not generally create worshipped ancestors who were utter scoundrels, as Jacob certainly was.

**Jacob's ladder** Originally, an Israelite version of the Jewish Tower-of-Babylon fable, in which Jacob, like Bellerophon and others, attempted to gain access to the demesne of the gods in the sky. In the myth's surviving form, as told by the Elohist, the ladder to the sky existed only in a dream, causing Jacob on awakening to name the site of the dream *Beth-El*, "Allah's House."

**JAMES** Letter in the Christian bible that repudiates the teachings of Paul of Tarsus, and was almost certainly written by Jesus the Nazirite's brother, Jacob the Righteous, in 48 CE, when Jacob/James

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first learned from John Markos that Paul was preaching a paganized form of Judaism unacceptable to the Head Nazirite. Jacob particularly objected to Paul's declaration that blind faith and pious platitudes could guarantee salvation, without the necessity of obeying Jewish law.

**James II** King of England 1685-1688, deposed by fanatic Protestants for daring to grant equal rights before the law to Catholics.

**James of Compostela, Saint** Seventh century CE canonization of the newly concocted patron of a shrine that had in fact been dedicated to the Celtic sea goddess Brigid/Bridget.

**James, Jesse** American thief and psychopathic murderer.

**Januarius, Saint** Canonization of the Roman god Janus, god of the gateway, depicted as having two faces that could look inward and outward simultaneously.

**Japan** Country whose inhabitants' measured intelligence is higher than that of any other identifiable group, possibly because of Japan's placing a higher emphasis on learning and thinking than any other country, but whose moral evolution is so retarded that the Japanese appear to be incapable of seeing anything wrong in exterminating endangered species or killing pre-sentient life forms.

**J/E** Document compiled before 621 BCE by a redactor who riffled J and E together into a continuous narrative.

**jealousy** The Christian disease; mind-crippling hatred of another person's good fortune even when it does not equal one's own. Jealousy has a superficial resemblance to envy, but is in fact the antithesis of envy. Envy, the motivation of healthy ambition, which religion nonetheless categorizes as one of its seven cardinal sins, is the attitude, "I wish I also had what he has." Jealousy, in contrast, is the attitude, "I wish he did not have what I have or what I wish I had or even what I do not want but which I also want no one else to have." Since the Judaeo-Christian bible portrays Yahweh as a victim of the psychosis of jealousy (GENESIS 34:14), the compilers of the deadly-sin list were obliged to exclude it, and chose envy instead.

**Jefferson, Thomas** Third president of the United States, whose opinion of religion is best illustrated by a remark in a letter to John Adams dated December 8, 1822, in which he described the Christian godhead as, "a hocus pocus phantasm of a God, like another Cerberus, with one body and three heads."

**Jehovah** Mongrel word concocted when the Judaeo-Christian bible was translated into German and the Hebrew name *Yahweh* was transcribed into Latin letters. Because, when vowel points were added to Jewish sacred writings, it had become a Jewish taboo to pronounce Yahweh's name, the name YHWH was pointed, not with the vowels needed to turn YHWH into Yahweh, but with the vowels of Yahweh's official euphemism, *Adonay*. The combination of the consonants of *Yahweh* and the vowels of *Adonay* created the hybrid name *Jehovah*, used by no Jews and only unlearned Christians (there's another kind?).

**Jehovah's Witnesses** Sect founded in the nineteenth century CE by Charles Russell, or at least reorganized by him. The Witnesses' original unifying motif was a prophecy that Jesus' second coming was to occur in 1844. When that prophecy failed, the date was changed to 1874. When that also failed, Russell declared that the prophesied second coming had in fact been in 1874, but Jesus was not going to reveal that he was back until 1914. Since 1914, official doctrine has been that Jesus did reveal his presence in 1914, but is still keeping a low profile. The Jehovah's Witnesses view Jesus the Nazirite as merely Head Human, Jehovah's appointee, and not as part of a trinitarian godhead. That has led some dogmatic trinitarians to declare that the Jehovah's Witnesses are not Christians.

**Jeopardy** Otherwise entertaining television quiz program, produced by persons who apparently lack the intellectual capacity to distinguish between a question and an answer. Jeopardy's adjudicators apparently believe that, "three Katherines, two Annes and a Jane," is a valid answer to the question, "Who was Henry VIII?"

**Jephthah** Jewish sheikh who, to fulfill a rash vow to Yahweh, sacrificed his daughter. Jews and Christians who recognize the evil of human sacrifice, nonetheless for some reason regard Jephthah favorably.

**Jeremiah** Jewish Lord Haw Haw, who ranted and raved that Jerusalem should surrender to the besieging Babylonians, until the king of Judah, despite the fact that Jeremiah was a priest and possibly son of the High Priest, had no option but to put him in jail. Jeremiah wrote JEREMIAH, and probably DEUTERONOMY, but did not write LAMENTATIONS, which was written a full century after Jeremiah's death, c 450 BCE. Evidence that Jeremiah was the Deuteronomist is as follows:

- phraseology of DEUTERONOMY and JEREMIAH is identical in many places.
- DEUTERONOMY was discovered by High Priest Khilkyahuw. Jeremiah's father's name was Khilkyahuw.
- internal evidence shows that DEUTERONOMY was written by an Aaronic priest who considered all Aaronic priests equal. Jeremiah, although a priest by birth, did not serve in the Temple, and may have been prevented from doing so by technicalities endorsed by the author of LEVITICUS but repudiated by DEUTERONOMY.
- the Deuteronomist prophesied the coming of a spokesman who would be the successor and equal of Moses. In 621 BCE, the only spokesman of note who could with any plausibility have claimed to be the fulfillment of that prophecy was Jeremiah.

Feeling exonerated when Jerusalem fell, Jeremiah made the mistake of all biblical prophets and stopped making retroactive prophecies of the past and started prophesying the future. He prophesied that the Babylonian Captivity would last seventy years. It lasted forty-eight years (29:10). If he wrote chapters 50 and 51, which some scholars attribute to an interpolator, then he prophesied that Babylon would fall to an invader from the north, by which he meant a revived Assyria. Assyria never revived. Babylon fell to an invader from the south, Persia. Chapter 52 of JEREMIAH is the acknowledged work of an editor.

**Jericho** Phoenician city captured by Joshua's Jews c 1400 BCE. According to JOSHUA, the Jews murdered every single inhabitant of the city, man and woman, young and old, except a collaborator and her family (6:21), the first instance of genocide in recorded history. If there was any validity to the Judaeo-Christian bible's teaching that Yahweh makes future generations victims of the atrocities perpetrated by their ancestors, then it would be necessary to believe that Adolf Hitler was the god-sent avenger of Jericho and ha-Khay. But only a godworshipper, to whom no rationalization is too evil or insane, could believe that.

**Jerome** Christian masochist who, whenever he felt an urge for sexual recreation, rolled on thorns and allowed insects to bite him. He also translated the Judaeo-Christian bible into Latin, and his translation is commonly termed the *Vulgate*, meaning that it is in the colloquial or *vulgar* Latin of the time rather than classical Latin. Intimidated by the Jewish taboo on pronouncing Yahweh's name, Jerome purged the god-name from his translation and replaced it with *Dominus*, the Latin equivalent of the pronounceable Yahweh-substitute, *Adonay*. English bibles based on the Vulgate consequently make no mention of *Yahweh*, and where the Hebrew has YHWH they substitute "the LORD." A pathological misogynist, Jerome described women as "a tool of Satan and a pathway to Hell." Naturally he was canonized. What psychopath was not?



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**Jerusalem, East** An Arab city occupied by Jews, in violation of the League of Nations' 1919 resolution that *right of conquest* was no longer to be recognized as a valid concept, and the 1948 United Nations' resolution that temporarily suspended the 1919 resolution in order to create an Israel that did not incorporate any part of Jerusalem east of the current truce line.

**Jesus bar Abbas** *see* Barabbas

**Jesus bar Hanan** Man who, in 63 CE, three years before there was any indication of impending war, prophesied *oy vay*, disaster, to Jerusalem and its temple. He was arrested by Roman procurator Albinus, but was released when Albinus concluded that he was demented. The author of MARK borrowed the incident, made the prophecy far more detailed to fit the circumstances of the temple's actual destruction, and attributed it to a different Jesus who, at the time the *oy vay* was pronounced, had been dead for forty years (13:2).

**Jesus bar Joseph** *see* Jesus the Nazirite

**Jesus the Essene** *see* Righteous Rabbi

**Jesus the god** Greek god created in the image of Adonis and Mithra by the author of the gospel known as JOHN, by combining the life of the historical Jesus the Nazirite with the dozens of virgin-born resurrected saviors, all of them gods, with which the gospel author was familiar. Prior to the composition of JOHN, *c* 130 CE, Jesus had been a purely mortal king, both to the Jewish Nazirites and the gentile Christians. JOHN's deification of Jesus was not unpredictable. The author of MARK had given him a sacramental last supper, similar to that of the god Mithra, in which he equated bread and wine with his body and blood, as did the worshippers of the god Osiris. He was credited with rising from the dead on the third day, as several gods including Atthis and Adonis had done. An interpolator of MATTHEW had made him the son of a virgin, analogous to Dionysos, Osiris and Tammuz. In the light of such pre-existing myths, Jesus' deification once he became a Greek rather than a Jewish hero was inevitable. By the third century CE, Christian mythologians were so embarrassed that beliefs about the god Jesus and beliefs about the god Mithra were identical, that they declared that the Christian devil had copied the Jesus story to destroy Christians' faith—centuries before Jesus was born. To this day, persons capable of believing that an effect can precede its cause argue that Jesus was the original virgin-born resurrected savior, and versions of the myth told three thousand years earlier were copies. Sure.

**Jesus the Nazirite** Originally a secular Essene who grew up believing that the Righteous Rabbi was Messiah and would fulfill his messianic function during a postulated second coming, but who abandoned that belief when he came to believe that *he* was Messiah. Jesus was born in Capernaum in Galilee *c* 4 BCE, the eldest of the five sons and at least two daughters of a carpenter named Joseph and his wife Mary. He was 146 cm (4 ft 6 in) tall, stooped, almost bald, with joined eyebrows and a big nose, and an old-looking appearance that caused an observer to describe him as "not yet fifty" when he was in fact about thirty-three. In 29 CE he was immersed for the forgiveness of his sins by John the Immerser, and at that time appears to have suffered a hallucinatory experience that convinced him that he was the prophesied descendant of King David who was to restore the Davidic monarchy, even though he knew he was not a descendant of King David. Jesus took up John's role as an itinerant preacher after John's arrest, and acquired a cadre of apprentices, never more than seventy or eighty, half of them female, but did not appoint any *twelve apostles*. When his mother and brothers freed him from a lynch mob by explaining that he was insane (MARK 3:21), he permanently estranged himself from them. In 30 CE, on the Sunday before Passover, he entered Jerusalem, proclaimed a war of independence, and was arrested and executed five days later by the Roman authorities. He did not institute a cannibalistic commemorative meal, in emulation of the pagan practices that he as a Jew would have deemed abominable. He did not prophesy any second coming for himself, or prophesy that he would be

executed and rise from the dead, since he believed that he could not die until he had driven out the Romans, established an independent Jewish monarchy, been crowned its king, and fathered an heir to the throne. He did preach the virtue of celibacy, even though the need to found a dynasty made such an ideal impossible for himself. He preached buddhistic/Essene communism in which all property would belong to the theocratic state. He preached that family members who did not belong to his sect should be treated as strangers who were already spiritually dead. He did not claim to be either virgin-born or any kind of a god, and no one made either claim on his behalf until a generation after his death. He was the enemy of the Sadducees, who rejected all *afterlife* teachings, but not the enemy of the Pharisees, whose doctrines he shared. He prophesied that he would lead the Jews to victory over the Romans within the lifetime of persons listening to him preach. And he added to the Essene purgatory, in which sinners were purified by sacred flamethrowers, the punitive element and permanence of the torture that transformed it into the Christian Hell. Like Torquemada and Khomeini, Jesus may have been no more insane than the society that created him. But as the person in whose sick mind the everlasting torture of Hell first materialized, he was certainly insane.

**Jethro** see Reuel

**jewel in the lotus** In Tantric yoga, the phallus in the vulva. Tantrism, basically a fertility religion, glorifies copulation and teaches recreational techniques as sacramental, using such euphemisms as *jewel in the lotus* to give the act of mating metaphysical qualities that purport to subordinate the physical aspects of recreation. In the Indian flood myth, it was the jewel in the lotus, an upright lingam in a hollow yoni, which saved humankind from drowning and eventually evolved into the Hebrew myth of Noah's ark. The chant, "The jewel is in the lotus," parroted in Sanskrit, "*Om mani padme hum,*" is often spouted by Western acolytes of Eastern mysticism who have no idea what the foreign words mean.

**Jewish Defense League** Extremist hate cult that tries to secure a sacred cow status for Jews by laying a guilt trip on the whole world for atrocities against Jews committed by another hate cult more than fifty years ago. Equivalent to the Ku Klux Klan, the Christian Defense League, the Ulster Defense League, Iran's ayatollahs, the Irish Republican Army, Serbia's Milosevic and other war criminals, Hazbollah, and North America's Christian Right.

**Jewish problem** Terminology used by persons who fear that they cannot compete with Jews, whom they perceive as having abilities superior to their own, to refer to the fact that Jews exist. The first reference to a *Jewish problem* occurred in Germany in the preaching of the viciously anti-Semitic psychopath Martin Luther. In recent times, the concept has become more associated with the Nazi party of Adolf Hitler.

**Jewish War** The first war of independence between occupied Judea and conquering Rome, so named because the historian Flavius Josephus, writing from a Roman perspective, called his account of the war *The Jewish War*. The war began with sporadic risings in Judea, and became an all-out war of independence when leaders of the Pharisee party entered the Jerusalem temple and forcefully prevented the priests from performing the daily sacrifice for the emperor Nero. Once started, the revolution was quickly taken over by the Zealots, who murdered the previous leaders for being too moderate. Probably as many as a million Jews died in the four years until Jerusalem fell to future emperor Titus in 70 CE. Although the war virtually ended with the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple, which was never rebuilt, the sub-sect of Iskariots and their families held out at Masada for three more years before killing themselves en masse when it became clear that Masada was about to fall.

**Jewish War, second** see Bar Kokhba

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**Jews** Corruption of *Yahuwdim*, followers of the god Yahuw and descendants of eponymous demigod Yahuwdah, after whom the land of Yahuwdah/Judah/Judea was named. The Jews' original homeland was within the fallout area of Mount Yahuwah, a now-extinct volcano in south central Anatolia. Following the Big Discovery of c 3500 BCE, the Jews' ruling goddess was masculinized by dropping the feminine ending of her name, and *Yahuwah* became *Yahuw*, and later the compromise form, *Yahweh*. By 2400 BCE the Jews had spread as far south as Ebla in northern Syria. Soon after that they were defeated by Babylon and forced to flee further south. For the next thousand years they were nomads operating camel caravans between Syria and Egypt. Then in the early fourteenth century BCE, in conjunction with other invaders collectively known as *Hapiru*, a Semitic word for "Easterners" that eventually evolved into *Hebrews*, the Jews under Joshua, *Yahuwshuakh*, conquered the portion of Phoenicia that became Yahuwdah. Among the Phoenician tribes driven out to make room for the conquering *hapiru* were the Israelites, who fled into Egypt. When the Israelites were expelled from Egypt about 130 years later, they formed an alliance with the Jews, who helped them settle into the area of Phoenicia north of Judah that became Israel. The Jews and Israelites formed a confederacy of thirteen tribes, later reduced to twelve by pretending that the Menashehites and Efrayimmites were moieties of a nonexistent *Joseph* tribe. In the eleventh century Israel became a monarchy under King Saul, and Saul succeeded in making himself king of Judah as well. The Jews did not long tolerate an Israelite king, and c 1010 BCE elected a king of their own, David. Seven years later, partly by right of conquest and partly by marrying Saul's heiress, David made himself king of Israel also. The united monarchy survived only until the death of David's son Solomon. At that point the Jewish-Israelite alliance ended permanently, and an attempt by the Yahwist to mend it by concocting a genealogy that showed the Jews and Israelites to be the same people, descended from a demigod who was simultaneously the Jewish alleged ancestor Jacob and the Israelite alleged ancestor Israel ultimately failed. The Israelites became extinct, through cultural absorption, following their defeat by Assyria in 721 BCE. Fear that the same thing might happen to the Jews caused the Priestly author, even before the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon in 586 BCE, to compose a series of taboos calculated to make Jews and non-Jews seem so different that intermarriage, leading to cultural absorption, would be distasteful to both. P succeeded, and the Jews survive to this day. When the Jews reconquered part of King David's empire in 1948 CE, belief in the Yahwist's phony genealogy led them to name their nation, not *Judah*, after their own eponym, but *Israel*, after the eponym of their extinct allies.

**Jezebel** Wife of King Ahab of Israel, who reigned 873-853 BCE. Jezebel was a worshipper of Baal or Bel, a Jesus-type savior god who was the son of Israel's chief god El/Allah/Elohim. When the spokesman Eliyahuw, a fanatic whose name meant, "Yahuw is my god," murdered 450 of Baal's spokesman, Jezebel retaliated in kind, thereby making her name anathema to persons who believe that mass murder is only justifiable when it is done *by* Yahweh-worshippers rather than *to* them.

**Jihad** The systematic extermination by Muslims of any man, woman or child whose religion differs in any way from that of the sect ordering the Jihad. Some Muslim sects believe they are engaged in a Jihad against the Jews who occupy land taken from Muslims and given to the Jews by the United Nations in 1948 CE. But the more common Jihad has been between rival sects of Muslims.

**jilt** Archaic word that meant to terminate unilaterally a sexual relationship that the abandoned party had been encouraged to believe was leading to a legally recognized cohabitation. Up until about the middle of the twentieth century, male chauvinism claimed the *right* of every man to marry a woman who had never had a previous lover. Consequently, when a woman yielded to her first lover on the implicit understanding that he intended to marry her, and he then *jilted* her, she was deemed to have been *ruined* as a potential bride for any other man. When the cultural evolution that followed the termination of World War Two and the invention of the birth control pill led to the disappearance of men's virgin-bride fetish, the concept of jilting disappeared with it. But as

long as it lasted, it was not uncommon for women to sue their jilters for *breach of promise*, the rationale being that a man who had stolen a women's virginity under false pretences was liable for damages equal to the amount by which her market value as a bride had been diminished.

**jinn** Pre-Islamic demons adopted by Mohamed in recognition that pure monotheism could never be successfully imposed on polytheists.

**Joab** The nephew of King David, who summarily executed David's treacherous son Abshalom, to prevent David from again sparing a dangerous enemy.

**Joan of Arc** Almost certainly a mistranslation of Jeanne Darc, a fifteenth-century religious maniac who was certainly a peasant girl and therefore could not have born the aristocratic surname, *d'Arc*, which would have indicated that her family owned and ruled a territory called Arc. Joan claimed to hear the voices of nonexistent gods and demigods, including a *Saint Catherine*, whom the Catholic church removed from its calendar in 1969 in recognition of the fact that no such person ever existed. Despite that acknowledgement by the Vatican that Joan's *voices* were delusions, her 1920 canonization was not reversed. Persons who today make claims analogous to Joan's are accepted by many psychiatrists as genuinely self-deluded, but their real self-delusion lies in their inability to distinguish between those lies that are plausible to an intelligent adult, and those that are plausible only to someone as infantile and intellectually handicapped as themselves. Whether the mental dysfunction that enables persons such as Joan Darc, Bernadette Soubirous, Lucia dos Santos of Fatima and Oral Roberts to persist in a childish fantasy long after it has become apparent that their stories are unbelievable, should be attributed to simple-mindedness or insanity, is a problem of definition. While Joan inspired French soldiers to abandon their defeatist attitude and follow her into battle, her victories can all be attributed to factors other than her presence. And her capture by the English can be attributed to her fanatic determination to engage in a battle against overwhelming odds that any sane leader would certainly have avoided. Guesses that she was a lesbian, an emotional transvestite, or a non-virgin, appear to be unfounded.

**JOB** Moralistic fable written by a Sadducee c 200 BCE, in which unquestioning submission to the god Yahweh's expanding atrocities is portrayed as the ultimate virtue. The earliest writing to promote a similar theme was *Lamentation to a Man's God*, written 1000 years earlier, but there is no evidence in JOB of direct borrowing. The Sadducee author demonstrated a belief in a male *Satan*, a concept introduced into Judaism between 586 BCE and 520 BCE, and in palmistry (JOB 37:7). He affirmed the nonexistence of an afterlife (6:13; 7:9). And he showed Yahweh rewarding Job's submission by the only means possible in Sadducee theology, by giving him a long life, much property, and more children to replace those capriciously murdered to test his fidelity (42:12-17). The kind of unquestioning submission touted by JOB became the core dogma of *Islam*, a word that means "submission."

**JOEL** Book of unfulfilled prophecies written shortly after the fall of Samaria to Assyria in 721 BCE, promising that Yahweh would avenge the defeat by driving the Assyrians into the Caspian Sea (2:20). After defeating Assyria (which actually fell to Babylon), the Jews would then conquer the whole gentile world in a battle that would take place in the valley of Yahuwshafat (ch. 3). To aid the Jews, Yahweh would arrange that, "the sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, and the stars are going to stop shining" (2:31; 3:15). Those events, which JOEL described as "at hand," never happened.

**John bar Zebedyah** Disciple of Jesus the Nazirite; brother of Jacob bar Zebedyah, and probably executed with him in 43 CE.

**John Birch Society** Organization formed to continue the psychopathic persecution of suspected communists begun by Senator Joseph McCarthy. The Society named as its figurehead an American soldier identified as the first casualty in the war against international communism. In

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fact John Birch had no more connection with the John Birch Society than Jesus the Nazirite had with Christianity, and both figureheads would have denounced the organizations formed in their names if they had not been totally, irreversibly dead. Since the Society, like McCarthy, made anti-communism look ridiculous, the FBI investigated the possibility that it was financed by the Soviet Union to do precisely that. No evidence was found that the Society's founder was anything but a fanatic anti-communist psychopath, as are those members who are not undercover FBI agents.

**JOHN, gospel called** Anonymous theogony of the god Jesus, written *c* 130 CE for the purpose of repudiating and superseding the synoptic gospels and purging the gentile mythology known as Christianity of such Essene/Ebionite concepts as celibacy, communism, abandonment of family, and an unfulfilled *second coming* and Jerusalem-centered theocracy, in order to make it more acceptable to Greeks. JOHN also turned Jesus into a god, to make him more like the saviors with whom the Greco-Roman world was familiar. The author of JOHN was an educated Greek who did not write any of the other documents now attributed to "John." He was not the *disciple whom Jesus loved*, although he used a document by the Beloved Disciple as a source and quoted extensively from it. He created a dual godhead by having Jesus say, "I and the father constitute a unity." He had not, however, heard of the Christian trinity that would not be created for a further century. Whether he saw the *holy spirit* as a female person or merely a feminine-gender concept of morality is uncertain. But his attributing to Jesus a declaration that a convert must be *born again*, not from a mortal womb but "from water and the Spirit," reveals that he saw the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit as womb-bearing females.

**John** King of England 1199-1216. John, like Richard III, has had the bad press that is the inevitable consequence of endorsing a losing position. John was elected king over his nephew Arthur, who as the son of an older brother had the stronger claim. The *Robin Hood* legends that portrayed John as a schemer who tried to steal the throne from his brother, Richard I, are strongly refuted by Richard's endorsement of John as his successor rather than the eighteen-year-old Arthur. John almost certainly tried to avoid a future civil war by ordering that Arthur be castrated, resulting in Arthur's death. Other than that, his only crime was his inability to restore and maintain the strong central government established by his father, Henry II, that the incompetent Richard I had allowed to disintegrate into anarchy. When John's barons and earls, who under Richard had become regional monarchs in all but name, saw that John was trying to reinstate their subordinate status, they forced him to sign Magna Carta, which reduced the king to a figurehead and legitimized the barons' paramouncy in their fiefs. Neither John nor the barons realized at the time that Magna Carta was so worded as to grant to all citizens many rights that the barons were only interested in obtaining for themselves.

**John VIII** Pope, 872-882, who ordered the bishop of Naples to bring him the city's most prominent Muslims, so that he could cut their throats in public for daring to live among Christians. According to the *Annals of Fulda Abbey*, a man whose wife he had seduced poisoned him. That contradicts the opinion of Cardinal Baronius, who thought that he "rather deserved the name of a woman than that of a man."

**John XI** Pope, 931-935, son of Pope Sergius III and the courtesan Marozia; deposed and exiled from Rome by his half-brother, who also imprisoned their mother.

**John XII** Pope, 954-964, grandson of Marozia, who made himself pope at the age of seventeen with the aid of the gangster faction of which she was matriarch. He was deposed after being convicted of sacrilege, simony, blasphemy and cruel mutilation. He was murdered in the bed of a married woman, probably by her husband.

**John XIX** Pope, 1024-1033, who purchased the papacy after the death of his brother, Benedict VIII, even though John was not a priest. He offered to transfer Christian primacy from the bishop of

Rome to the bishop of Constantinople for the right price. That offer in particular caused the people of Rome to rise against him and force him to flee for his life.

**John XXII** Pope, 1316-1334, who in 1324 denounced the concept of papal infallibility as the work of the Christian devil. Pope Pius IX in 1870 made papal infallibility an RC dogma, raising the question: If John XXII's declaration that he was not infallible was infallible, why was Pius IX able to reverse it?

**John XXIII** Pope, 1410-1415, whose election following the deposition of the Rome and Avignon popes was intended to end the Great Schism, but only made it worse because neither accepted deposition and the result was that there were now three popes. Eventually all three were forced to submit to Martin V, and even though there were powerless pretenders for a further fifteen years, for all practical purposes the Schism was ended. John XXIII was tried and convicted of murder and incest, but the accusation that he had seduced 200 nuns was not put to a verdict. He maintained a stable of 200 concubines in Bologna. When the Catholic Church retroactively declared that the Roman popes had been legitimate and the Avignon popes during the Schism had been antipopes, the deposition of Gregory XII was annulled, and John XXIII was consequently also pronounced an antipope. That decision opened the way for Cardinal Roncalli in 1958 to become the second John XXIII.

**JOHN, letters called** Letters written in the second century CE by three different authors, two of whom called themselves *ho presbyteros*, "the senior." Their names and identity remain unknown. None of the letters was written by the author of the gospel called JOHN, and neither was REVELATION, whose redactor stated that his name was John, and by so doing caused the gospel and letters wrongly attributed to him to be called JOHN. The trinitarian passage, 1 JOHN 5:7, is an interpolation inserted c 300 CE.

**John of the Cross** Christian masochist, 1542-1591, who founded a branch of the Carmelites. He was in the habit of licking out the sores of lepers. Naturally he was canonized.

**John of Damascus** Christian celibate masochist (tautology), c 675-749 CE. In an attempt to justify Jesus' Talmudic designation as *Ben Pandera*, actually concocted by the author of *Toldot Yeshu* as a pun, John named *Panther* as the father of Yoakhim, the alleged father of Jesus' mother Mary. John failed to recognize that the designation, *huios pantherou*, "son of a panther," was invented to ridicule the Christian designation of Jesus as *huios parthenou*, "son of a virgin." As a writer of pious fiction, naturally he was canonized.

**John the Immerser** (Greek: *Ioannes ho Baptistes*) Renegade Essene who, in 29 CE, abandoned his sect's Righteous Rabbi and began preaching that *he* was Messiah. John founded a sect of his own called *Immersers*, that appears to have disappeared early in the second century CE, possibly through absorption by the Nazirites. John introduced into Judaism the ritual of forgiving initiates all past sins by immersing them in the river Jordan. While immersion originated with John, the belief that a self-styled spokesman was empowered to forgive sins was Essene orthodoxy. Among the persons who unequivocally acknowledged John as their superior, by permitting him to forgive their sins through immersion, were Jesus the Nazirite and his family. John was arrested and executed by Herod Antipas within weeks of commencing his career. That Antipas's six-year-old stepdaughter Salome had anything to do with John's execution is most unlikely. After his death, his disciples continued to preach him as Messiah, and believed that he would fulfill his messianic function at a postulated *second coming*, as John had grown up believing the Righteous Rabbi would do at his second coming. If latter-day Immersers believed passages in the Christian gospels pretending that John had endorsed Jesus as Messiah, that would explain why the sect disappeared.

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**John of Lycopolis** Christian masochist who boasted that he had not seen a woman in forty-eight years. There is no truth to the story that he was very fond of sheep, and fathered a son named Baaaaa-sil. Naturally he was canonized. What masochist wasn't?

**John of Patmos** Redactor of REVELATION and author of chapters 1 to 3 and 20:3b to 22:21, plus interpolations in chapters 7, 12, 17 and 19. John was a Nazirite, whereas the original author of 70 CE was an Essene. John of Patmos was not the author of the gospel or letters called JOHN.

**John the Divine** Author of the gospel known as JOHN, wrongly credited with writing the JOHN letters and REVELATION. In fact the name of the fourth gospel author is unknown, and his status as a *divine* or theologian is at least partly based on the belief that he also wrote the other documents. Beyond the fact that somebody wrote the works attributed to him, *John the Divine* did not exist.

**John and Paul, Saints** Nonexistent patrons of a Roman church, declared to have been executed under the emperor Julian. In fact the *John and Paul* cult appears to have been based on Christianity's first-century heroes. John and Paul were removed from the Catholic calendar in recognition of their nonexistence in 1969.

**John Mark** *see* Markos

**John Paul I** Pope who died in mysterious circumstances three months after his election in 1978. While it is not established with reasonable probability that he was murdered, or committed suicide, or failed to receive adequate care for what should have been a non-fatal circumstance, there is no doubt that the true circumstances of his death were suppressed and falsified by the papal Secretary of State, who must have *believed* the pope had died of murder or suicide. The book, *In the Name of God*, by David Yallop, concludes that John Paul I was murdered, but ignores the possibility that the Secretary of State's cover-up was based on a hasty conclusion that there was something to cover up, when perhaps there was not..

**John Paul II** *see* Wojtyla

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- (1) American pseudonym for *phallus*, possibly derived from the *Authorized Version's* translation of SONG OF SONGS 7:1, that uses "joints of thy thighs" to mean a genital orifice.
- (2) prison.

**JONAH** Book written *c* 350 BCE that turned the Mesopotamian sun god Oannes, who was swallowed by a fish each night and released each morning, into a Jewish spokesman. When Jonah refused Yahweh's order to preach conversion to the Assyrians in Ninevah, or perhaps to the captive Israelites in Ninevah, Yahweh saw to it that Jonah was swallowed and spent three days in the belly of a *huge fish*, as the ancients called whales in the belief that whales were fish, just as Herakles had spent three days in the belly of a whale in the much older Greek myth. When Jonah finally accepted Yahweh's commission and preached that Ninevah was going to be destroyed in forty days, the inhabitants proclaimed a fast that pleased the gods and dissuaded them from carrying out Jonah's threat. Jonah promptly lost his temper and upbraided the gods for making him look foolish. Since JONAH ends with Ninevah spared, when in fact the Babylonians and Medes sacked it in 612 BCE, the possibility exists that it was a rewriting of an older JONAH composed in the seventh century. Certainly by 350 BCE the word *Yownah* already meant *jinx*, a person believed to bring bad luck to everyone near him, and that implies that there was already a Jonah myth before the fourth-century author wrote it down. The psalm in JONAH 2:1-9 is an interpolation.

**Jonathan** (Hebrew: *Yahuwnathan*) Eldest son of Israel's King Saul, and the lover of the future King David. Yahuwnathan was David's only known homosexual relationship, and the author of SAMUEL did not expurgate the relationship because, at the time of writing, no homosexual taboo yet existed outside of Persia. Of the many passages that confirm the status of David and Yahuwnathan as lovers, the most explicit is 1 SAMUEL. 20:41, "They kissed each other and wept with each other until David ejaculated."

**Jophiel** Christian archangel, equivalent to Judaism's Ophaniel, the deified moon-messenger.

**Jord** Daughter and wife of Odin, dating from a time when close-kin marriage was the norm.

**Josaphat, Saint** Canonization of Bodhisat, a title of Siddhartha Gautama; in effect, "Saint Buddha."

**Joseph of Arimathea** The person who allegedly lent his own tomb to the disciples of Jesus the Nazirite to house the corpse for the duration of Passover, during which time it was not permissible under Jewish law to carry out embalming procedures to prepare a body for burial. Since no such place as Arimathea can be traced in ancient documents, some scholars have concluded that Joseph was not a historical person. However, since the resurrection myth was triggered by the disappearance of Jesus' body from its tomb, and no associate of Jesus would have pre-arranged a tomb for a man who was convinced he could not die, the conclusion that a stranger offered temporary use of his own tomb seems inescapable. Joseph's slaves must have embalmed and buried the body as soon as Passover was finished, at sunset Saturday, leaving the disciples to find an empty tomb Sunday morning.

**Joseph the carpenter** Father of Jesus the Nazirite, Jacob the Righteous, and Mary's other three sons and at least two daughters. In view of Jesus' failure to fulfill his sacred obligation as a Jew to marry and perpetuate his father's name, it is not unlikely that Joseph divorced Mary and that the experience left Jesus embittered and unwilling to risk a similar broken marriage himself.

**Joseph the patriarch** Essentially a fictitious character created by the Yahwist to further his pretence that Jews and Israelites were the same people, Joseph being made simultaneously the brother of the Jewish eponym Yahuwdah/Judah, and the father of the Israelite eponyms Menasheh and Ephraim. To some degree, the Yahwist based *Joseph* on Yanhuma, Pharaoh Ikhenaton's Semitic viceroy. To explain how a foreign slave came to be deputy warden of Ikhenaton's prison, J borrowed the Egyptian *Tale of Two Brothers*, about a virtuous man who resists a married woman's advances and is consequently accused by her of rape. A similar myth existed in connection with Bellerophon, and also in connection with Hippolytos.

**Josephus, Flavius** Jewish historian who was appointed commander of Galilee by the Jerusalem Pharisees during the Roman-Jewish war of 66-70 CE. Josephus was quickly captured by Vespasian, and saved his life by prematurely hailing Vespasian as *Imperator*. Vespasian's belief in Josephus's prophetic abilities may well have triggered the march on Rome that made Vespasian emperor, although he would have realized as well as Josephus that he was in an excellent position to wrest the imperium from the inept Vitellius. Josephus adopted the new emperor's family name, Flavius. He also wrote an account of the war that served the dual purpose of flattering the Romans and excusing the Jews for rebelling, since he pretended that the Zealots had forced the masses into an unwanted war. He also wrote *Jewish Antiquities*, which, while falling far short of modern standards of critical history, did demonstrate an ability to recognize Jewish mythology as exactly that. For example, he suggested that the exodus myth may have been based on the expulsion of the Hyksos.

**Joshua** (Hebrew: *Yahuwshuakh*); Jewish sheikh who, apparently at the time of Ikhenaton's reign as Pharaoh of Egypt, 1380-1362 BCE, invaded and conquered the territory that became Judah, and set the pattern for Attila the Hun and Adolf Hitler by exterminating every man, woman and child in at least two cities, the earliest instance of genocide in recorded history. Yahuwshuakh was not the



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successor of Moses, who was unborn when Yahuwshuakh died, and whose followers, the Israelites, did not ally themselves with the Jews until after Moses' death.

**Josiah** (Hebrew: *Yoshyahuw*); king of Judah 640-609 BCE; fanatic Yahweh worshipper who massacred priests of other gods and destroyed their altars. He also purged Judaism of its fertility elements, by expelling from Yahweh's temple the homosexual monks, *kedeshiym*, and heterosexual nuns, *kedeshoth*, who had previously copulated with male worshippers in the sacrament of fornication. It was in Josiah's reign that DEUTERONOMY was composed, and many of Josiah's *reforms* were carried out in obedience to that book, whose author, almost certainly Jeremiah, pretended to be Moses.

**Jove** *see* Jupiter

**Jovinian** Christian monk who asserted that such masochism as celibacy and fasting could not possibly be pleasing to a god that was not a sadist. Jovinian died *c* 405 CE. While a rational mythology might have canonized him, Christianity did not.

**Jubilees** Essene book composed *c* 140-100 BCE; the source of most of Christian angelology and demonology; basically a retelling of GENESIS with Zoroastrian modifications.

**Judah** (Hebrew: *Yahuwdah*); Eponymous ancestor of the Jews; named as the fourth son of the patriarch Jacob by the Yahwist, but possibly named as Jacob's eldest son by the Elohist.

**Judah of Jacob** (Greek: *Ioudan Iakobou*); Named in LUKE as one of Jesus the Nazirite's mythical twelve apostles, despite the fact that he was not mentioned by Luke's source, MARK, whose equivalent apostle was Thaddaios. JOHN, whose author used LUKE as a source, also mentioned a disciple named Judah, but identified him only as "not the Iskariot." The A.V. translated *Ioudan Iakobou* as the "brother of James," in the hope of identifying him with the *Judas, brother of Jacob* who wrote the LETTER OF JUDE, but normal Greek usage demands the translation, "son of Jacob," as later bibles recognized.

**Judaism** The mythology of the Jews. Although Yahweh worship by the Jews dates back at least 4400 years, and probably over 5500 years, modern Judaism began with the compilation of the Torah in 434 BCE. Prior to that date, Jewish mythology had changed from veneration of such disparate Yahwehs as a deified volcano, a deified phallus and various other concepts, to worship of an invisible sky god; from henotheism to pseudo-monotheism, with all other gods viewed as Yahweh's creations, immortal but not really *gods*; from monism to dualism; from a totally partisan philosophy to a semi-ethical one; and from a ritualistic form of worship to a more inner-directed type. The Judaism of King David's time had no more resemblance to today's Judaism than the science of that time had to the science of today.

**Judas Maccabaeus** Eldest son of Matathyah bar Hasmon, whose sons, known as the Maccabees, *hammers*, led the successful Jewish war of independence against the Persian Seleukid empire. Judas was killed in action in 162 BCE. His youngest and only surviving brother, Simon, became the founder of the Hasmonean monarchy that ruled Judah for a century. Accounts of Judas's life can be found in 1 MACCABEES, written by a Sadducee, and 2 MACCABEES, written by a Pharisee. The Sadducee account is the more reliable.

**Judas of Galilee** Founder of the Zealots at the time that Judea was first brought under direct Roman rule, 6-7 CE. Judas was quickly caught and crucified, and his Zealot party did not become a real political force until the outbreak of war in 66 CE. He was the son of Khezekyah, whom Josephus described as a bandit, but who in fact led the rebellion against Rome's imposition of the Herods as puppet kings in 48 BCE. Two of Judas's sons and two of his grandsons died fighting for Jewish independence, as did his probable great-grandson, Bar Kokhba. He may have been the father of

Jesus the Nazirite's disciple, Simon the Zealot, and grandfather of Judas the Iskariot, but such identification is speculative.

**Judas the Iskariot** Judas, whose surname meant terrorist/assassin/daggerman, was the treasurer and probably chief lieutenant of Jesus the Nazirite. He either died at the time of Jesus' arrest, or was crucified with him. The author of MARK invented the pretence that Judas was Jesus' betrayer, for the purpose of convincing Vespasian that Jesus and the Romans were both enemies of the Iskariots and therefore could not have been each other's enemies. The authors of MATTHEW and ACTS, adhering to Mark's fantasy that Judas was a betrayer, concealed the true circumstances of his death and wrote conflicting accounts that did not contradict their source but did contradict each other. MATTHEW had Judas commit suicide, while ACTS had him trip over a sharp rock that cut his stomach open. Jesus' inclusion of an Iskariot and at least two other Zealots among his closest associates is clear evidence that he shared the Zealots' revolutionary purpose.

**JUDE, LETTER OF** In the Christian bible, a letter written by an Essene or neo-Essene, a category that includes the Nazirites, as is demonstrated by its quoting of the Essene *Enoch* and paraphrasing of the Essene *Assumption of Moses*. The author described himself as *the brother of Jacob*, implying that Jacob was a person of recognized status in the commune. It is highly unlikely that he was the brother of Jesus, since in that case he would have called himself *brother of his Lordship*, as Jacob the Righteous did, and even his reference to *Iesous Khristos* could have meant the Righteous Rabbi rather than the Nazirite. The letter was written some time in the first or second century CE.

**Judea** The name given to Yahuwdah/Judah by the Romans after its annexation by Pompeius Magnus in 63 BCE.

**JUDGES** Historical book covering the period when Judah was ruled by non-hereditary sheikhs prior to the establishment of the monarchy. Only the most prominent sheikhs are chronicled, and all of them operated only in Judah, none in Israel.

**judgment** Evaluation process that takes place after death to determine whether an individual is numbered among *us* or *them*. The concept first appeared in Egyptian mythology *c* 3000 BCE. Those whom Osiris judged worthy were granted eternal life, while the unworthy were consumed by a crocodile god. Later mythologies turned the worthies into *saints*, demigods capable of intervening in human affairs in response to prayer and flattery, and consigned the unworthy to a sadist's-dream underworld in which they were tortured with flamethrowers for eternity while the saints orgasmed on their screams of agony. Once it was recognized how effectively god addicts could be controlled by priests' threats of eternal torture, all of the larger modern mythologies adopted a judgment as part of their arsenal of opiates.

**JUDITH** "Jewess;" Historical fiction set at the time of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The author got some facts of history right, and others wrong. For example, he correctly declared that the king of Babylon was also king of Assyria, but incorrectly identified his capital as Ninevah, which had been leveled in 612 BCE, a generation earlier than the siege of Jerusalem. He named as king of the Medes *Arphaxad*, which could have been an alternative title of Kyaxares, the actual Median king at the time. The novel's heroine, Judith, seduces Nebuchadnezzar's general, a mythical Holofernes, in order to murder him while he sleeps. Its message would appear to be that copulating with an enemy in order to betray him is an admirable act. JUDITH is included in Catholic and Orthodox bibles, but is rejected by Jews and Protestants.

**Julian** Roman emperor 361-363 CE; nephew of Constantine, and cousin of Constantius, Julian was raised as a Christian but, horrified by the atrocities committed by his uncle and cousin in the certainty that the Christian gods would forgive all of their sins when they were sacramentally immersed, Julian reverted to the old gods with their more objective concept of morality. Julian

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was killed during a military campaign after only two years as emperor, possibly murdered by a Christian in his own army. He was the last non-Christian emperor, and author of a reasoned tract that refuted Christianity so effectively that the Christians burned all copies. Surviving excerpts, taken from Cyril of Alexandria's attempted rebuttal, can be seen in *Against the Galileans*, in the Loeb Classical Library collection.

**Julian, Saint** Canonization of the mythical patron of a shrine actually dedicated to the emperor Julian.

**Julius Africanus** Christian apologist *c* 160-240 CE. It was Africanus who first recorded the rationalization that the genealogies of Jesus in MATTHEW and LUKE, although incompatible, were nonetheless both correct. Africanus declared that the father of Joseph named in MATTHEW was his biological father, Jacob, whereas the father named in LUKE was Joseph's legal father, Eli, for whom Jacob was a mere biological substitute under the Levirate law. In fact Jacob and Eli were portrayed in the genealogies as having different fathers, and Africanus's claim that they had the same mother would not have made them kinsmen in the Levirate sense. Africanus dated the creation of the universe to 5500 BCE, and the end of the world to 500 CE. Since he was not canonized, his errors do not constitute a serious embarrassment to Christianity. Africanus's rationalization was eventually replaced by the equally desperate pretence that LUKE's genealogy was *really* the ancestry of Mary.

**Julius II** Pope, 1503-1513, who had the time for his coronation calculated astrologically. According to Martin Luther, writing of his visit to the papal court in 1511, twelve naked nuns customarily served Julius at supper. Julius founded the Mary Magdalene Order of prostitute-nuns.

**Julius III** Pope, 1550-1555, who made his sixteen-year-old catamite a cardinal.

**jump his/her bones** Copulate with the indicated individual.

**Jumala** Paramount god of the Old Finnish pantheon; absorbed into Christianity as the paramount god of the Christian pantheon.

**Juno** (Latin: *Iuno*, from Sanskrit: *Yoni*, the deified vulva); Etruscan goddess of sex and fertility, absorbed into the Roman pantheon as the wife of Jupiter.

**Jupiter** Also called Jove, "the youth"; Roman paramount god; deification of the planet Jupiter; equivalent to Zeus, Amun, Marduk, Odin, Woden, God(an), Yahweh, Allah(u).

**jury of twelve** Concept created by medieval Christians in the belief that the number twelve had supernatural qualities. Twelve was originally sacred to male gods as the number of the masculinized zodiac, the antithesis of the feminine thirteen. In Christian times, however, its sacredness was attributed to Jesus' mythical *twelve apostles*. It was therefore believed that, if a jury of twelve Christians could reach a unanimous verdict, that verdict must be infallible. In fact juries of twelve have many times convicted the innocent and acquitted the guilty.

**jus primae noctis** "right of first night"; The right of a priest, king or other overlord to be the first to copulate with a new bride on her wedding night. Since an unbroken hymen was held to be impervious to demons, incubuses and other horny devils, its rupturing constituted a dangerous moment, because the lustful discarnates were likely to be waiting to attack en masse. Consequently, a priest capable of repelling them was deemed the only person with whom first coupling could be safely performed. When the tradition evolved that a feudal lord also represented the tribal gods and exercised their authority, he too was credited with the ability to de-hymen a woman without leaving her vulnerable to metaphysical rapists. In time the *jus primae noctis* came to be viewed, not as a lord's obligation to protect his tenants, but as the tenant's obligation to the lord in payment for his *good lordship*. Jewish women were subjected to the *jus primae noctis*

during a century of Seleukid overlordship prior to the victory of the Maccabees, while Cambodian priests were still exercising the same right in Nietzsche's time.

**justice** Abstinence from, and prevention of, any act that harms the person or property of anyone who has not invited retaliation by himself acting unjustly. Justice has nothing to do with punishment, reward, revenge, or any other response to previous specific behavior. While most societies can only enforce justice by warning its members that persons who act unjustly will be punished, and then when necessary carrying out the stipulated punishment, the punishment itself cannot be considered *justice*. Justice means the protection of the innocent, not the punishment of the guilty. Justice may be unenforceable unless accompanied by retribution, but the two concepts are intrinsically unrelated.

**Justin Martyr** Christian apologist, c 100-165 CE, who wrote, "When I am told that Perseus was born of a virgin, I realize that here again is a case in which the serpent and deceiver has imitated our religion." That virgin birth was attributed to Perseus centuries before it was attributed to Jesus apparently did not stop Justin from believing that a copy could precede its prototype. He rationalized that, since the execution of Jesus, the Christians were the only true Jews, thereby setting the precedent under which the Mormons call all non-Mormons, including Jews, *gentiles*. Justin was executed for refusing to offer sacrifices to gods that differed from his own in name only, and was accordingly canonized as Justin Martyr.

**just society** One in which every individual has the right to as much equality or inequality as he is able to achieve by his innate or learned skills.

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**Kaaba** Shrine of a vulva-shaped meteorite in Mecca; originally dedicated to the Arabian triple-goddess; rededicated in Islamic times to the male god, Allah.

**Kaddish** Jewish prayer beginning, “Our father in the sky whose name is taboo.” The prayer was attributed to Jesus in the Q gospel, with the unstated implication that it was composed by him, and was repeated in MATTHEW and LUKE. *see also* Our Father.

**Kadimira** Sumerian city whose name meant “God’s Gate.” When Sumer was conquered by the Akkadians, Kadimira’s Sumerian name was translated into Akkadian as *Babilu*, which became *Babel* in Hebrew and *Babylon* in Greek. The new name had nothing to do with the Hebrew word *balbel*, “to confuse,” as the Yahwist claimed in GENESIS 11:9.

**Kaiafa, Yosef** Jewish high priest 18-36 CE; named by the Greek author of MARK as the chief judge in Jesus the Nazirite’s trial before the Sanhedrin. In fact Jesus was summarily condemned by the Roman procurator. No trial before the Sanhedrin ever occurred, and if it had the judge would have been Sanhedrin president Gamaliel, not the high priest. Kaiafa was impeached a few months after Pilatus, for suspected collaboration in Pilatus’s illegalities.

**Kaleb** Named by the Yahwist as the only adult to survive the exodus and reach the *Promised Land* (NUMBERS 14:24). Named by the Priestly author as one of the only two, along with Joshua, to reach the Promised Land. (NUMBERS 14:30). Since Kaleb was shown settling in Judah rather than Israel, he clearly had nothing to do with the exodus, and was almost certainly not a person from history. The Yahwist may, however, have utilized the name of an ancient Jewish hero in a purely fictitious manner. To the Yahwist, who made no mention of Joshua, Kaleb was Moses’ successor.

**Kali** Hindu goddess of discord, responsible for capricious vandalism and homicide; patron goddess of Thuggi. Almost two centuries after the Thuggs were suppressed by the British East India Company, persons who act like Kali worshippers continue to be called “thugs.” Equivalent to Eris, and to some extent to the Judaeo-Christian Satan, although the way Kali was revered and her evil rationalized away as her *mysterious ways*, she was more analogous to Yahweh.

**Kama** Hindu god of sexual love, in whose honor *Kama Sutra*, history’s most famous sex manual, was composed.

**Kamamara** Buddhist demon who tempted Gautama, as Ahriman tempted Zarathustra, and the Satan tempted Jesus.

**kamp** Australian for *homosexual*. The etymology of *kamp* is unknown. It did not, as many Australian believe, originate in British police files as an acronym for “known associate of male perverts.”

**Kamsa** Hindu king who, in the prototype *massacre of innocents* myth, killed all babies in the region an opposition king was to be born, for the purpose of killing the newborn Krishna. The same myth was later attached to the births of Abraham, Moses, John the Immerser, and Jesus the Nazirite.

**Kananite** (Aramaic: *Kananaya* or *Qananaya*; a Zealot). A historical disciple of Jesus the Nazirite, Nathanael the Kananite was depicted in JOHN 21:2 as Nathanael *from Kana*, due to the Greek author’s misunderstanding of Nathanael’s surname.

**Karaites** Jewish sect that rejects the Talmud and maintains that the Torah is the only valid scripture.

**Kasidites** Translated as *Chaldeans* in the *A.V.*; the neo-Babylonians who ruled Mesopotamia in late biblical times, but did not exist at the time the Priestly author alleged that Abraham came from *Uwr of the Kasidites*. (GENESIS 11:23, 31)

**Kaufman, Andy** American comedian who died of cancer at the age of 35 after being seduced into submitting to *psychic surgery* in the Philippines. Although psychic surgery, a form of conjuring, did not aggravate Kaufman's condition, his belief in its reality did prevent him from seeking legitimate medical treatment that may conceivably have prolonged his life.

**kava** Fijian national drink, that looks and tastes like used bath water.

**Kea, Saint** Canonization of the Celtic folk hero who became *Kay* in the King Arthur literature.

**kedesh** plural: *kedeshiym* see catamite

**kedeshah** plural: *kedeshoth* see nun

**Keegstra, James** Citizen of Canada, which has no law equivalent to America's First Amendment that protects free speech, convicted in 1985 of breaching his country's heresy laws by teaching high school pupils a theory of history that accused Jews of believing in and consciously practising the anti-gentile racism of the Talmud. Keegstra, a fanatic lunatic-fringe Christian, simultaneously denied that Christians believe in and consciously practise the anti-Semitic racism of the Christian gospels. He also taught that Hitler's Final Solution policy was not one of conscious genocide, and that there were never any gas chambers. That teaching was made part of the case against him, even though the re-evaluation of historical evidence, and the reaching of heretical, incompetent or stupid conclusions had never before been deemed a crime in Canada. The Supreme Court of Canada eventually ruled that laws against promoting race-hatred were valid. Keegstra's conviction was upheld, and free speech in Canada officially abolished.

**Kefa** see Peter

**Kekri** Finnish god; A festival to Kekri was assimilated into Finnish Christianity as All Saints' Day.

**Kele** Druid goddess canonized as Saint Kilda.

**Kelly, Ned** Australian bushranger and homicidal psychopath hanged in the late nineteenth century; an Australian "Mad Dog" Coll.

**Kenites** see Cainites

**Kennedy, John** American President, 1960-1963, whose election campaign stressed that he was a Roman Catholic and that anti-Catholic paranoia was un-American. In fact Kennedy was a secular humanist who had ceased to be a godworshipper long before entering politics. Because acknowledging his true status would have guaranteed his defeat, he had little option but to pretend to be a practising Catholic and to campaign on the basis of Catholic rights. His endorsement of equal rights for all worked better for Kennedy than it had for James II, and he was elected. He thereafter made a point of attending a different church each week, so that no individual priest would see him often enough to discover that he was not a brainwashed believer (there's another kind?). Accusations that Kennedy regarded political assassinations as sometimes justifiable are unproven. Whether he regarded non-procreational recreation with a married woman as adultery is unknown. He is reliably reported to have copulated with approximately 300 women prior to his inauguration as President, and a further 700 thereafter. Kennedy's tally of 1000 lovers does not come close to King Saud's 22,000.

**Kephas** see Peter

**keys of Heaven** Metaphor for the right claimed by Catholic priests to admit sinners into Heaven by forgiving their sins. In a late interpolation inserted into MATTHEW for the purpose of supporting

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the bishop of Rome's political pretensions, Jesus was portrayed as giving the *keys of Heaven* to the disciple Peter, thereby making Peter the Head Christian, an office he in fact never held. Jesus' successor as leader of the Ebionite sect that he founded is unknown. The leader of the Nazirite sect that Jesus' most prominent disciples joined after his death was Jacob the Righteous, Jesus' brother. Peter was Jacob's deputy.

**Khabarah** Jewish meal eaten by groups of friends on the eve of a Sabbath or a holy day. The claim that Jesus the Nazirite's last supper was the Khabarah is insupportable, since the Thursday evening before his execution was neither the eve of the Sabbath nor the eve of Passover. Except for the fact that Jesus did eat an ordinary meal with his disciples prior to his arrest, there was no *last supper*. The *last supper* was a Mithraic concept attached to Jesus by the author of MARK for the purpose of making Jesus more Mithraic and less Jewish.

**Khaldi, Artenis and Theispas** Pre-Armenian Urartian paramount trinity of gods; equivalent to Hinduism's Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and Christianity's Big Daddy, Junior and the Spook.

**Khanukah** "Dedication"; Jewish festival commemorating the victory of Judas Maccabaeus over Antiochos IV and the rededication of the purified temple on Kislev 25, mid-December, 165 BCE. According to later Jewish mythology, an infinitesimal amount of oil in the dedication menorah continued to burn for eight days until new oil could be found. In fact pre-Maccabee Jews celebrated Khanukah as the birthday of the sun god. *see also* Christmas.

**Khaos** Primeval goddess of a disordered universe, out of whose chaotic body her son and successor created an orderly universe. In Akkadian she was named *Tiamat*, and was sliced in two by her son Marduk, who manufactured the land out of her lower body and the dome of the sky out of her upper body. In the Priestly author's version of the same myth, her name was Tehowm (GENESIS 1:2), and the son who dissected her was Allahiyim/Elohim, "the gods and goddesses." In Greek mythology, Khaos gave birth to Gaia, "Earth," who gave birth to Ouranos, "Sky." Mother Earth and Father Sky mated, and future gods all followed the orderly copulation-procreation sequence.

**Kharon** The ferryman who, in Greek mythology, carried the shades of the dead across the river Styx into Tartaros; equivalent to the deified Peter in Christian mythology, and Nedu in Babylonian.

**Khassidites** "Pious ones"; Jewish sect that came into existence in the third century BCE by incorporating into Judaism concepts borrowed from the Zoroastrianism that permeated the Seleukid empire. Early in the second century BCE the Khassidites split in two and disappeared as an identifiable sect. The majority rejected the new direction in which Khassidism was heading, and separated, calling themselves Separatists, *Pharisees*. A minority absorbed the teachings of Buddhist missionaries and became more and more buddhistic without becoming any less Zoroastrian. They entered a Dark Age, or period of obscurity, and eventually reemerged as the Essenes. It was the genesis of the Khassidites, with their revolutionary *afterlife* concept, that led to the formation by anti-Zoroastrian conservatives of a sect dedicated to preserving traditional Judaism. These were the "sons of Tsadowk," *Sadducees*. The Pharisees, not the Essenes, were the true successors of the Khassidites.

**Khassidites, modern** Jewish sect that dresses in black, never shaves, and manufactures cough drops—or is that the Smith Brothers?

**Khavah** *see* Eve

**Khelyown** (Greek: *Ilion*); Old Syrian god equated with the Israelite god El and the Jewish god Yahweh by the Yahwist in GENESIS 14:2 as *Yahweh El Khelyown*.

**kherub** (Latin: *cherub*) Fixed-star gods, of less power than the seven planetary gods, the serafs, but able to exert influence when acting in groups or constellations. By the time of the Jewish

spokesmen, the kherubs' origin as stars had been forgotten, and they had begun to be portrayed as creatures similar to the Egyptian sphinx. Only in Christian times did they evolve into winged humanoids similar to the Roman god Cupid.

**kherubim** Plural of kherub.

**Khezekyahuw** King of Judah, 715-686 BCE, who permanently instituted Solomon's promotion of the Aaronic priesthood to a higher status than the rest of the priestly Levite caste, and who consequently became the implied hero of the Priestly author, who validated Khezekyahuw's reforms by putting them into the mouth of Moses in LEVITICUS.

**Khilkyahuw** The high priest who allegedly discovered DEUTERONOMY in Yahweh's Temple in 621 BCE and took it to King Yoshiyahuw, who implemented its provisions. Since Jeremiah may have been the book's author, and Khilkyahuw may have been Jeremiah's father, Khilkyahuw's discovery may have been other than fortuitous.

**Khimalman** Mother element of the Aztec triple-goddess, and mother of the savior god Quetzalcoatl.

**Khomeini, Ruholla** The twentieth century's closest approximation to a Jewish testament spokesman or *prophet*. As Imam, Khomeini was Iran's absolute theocrat, equating his every personal whim with divine law and executing anyone who so much as questioned his caprices. His misuse of absolute power paralleled that of grand inquisitor Torquemada. His paranoia and hatred of perceived enemies gave him a personality almost identical with Jesus the Nazirite.

**khristheis** *see* anointing

**Khristianoï** *see* Anointers

**Khristos** (Latin: *Christ*; "the Anointed"); Greek translation of *Mashyah*, Messiah, "Yahweh's Anointed"; Since Jesus the Nazirite was the only Jewish messiah ever preached to pagans, references to *Khristos* in Greek documents may have all meant Jesus, but that is far from certain. The *Iesous Khristos* of the LETTER OF JUDE may conceivably have been the Essene Righteous Rabbi, whose name was also Iesous/Jesus/Yeshu/Yahuwshuakh, and whom the Essenes certainly viewed as Khristos/Mashyah.

**khutzpah** "impudence"; The kind of brazenness so outrageous as to be viewed by some as admirable; *e.g.*: Lizzie Borden demanding the court's mercy on the ground that she is an orphan; Ronald Reagan denying culpability on the grounds of incompetence.

**Khuzzah** Aide-de-camp to King David, 1010-970 BCE. When the ark of the covenant was about to tip over, Khuzzah reached out his hand to steady it, and was promptly struck dead by one of Yahweh's thunderbolts for daring to presume that Yahweh could possibly need his assistance. (2 SAMUEL 6:6-7) There is some belief among scholars that the Khuzzah incident may have had a factual basis. Khuzzah's death terrified David and caused him to store the ark in a safe place and purge it from all future religious ritual, even though the ark had hitherto been central to Jewish worship. Scientists are reported to have constructed a replica of the ark from the description given in EXODUS 37, and to have found it to be a virtual Leyden jar, a storage battery capable of building up a sufficient electrical charge to electrocute any person who touches it.

**Khuzzah syndrome** The fear that, if one does anything whatsoever to protect the human race from extermination through planet poisoning, overpopulation or other cause, the tribal god who alone has the function of saving humankind from itself will become jealous and do to the public benefactor what it did to Khuzzah. There is some suspicion that American President Ronald Reagan suffered from chronic Khuzzah syndrome, and that was why he refused to lift a finger to



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halt the poisoning of earth's air and water, and actually believed that a nuclear war would not create a nuclear winter that would destroy all life.

**kibbutz** Jewish commune. Five percent of the population of modern Israel live in *kibbutzim*, operating collective farms and striving for self-sufficiency. Kibbutz children bathe together with no segregation of sexes and no nakedness taboo. When curiosity causes a child to attempt to touch the genitals of another child, adults present intervene, just as happens in a nuclear family when siblings attempt to do likewise. The consequence is that, just as nuclear-family children grow up regarding siblings as sexually taboo, so do kibbutz children grow up with such an attitude toward kibbutz mates. Marriage between members of the same kibbutz is consequently extremely rare.

**kike** A bigot's name for a Jew, just as *goy* is a bigot's name for a non-Jew.

**Kilda, Saint** Canonization of Druid goddess Kele.

**Kinderhook plates** Six bell-shaped plates covered with what appeared to be hieroglyphs, taken to Mormon founder Joseph Smith on April 23, 1843. Smith pronounced the plates genuine, and wrote that, "I have translated a portion of them, and find that they contain the history of a descendant of Ham through the loins of Pharaoh, King of Egypt." In fact the plates were forged by Smith's opponents for the purpose of discrediting him, by seducing him into pretending to translate them as he had pretended to translate other hieroglyphs decades before hieroglyphs were genuinely deciphered with the aid of the Rosetta stone. Such is the gullibility of god cultists, that Smith's exposure as an established liar did not damage the religion founded by him. For more information see *Free Inquiry*, 4:1, Winter 1983/84, pp. 21-31.

**king** Historically, an autocrat who exercised power over a city or state through control of its weapons or soldiers; in modern times, a figurehead who occupies a hereditary position as head of state but wields no power; a paper tiger.

**kingdom of God** *see* theocracy

**Kinyras** Sky-god who mated with his daughter Myrrha. Their offspring was Adonis, the most beautiful of the demigods. Clearly the Greeks who composed such a myth had not heard of the theory that so-called *incest* produces imperfect children.

**Kirbet Qumran** *see* Qumran

**Kirlian photography** The capturing on film of corona discharge, which parapsychologists claim to be photographs of the *astral body* or *energy body* that coexists with the physical body but is immortal. Even the gullible author of *The New Steinerbooks Dictionary of the Paranormal* concedes that, "Biologists who have studied Kirlian auras have discounted their existence." For additional information see the article by B. Singer in *Science and the Paranormal*, G. Abell and B. Singer, eds, NY, 1981.

**kismet** "fate"; Horatio Nelson, in his dying moments, said to his deputy, "Kismet, Hardy," meaning roughly, "That's the way the cookie crumbles." He did not say, "Kiss me, Hardy."

**kissing** When humans first began copulating in the missionary position, with the woman supine and the man prone, a problem arose as to what to do with the man's head. Holding it clear of the woman throughout the performance was clearly inconvenient. In some cultures the solution was to rub noses, thereby associating nose rubbing with sexual pleasure in the minds of both participants. In other cultures the solution was to join mouths in what came to be known as a kiss, with the same consequence. Just as the association of food with the ringing of a bell caused Pavlov's dogs to salivate at the sound of a bell, so the association of kissing with copulation causes humans to engage in kissing as an end in itself, even when there is no likelihood that full sexual conjunction will follow.

**Kleomenes** Spartan king who, in the fourth century BCE, held a *last supper* with twelve friends before killing himself. In so doing, he was consciously imitating the god Mithra, in whose worship such meals had been instituted a thousand years earlier.

**Klopas** Disciple of Jesus the Nazirite who, according to LUKE 24:18, talked with Jesus a couple of days after his alleged resurrection but did not recognize him. Such non-recognition by a close associate who had been with Jesus constantly until a few days earlier would have been impossible, and the story created such a credibility gap that the author of JOHN was obliged to concoct a fable in which the man seen alive after the crucifixion was unmistakably Jesus. The story may, however, have had a factual basis. A former disciple may have discussed theology with a stranger soon after Jesus' death, and many decades later got the idea into his head that the stranger had been Jesus. LUKE did not equate the Klopas of this fable with the Klopas who was Jesus' father's brother, but official Christianity later did so.

**knighthood** Ancient custom still practised in England in which the conversion of a hero into a god by decapitation is symbolized by placing a sword on one side of his neck and then on the other side, as if it had passed through the neck, in order to bestow the knight's new status. Feudal titles were originally a measure of an individual's economic status, and even the title of "Sir Knight" was restricted to persons of sufficient guaranteed income to maintain the dignity of such a status. Today knighthoods are purely ceremonial, handed out like imitation gold bricks to financial supporters of the political party currently in power.

**knocked up** In America: pregnant; in Australia: exhausted.

**knock on wood** Survival of 5000-year-old practice of touching wood for the purpose of invoking the protection of the dryad from whose sacred tree the wood was cut.

**Koine** Form of pidgin Greek that was the lingua franca of the eastern Roman Empire. The synoptic gospels were written in Koine, as was REVELATION. JOHN was written in educated classical Greek. Since no person capable of writing JOHN would ever have written in Koine, the pretence that JOHN and REVELATION were by the same author is absurd.

**Korah** *see* Dathan

**Koran** Muslim Book of the Dead, compiled after the death of Mohamed from many sources, some of them alleged memories of Mohamed's teachings. The Koran contains much that is pre-Islamic and not necessarily ever preached by Mohamed. Those parts that do reflect Mohamed's teachings can generally also be traced to pre-Islamic sources. The Koran has been discredited as definitively as the Judaeo-Christian bible. For further information, see *The Origins of the Koran*, and *What the Koran Really Says*, both edited by Ibn Warraq, Prometheus, 1998, 2002

**kosher** Ritually clean, in accordance with the dietary laws that the authors of LEVITICUS and DEUTERONOMY both imposed, from a slightly older common source, in the seventh century BCE. Non-kosher animals tended to be those that had been sacramentally eaten as the body of Goddess, such as Ashtareth's sacred pig.

**kouze** Hebrew for *vagina*, from *Quzah*, an Arabian sex goddess, whose name meant "Vagina"; pejorative term for a woman.

**Kris Kringle** Norse god of the new year, born at the winter solstice; absorbed into Christianity as an alternative name for Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas.

**Krishna** Hindu resurrected savior, equivalent of Jesus; part of a male trinity consisting of Brahma, Krishna and Siva; A new star heralded Krishna's birth, as with the births of Abraham, Zarathustra and Jesus. The infant Krishna was visited by poor shepherds, as were Mithra and Jesus, and by wise men, as were Zarathustra and Jesus. He survived a massacre of babies designed to kill him,

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as did Abraham, Moses, John the Immerser and Jesus. All of those myths were told of Krishna centuries before they were told of anyone else.

**Kritias** Greek philosopher of the fifth century BCE. Although Kritias was the most autocratic and ultra-conservative of the Thirty Tyrants, he was sufficiently rational to recognize that both religion and law were products of the human imagination.

**Kronos** Pelasgian god who ruled Greece before the coming of the Greeks; demoted to the status of Zeus's father following the Greek conquest; originally a crow but, by confusion with *khronos*, later identified as Father Time; equivalent to the Roman Saturn, the deified planet.

**Kumarbi** Hittite proto-Adam who became pregnant by biting off the genitals of his predecessor, Father Sky, and who, lacking the female channel of egress, had to give birth by being cut open.

**Kupparu** Sumerian festival of atonement adapted to Judaism in the seventh century BCE as Yowm Kippur.

**Kyaxares** King of Media who, in concert with Nabu-apal-assur of Babylon, conquered Assyria and leveled Ninevah in 612 BCE. The Mede-Babylonian alliance shattered in 587 BCE when Nebuchadnezzar invaded Ecbatana and killed Kyaxares, who was succeeded by his son Astyages. The author of JUDITH called the king at the time of Nebuchadnezzar's invasion *Arphaxad*, and that may conceivably have been an alternate version of Kyaxares' name, even though the same author named as Nebuchadnezzar's general a man who actually flourished under Artaxerxes III.

**Kybele** see Cybele

**kyrios** Greek word meaning "Sire" or "Your Lordship" in the second person, or "His Lordship" in the third person. English bibles translate kyrios as *Lord* wherever it refers to Jesus. They also use *Lord* as a substitute for the unspeakable name of Yahweh. By calling both Jesus and his god *Lord*, an equation that does not occur in the original languages, they thereby effectively disguise the fact that nowhere in the synoptic gospels or the letters of Paul of Tarsus is there any suggestion that Jesus was or might have been a god.

**Kyros** see Cyrus

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**labarum** Emblem of the Persian god Mithra, derived from the Egyptian ankh, painted on the shield of the emperor Constantine for the purpose of encouraging his Mithra-worshipping soldiers to believe they were fighting for their god. Because the labarum resembled the Greek letters *khi* and *rho* superimposed on each other, and *khi* and *rho* were the first two letters of *khristos*, it was later claimed by the Christians that Constantine had triumphed under a Christian symbol. In fact Constantine did not declare himself a Christian until much later.

**Labour Party** In England, Australia and New Zealand, a political party that maintains that persons demonstrably incapable of managing a pay toilet have a divine right to manage their countries.

**lacuna** A missing section in a document, due to wear, damage or inaccurate copying, or more rarely deliberate omission by a copyist as in the Yahwist's tale of Noah's drunkenness. As expurgated by the Redactor, GENESIS 9:21-22 shows Noah's son finding his father drunk and helpless. The verse that immediately follows, 9:23, shows Noah's other sons covering their father's ruin with a cloak. Then in 9:24, "Noah awakened from his wine and saw what his youngest son had done to him." The description of what the son did must have originally been placed between the present verses 22 and 23. The content of the lacuna survived in oral form, and was eventually recorded in the Talmud (Sanh. 70a). For the contents, *see* castration myths.

**lady** Evolved form of *hlaf-dige*, Old English for "bread-giver"; originally, the ranking woman in a matriarchal clan, who ruled over the storage bins and doled out food; later, any woman of aristocrat rank; later still, a woman whose husband or father was a gentleman; eventually, as *gentleman* became synonymous with *man*, so *lady* became synonymous with *woman*, although it is still occasionally restricted to women whose behavior is perceived by a schlaflified society as *ladylike*.

**Lady Day** Date of conception, March 25, nine months before the birth on December 25 of such solar gods as Mars, Atthis, Jesus, Mithra, and Marsyas; proclaimed by the emperor Justinian to be the date of Mary's annunciation and impregnation by the masculinized *holy spirit*.

**Laetrile** Substance made from the seeds of apricots for the purpose of separating desperate cancer victims from their money in the pretence that they are being treated for the disease. Laetrile has been thoroughly examined by American health authorities, and found to have no value as a cancer treatment whatsoever. Actor Steve McQueen, among others, died after receiving Laetrile treatment, not because the Laetrile harmed him, but because the Laetrile peddlers discouraged him from seeking legitimate treatment. For additional information see, *Laetrile: The Making of a Myth*, published by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C.

**Lakshmi** Hindu lotus goddess and deified vulva who was the wife of Vishnu.

**Lamaism** Tantric form of Buddhism, in which a man seeks to obtain energy from a woman by copulating with her without ejaculating, in the belief that every orgasm he can induce in her generates energy that is drawn into himself through the penis. The cult's head is the non-hereditary Dalai Lama, chosen as a child by alleged omens, much like the choosing of the bull god Apis.

**Lamarckism** Theory of biologist Chevalier de Lamarck, 1744-1829, that learned behavior or acquired characteristics can be passed on to future generations genetically. Lamarck's theory is now fully discredited, and the alternative theory accepted that all evolutionary change is random and that an individual can only pass on characteristics already present in his genetic code at the instant of conception. Such characteristics as are new, caused by random genetic mutation, can

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only generalize among a population through natural selection, the survival of characteristics that happen to be beneficial at the time they first appear. Under Lamarckian theory, natural selection would be superfluous, since genetic change would not be random but rather unconsciously controlled by events in the life of a parent.

**Lamekh** Biblical patriarch whose vicious vengeance seeking, according to the Yahwist, brought the human race to such a low point that a new beginning under a second Adam, namely Noah, became necessary. The Yahwist made Lamekh the father of men who, in the Priestly genealogies, became his great-grandsons.

**LAMENTATIONS** Song lamenting the Jews' Babylonian Captivity of 586-538 BCE. Once attributed to Jeremiah, LAMENTATIONS is now recognized to have been composed a full century after Jeremiah's death, c 450 BCE.

**Lammas** Celtic firstfruits festival incorporated into British Christianity as the Feast of St Peter's Chains.

**Lancelot** Character invented in the thirteenth century CE by French novelist Chrétien de Troyes, in response to a request from his patron, the countess of Anjou, that Queen Guinevere of the Arthurian legends be given a courtly lover. Chrétien accordingly wrote *The Knight of the Cart*.

**Landa, Diego de** Spanish priest who tortured thousands of Mayans in Yucatan, destroyed countless Mayan religious artifacts and manuscripts, and for his relentless pursuit of heresy was eventually made bishop of Yucatan. Landa wrote a spurious *translation* of a 112-page manuscript written in Mayan hieroglyphs, declaring it to be an account of the destruction of the land called *Atlantis* by Plato, and *Mu* by its inhabitants. Believers in the reality of Mu and Atlantis, including Velikovsky, invariably cite Landa's spurious translation as supporting evidence for their theories. In fact the manuscript, known as the Tro-Cortesianus Codex, has since been deciphered and is now known to be an astrology text.

**Lao Tse** Chinese philosopher, born c 600 BCE, whose teachings bore no more resemblance to modern Taoism than the teachings of Jesus the Nazirite bore to modern Christianity.

**lap dog** In medieval times, a dog kept on the lap for the purpose of encouraging fleas to abandon their human hosts and take up residence on the dog; in modern times, a dog trained to perform cunnilingus on its female owner.

**Lapps** Native inhabitants of Lapland and adjacent areas, so named by the Norse in whose language *lapp* meant "stupid"; thought by some to have been driven out of Britain by the invading Celts, and to have been the historical *little people* behind the myths of leprechauns, gnomes, brownies, elves and fairies.

**laser massage cosmetic therapy** Method of stimulating facial flesh, causing wrinkles to diminish and vanish for a period ranging from a few minutes to a few hours. Practitioners of laser massage have been given many opportunities to provide evidence that such therapy works, and have failed to produce satisfactory evidence of a single successful treatment.

**last supper** Originally, a ritual meal in which the Persian savior god Mithra ate bread and drank wine with twelve close friends on the eve of his return to the sky. Mithra's last supper was re-enacted by the Spartan king Kleomenes in the fourth century BCE as a prelude to killing himself. The author of MARK attributed a similar last supper to Jesus the Nazirite, for the purpose of convincing the emperor Vespasian that Jesus worship was a mystery religion analogous to the emperor's Mithra worship, and not a sect of the Jewish religion responsible for the war of 66-70 CE. Much later, a *last supper* passage was interpolated into 1 CORINTHIANS 11:22-29. Jesus did eat an evening meal with his followers the night before his arrest, but he had no awareness that it would turn out to be his last supper.

**late** Adjective used by the superstitious to avoid saying *dead*.

**lateral thinking** Thinking in unusual directions rather than following conditioned patterns. For example, a person who is given X matches and told to form Y triangles will almost always attempt to do so in two dimensions. A lateral thinker will realize that there is no reason why he should not utilize three dimensions. It required lateral thinking to construct the non-Euclidian geometry that is the basis of Einstein's relativity theory.

**Latin** Until the mid-twentieth century, the only language understood by the Catholic gods. Pope Paul VI's reform of the Mass format did not trigger significant opposition, but his declaration that Mass could henceforth be conducted in other languages did. A number of priests broke away from the RC church rather than address their god in a language it would not understand.

**Latter Day Saints** Generic name for six religious sects that all claim to be the true heirs of the church founded by Joseph Smith in 1830 CE. Smith was fourteen years old when he came across the manuscript of an unpublished historical novel written by Solomon Spaulding, who died in 1816, in which the imagined *lost tribes of Israel* migrated to America and became the American Indians. Smith rewrote the novel into the semblance of nonfiction, actually incorporating twelve pages of the original manuscript, in Spaulding's handwriting, and called it *The Book of Mormon*. To explain how he had come by such a revelation, Smith claimed that he had copied his book from golden plates given to him by an angel named Moroni, son of Mormon. The first division of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" occurred following Smith's lynching in 1844. Leadership of the original sect passed to Smith's eldest son, who chose to retain Independence, Missouri, as cult headquarters. Descendants of Smith have ruled the sect to this day. But a majority of members, fearful of the hostility that had led to Smith's murder, resolved to migrate west. They broke away, and chose Brigham Young to be their leader. They eventually settled in Salt Lake City, Utah, and became known as Mormons. As a majority, they claimed the name Smith had given his sect as their own, forcing the true heirs of Joseph Smith to adopt the name, "The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." When polygyny, practised by both sects, was outlawed in the U.S.A., the *Reorganized* sect was too small for those members who refused to give up their harems to form a new sub-sect. The Mormon church, however, was larger, and in time four breakaway groups were formed, all for the purpose of maintaining the polygyny that the Brigham Young church had abolished to conform to American law. Women in the splinter sects continue to tolerate husband-sharing, possibly because they have been conditioned from birth to regard copulation as an evil to which women must submit as a duty to their husbands, and which can be minimized by having a large number of fellow wives among whom the finite amount of evil must be divided. Since the Latter Day Saints prohibit drinking and smoking, adolescent members compensate by engaging in more casual copulation than might otherwise occur. It is almost a sectarian slogan in Salt Lake City that, "You don't have to drink and smoke to have fun."

**laugh track** On television programs aimed at the twelve-year-old mind (there's another kind of program?), sound effects added to the sound track to tell viewers when to laugh.

**LaVey, Anton** Founder of San Francisco's Church of Satan as an antidote for religion. LaVey's view of religion is summarized in the following passage, quoted from a book by A. Lyons in *Skeptical Inquirer*, Spring 1990, p. 284:

"What are the Seven Deadly Sins?" LaVey is fond of asking. "Gluttony, avarice, lust, sloth—they are urges that every man feels at least once a day. How could you set yourself up as the most powerful institution on earth? You first find out what every man feels at least once a day, establish that as a sin, and set yourself up as the only institution capable of pardoning that sin."

**Law** *see* Torah

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**law, American** Antithesis of rational law. Under American law, evidence establishing beyond a shadow of doubt that an individual is guilty of a crime can be ruled inadmissible under the rules of the game, on the ground that a peace officer foot faulted on his second serve, or committed some analogous breach of the technicalities of the competition. American law is a parlor game in which the objective of convicting the guilty and acquitting the innocent has become secondary to the alternative objective of winning the game. Thus, laws against self-incrimination, passed two centuries ago for the legitimate purpose of putting an end to the practice of torturing suspects until they confessed, are now held to be a rule of the game designed to give the guilty a sporting chance of winning, while aiding the innocent in no way whatsoever. Similarly, laws protecting citizens from unreasonable search and seizure have recently been interpreted by mentally dysfunctional judges as their pretext for creating new laws that rule relevant evidence inadmissible on the ground that it was obtained by a violation of the rules of the game. That a search *could* not have been unreasonable if it in fact uncovered evidence, is apparently beyond the comprehension of apologists for the present insanity. And it is surely insane that, under American law, a lawyer is expected to do everything within the rules of the game to see that his client is acquitted, even to the extent of concealing evidence in his possession that could prove his client's guilt. Whereas under rational law a lawyer would be disbarred for not testifying against his client if he possessed any relevant information, under American law a lawyer can be disbarred if he *does* breach the *client confidentiality* that is one of the rules of the game.

**law, rational** Justice system in which suspects are protected from all procedures that could have the effect of perverting the truth and convicting the innocent. For example, a rationale law code will prohibit the torture of suspects, for the logical reason that torture is just as likely to extract a confession from an innocent person as from someone who is guilty. While a rational law code will refuse to consider any confession made under torture or unreasonable duress, it will not give a suspect the *right to remain silent*, since only someone who has something to hide has any reason to refuse to answer questions relevant to the issue of whether he committed a specified crime. The fact that a suspect was caught lying, or alternatively refused to account for his whereabouts at the time of the crime, is by no means irrelevant to the question of his guilt or innocence. Under rational law, no evidence bearing on the issue of the accused's guilt or innocence would be deemed inadmissible, regardless of how it was obtained, provided the evidence itself was not rendered suspect by the circumstances of its acquisition. No search or seizure that produced evidence would be deemed unreasonable, but a search that did not produce evidence, if later deemed to have lacked probable cause, could constitute grounds for disciplinary, civil or criminal action against a peace officer deemed to have acted unreasonably.

**lawteachers** True designation of the persons describes as *scribes* in English bibles. The lawteachers were learned in the Torah, and interpreted it to the masses. They were usually members of the Pharisee sect, although some lawteachers were bound to have been Sadducees. With the destruction of the temple in 70 CE, the priesthood lost all of its functions and became extinct, thereby increasing the role of the synagogues and turning the lawteachers, now called rabbis, into the priests' successors as the arbiters of Judaism.

**lawyer** A person who conspires with thieves and murderers to deceive juries into freeing them to commit further crimes. An innocent suspect may well need a person with legal knowledge to help him establish that he has been falsely accused, but for every lawyer who provides such a service, 999 others *play the game* and attempt to win, with reckless disregard for the true answer to the question allegedly being tried. The difference between a catfish and a lawyer is that one is a scum-sucking bottom feeder, and the other is a fish.

**Lazarus** (Hebrew: Eleazar); originally, the hero of a fable put into the mouth of Jesus in the Q gospel and copied unchanged by the author of LUKE 16:19-31. A property owner refused to serve

the starving Lazarus any food, and he died on the capitalist's doorstep. When the capitalist died and went to Jesus' eternal torture chamber, as all property owners were bound to do in Jesus' communistic Essene philosophy, he asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn his capitalist brothers of their impending fate. Abraham refused, answering that anyone who would not be warned by scripture would take no heed even if Lazarus were to return from the dead. In JOHN 11:43-44, Lazarus was transformed from the hero of a fable into a real person, the brother of two of Jesus' disciples, whom Jesus *actually* raised from the dead. The author of JOHN added the absurdity that the chief priests plotted to re-kill Lazarus to undermine Jesus' credibility, even though not a single Jewish priest would have withheld recognition from a Messiah who could raise the dead. That element of the evolved Lazarus myth paralleled the Greek fable in which, when Asklepios raised the dead, the jealous Zeus re-killed Asklepios's patients in order to maintain his own position as the sole arbiter of life and death. In raising the dead, Jesus replicated a feat of Elisha, the source, along with Eliyahuw, of all of the other miracles credited to Jesus in the Christian gospels.

**lead** Atmosphere pollutant added to gasoline for the purpose of further enriching a few callous profiteers who know but do not care that it will in time totally poison earth's air and make life on this planet impossible. Such is human greed, that leaded gasoline will continue to be sold until such time as it is forbidden by law. As recently as the 1980s, an automobile manufacturer boasted in its television advertising that its cars were cheaper to operate because they ran on leaded fuel.

**Leah** Jewish goddess who became, in biblical genealogies, the mother of the Jewish eponym Yahuwdah/Judah.

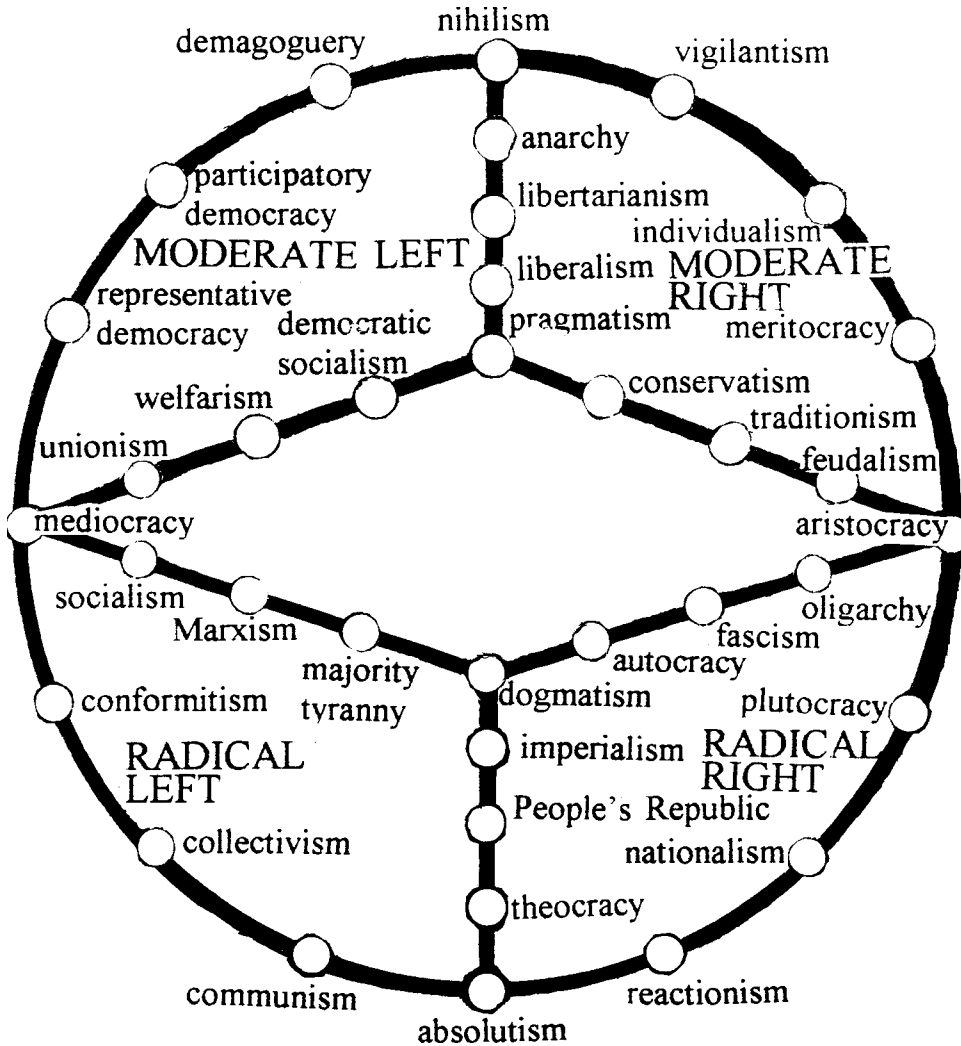
**leak** Surreptitious release to the public of information embarrassing to the government currently in power, particularly a conservative or neo-fascist (there's a difference?) government. While liberals recognize information leaks as a potential source of embarrassment, only morally retarded conservatives (tautology) consider such embarrassment a violation of something they call "national security," just as they consider any disagreement with themselves "treason."

**Lebbaios** Literally, *son of the heart*; by implication, *love child*, or son of an unmarried mother; name interpolated into MATTHEW as a softer euphemism for *Thaddaios*, "son of a beast," which similarly implied *son of an easy lay*. Most scholars believe that MATTHEW followed MARK in naming a disciple *Thaddaios*, that an interpolator changed *Thaddaios* to *Lebbaios*, and a later interpolator harmonized disparate manuscripts with *Thaddaios Lebbaios*. LUKE refused to accept an apostle called *son of a bitch*, and substituted *Judah of Jacob*.

**left wing and right wing politics** The terms *left wing* and *right wing* delineated the political philosophies of those deputies who sat on the left and right wings in the National Assembly during the French Revolution. Graphs showing the position of various political theories have ranged from linear to circular, but the chart below is probably as useful as any. In theory, the right wing espouses rule by the most capable, while the left wing endorses rule by the least capable. In practice, the right wing equates *most capable* with *those with the biggest guns*. The left wing maintains that the incompetent can rule by rubberstamping the decrees of competent leaders, who also happen to be *those with the biggest guns*. The ultra-right, reactionism, the ultra-left, communism, and the ultra-dogmatic, theocracy, are so similar that George Orwell was able to describe an ultra-right dictator, God, as an ultra-left dictator, Big Brother, without anyone noticing any inconsistency, since both were absolute dictators and were therefore indistinguishable.



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**legion** Roman army unit equivalent to a modern brigade. In a fable composed by the author of MARK, a herd of two thousand demon-possessed pigs committed suicide by jumping into the sea. One of the demons declared that, “My name is Legion” (MARK 5:9), thereby indicating to the discerning reader that the fate of the pigs was a prophecy of what would soon happen to the two thousand soldiers of the Tenth Legion, whose emblem was a boar, that had aroused Yahweh’s revenge-lust by sacking Jerusalem and destroying the temple. The tale could have been composed no earlier than the time of the war of 66-70 CE, since it was that war that brought the Tenth Legion to Jerusalem. Previously the closest legion to Judea had been in Syria. The Tenth Legion was never driven into the sea, and the war ended in a Roman victory.

**leg opener** Australian slang for alcoholic spirits, particularly cheap gin, based on the beliefs that:

- (a) copulation constitutes the victory of a male over a female;
- (b) such a victory is more probable if the female has consumed sufficient alcohol to be able to claim afterward that she had been too impaired to give an informed consent;
- (c) such victory is desirable even if the female is so incapacitated as to be a non-participant.

**lemming** Animal which, when overpopulation becomes chronic, attempts to swim to the next landmass, unaware that the distance may be too great for it to have any reasonable prospect of

getting there alive. Lemmings do not consciously behave in a manner calculated to destroy themselves. Only godworshippers do that.

**Lemon, Denis** English publisher convicted of heresy in 1978 for paying a long-dead Jew the compliment of claiming him as a fellow homosexual. Under England's heresy laws, it remains a crime to make unflattering statements about Christianity and its gods, but is not a crime to make unflattering statements about any other superstition.

**Lemuria** Nonexistent continent first imagined into existence in the Indian Ocean in the belief that the lemur, found only in Madagascar and Malaysia, must have come from a continent that sank and left only its western and eastern extremities above the water line. When a lost continent called Mu was imagined into existence in the Pacific, the names *Mu* and *Lemuria* came to be regarded as interchangeable, Mu was transferred to the Pacific, and belief in a sunken Indian Ocean continent was abandoned. For further information see L. S. de Camp's *Lost Continents*, NY. 1954, and R. Wauchope's *Lost Tribes and Sunken Continents*, Chicago, 1961. *see also* Mu

**Lent** Christian festival adapted from Roman Matronalia, in which women practised sexual abstinence and fasting in preparation for the April *orgia* honoring the fertility goddess Ceres. The Christian festival pretends to commemorate the forty days that Jesus the Nazirite allegedly spent fasting in the desert, in emulation of the forty days Elijah spent in the desert (1 KINGS 19:8). The concept of a forty day fast originated in the belief, described by Plinius, that such practice enabled a man to sire boys. It is no coincidence that, immediately following Elijah's fast, he named Elisha as his heir, a spiritual son. Jesus' temptation by the Christian devil at the end of his fast was borrowed from the myth that Ahriman similarly tempted Zarathustra. Islam's Ramadan appears to have been borrowed directly from Lent, with no awareness by Mohamed of its Roman origin.

**Leo I** Pope, 440-461, who first introduced private confession into RC ritual, mainly to put an end to the practice of Catholics of refusing to be immersed until they were dying, immersion being Catholicism's only sin-forgiveness procedure up to that time. But it also gave the church access to domestic secrets and placed the penitents' wealthy employers at the mercy of the priests. For while the plutocracy whose wealth the church coveted were unwilling to confess anything that could be used to blackmail them, their domestic servants could be intimidated by threats of hellfire into revealing everything they knew. Not for more than a thousand years did the idea evolve that information obtained in confession could not be passed on to other priests and used for personal profit. Leo I's bloodthirsty endorsement of the massacre of the Priscillianists would have guaranteed his canonization, even if his institution of such a powerful information-gathering procedure as confession had not.

**Leo V** One of many popes deposed and imprisoned by ambitious successors, in 903 CE. Leo's successor is now viewed as an antipope in the Catholic calendar, even though there was no other effective pope during his one-year reign.

**Leo IX** Pope, 1048-1054, who first excommunicated the Byzantine pope for refusing to recognize Rome's claim to primacy, and was himself excommunicated in retaliation. The consequence was a separation of the Catholic and Orthodox churches that has never been reversed. *see* Great Schism, first

**Leo X** Pope, 1513-1521, who allegedly said, "How profitable to us has been this fable of Jesus Christ." Leo was a bisexual sadistic torturer who had sexual liaisons with most of the young nobles of his court. He founded a chair of astrology at a major university.

**leprechaun** Humanoid life form taller than a brownie but shorter than a dwarf; thought by some anthropologists to be a romanticized folk memory of pre-Celtic inhabitants of the British Isles who were driven out and became the Lapps. An unreasonably large number of Irish still claim to

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believe in leprechauns, but it is not unlikely that they are merely playing upon the gullibility of reporters and tourists.

**leprosy** Mildly contagious disease once deemed so frightening that affected persons, called *lepers*, were required to live in isolated colonies and not come near any city. Wandering lepers were required to ring a bell and yell, “Unclean,” to warn others not to approach them. In biblical times, the sole arbiter of whether a skin disease was leprosy was a priest, and many persons were forced into leper colonies and eventually contracted what is now called Hansen’s disease, when they had originally suffered afflictions as mild as tinea and ringworm. Jesus the Nazirite was credited in LUKE with curing leprosy, since Elisha had allegedly done so and all miracles credited to Elisha or Eliyahuw were later appropriated to Jesus. In fact Jesus would never have seen a leper in his life, since the superstitious awe to which he would have been culturally conditioned would have kept him well away from any leper colony.

**letter of the law fetish** The irrational compulsion to read into a law implications that the authors of the law had never intended to be there, and to enforce the *letter of the law* even though any sane person could recognize that so doing was a violation of justice and rationality. In America, Supreme Court judges imposed a letter of the law fetish on a law written to put a stop to the practice of extracting confessions by torture, and in so doing created a new law that annulled voluntary confessions made by any person who had not been warned of his *right to remain silent*. But the most pathetic and puerile observances of letter of the law fetishes are to be found in Australia. For example:

- a restaurant was ordered to destroy place mats that depicted the new decimal currency enlarged ten times, mats that could not possibly be passed off as bank notes, because they violated the letter of a law aimed at prohibiting forgery;
- when automobiles incorporating new, blinking turn signals were introduced, motorists were warned to continue using hand signals until a law was passed legalizing the new method of signaling;
- when votes were being counted for a *most valuable player* sports award, with three players from each game receiving 3, 2 and 1 point respectively, the winner being the player with the highest point total for the season, it was found that an umpire had breached the rules by giving two players *equal best* rating. Instead of giving both players 2 points and the third player his 1 point, the judges declared the vote informal and refused to count it at all.

**levitation** Phenomenon in which a heavier-than-air object floats or rises in the air without the use of the kind of lift-generating force utilized by birds, helicopters and hovercraft, in violation of the law of gravity. The illusion of levitation is easily accomplished by magicians, who have many methods of concealing from an audience’s perception the physical means of support by which a human body is held above the observable floor. The ability to levitate by mind control, *mind over matter*, has been claimed by many yogis and other eastern mystics, but has never actually been demonstrated by them. Recently, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi has been charging the gullible large sums for teaching them to levitate, and a small number have come away convinced that they succeeded. The Maharishi has his marks squat on a mattress and bounce up and down, while focusing their minds on appropriate metaphysical thought patterns. Eventually a small percentage of the suckers become so mentally inner-directed, that the same kind of time dilation occurs that occasionally happens in dreams. The subject subjectively experiences a long period of time in the tiny fraction of a second that his body has bounced clear of the mattress, and he awakens convinced that he has levitated. The overwhelming majority do not similarly delude themselves, and part company with the Maharishi when they finally realize that they have been paying a confidence swindler to watch them attempt the impossible. Levitation not only *does not* exist. As

a contravention of the laws of physics, it *cannot* exist unless it is caused by a *fifth force* that science has yet to discover. Physicists consider this most unlikely.

**Leviathan** Serpent goddess of the Levites who in early Judaism became Yahweh's deposed mother; later, Yahweh's creation whom he fashioned to be his divine concubine (PSALM 104:26); later still, the primeval chaos-deification out of whose body the gods created an orderly universe (ISAIAH 51:9). In the most evolved biblical theology (ISAIAH 27:1), Leviathan was Yahweh's not-yet-male prime antagonist whom the paramount Jewish god would eventually destroy.

**levirate law** Jewish law dating from the time of ancestor worship, when a man's name was the only part of him believed to be immortal. A man who left no son to keep his name alive through worship, thereby suffered the only kind of permanent death. A law was therefore instituted that his nearest male relative was obligated to marry his widow and father a son who would be recognized as the legitimate heir of the dead man, obliged to keep his name alive rather than the name of the biological surrogate. Since sperm was believed to be cumulative, with babies forming from the combined deposits of many ejaculations, the widow's first husband was in any case viewed as the child's partial biological father. The relative on whom the levirate obligation fell was usually a brother or paternal half-brother. A half-brother by the same mother was unacceptable, since women were viewed as mere incubators, not biologically related to their sons.

**Levit (Lot, Lowt)** Originally, the hero of a myth in which a god destroyed the human race but allowed one righteous man and one or more breeding mates to survive to repopulate the earth. This is evident from the line spoken by the surviving women, Levit's daughters, that "Our old father is the only man left on earth to get into us, as is the custom throughout the land." The pre-Hebrew version of the story must have been composed before there was an incest concept. However, when the Yahwist used the old myth in connection with the destruction of Sodom, he obviously regarded father-daughter marriage as taboo, since he added the detail that the daughters needed to get Levit drunk in order to get his seed into their wombs, and declared that the misbegotten descendants of those taboo couplings were the Moabites and Ammonites, whose brutal subjugation by King David was thereby justified.

**Levites** Originally, a seafaring tribe that claimed descent from the serpent-goddess Leviathan; by the earliest biblical times, a priestly caste within the Jewish nation. The Yahwist gave the Levites a male eponym, Levi, who was the ancestor of Moses and Aaron, alleged brothers from whom two competing priesthoods claimed descent. The Yahwist did not settle the question of which priesthood was superior, since all were Levites and all Levites were equal. The Elohist, himself probably a Moshite priest, gave the paramouncy to Moses. The Priestly author, an Aaronic priest, gave it to Aaron. In fact neither Moses nor Aaron was a Levite, and both died before their tribe, the Israelites, joined a confederacy that included Levites.

**LEVITICUS** Lawcode written by the Priestly author in the seventh century BCE, but at least partly based on older lawcodes, as its duplication of some of DEUTERONOMY's laws indicates. Large parts of LEVITICUS were added by the final Redactor of 434 BCE, but were originally separate documents of equal antiquity.

**Liber and Libera** Roman wine gods whose festival, March 17, was adopted into Christianity as St Patrick's Day.

**liberal** A person who believes that:

- governments exist for the benefit of the governed, not vice versa;
- governments have no obligation to support persons who choose not to work, but do have an obligation to support persons who find themselves unable to obtain food, clothing or shelter through their own efforts;

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- a society is entitled to protect itself from thieves, murderers and other hurters, but only by imposing the minimum punishment necessary to deter prospective hurters and protect a hurter's potential victims. Executions could have been justified under this clause 5000 years ago, but not today;
- a government's mandate to protect its citizens from hurters does not include the right to enforce religious taboos, even when a majority has been culturally conditioned to believe it can be victimized by acts that are in fact victimless. Some conservative governments prohibit adultery and abortion, the former in the belief that non-consequential behavior somehow hurts a person not even present, and the latter because conservatives lack the moral evolution to distinguish between homicide and tadpolecide;
- an action can only be deemed moral or immoral on the basis of the prevailing circumstances, not on the basis of dogma. Thus abortion may well have been a crime against humanity in a dangerously under-populated world, whereas it is the prohibition of abortion that is a crime against humanity in a dangerously overpopulated world;
- loyalty to the human race must take precedence over loyalty to a nation state, which in turn must take precedence over loyalty to a smaller division such as a linguistic, philosophical or ethnic sub-group. If intelligent life is discovered elsewhere in the universe, loyalty to sentientkind will then take precedence over loyalty to humankind. Ultimately, when it can be achieved without unconscionable risk, there must be a single world government.

**liberal bigot** Oxymoron applied to a pretended liberal who is in fact ultra-conservative; a person who publicly espouses liberal values because they are fashionable, and by a kind of self-hypnosis deludes himself that he is not *really* a bigot and that he believes what he claims to believe. Yet he responds to preachers of overt bigotry, or scientific researchers who reach unpopular anti-egalitarian conclusions, with heckling and mind shutting, in the subconscious recognition that at the gut level he fully endorses the bigotry or non-egalitarianism that he consciously rejects. A true liberal recognizes that, for example, races have never been shown to be intrinsically unequal and are probably not unequal, but he will listen to evidence to the contrary and evaluate its merit. A liberal bigot will refuse to allow such evidence to be heard, because he is terrified that he will be convinced by it.

**Liberal Party, Australian** Official name of the ultra-conservative political party founded by neo-fascist Robert Menzies, chosen for the purpose of making it virtually impossible for a true liberal party to be formed. A similar motivation caused East Germany's communist oligarchy to call its slave state a *democratic republic*.

**Libertius** Bishop of Rome, 352-366 CE, who in 354 officially adopted the Mithra's birthday festival, December 25, to be the birthday of Jesus, thereby dogmatizing a custom unofficially instituted by the emperor Constantine, a Mithra worshipper turned Jesus worshipper, a generation earlier.

**libertine** A masochistic joy-rejectionist's name for a man sufficiently rational to evaluate every opportunity to share joy on its merits.

**Liberty University** Oxymoron.

**lie** (1) to recline; (2) to state an untruth.

The status of (1) and (2) as homophones is analogous to that of the intransitive verb *fuck*, "to share joy," and the transitive verb *fuck*, "to destroy."

**lie detector** Mythical device capable of determining whether a spoken statement is believed by the speaker to be the truth. In fact there is no such thing as a lie detector, and inventions that have passed for lie detectors have had an accuracy reliability ranging as high as seventy-five percent for the polygraph to as low as thirty-eight percent (less than tossing a coin) for the voice stress

analyzer or psychological stress evaluator. What a so-called lie detector really measures is changes in a subject's involuntary metabolism, such as respiration, perspiration and blood pressure. Such changes can indeed be triggered by the subject's awareness that he is lying. But they can just as easily be caused by his fear that a true statement might be disbelieved. Also, a false statement made in any of the following circumstances is likely to be evaluated as true:

- any statement by a pathological liar, to whom lying is such a normal part of everyday existence that it triggers no conscious awareness of lying and therefore no involuntary reaction;
- any statement by a person with the kind of practised self control sometimes described as self-hypnosis;
- any statement made by a storyteller, an actor performing a script, or a person in a situation in which the literal truth of his statements is not considered relevant. Thus a teacher, reading to a class that, "Once upon a time there were three bears," could expect a polygraph to verify that he believed there really *were* three bears whose home was invaded by one Goldilocks;
- any statement made by a person in the state of relaxation and passive receptivity that the subject equates with hypnotism, in obedience to the subject's interpretation of the hypnotist's instructions. Thus, a subject instructed to go back in his mind and "remember" events that in fact never happened, knowing that the hypnotist expects him to describe a past life or an alien abduction, will conform to the hypnotist's expectation by the only means possible, by fantasizing the kind of story the hypnotist wants to hear. In such a circumstance, a subject who believes in the reality of hypnotism is likely to imagine that his fantasy is coming from some suppressed or hidden memory storage, and as soon as a fantasy is voiced he will himself come to believe it to be the truth. In any case, he is in the same storytelling situation as the teacher of "The Three Bears," and will be assessed as truthful by a polygraph or any other alleged lie detector.
- any statement by any person at any time, if the speaker is concurrently thinking of something else and not concentrating on the issue of whether the statement voiced is true or false.

Many persons imagine that lie detector evidence is inadmissible in courtroom proceedings because it violates the right to abstain from self-incrimination that is a legal sacred cow. In fact it is inadmissible because no machine has ever been devised that can *actually* determine whether a witness is lying.

**life** Attribute that distinguishes a living organism from a dead or inanimate one; originally equated with the blood, but later redefined as the breath. At the time each of those definitions was in effect, plants were not viewed as life forms. When words such as *nefesh*, *spiritus*, *pneuma* and others that all meant "breath" became synonyms for *life force* or *soul*, the use of simplistic definitions ceased. Religions now divide living organisms into those with souls and those without souls, and accept scientific definitions of life in connection with physical bodies. The Greek word *psyche* originated as an undefined life force, and is now interpreted as *soul*.

**Lilith** "Night"; night demon or moon goddess, equivalent to Ashtareth, the deified vulva; most commonly identified as the first wife of Adam, her status in the Talmud. In Islam she became the wife of the Muslim devil. In medieval Judaism she was the succubus who seduced sleeping men and caused nocturnal emissions. At various times she has also been identified as the wife of Cain and the temptress of Jesus.

**limb** Euphemism for *leg* in Queen Victoria's England, *leg* being considered such a dirty word that even the *limbs* of tables had to be concealed by drapes. Victoria once refused a gift of silk stockings on the ground that "The queen of England has no legs." Similar reasoning would cause England's sixth reigning queen to refuse a gift of tampons.

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**Limbo** *see* underworld.

**limey** American colloquialism for an Englishman, etymology unknown; not generally considered pejorative.

**Lincoln, Abraham** Recognized as America's greatest president by the rest of the world, but for some reason viewed by Americans as no more than equal to George Washington, whose only achievement was leading a war-winning army.

**lingam** Sanskrit for *phallus*, both as a physical appendage and as the male generative principle.

**Linus** Named in RC calendar as the first pope after Peter, even though there was no pope until 384 CE, when Siricius claimed a primacy that made him more than a bishop; no bishop of Rome until the second century, an *episcopos* prior to that date being merely a supervisor without the autocratic power that defined a bishop; possibly no *episcopos* of Rome's Christians prior to Clement; and Peter was never in Rome in his life. Linus and his successor, Cletus or Anacletus, sometimes identified as two different persons, did not exist. Their names were composed in the second century to maintain the fiction that there had been a bishop of Rome since the time of Peter.

**lipstick** Artificial coloring applied by women to the upper lips, to maximize their resemblance to the lower lips.

**literary critic** A person who reads into works of fiction meanings that the author never intended to be there. By using the methods that critics endorse as valid, it can be proven that Conrad's Marlow both is and is not Orpheus, Melville's whale both is and is not "God," and Sherlock Holmes both is and is not a consciously satirized fatuous twit. Such is a critic's power of self-delusion, that when Isaac Asimov sat through a lecture on the *real* meaning of one of his stories, and informed the lecturer that it meant nothing of the sort, the lecturer asked, "What makes you think, just because you wrote the story, that you know anything at all about it?" A reasonable conclusion is that literary criticism is pure humbuggery, and a plot line can symbolize or allegorize a greater reality if and only if that was the author's conscious intent.

**Little Apocalypse** The retroactive instruction that the author of MARK, writing after the destruction of the temple, put into the mouth of Jesus, who had died forty years earlier, foreshadowing the Nazirites' flight to Pella in the Decapolis at the beginning of the war. MARK had Jesus warn his followers that, "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars" (13:7), "those who are in Ioudaia are to flee to the mountains" (13:14). As the gospel author well knew, the Nazirites under Simeon bar Klopa, Jesus' cousin, had done exactly that in 66-67 CE.

**living in sin** Archaic terminology now used by only the most bigoted godworshippers (there's another kind?) to describe a marriage between persons who have refused to pretend that a cohabitation licence from the theocratic state is necessary in order to actualize a marriage that observably exists without it.

**living together** Observably married but not, in the imaginations of culturally conditioned god addicts, *really* married, since no designated civil servant or theocratic officer has issued a cohabitation licence. Even in countries where there is a constitutional separation of church and state, news media tend to differentiate between *marriage* and *living together*, as if a marriage was any less observably real without a marriage certificate, than a corpse was any less observably dead without a death certificate. In the most totalitarian god cults, such as the RC, couples are designated as merely *living together* who have obtained an official cohabitation permit from a source other than the cult.

**Lobsang Rampa** Author of occult fiction (tautology) such as *A Doctor from Lhasa* and *The Third Eye*, that only became big sellers after the author was exposed as an Occidental named Cyril Hoskins who had never been to Tibet in his life. Rampa's books continue to be peddled by

prostitute dealers to whom truth can never outweigh profit. For further information see *Cults of Unreason* by Christopher Evans, NY, 1974, pp. 244-255.

**Loch Ness monster** Dinosaur-like creature first created in the imagination of a journalist in the *Inverness Courier* in May 1933. Since that date, attempts have been made to backdate sightings years and even centuries earlier. All such attempts have been shown to be spurious. While some sightings since 1933 have no doubt been genuine misinterpretations of more mundane objects such as floating logs and small mammals, the more spectacular claims of sightings and photographs have been conscious frauds. Marine biologists have calculated that, for a species of dinosaur to have survived in Loch Ness since the time the loch became separated from the Atlantic ocean., there would need to be a breeding herd of at least a dozen animals. They have also calculated that the loch could not feed a herd of such a size. The probability that there is any kind of unclassified species of large animal in Loch Ness is vanishingly small. For further information see *The Loch Ness Mystery Solved*, by R. Binns, Prometheus, 1992.

**Logos** Greek word meaning *reason* or *cause*; the incarnation in a man of the divine *first cause*. Such a title was first applied to Zarathustra who, although not himself a god, was the embodiment of the god's will and spoke for the god as his true priest. The same title, directly borrowed from Philo, was applied to Jesus by the authors of JOHN and REVELATION, leading to the erroneous conclusion that both books emanated from a single author. To the REVELATION redactor, Jesus' status as the logos of Yahweh did not make him a god. To the author of JOHN, it did.

**Loki** Norse messenger god, and as such equivalent to Mercury, Hermes and Gabriel; but also the gods' antagonist, and as such equivalent to Ahriman and Satan.

**loneliness** The condition of living without an empathetic partner with whom to copulate at will, and finding such absence intolerable.

**Longinus, Saint** Canonization of the blind god Hod, who killed the savior god Balder with a spear, as the Roman centurion whom the author of JOHN credited with throwing a spear into the side of Jesus the Nazirite. The incident, original in JOHN, caused Jesus to fulfill additional prophecies, and can be assumed to have been invented for that purpose rather than to parallel the Balder myth. When Christian mythologians who were familiar with Balder and Hod created *Saint Longinus*, they declared that Jesus' blood fell on Longinus's eyes and cured his blindness. The question of how a blind man could have functioned as a centurion, or how he could have aimed the fatal spear, was left unanswered.

**Lord** Evolved form of *hlaf-ward*, the Old English words for "bread guardian"; originally, the ranking male in a matriarchal clan, entrusted by the ruling Lady, his wife, to protect the food supply from theft and damage; later, in male supremacist times, including 1611 CE when the *Authorized Version* was composed, the Master of a geographic region or community; The A.V. consequently translated the Greek *kyrios* and the Latin *dominus* of the Vulgate as *Lord*. In 1611 the word *lord* carried no connotations of divinity, and still does not in England, where *the lord* means the local titled landlord who sits in the House of Lords. In countries that have abolished the pretended distinction between *lords* and *commons*, the word *lord* appears nowhere but in bibles and bible-based contexts, and this has led to the belief that references to Jesus as *Lord* imply divinity. In fact, whereas *lord* was a valid translation of *kyrios* in 1611, when it could not have been misinterpreted, the only correct translations today are *your lordship*, *his lordship*, *sire* and *sir*, depending on whether the speaker was a person who saw Jesus as his king.

**LORD** Word used in the A.V. and bibles based on the A.V., in block capitals, wherever the Hebrew being intentionally mistranslated has the proper name, *Yahweh*. When the masochist Jerome made the Latin translation known as the Vulgate, his terror of violating the purely Jewish taboo against using Yahweh's name caused him to purge the god-name from his translation and substitute



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*dominus*, “the master.” The *A.V.* in turn translated *dominus* as “the LORD.” The consequence was that Christians who have never heard of Yahweh now refer to a god called *the LORD*, unaware that original language bibles contain no mention of any such entity.

**lord and master** Tautology.

**Lord’s Day Act** In some Canadian provinces, a law that criminalizes the conducting of business on the designated rest day of an established religion, in violation of the rights of adherents of other religions or of no religion.

**Lord’s Prayer** Common Protestant title of the Our Father, either from ignorance or in depraved indifference to the fact that such a title is offensive to all persons who do not regard a dead Jew as their lord/master.

**lost tribes of Israel** In 721 BCE the kingdom of Israel was conquered by Sargon II of Assyria, and the Israelites were transported to Ninevah and elsewhere in Assyria and Media. Within a century the Israelites had fully assimilated into Assyrian culture and permanently disappeared as a separate people. A similar situation occurred in Scotland, where assimilation with the conquering Scots caused the disappearance of the Picts. Since the Israelites constituted ten of the twelve tribes of the Israelite-Jewish confederation, and the true explanation of their disappearance from history was incompatible with Jewish mythology, the myth arose that the ten *lost tribes* would one day reappear. No such expectation is held in connection with the Picts. A crank named Richard Brothers, who proclaimed himself Head Israelite in 1792, but has never had serious support, promoted a theory that the lost tribes became the Britons. A theory that the lost tribes became the American Indians was made the basis of a novel by Solomon Spaulding, who died in 1816, but there is no indication that Spaulding took the theory seriously. In 1830 Spaulding’s unpublished manuscript was found by Joseph Smith, who made some changes and passed it off as nonfiction under the title, *The Book of Mormon*. To the six sects that claim to be Smith’s heirs, the theory that the Israelites became American rather than Assyrian is now *revealed truth*.

**Lot** *see* Levit.

**lotus position** In Tantrism and Tantric yoga, the positioning of the legs in a knot so that a symbolic vulva is formed, with the bent legs representing the inner and outer vaginal lips. The assumption by men of the lotus position dates back to the time of goddess worship, when males could gain temporary ruling caste status by contorting themselves into pseudo-females by this method.

**Louis, Joe** World heavyweight masochist who once signed away more than one hundred percent of his gross income in the belief that he started with a thousand percent, “like in baseball.”

**Loukos, Doctor** Greek physician who accompanied Paul of Tarsus on his last missionary journeys and possibly stayed with him until Paul’s execution in Rome. A man who joined Paul at Troas wrote the “we” passages that were eventually incorporated into ACTS, and there is about a twenty-five percent probability that the man was Loukos. But neither Loukos nor any other companion of Paul wrote the rest of ACTS or any of LUKE, as is made clear by the inclusion in ACTS of statements incompatible with anything a close associate of Paul could have written. Specifically, ACTS credits Peter with being the first apostle to the gentiles. Doctor Loukos could not have been unaware that Paul claimed that distinction for himself alone.

**Lourdes** Site of an alleged vision of the Christian goddess Mary by an illiterate and intellectually handicapped peasant girl named Bernadette Soubirous. Thousands of marks flock to Lourdes every year to bathe in Bernadette’s pool, in the belief that every kind of illness can be miraculously cured. Since the pool opened in 1858, the Catholic Church has claimed only a handful of authenticated miracles, of which not a single one has met objective standards of verification. But

the percentage of patients who leave believing they have been cured is as high as for any other source of self-hypnosis.

**love** In tennis, “no score,” from French *l’oeuf*, “the egg”; analogous to *goose egg* in America and *duck* in Australia and England.

**love** In godworship, euphemism for the paramount god’s hatred of the human race, emulated by its most fanatic worshippers in the belief that they, too, torture and murder dissenters as a manifestation of their infinite love.

**love, courtly** *see* courtly love

**love, to be “in”** *Love* is used to translate a variety of unrelated words, such as *agape*, *philos*, *storgie* and *eros* from Greek, *amor*, *pietas studium* and *amor* from Latin, and *ahbah* and *khilah* from Hebrew. Since every human being’s thinking is limited by his vocabulary, the use of the single word *love* to include many disparate concepts has led to the assumption that all meanings of *love* are variant forms of the same emotion. By applying the same English word to the erotic attraction that causes an individual to wish to mate with another individual (*eros*), the compassionate regard of a parent for a child (*agape*), and a scholar’s joyful fixation on his subject (*philos*), the belief has been created that a condition called *in love* exists, in which all of the meanings of *love* are evenly balanced. The *in love* concept evolved slowly, and did not reach its present form until it was universally promoted as a prerequisite for mating by Hollywood movies. In any document dating from earlier than *c* 1000 CE, romantic attraction between two individuals, whether Venus and Adonis, Pyramus and Thisbe, Zeus and Ganymede, Helen and Paris, Jacob and Rachel, Tristan and Isolde, David and Yahuwnathan, or Damian and Pythias, was pure *eros*, and it did not occur to anybody that it could or should be anything else. Then in early Muslim times an Arab troubadour invented the precursor of *courtly love*. If a woman was beautiful, she was almost certain to wind up in the harem of a sheikh or caliph. Occasionally she would walk by a window through which she could be seen from the outside world. A man would see her and develop an intense erotic desire for her. However, since she could never leave the harem, and he could not get in and out alive, the possibility of consummation was nil. Since *eros* could not be satisfied, frustration was overcome by the self-delusion that the admirer’s *love* was not *eros* but *philos*, analogous to his *love* for Allah, and as such was fulfilled by its mere existence. In Western society, courtly love evolved from “worship from afar” into non-procreative consummation, and eventually disappeared when the concept of adultery expanded to encompass the recreational element of extra-marital copulation. But by that time society had been conditioned to regard *eros* as only a minor part of the feelings a couple should have for each other in order to justify mating. Even in the late nineteenth century, the Hollywood cliché, “I love you, but I’m not in love with you,” would have been seen as absurd and oxymoronic. But a man was expected to *love* the wife for whom he felt only minimal *eros*, while maintaining a mistress for whom he felt only *lust*. Then along came Hollywood. Not breeding, but *love*, became the sole justification for marriage in the new mythology. The mistress was either the woman to whom a man should have been married but for tragic circumstances, or she was superfluous. Lovers were expected to be *in love*, a condition that combined *eros*, *agape*, *philos*, *caritas*, and unspecified qualities that were nothing less than metaphysical. The condition of being *in love* is analogous to the conditions of being *possessed*, *bewitched*, *enchanted*, or *in a state of grace*, all of which can be made subjectively real by culturally conditioned self-hypnosis, but have no existence outside of the subject’s imagination.

**love bite** *see* hickie

**lovemaking** Copulation.

**lover** The man or woman with whom a woman recreates sexually; not usually applied to the woman in a heterosexual relationship.

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**lovers' quarrel** Weasel term concocted to maintain the myth that adrenalin-producing hostility is a normal and healthy part of a close relationship.

**lowbrow** A vocally illiterate.

**Lowt** *see* Levit

**loyalty** To a liberal: the willingness to give a friend or a leader every reasonable opportunity to rectify a wrong he has done, before taking steps to rectify that wrong oneself; to a conservative: the willingness to grant mindless, unquestioning obedience to a leader or a friend, and to become his co-conspirator in concealing and perpetuating a wrong, in the morally retarded belief that loyalty is a personal virtue that overrides one's obligations to the greater good. Only a morally retarded political party would have labeled Nelson Rockefeller's patriotism *disloyalty*, when he alone refused to endorse the monstrous philosophy of an unspeakable party leader who would have repealed two thousand years of moral evolution.

**Lucian of Beauvais, Saint** Eighth-century canonization of an unidentified skeleton.

**Lucian of Samosata** Second-century CE author of the first science-fantasy novel, which involved a journey to an inhabited moon.

**Lucetia** Sabine goddess whose temple was built in 735 BCE; adopted into Christianity as St Lucy.

**lucid dream** Dream in which the dreamer knows that he is dreaming and is able, by pre-arranged eye movements, to convey to an observer that he is having a lucid dream. The clue that a subjectively real experience is in fact a dream, is usually the presence in the dream of a circumstance that cannot exist in reality. As an example, an individual once dreamed that he left his apartment in a Canadian city to take a two-hour stroll, and returned to find a cathedral (sect unspecified) on the site of his apartment. After retracing his route to establish that he had in fact returned to the correct location, he was able to conclude that such a building could not have been constructed in two hours, that he was therefore seeing something that could not exist, and that he was therefore dreaming. Extremely uncomfortable at the situation, if not actually terrified, he decided to awaken himself by screaming. At the first scream, a bus passed and its full load of passengers stared at him as at a madman. Convinced that, since this was a dream and he was only looking ridiculous to persons who did not in fact exist, he continued screaming. He then awakened in his true apartment in another city, and learned that his screams had not taken place in reality. In view of a dreamer's ability to recognize a logical impossibility as evidence that he is in a dream state, claims that hypnosis can be used to create a believable fantasy world in a subject's mind become somewhat less credible.

**Lucifer** Roman name, meaning *Bringer of Light*, for the planet Venus as Morning Star. When the Zoroastrian Prince of Darkness was absorbed into the Jewish pantheon in post-exilic times as the Satan, the older Jewish view of Yahweh's great Enemy as the planetary goddess led to the equation of Satan with other Venus personifications. Consequently, when Christianity took the Jewish Satan to Rome, the planet's Roman name, Lucifer, became an alternative name for the Satan. The name *Lucifer* appears only once in the *Authorized Version*, as a translation of *Hillel*, "Morning Star," the title satirically bestowed on Babylonian king Nabonidos by the author of ISAIAH 14:12.

**Lucy, Saint** Canonization of Sabine goddess Lucetia.

**LUKE, gospel called** Historical novel based loosely on the life of Jesus the Nazirite, but containing many anecdotes invented long after Jesus' death; taken mainly from the Q gospel and MARK, but also incorporating material from Josephus and *Nativity of John the Immerser*, as well as much that was original; written *c* 110 CE by a writer unfamiliar with MATTHEW, whose author was similarly unfamiliar with LUKE, leading to the conclusion that the third gospel was written before

the second had time to gain wide circulation. The author of LUKE, who also wrote ACTS, excluding the “we” passages, was a Greek who did not reveal his name. He was certainly not the Doctor Loukos who was a companion of Paul of Tarsus, although it is not impossible that Loukos wrote the “we” passages incorporated into ACTS.

**Luna** Latin moon goddess. Christians claimed that moon worship was crazy, and coined the word *lunatic* to describe persons they deemed irrational. Belief that *lunacy* increases at the time of the full moon is still widespread. Indeed, since many persons who are mentally disturbed believe that their condition correlates with phases of the moon, they not surprisingly tend to make that belief self-fulfilling. Research has shown that factors not directly controllable by a believer, such as admissions to maternity wards, have no correlation with the lunar cycle.

**lunar year** Period of twelve or thirteen lunations from new moon to new moon, 354 days in twelve-month years and 383 or 384 days in thirteen-month years. The Muslim calendar continues to use Mohamed’s twelve-month lunar year of 354 days, thereby commencing each Muslim year eleven days earlier than the previous year by comparison with the solar calendar. The Jewish calendar is also lunar, but a thirteenth month is intercalated approximately every third year, to maintain reasonable correspondence with the solar year.

**lunatic fringe** Name applied to god mythologies so far removed from sanity that even other god mythologies regard them as weird.

**Lupercalia** Roman fertility festival held on February 15, in which the land was purified for the new year and women were made fertile; absorbed into Christianity as both Valentine’s Day and the Purification of Mary, also called Candlemas.

**Lupus, Saint** Mistranslation of *sanctus lupus*, “sacred wolf,” the Celtic wolf god; canonized as a mythical bishop of Troyes who saved Gaul from the Huns.

**lust** The healthy desire to share sexual recreation with a physically attractive partner, without which the human race would have become extinct four million years ago; identified as one of Christianity’s seven cardinal sins, in keeping with the masochistic dictum that all joy is evil.

**Luther, Martin** Racist, misogynist, anti-Semitic, fundamentalist psychopath who, in 1521 CE, repudiated the Roman pope and for all practical purposes set himself up as an opposition *Lutheran* pope. Among Luther’s imagined revelations from the anti-Catholic god was the dogma that, “Longer than six thousand years ago, the world did not exist.” He ridiculed Galileo for daring to disagree with the Judaeo-Christian bible’s geocentric cosmography, while pointedly ignoring that same bible’s endorsement of a flat earth. When the Anabaptists whom his repudiation of papal authority brought into existence dared to disagree with him, he ordered their massacre as *heretics*. And in the conviction that salvation depended on what one believed rather than what he did, Luther urged his followers to “sin boldly, but believe strongly.” For further information, see Peter Wiener’s *Martin Luther: Hitler’s Spiritual Ancestor*, American Atheist Press, 1999.

**Lutheran** The oldest Protestant denomination, founded by Martin Luther and still bearing his name.

**lycanthropy** *see* werewolf

**Lykaon** Arcadian sacred king, the prototype lycanthrope, “man-wolf”; variants include Apollo Lykaios and Zeus Lykaios. Since *werewolves*, “warrior wolves,” were non-Christian gods, Christianity labeled them as demonic entities. The awareness that shape-changing vertebrates do not and cannot exist is restricted to the rational, and no one has ever accused mythologians of being rational.

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**Lysenkoism** Modern Russian version, proclaimed as dogma by Lysenko and enforced on all Russian biologists by Stalin, of Lamarckism. Lysenko set Russian biology back a century, but the death of Stalin solved the problem.

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**Maccabees** “Hammers”; Leaders of the successful Jewish rebellion against Seleukid rule in the second century BCE; Sons of the high priest Matathyah bar Hasmon; precursors of the Hasmonean monarchy, founded by Simon Hasmon, the only son of Matathyah to survive the war.

**MACCABEES** *1 Maccabees* is an account of the Maccabees’ war against the Seleukids, written by a Sadducee. *2 Maccabees* is an account of the same war, written by a Pharisee. *3 Maccabees* is an account of Ptolemaias IV’s attempt in 207 BCE to enter Yahweh’s temple in Jerusalem. It has no connection with the Maccabee wars. *4 Maccabees* is a treatise on moral philosophy, using the Maccabee wars to illustrate its arguments. No MACCABEES book is included in Jewish or Protestant bibles. Only the first two are included in Catholic and Orthodox bibles. Only the first is useful as a source of history.

**McCarthy, Senator Joseph** An American who did more for the Communist cause in America than the entire KGB.

**McCarthyism** The systematic persecution of all persons who supported, had ever supported, or refused to deny that they had supported, communist theory; later generalized to mean persecution of dissent in any form.

**MacLaine, Shirley** High priestess of hogwash, whose books on reincarnation and entity possession, beginning with *Out on a Limb*, revived the long discredited spiritualism scam and helped part thousands of new marks from millions of dollars. While it was reasonable at first to view MacLaine as the channelers’ most prominent victim rather than their co-conspirator, the fact that she now derives a significant proportion of her own income from the peddling of pseudoscience at least raises the suspicion that she may have graduated from crank to humbug.

**McQueen, Steve** American movie actor whose contributory negligence does not nullify the fact that his death was hastened by medical quacks who *treated* him with the inert substance, Laetrile, in the pretence that it was a cancer treatment. By putting his faith in a worthless snake oil, McQueen denied himself legitimate chemical and radiation therapy that may conceivably have prolonged his life. While the doctors responsible for McQueen’s death may have believed that Laetrile is not valueless as a cancer treatment, they are at the very least guilty of negligent homicide.

**Madonna of the Seven Moons** 1945 British science fiction movie about a Roman matron who disappeared for long periods of time, during which she assumed a different name, a different personality and a different moral code. The movie showed the woman as possessing two different personalities, neither of which was aware of the other’s existence. But because the fantasy concept of multiple personality was touted as “based on fact,” the movie encouraged widespread belief in a nonexistent phenomenon, and led directly to *The Three Faces of Eve*.

**magdalene** Hellenized Aramaic word that meant prostitute.

**Magellan, Ferdinand** The man who, in 1519 CE, first sailed around the world and thereby satisfied even hardcore scientific illiterates that the educated classes who had regarded a round earth as established fact for almost two thousand years were right.

**magic** Form of entertainment in which a performer intentionally influences his audience into making erroneous perceptual assumptions based on insufficient evidence. The spectator is thus deceived into believing that he has seen something physically impossible, such as a woman being sawn in two and restored unharmed, or a person or an object materialize in an empty container, when in fact he has seen only those aspects of a seemingly impossible feat that encourage him to

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reach false conclusions while concealing the true means by which the perceptual illusion was created. While almost any methodology that creates an illusion is considered legitimate magic, there is a code of ethics observed by most magicians that precludes the use of a stooge posing as a volunteer from the audience. And all legitimate magicians agree that it is an unconscionable prostitution of their art when a magician such as Uri Geller pretends that he is not a magician, and that his conjuring tricks are accomplished by paranormal forces that in fact do not exist.

**magician** Originally, a priest who performed feats of conjuring that appeared miraculous to the masses over whom the priest exercised absolute power. For example, in the Greek additions to DANIEL, commonly called “Bel and the Dragon,” priests used a secret door to enter a sealed chamber and consume food left for the gods (DANIEL 14:21). It is possible that the code of ethics that restrains magicians from revealing their methods to non-magicians dates back to the time when a priest whose illusions were exposed as tricks was likely to be executed. Magicians today perform purely for entertainment, and audiences know that they are witnessing mere illusions.

**Magna Carta** Contract with his barons that England’s King John was forced to sign in 1215 CE. The *Carta* ended John’s attempt to restore the strong federal government established by Henry II and allowed to disintegrate by the incompetent Richard I, and confirmed the barons’ status as petty kings whose subservience to the king of England was a hollow sham. Not until Tudor times was the anarchy that *Magna Carta* legalized finally overcome. What the self-serving barons failed to realize was that *Magna Carta* was so worded that legal rights they demanded for themselves alone were simultaneously granted to all citizens. That was probably the real reason Pope Innocent III was so quick to grant John’s request to declare the *Carta* null and void.

**Magnificat** Song of praise composed by the author of the now-lost *Nativity of John the Immerser* and attributed to John’s mother Elizabeth. The author of LUKE borrowed both the Magnificat and the Benedictus from *Nativity*, and retained their original attribution to Elizabeth and Zakharyah. That it was an interpolator who transferred the Magnificat from Elizabeth to Mary is evident from the fact that manuscripts survive in which it retains its original attribution. Magnificat is essentially a paraphrasing of 1 SAMUEL 2:1-10, but the *Nativity* author’s immediate source was a song that the author of *Jubilees* 25:15-23 attributed to Rebekah.

**magus** A Median astrologer-priest of Zarathustra. According to a Zoroastrian myth, the first maguses/magi saw a new star in the sky and followed it to the birthplace of Zarathustra. The author of MATTHEW borrowed the fable and applied it to the birth of Jesus the Nazirite. Many scholars maintain that the Zoroastrianism originating in the seventh century BCE was the creation of maguses, and that the historical Zarathustra may have lived as much as four centuries earlier.

**Maharishi Mahesh Yogi** Creator of the form of self-delusion known as transcendental meditation. In recent years the Maharishi has progressed from metaphysical hogwash that cannot be subjected to falsification, to the testable pretence that he can teach marks to levitate. In fact he has them bounce up and down on a mattress until either they recognize him as a fraud or they delude themselves that the fraction of a second they were above the mattress was significantly longer. The Maharishi has been discredited as many times as Jeane Dixon, but the suckers keep lining up to be fleeced.

**Mahavira** Jainist virgin-born resurrected savior god.

**Mahdi** The Muslim messiah who, according to Mohamed, will lead Islam to its final victory and exterminate all non-Muslims. There have been several self-styled Mahdis, but no major sect of Islam believes that a dead man could have been the Mahdi.

**Mahmud al-Qazwini** Muslim writer who died 1283 CE, famous for his observation that the greatness of Allah could be deduced from the fact that he only allowed rain to fall on fertile ground, and not on the desert where nothing would grow anyway. Had he lived in the twentieth

century, Mahmud would undoubtedly have attributed to Allah's greatness the fact that there is just enough news every day to fill every newspaper in the world.

**making it** Copulating.

**making love** Originally, the psychological foreplay practised by a man engaged in seducing or winning the affection of a woman; now a euphemism for copulating.

**making out** In the 1960s: engaging in sexual foreplay; in the 1980s: completing a successful seduction; now considered archaic.

**MALACHI** Post-exilic book declaring that Yahweh was displeased with the Levite caste for declaring his name taboo. The author's name is unknown. *Malakhiy* is Hebrew for "my messenger." Even though the taboo succeeded, and Jews to this day consider it a blasphemous breach of theocratic law to pronounce Yahweh's name, MALACHI was nonetheless incorporated into the Judaeo-Christian bible.

**male chauvinist pig** *see* chauvinism

**male revolution** The slow overthrow of female supremacy that began with the Big Discovery of c 3500 BCE and continued until a system of male absolutism was instituted that remained unchallenged until c 1960 CE.

**male supremacist** A man or a schlaflyed woman who, being born into a society in which men occupy the dominant status endorsed by the male supremacist authors of the Judaeo-Christian bible, believes that the subhuman status of women is god-ordained and must not be abolished or modified.

**male virgin** Oxymoron. A man capable of producing a legitimate heir because he has never been implanted with bastard seed is an absurdity.

**mammon** Aramaic word for property, deified by the Christian mythologist Agrippa of Nettesheim as one of the Satan's demons. The author of LUKE, writing in Greek, put the Aramaic word *mammon* into Jesus' mouth in the passage that translates, "You cannot slave for (both) a god and property." Since the passage accurately reflects Jesus' Essene conviction that property owning was an unforgivable sin, it may be genuine.

**mamzer** Hebrew word shown in modern dictionaries as equivalent to the English *bastard*, but in all biblical uses apparently better translated *half-caste*, meaning the offspring of a Jew and a non-Jew. The lawcode of DEUTERONOMY, composed at a time when Jewish racism was at its peak, declared that not even the tenth-generation descendant of a *mamzer* was to be accepted as a Jew and permitted to participate in Jewish ritual. The Deuteronomist could not have used *mamzer* to mean anything but *half-caste*, since any other kind of *bastard* would have been sacrificed at birth and could not have left any descendants.

**man** English word for a male human, derived from an Old Norse word for a female human, derived in turn from the Indo-European word *man*, meaning "moon," the Indo-Europeans' paramount goddess.

**man** Hebrew word meaning "wherefrom?", transcribed as *manna* in English bibles.

**Manasseh** *see* Ephraim

**Manat** One of three Arabian goddesses originally accepted by Mohamed as the daughters of Allah in the realization that goddess worshippers would never accept Islam if they were not allowed to retain their favorite deities; eventually repudiated by him (*Koran* 17:40) on the ground that crediting a male-supremacist god with adopting daughters was a blasphemy. A similar situation



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occurred in Christianity, which encouraged worshippers of the many queens of heaven to equate their goddess with Mary, but eventually insisted that the Christian Mary was only semi-divine.

**Mandaeans** Sect evolved from the Immersers; commonly labeled a Christian heresy, even though the Mandeans' messiah was not Jesus but John.

**mandrake** Phallus-shaped narcotic plant once believed to be a combination aphrodisiac and fertility elixir. The Yahwist credited the mandrake with restoring Leah's fertility and enabling her to produce a fifth child. It has no such power, and the scene constitutes one more proof that the bible is fiction.

**Mandylion of Edessa** Cloth found in Edessa in 525 CE, bearing a portrait of a handsome Semitic-Byzantine man who was immediately imagined to be Jesus the Nazirite. To this day, paintings of Jesus invariably reproduce the face on the Mandylion. It was lost at sea in 1207 CE, but in 1536 an artisan constructed the shroud of Turin with the same face. Some recent Christian apologists speculated that the Mandylion and the shroud were the same artifact, but carbon dating of the shroud has proven otherwise. Whether the painter of the Mandylion intended it to be accepted as a portrait of Jesus, perhaps to rebut the unflattering description being expurgated from Josephus, is not known.

**manger** Traditional birthplace of savior-gods, first Krishna, then Mithra, and finally Jesus. To explain how such an emulation of older gods came about, the author of LUKE declared that there was no room at the inn.

**manic depressive** Psychobabble for a fruitcake.

**Manicheans** Practitioners of a form of Christian Gnosticism that maintained the Essene belief in an eternal struggle between the forces of light and darkness; regarded Jesus and Gautama as foremost among the fighters for light; and viewed chronic masochism as the strongest weapon with which to combat the powers of darkness. Manicheanism was founded by Manes, c 216-276 CE, and survived until the tenth century.

**manifest destiny** Observable fate; Since it was an observable fact in the nineteenth century that almost all dark skinned races and tribes on earth were being ruled by whites *for their own good*, the belief arose that the status quo must have been instituted by the god of the whites. The white man was therefore observably destined to conquer and govern all others, for the logical reason that he alone was created in the image of Christianity's white male paramount god. The disintegration of colonial empires destroyed the *manifest destiny* concept, and even in South Africa only hardcore white supremacists continued until the 1990s to maintain that white rule was divinely instituted and should never be diminished.

**Manitou** Apparently an Old Amerind word for an immortal spirit or anima; to some Algonquins it now means approximately the same concept as *the force* of *Star Wars*, while to other Algonquins the word is generic for a wide range of supernatural beings of varying status, and to the Lenapes and related tribes it is a proper name of the paramount god, *Great Spirit*.

**manna** A.V. transcription of *man*, the Hebrew word for "wherefrom?" The concept was invented by the Elohist, who solved the problem, unanswered by the Yahwist, of how the Israelites survived forty years in the desert without starving. E's *wherefrom?* was a grain-like substance that could be ground into flour and preserved. The Priestly author borrowed the concept from J/E, but replaced E's non-perishable manna with a manna that had to be eaten the same day it was gathered, since it would otherwise go rancid and be flyblown. P also added the fanciful tale that manna gathered on the seventh day would prove inedible, and for that reason Yahweh always supplied a double issue on Fridays, modified by the god so that it would last for two days. Despite the evident absurdity of such a fable, mythologians continue to speculate on what manna *really* was. The most inane

speculation was that of Immanuel Velikovsky, whose suggestion that manna was hydrocarbon spilled from a close encounter with Venus stemmed from his ignorance of the difference between carbohydrates (starch) and hydrocarbons (motor fuel).

**Mann Act** American law that allows taboo enforcers to persecute any person who has ever crossed a state line with an unregistered sex partner, in other words virtually the entire population. The law cannot be applied to persons married to each other, but no doubt the joy-haters will soon eliminate that loophole.

**manner born, to the** American misinterpretation of “to the manor born.”

**manor born, to the** In feudal England, a geographic region was ruled by a *lord* whose residence was *the manor*. With only minor limitations, a lord’s word was the law. A lord’s heir was *to the manor born*, meaning that he was born to be lord of the manor and therefore grew up accustomed to unquestioning deference and obedience. Eventually, any person who fitted into a position of authority as if he had been giving orders all his life and had been conditioned from birth to do so graciously was said to be *to the manor born*.

**mantra** Personalized chant, such as “*Om mani padme hum*,” meaning “the phallus is in the vagina,” that Western converts to Eastern mysticism are taught to repeat over and over and over and over until the capacity for rational human thought that would enable them to perceive that they are being swindled is irreversibly neutralized.

**Manu** “Mother Night”; Hindu flood heroine who, after being warned by a fish, built an ark and loaded it with every kind of animal and seed plant, thereby saving them from a worldwide flood. Manu’s ark landed on Mount Everest. The story is found in the *Satapatha Brahmana* and in the *Mahabharata*. In Egypt, *Manu* became *Ma-Nu*. Hebrew substituted the feminine suffix *-ah* for the Egyptian feminine prefix *ma-*, and she became the rain goddess *Nuah*, later masculinized to *Noah*.

**Manual of Discipline** *see* Covenant of the Commune

**Marcion** Christian masochist excommunicated in 144 CE for declaring that the god Yahweh of Jewish scripture was too evil and monstrous to be the god preached by Jesus. Marcion recognized a Christian canon that included only the genuine letters of Paul of Tarsus, and a version of LUKE that appears to have been an abridgement. Marcion denied that the god preached by Jesus could have created “the disgusting paraphernalia of reproduction,” which he attributed to a demiurge.

**Marcus Antonius** Roman triumvir who, as King Herod’s overlord, taught him the execution method of crucifixion, giving the Herods the dubious distinction of being the only Jews ever to have other Jews crucified. Antonius is commonly regarded as one of history’s less admirable heroes, but it must be kept in mind that surviving accounts of his life were all written by admirers of his prime antagonist, Augustus Caesar. History tends to be the propaganda of the winning side, and Marcus Antonius lost.

**Mardi Gras** Christian adaptation of the Roman festival of Saturnalia, in which year-round taboos were suspended and celebrants spent four days exercising the sexual freedom of goddess days.

**Marduk** Chief god of the late-Babylonian pantheon, who sliced his mother Tiamat in two and created the sky and the land out of her carcass. In the Hebrew retelling, Marduk became Elohim, who in GENESIS 1:2 and 1:7 sliced his mother Tehom in two.

**Mardukay** (A.V.: *Mordecai*); in the fictional Book of ESTHER, the heroine’s cousin who saved King Xerxes (*Artaxerxes* in translations from the Greek Septuagint) from an assassination plot that occurred when Mardukay was 118 years old in Hebrew bibles, or 138 in bibles based on the

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Septuagint. Since *Mardukay* is a form of Marduk, while *Esther* is an alternative transliteration of Ishtar, it is evident that the story originated as a tale of the gods.

**Marà** Goddess of death who tempted Gautama in the desert, as Ahriman tempted Zarathustra, and the Satan tempted Jesus. Since Marà was believed to drink men's blood while they slept, while simultaneously riding their upright phalluses to emission, she was the original Night Marà, nightmare.

**Margaret, Saint** Canonization of Aphrodite's status as Pearl of the Sea, the vaginal gateway to paradise, from Sanskrit *Marga*, "gate"; Margaret was officially unpersoned by Pope Gelasius in 494 CE. Joan of Arc apparently had not heard of Margaret's de-canonization, for Saint Margaret was one of the voices Joan claimed talked to her.

**Mari and Addai, Saints** Canonization of an Amorite god and goddess identical with Venus and Adonis; first Christianized by the Nestorians as *apostles*; later accepted by Catholic Christianity when their worship proved impossible to suppress.

**Mariolatry** Word used by Protestants to describe the virtual deification of Jesus' mother Mary that Protestantism to a large degree abandoned at the time of Martin Luther. It is still Catholic practice to address prayers to Mary, to worship or adore (same thing) her statue, to address her as "Mother of God" and "Queen of Heaven," and to grant her all of the goddess rites formerly bestowed on Isis, Hera, Juno and Cybele.

**Marjatta** Finnish virgin-mother, personification of the berry, *marja*, who became pregnant by eating a cranberry and subsequently gave birth in a stable, as did the mothers of Krishna, Mithra, and Jesus.

**mark** The targeted victim of a confidence swindle.

**MARK, gospel called** The earliest surviving biography of Jesus the Nazirite, written by an anonymous Greek in Koine soon after the destruction of Yahweh's temple in August, 70 CE, and prophesying the end of the world within four years of that date (see Randel Helms' *Who Wrote the Gospels?*). MARK was written for the specific purpose of persuading the emperor Vespasian that Christianity was a mystery religion similar to the Mithraism that Vespasian supported, and not a sect of the Judaism that had fomented the recent revolutionary war. That purpose was achieved by falsifying much history. For example, the Pharisees who had started the war were falsely identified as Jesus' enemies. Jesus' trusted lieutenant, Judas the Iskariot, was labeled as Jesus' betrayer, to disguise the fact that the Zealots/Iskariots, Rome's other principal enemies, had supported Jesus. And the procurator who had executed Jesus was credited with trying to save his life, in an attempt by the gospel author to transform Jesus from an enemy of Rome into an enemy of the Jews. The hoax worked, and neither Vespasian nor his son Titus continued the oppression of Christians begun by Nero.

**Markos, Ioannes** The nephew of Barnabas arbitrarily claimed by the Christians as the author of the anonymous gospel that came to be called MARK, even though Markos was a Nazirite and the author of MARK was a Christian. It was Markos who first drew the attention of Jacob the Righteous to the heretical doctrines being preached to pagans by Paul of Tarsus in the Greek language, causing Jacob to repudiate Paul and send his own missionaries to reconvert Paul's Christian communities to Nazirite Judaism.

**Marozia** Daughter of the courtesan Theodora; concubine of Pope Sergius III, who fathered on her the future Pope John XI; concubine of Pope Leo VI; concubine of Pope Stephen VIII.

**Marranos** Jews and Muslims who, following the Christian reconquest of Spain, became Christian as the alternative to execution or persecution, just as the ancestors of Jesus and Herod became Jewish under a similar threat.

**marriage** Originally, a form of chattel slavery invented as a consequence of the Big Discovery of c 3500 BCE, that turned women into private property, owned and operated by a particular man for the purpose of breeding heirs whose paternity he could not doubt. A *wife*, as a man's privately-owned breeding woman was called, was forbidden under pain of execution from committing adultery, the crime of allowing the sperm of any man but her husband to enter her genital tract and thereby produce a bastard, a child of many fathers. Marriage remained an acknowledged property contract for about three thousand years. Then in various societies, for the purpose of making it more attractive to women, the pretence was instituted that it was not a master-slave relationship but a partnership. Adultery, previously the fraudulent impregnation of another man's wife, was expanded to include pregnancy-inducing acts between a married man and an unmarried woman, particularly in societies in which the *other woman* could not be recognized as an additional wife due to monogamy laws. The lack of any reliable form of birth control made it impossible to differentiate between acts of copulation that were not procreational, and therefore not adulterous, and those that did constitute adultery. The idea consequently evolved that adultery was not a procreational but a recreational taboo, and to this day a contracting partner in a marriage is expected to refrain from non-consequential recreation with an outside partner even though the birth control pill has eliminated the only reason such a taboo was ever invented. As Western society became more and more permeated with the buddhistic anti-sexualism on which Christianity was based, marriage came to be viewed as a barter in which a man gave a woman respectability and maintenance, and she gave him sexual gratification. A woman submitted to sexual demands as the price she paid for marriage, and a man submitted to marriage as the price he paid for sexual gratification. Thus an institution created by men for the benefit of men evolved into its opposite, with both partners seeing the woman as the prime beneficiary. A similar transformation occurred in feudalism, with the serf classes eventually seeing themselves as profiting from the *good lordship* that gave them a cradle-to-grave guaranteed subsistence in exchange for nothing more than submission to virtual slavery. Only in the second half of the twentieth century, and only in the face of concerted opposition from the culturally schlaflyed, did marriage begin to approach the equal partnership it had never been before. Marriage is the observable cohabitation of uncoerced partners in recreation, with either partner free to terminate the relationship at will on terms no more restrictive than those under which a business partnership can be terminated. Only intolerant godworshippers (there's another kind?) continue to differentiate between marriage and *living together*. *see also* matrimony

**marriage by rape** Until 1653 CE, an Englishman had the legal right to kidnap and rape an heiress, after which the law viewed him as her husband and the master of her property. A similar custom was considered legal and moral in Italy until 1978, when a rape victim became the object of national hatred by prosecuting her violator instead of meekly marrying him, as male-supremacist tradition demanded of her. The rapist's conviction and jail sentence changed Italy's mores most effectively.

**Mars** Roman planetary war god, equivalent to Michael and Ares.

**Mars effect** In Gauquelin astrology, the imagined correlation between the position of Mars in the zodiac at the time of birth, and an individual's success in sports. Replication of Gauquelin's research has shown that his claimed results were the consequence of experimenter bias, there is no Mars effect, and astrobiology, as he called his new astrology, is as fraudulent as traditional astrology.

**Mars Pater** Irish savior god whose death was celebrated on March 17, on which date a gigantic phallus representing the god was paraded through the streets; absorbed into Christianity as Saint Patrick, into whose mythical biography were woven events from the lives of a successful Presbyterian missionary named Patrick and an unsuccessful Catholic missionary named Palladius.

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**Martin, Saint** Canonization of the Roman god Mars as patron of the festival of Martinalia that became Martinmas.

**Martinalia** Roman festival of the god Mars, absorbed into Christianity as Martinmas. Martinalia also commemorated the savior god Bacchus's miracle of turning water into wine, a performance that the author of JOHN later attributed to Jesus.

**Martinmas** Christian adaptation of the Roman festival of Martinalia that honored the god Mars, celebrated November 11 and transferred to a mythical Saint Martin who had allegedly lived c 316-397 CE.

**martyr** From Greek *martyro*, "testify"; in early Christianity, a person perceived to have died for his religion and who was accordingly granted demigod status under the title of *Saint*. There were four kinds of martyrs. The most common was the pathological death seeker who vandalized temples in broad daylight for the purpose of being caught, executed and canonized/deified. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage and the first Christian priest to be executed, belonged to that category. The second kind was the fanatic who saw his paramount deity as so insanely jealous and homicidally sadistic that it expected its worshippers to choose death rather than grant any degree of honor or obedience to an alternative god or an alternative Head Christian. Foremost in the second category was Sir Thomas More, regarded by the Catholic Church as a saint, and by historians who have read his character assassination of Richard III as a consummate liar. The third type of canonized martyr was the cleric who, in fighting for personal power and self-aggrandizement, coincidentally defended clerical power against a secular ruler and was killed for doing so. Thomas Becket was one such. Unlike the foregoing, who were all to some degree responsible for their fates, the fourth kind of recognized martyr was a Catholic massacred by Protestants for being in the wrong place at the wrong time, almost always in retaliation for a massacre of Protestants by Catholics. While the Catholic Church recognizes Catholic victims of Protestant massacres as canonized martyrs, no such status is granted to Protestant victims of Catholic massacres, such as the 75,000 Huguenots slaughtered on Bartholomew's Day in 1572.

**Marxism** The dogma that the economic and political theories of Karl Marx, who died in the nineteenth century and whose predictions regarding the course of future history proved totally wrong, constitute a *revealed truth* that must never be modified to allow for mere facts. Marxism suffered permanent brain death in 1989, and is not expected to outlive the current leadership in holdout Marxocracies such as Cuba, North Korea and China.

**Mary** Paramount goddess of pre-Christian Basques. Basques still invoke their old goddess, whom they do not equate with the Christian *virgin* Mary, to ward off lightning, but now she is regarded as a mere spirit rather than a fully deific goddess.

**Mary I** Queen of England 1553-1558; religious fanatic who burned approximately three hundred persons to death for being Protestant, thereby setting the pattern for her sister Elizabeth I, who hanged approximately three hundred persons, mostly priests, for being Catholic. Since the English majority since 1553 have been Protestant, Mary I became *Bloody Mary* but Elizabeth I did not become *Bloody Elizabeth*. Mary's most notable victim was Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, a pragmatist whose willingness to conform to the beliefs of the current monarch had kept him alive through the dangerous years of Henry VIII. Cranmer was perfectly willing to conform to Mary's Catholic fanaticism, and signed a recantation of his Henrician Protestantism. Unfortunately for Mary's reputation, she ordered that Cranmer be burned even though he had recanted, and the consequence was that he withdrew his recantation and died the Protestant equivalent of a martyr. Shortly after her marriage to Philip of Spain, Mary experienced an imaginary pregnancy that lasted almost two years. Philip left her as soon as he realized that her alleged pregnancy was a symptom of menopause.

**Mary the goddess** Like Jesus the god, Mary the goddess was an amalgam of a posthumously deified person from history and several much-older deities. As the virgin-mother of a resurrected savior god, Queen of Heaven, impregnated by the King of Heaven, Mary differed in no way from Isis, Cybele, Semele, and a hundred other virgin-mother queens of Heaven.

**Mary, Jesus' aunt** JOHN 19:25 reads: "Standing beside Jesus' stake were his mother, his mother's sister, Klopas's Mariam, and Mariam the prostitute." If "his mother's sister, Klopas's Mariam," refers to one woman rather than two, then JOHN named a Mariam as Jesus' aunt. Since JOHN did not give Jesus' mother a name, this is possible. It was not customary in first-century Judaism to give sisters the same name.

**Mary, mother of Jesus** Wife of Joseph the carpenter; mother of Joseph's seven or more children; probably born *c* 18 BCE; died 66 CE. There is no reason to doubt that Mary was a virgin bride, or that her first child, Jesus the Nazirite, was her husband's legitimate son, since no contrary claim was made until *c* 100 CE. There is some possibility that Joseph divorced his wife while Jesus was quite young, but it is also possible that he died before Jesus became a public figure. Mary did not remarry, either because Essenes were not permitted to do so, or because a woman with seven children was not considered economically attractive.

**Mary the Magdalene** *see* Magdalene

**Mary Celeste** Ship found undamaged but crewless between the Azores and Portugal in 1872. The ship's lifeboat was missing, as was its sextant, but the sails were still hoist and no distress signal was flying. The crew may have boarded the lifeboat in a hurry when an alcohol explosion made them fear that the ship would sink. A trial of the ship's owners for insurance fraud resulted in a hung jury.

**Mary Magdalene, Holy Sisters of the Order of** Order of prostitute nuns established by Pope Julius II, 1503-1513, and maintained by his successors, Leo X and Clement VII, reviving a *collegia* that had been supported by Innocent III, 1198-1216. Members of the Order were nuns in the original sense, copulating with worshippers in exchange for a donation to the Order.

**Mary Magdalene dei Pazzi** Masochistic saint (there's another kind?) who, after an erotic hallucination, rolled on thorns and whipped herself to show the sadist in the sky that she had not intentionally experienced pleasure.

**Masada** Fortress in Judea built by Herod the Great; site of the last battle of the Roman-Jewish war of 66-74 CE. The Iskariots, led by Eleazar bar Yair, had occupied Masada since the fall of Jerusalem that virtually ended the war in 70 CE. Facing inevitable defeat and crucifixion, the Iskariots slaughtered their women and children and then killed themselves. The prophecy in REVELATION, that the last battle of the war would take place at Armageddon, was written before the fall of Jerusalem and before any Jewish fanatic could have conceived that the Jews' last stand might take place at Masada—and that Rome would win.

**Mashyah** *see* Messiah

**masochist** A person who engages in self-hurting behavior such as sexual abstinence, fasting, fanatic refusal to watch movies or television, wearing uncomfortable underwear, confessing imagined sins, continuing to live with a violent spouse, whipping oneself in Ishtar parades, granting unquestioning obedience to a lawgiver, physical or metaphysical, who is clearly evil and/or insane, and yielding to another's whims to the detriment of one's own.

**masochist's dick** Common vulgarism for *oxido-atrophia phallusensis*, a rust-like fungal disease of the male genitalia caused by prolonged abstinence from copulation. Masochist's dick occurs in epidemic proportions among Buddhist priests, but is almost unknown among Catholic priests. It is

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also found among American men married to the small number of Catholic women who refuse to practise any form of birth control except Vatican roulette.

**Masons** *see* Freemasons

**mass** Roman Catholic and high-Anglican ritual adapted from the Mithraic sacrament in which *mizd*, communion cakes, were eaten as the body and blood of the savior god Mithra. The *mizd* changed from a cake to a wafer in the mass, but retained its original form, complete with an embossed “sword of Mithra,” in the hot cross bun.

**massacre of infants** Slaughter of every baby born in a region named in a prophecy, for the purpose of killing a *dangerous child* destined to become a potentate’s rival. The myth was first told in connection with the birth of Krishna. In Judaism, the first perpetrator of such an atrocity was Nimrod, and the intended victim was Abraham. In a later version told by the Yahwist, the dangerous child who escaped such a massacre was Moses. Still later, the assassin was King Herod and the intended victim was John the Immerser. In the last such fable, the killer was still Herod, but the intended victim was Jesus the Nazirite. No such massacre ever occurred.

**mass hypnosis** Technique whereby a large number of persons are simultaneously made to experience, without their knowledge or consent, identical hallucinations. The *mass hypnosis* theory was first proposed to explain such feats as the legendary Indian rope trick, which cannot be accomplished by normal conjuring techniques. In fact the Indian rope trick represents a thought experiment that can be described but not performed, for the logical reason that it is impossible. The explanation that the impossible had been accomplished by mass hypnosis attached an unwarranted credibility to claims that the rope trick had actually been accomplished. There is no such thing as mass hypnosis. As the word is commonly understood, there is also no such thing as hypnosis.

**massteria** The kind of contagious mass hysteria that enabled whole populations of normally rational human beings to aid and abet the crimes of Adolf Hitler, Ruholla Khomeini, Tomas de Torquemada, Karol Wojtyla, the Irish Republican Army, James Hoffa, Yitzak Shamir, Oliver North, the perpetrators of campaigns to deny equality to blacks, Jews, gays and women, and the instigators of the Crusades, the Thirty Years War, and compulsory mediocrity.

**Master of the Hunt** In England, the chief organizer and choreographer of the sadistic torture of foxes.

**masturbation** Everybody’s second-favorite method of orgasm induction, generally practised to obtain release when sexually aroused, but also performed by some as a form of exercise in conformity with the truism, “Use it or lose it.” Masturbation can consist of

- (a) manual stimulation of one’s own or another person’s primary erotic organ;
- (b) artificial stimulation of same with a device such as a vibrator;
- (c) simulated intercourse with an anatomically correct dummy; or
- (d) paid intercourse with a prostitute.

**Matathyah bar Hasmon** Jewish high priest whose sons, known as the Maccabees, restored Jewish independence in the second century BCE and founded a monarchy that lasted until 63 BCE.

**Mather, Cotton** Puritan preacher who played a pivotal role in America’s last persecution and execution of alleged witches. Mather attempted to have “William Penn and his heretic Quakers” arrested and “sold as slaves to Barbados, thus performing a service to the Lord.”

**matrimony** Concept, based on the Anglo-Saxon ritual in which a woman’s land was transferred to the stewardship of her husband, that was finally accepted as valid by a reluctant Christian church in the late medieval period. Previously, marriage had been condemned as a sin against the

perfection of celibacy preached by Jesus. Origen, who castrated himself in accordance with Jesus instruction recorded in MATTHEW 19:12, wrote, "Matrimony is impure and unholy, a means of licentious passion." Jerome wrote that men must strive to "cut down with the axe of celibacy the wood of matrimony." Ambrose wrote that matrimony was prostitution against the Christian god. Tertullian called matrimony "obscenity...more monstrous than any punishment or death." Augustine called it "sin." The current Catholic dogma that matrimony is a sacrament is a direct contradiction of everything taught by the Christian church for the first 1300 years of its existence. *see also* marriage

**Matronalia** Roman festival in which women practised sexual abstinence in preparation for the April *orgia* in honor of fertility goddess Ceres; adapted to Christianity as Lent, and to Islam as Ramadan.

**Matthaios** (English: *Matthew*); Named as one of Jesus the Nazirite's nonexistent *twelve apostles* in MARK, and included in the slightly different apostle lists in MATTHEW and LUKE, but not mentioned in JOHN, the only gospel that used an eye witness source; named as one of Jesus' five disciples in *Toldot Yeshu*; almost certainly one of several names invented by the author of MARK when he was unable to learn the names of more than six historical disciples; not the author of MATTHEW, whose author did not claim to be Matthaios, and not the author of the *Gospel of the Hebrews*, whose author did claim to be the historically dubious Matthaios.

**Matthew the apostle** *see* Matthaios.

**MATTHEW, gospel called** The second fictional biography of Jesus the Nazirite, composed in Koine by an anonymous Greek *c* 100 CE. MATTHEW incorporated virtually all of MARK and all of the now-lost Q gospel, and a genealogy composed after Jesus' death to *prove* that he was the prophesied descendant of King David. The genealogy produced an internal inconsistency, since MATTHEW also included the passage from MARK 12:36 in which Jesus acknowledged that he was not descended from David, and an external inconsistency, since the genealogy in MATTHEW was incompatible with the genealogy in LUKE, composed at about the same time. Considerable additional material was included for which no source can be traced. The original MATTHEW did not contain the virgin-birth fable of chapter one, which falsified the genealogy by declaring that Jesus was not descended from David. Rather, it began with the genealogy that ended, "And Joseph was the father of Jesus." That was followed by an annunciation scene from Q that now comprises verses 1:18a, 20b, 21, 24 and 25b. Within about a decade of MATTHEW's composition, an interpolator added verses 1:18b, 19, 20a, 20c, 22, 23 and 25a, and changed Joseph from Jesus' father to "the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus." While the author of the virgin-birth interpolation could not read Hebrew, this cannot be stated with the same certainty of the original author.

**Maui** Polynesian demigod whose existence was recognized but who never became the focus of a religion. Maui was never petitioned for favors in exchange for a bribe, as are the gods of all religions.

**Mawgan, Saint** Canonization of the Celtic goddess of the underworld who also became Morgan le Fay in the Arthurian legends.

**Maximian** Roman emperor, 236-305 CE, who was forced to abdicate at the same time as Diocletian; one of ten emperors who suppressed Christianity in the vain hope of exterminating a disruptive influence before it could exterminate the empire.

**Maximus the Confessor** Canonized mythologist who wrote, "That mind is perfect which, through true faith in supreme ignorance, supremely knows the supremely Unknowable." If he had lived in the twentieth century, Maximus would undoubtedly have written a dissertation in Faculty of Education doubletalk, which differs little from the foregoing.



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**May Day** Worldwide holiday observed by believers in the *dictatorship of the proletariat* preached by Karl Marx.

**Maya** Virgin-mother of the Buddha. As with Jesus the Nazirite, Siddartha Gautama was not credited with a virgin-mother until long after his death. Unlike the Christian virgin-mother, Maya was pure goddess, not based on or adapted from Gautama's historical mother.

**meatless Friday** Practice introduced into Christianity during its period of maximum expansion, for the purpose of winning the support of worshippers of the Saxon fertility goddess Frig, whose body was sacramentally eaten on her name day in the form of a vulva-shaped fish. Pope Paul VI abolished meatless Friday when he was forced to recognize that he could never extend his totalitarian rule to include 400,000 non-Catholic Christians so long as such a point of division remained.

**Medana, Saint** Canonization of Irish goddess of a well whose waters allegedly cured sore eyes.

**Medardus, Saint** Canonization of pagan rain god.

**Medina, Captain** U.S. marine whose confession that he had ordered Lieutenant Calley to carry out the massacre of Vietnamese civilians for which Calley had been convicted, led to a backlash of sympathy among Republicans for the mass murderer who had been *only obeying orders*. Having been acquitted of murder by a court martial, Medina was not, despite his subsequent confession, ever prosecuted for perjury or any other related charge.

**mediocracy** Social and political system in which the mediocre majority not only rule as a totalitarian majority tyranny, but also enforce standards of compulsory incompetence that guarantee that no person of talent can displace a mediocrat. Every civilization that has existed on earth has eventually evolved into a mediocracy, and has consequently either disappeared or become a third-rate power, or is now in the process of doing so. In North America, mediocrats currently control politics, education and labor.

**mediocrat** A person holding a position of power in a mediocracy.

**medium** *see* spiritualism

**Mehitabel** Hebrew adaptation (GENESIS 36:39) of Egyptian lion-headed goddess Mehit.

**Mein Kampf** Book in which Adolf Hitler spelled out in detail exactly what he would do if he ever acquired political power. Persons who refused to believe he actually intended to carry out the programs described in the book gave him political power, and he consequently carried out the programs described in the book. Similar thinking leads millions to believe that Jesus the Nazirite was too admirable to have been serious when he threatened to torture 99.999 percent of the human race with flamethrowers for billions and billions of years. In fact Hitler and Jesus were equally serious and equally paranoid.

**Melchior** *see* Gaspar

**Melchizedek** *see* Molokiy-Tsedek

**melekh** Hebrew word for "messenger," translated as *angel* in English bibles, even though the concept of angels did not exist when the Pentateuch was compiled. The Yahwist saw a *melekh* as an aspect or projection of Yahweh.

**Melito** Christian who died *c* 190 CE, and was canonized for his pious and zealous championing of the cause of anti-Semitism.

**memory enhancement** The use of suggestion to enable a person to imagine that he is reliving a past experience, which he then describes in greater detail than he was able to do before. While it may

be possible for such a technique to produce valid additional information, it is more likely to produce false memories fantasized by the subject for the purpose of pleasing the hypnotist. Thus, if a subject under memory enhancement describes an automobile licence plate, investigators should check whether the identified automobile was in fact elsewhere at the time. But if the same subject hypnotically *remembers* anything that cannot be independently verified, that enhanced memory should be viewed as not necessarily factual. Courts worldwide are now refusing to admit testimony by persons subjected to memory enhancement hypnosis, in recognition that such witnesses could convince a jury with testimony that may well be sheer fantasy.

**memory transplant** In an experiment conducted at the University of Michigan, flatworms were classically conditioned to contract their bodies in response to a flash of light. They were then cut up and fed to other flatworms. The second group of flatworms was then reported to have learned to contract in response to light quicker than a control group. The experiment proved to be non-replicable, and even the injection of DNA from a conditioned organism's brain failed to produce a new positive result. It is now accepted that the first experiment produced a statistical freak, otherwise called coincidence, and that memory cannot be transplanted from one organism to another.

**Menakhem** Hereditary Zealot leader who was the son or grandson of Zealot founder Judas of Galilee. Menakhem had himself proclaimed Messiah in 68 CE at the height of the first Jewish War, took over the rule of Jerusalem, and was lynched within a few weeks when he turned out to be a worse tyrant than the Romans against whom the city was being defended. Even after Menakhem's cousin or nephew, Eleazar bar Yair, committed suicide at Masada, the family survived to produce Bar Kokhba.

**Menes** Common transcription of the name of the founder of Egypt's first dynasty. The hieroglyph for the first pharaoh's name meant both *moon* and *lactating breast*, and this raises at least the possibility that Menes was a woman. However, since Menes reigned at a time when female supremacy was just starting to be eroded as a consequence of the Big Discovery, the possibility of a male conqueror legitimizing his rule by adopting a female name and accouterments, as Queen Hatshepsut later adopted a beard, cannot be ruled out.

**Mennonites** *see* Anabaptists *and* Hutterites

**menopause fetish** The mother fixation that causes Americans to glamorize women whose prime breeding years are behind them, with the result that an American fashion model's career is at its height at an age when an Australian model's career would have long been over. The menopause fetish is in fact a pious pretence, since American men have the same instinctive preference for women of maximum nubility as men everywhere else in the world.

**menorah** Seven-branched candlestick introduced into Jewish ritual in the last century of the Davidic monarchy, when Jewish monolatry was beginning to veer toward monotheism, to illustrate that the seven planetary gods were mere branches or aspects of the paramount god, Yahweh.

**Mensa** Organization restricted to persons who score in the top two percent on intelligence tests, but not restricted to persons who are intelligent. Winston Churchill brought together a *brains trust* of the most intelligent persons he could find in diverse areas, in the hope that their interaction would produce ideas valuable to the task of winning World War II. When the war ended, members of the brains trust were so satisfied with the result of bringing together persons whose intelligence was their only common quality, that they founded Mensa to continue the process. But whereas Churchill had plucked his brains trust from occupations that implied talent or functional intelligence, Mensa set as its admission requirement nothing but a designated score on an I.Q. test. The consequence is that Mensa now contains the same proportion of members who are ignorant,

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superstitious, unteachable, irrational, narrow-minded, doublethinking, functionally stupid and incompetent, as the population at large.

**mensch** Someone who always knows precisely how much to tip.

**menstruation** Observable proof, along with shit, that humans evolved with no help from any benevolent creator.

**menstruation dance** Dance performed by female worshippers of the moon goddess, perhaps as early as 30,000 BCE, in which menstrual blood was allowed to drip into the womb of Mother Earth. The dance involved leaping over branches, and rock drawings eventually showed performers leaping up level with the moon, with their branches, or broomsticks, between their legs. This led to a belief in *witches* who flew on broomsticks. While it is possible that the dance is still performed on May Day by adherents of the Wiccan religion in England, it almost certainly has never been part of American Wiccan ceremonies.

**mental dysfunction** The ability to reach conclusions that are incompatible with the evidence, in an area in which the person afflicted is sufficiently informed to recognize the incompatibility. Thus a person who is not aware that the nativity tales in MATTHEW and LUKE are based on incompatible birth dates, can believe that both stories may be true without being mentally dysfunctional. But a person who does know that the MATTHEW story could be true only if Jesus was born no later than 4 BCE, and that the LUKE story could be true only if Jesus was born in 6/7 CE, demonstrates unambiguous mental dysfunction when he maintains that both stories are nonfiction.

**mentalist** A magician who performs the kind of conjuring illusions that resemble mind reading, thought transference, precognition, telekinesis, or other simulated *mind over matter*. Most mentalists acknowledge their status as magicians, and perform their illusions strictly for entertainment on stages and in clubs and lounges. Some, however, pretend that they are not magicians, and claim to be demonstrating *mind powers* that in fact do not exist. Prominent among the latter group is Uri Geller, inventor of the *spoon bending* trick that would have been laughed off stage if he had acknowledged that it was just a trick.

**Menzies, Robert** Post-war Australian prime minister who tried to stifle all opposition, first by utilizing the Big Lie to found an ultra-conservative political party that he named *Australian Liberal Party*, and second by drafting a *Communist Party Dissolution Bill* that would have enabled him to establish a fascist dictatorship that could jail indefinitely any political opponent by unilaterally *declaring* him a communist and placing the onus on the accused to disprove the allegation. The proposed bill was convincingly defeated in a referendum, and Menzies never again attempted to make his power permanent and absolute. The conservative party founded by Menzies, who has been a good fascist since 1978, calls itself *Liberal* to this day.

**Mercury** Roman planetary god, equivalent to Hermes, Nabu, Gabriel, Anu and Loki.

**Mercury, Saint** Canonization of Roman planetary god, borrowed in the sixth century CE for the purpose of converting a Cappadocian temple of Mercury into a Christian church. According to Basil, who invented the new saint in a dream, Saint Mercury was the Christian soldier who, in obedience to an order from the goddess Mary, murdered the emperor Julian for not being a Christian.

**Meriadoc, Saint** Welsh canonization of the Semitic god Marduk.

**Meribah, waters of** Water that magically appeared for the Israelites to drink when Moses struck a rock with his rod. The Elohist's version of the myth is told in EXODUS 17:1b-8, while the Priestly author's copy is in NUMBERS 20:2-13. The original myth of a hero producing water by striking a rock was told of the Persian god Mithra.

**meritocracy** Social and political system in which there is a high correlation between talent and success. Meritocracies have always been short-lived, because under a meritocracy the untalented masses have been protected and enabled to breed to the point where they became an irresistible force. At that point they took over the society that produced them, turned it into a mediocracy, and destroyed it. The final stage, reduction to a minor power, has been reached in England and Turkey. America is still in the second or mediocracy stage.

**mermaid** Life form that is a full-breasted human female above the waist and a fish below. The mermaid myth appears to have been based on sightings by ancient mariners of a now-extinct species of the order *Sirenia* basking on dangerously unapproachable rocks nursing their young. Only to persons viewing them from at least a half-kilometer away could the sirenians have appeared humanoid. They may have had more scalp hair than the closely related dugongs and manatees, but it is unlikely that any sea mammal had protuberant breasts. Belief in mermaids has now disappeared, but for many centuries their existence was not questioned.

**Meshakh** *see* Abednego

**mesomorph** *see* ectomorph

**messengers** *see* angels

**Messiah** Hebrew: *MashYah*, “Yahweh’s Anointed,” the descendent of King David, whose predestined task would be to overthrow whichever occupying power currently ruled Judah and reestablish Jewish independence, with himself as the king who restored the Davidic dynasty. Jeremiah invented the concept, in the belief that he was merely reiterating what was already in the Torah. Since Yahweh was believed to have promised David that his dynasty would rule Judah forever, and the Davidic monarchy had been overthrown by Babylon in 586 BCE, Jeremiah concluded that the son of David who would usher in an uninterrupted monarchy was not Solomon but a later son/descendant, as yet unborn. Belief in a messiah all but disappeared during the century of Hasmonean rule, since there was no foreign overlord to defeat and the monarchy that the messiah was to found already existed. But when Jewish independence was ended by Rome, a messiah who would overthrow the Romans again became a daily expectation. The number of Jews who proclaimed themselves Messiah during the period of Roman overlordship is not known, and could have been as low as a dozen or so or as high as a hundred or more. Among such claimants were John the Immerser, Jesus the Nazirite, probably Herod Agrippa I, Menakhem, and Bar Kokhba. Judaism continues to expect a messiah, even though the line of David is extinct, an independent Jewish state already exists, and most Jews are democrats who would find the restoration of an unelected monarch unacceptable. The most prominent Jewish spokesmen deny the theory that Messiah’s task now is to make the Jews a ruling caste and enslave the rest of the human race, but there is little doubt that three prime ministers of Israel have been proponents of such a dogma.

**metaphysics** Pseudo-discipline in which the unlearned study the nonexistent in order to argue the invalid to prove the impossible and propound the illogical to the indiscriminating.

**metempsychosis** The reincarnation of a human soul, spirit, or ego-self into a new physical body, human or nonhuman, after the death of the living soul’s previous body. Like Heaven, metempsychosis was created in the minds of terror-stricken fantasizers who could not function in the face of eventual certain irreversible death. Even today, large numbers of humans would have to be institutionalized as gibbering basket cases if they were deprived of the belief that self-awareness outlives physical death.

**Methodist** member of the neo-Christian mythology founded on the presbyterian principles of Anglican minister John Wesley after his death.

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**Methuwsel(ah)** Mythological demigod named by the Yahwist as a descendent of Cain (GENESIS 4:17-18, and by the Redactor as a descendant of Seth (GENESIS 5:6-21). It was the Redactor who, in 434 BCE, first incorporated into the Pentateuch the patriarch list that gave Methuselah the absurd age of 969 years, in emulation of the early Sumerian kings who had been credited with reigns of up to twenty thousand years each.

**Metis** “Wisdom”; Greek Titaness whom Zeus impregnated and then swallowed in an attempt to prevent her from giving birth to his daughter, Athena. The Titans were the gods of pre-Greek Greece.

**Metis** Name accepted by Canadians of mixed European and Amerind ancestry as non-pejorative, even though the English translation of that French word, *half-caste*, is deemed insulting and unacceptable.

**metric** System of weights and measures that is Terran Standard, recognized as the official standard in every country on earth except Liberia, Burma and U.S.A. Apart from being universally accepted, the metric system makes sense, as the weights and measures it superseded do not.

**mezuzah** Jewish door charm that protects a house from evil spirits with the same success that crosses protect Christian houses from vampires; adapted from the Egyptian Pillars of Horus that served the same purpose; ultimately derived from the Hindu yoni charm that was kissed *for luck* when entering deified vulva Kali’s temple.

**MICAH** Prophetic book written by four main authors. The genuine Micah/Miykhah wrote chapters one to three soon after the destruction of Samaria by Sargon II in 721 BCE, retroactively prophesying that event and threatening Jerusalem with a similar fate if it failed to mend its ways. The terms of the Jerusalem prophecy were sufficiently vague to establish that it was written at a time when Jerusalem had not yet fallen. Chapters four and five were written after the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon in 586 BCE, but before the rise of Persia. Second Miykhah prophesied, incorrectly, that a revived Assyria would overthrow Babylon, and the Jews would then “lay waste the land of Assyria with the sword” (5:6). It was second Miykhah’s retroactive prophecy that David would be born in Bethlehem, that was later misread as a prophecy that the messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. Third Miykhah wrote 6:1 to 7:7, and fourth Miykhah 7:8 to 7:20. Verses 1:13b, 3:8b, 4:5, 4:10, 5:2b, 5:3-4, 5:15, 6:9b and 7:17b are interpolations.

**Michael** *see* Mikhael

**Michaelmas** Festival recognized in England, honoring the planetary god Mars, or Michael as he is called by Jews and Christians.

**Midian** The area of modern Saudi Arabia bordering the gulf of Aqaba, that appears to have been the homeland of the Israelites until they were driven into Egypt by the invading Jews in the reign of Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE.

**Midrash** *see* Talmud

**Midsummer Eve** Christian adaptation of Irish Beltane festival; also called St John’s Day.

**Mikhael** Jewish planetary god or seraph, called *archangel* in English; deification of the planet Mars; equivalent to Mars, Ares, Tiw, Nergal.

**Mikhal** Daughter and heiress of King Saul of Israel, whom the Jewish King David was obliged to marry in order to legitimize his annexation of Israel. David quickly banished Mikhal from his bed, and she bore him no children.

**mile** From Latin *mille passuum*, “thousand paces,” meaning two thousand steps as marched by a Roman legion; archaic measure of distance recognized only in the three countries that have not adopted the Standard International or metric system. A mile is approximately 1.609344 kilometers.

**military intelligence** Oxymoron.

**millenarianism** Doctrine that, prior to a postulated *end of the world*, a prophesied messiah or mahdi or buddha will rule the world as an absolute theocrat for precisely one thousand years.

**millennium** The period of one thousand years during which Jews believed the Messiah would rule the world from his capital in Jerusalem prior to the end of the world and the vaporization of all gentiles. Early Christians who believed in a coming millennium did not feel threatened, since they regarded themselves as the true Jews.

**Milton, John** English poet whose *Paradise Lost* contributed more to modern Christian angelology and demonology than the entire Judaeo-Christian bible.

**mind** That part of the human organism that is self-aware. The mind is to the brain as a magnetic field is to a magnet. Just as the magnetic field ceases to exist when the electromagnetic circuitry that brought it into existence is turned off or dismantled, so the human mind, or ego, sometimes called *soul*, ceases to exist when the neurological circuitry that brought it into existence ceases to function. The mind is a function of the brain, and has no separate existence.

**mindfucked** Incapable of objectively evaluating evidence that contradicts or questions an irrational belief system. Only god mythology calls auto-reinforced mindfucking *faith* and labels it a virtue. Other contrary-to-fact belief systems also consider mindfucking a virtue, but call it *open mindedness*. In fact a mindfucked person is closed-minded, since no amount of falsifying evidence can penetrate his mental processes.

**mind over matter** Ambiguous term that can mean telekinesis, control of bodily activity and sensation by hypnosis, or any physical manifestation achieved by the power of the mind alone. Except to the degree that autosuggestion can control some of an individual’s physical reactions, there is no such thing as mind over matter.

**Mindreach** Book by Harold Puthoff and Russell Targ, the Lenny and Squiggy of parapsychology, in which they describe their unscientific, incompetent testing of self-styled psychics such as magician Uri Geller, and argue that the powers claimed by the hoaxers not only exist but have been proven to exist. Some of the hoaxers who fooled Puthoff and Targ with their clumsy conjuring were unable to fool anyone else.

**mind’s eye** Metaphor for the visual imagination that can form a picture in the mind in the absence of any physical stimulus; possibly a holdover from the Eastern concept of the *third eye*.

**Miniato, Saint** Canonization of *the reddened one*, generic description of any god iconized with minium, a red pigment that signified divine blood.

**minor** Weasel word used to justify laws restricting the right of young adults to defy religious taboos, by equating them with children. Persons who would have full adult rights in the rest of the world, are called *minors* and treated as children in North America. *see also* age of consent

**Minos** Offspring of the virgin Europa and the King of Heaven, Zeus. In order to abduct and rape Europa, Zeus assumed the shape of a bull. The consequently bore him Minos, who became one of the judges of the dead in the underworld, analogous to Jesus and Osiris. One of the earliest Greek lawcodes was attributed to Minos. It is generally thought that *Minos* was a royal title of the kings of Crete after *c* 1400 BCE, similar to *Pharaoh* in Egypt and *Abiyamolokh* in Philistine cities.

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**miracle** Originally, an impossible event for which a god's intervention was not only the best but also the only explanation; later any event, usually but not necessarily of low probability, that followed and was attributed to a prayer to a favorite god; eventually, name applied by the Roman Catholic church to any seemingly impossible or improbable event that caused an increase in *faith*, even when the natural explanation had to be deliberately concealed in order to retain that *faith*. In Judaism, the first persons credited with performing miracles were Eliyahuw and Elisha.

**miracle tale** Myth in which the hero of a religion, through the power of his god, accomplishes the impossible. The compilers of *KINGS* attributed such miracles as multiplying food, curing leprosy, raising the dead, and crossing a body of water on foot without getting wet, to Eliyahuw and Elisha. The authors of the Christian gospels later borrowed the same miracle tales and attributed them to Jesus the Nazirite. While some biblical miracle tales read like misinterpretations of not-impossible events (*e.g.*, a man standing on a submerged floating board could appear to be walking on water), the probability of even a single one having a factual historical basis is vanishingly small.

**Miriam** Woman named by the Elohist as the sister of Aaron and by the Priestly author as the sister of Moses. The Yahwist stated that the infant Moses had an older sister, but he did not give her a name and she did not reappear in his narrative. While it is possible that E did not make Moses and Aaron natural brothers, J/E did, and P obtained Miriam's status from there. The degree to which the biblical Miriam was based on a historical person cannot be determined.

**misanthropy** Hatred of the human race. Early Christianity's misanthropy was its most distinguishing feature, and was the reason ten Roman emperors singled it out to be the only mythology the tolerant empire ever tried to suppress. Tacitus, describing Nero's executions of the Christians who set fire to Rome, declared that their paramount crime was not arson but misanthropy.

**miscegenation** *see* race pollution

**Mishnah** *see* Talmud

**misogyny** Hatred of women. The concept of misogyny as a virtue originated with Gautama, whose masochistic theory that self-inflicted sexual abstinence was a virtue probably sprang from psychosomatic impotence. Men who swallowed Gautama's delusion but nonetheless found themselves lusting after women, formulated the conceit that women were an evil creation put on earth to corrupt them. That attitude was adopted by the Essenes, and from them was passed on to the Christians. Among Christianity's most repulsive misogynists were Paul of Tarsus, Jerome, Tertullian, Marcion, Augustine of Hippo, Ambrose, Wojtyla, and Schlafly.

**misology** The hatred of reason that is taught as a virtue by all religions in recognition of the fact that, the moment reason is tolerated, the falseness of religion will be impossible to conceal.

**Miss** Title appended to the front of an unpurchased woman's name to indicate her availability to a potential owner.

**Miss America Joke** The world's most hypocritical phallus-raising pageant, in which a contestant can be disqualified or a winner defrocked for utilizing the very assets that the competition glorifies.

**missing link** Concept that arose as a consequence of a misinterpretation of evolutionary theory. Whereas humans and modern apes evolved from a common ancestor as different from either as they are different from each other, the belief was for a long time widespread that the common ancestor should look like a human-ape hybrid. Since no fossil of such a hybrid had been found, the belief that it must exist led to its being dubbed the "missing link." Even if a common ancestor from precisely the point of separation were identified, it would not be an ape-man. There is no missing link.

**missionary** A professional pusher of a god hoax who specializes in securing new marks, especially a bigot who imposes white gods on blacks, male gods on females, conservative gods on liberals, and insane gods (there's another kind?) on the currently sane.

**missionary position** The sexual posture, also called *Venus observa*, in which a woman lies on her back while a man lies face down, head-to-head, on top of her; so named by the Hawaiians because Christian missionaries taught that copulation in any other position was potentially pleasurable to the woman and therefore sinful. Had the missionaries been less mentally ill, they would have realized that the missionary position was also pleasurable to most women, and banned it as well.

**Mission Impossible** The only hardcore science fiction series ever shown on commercial television, with none of the fantasy elements of soft science fiction such as faster-than-light travel, teleportation, extra-sensory capacities, or terrestrial-extraterrestrial hybrids, so realistic that few viewers ever realized that the technology on which each episode was based does not yet exist.

**mistletoe** *see* holly

**mistress** Originally, a title born by a woman whose father or husband was of sufficiently high status to be called "Master" or "Sir" but not "Lord." *Mistress*, abbreviated to *Mrs*, later came to mean the wife of a gentleman, with Mrs John Smith meaning "Mistress of John Smith." Later still, a distinction was made between a designated wife, who was entitled to the abbreviated form, *Mrs*, and a non-registered wife, whose title remained the unabbreviated *mistress*. Since *mistress* carries the same connotations of private ownership as *wife*, it is now considered inappropriate for a woman who does not consider herself privately owned, and as the description of a man's unregistered sex partner it has been replaced by *girl friend*.

**miter (mithra)** The pointed cap worn by bishops of the savior god Mithra as their badge of office; borrowed by Christian bishops at the time of the emperor Constantine for the purpose of enabling Mithra worshippers to become Jesus worshippers without having to give up beliefs and customs with which they were comfortable.

**Mithra (Mithras)** Persian savior god worshipped as early as 1500 BCE; born in a manger in a cave on December 25; adored by poor shepherds; made himself a garment of fig leaves to keep out the cold; declared Sunday a rest day on which his worshippers were not permitted to work; had his worshippers stand under a grill above which a bull was slaughtered, so that they were *washed in the blood of the bull*; held a *last supper* with twelve companions before returning to the sky in a flaming chariot; was sacramentally cannibalized in the form of bread and wine; was served by priests who were addressed as *Father*, and a pope or chief priest who was *Father of fathers*, all of whom had the power to hear confessions and forgive sins, as well as bishops who wore pointed mithras or miters that were their badges of office. Although all of the foregoing elements of Mithraism existed centuries before the birth of Jesus the Nazirite, Tertullian dismissed the parallels with the later belief system as "the zeal of the devil rivaling the things of God."

**mitt reading** Palmistry.

**mixed marriage** *see* intermarriage

**mizd** Persian cake sacramentally eaten as the body and blood of the savior god Mithra; adapted into Catholic ritual as the wafer of the mass, the Christian mizd-eating ceremony, and into lay observances as the hot cross bun.

**Moabites** Semitic tribe exterminated in the second century BCE by the Jews, under the leadership of the genocidal Maccabees, in fulfillment of the xenophobic racism of DEUTERONOMY 23:3-6.

**modesty** Self-denigration, touted as a virtue even when it is unjustifiable. Persons who are modest usually have a lot to be modest about.



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**Mogen David** “Star of David”; Anachronistic name applied to the hexagram in medieval times. In fact the hexagram had never been a Jewish symbol prior to Seleukid/Ptolemaic times, and was not generally adopted as such until the medieval period. Also called Seal of Solomon.

**Mohamed** Arab mythologian, 570-632 CE, who founded a religion called *Islam*, meaning “submission,” in which followers were required to grant total, unquestioning submission to the whims of a god named Allah, and by implication to Allah’s enforcer, Mohamed. Mohamed identified Moses and Jesus as Allah’s greatest spokesmen to date, and declared that he outranked both. Islam was monistic, whereas its immediate sources, Christianity and Judaism, were both dualistic. It was pseudo-monotheistic, like Judaism but unlike Christianity, with a one-person god at the top and all other gods reduced to *angels* and *devils*, as if an immortal was not a god by definition. At the height of its expansion, Islam was as genocidal as Christianity or Judaism. Mohamed’s teachings, along with much older material retroactively attributed to him, were compiled after his death into a book called the *Koran*. As with Jesus, many of Mohamed’s contemporaries denounced him as insane. (*Koran* 68:1; 37:37; 34:8; 7:184) There is some evidence that Mohamed may have seen himself as a new Moses, a purely military leader whom the Sunni retroactively promoted to the status of prophet/caliph actually held by his son in law Ali. For more details, see Ibn Warraq’s *The Quest for the Historical Muhammad*, Prometheus, 2000.

**Mokosh** Pre-Christian Slavic fertility goddess later assimilated to Mary.

**Molokh** Phoenician god to whom babies were regularly sacrificed. Jews were still sacrificing their firstborn babies to Molokh down to the time of Jeremiah, and it was to put a stop to the practice that the Deuteronomist, who may have been Jeremiah, decreed that Jewish brides must be virgins. (*see* human sacrifice); identical with Greek Melikertes.

**Molokhiy Tsedek** (Melchizedek) “Molokh is my King”; character mentioned in GENESIS 14:18 as king of Salem and priest of the god Ilion. Molokhiy Tsedek served Abraham bread and wine, thereby indicating his adherence to salvation mythology in which eating a god’s sacramental body and blood gave the worshipper some of the god’s immortality. Since the Yahwist who wrote the scene had no belief in immortality, he may have been repeating an anecdote he did not fully understand.

**momism** In America, the artificial glorification of motherhood for the purpose of keeping women contented with the role of *wife and mother* so that they will not attempt to compete with men for ruling-caste status. Momism is gradually dying, but the culturally schlaflyed continue to campaign for its retention.

**monarchist** A person who, despite living in a democracy, believes that the descendants of a conqueror, even to the fiftieth generation, possess a quality of *royal blood* that makes them inherently qualified for the office of Head of State, and that no person who lacks the royal blood can be entrusted with such an office. There is nothing wrong with monarchists that five thousand years of evolution could not cure.

**monasticism** *see* masochist

**monism** The philosophy that good and evil emanate from a single metaphysical source, and that everything that happens does so because a single god or fate has so decreed. The ancient Jews were monistic until the absorption into their pantheon of the Persian Prince of Darkness as the Satan, who became the author of all evil. At that point Judaism became dualistic, and its dualism was passed on to Christianity. Among modern mythologies, the only one that has reverted to monism is Islam.

**monk** (Hebrew: *kedesh*); originally a homosexual priest of a fertility god, who offered his rectum to male worshippers who wished to engage in an anal form of the sacrament of fornication. Like a

nun, *kedeshah*, a monk was transubstantiated during the sacrament into the substance of the goddess, even though he retained the accidents or physical appearance of the monk. The *kedesh* functioned within Judaism until King Josiah suppressed all sexual worship in 621 BCE. A century later a new kind of monk came into existence when Siddartha Gautama, the world's first professional masochist, invented a perversion called Buddhism that glorified celibacy. Historically, Christian monks have tended to be passive homosexuals. Homosexuals who prefer the active role more commonly become priests.

**monogamy** The practice of mating with a single partner and rejecting all others. In the animal world, monogamy occurs in species subject to an instinct called pair bonding. Certain species of geese, for example, mate for life for reasons that zoologists call *instinct*, a word that means, "We don't know why they do it." The only species not subject to a pair bonding instinct that nonetheless practice monogamy are humans and gibbons, originally for the same reason. Humans and gibbons, alone among primates, are not subject to an estrus cycle. Since a female is receptive to sexual advances at any time and not merely during ovulation, a male has no need to abandon a partner after mating and seek a new partner that is in heat in order to obtain further gratification. Human monogamy, which gave a woman a steady partner and enabled her to keep more children alive than she could have supported alone, may have been the advantage that enabled Cro-Magnon man to outlive neanderthal man. Even though humans have no pair-bonding instinct and are naturally polygamous, monogamy continues to be universal for the logical reason that a system which allowed the rich to maintain harems would produce a womanless class that would eventually overthrow such a system by violent revolution.

**monogamy, progressive** Social system in which an individual is not permitted to have more than one recognized mate or spouse at a time, but is free to divorce one mate and marry another as often as he/she chooses. Progressive monogamy is prohibited in theocracies such as Ireland, but is the norm in sane societies.

**monolatry** Also called henotheism; The practice of restricting worship or fealty to a single god, while believing in the existence of other gods. Judaism was monolatrous from its first appearance in written records c 2400 BCE until it evolved into pseudo-monotheism, with minor gods reduced to *angel* and *devil* status, in post-exilic times.

**monotheism** Belief in the existence of a single all-powerful god. The only truly monotheistic religion that has ever flourished is Unitarianism. Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE, first conceived monotheism, but it was not really accepted and died with him. Deism is also monotheistic, but since it rejects the concepts of prayer, worship and divine revelation, it should be considered a philosophy rather than a religion. Pseudo-monotheism was revived by the post-exilic Jews, and is equated with monotheism by its current adherents. True monotheism has less than one million adherents worldwide.

**monotheism, pseudo-** Belief in one paramount god, who alone is called a *god*, and an unlimited number of minor gods that are given such designations as *angels*, *demons*, *saints*, and *jinn* in order to disguise the fact that they are immortals capable of intervening in human affairs and therefore gods by definition. Islam and Judaism are pseudo-monotheistic. Christianity is polytheistic, with three paramount gods, plus all of the minor gods of Judaism and Hellenism, as well as a class of minor gods called *saints* not found in any other mythology. Because monotheism evolved later than polytheism, the conceit has arisen that it is morally or logically superior to polytheism. This has led adherents of mythologies that are not monotheistic to doublethink that they are monotheistic. Thus a Christian is likely to declare that he believes in the three paramount gods, Big Daddy, Junior and the Spook, while simultaneously maintaining that he is a monotheist. For a person capable of believing that the identical act is evil when Hitler did it but virtuous when his god does it, the belief that one plus one plus one equals one is not difficult to maintain.

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**Monroe, Marilyn** Actress who has become the center of a supermarket tabloid's attempt to create a mystery where none exists. Marilyn Monroe either committed suicide, or died when the person she chose to save her from the last of many spurious suicide attempts refused to rush to her rescue. No evidence supports the pretence that she was murdered to prevent her from revealing national secrets or embarrassing personal information learned in bed with President Kennedy or Attorney General Kennedy. Although only an eyewitness could state definitively that her death was entirely self-induced, the probability that it was anything else is vanishingly small.

**Montezuma's revenge** Colloquialism for dysentery, especially dysentery contracted in Mexico.

**Moonie** Any member of a neo-Christian sect founded by Korean self-proclaimed messiah Sun Myung Moon, based on the Essene principle, preached by Jesus the Nazirite (LUKE 14:26), that members of the sect must hate relatives who remain outside of the sect. Moonies work long hours for slave wages to make Moon rich, and that situation eventually led to his conviction in America for tax evasion. While all godworshippers are brainwashed into a condition of mental dysfunction, Moonies are observably more so.

**moon madness** Name given to epilepsy by the author of MATTHEW 4:24 and 17:15, in the common belief of the time that astrological influences from the moon could cause *lunacy*. *see also* Luna

**moonstruck** Colloquialism for the state of irrational monocentric fixation on a preferred or even imagined sex partner, that has been associated with the moon since the late fourth century CE. At that time the sacred *orgia*, a group-sex ritual honoring the moon as sex goddess, was first staged specifically to protest the imposition of the monogamy so favoured by adherents of the expanding male-god religion, Christianity. The moon continues to be associated with sexual love, at least among songwriters, long after the moon's status as a love goddess has been abolished from current belief systems.

**Morally Evolved Party** Intergalactic translation of the names of political organizations called Liberal in England and Canada, and Democratic in America and Australia, whose philosophy has kept pace with advances in human evolution. While a morally evolved party may adhere to a doctrine that was regarded as valid three thousand years ago, it does not adhere to any doctrine simply *because* it was regarded as valid three thousand years ago.

**morality** To all religions: whatever the religion's paramount god says it is, "heads it's a sin and tails it's a virtue"; to rationalists: the conscious avoidance of all behavior that unnecessarily hurts a non-consenting victim.

**morality squad** Theocratic thought police.

**Morally Retarded Party** Intergalactic translation of the names of political organizations called Conservative in England and Canada, Liberal in Australia, Republican in America, Communist in China and North Korea, Likud in Israel, Party of Allah in Iran, and Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland, whose philosophy is based on a standard of human morality that stopped evolving three thousand years ago. While all morally retarded parties attempt to impose their taboos on entire populations, not all endorse terror as a legitimate means of doing so. Morally retarded parties can be recognized by their enforcement of laws prohibiting abortion, free speech, insulting the established religion or flag, and free dissemination of information and non-destructive technology, and their support of state-sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder.

**Moral Majority** Tiny organization of fundamentalist fanatics in America that changed its name after being confronted by picketers whose signs read, "The Moral Majority is neither." The Moral Majority's discernible purpose was to turn America into a totalitarian theocracy (there's another kind?). The organization's founder, sometimes called the American ayatollah, was following a

long established practice of tyrants when he called his immoral minority the Moral Majority. Vladimir Lenin called his minority party the Majority Party, *Bolsheviks*. Mao Tse-tung called his slave state a People's Republic. And Robert Menzies called his ultra-conservative party the *Australian Liberal Party*. For further information see *The Gospel Time Bomb*, by L. D. Streiker, Prometheus, 1984.

**moral philosophy** Any statement of the difference between right and wrong based on reasoned criteria, whether valid or invalid. So permeated is the Western world with the invalid moral philosophy that right and wrong are whatever the paramount Christian god says they are, that authors of valid alternatives have found all other avenues closed and have been forced to publish their views in the form of science fiction. Ninety percent of all science fiction novels have rejected the concept of "God the Lawgiver," and have assumed the existence of a society in which law is based on valid reasoning. While the most notable is *Stranger in a Strange Land*, there are many others. But a moral philosophy does not have to be valid to be publishable only as fiction. The Marquis de Sade's philosophy that, "When I do it, it should not be illegal," permeates his *Justine* and *Juliet*. Thomas More's *Utopia* disguised moral philosophy as fiction. And even the undisguised moral philosophy of the "Hughie" narrator in *The Autobiography of God* was put into the mouth of a fictitious narrator who claimed to be a god.

**moral sense theory** The theory that humans are able to distinguish right from wrong by an innate moral sense. In fact such ability is restricted to humanists, rationalists and other nontheists. For while godworshippers may have been born with the potential to develop such an ability, cultural conditioning has suppressed it out of existence. Humanists are able to recognize that *wrong* is the unnecessary hurting of a non-consenting victim. Godworshippers tend to react with outraged indignation to the suggestion that right and wrong can be anything other than whatever their law-giving god says they are. Since the god's laws appear to be based on, "Heads it's a sin and tails it's a virtue," clearly a person who can accept such a definition has no ability to distinguish right from wrong without a higher life form to make the decision for him.

**moral theology** The attempt to combine moral philosophy with god mythology, in the belief that both can be valid. Such a combination can never have more than limited success, since reasoned moral philosophy must proscribe all acts, and only those acts, that unnecessarily hurt a non-consenting victims, whereas every god mythology that has ever existed has propounded lawcodes that are capricious, xenophobic, sexist, and invented as a permanent response to a temporary stimulus. It was the attempt to combine morality and theology that led a mythologist in the eighth century BCE to compose *ten commandments* that protected all Jews from injuries the mythologist did not wish to see inflicted upon himself, but gave no similar protection to gentiles. The Talmud, regarded by Jews as sacred scripture to this day, specifically states that the killing of a Jew does not constitute any kind of crime if the perpetrator was trying to kill a gentile. (*Sanhedrin* 78b)

**Mordecai** *see* Mardukay.

**More, Sir Thomas** Fiction writer responsible for a biography of King Richard III of England, that directly contradicts the portrait painted by the authors of *York Civic Records* and *Municipal Records of the City of York* who knew him best. More's hatchet job recorded uncritically the Lancastrian propaganda of Cardinal John Morton. More died of stupidity, when he chose to believe that an omnibenevolent god would rather see him dead than have him acknowledge Henry VIII as the new English pope. Naturally he was canonized.

**Mormon, Book of** A rewriting by Joseph Smith into the semblance of nonfiction, of a historical novel by Solomon Spaulding, who died in 1816. Spaulding's novel was based on the hypothesis that the imagined *lost tribes of Israel* had migrated to America and become the Amerinds, and that delusion remains Mormon doctrine to this day. In 1977 handwriting experts established that

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twelve pages of Smith's manuscript, which he claimed to have translated from gold plates given to him by an angel in 1830, were in Spaulding's handwriting. For further information see *Joseph Smith and the Origins of the Book of Mormon* by D. Persuitte, Jefferson, NC, 1985, and *Trouble Enough: Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon*, Prometheus, 1985.

**Mormons** Members of the sub-sect founded by Brigham Young when a majority of Joseph Smith's *Latter Day Saints* sect rejected Smith's designated heir, his son, and instead followed Young to Utah after Smith's death. Of the six sects all calling themselves Latter Day Saints and all claiming to be Smith's true heirs, all but the original sect headquartered in Missouri are known as Mormons

**moron** A person whose I.Q., on a scale with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15, is between 70 and 85. A moron's mental functioning cannot rise above the level of a twelve-year-old. A moron ranks above an imbecile (I.Q. 55-70), and below a mediocrity (I.Q. 85-115). Morons make good godworshippers, although nobody below a mediocrity has become theocrat of the United States—so far.

**mortal sin** In Roman Catholic god mythology, any act calculated to get the ruling god so mad that, unless it is confessed to a priest and forgiven, His Omnipotent Insanity in the Sky is certain to barbecue the sinner with Jesus' flamethrowers for all eternity. *Mortal sin* remains a powerful weapon in the Catholic Church's ongoing lust for absolute power over all life on earth.

**Moses** (Egyptian: *Atonmoses* "son of the Sun god"); Son of a daughter of Pharaoh Ramoses II; adopted by Khamram, father of the Israelite high priest Aaron, for the purpose of legitimizing his status as the Israelites' absolute dictator. Moses promised to lead the Israelites from Egypt, from which they had been expelled as potential enemy aliens, to a new and fertile land, probably Midian, their original homeland from which they had fled into Egypt more than a century earlier. When Moses found Midian's current occupiers unconquerable, he led the Israelites into the Sinai desert where they remained for forty years. He was eventually assassinated, either as a simple act of tyrannicide, or because he opposed an offered alliance with the Jews who worshipped an opposition god. After Moses' death, the Israelites settled in the area of Phoenicia that became Israel, and formed a confederacy with the Jews that lasted until the death of Solomon.

**Moshite priesthood** Priestly clan based in Shiloh who claimed descent from Moses, and therefore higher authority than the Jerusalem priests who claimed descent from Aaron.

**Moshiy** Character invented by the Priestly author (NUMBERS 3:20, 33) as Moses' cousin, ancestor of the Moshite priests, in order to undermine the opposition priesthood's claim to be descended from Moses.

**Mossad** Israeli thought police, equivalent to Russia's KGB.

**Mother, the** The goddess Earth, who was worshipped from c 30,000 BCE until Christian times as the mother of all living things. After 3500 BCE, Goddess the Mother was replaced by God the Father as earth's paramount deity, but she managed to retain widespread support for an additional four thousand years. She remains the chief deity of the religion known to its adherents as Wicca, and to its opponents as witchcraft.

**motherfucker** Form of insult that is widespread in some cultures, but an invitation to deadly physical retaliation in most of Latin America, based on the culturally conditioned belief that sexual recreations between mother and son is the most heinous *sin* conceivable.

**Mother's Day** Secular survival of the Druidic festival of Mothering Sunday, celebrated in England until the eighteenth century CE, in which a worshipper visited his mother with a gift of a baked gingerbread man that represented the sacramental body of a fertility god. The Anglican church dropped Mothering Sunday from its calendar in the eighteenth century in recognition of its pagan implications, only to see it picked up by the merchant class as a useful sales gimmick.

**Mount Everest syndrome** The reason many men and women date, mate and procreate with persons who fall far short of their ideal-partner concept: "Because it's there."

**Mrs** ("Mistress"); Title appended to the front of a privately-owned woman's name to warn other men that she has already accepted an exclusive breeding contract.

**Ms** Title appended to the front of a woman's name to indicate that she is female, but her mating habits are nobody's business but her own.

**Mu** Fictitious continent that allegedly existed in the Pacific Ocean but, like the equally nonexistent Atlantis, sank leaving only a few Pacific islands. The strongest stimulus for the hypothesizing of a Pacific continent was the statues discovered on Easter Island that appeared to be made of a non-indigenous rock transported from almost one thousand kilometers away. Mu's most active propagandist was James Churchwood, a crank who drained his entire fortune trying to prove the continent's existence. Like most cranks, Churchwood was not above lying to try to win support, and his claim to have viewed supporting documents in a Himalayan monastery is not taken seriously. Churchwood claimed, in the expectation of being believed, that the Greek alphabet, *alpha, beta, gamma...* was a Muvian narrative that translated as, "In the beginning mankind lived on Mu..." Mu was eventually equated with Lemuria, another imaginary continent originally located in the Indian Ocean.

**Muffdiver Superior** A boss nun.

**muffdiving** Cunnilingus.

**MUFON** Mutual UFO Network; largest surviving national organization dedicated to preserving the delusion that UFOs are something other than misidentified aerial objects, and that the failure to produce a single piece of evidence that UFOs exist, despite over fifty years of searching, should be attributed to bad luck.

**mule jack** Male horse mated to female donkeys for the purpose of breeding mules. A potential mule jack is taken from its dam at birth and given to a donkey foster mother to suckle and raise. Consequently, when it reaches the age of sexual maturity, it is oriented toward donkey females rather than mares. In the normal course of events, a male horse would reject females of another species, and for that reason only a stallion conditioned from birth to be a mule jack can be persuaded to mount a she-ass. Similarly, in the normal course of events a human will grow up oriented toward the opposite sex, yet same-sex mating is the observable preference of one tenth of the human race. From the analogy of the mule jack, it seems reasonable to conclude that non-traditional sexual preference is a consequence of environmental rather than genetic factors, although some behavioral theorists disagree.

**multiple personality** Science fiction concept in which an individual spends portions of his life as different persons, all with different names and different behavior patterns, without the various personalities being aware of the others' existence. The phenomenon was first presented to a mass audience in the film, *Madonna of the Seven Moons*. Even though the movie claimed to be "based on a true story," that claim was not widely publicized and the movie did not trigger an outbreak of copycat cases. Only when a gullible psychiatrist (there's another kind?) was deceived into mistaking a patient's pathological playacting for a genuine paranormal phenomenon, and wrote a book, later filmed, called *The Three Faces of Eve*, did the multiple personality hoax win wide acceptance as the twentieth century's equivalent of demon possession and spell casting. In recent years, multiple personality has been presented as a real-world concept in such television programs as *Simon and Simon*, *Magnum P. I.*, *Midnight Caller*, *B. L. Stryker* and several others, none of which was designated *science fiction*, without any warning to the viewer that multiple personality does not in fact exist.

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**Münchhausen, Baron** German nobleman whose name was spuriously attached to fantastic tall stories that were interesting precisely because they were blatantly unbelievable. For example, one story had the hero attacked by an alligator, causing him to shove his hand down the alligator's throat, grab its tail, pull it inside out, and thereby cause it to continue running in the opposite direction. The historical Münchhausen attempted to sue the tall stories' true author for making him out to be a liar and a laughing stock, but to this day it is Münchhausen's name that remains a synonym for authors of "I was kidnapped by little green men in a flying saucer" tales.

**murder** Originally, the capricious killing of a member of one's one tribe or culture without the consent of the chief or priest or other designated authority. When an Israelite mythologist of the eighth century BCE composed a new set of *ten commandments* to supersede those of the Yahwist that contained no such provision, the *murder* that he prohibited meant specifically the killing of a member of the Judaeo-Israeli religion. It still meant that in Talmudic times (*Sanhedrin* 78b). In modern times, *murder* has come to mean any killing that the person using the word perceives as reprehensible. Thus to fanatic animal-rights advocates, the killing of beef cattle has been labeled as murder. To the morally retarded, the abortion of a pre-human tadpole constitutes murder, but the extermination of the human race by compulsory overpopulation does not. To the mentally bankrupt, revenge-killing by an individual is murder but revenge-killing by the State is not. And in many lawcodes, an accidental death that is a direct consequence of any illegal act is considered murder, regardless of whether such a consequence could reasonably have been foreseen. In taboo-oriented cultures, persons who have hastened the death of a loved one to end the victim's incurable suffering have been convicted of murder, while parents who have killed a child by withholding necessary medical care have escaped prosecution on the ground that they were exercising *freedom of religion*. Murder is whatever a society from time to time arbitrarily decrees it to be.

**muscle reading** Form of conjuring in which a magician holds the arm of a member of his audience and, by detecting subtle resistances and other involuntary physical reactions, is able to discern whether he is moving toward or away from a hidden object. While some muscle readers are more skilled than others, none can guarantee success in all circumstances. The polygraph is a highly sophisticated muscle-reading machine, and even it can detect whether a test subject believes he is telling the truth only three-quarters of the time.

**mushroom cult** Mythology in which a hallucinogenic mushroom was worshipped as the son of the sky father and the earth mother, and sacramentally eaten as a means of communion with the gods. The *son of god* concept of the sacred mushroom led to the granting of *son of god* status to such savior gods as Baal, Dionysos, Priapos, and Jesus. Although Jesus was posthumously credited with qualities once limited to the deified mushroom, the theory that he was a mushroom and not a historical person should not be taken seriously.

**Muslim** An adherent of Islam.

**Mussolini, Benito** Italian dictator who came within a tiny margin of exterminating the Mafia, before he was murdered by Mafiosi and communists. Mussolini was the role model for Hitler, Franco and Peron.

**my Master and my God** Form of address demanded by the emperor Domitian from all who were admitted into his presence. The author of JOHN had Jesus' mythical twin brother Thomas address Jesus in such a manner, for the purpose of portraying Jesus as the true emperor. As a consequence of the gospel author's fable, Jesus was thereafter depicted as wearing the emperor's halo.

**My Mother the Car** Short-lived television comedy series of the 1960s that continues to be cited as the worst TV series ever. While it was undoubtedly bad, it is difficult to believe that it was worse than the three *Animal House* clones that ran simultaneously on rival networks, *Manimal*, *In Search of*, *Touched By an Angel*, or *Night Gallery*.

**Myndephuqt** *see* mindfucked

**Myrrha** Daughter of Kinyras, by whose impregnation she bore the most beautiful of the demigods, Adonis. Obviously the composers of such a myth had never heard of the theory that so-called incest causes the generation of monsters.

***Mysteries of the Unknown*** Collection of fraudulently labeled fiction published 1987 and following by Time-Life, written with depraved indifference to truth, public interest, or any factor other than cashing in on the gullibility of the scientifically illiterate masses. In the unlikely event that any of the criminally irresponsible perpetrators of this fraud actually believes the hogwash he wrote, perhaps a brain transplant would be in order.

**mystery religion** Any religion, usually involving savior gods, in which initiates were sworn not to reveal any detail of the involved rituals to outsiders. In Greco-Roman times, the most popular mystery religion was the worship of Persephone at Eleusis. Christianity, originally based on the disappearance of the corpse of a dead Jew and the subsequent pretence that he had risen from the dead, quickly evolved into a mystery religion that differed in no way from at least half a dozen other mystery religions flourishing in the Roman empire in the first couple of centuries of the Common Era. In modern times, the only mythology whose rituals continue to be kept secret is Freemasonry.

***Mythical and Fabulous Creatures*** Book edited by Malcolm South, Greenwood Press, 1987, tracing the origin and evolution of belief in such creatures as unicorns, vampires, werewolves, mermaids and dragons.

**mythology** Any set of beliefs involving the pretended existence of such things as gods, devils, angels, saints, life after death, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, ghosts, reincarnation, possession, witchcraft, revealed truth, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, psychic or metaphysical prophecy, karma, nirvana, miracles, predestination, a purpose-of-life controlling human destiny, or any similar wish fulfillment. Synonyms: religion, superstition, mania. Antonyms: science, knowledge, reason.

**my wife and I** Group of English words that the semi-literate imagine to be an idiom that should remain unchanged in the accusative case. In fact it can be used in correct English only in the nominative case. Correct: *My wife and I live with George*. Incorrect: *George lives with my wife and I*. The latter should be: *George lives with my wife and me*. Since the abolition of teaching in North American schools *c* 1945, and the substitution of compulsory babysitting, characters in movie and television scripts have consistently been made to say, "...and I" in sentences requiring, "...and me", indicating that neither the writer, the director nor the actor is sufficiently literate to recognize the error.



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**Nabu** Babylonian messenger god; deification of the planet Mercury; equivalent to Mercury, Anu, Loki, Hermes and Gabriel.

**Nabu-akh-adon-assur** (Nebuchadnezzar) King of Babylon 604-561 BCE; conqueror of Jerusalem in 586 BCE who carried the Jews into a 48-year Babylonian Captivity; incorrectly identified as king of the Assyrians reigning in Ninevah by the author of JUDITH.

**Nabu-on-idos** (Nabonidos) Usurper who made himself king of Babylon in 556 BCE by deposing Nebuchadnezzar's grandson. Nabonidos remained king until defeated by Cyrus of Persia in 538 BCE. Toward the end of his reign, Nabonidos named his son Belshazzar as co-regent. Belshazzar was killed in the war with Cyrus. Nabonidos survived him by three months.

**NAHUM** Book written shortly after the destruction of Ninevah by the kings of Babylon and Media, retroactively prophesying that event.

**naïveté** The quality that enables an individual to believe that a politician will keep his campaign promises after he is elected, or that biblical prophecies were composed before the events they described.

**Nakay** ("Innocent") Named in the *Toldot Yeshu* and later in the Talmud as one of the five disciples of Jesus the Nazirite.

**nakedness taboo** The belief that the reproductive parts of the human body must be hidden from casual observers, invented by the Redactor of the Torah in 434 BCE. The taboo's discernible purpose was to force Jewish men to stop competing in Babylonian sporting events in which competitors were required to perform naked. Jews, finding their circumcisions an object of ridicule on such occasions, had been abandoning circumcision, and as a consequence were in danger of being assimilated into Babylonian/Persian culture and disappearing as a distinct people. As the Redactor knew, a similar assimilation into Assyrian culture had caused the disappearance of the Israelites two centuries earlier. By making it impossible for Jews to compete in the games, the Redactor removed the incentive to abandon circumcision, the most powerful reminder to a man so mutilated of his special status as a slave of Yahweh. R accomplished his purpose by inserting into the Yahwist's Adam-and-Eve fable additional passages (GENESIS 2:25; 3:7; 3:10b; 3:11a) that made it seem that the first humans hid from Yahweh, not because they had disobeyed, but because they were *naked*, a totally new concept. R's pretence that parts of the human body were sacred/secret/dirty/provocative/shameful was picked up by later mythologies, and in different cultures different anatomical features came to be so designated. In some Muslim theocracies, women are required to veil their faces. In Victorian England, neither human legs nor piano legs could be left uncovered. And Paul of Tarsus ordered women attending religious meetings to hide their naked hair, lest the sight of it provoked the angels into seducing them (1 CORINTHIANS 11:10).

**name** In ancient times, a person's name was considered as much an intrinsic part of him as his arms or legs. Anyone who learned another person's name was thereby empowered to use that name in magical ways to the name-owner's detriment. Part of the Priestly caste's rationale for declaring Yahweh's name taboo in Seleukid times was that Yahweh was thereby protected from enemies who would use his name to hurt him. Until Judaism acquired an afterlife belief by osmosis from their Greek overlords, the only part of an individual believed to be immortal was his name. Descendants were required to worship their ancestors for the specific purpose of keeping their names alive, and when a Jewish man died without descendants his nearest kinsman was required,

under the levirate law, to provide descendants to worship him by marrying his widow. So intrinsic to an organism was its name, that it was believed that, if one could remove the *snap* from a *snapdragon*, a *dragon* would be left.

**Namita** Papuan mother goddess who impregnated herself by using her big toe as a phallus. She then had herself executed so that men could be generated from her blood.

**Nana** Virgin-mother of the resurrected savior god Atthis

**Nanda** Hindu hero who was required to travel to Mathura to pay his taxes. The author of LUKE, desperate to find a rationale for the pretence that his Galilean hero, Jesus the Nazirite, was born in Bethlehem, borrowed the Hindu myth and had Joseph and Mary journey to Bethlehem for the same purpose.

**Nantes, Council of** Christian council of 650 CE that, in its third canon, restricted immortality to males and pronounced women, “soulless brutes.”

**Naphtali, tribe of** One of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy formed c 1200 BCE. The tribe’s eponym, Naftolij, was named by the Elohist as Jacob’s fourth son, and by the Yahwist as probably the ninth son. He became the sixth son in the J/E redaction, and the eleventh or twelfth son in two Priestly seniority charts.

**Napiwa** White god of the Blackfoot Amerinds. Since Napiwa was white like snow rather than “white” like a European, there is no reason to believe he was based on a European sailor who reached America.

**Narcissus, Saint** Canonization of the Greek demigod who became enraptured by his own reflection. While Narcissus did not recognize the reflection as himself, he could not have failed to recognize it as a male. Most commentators pointedly ignore the myth’s homosexual element.

**Natalis Solis Invicti** Birth of the Invincible Sun. *see* Christmas

**Nathan ben David** Son of King David and his Ethiopian wife, Bathsheba. In the version of Jesus’ genealogy in LUKE, Nathan is named as Jesus’ ancestor, contradicting the genealogy in MATTHEW, which shows Jesus to be descended from Nathan’s brother Solomon. In fact both genealogies were concocted after Jesus’ death. While he was alive, Jesus acknowledged that he was not descended from Nathan or Solomon or any other son of King David (MARK 12:35-37).

**Nathan the spokesman** Self-styled (there’s another kind?) spokesman for Yahweh at the court of King David and King Solomon. Nathan wrote a biography of David but, except for excerpts that may have been incorporated into SAMUEL or CHRONICLES, it has not survived. According to 2 SAMUEL 7:4-13, Nathan gave David a message from Yahweh that the Davidic monarchy was to last for ever. It did not. Whether Yahweh lied, Nathan lied, or the chronicler lied, mythologists have yet to decide.

**Nathanael** Person named in JOHN and nowhere else as a disciple of Jesus the Nazirite. JOHN identified Nathanael as a native of the town of Qana/Kana, but may have been misinterpreting his source in which Nathanael was likely named as a *Qananaya*, Zealot. Parts of JOHN appear to have been copied from a memoir written by the *Beloved Disciple* who was also mentioned only in JOHN, and there is some likelihood that Nathanael was the Beloved Disciple. Nathanael was the only disciple who instantly accepted Jesus as Messiah at their first meeting, and that would indeed have endeared him to Jesus above all of the other disciples. It would also explain the jealousy that caused his name to be suppressed, so that he remained unknown to the synoptic authors. Jesus allegedly described Nathanael as “an Israelite devoid of deceit,” and that may well have been a recognition that he was mentally retarded. If so, he could not himself have written the memoir that was a source of JOHN, but he could have dictated it. The equation by some mythologists of the

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*Nathanael* of JOHN with the *Bartholomew* of the synoptics, producing a *Nathanael bar Ptolemais*, is unwarranted speculation.

**National Inquirer** Supermarket product that would be more useful if it was sold in perforated rolls.

**nationalism** Form of insanity based upon the belief that a segment of the human race that shares a common bond such as geographic location, language, skin color or mythology, is superior to those humans who do not share the designated quality. In Germany between 1860 and 1945, nationalism led the German people into a policy of conquest that, under Hitler, almost destroyed them. Nationalism has led to such lesser bigotries as the prohibition of the English language in Quebec, the cancellation by the governments of Australia and the USSR of the citizenship rights of persons who dare choose to live elsewhere, and the *love it or leave it* idiocy of some Americans who cannot comprehend that their country is what it is precisely because persons who did not love the injustices they encountered set about changing them. The most insidious feature of nationalism is that it conditions its victims to think of themselves as members of a defined community first, and members of a single human species a distant second.

**national security** Principle invented for the purpose of enabling fascist dictatorships to do anything they wish without having to inform the public or their elected representatives. It has become standard procedure since 1960 for Republican presidents of the USA to claim *national security* as their reason for refusing to give the courts information that could lead to the impeachment of the President. There is no such thing as national security.

**Nativity of John the Immerser** Book composed after the death of John the Immerser in 29 CE, to prove that John was the prophesied Messiah who would re-establish Jewish independence at the time of his *second coming*. *Nativity* is now lost, almost certainly destroyed by the Christian censors, but parts of it have been preserved in chapter one of LUKE. It also probably contained the first misinterpretation of MICAH's reference to the birthplace of David as a prophecy of a Bethlehem-born Messiah, and the first accusation that Herod massacred babies in an attempt to kill the newborn opposition king. Several of *Nativity's* myths were later transferred from John to Jesus.

**nativity myth** Tale told of the birth of a god or hero. The best known nativity myths include the appearance of a new star, told of Abraham, Zarathustra and Jesus; a massacre of infants, told of Krishna, Abraham, Moses, John the Immerser, and Jesus; a journey of gift-bearing magi, told of Zarathustra and Jesus; adoration by poor shepherds, told of Mithra and Jesus; birth in a stable, told of Mithra and Jesus; and annunciation of the forthcoming birth of a son, usually to a woman on the verge of menopause, told of Isaac, Samuel, Samson and Jesus.

**natural selection** Theory devised by Charles Darwin to explain the methodology of evolution. Although molecular biology has fully proven that evolution occurred, natural selection, which takes millennia to effect even a slight evolutionary change, can never be demonstrated experimentally except within tiny limits. For example, when crop-damaging insects were sprayed with DDT, the only survivors were the tiny percentage that, through random mutation, had an inbuilt immunity. Since they alone lived to breed, the result was a species that was totally immune. But it was not a new species. Only when a large number of mutations, all of them proving beneficial, have created a generation incapable of interbreeding with unmutated descendants of their common ancestors, is the result a new species. The central concept of Darwin's theory is that a species cannot *adapt* to a hostile environment. Rather, if an environment becomes hostile, there is a remote chance that random mutation will have already given some individuals the ability to flourish in the new environment. By the time several such circumstances have each weeded out the majority of a herd, a new species may have emerged. Over more than

three billion years, millions of new species did emerge. Natural selection is the only theory that explains evolution with acceptable consistency.

**natural theology** The philosophy that the condition of the universe and its inhabitants can only be explained by the existence of an intelligent designer. In fact no such supposition is necessary, but even if it were, that would not validate religion. Religion is not based on the hypothesis that a god created the universe, a hypothesis that science can neither prove nor disprove. Rather, all religion is based on the pretence that a god *revealed* that it had created the universe. That claim has been disproven to the satisfaction of every competent scholar who has ever examined the evidence, by tracing all such claims to the same authors who also assured their readers that the earth is flat. Unlike religion, natural theology cannot be disproven, but it remains a violation of Occam's razor, since the condition of the universe and its inhabitants can be adequately explained without the necessity of postulating intelligent design. Indeed, the theological explanation raises the question: Who designed the designer?

**naturopathy** Form of quackery that denies that germs cause disease. Naturopathy rejects antibiotics, and instead treats all diseases with *natural*, meaning medically inert, substances such as carrot juice, fasting, exercise, and other practices that are generally benign or even beneficial, but inadequate in those cases where the true explanation of a pathological condition is biological infection. Since eighty percent of all ailments heal spontaneously with no treatment whatsoever, naturopaths not surprisingly have the same eighty percent success rate as chiropractors, hypnotists, faithhealers and reincarnation therapists.

**naturoquackery** *see* naturopathy

**Nazareth** Village in Galilee given that name in the fifth century CE by a Christian emperor out of embarrassment that the place named as Jesus' hometown in MATTHEW and LUKE did not exist.

**nazareth** Hebrew word meaning "separated," analogous to the modern Greek, *diaspora*. *The nazareth* referred to the areas inhabited by Jews outside of Judea, including Galilee, which was separated from Judea by the heretic-inhabited Samaria. The author of MARK 1:9 wrote that "Jesus came from the separated of Galilee," *Elthen Iesous apo nazareth tes Galilaias*. The author of JOHN interpreted *nazareth* correctly. But the authors of MATTHEW and LUKE, not knowing any Hebrew, assumed that "nazareth" was the name of Jesus' hometown, and consequently invented a village of that name for him to live in. Since the Galileans did not think of themselves as *separated*, but rather thought of Galilee as an intrinsic part of a historical *Israel*, for them to have named a village "Nazareth" would have been analogous to calling it, "Somewhere Else." Attempts by Christian apologists to find evidence of the existence of a *Nazareth* earlier than the fifth century CE have been unsuccessful.

**nazirites** Jewish men who took a vow that, for a specified period of time, they would not cut their hair, consume alcohol, or indulge in other specified behavior, in order to devote their entire energy to the service of Yahweh. Originally, the nazirite vow was made on a child's behalf by his parents before his birth, or even before his conception, and was binding for life. Samuel and Samson were committed to lifelong naziriteship by such a vow, as was Jesus the Nazirite's brother, Jacob the Righteous. Probably all nazirite vows were for life in primitive Judaism, and nazirites were rare. But in the seventh century BCE, the Priestly author invented a short-term naziriteship, and thereafter a month or more as a nazirite would have been virtually obligatory for any person claiming to be Yahweh's spokesman or any lesser kind of holy man. Jesus the Nazirite, who was certainly not a nazirite during his public life, since he became notorious as a glutton and a drinker, may well have begun his public life as a four-week nazirite. That the title, *the Nazirite*, was bestowed on him in derision seems certain, but it is nonetheless probable that he had once claimed such a designation for himself.

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**Nazirites** Essene commune led by Jesus' relatives from the time of his death until his family became extinct almost a century later, and thereafter by elected leaders. Jesus' disciples, Peter and John bar Zebedyah, became Nazirites under the leadership of Jacob the Righteous after Jesus' execution, as did other members of his family who had rejected his messianic claims as the ravings of a madman while he was alive. Paul of Tarsus did his initial preaching as an accredited Nazirite, but was excommunicated when Jacob learned that Paul had been preaching, in Greek, doctrines incompatible with Nazirite Judaism. Those communes established by Paul among gentiles who already attended synagogue were reconverted to Naziritism. Those established among practising pagans were from the start *Christians*, and were rejected by the Nazirites as "those who claim to be Jews but are not, but are a synagogue of the Satan." (REVELATION 2:9) The clue to the Nazirite sect's origin is to be found in ACTS, chapter two. Peter is credited with converting three thousand with a single sermon. But if he had attempted to preach in the temple or town square, he would certainly have been arrested. The logical explanation is that he was preaching to Jerusalem's Essene commune, already led by Jacob the Righteous, and that he convinced them to switch their allegiance from the dead messiah executed more than a century earlier, the original Righteous Rabbi, to the dead messiah executed only weeks earlier, Jesus. Only after that did the Jerusalem sect previously known as Essenes come to be called *Nazirites*, after their new figurehead. Both the Nazirites and the Ebionites, the latter being the sect actually founded by Jesus and continued in Galilee after his death by those disciples who did not move to Jerusalem and become Nazirites, survived into the late fifth or early sixth century CE. They were denounced by Jerome on the ground that, "wanting to be both Jew and Christian, they are neither Jew nor Christian." But the true Jesus sects, like Jesus himself, were strict Jews who would have viewed the Christians as infidels. Jesus was their prophesied messiah, the successor and equal of King David, and nothing more than that. They were eventually hunted down and exterminated—by the Christians.

**Nazism** Contraction of *National Sozialismus*; political philosophy that was basically an extreme form of Catholicism, based on a belief in the innate superiority of so-called Aryans, and honorary Aryans such as Hitler's Japanese allies, over all other human beings. The Nazis considered themselves particularly superior to the nation that produced Joseph Conrad and Marie Curie, to the ethnic community that produced Albert Einstein, Benjamin Disraeli and Jesus the Nazirite, and to Slavs. With Hitler's blessing, Croatia's Catholics massacred 100,000 of Serbia's Orthodox Christians in World War Two.

**Neanderthal man** (*Homo neanderthalensis*) Member of the genus *homo* whose fossils have been found in the Neander valley in Germany. After flourishing for more than 100,000 years, Neanderthals became extinct *c* 30,000 BCE. It was once believed that Neanderthals were merely a race of *Homo sapiens* who lost their separate identity by interbreeding with Cro-Magnons. That theory was disproven when DNA analysis showed them to have been a separate species. Their extermination by *Homo sapiens* was the first instance of genocide in human history. One possible explanation of Cro-Magnon's victory is that mutation may have rid Cro-Magnon women of the estrus cycle while Neanderthal women still retained it. The consequence of such a mutation would have been that a Cro-Magnon woman gained the capacity to attract a permanent mate, who would have helped her raise more children than she could have supported alone, while a Neanderthal man would have abandoned a woman as soon as she became non-receptive, and sought another who was currently in heat. A once-popular folk myth was that Neanderthals were of low intelligence, but this is no longer widely believed.

**Neanderthal Rednecks Association** (NRA) Organization that believes every American has the right to own devices whose only function is to kill people, on the ground that such devices in the hands of an armed militia were necessary two hundred years ago in case the British tried to regain their lost colonies. America needs the NRA like it needs the Ku Klux Klan.

**near death experience** Physical condition in which all electrical activity in the brain ceases for a period not exceeding two minutes, and is restarted by artificial means, invariably direct stimulation of the heart, the cessation of which had caused the brain malfunction. During the sixty or more seconds of clinical death, a kind of time dilation often occurs, so that the mind subjectively experiences a long period of time in a fraction of a second. The same kind of time dilation often occurs in dreams. An author is reported to have sat in the wings at the opening of a Broadway show he had written, fallen asleep as the curtain was opening, subjectively watched the entire performance, including curtain calls, and reawakened to find that the curtain had not finished opening at the beginning of the play. In near-death, a patient often dreams that he has died and gone to the kind of afterlife he has been culturally conditioned to expect. In Judaeo-Christian culture, it is not uncommon for the patient to fantasize that he is traveling through a long tunnel toward a light at the far end, where he is greeted either by a distinguished old man with a long beard or by the Christian god Jesus. The similarity of many near-death fantasies has led to the claim that the experiences have been objectively real. In fact only persons from identical religious-cultural backgrounds have had identical afterlife fantasies. No Christian has ever returned from short-term clinical death to report a Hindu afterlife experience, and no Hindu has returned to report a Christian experience. It is not the patient's professed belief system that determines the course of his fantasy, but the culture that has most influenced him. An atheist in a Judaeo-Christian culture is likely to report a Judaeo-Christian experience, while an atheist in a Muslim culture is likely to report a Muslim experience. So strong is the human compulsion to believe in immortality, that a near-death dream is virtually certain to satisfy that compulsion, even in a person who would never practise self-delusion when he is conscious. While it is unquestionably the cessation of brain activity that triggers near-death fantasies, it is unlikely that the fantasy occurs during the period of cerebral inactivity. A dreamer is reported to have experienced the entire French revolution, culminating in his being guillotined, only to awaken and find that a bedpost had fallen on his neck. Since any alternative explanation would stretch coincidence beyond the limits of credibility, it must be concluded that the entire dream began at the instant the bedpost touched his neck, and was over in less than a second. By analogy, it can be deduced that no dreaming takes place while the brain is observably inactive, and that near-death fantasies occur during the first microsecond after the arrival of fresh oxygen has stimulated the brain to resume normal wave patterns.

**necking** Early twentieth century colloquialism for juvenile sexual foreplay.

**necrophilia** The practice of engaging in carnal copulation with a corpse. The best-known practitioners of necrophilia in legend and literature were Akhilleus with the corpse of Penthesilea, and Romeo with the comatose Juliet whom he thought to be dead. It is not true that a man charged with necrophilia in France in 1978 was acquitted when he explained that he had no idea his partner was dead, and thought she was Phyllis Schlafly.

**nectar** Originally, an alcoholic drink thought to have acquired its intoxicating properties through contact with the fermenting grain or grape that was a fertility god's sacramental body, and thereby to have become the god's sacramental blood, capable of bestowing immortality on the consumer; in modern idiom, the moisture secreted by the vulva during cunnilingus.

**nectared oysters** An aphrodisiac, but only when eaten no-hands.

**Nedu** Babylonian guardian of the underworld, equivalent to Kharon and Peter.

**Needle's Eye** Thought by some to have been a low gateway near Jerusalem through which an unburdened camel could pass but a camel carrying any property could not. Jesus the Nazirite, a fanatic communist, may have used the Needle's Eye as an illustration of his Essene belief that no human who owned so much as a spare pair of sandals could enter his theocracy, but a rich man who gave his property to Jesus' commune could do so—just as a camel could traverse the Needle's

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Eye by similarly disposing of its disqualifying burden. If Jesus in fact meant *eye of a needle* in the literal, sewing-needle sense, his point was the same. A capitalist could not enter his theocracy under any circumstances, but a former property owner could do so.

**nefilium** Humanoid life forms named in GENESIS 6:4 as living on earth prior to Noah's flood. The *Authorized Version* translated *nefilium* as "giants," but the *Revised Standard Version*, to hide their bible's authentication of giants, substituted the untranslated transcription, *nephilim*. The nefilium were believed to be the offspring of immortal fathers, the *sons of the gods*, and mortal mothers, the *daughters of the human*, so that they possessed both mortal bodies and immortal spirits at a time when Judaism did not credit humans with any immortal parts other than their names, which could be kept alive through ancestor worship. *Nefilium* was a cognate of *Nibelungen*, the descendants of Nefesh or Nibel, who was ancestress of the demigods.

**negative thinking** Term used by a pathological optimist, to mean allowing for the possibility that a long shot may not pay off and formulating alternative courses of action.

**Nehemiah** Jew appointed satrap of Judah by Artaxerxes I in 446 BCE. Nehemiah rebuilt the Jerusalem wall, completing it in 434 BCE. Recognizing that his own authority stemmed solely from the hated occupying power, Nehemiah allowed the Jewish high priest, Ezra, to wield a degree of power that no high priest had ever exercised before. It was at the dedication of the new wall that Ezra first read to the Jews from a Torah that contained LEVITICUS. Chapter thirteen of NEHEMIAH shows the satrap endorsing and enforcing the goy-hating racism of Ezra, but it is not unlikely that the chapter has been misplaced and that its first-person narrator was originally Ezra.

**neighbor** A.V. translation of *reakh* in EXODUS 20:16-17 and DEUTERONOMY 5:20-21. In fact *reakh* meant "compatriot," a fellow Jew. The biblical Ten Commandments prohibited only injuries against other Jews.

**neologism** Statement that its hearers, and sometimes even its composer, imagine to have real meaning, but which is actually contentless, saying in effect that "A equals B" when neither A nor B has ever been defined or shown to have any reality. Disciplines that depend for their survival on neologisms, and would instantly be recognized as contentless drivel if their practitioners attempted to say anything comprehensible, include educational theory, psychology, sociology, theology, parapsychology, and metaphysics.

**Neper** Early Egyptian corn god who rose from the dead and, by submitting to a temporary death, thereby transferred the surrendered portion of his immortality to the worshippers who sacramentally ate the corn bread that was his body. Neper's salvation function was later transferred to Osiris, who may have been a historical sacrificed sacred king.

**nepotism** The practice of promoting relatives, regardless of their talent or qualifications. The most blatant nepotism in modern times is usually found in dictatorships and monarchies, but in the Roman Catholic church it was once common for popes to bestow cardinalships and bishoprics on their sons, of whom they usually had a large number by a variety of nuns and courtesans.

**nerd** *see* telebabble

**Nereus, Saint** Canonization of the Greek *old man of the sea*, father of the Nereids, immortal mermaids.

**Nero** Roman Emperor 44-63 CE, who has had an extremely bad press. An accomplished poet and musician, Nero was rather less talented as a head of state. His politically-ambitious mother, Agrippina the younger, murdered her husband Claudius so that Nero could succeed him. When Nero refused to be his mother's puppet, Agrippina made him her lover, as she had done with her brother Caligula, in the hope that it would make him more tractable. It did not, and Nero was anxious to terminate a relationship that he found distasteful. Convinced that she would never be

the power behind Nero's throne, Agrippina eventually tried to kill him, leaving him little option but to kill her instead. In 64 CE, when a group of fanatic Christians set fire to Rome, Nero overreacted in an attempt to counter the rumor that the fire had been started at his own orders. While the Roman populace applauded his execution of the arsonists, there was a considerable backlash of sympathy for the victims when he also executed every adult Christian who fell into his hands, man or woman, guilty or innocent. Nero was thereafter viewed as a brutal tyrant, and even his personally financing the rebuilding of Rome could not save his imperium. He saw no option but to commit suicide, but was for many years afterward believed to have cheated death and to be planning a comeback (REVELATION 13:12). In the last decade of the first century CE, Josephus reported that half of the biographies of Nero extant at that time treated the emperor favorably. Christian book burners hunted down and destroyed all favorable accounts of their first suppressor, and today only hatchet jobs survive. Nero was far from being one of history's more enlightened rulers, but neither was he an evil madman like Caligula. His one great service to humanity, the execution of Paul of Tarsus, came too late to save the world from Paul's masochistic invention, Christianity.

**Netser** *see* Andrai

**network television** Four American lunatic asylums run by the inmates, and headed by epsilons with the functional intelligence of mistletoe, the imagination of the AIDS virus, the ethics of a praying mantis, and the moral integrity of a tapeworm, operating in strict conformity with the axiom, "Monkey see, monkey do." Among the executive decisions that any lunacy court in the world would accept as proof of mental incompetence, the following are typical:

- scriptwriters for a program about the shooting of President Lincoln at the Ford Theatre were instructed that the words *Lincoln* and *Ford* must not be used, because the program was to be sponsored by General Motors;
- recognized science fiction writers were specifically barred from writing any of the scripts for an alleged science fiction series, on the ground that their low opinion of the illiterate cowboys-and-Indians space opera that passed for science fiction on television was likely to alienate the hacks who wrote TV drivel;
- programs exposing such hoaxes as the Bermuda triangle, Von Däniken's space gods, psychic phenomena and fundamentalist religion are banned from network TV, despite their considerable success on British TV, on the assumption that the American people are as scientifically illiterate as the network executives and would rather be entertained by lies than disillusioned by truth;
- a man who as president of two TV networks had raised both to top position in the ratings, was fired from his position as president of the third network for failing to raise them to the top spot;
- a program about the ritualistic revenge murder of an Arabian princess was barred from network TV on the ground that it might offend the murderers;
- programs purporting to be realistic fiction regularly include scripts that authenticate such science fiction concepts as psychic prediction and multiple personality, with no warning to the viewer that such concepts have no counterpart in the real world. Telemoguls justify such promotion of superstition on the ground that programs identified as entertainment need not conform to the same standards of truth telling as news programs.

An account of a writer's TV experiences, called *Only You Dick Daring*, should have wiped the kind of insanity that is mandatory in network TV from the face of the earth, and would have done so but for the fact that everyone connected with TV programming, from network president to ashtray emptier, is required to display symptoms of the same mental bankruptcy in order to survive for a single week. The incompetents running television cannot be purged for the same reason the



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incompetents running North American education, justice and politics cannot be purged: because the persons waiting to replace them are all equally incompetent.

**new age** New name for old hogwash. A superstition is deemed *new age* if it has recently changed its name, e.g., from *spiritualism* to *channeling*, or if it has concocted a new rationale for old playacting, such as *multiple personality* for *demon possession*.

**New Covenanters** Any of several sects of Jews during the period 300 BCE to 100 CE, who believed that Yahweh had made a new treaty with the sect's leader that superseded the old treaty with Abraham. New Covenant sects included the Nazirites, the Ebionites, the Essenes, the Immersers, and several others whose names have not survived. The Christians, despite their initial pretence to be Nazirites, were from the start a gentile salvation mythology, and therefore not a Jewish new-covenant sect.

**new mathematics** A system introduced into North American schools in the 1970s, whereunder a new vocabulary was added to mathematics for the purpose of making even the simplest processes incomprehensible to adults and thereby hiding from parents the fact that pupils were being taught less than ever before. Under the new system, pupils tended to *graduate* from high school ignorant of skills as basic as single-digit multiplication tables.

**newspaper** Obsolete device once used to wrap fish and chips, and to hang in outhouses before the invention of perforated rolls; now trying desperately to avoid extinction despite the loss of its every legitimate function.

**new star** Concept based on the first sighting of a supernova, at a time when it was universally believed that there were less than three thousand stars in the sky, they were attached to the dome of the sky, they were gods who sometimes fell to earth and died in a blaze of glory, and they were so tiny that a star could identify a particular house or stable by hovering over it. The myth that a new star heralded the birth of a hero was told in connection with Abraham, Zarathustra and Jesus.

**New Testament** Christian Book of the Dead.

**nic** Archaic word used by the morally retarded to describe the sexually retarded.

**Nicea, Council of** The council of Christian bishops that, in 325 CE, officially deified Jesus for the first time, thereby adopting the thesis of JOHN over that of the synoptics. The council also adopted the triple-god of Athanasius in preference to the *one god* Yahweh of the current Christian majority. The victory of trinitarianism was secured by forcing a vote at a time when the bishops supporting Athanasius had reached Nicea, but the majority who supported Arius had not yet arrived. Later councils de-deified and re-deified Jesus, depending on whether Athanasians or Arians had stacked them. Only the council of Rimini was attended by almost all bishops, so that its decision truly represented majority opinion. It voted for a unitarian god and a less-than-divine Jesus. The Council of Constantinople in 380 CE finally deified Jesus for the last time, and he has been a Christian god ever since.

**Nicholas, Saint** Canonization of Norse sea god Hold Nickar, Anglicized to *Old Nick*. The Christian Santa Claus and the Christian devil are adaptations of the same deity. A myth was eventually concocted that *Saint Nicholas* was a Bohemian king who gave a poor man money to pay his daughters' dowries.

**Nicholas of Cusa** German scholar who, a century before Copernicus, published the theory that the earth revolved on its axis and orbited the sun, and that the stars were suns with inhabited planets. Whereas his followers, Bruno and Galileo, ran into problems with the Inquisition, Nicholas became a Catholic cardinal.

**Nielson families** Group of Americans numbering less than four thousand households, who decide which television programs 300,000,000 North Americans will be permitted to watch. According to the Nielson families, in a country in which blackness is a minority trait and obesity is regarded unfavorably, the most watched programs of the 1980s were comedies about a black family and a fat woman. Sure. And the failure of movies starring those same actors was just coincidence.

**Nietzsche, Friedrich** German moral philosopher who, recognizing the bankruptcy of religion, proposed that “God is dead.” In fact Nietzsche was premature. The paramount god of Judaeo-Christian mythology will not be permanently, irreversibly dead and buried until *c* 2200 CE.

**nigger** Originally, modern spelling of *niger*, Latin for “black”; now considered pejorative.

**nightmare** Originally, *Marà of the Night*, the goddess of death who tempted Gautama in the desert, as Ahriman tempted Zarathustra and the Satan tempted Jesus. Marà was believed to drink men’s blood as they slept. In Christianity, she was credited with having sexual intercourse with sleeping men, causing their nocturnal emissions. Later, erotic nightmares were attributed to an incubus or succubus who visited the dreamer disguised as a preferred lover—in the case of nuns, usually the god Jesus. Eventually, “nightmare” came to mean any dream involving a demon or other terrifying creature.

**night soil** Archaic euphemism for shit.

**night starvation** Dietary deficiency invented by the manufacturer of a chocolate malt drink to imply, “Drink our product and you’ll get laid.”

**nihil obstat** The declaration by a Roman Catholic censor that a book contains no statements incompatible with RC dogma. All books by RC mythologians must carry a *nihil obstat* and imprimatur.

**nihilism** Extreme anarchy; the philosophy that there is no such thing as a moral absolute or social obligation.

**Nikolaos** One of the *seven deacons* named in ACTS as Paul’s predecessors, but in fact administrators of the communities Paul founded among pagans after his conversion to pseudo-Naziritism. Following the Nazirite commune’s excommunication of Paul and its de-recognition of Paul’s *Christians*, whom it labeled as “those who claim to be Jews but are not, but are a synagogue of the Satan,” the Nazirite redactor of REVELATION 2:6-9 denounced “the works of the Nikolaitons, which I also hate.” Nikolaos seems to have been the third Head Christian, after the execution of Paul in Rome and Stephen in Jerusalem.

**Nimrod** Assyrian king who, according to an early Jewish myth, committed a *massacre of infants* in an attempt to kill his newborn rival, Abraham. The tale was first told in connection with the birth of the Hindu god Krishna, and later in connection with Moses, John the Immerser, and Jesus the Nazirite.

**Ninevah** Capital city of the Assyrian empire, destroyed in 612 BCE by the kings of Babylon and Media.

**Ningizida** Sumerian god whose role was gatekeeper of the kingdom in the sky; equivalent to Kharon, Peter, and Nedu.

**Ninian, Saint** Canonization of Celtic goddess Nynia, as a missionary who allegedly converted the Picts to Christianity several centuries before Christianity actually reached the British isles.

**Ninti** Sumerian birth-goddess who gave women the power to make babies out of their ribs, in a culture that did not yet realize that children have fathers as well as mothers. The fable was borrowed by the Yahwist, who had Yahweh make Eve out of Adam’s rib.

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**Nirvana** In Buddhist mythology, the achievement of absolute nothingness. For some reason, Buddhists consider this desirable.

**Nixon, Richard** American president forced to resign for impeachable offenses that at any other time or place in human history would have resulted in his execution for high treason; still regarded as an elder statesman by the Morally Retarded Party.

**Nixon Doctrine** “When the President does it, it’s not illegal.” For some reason the Nixon Doctrine was rejected, and he was forced out of office, by the same people who accept without question the analogous doctrine, “When my god does it, it’s not evil.”

**Nixonthink** The kind of mental process that enables a person to believe he can silence a witness who is telling the truth, by threatening to produce tape recordings that will prove that the witness is telling the truth.

**No-Amun** *City of Amun*; Egyptian city in the southern kingdom that became the capital of the pharaohs of the eighteenth dynasty; called *Thebai* by Herodotus, for reasons best known to himself.

**Noah** Hero of the Jewish flood myth; masculinization of the rain goddess Nuah/Nukie/Anuket; equivalent to Ziusudra, Utnapishtim, and Deukalion.

**Noah, book called** Ezekiel, writing shortly after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, referred to Noah, Daniel and Job in such a way as to leave no doubt that they were the three most righteous heroes of Jewish mythology. Some centuries later, when a *prophecy* that there would be no more prophets had made it impossible for new speculators to put out books under their own names, books were composed that were retroactively attributed to each of Ezekiel’s heroes. *Noah* was basically a retelling of GENESIS. Parts were incorporated into *Enoch*, but the rest does not survive.

**Noah, castration of** Jewish version, by the Yahwist, of the Greek myth of the castration of Ouranos by his youngest son, Kronos, for the purpose of guaranteeing that he could not be replaced as his father’s ultimogenitural heir. In J’s myth, Noah’s youngest son, Canaan, castrated him, and as a consequence Noah cursed Canaan’s descendants to be a permanent serf caste under the rule of the descendants of Sem. Since the Canaanites/Phoenicians were already King David’s serfs at the time of writing, J’s *prophecy* was a safe one. The Priestly author did not include the story in his alternative Torah, in which Ham became Noah’s son in place of Canaan, and Canaan became Ham’s son. When the Redactor combined J/E and P in 434 BCE, he retained Canaan as the victim of Noah’s curse, even though he transferred the crime from Canaan to Ham. He also deleted J’s description of Canaan’s crime, and allowed the reader to believe that the new offender, Ham, had done nothing more than stare at his father’s *nakedness*, a concept R himself invented. The original Yahwist myth survived orally, and was eventually incorporated into the Talmud (*Sanhedrin* 70a).

**Noah’s ark expedition** In the 1970s, a television pseudo-documentary about expeditions to Mount Ararat in Turkey told of the finding, too late in the season to commence excavations, of an artifact that had all the appearance of being a large wooden ship submerged in a glacier. The TV program, while commenting on the alleged discovery, showed pictures of what certainly appeared to be precisely what the announcer was describing. What the commentary failed to mention was that the photographed object was a studio mock-up constructed to depict what the alleged eyewitness *said* he had seen. It is now accepted that the witness was either lying or hallucinating, much the way Percival Lowell’s conviction that there were canals on Mars caused him to *see* them. One sighting speculatively identified as a boat has since turned out to be a moss-covered rock, while timber brought down from Mount Ararat has been carbon-dated to the twentieth century CE. There was never a world-covering flood, and there was never a Noah’s ark. Nonetheless, despite the failure of several ark expeditions to find evidence of the thing that was not, gullible fundamentalists

(there's another kind?) continue to waste their marks' money in further searches. For further information see L. R. Bailey's *Where is Noah's Ark?*, Nashville ppb, 1978.

**nonfiction novel** Oxymoron.

**non sequitur** A premise offered as a conclusion from a previous premise, that in fact does not logically follow. *e.g.*: The condition of the universe demands an intelligent creator; therefore the universe was created by the paramount god of the Judaeo-Christian bible. If the initial premise were valid, as in fact it is not, it still would not follow that the second premise must be true. A master of the non sequitur was Senator Joseph McCarthy, who many times argued, "He denies that he's a communist. That proves he's a communist."

**nose rubbing** *see* kissing

**Nostradamus** Sixteenth century astrologer whose undated *prophecies* were so ambiguous that, given sufficient time, they were bound to parallel events from history sufficiently to impress the gullible. The same practice of making *prophecies* that have a high probability of achieving some kind of fulfillment is currently being used by the humbugs whose banalities are regularly reported in the supermarket tabloids. Prophecies of earthquakes are regularly claimed as *hits*, even though a week rarely passes without an earthquake somewhere on earth.

**not believing in the gods the polis believes in** The crime for which Socrates was executed in 399 BCE. The crime still exists in most of the world, with only the name changed. In various places it is called *heresy*, *blasphemy*, *opposing Allah*, and *flag desecration*. *Not believing in the gods the polis believes in* is also the real and only crime of persons persecuted for prostitution, incest, adultery, fornication, perversion, pornography, indecent exposure, obscenity, abortion, divorce, contributing to delinquency, and other victimless crimes for which as much as forty percent of the population of Christian prisons have been convicted.

**Notre Dame University** Oxymoron.

**nothing to lose doctrine** Argument often used by apologists for religion, that a person has nothing to lose by believing in religion since, if he turns out to be wrong, there will be no penalty, whereas an atheist who turns out to be wrong must answer for his disbelief. In fact the reverse is the case. A believer who turns out to be wrong will have spent his life practising masochism for no benefit, whereas, if the god described in the Judaeo-Christian bible does exist, it will indiscriminately get its orgasm equivalent by torturing absolutely everybody regardless of how they lived. A case can also be made that, if there really is a metaphysical judge, it will be more favorably impressed by rational behavior than by adherence to irrational religious taboos. Far from having nothing to lose by believing in religion, one has nothing to lose by *not* believing in religion.

**normative argument** One of the seven spurious arguments for the existence of a creator god. According to proponents, the existence of morality demands the existence of a morally perfect lawgiver, which could only be their god. In fact in a morally evolved world, documents that religions continue to attribute to lawgiving gods extol as virtues the morally retarded practices of capital punishment, slavery, male supremacy, self-inflicted celibacy and other masochism, and the hatred and persecution of heresy. Far from being morally perfect, the gods of all religions, past and present, have been without exception morally retarded.

**N rays** Form of radiation discovered by French physicist R. Blondlot in 1903. N rays had the effect of enhancing human vision. Blondlot's discovery was quickly tested, and within a year a dozen papers were published by the French Academy confirming N rays' reality. English scientists, unable to replicate Blondlot's results, visited the Frenchman in 1904 and audited his methodology. As a consequence, Robert Wood published a rebuttal of Blondlot's claims in September 1904, which showed N rays to be the product of Blondlot's self-delusion. Blondlot claimed to

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experience N ray effects when the alleged source of the rays was absent but he was deceived into believing it was present, and to experience no such effects when the alleged source was present but he believed it was absent. Since 1947 a new kind of N-ray delusion called UFOs has been repeatedly validated by the same kind of self-deluded *researchers* who validated N rays.

**Nuah** Rain goddess transmogrified into Noah in GENESIS.

**nuclear energy** The only means other than solar energy by which the human race can avoid regressing to a pre-civilized culture. The only form of nuclear energy that can be produced at the moment is fission energy, which is significantly less effective than fusion energy, and causes problems that require stringent safeguards to prevent serious accidents. But even with nuclear fission, the worst possible accident would be an explosion capable of killing almost as many people as the 40,000 that die in the USA every year as a direct result of the generation of electricity by burning coal. Also, the amount of radioactive waste generated by a thousand megawatt nuclear plant is one-fiftieth that of the wastes of a coal-burning plant of equivalent output. The total waste material from such a nuclear plant amounts to two cubic meters per year, compared to ten tonnes per minute from a coal-powered plant of equivalent capacity. And that figure does not include the coal plant's output of carbon dioxide that aggravates an already serious greenhouse effect. Opposition to controlled nuclear energy is tantamount to advocating species suicide, and is based on totally inaccurate and misleading information. For additional information see Petr Beckmann's *Health Hazards of Not Going Nuclear* (Ace Books).

**nuclear winter** The condition caused by the spread of ash from as few as a dozen concurrent nuclear explosions in the atmosphere. In the event of a nuclear war, the ash will fill the sky of the entire planet and blot out all sunlight. Nothing will grow, the temperature will drop to ice age levels, and ninety percent of all life will die in a matter of weeks. If as many as one-tenth of the world's stockpile of nuclear weapons are detonated, the nuclear winter will last three or four years, and all life on earth will be exterminated with the possible exception of some bacteria and deep sea organisms. A nuclear winter is not a myth. It can and will happen if citizens of nuclear nations continue to elect leaders stupid enough to believe that a nuclear war can be *won*.

**nukie** Slang for sexual recreation; corruption of the name of the Nile goddess who ruled over sex, *Anuket/Anukis*, via her Asian equivalent, rain goddess Nuah.

**Numbers** Fourth book of the Pentateuch, called *B'midbah* in Hebrew.

**numerology** Form of humbuggery in which numbers are juggled to form the basis of predictions.

**nun** Correct translation of the Hebrew word *kedeshah*, translated as *harlot* in GENESIS 28:21 in the A.V. A nun was originally a priestess of a fertility goddess, whose function was to engage in sacramental copulation with male worshippers in the sacrament of fornication. During the sacrament, the nun was theoretically transformed into the substance of the goddess while retaining the accidents or physical appearance of the nun. For the nun, the worshipper was similarly transformed into the savior god who was the goddess's son and lover. Since the nun's every copulation was therefore with the invisible god, for whom the worshipper was a mere surrogate, she was deemed to be a perpetual virgin, even when one of her partners gave her venereal disease that she in turn passed on to other worshippers, or made her pregnant so that she bore a *son of a god*. Since the male worshipper was required to make a donation to the goddess, the idea evolved among men that the nuns were simply raising money for the temple by selling sex. Holy fornication came to be described, even by historians who were aware of its sacramental nature, as *sacred prostitution*. Also, the discovery by women that men were willing to pay for what had hitherto been free, led to the institution of true or secular prostitution. The dogma that nuns were *really* holy virgins married to a fertility god led to the formation of schools of priestesses whose members were indeed virgins. In Rome, Vestal virgins, priestesses of the goddess Vesta, were

required to be lifelong practitioners of the perversion of self-inflicted sexual abstinence. Early Christianity, in keeping with its buddhistic/Essene anti-sexualism, borrowed the Roman *virgin priestess* concept, and to this day RC priestesses theoretically emulate the Vestal virgins, even though their official designation of *nun* implies that they are goddess-surrogates who copulate with all comers in Holy Fornication. In fact, prior to the perfection of the birth control pill, nuns regularly disappeared on nine-month sabbaticals, returning at about the same time that an upper class Catholic family announced the birth of their newest baby. Catholic nuns are theoretically brides of the phallus god Jesus, and in medieval times regularly experienced erotic dreams or *nightmares* involving their pretended husband. Sexual relationships between priests and nuns are probably at their lowest level in church history, mainly because the percentage of heterosexuals in either occupation is at its lowest level in church history. And since the social pressure that once forced a Catholic family's ugliest daughter to become a nun has all but disappeared, so that the cloister now attracts only hardcore masochists, the percentage of nuns who actually practise celibacy is probably also at its highest level ever.

**Nuremberg trials** The trials of top-ranking Nazis accused of committing war crimes during World War Two. Although the trials were a travesty of justice, since the verdicts and sentences were predetermined, they did repudiate once and for all the pretence that "I was only obeying orders" is a legitimate defence. Under the Nuremberg precedent, criminal charges could and should be filed against Karol Wojtyla, whose prohibition of birth control has caused the starvation-deaths of hundreds of thousands of children—and if continued will exterminate the human race—in obedience to the alleged orders of a Führer in the sky; Torquemada and Khomeini, who murdered thousands for thoughtcrime; Jehovah's Witnesses and Christian Scientists, who also plead *orders from a god* when they murder their children by withholding life-preserving medical procedures; and the thousands of law enforcement officers and lawmakers who persecute victimless *crime* on the pretence that enforcing an insane god's imagined orders is morally defensible. Despite the Nuremberg precedent, *obeying orders* continues to be regarded as a valid defence by the Morally Retarded Party.

**Nut** Egyptian sky goddess, depicted as stretching in an arc above her earth-god husband, Geb, whose erect phallus reached up to impregnate her and hold up the sky, as Atlas held up the sky in Greek mythology. Because patriarchal religions saw the top position in sexual recreation as a perquisite of status, and because gods were deemed to outrank goddesses and therefore entitled to mount them in the missionary position, such religions tended to create a Father Sky and Mother Earth, rather than the Egyptian-style converse. The belief that the sky, deified or otherwise, was a solid hemisphere straddling a flat earth, was believed by all religions, and is endorsed in many places in the Judaeo-Christian bible. *see* cosmography

**nymphet** Word coined by Vladimir Nabokov in *Lolita*, to mean a woman in the earliest stages of pubescence who has achieved the physical capacity to mate without physical harm or discomfort, but who is unlikely to choose to do so with a male more than a few months older than herself. The book's point, that a man of Humbert Humbert's age obsessed with bedding a nymphet by any means short of forcible rape was mentally disturbed, was destroyed when *Lolita* was filmed with an adult woman, Sue Lyon, portraying the nymphet.

**nymphomaniac** Psychobabble for a woman sufficiently rational to evaluate every offer to share joy on its merits, but sometimes restricted to a woman of such low self-esteem that she would consent to sexual recreation with a man she would not accept as a friend.

**Nynia** Celtic goddess canonized and masculinized as Saint Ninian.

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**Oannes** Mesopotamian sun god, born each morning from a giant fish (as whales were believed to be) and swallowed by the fish at evening. Incorporated into Judaism as Jonah.

**oath** The invoking of a witness, usually a god, to punish the oath-taker if he fails to speak the truth or fulfill a commitment. The Elohist's ten commandments included an instruction that, "You are not to invoke the name of Yahweh in a false oath."

**OBADIAH** Collection of verses prophesying the destruction of the Edomites, apparently begun as early as the ninth century BCE and completed during the Babylonian Captivity of 586-538 BCE. Like all Jewish spokesmen who made the mistake of attempting to prophesy the future instead of sticking to the proven strategy of retroactively prophesying the past, the contributors to OBADIAH were discredited when the Edomites not only survived, but also produced a family named Herod that became the last kings of the Jews.

**obesity** self-inflicted ugliness.

**Objectivism** The philosophy instituted by Ayn Rand, based on the principles:

- (1) Reality exists as an objective absolute. The claim that *truth is relative* is rejected. If two alternates are universal and mutually exclusive, then one must be true and the other must be false. There either is or is not a Great Pumpkin. At any instant, Schrödinger's cat is either dead or alive.
- (2) Reason is humankind's only means of perceiving and evaluating reality. *Faith* is a denigration of reason.
- (3) The pursuit of enlightened self-interest is an individual's highest moral purpose. Any action that does not ultimately contribute to one's own welfare cannot be justified. If an individual puts himself at risk to benefit another, it is because it is to his advantage to live in a society in which he could just as easily be the beneficiary of such an action.
- (4) The ideal economic system is laissez-faire capitalism.

**objectivity** The ability to perform experiments and evaluate evidence without the necessity of manipulating the conclusions to harmonize them with one's preconceptions. Scientists and historians must be capable of objectivity in order to be effective, and most are capable. Without a capacity for objectivity, no bible-believer would ever have accepted the evidence that the earth is a sphere, in the face of his bible's seven declarations that it is a flat plate. Persons who are themselves incapable of objectivity, usually dogmatic proponents of one or another falsifiable humbuggery, commonly defend their mental dysfunction by asserting that no one can ever be objective. Bullshit.

**obscenity** The depiction in art or literature of concepts that the mentally dysfunctional have been brainwashed into believing should not be depicted or acknowledged to exist. In the twentieth century CE, publishers of birth control manuals have been convicted of obscenity. Subjectively, obscenity exists only in the eye of the beholder. Objectively, there is no such thing as obscenity, and a person who believes that obscenity exists is afflicted with reism.

**Occam's razor** Principle propounded by William of Ockham, 1300-1349, that when a phenomenon can be explained in more than one way, the explanation should be preferred that is simplest and requires the least number of unverifiable hypotheses. Thus, while a dog's reason for accompanying his owner to church cannot be established with certainty, it is more reasonable to conclude that it wishes to be with its owner, than that it is as religious as its owner. It is more

reasonable to assume that verifiable information revealed in *past life regression* was learned from a forgotten source, than that reincarnation has been proven to exist. It is more reasonable to conclude that faithhealing is a form of suggestion therapy, than that an invoked god intervenes.

**occult** Originally, anything *hidden* or known only to adepts; now a catch-all term used to describe alleged powers that in fact do not exist. Believers in most forms of occult superstitions claim that their preferred form of humbuggery is not occult. Such brainwashing can be irreversible.

**Odes of Solomon** Collection of forty-two hymns composed by Christians *c* 200 CE, probably in Greek, and attributed to King Solomon. Although PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES, SONG OF SONGS and WISDOM, all attributed to Solomon, found their way into the Judaeo-Christian bible, *Odes* failed to make it.

**Odic force** Prototype of ESP, Kirlian auras, radiesthesia, and orgone energy, that first materialized in the imagination of Graf von Reichenbach in 1850 and was quickly ridiculed, but is now making a comeback.

**Odin** Paramount god of the Old Norse pantheon, cognate of Woden, Wotan, God(an); equivalent to Zeus, Jupiter, Allah and Ahura Mazda.

**Odudua** Earth goddess created by black Nigerians in their own image; now expelled from the Nigerian pantheon and replaced by Mary, created by Africa's white conquerors in *their* own image.

**Odysseus** Greek hero who visited the underworld, a feat also accomplished by Orpheus, Herakles, Theseus, Aeneas, Dionysos and others, and finally attributed to Jesus in the Nicene creed.

**Oedipus complex** Psychobabble that pretends to explain why some male homosexuals have no lust for women.

**Ofaniel** One of the seven planetary gods/archangels/serafs/watchers of Essene mythology; the deified moon; never fully absorbed into orthodox Judaism or Christianity, even though such other planetary gods as Gabriel/Mercury, Michael/Mars and Satan/Venus made the transition.

**Official Secrets Act** Law that makes it a crime in England to reveal to the public information previously published in *Pravda* and *National Inquirer* but successfully suppressed in England, where such information could embarrass the Morally Retarded Party by revealing its incompetence and hypocrisy. America's Morally Retarded Party has not succeeded in either passing a similar law or repealing the *Freedom of Information Act* that it hates, and has been forced to protect its presidents from criminal prosecution by claiming *national security* and *executive privilege*.

**Ogopogo** Mythical sea serpent touted as inhabiting Okanagan Lake in British Columbia, Canada, in the hope of doing as much for the tourist trade as the equally mythical *monster* did for Loch Ness.

**old fashioned** Culturally conditioned to accept without question taboos touted as existing since the time of which humankind has no memory. In fact the taboo code that passes for morality among the *old fashioned* did not exist for the first four million years of humankind's existence, and was invented less than 5,500 years ago. Some *old fashioned* taboos have existed for less than a century.

**old maid** Pejorative name for a woman perceived as having missed the opportunity to marry and now too old, as if acquiring a legally registered bedmate should be every woman's paramount objective.

**Old Nick** Norse: *Hold Nickar*, "leader of the water sprites"; Teutonic sea god whom Christianity bisected into (a) the Satan, and (b) Saint Nicholas.



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**Old Queer, the** Character in a Robert Heinlein novel, so called because, as captain of a starship traveling at near light speed and therefore subject to considerable time dilation, he left Earth at a time when heterosexuality was the norm and, retaining his orientation toward the opposite sex, returned at a time when overpopulation had forced a change in mores and heterosexuality had come to be regarded as a perversion.

**Old Testament** Christian designation for the Jewish Book of the Dead.

**Olga, Saint** Canonization by the Russian Orthodox Church of the legendary Amazon queen of Kiev.

**omen** “moon sign”; Any coincidental event or observation that a believer in metaphysics can interpret as a message from his imaginary playmate.

**om mani padme hum** Tantric chant often parroted by Western adherents of Eastern gobbledygook who do not realize that it translates to, “The jewel is in the lotus,” or, “The lingam is in the yoni,” meaning “The penis is in the vagina.”

**omnibenevolence** “all goodness”; One of the qualities attributed to the paramount gods of all modern religions. Since the god is also credited with an omnipotence that makes it responsible for everything that happens, and since death, disease, earthquakes, plagues, natural disasters and sadistic cruelty observably happen, then the conclusion that the god which allows them to happen is omnibenevolent, leads to the inescapable corollary that anything the god allows to happen must be good. In a world in which evil unquestionably exists, a ruling god that is simultaneously omnibenevolent and omnipotent is a self-contradiction and therefore cannot exist.

**omnipotence** “all power”; The capacity, attributed to the paramount gods of all modern religions, to do anything it wishes. Since an omnipotent god could create a triangle with four sides, or a number that is simultaneously more than ten and less than nine, omnipotence is self-evidently impossible even for a god. Limited omnipotence, allowing the god to do anything short of the definitively impossible, would mean that a god with such a quality consciously allowed Hitler to kill millions of human beings, consciously allowed a 1990 earthquake to kill 70,000 Iranians, and consciously allowed thousands of babies to be born with AIDS. A god that could have prevented such evils, but chose to allow them, is a morally retarded higher life form, a self-contradiction, and as such cannot exist.

**omnipresence** The capacity, attributed to the paramount gods of all modern religions, to be everywhere simultaneously. None of the authors of the Judaeo-Christian bible saw Yahweh as omnipresent. When Yahweh heard a report that the people of Sodom were evil, he needed to go to Sodom to find out if the reports were true. And when the Israelites agreed to Yahweh’s terms, Moses needed to re-climb Yahweh’s mountain to inform the god of their decision. None of the minor Christian gods, such as Satan, Mary, Gabriel and Peter, is credited with omnipresence. Nonetheless, Catholics are encouraged to pray to the minor gods, even though the object of a prayer could conceivably be busy listening to someone else’s prayer on the other side of the world. No one ever said that religion had to be logical.

**omniscience** “all knowledge”; The capacity, attributed to the paramount gods of all modern religions, to know everything about the past, present and future. Since the future contains many events that will occur as a result of random chance, events that have not yet been caused, it follows that perfect knowledge of the future is a violation of the most basic law of nature, that an effect cannot precede its cause. Omniscience therefore cannot exist, and a life form endowed with such a quality cannot exist. Limited omniscience, perfect knowledge of the past and present, is theoretically possible. But if a god already knows what is in a worshipper’s mind, it also follows that prayer is superfluous. Nonetheless, godworshippers are encouraged to tell their gods things they already know. The gods must get terribly bored.

**onanism** Misnomer for masturbation, based on the misinterpretation of the Yahwist's tale of Onan (GENESIS 38:8-10). Onan, obligated under the levirate law to impregnate his brother's widow, practised *coitus interruptus* and was struck dead for his crime. But his crime, in the eyes of the author of the myth, was his failure to generate offspring who would keep his brother's name, rather than Onan's name, alive through ancestor worship. It was not sperm wasting, of which masturbation would have been an alternate form. The Judaeo-Christian bible does not criminalize any form of sperm wasting. The designation of masturbation as *onanism* is anachronous, since no masturbation taboo existed anywhere on earth until Zarathustra invented it for the purpose of maximizing breeding.

**oneiromancy** The interpretation of dreams as prophecies of the future, in violation of the axiom that an effect cannot precede its cause.

**one of those** Australian pejorative term for a male homosexual.

**Only You Dick Daring** Book that exposed the mental dysfunction of the persons controlling commercial television in America, and would have caused the firing of every TV executive above the rank of janitor except for the insurmountable circumstance that all of their potential replacements are equally dysfunctional. *see also* televisionthink

**ontological argument** One of the seven spurious arguments for the existence of a creator god: "God must exist, or we would not be able to talk about him." By the same logic, Santa Claus and the tooth fairy must exist, as must luminiferous ether, phlogiston, the canals of Mars, the bogey man, and Uncle Sam.

**Onuphris, Saint** Canonization of the Egyptian god Osiris in his status as Unefer, "the benevolent one."

**open mind** The capacity to evaluate evidence that contradicts one's current beliefs, and reverse or modify those beliefs that are no longer tenable in the light of new evidence; the capacity to reach a firm conclusion when the evidence is definitive. In the first half of the twentieth century, open-mindedness meant acknowledging the possibility that ESP, UFOs and other inadequately investigated phenomena might be valid concepts. In the twenty-first century, open-mindedness means acknowledging that such hypotheses have now been competently investigated and falsified beyond a reasonable doubt.

**opinion** In an article in *Analog*, mid-December 1987, Stanley Schmidt defined opinion as, "a belief about a fact—that is, an attempt to state a fact—based on incomplete or uncertain knowledge." Note that a personal preference, such as, "Brooke Shields is prettier than Phyllis Diller," is not an opinion but an expression of taste, since it can only be subjectively true or false, whereas an opinion is objectively true or false. For example, "Capital punishment is an effective deterrent" is an opinion, since either the statement is true or it is not true, and only incomplete knowledge can cause anyone to believe or disbelieve the proposition erroneously. By Schmidt's definition, there can be no such thing as a *matter of opinion*, since either the matter in question is one of fact, in which case holding an untrue belief does not make it not a matter of fact, or it is a matter of taste, in which case calling it an opinion falsely implies that one person's taste is more true than another's.

**Oprah** Television of the sick, for the sick, by the sick.

**Opus Dei** Roman Catholic society of theofascists dedicated to the creation of a worldwide Catholic theocracy that would enforce its tyranny with a new Inquisition that would be far less liberal than that of Torquemada.

**Oral Roberts University** Oxymoron.

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**orange blossom** Decoration still worn in marriage rituals, in emulation of Zeus's gift of the first orange to Hera at their marriage ritual.

**Orange Lodge** Organization of fanatic big-enders who believe that all little-enders should be tortured with flamethrowers for eternity; Irish equivalent of the Ku Klux Klan, which stages marches through minority-occupied suburbs for the purpose of promoting hatred.

**orbit** The circular or elliptical path traced by a body of non-zero mass as it falls around a body of greater mass, or the path carved by two bodies of equal mass as they fall around each other. An orbit can be achieved only when the less massive body's angular momentum is precisely counterbalanced by the gravitational pull of the two bodies toward each other, so that for every unit of distance that the smaller object falls toward the larger, its angular momentum causes it to move a balancing distance away. The result is that it never varies from its fixed path except to the degree that it is influenced by the friction of imperfect vacuum, or by gravitation from a third body. An astronaut experiences weightlessness, not because he is uninfluenced by earth's gravity, but because he is continuously falling at the same velocity and in the same direction as his environment. To be outside of the pull of earth's gravity is impossible. Every massive body in existence is gravitationally attracted to every other massive body. There is a gravitational attraction between an ant on earth and a meta-ant on a planet of the most distant galaxy. However, when compared to the earth-ant's attraction to the earth, all other gravitational influences are negligible.

**Ordeal** Pseudo-autobiographical fiction by Linda Lovelace, which rivaled *In His Image* as the most blatant literary hoax of the 1980s.

**ordination** The initiation of a pusher into the priesthood of a god cult. Since the initiate is required to affirm that he has received a *call* from a nonexistent *god*, it logically follows that ordination is restricted to hypocrites and the self-deluded.

**organ** Common euphemism for the phallus, but equally applicable to any other part of the anatomy with a specialized function, such as the heart or liver.

**orgasm** Intense sensation of pleasure, building up to an explosive peak somewhat analogous to a sneeze, felt in the genital area as a consequence of physical or imagined stimulation of the phallus or clitoris. Male orgasm is invariably accompanied by the ejaculation of semen, except in the prepubescent and in men whose semen supply has been temporarily exhausted. The female orgasm is unrelated to germ cell activity, and a woman can become pregnant without ever experiencing an orgasm. Women can, however, achieve an almost unlimited number of orgasms in a single mating, whereas few men can attain as many as three, and beyond the age of thirty even two can prove impossible. Sex researcher Kinsey claimed to have detected two different kinds of female orgasms, clitoral and vaginal, but Masters and Johnson later demonstrated that all female orgasms are clitoral in nature, regardless of the location of the direct stimulation.

**orgia** Originally, a secret religious ceremony in which worshippers of a fertility god copulated freely with several partners, as an act of worship to the god who made such behavior procreative. The Greek word *orgia* retains its original meaning as a religious ritual, but Christianity's anti-sexual orientation has caused the English equivalent, the *orgy*, or free love festival, to be regarded unfavorably.

**orgone energy** The blue non-electromagnetic life force discovered by Wilhelm Reich during World War Two that permeates all of nature. It causes the blueness of the sky and the oceans. In the human body it is the basis of sexual energy. When concentrated in an Orgone Energy Accumulator, it optimizes the good health and cures the ailments of persons utilizing the machine. Squirted at the sky, it produces rain. Applied locally, it cures burns, itches, broken arms and localized cancer. While it cannot cure neuroses, it can relieve the physical ailments that encourage

neuroses. It is the force that causes dowsing rods to work. It is, in the discoverer's own words, "the most important single discovery in the history of medicine, bar none." Orgone energy has all of the virtues once attributed to the Holy Grail. It has only one slight imperfection. It does not exist.

**orgy** *see* orgia

**orgy butter** Copulation lubricant.

**orientate** Yuk!

**Origen** Christian apologist, c 185-254 CE, who was one of the last to castrate himself in obedience to Jesus' order reported in MATTHEW 19:12, before the pretence was invented that Jesus had been speaking metaphorically, and that by *self-made eunuchs* he meant practitioners of celibacy. In his *Contra Celsum*, Origen attempted to rebut all of Celsus's anti-Christian arguments, but acknowledged the accuracy of Celsus's description of Jesus as ugly and deformed. Although Origen saw Jesus as a god, he wrote before the concoction of the Christian trinity, and consequently portrayed Jesus as a lesser deity, outranked by God the Father.

**original sin** Christian dogma, rejected by Judaism, that the sin of the first humans caused their descendants to inherit a genetically programmed tendency to sin. Such a dogma was in effect an early form of Lamarckism, the discredited theory that learned behavior can be inherited. The dogma originated in Christianity's pathological anti-sexualism. Misogynist masochistic *saints* recognized that all humans are born with instinctive sexual drives. When the sin of Adam and Eve, actually goddess worship, was interpreted as copulation, humankind's tendency to copulate was promptly interpreted as a tendency to *sin* inherited from the first sinners. The only Christian dogma sicker than original sin is the everlasting torture of Hell.

**Orpheus** Thracian demigod, possibly a historical poet and mythologist who introduced Dionysos worship into Greece. Orpheus was one of many gods and demigods who entered the underworld and emerged alive, including Odysseus, Herakles, Aeneas, Dionysos, Ishtar and Jesus. Orpheus became the savior god in a mystery cult taught by Pythagoras, as Jesus became the savior (not yet a divine savior) in a mystery cult invented by Paul of Tarsus.

**Orthodox Church, Greek** Branch of Christianity that continued to recognize the bishop of Constantinople as its patriarch/pope after the bishop of Rome asserted that he alone was the Head Christian and all other popes were his subordinates. The Roman pope first made such a claim in 384 CE, but not until 1054 CE did the Great Schism become permanent, when the Roman and Byzantine popes excommunicated each other.

**Orthodox Church, Russian** Originally, a branch of Christianity that recognized the hegemony of the bishop of Constantinople, but is now separate and headed by the bishop/patriarch of Moscow. The Russian Orthodox Church clings to the Julian calendar, that is currently eight days out of phase with reality, simply because the more accurate Gregorian calendar was invented by a pope.

**Orwell, George** Author of a book written in 1949 and originally titled *1949*, in which he spelled out the social conditions existing in England at the time of writing under the totalitarian rule of the Church of England, which he called *the Party*, and its mythical god, which he called *Big Brother*. Orwell succeeded in getting his exposé of English theocracy into print only by acceding to the publisher's demand that the title be changed to *1984*, so that it could be passed off as a prophecy of a nightmare future and the publisher could thereby escape prosecution for blasphemy, the crime, unique to England, of telling the truth about the Christian religion. So thoroughly did the masses swallow the delusion that *the Party* was not religion but communism, that in 1984 reviews were published declaring that Orwell's *prophecy* had failed.

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**Osanna, Saint** Canonization of the Hebrew word *hosanna*, which meant “liberate us!” but which Christians are still taught to believe meant something analogous to “Hail Caesar.”

**Osiris** Probably the earliest male resurrected savior god, worshipped *c* 3000 BCE. It is not impossible that Osiris, like Jesus the Nazirite, was a historical person who was posthumously deified. If so, he would have been a sacred king onto whose legend much older salvation myths were grafted, turning him into a male equivalent of the savior goddess whose annual death and resurrection had been celebrated for more than twenty thousand years. The Egyptian *Book of the Dead*, *c* 1800 BCE, instructed worshippers of the risen Osiris to eat his body and drink his blood in the form of bread and alcohol. The identical ritual was performed by the worshippers of up to a hundred later savior gods, of whom Jesus was the most recent, for the purpose of transferring the god’s surrendered immortality to his worshippers. Osiris was the husband of the moon goddess Isis, and was reincarnated as Horus, his widow’s virgin-born son.

**Osmanna, Saint** Canonization of the Druid demigod Osmand.

**osteopathy** Form of medical quackery invented by Andrew Still in 1874, capable of curing yellow fever, malaria, diphtheria, rickets, piles, diabetes, dandruff, constipation and obesity, all of which Still specifically named, plus virtually all other ailments. Still’s method was to adjust mislocated sublaxations of the vertebrae, a methodology later borrowed by the chiropractors. According to medical doctors, anatomists and x-ray technicians, Still’s sublaxations do not exist.

**osteoqueckery** *see* osteopathy

**ostrich** Large, flightless bird that does not bury its head in the sand, ever, for any reason.

**Oswald, Lee Harvey** The man who, acting alone, unassisted and unadvised and not as part of any plot or conspiracy, on November 22, 1963, murdered American president John Fitzgerald Kennedy. More than thirty years after the murder, conspiracy theories remain popular. At one time, a reinvestigation concluded that a tape recording made at the time of the murder contained noises that were identified as four rifle shots, one more than the number of shots fired by Oswald. The investigators even identified the probable location from which the fourth shot was fired. It is now established that the tape in question contained decipherable conversation that pinpointed the alleged rifle noises as having occurred a full minute after the assassination was completed. The investigators had identified static as rifle shots because they desperately wanted the tape recording to contain rifle shots, and they identified more shots than Oswald could have fired because they wanted to find evidence that Oswald had not acted alone. With the debunking of the tape, plus the exhumation of Oswald’s body and its identification as positively Oswald and not a KGB look-alike, it may be that the conspiracy myth is finally put to rest, even though the plebeian explanation of the assassination as the irrational act of one man is not what conspiracy buffs want to hear. For the definitive analysis of the incident, see *The Warren Commission Report*, paperback, 1992, which 95 percent of the persons who claim to reject it have not read.

**ouija board** Toy used by spook crooks to tap out messages from alleged spirits by having a pointer touch letters of the alphabet or other symbols drawn on a game board. The pointer usually takes the form of two sticks joined in the middle at right angles, which two or four persons support by placing the ends of the sticks on the tips of their fingers. Any of the four persons involved can, by barely detectable movements of the hand, cause the crossed sticks to move so that the pointer touches the game board anywhere he chooses. Even though a child can make a ouija board tap out a chosen message, the gullible continue to believe that such messages come from dead people.

**Ouiot** Among the Luiseno Amerinds, the primeval father god and moon personification who died for humankind’s benefit and rose on the third day. While the Luiseno could have formulated such a myth independently, based on the sun’s resurrection to an observably higher trajectory on the

third day after the winter solstice, the possibility of contamination from Eurasia should not be ruled out.

**Our Father** Jewish prayer, called *Kaddish* in Hebrew, attributed to Jesus the Nazirite in the Q gospel and repeated in MATTHEW and LUKE; usually named for its first two words, *Pater Hemon* in Greek, *Pater Noster* in Latin, and *Our Father* in English, but also called *The Lord's Prayer* by Christians who are insensitive to the offensiveness of that title to all persons to whom Jesus is not their *Lord*. Although Jesus was not the prayer's composer, there is no reason to doubt that he used it and taught it to his disciples. The prayer was totally Jewish, and in several places incompatible with even the earliest form of Christianity:

Our father in the sky whose name is taboo, May your theocracy be established.  
 May your whims be gratified on the land as in the sky.  
 Provide us with tomorrow's bread today,  
 And absolve us from the injuries we commit, As we absolve those who injure us.  
 Do not encourage us to be defiant, But rather liberate us from the intolerable.

Only to Jews is Yahweh's name taboo, too sacred to be spoken aloud by anybody but the high priest in the inner sanctum once a year. Christians have no such belief. And in asking Yahweh to establish his theocracy, a Jewish monarchy headquartered in Jerusalem that would reduce the gentile world, including believers in such pagan concepts as virgin birth, physical resurrection and divine incarnation, to serfdom, Jesus was speaking as a xenophobic Jew. By *the intolerable*, Jesus meant the Roman occupation of Judea, which it was the messiah's designated task to overthrow. Two thousand years later, the *Our Father* remains compatible with orthodox Jewish mythology, but incompatible with the mythology of Christians, none of whom would ever use the prayer if they had any idea what they were really asking.

**Ouranos** Latin: *Uranus*; "Sky"; Pre-Greek king of gods, demoted by the Pelasgians to the status of Kronos's father and predecessor, and by the Greeks to the status of Zeus's grandfather; Ouranos was castrated by Kronos, his youngest son, so that Kronos could not be replaced as Ouranos's heir under the prevailing system of ultimogeniture. The Yahwist borrowed the same myth and applied it to Noah.

**out of body experience** Dream fantasy so subjectively real that, on awakening, the dreamer may be convinced that it was not a dream. In such a dream, the dreamer imagines that he is a non-corporeal mind/soul/spirit hovering several feet above his bed and looking down at his own body. In such a condition, he may leave the room containing his body and travel anywhere he is capable of imagining at any speed he is capable of imagining. Obviously the limitation of light-speed does not apply to the imagination, and a dreamer may imagine himself traveling to a distant galaxy in zero time. Although the dreamer may recall details of what his disembodied soul saw and experienced, there has not been a single case of a soul-traveler returning with accurate information that would rebut the conclusion that the experience was simply a kind of dream.

**out of love** Mythical state of being invented by Hollywood as a metaphysical explanation for the physical reality that a woman no longer achieves orgasm when she copulates with a once-favored lover.

**Out on a Limb** First of a series of fantasy novels by Shirley MacLaine, passing off as nonfiction the kind of fantasies usually emanating from hallucinogenic drugs or masturbation, but also conceivably attributable to an unbridled imagination triggered by infantile gullibility. Ms MacLaine's book and its sequels demonstrate mindless, unquestioning credulity in practically every currently fashionable disproven superstition except Santa Claus and the tooth fairy. One publisher rejected *Out on a Limb* on the ground that, even though he considered it a potential

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bestseller, its publication as nonfiction would constitute an act of prostitution. Unfortunately, other publishers were not so ethical. The transformation of MacLaine's books into a TV miniseries surprised no one. Television networks have been called a lot of things, but *ethical* is not one of them.

**overpopulation** The situation in which planet earth contains more people that can be fed by all of the food that can be produced and transported to the masses by available or conceivable means. While the earth could possibly support ten billion or more if adequate means of supply were instituted, the point has already been reached where millions die of starvation every year in areas where the problem of bringing in sufficient food from elsewhere has not been overcome. The most optimistic estimate is that a system of worldwide overpopulation and mass starvation from which there may be no survivors will be reached within fifty years, unless the criminals opposing sane population control are prevented from imposing their superstitions on their non-consenting victims. The greatest single cause of overpopulation is the obscene teaching by the Catholic pope that birth control is a sin, and abortion, the most widespread and successful form of birth control, is a cardinal sin. In fact if abortion had been effectively suppressed since it was first criminalized in 1830, the human race would already be extinct. It may be that the only way the human race can be saved from extinction through overpopulation and starvation is to demonstrate the seriousness of the problem by electrocuting the Head Criminal, naked and without a face mask, on live television.

**oxygen** Gas missing from earth's primeval atmosphere, but produced in such abundance by photosynthesizing plants that the only kinds of animal life able to evolve were those capable of processing it. Oxygen is likely to be a deadly poison to any life form that evolved in any other part of the universe.

**oxygen breather** A person whose rights are blatantly and callously violated every time a tobacco addict exhales his filthy poison into the atmosphere that all must breathe. In America alone, smokers murder 50,000 oxygen breathers every year, in addition to committing suicide by smoking at the rate of 800,000 a year.

**oxygenism** The theory that Jesus the Nazirite was just a man who inhaled oxygen and exhaled carbon dioxide like any other man. No pope to date has pronounced oxygenism a heresy, but it can only be a matter of time.

**oxymoron** The union of two mutually exclusive concepts into a self-contradiction. In literature, examples of oxymorons include little giant, tremendous insignificance, and deafening silence. In contemporary mythology, common oxymorons are: *progressive conservative*, *creation science*, *Catholic university*, *religious education*, *unmarried mother*, *virgin birth*, *theological scholar*, *victimless sin*, *sane godworshipper*, and *dirty word*.

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**P** The Priestly author.

**pacifism** The belief that violence can never be justified, even as a last resort to save one's countrymen, tribe, family or self from death, tyranny or enslavement. To a pacifist, it was immoral of Hitler to cause fifty million deaths, but it was just as immoral for other countries to resort to the violence of war to stop him. In the event of a hypothetical invasion of earth by bug-eyed monsters from outer space, a pacifist would presumably consider it immoral to use violence to resist the invaders. There are two main types of pacifist. The most obvious is the secret hypocrite, who is as determined as any gung ho militarist to resist foreign conquest, but prefers to let anyone but himself do the fighting. The more common type is the godworshipper who is convinced that ultimately aggressors will be neutralized by the pacifist's god before they can achieve more success than the god is willing to tolerate. The sincere pacifist is the more dangerous, since he would be prepared to allow the human race to be exterminated in the belief that a *deus ex machina* was bound to intervene in the last act and save him by the same kind of violence he is unwilling to use himself. No sane person would resort to violence unnecessarily, but to stop a Hitler or a Milosevic or a bin Laden, war might well be the only means.

**pagan** Latin: *pagani*, "rural folk"; the religion of the rural population. Pagan beliefs that predate Christianity by centuries, sometimes millennia, include virgin birth, physical resurrection, salvation through god eating, purgatory, baptism, and divine incarnation.

**pair bonding** In zoology, an instinct that causes a male and a female of some species to mate for life. Only species below primates, such as some species of geese, pair bond. Humans and gibbons practise monogamy, and sometimes stay with the same mate for many years, but that is learned behavior based on the willingness of females of both species to copulate on demand and not merely at the time of ovulation. It is not pair bonding, and a mated couple's culturally conditioned belief that they are *in love* cannot make it so.

**Pakhamama** Inca earth mother still worshipped in Peru as a separate person from the Christian earth mother Mary. The prevalence of *mama* as a word for *mother* in unrelated languages is caused by the ease with which the human larynx can form such a sound, making it the first word a baby is likely to utter even in a culture that does not consider it an intelligible word.

**Palaemon** Greco-Roman hero swallowed by a whale. The same myth was told of the sun god Oannes, who became Jonah in Hebrew, and of Herakles.

**Palestine** The area of Phoenicia named after its early inhabitants, the *Palestiyim*, transcribed as *Philistines* in the *Authorized Version*. Under British rule, the name *Palestine* was applied to all of the territory once conquered and occupied by King David. The name is now generally limited to the areas of British Palestine currently occupied by Israel, but not recognized by the United Nations as part of the state of Israel.

**palimony** Form of alimony that a court orders a man to pay to a former cohab with whom he had not registered a legal marriage, but whom the court declared to have been a *de facto* spouse. The justification for any palimony award is that the woman provided sexual services in the reasonable expectation that she would not be unreasonably dismissed, and is therefore entitled to the same compensation as any other employee unreasonably dismissed. The awarding of alimony or palimony constitutes a declaration by the courts that all cohabitation, with or without a licence, constitutes prostitution for which the woman is entitled to be paid.



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**Palladius** Catholic missionary sent to Ireland in the fifth century CE by Pope Celestine I, 422-432, to try to convert the presbyterian communities established by the anti-Roman missionary Patrick to the Roman discipline. He was unsuccessful, and Ireland remained presbyterian until the twelfth century. In the eighth century, Catholic historians invented the pretence that the missionary sent by Celestine had been not Palladius but Patrick, and in the ninth century the amalgam of Palladius and Patrick was equated with the Druidic savior god Mars Pater, whose resurrection was celebrated on March 17, under the name *Saint Patrick*. But not until the twelfth century, when Ireland actually became Catholic, was the hybrid Mars/Palladius/Patrick retroactively credited with making it so.

**palmistry** A form of fortune telling based on the pretence that an individual's future is encoded in the lines on his hand, in violation of the law of nature that an effect cannot precede its cause; called *mitt reading* on the carnival circuit, and *chiromancy* by its pushers. Palmistry is a very old superstition, and as such is endorsed by the Judaeo-Christian bible: "El placed signs and marks in the hands of all men, that all may know their works." (JOB 37:7) "Length of days in her right hand, and wealth and status in her left hand." (PROVERBS 3:16) Palmists often quote those lines as proof of the validity of their superstition. They might better be viewed as proof of the invalidity of JOB and PROVERBS. Scientific investigation of palmistry has established that there is no correlation between markings on the hand and any future event unrelated to genetic limitations. For further information see "Palmistry: Science or Hand-Jive?", *Skeptical Inquirer*, winter 1982/3, pp. 21-23.

**Pan** Arcadian goat god only partially anthropomorphized by the conquering Greeks, with the consequence that he retained the legs and cloven hoofs, horns, whiskers, phallus and tail of the goat he had once been. Pan was absorbed into the Jewish pantheon after 323 BCE as the Satan.

**Panacea** Roman goddess and deified breast to whom Pope Innocent VIII prayed when he knew he was dying. Despite Innocent's showing his faith in the goddess by consuming only breast milk, she failed to save him. He died in 1492.

**Pancras of Taormina, Saint** Canonization as a Sicilian missionary of the *Pancaraksa*, Buddhist goddesses.

**Pandaros** *see* Panther

**pandering** Retroactive crime invented by American Chief Justice Earl Warren for the purpose of upholding the conviction of the publisher of *Eros*, who had committed the new crime before it was invented.

**Pandora** In Greek mythology, the first woman, created by Zeus to be the wife of Prometheus, so that she could plague him with her constant nagging and other qualities that a misogynist culture attributed to women, in punishment for giving humans fire. Pandora was endowed with a sealed box (between her legs) that she was warned never to unseal. As soon as she unsealed her box by inducing the Titan Prometheus to copulate with her, all of the evils of the world were thereby unleashed. Pandora bore a son, Deukalion, to Prometheus, and a daughter, Pyrrha, to Epimetheus, Prometheus's brother. Deukalion was the Greek Noah. Pandora was the Greek Eve

**panentheism** The doctrine that only the believer's god exists, and that everything else, including the believer, exists only in the god's mind.

**Pantaleone, Saint** Canonization of the goddess Venus's lion steed.

**pantheism** Belief in a god that is the sum of all of the matter and energy of nature, and has no separate existence as an individual, anthropomorphic or otherwise.

**pantheon** All of a religion's gods; temple of same.

**Panther** The name given to Mary's seducer, Jesus' father, in the *Toldot Yeshu* and the Talmud. Later Christian mythologians, accepting at face value the Jewish claim that Jesus had an ancestor named Panther or Pandaros, inserted a *Panther* at various places in Jesus' concocted genealogies. Epiphanius, c 375 CE, made *Jacob Panther* the father of Joseph, while in the eighth century John of Damascus named *Levi Panther* as the great-grandfather of Mary. In fact *Panther* was created as a pun. In MATTHEW he had been *huios parthenou*, "son of a virgin." In the *Toldot Yeshu* he became *huios pantherou*, "son of a panther."

**Papacy** The office of Head Christian, which first came into existence in 384 CE when the current bishop of Rome, Siricius, claimed a hitherto non-existent primacy over the Christian church's other four popes, the bishops of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem and Constantinople. Siricius's successors were able to enforce their supremacy over three of the other patriarchies, so that the archdioceses of Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem were absorbed into what was thereafter the Catholic Church, headed by a pope in Rome. The Constantinople patriarchate never succumbed, and is now the Eastern Orthodox Church.

**papal bull** Appropriately named proclamation by the Head Christian.

**papal infallibility** The doctrine that the Roman pope has a hot line to the absolute, so that when he states *ex cathedra* that a dogma or position is true, he is incapable of being wrong. The doctrine was postulated in 1324 CE, only to be denounced by the current pope, John XXII, as the work of the Christian devil. It was not raised again until 1870, when Pope Pius IX canonized it in defiance of the near-unanimous opinions of his cardinals and bishops. This raises the questions: If papal infallibility was a devilish lie in 1324, how could it be revealed truth in 1870? And if popes are infallible, why was Pope John XXII's declaration that he was not infallible not considered infallible and therefore irreversible?

**paper tiger** Expression coined by Mao Tse-tung to describe an antagonist who could express hostility and make empty threats, but had no power to do more than that.

**Papias** Christian mythologist who died c 130 CE, who invented the pretence that the anonymous gospel now known as MARK was written by Barnabas's nephew Markos, and the anonymous gospel now known as MATTHEW was written by the nonexistent disciple *Matthew*, created by the author of MARK as one of his mythical *twelve apostles*.

**parable** An allegorical fable intended to point a moral or illustrate a mythological concept.

**Paradise** Anglicized form of a Persian word meaning *pleasure garden*, often translated as *gardens of delight*; the Muslim heaven, in which dead Muslim men are provided with beautiful houris with whom they are free to copulate at will, unlike the Christian heaven of harps and celibacy. Not surprisingly, many Christian men convert to Islam, while conversions the other way are all but nonexistent.

**Paradise Lost** Poem by John Milton that is the source of most Christian beliefs about angels, devils, and the war in Heaven between Michael's good guys and Satan's bad guys.

**Parakletos** "advocate"; Concept invented by Jesus the Nazirite as some kind of heavenly messenger; later equated with the masculinized *holy spirit* whom the Christian gospel authors created out of the Essene metaphor, *consecrated breath*; later still promoted to equality with Yahweh and Jesus as part of the Christian trinity invented c 280 CE.

**paranormal** Any effect achieved through the workings of undefined forces of nature that in fact do not exist. The term *paranormal* has been applied to ESP, UFOs, dowsing, psychic phenomena, Bermuda triangle, channeling, reincarnation, telekinesis, ghosts and other myths not inseparably associated with religion. Scholars who study the paranormal come in two kinds: (a) those who conclude that not a single paranormal claim has ever been authenticated; and (b) the incompetent.

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**paraphysicist** Title adopted by paranormal investigators who believe that their competence in physics somehow annuls their observable gullibility when confronted by conjuring tricks passed off as paranormal phenomena. Scientists are accustomed to dealing with forces of nature that do not and cannot cheat. That makes them particularly incapable of recognizing that test subjects in ESP research do cheat. So adamant were paraphysicists in their assertion that magicians could not deceive them, that James Randi found it necessary to prove them wrong by deceiving them with Project Alpha.

**para-pornography** Publications that contribute to the mental enslavement of the human race by promoting mind-crippling superstitions as valid concepts. Some para-pornography constitutes the sincerely held beliefs of the chronically ignorant, while some appears to be conscious humbuggery designed to capitalize on the ignorance of the scientifically illiterate for profit. *Fate* is an example of the former, and *National Inquirer* typifies the latter.

**parapsychology** *see* extra sensory perception

**parasite** Any person who, although capable of obtaining and performing some legitimate income-producing occupation, chooses to live off others by deluding them that he is providing a valid service when he is not. It is estimated that sixty percent of the population of the industrialized world are parasites, filling such useless and fraudulent occupations as salesman, god pusher, psychologist, public relations liar, sociologist, pseudo-teacher, entertainer posing as something else, and professional thief.

**parents** Persons who have the right, either constitutionally guaranteed or under common law, in virtually every country on earth, to take whatever steps they deem necessary to guarantee that their children acquire the same ignorance, scientific illiteracy, superstition, xenophobia, racism, nationalism, jingoism or other form of bigotry as themselves.

**pariah** Tamil name for a member of the Untouchable caste in Hinduism. Despite the attempts of Mohandas Gandhi to have the most vicious elements of the caste system abolished, as recently as 1982 pariahs were still being murdered with impunity for demanding equality with higher castes. Since the status of pariahs as hereditary toilet-scrubbers is Hindu dogma, abolition of their economic slavery can be achieved only by exterminating Hinduism.

**parochial schools** Schools maintained for the sole purpose of promoting a designated mythology. Although parochial schools exist in most Western countries, Canada is one of the few places where they are publicly financed.

**parousia** *see* second coming

**parsec** “parallax second”; The distance at which a star would have a parallax of one second of arc, appearing to trace a circle in relation to the distant stars with a diameter of 1/360 degree in the course of a solar year. A parsec is equivalent to 3.26 light years, or thirty trillion kilometers. If the cosmography of the Judaeo-Christian bible was correct, there would be no such thing as parallax and no such thing as a parsec.

**Parseism** Surviving form of Zoroastrianism in India.

**Parthenon** “house of the virgin”; Temple of Athena in Athens.

**participaction** Yuk!

**partridge in a pear tree** Christian adaptation of the partridge god Perdix, lover of Athene of the pear tree.

**pass** Pejorative word coined by an anti-sexual culture to pretend that an invitation to share joy is insulting or selfish.

**pass away** Euphemism for *die*, stemming from the ancient belief that an unpleasant concept such as death was not real so long as it was not openly named.

**passion play** Vicious, anti-Semitic propaganda performed every ten years at Oberamgau in Germany in fulfillment of a vow made in medieval times to a nonexistent god as a bribe to end a plague. Since the plague inevitably ran its course, the god was credited with accepting the bribe (*post hoc, propter hoc*) and rewarded by the fulfillment of the vow.

**passive conception** Doctrine of official Catholic dogma prior to 1869, that the detectable movement or *quicken*ing of a fetus in the fifth month of pregnancy constituted the moment at which the fetus became endowed with a soul. Abortion prior to quickening was not a sin, since no soul-bearing life was being terminated. The doctrine was abolished in 1869 by Pope Pius IX, the man who a year later pronounced himself infallible, and replaced by the dogma that a fetus receives a soul at its conception.

**pass on** Euphemism for *die*, based on the pretence that the irreversibly dead have merely gone to a better place.

**pass over** Euphemism for *die*, based on the pretence that the dead have become disembodied spirits on an *other side*.

**Passover** (Hebrew: *Pesakh*) Jewish adaptation of the Phoenician unleavened-bread fertility festival commemorating the rebirth of the corn god at the end of winter. In the seventh century BCE, *Pesakh* was retroactively associated with the mass sacrifice of firstborn babies that preceded the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt five centuries earlier.

**past life regression** Charade in which an ostensibly hypnotized person is told to recount the details of a former existence in another body at another time, and obeys. A concert hypnotist who includes demonstrations of past life regression in his show has reported having two subjects on stage at the same time both claiming to be reincarnations of England's King Henry VIII. Despite hundreds of instances of this kind of proof of a hypnotized person's ability to invent whatever fantasy he thinks the hypnotist wants to hear, occult addicts continue to maintain that past life regression has *proven* the reality of reincarnation.

**past life therapy** Form of medical quackery in which a patient is encouraged, not necessarily under alleged hypnosis, to fantasize a past life, and is then made to believe that an event in a postulated past life is the cause of neuroses, compulsions or phobias in his present life. The use of such a technique on patients who already believed in the reality of reincarnation could conceivably be harmless, even if it failed to cure anybody of his psychosomatic inadequacies. But a large number of patients enter a hypnoquack's office unconvinced, and are persuaded to accept the validity of reincarnation theory. As a consequence they come out with one more mind-crippling superstition than they had when they went in. Past life therapy is a hoax.

**Pater Hemon** *see* Our Father

**Pater Noster** *see* Our Father

**paternity test** Among many Amerind tribes, the practice of handing a girl's first child from man to man and identifying the one on whom it urinates as the father. Such a custom could only have arisen in a culture that had no premarital virginity fetish, and no jealousy concept among the unmarried.

**pathetic fallacy** The belief that a lifetime of masochism will be rewarded after death by a sadist in the sky.

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**pathological playacting** The compulsion to pretend that one is a victim of multiple personality, or demon possession, or a witch's spell, or whatever other nonexistent condition is currently fashionable.

**pathological science** Term coined by Irving Langmuir to describe situations in which "perfectly honest" scientists "completely fool themselves" even though "there is no dishonesty involved," because the scientists fail to allow for "subjective effects, wishful thinking or threshold interactions." Examples of pathological science are Martian canals, N rays, parapsychology, and cold fusion. For the whole of Langmuir's lecture, see *Physics Today*, October 1989, pp. 36-48.

**patriarch** In an ancestor-worshipping society such as the pre-Captivity Jews, a demigod worshipped as the ancestor of a tribe, clan or family.

**Patriarch** Title given to the primate of the Greek Orthodox church and the primate of the Russian Orthodox church; equivalent to "Pope."

**Patrick of Ireland** Presbyterian missionary, 390-460 CE, who was born in Scotland, captured by slavers, and taken to Ireland in his teens. As a consequence of a hallucination, Patrick converted from Druidism to the presbyterian, anti-Roman Christianity he found in Ireland, almost identical with the later Presbyterianism of John Knox. He founded 365 presbyterian communities in Ireland, and ordained an equal number of bishops. He did not *convert* Ireland, for he merely proselytized for the religion he found there. While he did not drive Druidic worship of the phallic snake god out of Ireland, he significantly diminished it. Patrick's success in expanding presbyterianism in Ireland made him anathema to Pope Celestine I, 422-432, who sent a missionary, Palladius, to bring Patrick's communities under the Roman yoke. Palladius failed, and in the eighth century, even though Ireland was still presbyterian, the pretence was invented that Celestine's missionary had been Patrick. When Ireland was conquered by Catholic England in the twelfth century at the order of Pope Adrian IV, 1154-1159, the further pretence was instituted that Ireland had been Catholic since Patrick's time. Patrick, who was not a Catholic, and Palladius, who was, were eventually assimilated to the mythical Saint Patrick.

**Patrick, Saint** Ninth-century CE canonization of the Druidic savior god, Mars Pater, whose annual resurrection was celebrated on March 17 with a parade in which the god was portrayed as a gigantic phallus. The mythical saint was quickly equated with the fifth-century presbyterian missionary Patrick, who was credited with *converting* Ireland at the order of Pope Celestine I. In fact Celestine's missionary, Palladius, had been sent to Ireland in an unsuccessful attempt to combat Patrick. The canonization coincided with the suppression of phallus worship and snake worship, and *Saint Patrick* was consequently credited with driving the snakes out of Ireland.

**patriotism** Xenophobic ethnocentricity touted as a virtue.

**Paul III** Pope, 1534-1549, who planned his consistory by horoscopes.

**Paul V** The pope, 1605-1621, who promulgated the Catholic dogma: "The doctrine of the double motion of the earth about its axis and about the sun is false, and entirely contrary to Holy Scripture." This raises the question: Was the pope who made that statement infallible, or did popes only become infallible after they claimed to be so? Paul V was quite correct in declaring that earth's actual movements are incompatible with the cosmography of the Judaeo-Christian bible, which states that the earth is "fixed in place, never to be moved." *see* cosmography

**Paul VI** The pope, 1963-1978, who wrote *Humanae Vitae*, thereby forcing Catholics to choose between committing the crime against humanity of contributing to terminal overpopulation, and committing the alleged sin of practising sane birth control. Although Paul VI's attempt to exterminate the human race through overpopulation made him the greatest criminal the world had

seen to that time (since surpassed by Wojtyła), any good lawyer could have won a verdict of *not guilty by reason of insanity*.

**Paul of Tarsus** Reform rabbi or apostate, depending on the frame of reference of the beholder. Originally a conservative Pharisee who saw *last times* sects that equated a dead man with the Messiah as heretics worthy of execution, Paul was converted to Nazirite Judaism by a hallucination, the details of which differed every time Paul described it afresh (compare ACTS 9:7 and 22:9). Despite his past record, Paul was eventually accepted as a Nazirite and commissioned as the fellow missionary of Barnabas. He converted the proconsul of Cyprus, Sergius Paulus, who granted him Roman citizenship, and adopted the name *Paul(us)*, since his Jewish name, *Saul*, was a vulgarity in Greek. As orthodox Jews, the Nazirites were interested only in winning other Jews to their sect, not in converting pagans. *Believing pagans*, however, persons who already attended synagogue and fell short of being Jews only because they continued to resist circumcision, were considered fair game, and Paul's bilingualism enabled him to preach to them in Greek. He quickly learned that, while he could make his congregations believe almost anything else, the necessity of their submitting to circumcision made full conversions all but impossible. So he turned his attention to people to whom he had never been commissioned to preach, the practising pagans. Recognizing that a resurrected Jesus differed in no way from the dozens of other resurrected saviors the Romanized Greeks already worshipped, Paul started preaching that pagans could become followers of Jesus without the necessity of converting to full Judaism. By this time, however, Paul's missionary team included Barnabas's nephew Markos, who was also bilingual. Markos returned to Jerusalem and informed the Nazirite leadership of Paul's heretical preaching, with the result that Jacob the Righteous wrote the LETTER OF JAMES, in which Paul's doctrines were specifically repudiated. A temporary accommodation was eventually reached, when Paul made Jacob an offer he could not refuse: In exchange for Jacob's recognition as Nazirites of converts who professed belief in Jesus as Yahweh's anointed king but did not conform to Jewish ritual and custom, Paul would collect money for the Jerusalem commune. That shaky truce held for a couple of years, until Paul's arrest by the temple police forced him to save his life by publicly proclaiming his Roman citizenship. At that point all pretence that Paul's pagan converts, by now known as Christians, were Nazirite Jews, was repudiated by the Nazirite leadership, never to be restored. Paul was transported to Rome, only to find that the Christians had attempted to burn Rome to the ground and the Emperor Nero had consequently declared Christianity illegal. Paul was executed. Paul, not Jesus, was the founder of Christianity. Jesus had preached a form of Judaism that differed from modern Judaism only in Jesus' claim that he, Jesus, was the prophesied Messiah, destined to overthrow the Roman empire and have himself crowned king in Jerusalem within a matter of months, with no intervening death and resurrection. Paul preached a new religion in which Jesus was a resurrected king, the successor and equal of king David, whose death enabled believers to enter a heavenly theocracy without the necessity of belonging to the religion Jesus had practised. So hateful was Christianity to the Nazirites who had originally granted it a reluctant recognition, that the Nazirite redactor of REVELATION described it as, "those who claim to be Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of the Satan." (REVELATION 2:9) Paul's religion was, however, as pseudo-monotheistic and devoid of *mystery* elements as Judaism, and quite unlike post-Nicene Christianity. Paul was long dead before anybody ever called Jesus a god, a part of a triple-god, or the son of a virgin. Even though Paul's letters and the letter written by Jacob the Righteous directly contradicted each other, both were eventually incorporated into the Christian bible and labeled as *revealed truth*. Paul's letters specifically affirm the doctrine of predestination, which the Catholic Church denounces as monstrous, while simultaneously hailing the documents spelling out the doctrine as free from error. He also preached the subhuman status of women and the legitimacy of slavery. In a later age, he might have become an ayatollah.

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**Paul, pseudo-** The author, *c* 120 CE, of TIMOTHY and TITUS. Pseudo-Paul signed Paul's name to his forgeries, even though he wrote sixty years after Paul's death.

**PBS TV** The only American television network not run by epsilons and hypocrites willing to peddle any lie that the illiterate masses will swallow.

**peace movement** Blanket term that includes both (a) persons who wish to end the use of terror and intolerance in Israel/Palestine, Ireland, the Balkans, and elsewhere; and (b) persons who believe that unilateral disarmament will necessarily cause all potential conquerors to do likewise, even when such behavior places a country at the mercy of a Brezhnev or a Hitler.

**peach** Chinese version of the *fruit of the tree of life*, the fertility goddess's sacramental vulva; equivalent to the fig, almond or pomegranate in the Western ancient world.

**Pearl of Great Price** Fantasy composed by Joseph Smith in which he claimed that the black races are the descendants of the mythical murderer Cain, and that their blackness was imposed as a punishment for Cain's sin. According to Smith's tome, a non-white who abandons the gods created in his own image and starts worshipping gods created in Smith's own image can turn white. If any black or native American has made such a transition, the media must have missed it.

**pearly gate** Sex goddess Aphrodite's fish-shaped, pearl-bordered vulva that was the entrance to her temple in which sacramental copulation was practised; adapted to Christianity as the entrance to the male god's kingdom in the sky.

**pederasty** Anal sexual intercourse, first prohibited by Zarathustra in the belief that he could thereby force all men to contribute to the breeding of more Zoroastrians; routinely practised by all teenagers in all societies prior to *c* 650 BCE, and by a minority of adults throughout their lives; regarded as morally acceptable in the Balkans even after the triumph of Christianity; a favorite practice of several popes and at least ninety percent of monks, Christian and Buddhist.

**pedophilia** The practice of an adult engaging in sexual recreation with a child who has not reached puberty. Sexual recreation with an adolescent younger than an arbitrary *age of consent* is illegal in many cultures, but it is not pedophilia.

**Pekko** Baltic fertility god, called *Beggvir* in Icelandic, servant of Frig; possible origin of *pecker* as a euphemism for phallus.

**Pelagia, Saint** Canonization of Aphrodite Pelagia.

**Pele** Hawaiian volcano goddess still credited with causing eruptions. How seriously Hawaiians take such claims, or whether any living person believes in the goddess's real existence, is uncertain. The number of human beings sacrificed to the goddess Pele in over a thousand years was less than the number of heretics sacrificed to the god Jesus in a single day.

**Pelops** Greek demigod regarded as the ancestor of the royal house of Argos and eponymous conqueror of the Peloponnisos; possibly an early title for Peloponnesian kings, analogous to *Minos* in Crete; favored catamite of the god Poseidon.

**penance** Masochistic ritual in the Roman Catholic church, in which a mark is required to confess imagined sins to a priest, who is credited with the authority to annul the trillions of years of agonizing torture that the sadist in the sky would otherwise impose for the slightest affront to its insatiable ego; the act of masochism that the mark is ordered to perform as an atonement for his alleged sins.

**penis** Medical term for the phallus.

**penis envy** Male chauvinist pig psychobabble for the conceit that any woman in her right mind *must* wish that she was a man.

- pentacle, pentagram** Five-pointed star thought to have symbolized the horned goddess, the two upper points being her goat horns and three lower points her pubic triangle.
- Pentateuch** The first five books of the Judaeo-Christian bible, once attributed to Moses but now known to be an amalgam of narratives by the Yahwist, the Elohist, the Deuteronomist, the Priestly author and the Redactor.
- Pentecost** Jewish Feast of Weeks instituted by the Yahwist *c.* 920 BCE as one of his original *ten commandments* of EXODUS 34:14-26. The festival, whose Greek name means “fortieth day,” was incorporated into Christianity as the day on which Jesus emulated Mithra and Eliyahu by ascending into the sky in a flaming chariot forty days after his execution.
- Pentecostal** Sect of Protestantism that equates speaking gibberish, howling like a wolf and foaming at the mouth with holiness, wild speculation with divine prophecy, and hypnotherapy with divine healing.
- People’s Republic** Euphemism for a slave state.
- Perendi** Albanian pre-Christian storm god, whose name was retained as the name of the Christian father god.
- Perkunas** Lithuanian thunder god absorbed into Christianity as *Perkele*, the Christian devil.
- Perpetua, Saint** Canonization of the primeval mother goddess as “The Eternal One,” the deified spirit of virginity, at a time when the Christian church was coming under increasing pressure to stop condemning marriage as licensed sin and start recognizing it as *a holy estate*. The concoction of *Saint Perpetua* failed to reverse the trend, and the church was soon afterward forced to incorporate marriage into its catalogue of sacraments.
- perpetual motion** The sustained production of energy in excess of the amount of energy consumed in its production, in violation of the physical law that the amount of energy in a closed universe is constant. The most successful perpetual motion machine, in the sense that it fooled more people than any similar device, was the Dean Drive. Inventors of perpetual motion machines rationalize away the conservation-of-energy problem by arguing that they are converting one form of energy into another, such as converting the angular momentum of a gyroscope into forward thrust. In fact all successful demonstrations have been accomplished by concealing the true source of consumed energy, analogous to demonstrating anti-gravity by flying a kite and pretending that the wind was not a relevant factor.
- Persephone** Possibly the oldest Indo-European resurrected savior, worshipped as a source of human immortality as early as 30,000 BCE. Persephone was believed to die every winter and return to the land of the living every spring. By dying, she surrendered a portion of her immortality, and her worshippers were able to absorb that immortality by eating her sacramental flesh in the form of a vulva-shaped fig, pomegranate, peach, almond, fish, or other designated *body of goddess*. Since Persephone was the goddess of fertility, for the duration of her winter sojourn in the underworld nothing grew on earth. The greening of spring was seen as proof that she had risen from the dead. Persephone was originally the *virgin* manifestation of a triple goddess whose *mother* element was Demeter and *crone* element was Hekate. The three were a single goddess who metamorphosed through the three stages in the course of a year. Later the three became separate persons who could exist simultaneously. In the earliest version of Persephone’s tale, the Mother Demeter gave birth to the Virgin Persephone, a virgin being defined as a woman who had not yet become a mother. Because Persephone *was* Demeter, the Mother ceased to exist at the birth of the Virgin. Persephone died and went to the underworld, where she ruled as Hekate, the personification of the living death of menopause. Hekate was reborn at the end of winter as Demeter, and the cycle was repeated anew each year. In later times, Demeter ceased giving birth to herself and remained on



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earth, alive but too sad to allow anything to grow, while her daughter was in the land of death. With the coming of the patriarchal Greeks, to whom the ruler of Tartaros was the male god Hades, Persephone was declared to be Hades' kidnapped bride, possessed of no more authority than any other female who happened to be married to a king. To explain why she continued to spend six months of each year with her husband, when she clearly preferred to live above ground with her mother, she was declared to have indulged in pomegranate-eating. Since the only pomegranate in Tartaros was the one between her legs, the story implied that her typically female need for sexual recreation had caused her to indulge in self-gratification. Having been caught, she had no further reason for concealing her lust for the fulfillment only Hades could supply, and she agreed to return at the same time every year. Only at Eleusis did Persephone continue to be worshipped as the risen savior, retaining the status annexed elsewhere by male gods such as Adonis, Atthis, Tammuz, Osiris and Jesus. A jealous Christian emperor suppressed her cult in the fourth century CE.

**Perseus** Despite the myths attached to his name posthumously, Perseus appears to have been a historical invader from the Aegean who conquered Danaopolis, built its first wall, and renamed it Mycenae. To disguise his status as a foreigner, the legend was concocted that he was descended from the legendary Danaos, his mother was Danaë, and his father was Danaë's uncle Proitos. In time, when it became necessary for any hero of Perseus's stature to be the son of a god, the myth was composed that he had been fathered by Zeus, who had impregnated Danaë without compromising her virginity by *overshadowing* her (as the Spook did to Mary in LUKE's virgin-birth interpolation) in the form of a ray of light. Although a virgin-born son of a god, Perseus never evolved into a resurrected savior.

**personal friend** There's another kind?

**perversion** Eye-of-the-beholder concept used to describe any sexual practice or preference proscribed by a majority. In a novel by Robert Heinlein, a starship captain who, through time dilation, returned after ten years to an earth that had aged two hundred years, was nicknamed "the old queer" by a society that no longer shared his orientation. He had grown up in a heterosexual culture. But in the two centuries of his absence, overpopulation had caused earth society to view non-procreative same-sex mating as the only acceptable norm, and heterosexual coupling as perversion. Such a situation could indeed arise. In the real world, intolerant bible believers deem homosexual recreation perversion. Polygynous Latter Day Saints sects consider intercourse during pregnancy perversion. American law enforcers classify consensual recreation with a grown woman of seventeen years as an illegal perversion. And most non-Shi'ites regard the practice of zoophilia with opposite-sex animals, specifically endorsed by the sect's Imam Khomeini, as perversion.

**pervert** A person who obtains sexual release by any means other than that of the majority; a person who, although hurting no one else, indulges in practices injurious to his own health or mental well-being, including but not limited to smoking, mainlining, celibacy, fasting, refusing to drive on *Shabat*, refusing to watch television in Lent, refusing to eat until sunset during Ramadan, confessing imagined sins to a priest, submitting to censorship, and practising reckless, unsafe self-gratification in a society plagued with AIDS.

**Pesakh** *see* Passover.

**pet** An animal that serves no useful function, maintained solely so that a child or infantile adult can exercise god-like power over a lower life form and in exchange receive the same adoration granted by godworshippers to god the pet-master. The pet preferred by most god-complex victims is a dog, which can be taught to do useless tricks and assume a *begging* attitude similar to that of the pet owner begging to his imaginary playmate in the sky. The way many pet owners treat their pets

as if they are children, raises the suspicion that they have only a diminished capacity to tell the difference.

**Peter** (Greek: *Petros*, “Rock”) A fisherman from Bethsaida in Galilee who became one of the lieutenants of Jesus the Nazirite, and after Jesus’ death became second in command of the Nazirite commune in Jerusalem, whose supervisor was Jesus’ brother, Jacob the Righteous. Peter’s given name was *Shimeown*. He is surnamed *bar Iona* in MATTHEW, indicating that his mother was a Greek woman married to a Jew. According to the codex Strasburg, he acquired his nickname of *Kefa*, Aramaic for “Rock,” by standing on a rock from which Ezekiel was once believed to have preached. The passage in MATTHEW in which Peter was given his nickname by Jesus, and designated as Head Christian, is a late interpolation composed to transfer leadership of the Jesus communities from Jesus’ relatives to the alleged successor of Peter. Toward the end of his life Peter wrote a letter to the Nazirite communities of Asia from Babylon, but whether he had become supervisor there or was merely visiting as inspector-general from Jerusalem is unknown. About 200 CE a Manichean wrote an *Acts of Peter*, in which Peter was alleged to have traveled to Rome, become supervisor/bishop there, and been crucified upside-down. Almost certainly Peter never visited Rome in his life, since he was unable to speak the language, and the only Jesus community in Rome was not Nazirite but Christian, and as such would have been viewed by Peter as “those who call themselves Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of the Satan.”(REVELATION 2:9). Although the Manichean *Acts* was recognized as late fiction and rejected by the compilers of the Christian canon, its claims about Peter’s alleged migration to Rome were deemed too useful to ignore, and the Vatican bases its claim to primacy on those passages of a rejected book. Peter was never Head Christian, and indeed was never a Christian. He was posthumously granted a role in Christian mythology analogous to the ferryman Kharon in Greek.

**Peter, Acts of** Manichean book written in Greek c 200 CE, in which the pretence that the disciple Peter journeyed to Rome was first invented.

**Peter, gospel called** Gospel composed c 150 CE, probably in Syria, of which the only surviving fragment was discovered at Akhmim in 1886. The fragment reveals that as late as 150 CE, despite the publication of MARK eighty years earlier, there was still a Christian sect that had never heard of MARK’s pretence that Judas the Iskariot had betrayed Jesus the Nazirite to *the Jews*. *Peter* portrayed Judas as a disciple in good standing some time after Jesus’ crucifixion. *Peter*’s disagreement with the synoptics on such a crucial point caused it to be rejected when an official Christian canon was compiled a generation later.

**PETER, letters called** 1 PETER is often questioned on the ground that its style is incompatible with the competence of a Galilean fisherman. However, when it is considered that Peter was illiterate and that the letter represents Sylvanus’s translation into Greek of Peter’s Aramaic dictation, that objection disappears. Since the letter contains no criticism of Paul’s reform doctrines, it must have been written before the final breach between Peter’s Nazirites and Paul’s Christians that occurred in 60 CE. 2 PETER is a pseudepigraphic forgery composed c 150 CE.

**petrification** In many mythologies, the transformation of a human into stone. The earliest version of the tale may have been triggered by the discovery of fossilized remains in rock. In GENESIS, Levit’s wife was metamorphosed into a pillar of salt. In Greek mythology, persons who looked into the face of Medusa were instantly petrified, and an analogous tale constitutes the 182nd night of the *Arabian Nights*.

**Petronilla, Saint** Nonexistent daughter of the disciple Peter, created in a sixth-century *Acts* for the purpose of instituting a female gatekeeper and thereby relieving women of the necessity of being admitted into the sky by a man.

**phallus** The male recreational appendage.

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**phallusocracy** A society in which men constitute a ruling caste while women are subjected to social and economic serfdom and treated as privately owned breeding stock. The institution of the chattel slavery of marriage c 3500 BCE legitimized phallusocracy, and the sacred books of Judaism, Christianity and Islam further legitimized it. Phallusocracy continues to be the norm in every sovereign state on earth, and will not be overthrown until the mythologies that justify it are overthrown.

**phallus worship** The religion that came into existence c 3500 BCE as a consequence of the discovery that children have fathers as well as mothers. Previously, the paramount deity had been pictured as a personified vulva, Goddess the Mother. Following the Big Discovery, God the Father, a heavenly phallus, superseded the Mother. Just as goddess altars had been built in the shape of vulvas, and vulva-shaped food such as the fig, almond, pomegranate and fish had been sacramentally eaten as the *body of Goddess*, so did the phallus dominate male-god mythology. Phallus-shaped altars were built, while phallic images such as the mandrake, the sacred mushroom and the banana were eaten as the *body of God*, capable of curing infertility. In Greece, Father Sky, Ouranos, was pictured as a sky-spanning phallus. The rain was his sperm with which he impregnated Mother Earth, Gaia. The sacred mushroom was the *Son of God*, a virgin-born savior grown from no seed and having no physical father other than the King of Heaven, in whose phallic image it was created. Other phallus gods include Hermes, Priapos, Eros, Pan, Baal and Shamash. That the pre-Captivity Jews worshipped Yahweh as a phallus is revealed in GENESIS 21:33; 24:2-3; 35:14; JOSHUA 24:26; 2 SAMUEL 6:14; 1 KINGS 3:4; and 2 KINGS 17:9-10.

**Pharaoh** Royal title of the kings of Egypt, dating from the time when the island of Pharos was the royal capital in pre-dynastic days. Pharaohs were obliged to marry their sisters in order to justify their reigns, since while the king's son was the *de facto* successor, the queen's daughter was the *de jure* heiress.

**Pharez and Zarah** Twin sons of Judah and Tamar, whom the Yahwist credited with struggling for supremacy in the womb, as Jacob and Esau had also done. The same myth was also told of the Greek heroes, Akrisios and Proitos, and the Roman heroes, Romulus and Remus. The Yahwist attached the *twin* myth to otherwise unknowns because Pharez appeared in current genealogies as the ancestor of J's hero, King David.

**Pharisees** (Hebrew: *Paruwshiyim*, "Separatists") Jewish sect that separated from the *Khassidim*, "the Pious Ones," in protest against the Khassidites' buddhistic practices. The Khassidites were Jews converted by Zoroastrian missionaries to such Persian beliefs as immortality of the soul, a monarch of evil who was the good god's prime antagonist, and the evil of celibacy in a religion that attached the highest priority to breeding more believers. When Buddhist missionaries converted the Khassidite leadership to belief in communism, the virtue of celibacy, and the repudiation of family ties, the Khassidite rank and file separated and became the Pharisees, while those Khassidites who accepted the new doctrines became the Essenes. On all issues other than buddhistic masochism, the Essenes and Pharisees remained agreed. When Jesus the Nazirite began preaching Essene doctrines that were also Pharisee doctrines, the Pharisees would have been among his strongest supporters. The author of MARK invented the pretence that the Pharisees were hostile to Jesus as part of his plot to dissociate Jesus from the sects responsible for the Jewish War of 66-74 CE.

**Philadelphia Experiment, The** Book by William Moore in which he labeled as nonfiction the fairy tale that, during World War Two, the U.S. Navy had discovered techniques that could make its ships invisible. Genuine invisibility was perfected, but the Navy decided against using it when it was discovered that the crews of invisible ships developed severe headaches. Anyone who believes that probably owns a lot of swamp land in Florida. In an elaboration of the myth, not by Moore, the invisibility experiment had the undesirable side effect of projecting the ship through time. The claim that the Pentagon would spend money on invisibility research was not

unbelievable, in view of the millions of dollars they are known to have spent on *psychic warfare* research. But in fact there was no *Philadelphia experiment*, successful or unsuccessful. The military mind is stupid, but not that stupid.

**Philip, Saint** Canonization of the Druidic May Day god, equated with MARK's nonexistent apostle Philippos.

**Philippos** Character invented by the author of MARK as one of Jesus the Nazirite's nonexistent *twelve apostles*, and included in the apostle charts in MATTHEW and LUKE; named as a disciple by the author of JOHN, who made no mention of the mythical *twelve*. While no Jew would have borne the Greek name of *Philippos*, and therefore no Philippos could have been Jesus' disciple, it is not impossible that the first Christian missionary to Samaria was a Philippos, a follower of Paul of Tarsus and Stephen.

**Philistia** *see* Palestine

**Philistines** (Hebrew: *Palestiyim*) Caucasian people probably identical with the *sea people* driven south from Cyprus and Anatolia by the Hittites in the twelfth century BCE. The Palestines settled in southwest Phoenicia, between Judea and the Mediterranean Sea. The Yahwist and the Elohist each told versions of a myth in which Abraham or Isaac pandered his wife to king Abiyamolokh of the Palestine city of Gerar. In fact to the degree that Abraham and Isaac were based on persons from history, they both lived long before there was any Palestine city in Phoenicia. The story that a Jewish-Palestinian truce was violated by Samson, who was consequently handed over for execution, is probably true.

**Philo** Jewish writer, *c* 20-50 CE, who first drew the attention of Jews to the tremendous amount of Greek philosophy behind the myths of the Jewish bible. Philo's *logos* doctrine, borrowed from Zoroastrianism, appears to have been the immediate source of the *logos* passages in JOHN and REVELATION. Long before the author of MARK wrote his whitewash of Lucius Pontius Pilatus for the purpose of pretending that Jesus the Nazirite had not been executed as an enemy of Rome, Philo wrote a true account of the events leading to Pilatus's impeachment, that left no doubt that the anti-Semitic procurator's removal from office was long overdue.

**Philolaos** Astronomer who, *c* 450 BCE, first recognized that the earth moves. All but the most hardcore fundamentalist mythologies now acknowledge that the earth revolves on its axis and orbits the sun, even though the Judaeo-Christian bible maintains otherwise: "The world is fixed in place, never to be moved."(1 CHRONICLES 16:30) The same cosmography is endorsed in PSALMS 93:1; 96:10; and 104:5; and in the *Koran* 16:16; 50:8.

**Phineas** (Fineas; Finkhas; Fink-ass; Phinehas) According to the Priestly author, as well as priestly documents added to the Hexateuch by the Redactor: the grandson of Aaron; not mentioned in J/E or by the Deuteronomist. In a horror story composed by the viciously xenophobic P, Yahweh sent a plague that killed 25,000 Israelites in retaliation for one Jewish man committing the race pollution of marrying a gentile woman. But when Phineas murdered the offending couple, Yahweh halted the plague and appointed Phineas's descendants high priests in perpetuity. *Forever* apparently ended two thousand years ago. There has not been a Jewish priesthood since 70 CE. A similar tale of a god unleashing a plague that killed thousands because one man had offended him is to be found at the beginning of *Iliad*.

**phlogiston** A concept that, like gods, was the postulated answer to questions that at one time offered no plausible alternative explanation. Phlogiston was hypothesized to be a substance contained in all flammable materials. Flames were escaping phlogiston, and once all of the phlogiston had been released into the air, the ashes were no longer flammable. Nitrogen, in which a flame would not continue to burn, was deemed to be phlogistonated air, air containing all of the phlogiston it could hold, so that further release by burning was impossible. Oxygen was dephlogistonated air.

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Hydrogen was pure phlogiston. When the combination of phlogiston and dephlogistonated air produced, not phlogistonated air but water, the phlogiston theory was discredited permanently. The discovery of similar inconsistencies did not, unfortunately, destroy the god hypothesis.

**photographic memory** Oxymoron; the human memory is fallible; persons who imagine that their memories can be photographic are self-deluded.

**phrenology** A form of humbuggery invented by Francis Gall *c* 1800 CE, that postulated a correlation between cranial physiognomy and human personality and character. Modern research has established that, while identified areas of the brain do have specific functions, the claim that a personality trait such as *love of animals* can be pinpointed on the skull, or in the brain, is invalid. Dr James Braid, a believer in phrenology, caused subjects of his hypnosis experiments to kneel and place their hands in a praying posture when he manipulated the alleged *devotional* bumps. But independent replication showed that such a result was achieved only when the subject was told in advance what he was expected to do.

**Phrixus** Greek prototype of Isaac: the son offered by his father as a sacrifice to a god, but saved when a ram appeared to take the son's place.

**physiognomy** The myth that there is a correlation between character and physical features, and that only a person who is completely trustworthy can have an *honest face*. Hardcore believers in physiognomy maintain the delusion that they can identify good guys and bad guys from photographs. Such persons have obviously never seen photographs of John Merrick and Ted Bundy.

**pickers** Persons who refuse to work for the salary an employer is willing to pay, but are content to work as sign carriers for no salary at all; blackmailers who, by implication, threaten violence against non-involved persons who refuse to take sides in a dispute by boycotting the employer's business; epsilons.

**piece** Sometimes *piece of ass*, sometimes *piece of tail*, sometimes just *piece*; American slang for sexual recreation.

**Pieta** Sculpture by Michelangelo of the sorrowing mother, Mary, and the dead savior, Jesus, that differed in no way from sculptures three thousand years older of the sorrowing mother, Cybele, and the dead savior, Atthis.

**Pilatus, Lucius Pontius** Procurator of Judea 26-36 CE. Pilatus was a vicious, tyrannical anti-Semite, appointed procurator by the equally anti-Semitic deputy emperor, Sejanus. He was not implicated in Sejanus's plot against Tiberias, and survived to be impeached for the unrelated offences of gross cruelty, misgovernment, corruption and injustice. Since Tiberias died while Pilatus was en route to Rome to stand trial, it is not unlikely that he escaped punishment. It was Pilatus who, on learning that Jesus the Nazirite had led an anti-Roman uprising in which men had been killed, ordered the rebel leader's immediate arrest and execution. The allegation by the author of MARK, that it was the Jews who condemned Jesus and that Pilatus tried to save his life, was a fiction designed to delude Vespasian that Jesus had not been executed as an enemy of Rome, and therefore the Christians were not enemies of Rome.

**Pilgrim Fathers** Religious fanatics who fled an episcopal tyranny in England in order to establish a presbyterian tyranny in America.

**pillar** *Authorized Version's* translation of the Hebrew *mitsbah*, cognate of *mizbakh*, "altar." A *mitsbah* was not so much an altar, although it could usually function as such, as a sacred representation of phallus-god Yahweh, either as a phallus made of stone, on which drink offerings were poured, or a *phallus of cloud by day and a phallus of fire by night* that featured prominently in the Yahwist's exodus myth—but not in the Elohist's version, in which the Israelites were led by

a heavenly messenger. Translators rendered *mitsbah* as “pillar” rather than “phallus” to hide the phallic nature of ancient Judaism. The pillar of salt in the myth of Levit’s wife was a *netsiyb*, a column or pillar, not a phallus.

**Piltown man** A skull, apparently faked by a Jesuit priest, consisting of a gorilla jaw and a human cranium. Now carbon-dated to modern times, the fake skull fooled anthropologists for several decades into believing it was the hypothesized *missing link*. In recent times incredulity has been expressed that such a hoax could ever have succeeded. But the one thing no legitimate scientist expects to encounter in his research is deliberate fraud. Probably the perpetrator of the Piltown hoax intended it as a joke, but when colleagues whom he had never meant to hurt put their reputations on the line by declaring the skull genuine, he was unwilling to come forward and embarrass them.

**pimp** A man who earns his living terrorizing prostitutes into giving him fifty percent or more of their earnings, in exchange for his not killing or injuring them; a man with the intelligence of Karol Wojtyla, the morality of Al Capone, and the talent of Dan Quayle; a gangster; an epsilon; a parasite; a scoundrel; a sleaze bucket.

**pinko** A person whom the speaker wishes to smear as a *dirty communist traitor and Russian spy*, without risking a libel suit.

**pious** Totally committed to the belief that right and wrong are whatever a capricious lawgiver says they are: “Heads it’s a sin and tails it’s a virtue.” A pious person is one who is willing to practise masochism in the belief that his god is a sadist, persecution in the belief that his god is a terrorist, and sycophancy in the belief that his god is addicted to flattery.

**piss** Old English name for biological waste liquid excreted from the bladder. Since 1066 CE, when French became the language of the ruling class and English words came to be regarded as vulgar, *piss* has been replaced in common usage by its French equivalent, *urine*. In Australia, *piss* is a slang name for beer.

**pissed** Sometimes, *pissed as a fart*; intoxicated.

**Pius I** Bishop of Rome *c* 140 to *c* 154 CE. Pius retroactively became *Pius I* in 1458, as a consequence of the election of Pius II. He was also retroactively designated *pope*, even though the papacy did not come into existence until 384 CE. By taking the title *Pius II* rather than *Pius III*, the pope of 1458-1464 unwittingly acknowledged that the disciple Peter (*Pius* is a dialectal form of the same name) had never been pope, or bishop of Rome, in his life.

**Pius V** Pope, 1566-1572, who as Grand Inquisitor sent Catholic troops to massacre two thousand Waldensians in southern Italy. As Pope, he sent Catholic troops to massacre up to seventy thousand Huguenots in France and execute all prisoners; ordered the last Crusade, sending a Christian naval armada to massacre thousands of Muslims; and ordered the Inquisition to continue torturing and executing Catholics whose beliefs did not conform precisely to his own. Naturally he was canonized. What mad dog was not?

**Pius IX** Pope, 1846-1878, who reversed significant Catholic doctrines, and thereby acknowledged that church teaching for centuries had been false. In 1869 he repudiated the doctrine of *passive conception*, and declared that a human fetus is endowed with a soul at the instant of conception. And in 1870 he repudiated Pope John XXII’s declaration that the doctrine of papal infallibility was diabolic, and pronounced himself infallible. When the bishops of the Vatican Council indicated that an infallibility resolution would be defeated, Pius intimidated the seventy percent or more who opposed him into leaving Rome, and had the resolution passed by the few bishops who remained. *see also* Syllabus of Errors

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**Pius XII** Pope, 1939-1958, who accepted a bribe of greatly increased power over Germany's Catholics, in exchange for muzzling Catholic opposition to Hitler and remaining deafeningly silent about the extermination of Jews. For further details, see *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII*, by John Cornwell, NY, 1999.

**pixy** Fairy-like creature of southwest England. Whereas the fairy was credited with butterfly qualities, the pixy may have been an anthropomorphism of the nocturnal moth. The concept of *little people*, of which the pixy was a variation, may date back to the Celtic conquest of an island previously inhabited by a slightly shorter people, thought by some to have been the Lapps.

**pizzle** The phallus of an animal; word coined to avoid saying *penis*, which word had been coined to avoid saying *cock*, which word had been coined to avoid...

**plague** In *Iliad* and NUMBERS 25:6-9, an epidemic sent by a vindictive, egomaniacal god to punish thousands of innocent bystanders for the alleged offense of one man.

**planet worship** The deification of the seven wandering heavenly bodies known to the ancients. Virtually every culture with a developed astronomy invented a seven-day week, with each day named after one of the seven sky gods. When Judaism became fanatically monolatrous, the planets were demoted to the level of Yahweh's nameless messengers. At the point where monolatry was changing into monotheism, a Jewish mythologist designed a *menorah*, a seven-branched candlestick that illustrated that the seven planetary gods were merely aspects, or branches, of the paramount god Yahweh. Under Zoroastrian influence, Judaism eventually turned the planetary gods into *angels* and gave them Jewish names: Galgaliel, the sun; Ophaniel, the moon; Mikhael, Mars; Gabriel, Mercury; Rafael, Jupiter; Azazel/Satan, Venus; and Uriel, Saturn.

**platonic relationship** A sexless relationship between a man and a woman; named after Greek philosopher Plato, whose only sexual relationships were with males, and whose relationships with women were therefore *platonic*. Since the word *platonic* implies that two friends of opposite sexes can be unaware of each other's sexuality, platonic relationships therefore do not and cannot exist. The very awareness that another person is of the preferred sex makes the relationship non-platonic, regardless of whether consummation has occurred or will ever occur.

**playing God** It's a dirty job, but there's no one else to do it.

**playmate of the year** The only major phallus-raising pageant in the world that is not an exercise in blatant, puerile hypocrisy. America's largest cunt-on-the-hoof parade, for example, bans all males, including relatives, from the merchandise's hotel rooms for the duration of the competition, in the pretence that aspirants for a *most beddable* title should be un-bedded. Contestants are not, however, subjected to medical examination to establish the presence of an intact hymen, since such a condition would destroy the pageant by disqualifying the ninety-eight percent of contestants who are not pathological masochists. Whereas contestants in most phallus-raising pageants secretly provide sexual services to the judges as bribes to help them win, *playmate of the year* candidates are assumed to have demonstrated normal heterosexual proclivities, and several have readily acknowledged pre-competition mating with the chief judge. *Playmate of the year* is the only most-beddable-body competition that does not pretend that the perversion of sexual abstinence is a virtue.

**Plinius** Roman governor of Bithynia who, c 112 CE, asked the emperor Trajan whether Christians should be executed for being Christian, or only for committing specified crimes that would also be capital offenses for non-Christians. Trajan answered that, while being a Christian was the only crime a prosecutor needed to prove in order to impose a death penalty, no Christian should be prosecuted unless he had personally committed one of the antisocial acts for which the Christians were notorious, such as vandalizing temples and urinating on statues of Zeus.

**poetry** Form of storytelling that utilized such memory aids as rhyme and meter, to enable a troubadour to memorize long narratives such as *Odyssey* and *Iliad*. With the invention of the printing press c 1450 CE, all justification for the continued composition of poetry ceased.

**Poland** European country that had no sooner got rid of King Log in Moscow, than it installed King Stork in Rome. Subsequent elections showed that a majority of Poles view the former commissars as the lesser evil.

**political science** Pseudoscience that combines the study of the political systems of the past with fortune telling. Unlike history, which acknowledges that it is a study of the past and makes no pretence of predicting the future beyond pointing out that similar causes have led to similar consequences and are likely to do so again, political science pretends to have predictive value. Political science is a discipline in which two dissertations, so incompatible that for either to be valid the other must be incompetent nonsense, can both receive Ph.D.s from the same university in the same year. That cannot happen in a legitimate science.

**political scientist** A person who can analyze an election in which Party A dropped from 85 percent of the seats to 8 percent, while Party B jumped from 1 percent of the seats to 92 percent, and see the result as a *landslide* and *tremendous shift in public opinion*, and fail to notice that in fact first-past-the-post voting has magnified a tiny shift in public opinion into a disproportionate shift in representation. The quoted figures are taken from an election in Alberta, Canada, in which Party A (Social Credit, a theocracy) dropped from 47 percent of the vote to 41 percent, Party B (Conservative) rose from 38 percent to 53 percent, and Party C (socialist) dropped from 15 percent to zero percent. Supporters of Party C voted for Party B when they recognized that they could not win, and that Party B had the potential to defeat the hated Party A. The real shift in public opinion was actually 6 percent, enough to swing an election but far from a *landslide*. Political scientists are not as totally out of touch with reality as psychologists, sociologists, theologians, and parapsychologists, but it would be foolish to bet on one to fart and chew gum at the same time.

**pollution** The conscious poisoning of the air terrestrial life forms including humans must breathe and the water they must drink. It has been calculated that, if pollution continues at the present rate, all land-based life on earth above the arthropod level *will* be extinct in not less than 200 and not more than 500 years. Of the less than 5000 persons responsible for 99.99 percent of the pollution, a majority are godworshippers who believe that extermination of the human race is definitively impossible because their *deus ex machina* will intervene to prevent it. In theory, governments could stop polluters from making the earth uninhabitable. In practice, polluters control so much money and power that governments fear electoral defeat if they dare oppose them. While the public can be educated to realize what pollution *could* do to terrestrial life, they will continue to regard the problem as hypothetical so long as they continue to believe in a god that will ultimately save them. The solution is not more education about the danger of pollution, but education about the falseness of religion.

**poltergeist** A noisy ghost that has an annoying habit of picking up small objects and hurling them across a room in houses containing an attention-seeking teenager who is not currently being watched. Poltergeists apparently have no difficulty producing their phenomena in the presence of gullible psychical researchers (there's another kind?) who have no skill in detecting trickery, but are quite incapable of functioning in the presence of investigative magicians. In cases where cameras have been set up with the knowledge of the resident teenager, nothing has ever been filmed. Where the teenager was unaware of the presence of a camera, many photographs have been taken of the teenager picking up and throwing objects. Amazingly, where poltergeist claims have been investigated by incurable believers, a large number have observed the correlation between poltergeists and the presence of a teenager, and have concluded that the teenager is causing the alleged phenomena—by unconscious psychic energy. Investigators with functioning



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human brains have recognized poltergeist manifestations as conscious fraud. The poltergeist is an updating of the *spirits* concocted by the Fox sisters.

**polyandry** “many men”; Marriage between one woman and more than one man.

**polygamy** “marriage of many”; Marriage between more than two persons; commonly used as a synonym for polygyny. In a truly polygamous culture, such as some Australian aboriginal tribes, every woman is considered to be married to every man of her tribe, or clan, or totem, or other designated group.

**polygenesis** The theory that similar myths or folk tales were composed independently in different geographical regions as a consequence of identical environmental factors. For example, North and South American flood myths were surely based on local floods, and not on the Mesopotamian and Ganges-Indus floods that triggered all or most of the flood myths of Europe and western Asia. *see also* diffusion

**polygraph** Device used to measure physical reactions such as respiration, blood pressure, perspiration and other stress-related variables for the purpose of detecting a predictable difference between responses associated with true statements and responses triggered by false statements; an imagined lie detector. While the polygraph is more reliable than tossing a coin, “Heads he’s telling the truth and tails he’s lying,” it is only fifty percent more reliable. Because the polygraph has been shown to give a false evaluation one quarter of the time, it has been ruled inadmissible in criminal proceedings. Since the average juror has been culturally conditioned to believe that lie detectors are infallible, the admission of lie detector *evidence* could lead juries to indefensible verdicts, and the exclusion of such test results was long overdue. The polygraph is, however, considerably more reliable than the voice stress analyzer, which produces a true evaluation of a statement’s truthfulness less often than could be achieved by tossing a coin.

**polygyny** “many women”; Marriage of one man and more than one woman. Early Mormons are often described as polygamous. In fact they were polygynous.

**Polynesia** “many islands” Area of the Pacific Ocean where missionaries went to do good, and did very well.

**polywater** Polywater, discovered in 1962 and investigated at a cost of millions of dollars until 1975, was thought to be water that was structurally different from ordinary water, analogous to the way the stacking of carbon atoms in diamond differed from that in graphite. Polywater was fifteen times as viscous as ordinary water, froze at lower temperatures and boiled at higher temperatures. It was eventually established that polywater was simply water contaminated by impurities from a dirty test tube. For further information see *Polywater* by Felix Frank, Cambridge Mass., 1981.

**pomegranate** Red fruit that, when fully ripened on the tree, tends to split down one side so that it resembles a human vulva. For that reason it was sacramentally eaten as the *body of Goddess*, the earthly vulva of the deified Vulva, capable of transferring the goddess’s immortality to her worshippers, from c 30,000 BCE until Roman times. To the ancient Jews, the pomegranate’s only name was *fruit of the tree of knowledge* (GENESIS. 2:17), or *tree of life* (3:22), which was the same thing. In the Yahwist’s myth, the action of Adam and Eve in sacramentally eating the Mother’s vulva constituted the crime of goddess worship, in defiance of the male god Yahweh’s order to worship him alone. The Yahwist’s myth demonstrated that, instead of the immortality that the surrounding gentiles believed could be gained by eating the Mother’s sacramental body, the *real* consequence of such behavior was the permanent extinction of death. No modern religion prohibits pomegranate eating, but Islam and Judaism continue to prohibit the eating of the Mother’s sacramental body in the alternate form of pork, the *body of sow mother*. Other vulva-shaped food once eaten as the *body of Goddess* included the fig, almond, peach and fish.

**pommy** Australian semi-pejorative name for an English person. Despite the widespread myth that *pommy* is a diminutive of *pomegranate face*, given to the light-skinned immigrants by bronze Anzacs, it is more likely an Aboriginal word for *foreigner*.

**Pompeius Magnus** Roman triumvir who never lost a battle prior to his violating of the inner sanctum of Yahweh's temple in Jerusalem in 64 BCE, and never won a battle after that date. Persons who see that coincidence as something other than a coincidence probably own a lot of swampland in Florida.

**Pontifex Maximus** "greatest bridge builder"; High priest of the Roman pantheon. The title was borne by every Roman emperor from Julius Caesar to Gratian. When Theodosius refused the title in 378 CE on the ground that a Christian could not be high priest of non-Christian gods, it was picked up by the bishop of Rome, Damasus I, whose successor, Siricius, was the first pope. Popes have styled themselves *pontifex maximus* ever since.

**poofter** Australian slang for a male homosexual.

**poontang** slang for *copulation*.

**Pope** "Father"; Title adopted by the bishops of Rome, Constantinople, Antioch, Alexandria and Jerusalem in the reign of Constantine, in emulation of the practice in Mithraism, Constantine's former religion, of calling the Mithraic high priest by such a title. Not until 384 CE did the current bishop of Rome, Siricius, create the modern papacy by claiming that he was the only pope and that the other four archbishops were his subordinates. Only Constantinople never capitulated, and the Orthodox churches of Greece and Russia remain separate from the Catholic church to this day. In modern English, only the head of the Catholic Church is styled by the Italic word *pope*, while the Orthodox heads are given the Greek title *patriarch*, which also means "Father."

**Pope Joan** Mythical woman who, disguised as a man, was elected pope c 1100 CE. She was not detected until she gave birth, at which time she and the child were burned to death. The myth first appeared in the thirteenth century, and was taken so seriously that the College of Cardinals instituted a rule that henceforth a newly elected pope must sit naked on a kind of potty chair while each cardinal paraded past, viewed his genitalia, and declared, "*Testiculos habet et bene pendentes,*" meaning, "He has balls and they hang well." While many amateurs in the field of history maintain that a Pope Joan did exist, few if any historians agree.

**Popish Plot** A plot by English Catholics to murder the Protestant king, Charles II, and put his Catholic brother, James II, on the throne. Several persons were executed for their roles in the Popish Plot, despite the fact that the Plot existed only in the imagination of Titus Oates, a fanatical Protestant who had a lot in common with Senator Joseph McCarthy.

**porneia** Greek word that means *prostitution* in modern Greek, but meant *sexcrime* in first-century Koine; translated as *fornication* in modern bibles, even though that word has come to mean non-marital recreation, whereas the biblical authors used it to mean the specific sexcrime of nuntapping, engaging in sacramental copulation with a priestess of the wrong god.

**pornography** "prostitute writing"; Originally, the advertising sign outside of a brothel; in modern superstition, any art form that depicts acts or attitudes that victims of sex-hating mythologies consider taboo. While some maintain that *pornography* is synonymous with *erotica*, others recognize that it implies a kind of erotica capable of corrupting persons who encounter it. Any person who believes he is so stupid that he can be corrupted by a book or a photograph is probably right. To the sane, there is no such thing as pornography.

**porphyria** Rare disease caused by a malfunction of the human body's ability to manufacture the red blood pigment, heme. Symptoms include allergy to sunlight, causing severe loss of skin and even loss of the nose and fingers when exposed; allergic reaction to garlic; and prominent teeth and

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profuse anomalous facial hair. Treatment involves the consumption of blood pigment, and medieval sufferers may well have obtained relief by drinking blood. Some researchers now believe that victims of porphyria were the prototypes of vampire and werewolf legends. There have been reports that modern sufferers of this hereditary disease have been kept away from medical treatment and taught to believe that they are vampires, but the sources of such reports seem questionable.

**Porphyrios** Author, c 232-303 CE, of a tract *Against the Christians*. Porphyrios's tract so totally refuted Christian mythology that the Christian censors destroyed even the pathetic attempts of forty Christian apologists to rebut it. Although no part of Porphyrios's work survives, some of his arguments have been preserved in the dependent work of the same name by the emperor Julian.

**Poseidon** Greek god of the sea; equivalent to Neptune, Okeanos, Aphrodite as the personified sea in matriarchal times, Tiamat, Tehowm and Saint Christopher.

**Poseyemu** Pueblo savior god, equated in Christian times with Satan.

**possession** *see* exorcism

**possum pepper** Substance tested in New Zealand as a possum repellent, made from burnt possum testicles and sand diluted in accordance with homeopathy theory. The test conducted by the New Zealand Animal Health Board, under double blind, placebo controlled conditions, showed no difference in the behavior of possums exposed to the experimental substance and those exposed to the placebo, whereas possums exposed to a known possum repellent did display an aversion to the known repellent. Possum pepper is (or was) promoted by the Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association.

**post hoc ergo propter hoc** "after which, therefore because of which"; The spurious argument that, if B follows A, then B was caused by A, commonly used by the unschooled in Europe and university graduates in North America. One form of the argument is a misuse of statistics: Ninety percent of all heroin addicts previously used cannabis; therefore cannabis use causes heroin addiction. An analogous argument would be: Ninety percent of all serial killers previously ate mashed potatoes; therefore eating mashed potatoes causes the eater to become a serial killer. But the most common use of *post hoc propter hoc* in a religion-infested culture is: a prayer was followed by a favorable occurrence; therefore the prayer caused the favorable occurrence. An analogy would be: a pigeon that stood on one foot was fed; therefore standing on one foot caused it to be fed. Operant conditioning utilizes *post hoc propter hoc* to reinforce the illogical behavior of godworshippers and pigeons.

**Potiphar(kh)** Both the Yahwist and the Elohist named Potiphar as the commander of Pharaoh's guard to whom Joseph was sold as a slave, by Ishmaelite slave traders in J and by Midianite merchants in E. E then named Potipharkh as Joseph's father-in-law. Almost certainly E intended Potiphar and Potipharkh to be the same man. However, since J's Potiphar had jailed Joseph for rape, whereas E's Potiphar had married Joseph to his daughter, a redactor may have solved the incompatibility by adding the letter *ayin* to the end of Potiphar's name in GENESIS 41:50, to create the impression that the two Potiphars were not identical. The Priestly author, whose alternative to J/E all but ignored Joseph, did mention his marriage to Potifarkh's daughter, but not his involvement with any other Potiphar.

**pox** Originally, smallpox; later, slang for syphilis.

**pragmatist** A person who realizes that any theory concerning the appropriate response to a given stimulus might have to be modified in the light of circumstances prevailing at the time a response must be determined. Thus a pragmatist may believe, for example, that income tax should not exist,

but he will nonetheless support the collection of income taxes under circumstances that offer no reasonable alternative.

**Praxedes, Saint** Canonization of a non-existent daughter of the nonexistent Pudens and sister of the nonexistent Pudenziana; decanonized in recognition of her nonexistence by Pope Benedict XIV, 1740-1758.

**prayer** A request from the gullible to the nonexistent for the impossible.

**prayer shawl** Item worn by Jews in a synagogue.

**precognition** Metaphysical knowledge of a future event, in violation of the most inviolable natural law, that an effect cannot precede its cause. Precognition could exist only if information could travel backward in time. The same arguments that prove the impossibility of time travel therefore also prove the impossibility of precognition. Note that a heightened ability to extrapolate the probable future from an analysis of the past and present is not metaphysical and does not constitute precognition. The strongest evidence of the incompetence of parapsychologists is their equation of precognition with extra-sensory communication, failing to comprehend that a *fifth force* could explain the latter, whereas the former is definitively impossible.

**predestination** The doctrine, invented by Paul of Tarsus in the belief that he was simply repeating something already in the Pentateuch, that Yahweh deliberately created 99.9 percent of the human race for the specific purpose of torturing them in Hell. Since only the *elect* are born with the *grace* to enable them to reach the Christian Heaven, the masses are therefore condemned to damnation before their birth. Even though the Christian bible unambiguously endorses predestination (ROMANS 8:29-9:24), the Roman Catholic Church condemns the doctrine as heresy, while simultaneously categorizing the Pauline letter affirming it as *revealed truth*. Religion is nothing if not illogical.

**pregnant** The condition of having a fetus in the womb. It is now considered axiomatic that a woman cannot be *a little bit pregnant*. Until modern times, however, it was universally believed that a woman became a little bit pregnant the first time a male intromitted his sperm inside of her. The earliest belief, dating from the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE, was that a single ejaculation was insufficient to make a baby, and that sperm accumulated in a woman's womb until it reached what might be termed *critical mass*. That was generally thought to coincide with quickening, the first fetal movement detectable to the mother. Some cultures, however, undoubtedly recognized the cessation of menstruation as the first indicator of pregnancy. Because babies were believed to have been co-operatively fathered by every man whose sperm entered a woman between her birth and her first giving birth, or between one birth and the next, her baby was automatically a bastard, *child of many fathers*, unless it was either the first child of a virgin bride whose husband was the only lover she had ever had, or the child of a woman who had observed an adultery taboo since last giving birth. Different cultures at different times held many conflicting beliefs about pregnancy. For example, many maintained that the sperm of different men could not combine and that a baby could have only a single father. That led to a belief that the birth of twins was proof of adultery, since only sperm from two men would fail to combine. Thus a savior or hero fathered by a god on a married woman invariably had a mortal twin fathered by her husband, such as Herakles' twin, Iphikles, Jesus' twin, Thomas, and Castor's twin, Polydeukes. A hero's status and strength were believed to be a function of the amount of sperm from which he grew, and for that reason Zeus was credited with spending seventy-two hours pumping into Alkmene the tremendous amount of sperm needed to produce Herakles. Because a non-virgin bride was regarded as already a little bit pregnant, and because the automatic sacrifice of a woman's firstborn came to be viewed unfavorably, men imposed on women cradle-to-marriage virginity as the only way to be sure that her first child was fathered by her husband alone. Pregnancy itself was regarded as analogous to

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the condition of a field in which a crop had been planted. Babies grew from *spermos*, “seed,” just as corn grew from seed. A baby was no more related to its mother than an ear of corn was related to the field in which it grew. A man’s son’s son carried his blood. His daughter’s son, it was believed, did not. If pregnancy is deemed to have occurred the instant an ovum is fertilized, then most pregnancies end in spontaneous abortion within a few days, without the mother realizing that she had been pregnant. All sex taboos, prior to Gautama’s glorification of celibacy, were invented either to prevent pregnancies or to maximize them.

**premarital intercourse** Concept that came into existence following the Big Discovery of *c.* 3500 BCE, when women were first enslaved as the privately-owned breeding stock of individual men, in a newly concocted institution called *marriage*. When a bride was sold to a husband, she was assumed to have engaged in premarital intercourse and therefore to be incapable of bearing a legitimate heir. Her first child was automatically sacrificed as a bastard, a child of many fathers. At least 1500 years later, the wastefulness of infant sacrifice was recognized, and an alternative means of ensuring that a bride’s first child was legitimate was substituted: premarital virginity. Because premarital intercourse was designated a *sin* at a time when every copulation was believed to contribute to the woman’s next, or first, pregnancy, that belief survived long after the perfection of reliable birth control, along with more accurate knowledge of the physiology of impregnation, eliminated all of the reasons for the taboo’s invention. Belief in a god that makes capricious laws causes many believers to this day to oppose the placing of condom machines in schools, even though the absence of adequate AIDS protection would be viewed as the real sin by any sane god. Only persons who believe that right and wrong are whatever a dice-tossing god says they are regard premarital intercourse as immoral.

**premonition** The vague expectation, in the absence of consciously-recognized evidence, that a specific event, or perhaps a specific class of event such as *something evil*, is about to happen. All persons occasionally experience premonitions, and most of the time the premonition is not followed by fulfillment. But fulfillment does sometimes follow, in direct proportion to the dreaded event’s statistical probability. More often than not, a person whose premonition is followed by fulfillment forgets or ignores the dozens of previous premonitions that were not followed by fulfillment, and deludes himself that a paranormal explanation is needed for a coincidence that is better explained by the laws of probability. A premonition can, however, have a higher intrinsic probability of fulfillment than an individual’s perception of its surface probability, since it can be based on data received by normal means but only subliminally registered in the perceiver’s mind, so that he remains unaware that he is in possession of such data. For example, a person may catch a glimpse of someone he believes to be in another geographic location, without consciously realizing that he has seen that person. A *premonition* that the person subliminally spied is going to come into his presence has a considerably higher probability of fulfillment than would be the case if in fact the person experiencing the premonition really had no awareness that the other person was indeed in the vicinity. *see also* prophetic dream

**Prende, Saint** Canonization of Albanian sex-goddess.

**Presbyter, the** *see* Elder

**presbyter** “senior”; In first-century Nazirite communes, an official whose status immediately below the twelve administrators was based on his having lived longer than most people in a society with a low life expectancy; in radical Protestantism, a ranking administrator, part of a collective leadership appointed to supersede the office of bishop, which the Protestant reformers perceived as having become too powerful. Churches founded by Calvin, Knox, Wesley, and most later reformers were presbyterian, ruled by a council of seniors with no autocrat.

**Presbyterian** The specific church founded by John Knox in Scotland.

**pre-sentient species** Life-forms whose brains are in every measurable way comparable with human brains, but whose behavior seems to indicate that full sentience or human-level intelligence has not yet been attained. Dolphins are clearly pre-sentient, with whales not far behind. Killing a pre-sentient being is regarded by the morally evolved as closely comparable with killing a sentient being.

**Presley, Elvis** Singer who died in 1977. Although there are undoubtedly thousands of persons so gullible and mentally dysfunctional that they genuinely believe Presley is still alive, the authors of books and tabloid articles touting the myth of Presley's survival are conscious liars willing to enrich themselves by pandering to superstitions they do not share—like television evangelists.

**priapism** The condition of having an erect phallus.

**Priapos** “Phallus”; Greek fertility and savior god; deified phallus who rose from the dead every time he regained tumescence, giving rise to the Shakespearean usage of *die* as a synonym for climaxing and detumescence at the end of copulation; equivalent to Hermes, Ouranos, Atthis, Pan, Baal, Yahweh, Jesus, Osiris, Dionysos, and Adonis.

**prick** Probably a corruption of *prickle*; slang for *phallus*, now considered vulgar.

**pride** In god-mythology, one of the seven cardinal sins; objectively, the healthy recognition of one's worth.

**priest** *see* pusher

**priestess-queen** From *c* 30,000 BCE until *c* 1500 BCE, the effective ruler of a geographic community, usually not larger than a village. After 3500 BCE the priestess-queen invariably acquired a husband who bore the title of *king*, but he was in most cases a figurehead whose only function was to kill his predecessor, impregnate the priestess-queen, and be killed by his successor at the end of his year or great year in office. The priestess-queen was absolute monarch, often worshipped as the earthly incarnation of Goddess the Mother. She had the unquestioned authority to order any of her subjects or captives sacrificed to the Mother whenever she saw a need. The best known priestess-queens in literature were Klytaimnestra of Mycenae and Iokasta of Thebes. In some places, notably Egypt, priestess-queens lost real power as early as 3000 BCE, but retained *de jure* hereditary ruler status, obliging pharaohs to marry their sisters in order to legitimize their reigns.

**Priestly author** Aaronic priest of the seventh century BCE who found the J/E Torah unacceptable, mainly because it denigrated the Aaronic priesthood, so he wrote an alternative Torah based on J/E but intended to supersede it. The Elohist had stressed the supremacy of Moses over Aaron, and by implication the primacy of the Moshite priesthood of Shiloh over the Aaronic priesthood of Jerusalem. So P wrote fables in which the grandson of Aaron was appointed by Yahweh to be founder of a dynasty of high priests (NUMBERS 25:10-13), and Moses rebuked the Moshites, who in P's Torah were not descended from Moses (NUMBERS 3:20), for daring to claim equality with the Aaronids (NUMBERS 16:8-11). Jeremiah, who was a Levite priest and may have been the Deuteronomist, described P's Torah as coming from “the lying pen of scribes” (JEREMIAH 3:8). Despite the incompatibility of the J/E and P traditions, a Redactor, who may have been Ezra, eventually riffled the two together into a Hexateuch almost identical with that of the present day.

**primogeniture** The system in which a man's property and status is inherited by his eldest son, with younger sons receiving at most a smaller share. The *birthright* that Esau surrendered to Jacob in the Yahwist's fable was his inheritance as Isaac's primogenitural heir.

**prince of darkness** Concept invented by Zarathustra, probably in the seventh century BCE although some scholars place him much earlier. Zarathustra was the first mythologist to formulate a metaphysical dualism, in which a god of light authored everything good while an opposition god, a

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prince of darkness, authored everything evil. Zarathustra's prince of darkness, Ahriman, had powers equal to those of the god of light, Ahura Mazda, but was predestined to be eventually defeated by the good god and destroyed. Since dualism explained the existence of evil in a world ruled by a god who was omnibenevolent, as Judaism moved toward pseudo-monotheism it was obliged to borrow Zarathustra's prince of darkness as the only means of relieving Yahweh of responsibility for evil. Judaism's prince of darkness was not originally named, and was simply termed The Enemy, *ha-satan*, but later he was equated with the messenger Azazel, the planet Venus. *see also Satan and devil*

**prince of peace** Alternative title for various underworld gods who were also called *lord of death*, since *peace* and *death* were considered synonyms. The title was applied to the Christian junior god Jesus after he had evolved into a judge of the dead analogous to Osiris and other lords of death.

**princess** Archaic title still borne by an epsilon Briton who tortures foxes and appears to believe that *royal blood* is not simply a metaphor.

**prior** "first"; A monk who rules in a priory or ranks second to the abbot in an abbey.

**Prisca, Saint** Nonexistent virgin-martyr allegedly executed during the reign of Claudius, even though no Christians were executed until the reign of Nero.

**Priscilla** Early Christian; wife of Aquila; patron of Paul of Tarsus and later his follower; thought by some to have been the author of LETTER TO THE HEBREWS, which others attribute to Apollos. Priscilla is the only person whose name survives who could conceivably have been "that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess" (REVELATION 2:20), denounced by the Nazirite redactor of REVELATION, but such an identification must be deemed speculative.

**privacy fetish** Compulsion that came into existence some time between *c* 1000 BCE and *c* 500 BCE, to hide from non-participants when engaging in sexual recreation. Herodotus reported *c* 450 BCE that no such fetish existed in India, and thereby revealed that the fetish did already exist in Greece. Columbus likewise reported the absence of any public-recreation taboo in the Caribbean in 1493 CE. In all likelihood the taboo originated when aging potentates started pretending that they recreated behind closed doors, to conceal the politically-dangerous fact that they had become impotent.

**professional help** Oxymoron. The expression implies that a victim of mental dysfunction can be cured or helped by a qualified mental health doctor. No such doctor exists. Psychiatrists are widely believed to have the necessary skills, but are in fact cranks practising a form of quackery no more valid than voodoo.

**professor of education** Propagandist of gamma-minus or delta status whose only function is to recognize and purge any education student who believes that a teacher should actually teach something. By rewarding conformity with As and punishing dissent with Fs, the professor of education conditions epsilons into agreeing that a teacher should be a babysitter who does not bruise tender psyches by requiring them to learn anything. Professors of education are incapable of comprehending that they are criminals who are guaranteeing the collapse of North American civilization, because no person with more functional intelligence than the average cockroach could put his brain in neutral long enough to become a professor of education in the first place.

**Progressive Conservative** Canadian oxymoron.

**progressive monogamy** *see* monogamy, progressive

**prohibition** The attempt by the government of the USA to prohibit the production and distribution of a product, alcohol, for which there was such an overwhelming demand that customers were

willing to ignore the law and purchase the product illegally. Prohibition was instituted by fundamentalist godworshippers who considered themselves entitled to impose the taboos and whims of their neo-Christian sects on an entire population, in violation of the constitutional amendment that, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion." The consequence of the prohibition amendment was that production of alcohol was taken over by outlaws who, being already in violation of American law, had no incentive to observe any other American laws. Gangs led by outlaws such as Al Capone could survive only by seizing absolute power, and in accordance with the Acton principle they became absolutely corrupt. Any person who interfered with a gang's operation, whether a law enforcement officer, a competitor, or a bystander who accidentally acquired dangerous information, was summarily executed. Prohibition was repealed when even the godworshippers who had originally supported it acknowledged that the cure was worse than the disease, but hardcore fundamentalists nonetheless fought for its retention. Repeal of prohibition put an end to the anarchy of Capone's day, but did not put an end to organized crime. While the present-day Mafia also engages in objectively-evil activities, its mainstay is the continued illegality of goods and services such as prostitution and cannabis that are illegal only because godworshippers continue to believe they should be allowed to impose their taboos and whims on an entire population. To repeal prohibition is to repeal the mob.

**Proitos** Twin brother who fought with Akrisios in the womb; husband whose wife falsely accused Bellerophon of rape when he resisted her advances; father of Perseus in an early genealogy, before Perseus became the virgin-born son of Zeus. The conflicting-twins myth was also told of Romulus and Remus, and of Jacob and Esau, and of Pharez and Zarah. The rape accusation myth was also told of Joseph, Hippolytos, and in the Egyptian *Tale of Two Brothers*.

**Project Alpha** Experiment conducted by magician James Randi and two assistants, to demonstrate the gullibility and conceit of parapsychologists who refused to be told that magicians posing as psychics were routinely deceiving them. Despite the fact that there is no such thing as a psychic, Randi's assistants were accepted as psychics by the parapsychology laboratory of George Washington University in St Louis, and performed conjuring tricks that were taken for psychic phenomena. Randi actually warned the parapsychologists, without revealing that he was acquainted with the two subjects, that the test conditions did not exclude cheating and that the subjects were therefore probably cheating. The warning was ignored, and the parapsychologists published, in *Research in Paranormal Psychology*, their conclusions that test subjects had demonstrated genuine psionic abilities, impossible to fake, that included extra-sensory perception, psychokinesis and psychic photography. At that point Randi and his two associates called a press conference and exposed the hoax, only to have the hardcore believers who had been so pathetically easy to deceive declare that Randi's stooges were genuine psychics who for some reason were now pretending to be magicians. Although the majority of parapsychologists screamed *dirty pool*, and refused to acknowledge that all positive results obtained under similar conditions could have been faked, a minority welcomed proof that some of their colleagues were discrediting their entire discipline by their criminal gullibility. The majority, long after Project Alpha, continue to claim positive results even though test conditions did not make conjuring impossible. The minority recognizes that parapsychology can never be taken seriously unless it conducts its research under conditions that would make the conjuring tricks used in Project Alpha impossible. Possibly the hardcore believers refuse to institute safeguards that would make faked positives impossible, because at some unconscious level they are aware that ESP does not exist. For additional information see "The Project Alpha Experiment," *Skeptical Inquirer*, Summer 1983, pp. 24-33, and Fall 1983, pp. 36-45.

**projection** Psychobabble for the universal tendency to see one's own qualities, good or bad, in others.



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**pro-lifer** Misnomer for a quantity-of-lifer. Self-styled pro-lifers are in fact anti-life, because they are willing to suppress by force the sane population control that alone can save the human race from extinction due to overpopulation and starvation.

**Prometheus** “Forethought”; pre-Greek Titan; son of Iapetos; brother of Epimetheus, “Afterthought”; husband of Pandora. Prometheus was originally credited with creating the first humans out of clay, as Yahweh did in the equivalent Jewish myth. In a later tale, Zeus created the first woman, Pandora, and gave her to Prometheus to be his wife and plague him with her constant nagging as his punishment for giving humans fire. Prometheus’s son was Deukalion, the Greek Noah. His father Iapetos became Noah’s son Iapet/Japheth in the Hebrew version. The myth that Zeus chained Prometheus to a rock and that an eagle tormented him by daily eating his liver, which constantly replenished itself so that the torture could continue indefinitely, appears to have inspired the Christian myth of eternal flamethrowers that torture self-replenishing human souls.

**promiscuous** In masochistic, joy-hating cultures: word coined to describe a woman sufficiently sane and free from superstition to evaluate every offer to share joy on its merits.

**promised land** During the reign of King David’s grandson, a meta-historian whom historians call the Yahwist wrote a history of the world that was intended to explain David’s extraordinary feat of founding an empire that compared with Egypt and Babylon. The Yahwist’s explanation was that Yahweh was the most powerful god in the universe, and the Jews were Yahweh’s pets, or *chosen nation*. The founding Jew, Abraham, had granted Yahweh’s demand for exclusive worship, and in return Yahweh had promised Abraham that his descendants would one day be rulers of all the land actually ruled by the kings of Judah and Israel at the time of writing. The empire established by David thus became, retroactively, the *promised land*.

**“promised land”** During the decades when Christianity enforced a virginity fetish even on persons contracted to marry: a fiancée’s vulva.

**proof of the pudding** Legal doctrine yet to be adopted by countries in which criminal law is a parlor game in which a person whose guilt could be established beyond a reasonable doubt is declared the winner if the prosecutor can be shown to have foot-faulted on his second serve. In any rational lawcode, while there will be guarantees against unreasonable search and seizure, the finding of relevant evidence will constitute the *proof of the pudding* that a search and seizure was *not* unreasonable. Should a capricious search fail to produce evidence, then the person who conducted the search must be prepared to face disciplinary action, civil redress, or even criminal prosecution. In a free society, the power of the State to harass its citizens must be limited. But to reject *proof of the pudding* and rule genuine evidence inadmissible is insane.

**prophecy, biblical** The Judaeo-Christian bible contains hundreds of instances of two kinds of prophecies: (a) prophecies of the past, detailed and often extremely accurate, that claimed to be written before the events described but were actually retroactive, describing events that the author knew had already happened; and (b) prophecies of the future that without exception remained unfulfilled or, in many instances, eventually became impossible to fulfill. Jesus’ prophecy, for example, that he would overthrow the Roman occupation by force within the lifetime of persons listening to him preach, is not merely *not yet* fulfilled. Since every person alive in 30 CE is now dead, the prophecy can never be fulfilled. The Essene apocalyptist’s prophecy that the last battle of the Jewish-Roman war of 66-74 CE would take place at Armageddon and would result in a Jewish victory, irreversibly failed when the last battle took place at Masada and resulted in a Roman victory.

**prophecy, psychic** Even though there is no such thing as a psychic, a large number of persons earn a good living posing as psychics. Psychics claim to be able to prophesy the future, and do in fact make large numbers of guesses about future events. No psychic has ever made a specific, detailed

prophecy, such as, “There will be an earthquake in Iran in June, 1990, that will kill 60,000,” that was fulfilled. Many have, however, prophesied in the form, “There will be an earthquake in June, 1990.” Since there is an earthquake somewhere on earth almost every day, only the truly gullible could regard such generalizations as *hits*. More specific prophecies, such as, “President John Kennedy will be assassinated within two weeks of November 15, 1963,” have turned out to have been made after the event. Similarly, a prophecy that Ruholla Khomeini, already 80 years old and the target for thousands of assassins, would die in 1980, failed. Psychics like to make hundreds of prophecies with a success probability of ten percent, ignore the ninety percent that fail, and claim *hits* for the ten percent that have some resemblance to a fulfilled event.

**prophet** When the Jewish testament was translated into Greek, the Hebrew word *nabiya* became *prophetes*, and *prophetes* was then translated into English as *prophet*. In fact a *nabiya* was a “spokesman,” meaning one who spoke for Yahweh, passing off his own speculations and paranoia as the *word* of the paramount Jewish god. Although a spokesman did sometimes claim to have information from Yahweh about the future, usually a tentative future that depended on whether a king obeyed the spokesman’s orders, the translation *prophet* is misleading, because a *nabiya* was not basically a person who foretold the future, as that word implies.

**Prophet, Mormon** Official status of the Head Mormon, who is also styled *President*, and regarded as having a hot line to the Mormon god, so that any revelation proclaimed by the Prophet is accepted as carrying the same infallibility claimed by the Head Catholic. Mormon prophets, like Catholic popes, are elected for life by the Council of Twelve Apostles, equivalent to the College of Cardinals. Since prophets/popes are elected by apostles/cardinals, while apostles/cardinals are appointed by prophets/popes, the result is in each case a self-perpetuating oligarchy that tends to remain ultra-conservative even when ninety-nine percent of its subjects are liberal. Mormon missionaries regularly utilize the Big Lie that Mormonism’s legitimacy is demonstrated by the unanimous election of each new prophet on the first ballot, whereas popes are often not elected until the fifth or eighth ballot, often with a bare two-thirds majority. What the missionaries deliberately conceal is that the new prophet’s identity is public knowledge even before his election, because the apostle with most seniority is *always* elected.

**prophet of doom** Term coined by godworshippers and other mentally dysfunctional epsilons to describe persons with sufficient rationality to recognize that, if water and air pollution and overpopulation are not reversed, the human race will not and cannot survive. By inventing a pejorative name for persons who recognize the problem and try to circumvent it, the anthropocidists are able to delude themselves that the rationalists are wrong. After all, they reason, would His Omnipotent Insanity in the Sky allow his greatest creation to exterminate itself? To a godworshipper, such a possibility is unthinkable. But thinking has never been a godworshipper’s strong point.

**prophetic dream** Dream in which the dreamer witnesses future events and awakens remembering the outcome. Since most of earth’s six billion inhabitants have at least one prophetic dream each year, and the probability of all such dreams turning out to be wrong is vanishingly small, naturally a large number are followed by fulfillment. The probability of a prophetic dream proving to be accurate is precisely equal to the intrinsic probability of the predicted event. Thus a person who dreams that he is watching the Kentucky Derby winner win the Belmont, has more chance of seeing his dream fulfilled than someone who dreams that the last-place finisher in the Derby will win the Belmont. The editor of this dictionary once correctly dreamed the winner of a horse race, only to discover that so many people, not necessarily by dreaming, had made the same prediction, that the horse started an odds-on favorite. It may well be that prophetic dreams, other than simple wish fulfillments, have a higher probability of fulfillment than predictions made consciously, since the dreamer is able to extrapolate from all information known to him subliminally, including

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information that he does not consciously know that he knows. There is, however, no research evidence that this is so.

**proportional representation** Voting system in which more than one candidate is elected in a single electorate, with parties or groups electing members in proportion to the number of votes the party or group receives. Proportional representation can enable a party with the evenly distributed support of thirty percent of the population to win a number of seats commensurate with its popularity, whereas under a system of single-member electorates it might win no seats at all. Proportional representation would more than double the Liberal Party's representation in the Parliament of England. However, when carried to extremes, as in Israel, proportional representation can cause the election of candidates whose support amounts to less than three percent, creating a legislative body in which parties with massive support are forced to kowtow to tiny vested interests in order for a coalition government to survive.

**prostitute** Any self-employed practitioner of the art of sexual gratification. As with any art involving no basic skill, only varying degrees of expertise, prostitution has attracted a small number of genuine artists, such as courtesans and hetairas, and a large number of no-talent, semi-literate epsilons. The only reason there is a market for the latter is that anti-sexual religion has conditioned men to believe that masturbation is reprehensible, but ejaculating into a rented female orifice is not *really* masturbation.

**prostitute** Colloquialism for any person who earns money by selling a product so blatantly misrepresented that laws prohibiting fraudulent advertising are violated; *e.g.*: a woman who sells copulatory masturbation as love; a publisher who sells the imaginative fantasies of a Shirley MacLaine or Immanuel Velikovsky as nonfiction; any practitioner of psychology, religion, North American education, astrology, channeling, biorhythms, psychic consultation, or commission selling, all of whom provide no valid or useful service whatsoever.

**Protestant** A member of any of the neo-Christian mythologies formed since the sixteenth century to *protest* the totalitarian authority of the Catholic pope.

**Protus, Saint** Canonization of Greek sea god, the Old Man of the Sea.

**proverb** Pithy saying that usually has face validity, even though it may contradict another proverb that also has face validity. Compare "Haste makes waste" with "The early bird catches the worm."

**PROVERBS** Sadducee composition of *c* 200 BCE. Like most books by Sadducees, PROVERBS was attributed to King Solomon. The oldest, non-Sadducee parts date back to *c* 400 BCE, while the concluding 22 verses were added *c* 150 BCE.

**Providence** Term used by some as virtually a proper name for a god that rules the universe as an omnibenevolent despot, and by others to mean a non-anthropomorphic force or power that fills an identical role. Believers in Providence tend to accept the metaphysical bases of religion, while rejecting or questioning the myth that an old man with a beard ever spoke to Moses or Jesus.

**prude** A person who, judging others by what he sees in the mirror, believes that human beings are so stupid, ignorant, morally retarded and scientifically illiterate, that they are likely to be corrupted if they are permitted to come in contact with any art, literature or freethinking of the kind that terrifies the prude. The reason a prude is incapable of facing reality is that, in the part of his brain that is still sane, he is fully aware that reality is incompatible with his security belief. He therefore dares not look at anything his superstition categorizes as evil, in case his latent sanity tells him that joy is not evil.

**prunetang** Suggested name for a fruit drink that was never marketed.

**PSALMS** Collection of songs of praise to the Jewish god Yahweh and the Israelite god-committee, Elohim. Some psalms date from the time of King David, and it is not impossible that he composed them. Others are clearly the product of the Babylonian Captivity, such as, “By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept...in a strange land.” The absence from PSALMS of any mention of an afterlife indicates that the book’s final editors, c 100 BCE, were Sadducees.

**PSALMS OF SOLOMON** Sadducee composition that failed to win a place in the Judaeo-Christian bible.

**pseudepigraphy** Books such as DANIEL, DEUTERONOMY, *Enoch*, BARUCH, *Thomas*, and 2 PETER, whose anonymous authors pretended to be a person from history or mythology.

**pseudo-liberal** An ultra-conservative who professes all of the currently fashionable *right* beliefs on racial equality, sexual equality, recreational equality and other social issues, but howls down any person who attempts to offer evidence or argument for the *wrong* belief. He does so because he secretly believes that the *wrong* opinion is right, and that if he dares listen to evidence for the *wrong* opinion, he will be forced to acknowledge his true status as a designated bigot. A true liberal, in contrast, will listen to any evidence from a source with face validity, in full confidence that he will spot any illogical argument or spurious evidence, and in the event that the evidence is overwhelming he will re-evaluate his beliefs.

**pseudoscience** Any self-styled science that cannot validate its position in the presence of skeptics. No genuine science manifests itself only in the presence of believers. For example, no matter how convinced an individual may be that the law of gravity is a hoax, gravity will nonetheless manifest itself as fully in his presence as in his absence. Germs will continue to cause disease in the presence of a naturopath, no matter how vehemently he denies that germs cause disease. Any discipline that touts the presence of skeptics or unbelievers as a reason for failing to demonstrate the discipline’s alleged qualities is a pseudoscience, otherwise known as humbuggery. The failure of experienced hypnotized subjects to enter a trance in the presence of hostile investigators is good evidence that the trance state does not exist.

**psilanthropism** Name given by worshippers of the god Jesus to the belief that Jesus was just a man and not any kind of god. What the word’s coiners failed to recognize was that Jesus himself was a psilanthropist, as were his mother, his father, his brothers, his disciples, Paul of Tarsus, and the authors of the synoptic gospels. Nobody called Jesus a god until he had been dead for a full century.

**psionics** Parapsychology; extra-sensory perception.

**psychiatrist** “mind doctor”; A person who spent six years obtaining a medical degree, only to flush his medical expertise down the toilet in order to practise a form of quackery with no more validity than tea leaf reading. In every criminal trial in which a defendant’s mental condition is at issue, no matter how many psychoquacks either side produces to testify that he is or is not insane, the other side can produce an equal number to say the opposite. Nothing remotely comparable could happen in a legitimate science. Psychiatrists have the highest suicide rate for any identifiable group other than reservation natives and priests, because the day eventually comes when a psychoquack realizes that he has been practising humbuggery and has become too old to switch to medicine. The day may come when *mind doctor* is a valid concept. But that is at least a century in the future. For additional information see *The Therapeutic State* by Thomas Szasz, Prometheus, 1984.

**psychic** A humbug who pretends to foretell the future, solve crimes by paranormal means, read minds, or demonstrate other mental capacities that in fact do not exist. No psychic who has attempted to demonstrate his alleged abilities under controlled laboratory conditions has ever succeeded in doing so. Professional psychics are without exception conjurers who never submit to testing by competent investigators such as James Randi, who they know would detect their

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cheating, but are invariably willing to be tested by gullible parapsychologists (there's another kind?) who have no ability to detect the use of conjuring techniques. Amateur psychics are often genuinely self-deluded, and whenever they make a lucky guess they attribute it to their imagined power. Professional psychics are without exception professional liars.

**psychic archaeology** The practice of walking over land, or holding a wand over a map, allowing the imagination to run wild, and publishing the resulting fantasies as nonfiction.

**psychic healing** Unlike psychic surgery, which utilizes conjuring techniques to amputate the contents of a mark's wallet, psychic healing refers to the use of suggestion to stimulate or augment the human body's natural ability to heal itself. Whether such use of suggestion is called hypnotism, faithhealing or psychic healing, any benefit derived from such mumbo jumbo stems from the patient's belief that he is being helped.

**psychic surgery** Criminal humbuggery in which a patient who needs surgery or some analogous medical procedure is deceived by conjuring tricks into believing that chicken giblets and other animal tissue is diseased human organs that have been magically excised from his body without a scalpel and without leaving a mark. Among the hundreds of persons murdered by a psychic surgeon's pretence that he has cured a deadly ailment was comedian Andy Kaufman, with the culpable co-operation of NBC, which presented a pseudo-documentary program endorsing psychic surgery as something other than fraud. For additional information see *Healing: A Doctor in Search of a Miracle*, by William Nolen, NY, 1975.

**psychic warfare** Program on which the epsilons running the military in both America and Russia wasted millions of dollars or rubles as a result of being deceived by conjurers into believing that a nonexistent mental power could influence the behavior of missiles and their button-pushers, and read the minds of spies and saboteurs. When the Pentagon was offered expert testimony and evidence on the absurdity of such a program, it refused to listen, and continued to follow the recommendations of the same persons who had pronounced humbugs like Uri Geller genuine psychics.

**psychoanalysis** Form of psychoquackery invented by Sigmund Freud, which even other psychoquacks recognize as valueless humbuggery. When Freud found that he could not achieve the condition of hypnosis in patients that he considered necessary for therapeutic purposes, he invented a substitute that had the advantage of keeping a patient on the hook for as much as ten years, when a hypnotherapist could have collected fees for no more than two or three weeks. Psychoanalysts, like bartenders, part customers from their money by encouraging them to spout inanities that the fee-taker pretends to find interesting. Unlike bartenders, who sometimes offer useful advice, a psychoanalyst religiously refrains from offering advice in case he reveals his ignorance, loses the goose, and stops collecting the golden eggs.

**psychobabble** Dialect invented by psychologists for the purpose of enabling them to sound learned without actually saying anything. Modern psychobabble serves two functions: (1) It makes anything written by a psychoquack incomprehensible, so that any non-initiate who reads it will be unable to recognize it as contentless drivel; and (2) It enables the psychoquack to convince *himself* that he is not an unlearned practitioner of criminal humbuggery.

**psychobiology** The study of human behavior as a function of genetic programming and environmental conditioning, taking into account the findings of anthropologists, zoologists and other scientists; as distinct from sociobiology, which presents unrefereed speculations that violate as many sciences as the imaginings of Immanuel Velikovsky.

**psychodrama** Children's game played by puerile adults under the direction of a mentally dysfunctional psychologist (there's another kind?).

**psychological profile** Collection of wild guesses and fatuous generalizations by a psychologist about a criminal. No psychoquack has ever provided police with any useful information based on his pretended expertise. Nonetheless, Hollywood continues to perpetuate the myth that *psychological profile* is a valid concept.

**psychological stress evaluator** *see* voice stress analyzer

**psychology** “knowledge of the mind”; The most widespread form of humbuggery on earth, with more believers in its validity than even god mythology. While it is logical and desirable that researchers study the human mind in the hope of some day establishing a true science of human behavior, no such science yet exists. Nor will it exist until a predictive value is achieved that, if not high, is at least higher than can be achieved by tossing a coin. No psychoquack has ever predicted the behavior of an individual with greater accuracy than a policeman, a bartender or a prostitute.

**psychology of religion** The collective guesses by one set of humbugs about another set of humbugs.

**psychometry** Form of conjuring in which a magician pretends to receive, via a nonexistent extra-sensory means, information about the owner or recent user of an object he is touching.

**psychoneural identity (PNI)** Scientific assumption, unchallenged by any legitimate evidence, that consciousness, awareness, ego and/or “selfness” is a function of the brain, not of any postulated metaphysical *soul*.

**psychoquack** *see* psychiatrist *and* psychology

**psychosomatic** Any physical ailment caused solely by mental dysfunction; invariably curable by suggestion, provided the suggestion is presented in a manner the victim regards as valid. Thus some psychosomatic ailments could be cured by a designated hypnotherapist but not by a faithhealer, while others could be cured by a faithhealer but not by a hypnotherapist, depending entirely on the patient’s frame of reference. In a limited sense, pathological playacting such as multiple personality disorder, possession, bewitchment, and communication with invisible entities such as the goddess Mary is psychosomatic, but not to the degree that the fantasizer has no control over her fantasy or is genuinely unaware that she is lying.

**psychovation** The party that every psychoquack is obliged to throw whenever he cures anybody. The last psychovation is reported to have been held in Hamburg in 1903.

**Psykhe (Psyche)** Originally, the metaphysical *life* that was an attribute of all living things. In ACTS 2:41, the *psykhai triskhiliai* converted by Peter should be translated “three thousand living persons.” And MARK 8:36, correctly translated, reads, “How much does a human profit if...he loses his life.” As mythology evolved, *psykhe* came to mean a separate entity incorporated into the physical body, usually translated *soul*, even though *losing one’s psykhe* continued to mean *die*. The Greek myth of the mating of Eros and Psykhe symbolized the total union of flesh and mind, or body and soul.

**publican** *Authorized Version’s* translation of *telones*, corrected to *tax collector* in the *Revised Standard Version*; in Australia: a hotelkeeper.

**Pudens, Saint** Canonization of the god Jupiter’s *pudendus sanctus*, “holy phallus.”

**Pudentiana, Saint** Canonization of the goddess Juno’s *pudenda sancta*, “sacred twat”; decanonized by Pope Paul VI in 1969 in recognition of her nonexistence.

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### **pumpkin shell**

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,  
Had a wife and couldn't keep her.  
He put her in a pumpkin shell,  
And there he kept her very well.

The foregoing nursery rhyme typified the philosophy of a misogynist culture. Women who were attractive to men were expected to be incapable of resisting adulterous advances. The woman's husband was therefore urged to keep her permanently unattractive by keeping her *in a pumpkin shell*, that is, barefoot and pregnant.

**Purgatory** Metaphysical underworld in which the souls of the dead were purified of sin by being hosed with agonizing flamethrowers until the sin was burned away and the purified soul was ready to enter the realm of the blessed. The concept of a purgatory was first invented *c* 650 BCE by Zarathustra, and *c* 200 BCE was absorbed by the Jewish sect of Khassidites that later split into Essenes and Pharisees. Both sub-sects retained a purgatory concept, calling it *Gehenna*, after the garbage dump outside of Jerusalem. Jesus the Nazirite changed Gehenna from the Zoroastrian purgatory into the Christian hell, by changing the purpose of the flamethrowers from purification to punishment, and by making the torture permanent. Permanent sadistic torture of all taboo-breakers and non-initiates remains a core dogma of all major Christian sects. Some time after 300 CE, the Catholic church restored purgatory to its mythology as a place of temporary punishment for the imperfect elect, but also retained Hell as the sadist's dream Jesus imagined, as a separate place. Catholics are thus the only Christians who believe in four different afterlives. *Purgatory* as an addition or alternative to *Hell* exists only in Catholic Christianity, as does *Limbo*. All other mythologies have a maximum of two afterlives.

**Purim** Jewish adaptation of the Elamite New Year festival of lots, *purulli*, at which a sacrificial victim was chosen by lot to represent the savior god Hamon. The Jews borrowed the festival during the Babylonian Captivity, and could not be persuaded to abandon it despite the urging of the purist Ezra. So in keeping with the principle, "If you can't beat them, join them," a mythologist composed the book, ESTHER, in which the festival was given a spurious Jewish origin. In ESTHER, the gods Ishtar, Marduk, Hamon and Vishtu were transformed into courtiers at the palace of Xerxes, king of Persia 485-465 BCE. In the Elamite prototype ritual, sacred king Hamon was sacrificed as a substitute *Marduk for a day*, and his body was sacramentally eaten in the form of purim cakes made from the grain that *was* Marduk.

**Puritan** Member of a neo-Christian sect that would rather tyrannize in America than be tyrannized in England.

**puritanism** According to H. L. Mencken: "the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy."

**purity** Masochist's name for the perversion of sexual abstinence.

**pusher** A person who derives financial or emotional benefit from peddling a mind-crippling opiate such as heroin, religion, amphetamines, astrology, cocaine or masochism, that turns the consumer into an addict who cannot resist doping himself until either he is dead, as often happens with cocaine addicts, or brain-dead, as invariably happens with god addicts.

**pushing shit uphill** Australian idiom for engaging in an ongoing futile task with little hope of a successful outcome—such as trying to free a billion god addicts from the opiate that is destroying them, or trying to free a billion Chinese from communist slave-masters. The expression may derive from the Greek myth of Sisyphos, condemned to spend eternity in Tartaros pushing a rock up a hill, only to have it roll back down every time he got halfway to the top.

**pushover** Misogynist term used by brainwashed masochists to mean a woman with sufficient intelligence to evaluate every offer to share joy on its merits.

**pussy** Colloquialism for *vulva*, analogous to Greek *sow*.

**put out** Misogynist term used by persons who equate sexual recreation with the defeat of a woman by a man, to mean female participation in same.

**put to sleep** Euphemism for *kill*; usually applied to domestic pets in failing health. An aging dog is *put to sleep*, but a racehorse that breaks a leg is *put down*. Neither is *killed*, since that would violate the cultural death taboo. Yet somehow they both end up dead.

**putz** Jewish epithet equivalent to *prick*, significantly more pejorative than *schmuck*. A *schmuck* is not necessarily unlovable. A *putz*, in contrast, is a person who supports capital punishment, opposes sane population control, equates the unintentionally unemployed with professional parasites, uses words like *nigger*, *queer* and *scab*, regards Oliver North as a patriot persecuted for obeying orders and George W. Bush as a legitimate president, and would not hesitate to re-elect Richard Nixon.

**pyramidiot** A believer in pyramidology.

**pyramidology** The art of taking thousands of measurement of a pyramid, utilizing whichever units give the desired result, finding some historical or mythological circumstance in which the same number occurs, and pretending that the pyramid builders *prophesied* the event. For example, if a doorway was found to be 40 inches wide and 156 centimeters high, a Christian pyramidologist would interpret the width as prophesying Jesus' alleged forty-day fast in the desert, and the height as prophesying the twelve apostles, the ten commandments, the four evangelists and the seven deacons, since  $12 \times (10 - 4 + 7) = 156$ . Anyone who thinks this analogy is an exaggeration has never read the pyramidologists' publications. Fanatic pyramidologists have been caught chipping a corner of a pyramid in order to make the dimensions conform to their theories. For additional information see "The Pyramid Pushers" in *Financial Post Magazine*, April 1976.



# Q

**Q** the Q gospel.

**Q gospel** Document now lost that was the source of the material duplicated in MATTHEW and LUKE but not found in MARK, which the authors of MATTHEW and LUKE also used as a source. The Q gospel is thought to have been essentially a Christology, written to demonstrate that Jesus the Nazirite had fulfilled every known messianic prophecy and many scriptural passages never before interpreted as messianic.

**Qaf** In Islamic cosmography, the mountain range made of emerald that encircles the flat earth beyond the river Ocean.

**Qananites** *see* Zealots

## quack

- (a) A person who provides any form of alleged medical treatment that is intrinsically useless;
- (b) A person who provides any form of alleged medical treatment when he does not have a valid licence to practise medicine.

By the former definition, psychiatrists are quacks. By the latter definition, since they have M.D.s, they are not quacks. Most medical societies, however, regard even M.D.s as quacks if they follow procedures that medical consensus has specifically condemned as valueless. That does not include the prescribing of placebos, since the doctor is correctly recognizing that a patient's belief in the curative value of a sugar pill may produce beneficial effects. All medical doctors recognize homeopaths, naturopaths, osteopaths and chiropractors as quacks, since their procedures stem from fully discredited theories of medicine and physiology, even though such persons are licensed to practise in many sovereign states and regions. The National Council on Health Fraud defines quackery as, "the promotion of false, unsafe, or unproven health schemes for financial gain."

**Quaker** Member of a neo-Christian sect formed by William Penn, officially titled *Society of Friends*.

**quality of life** Philosophy endorsed by an overwhelming majority of non-fundamentalist theists, and virtually all nontheists, that children have the right to be born only to mothers who want them, that they have the right to a quality of life that a mother forced to bear an unwanted child usually cannot provide, and that an unintentionally pregnant woman has the right not to bear a child she knows she cannot provide with the quality of life that should be every human's birthright.

**quantity of life** Philosophy endorsed by religious fundamentalists and nobody else, that pre-human tadpoles have the inalienable right to evolve into sentient beings, that abortion is a violation of that right, that condemning a fetus that the mother would have aborted to a life of degradation and suffering and probably death by starvation must be virtuous, because a fundamentalist god has ordered that it be condemned to live under such conditions, and that anything a god does is virtuous by definition, and therefore the fundamentalist god's alleged order to "be prolific and increase in number" must be obeyed without question, even to the point of overpopulating the human race until it cannot feed itself, starves, and becomes extinct. Quantity of life advocates call themselves *right to life* advocates, even though their philosophy, if enforced, would rob the human race of its right to life. They justify their attempted anthropocide by deluding themselves that, if they obediently commit species suicide, their *deus ex machina* will miraculously save them in the last act, as it allegedly saved Isaac in GENESIS 22:12. Quantity-of-lifers are callously indifferent to the quality of life.

**quantum mechanics** An explanation for the universe every bit as metaphysical as the god hypothesis, but which has a supporting argument that god mythology lacks: it is observably consistent with all currently available data. Quantum theory is accepted by physicists simply because it works. No physicist has ever suggested that quantum theory be accepted because it emanated from a sacrosanct source that may not be questioned.

**Quebec** Geographic region of Canada in which it is a criminal offense for consenting persons to conduct business in the only language spoken by two-thirds of all Canadians, the language that is fast becoming standard Terran: English.

**queen of heaven** Title held at various times by Rhea, Hera, Juno, Cybele, Isis, Mary, and at least one hundred other goddesses.

**queer** Any person whose recreational preferences differ from one's own. To a bridge player, poker players are queer.

**queer Jew** According to a Jewish comedian: one who likes women better than money.

**Quentin, Saint** Nonexistent martyr after whom an American prison is named.

**quest** In most of the world: a search for a sacred object or fetish; in Australia: a tits and arse pageant.

**Quetzalcoatl** Originally, a folk hero, possibly a historical king, of the Toltecs. Under the conquering Aztecs, he became a virgin-born resurrected savior god whose second coming the Aztecs were still awaiting in post-Columbian times. In his mythical form, he was a moon god who monthly died in the sun's furnace only to be reborn as a young, vigorous new moon. He was also equated with the planet Venus as Morning Star, and was also the creator who molded the first humans out of clay. Myths thousands of years older may have been grafted onto the biography of a historical king, precisely as happened to Jesus the Nazirite after he, like Quetzalcoatl, was posthumously adopted by a culture not his own. It is possible that, even before the landing of Columbus, Quetzalcoatl was already depicted by beardless brown-skins as a white man with a beard. But it is also possible that, in view of how totally myths can change in a single generation in a culture in which only the mythmakers are literate, that reports of Columbus's sailors reached the Aztecs between 1492 and 1519, and Cortez found a culture that had already Europeanized a Toltec god.

**quickie** Colloquialism for sexual recreation performed hurriedly, usually lasting less than five minutes. An urban myth reports that a Catholic priest, hearing the word for the first time in confession and not wanting to reveal his ignorance of its meaning, asked the nearest Boss Nun, "Mother, what's a quickie?" She reportedly answered, "Twenty dollars, Father, same as downtown."

**quiff** Hebrew for female genitalia.

**Quigley, Joan** Official astrologer to the wife of the American president from 1981 to 1988, at a fee of \$36,000 a year. Quigley advised the president, through his wife, when to fly and when not to fly, when to sign treaties and when not to sign them, and when to avoid public contact. Yet she was unable to foresee the earthquake that occurred in San Francisco in 1989, and was consequently in her San Francisco home at the time of the quake. Perhaps the most significant thing about astrology is that persons of Ronald Reagan's intelligence believe in it.

**quim** Hebrew for female genitalia.

**Quimby, Phineas** Mesmerist who taught mesmerism, the technique created by Anton Mesmer and later called hypnotism, to Mary Baker Eddy. Mrs Eddy renamed Quimby's form of mesmerism *divine healing*, denounced all other uses of mesmerism as *malicious animal magnetism*, and called

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the final hodgepodge of mesmerism, mysticism and personal masturbation fantasies *Christian Science*. To this day Christian Scientists practise Quimby's suggestion techniques, while simultaneously denouncing the same techniques when practised by anyone else as *satanic*.

**quintessence** In the physics of Aristotle, all earthly substances were made up of four elements or essences: earth, air, fire and water. Since the heavens were thought to be perfect, and therefore not made of the same essences as the imperfect earth, the term *fifth essence* was coined for the element of the sky.

**Quirinius** Roman Legatus of the province of Syria in 6/7 CE. When, in 6 CE, the ethnarch Arkhelaos was deposed and Judea was for the first time brought under direct Roman rule administered by a procurator, Coponius, Quirinius was ordered to conduct a census that would provide Rome with a list of taxpayers in a province previously taxed by the Herods. Since Herod Antipas was not deposed as tetrarch of Galilee, the census in Judea did not concern Galilee. Josephus confirms that Rome had no taxing authority in dependent monarchies, and that the census of 6/7 CE was the first. According to LUKE, Mary was pregnant with Jesus at the time of the census. But according to MATTHEW, Jesus was already born before the death of Arkhelaos's father, King Herod, ten years earlier. LUKE also portrayed Jesus' parents as Galileans affected by the census, even though the census had nothing to do with Galilee.

**Qumran** Site of a community of Essene monks, probably formed at the time of the execution of the sect's founder, the Righteous Rabbi, in 104 BCE, in the desert adjacent to the Dead Sea. Qumran was abandoned at the time of the Jewish War of 66-74 CE. Many Essene documents, known as the Dead Sea scrolls, were found in the vicinity of Qumran in 1947 CE.

**Quran** *see* Koran.

**Quzah** Arabian storm goddess whose name meant *vagina*. In pre-Islamic times she was masculinized in conformity with the new theology that all important gods must be male. The feminine inflection, *-ah*, was, however, retained in her name, as also happened when the goddess *Allah* was masculinized into *El* in some places but remained *Allah* even as a male in others. The root of Quzah's name became *kouze*, a Hebrew word for the female genitalia.

## R

**R** The Redactor.

**Ra (Re)** Sun god who was also supreme god of the Egyptian pantheon. Only in cultures in which constant sunshine was deemed more important than regular rainfall did any sun god acquire Ra's paramountcy. The unification of northern and southern Egypt under the pharaohs led to the amalgamation of their paramount gods, Amun and Ra, as Amun-Ra.

**rabbi** In the Christian gospels, persons speaking to Jesus the Nazirite were portrayed as addressing him as *Rabbi*, Hebrew for "teacher," *Didiskale*, Greek for "teacher," or *Kyrios*, Greek for "Master." A rabbi was specifically a teacher of Jewish canon law, and the application of such a title to a person who was not a learned Pharisee was purely honorary. Following the destruction of Yahweh's temple in 70 CE, the term came to mean an instructor in a synagogue. The Pharisees became extinct as a separate Jewish sect, but survived as the rabbis.

**race** Somewhat misleading term, since it implies a greater distinction between human communities than actually exists. Humans constitute a single species, and the differences between a Caucasoid and a Negroid, or between a Pygmy and a Polynesian, are less than the differences between a Saint Bernard and a cocker spaniel. Molecular biologists have ascertained with reasonable certainty that skin color and other racial characteristics are functions of only four of the human body's millions of genes. *Race* means no more among humans than *breed* among cats or dogs.

**race pollution** The crime of mating with a member of a different race. Race pollution, marrying a gentile, was considered such a monstrous denigration of Jewish superiority in post-exilic times, that the Priestly author wrote a fable in which Yahweh reacted to a single such incident by executing 24,000 hostages (NUMBERS 25:6-9). Miscegenation, interracial marriage, was a criminal offense in America until the early twentieth century, and in South Africa until the late twentieth century.

**racist** Form of bigot who believes that members of other races are intrinsically inferior to himself and his fellow racists.

**radiesthesia** A form of humbuggery analogous to dowsing. A weight is tied to a thread to form a pendulum. The pendulum, held above an object, will swing in one pattern for *yes* and a different pattern for *no*, or one pattern for *male* and another pattern for *female*. That the pattern of swing is consciously or unconsciously directed by muscular contractions is acknowledged. Believers in radiesthesia imagine that the operator detects some external agency, and is thereby compelled to vibrate the pendulum in the pattern that the external agency directs. No controlled test of radiesthesia has ever produced better than chance results.

**Raguel** *Authorized Version's* mis-transcription of *Reuwel* in NUMBERS 10:29; corrected to *Reuel* in the *Revised Standard Version*.

**Rahab** Name used by third Isaiah (51:9) to denote the serpent goddess whom Yahweh sliced in two to create the land and the sky; called *Tehowm* in GENESIS 1:2; originally Yahweh's mother, but later denigrated to the level of his created concubine (PSALM 104:26) under the name of the Levite goddess, *Leviathan*.

**Rakhel** Originally, an Israelite ewe goddess, a variant of the Mother. She was probably anthropomorphized as the mother of the Israelite demigods Manasseh and Ephraim prior to the formation of the Jewish-Israelite alliance. Only after that event did she become the mother of the mythical *Joseph* and the grandmother of the eponyms.

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**Ramadan** Period of one lunar month each lunar year when Muslims are required to practise dawn-to-dusk masochism in such forms as abstinence from food and sexual recreation; roughly equivalent to the Christian Lent. Because the Muslim year consists of twelve lunar months totaling 354 days, Ramadan moves from mid-summer to mid-winter and back every thirty-two years. Apparently the Muslim god still has not learned that there are  $365\frac{1}{4}$  days in a year, not 354.

**Ramoses I** “son of the sun god”; Name adopted by Horemheb when he succeeded his father, Ay, as pharaoh of Egypt in the late fourteenth century BCE. Because Ay reigned as husband of his granddaughter Ankhesenpaaton, who had previously been queen as the wife, first of her father Ikhenaton and later of her brother Tutankhamen, he is regarded as the last pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty. Horemheb/Ramoses made his sister Mutnedjmet the Great Royal Wife, and since neither was descended from the Amenhoteps he is considered the founder of the nineteenth dynasty. Some historians dispute that Horemheb and Ramoses I were the same man, but offer no alternative explanation of who Ramoses was or where he came from.

**Ramoses II** Pharaoh of Egypt who reigned for eighty years in the thirteenth century BCE. He was probably both the grandfather of Moses and the pharaoh whose response to Egypt’s chronic unemployment problem was to expel the Israelites who had entered Egypt 150 years earlier at the invitation of Ikhenaton.

**Randi, James** Investigative magician whose ability to detect the conjuring tricks used by self-proclaimed psychics to fool their marks is so universally recognized that no *psychic* will agree to be tested by him or perform in his presence. Randi was the author of Project Alpha. Randi’s standing prize of \$100,000 to any person who can demonstrate the reality of any paranormal phenomenon has never been won. In the opinion of the most experienced researchers, it never will be won, because legitimate paranormal phenomena do not exist.

**rap** Rhythmical chanting to music by persons who feel compelled to be singers but have no talent.

**rape** The violent assault and battery of a woman’s unprepared genital orifice by an uninvited phallus. To a casual observer, there is a superficial resemblance between rape and the sharing of joy. In fact the sexual element of rape is extraneous to the attacker’s desire to hurt and humiliate. To a rape victim, the experience more closely resembles a mauling by a grizzly bear or a mad dog. A rape occurs in the USA every six minutes. And because penalties for the crime of rape in many states are disproportionate to the severity of the assault and battery, juries are prone to acquitting serial rapists who claim to have had the victim’s consent, when the same perpetrator would have been convicted and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment if he had been charged with the less intimidating crime of assault causing bodily harm. Perhaps the time has come to charge rapists with crimes for which juries only demand proof beyond a reasonable doubt, rather than a crime for which those same juries demand a level of proof that will never be available.

**Raphael** In Jewish mythology, one of the seven planetary gods, also called watchers, seraphim and archangels; the deified planet Jupiter. Since the role of paramount god was reserved for the earth god Yahweh, Raphael never obtained the primacy of other deifications of the same planet, such as Roman Jupiter, Greek Zeus or Babylonian Marduk. Unlike Mikhael and Gabriel, deifications of Mars and Mercury, Raphael is not mentioned in Jewish or Protestant bibles. He is, however, found in Catholic bibles in the Pharisical composition, TOBIT 12:15.

**Rasputin, Grigori** Russian monk and faithhealer, neither better nor worse than American practitioners of the same scam. Since Rasputin was able to achieve a degree of success treating Czar Nicholas II’s hemophilic son with suggestion therapy disguised as prayer, he achieved considerable influence at Nicholas’s court, mainly through Czarina Alexandra’s fascinated interest in him. Few historians take the rumor seriously that he became Alexandra’s lover, even though he was notorious as a womanizer. The main reason for Rasputin’s bad press was that he was a

commoner in an aristocracy. Certainly his influence on Nicholas's policies was not greater than Joan Quigley's influence on Ronald Reagan, or more pernicious. The biography written by his daughter portrays him as extremely intelligent and competent. While that evaluation is biased, it is no more so than the hatchet jobs derived from Rasputin's political opponents at Nicholas's court.

**Ras Shamra tablets** A collection of clay tablets from ancient Ugarit, written in cuneiform script in a Semitic language, dating from the fourteenth century BCE, containing many names found in later Jewish history.

**rationalist** A person who recognizes that religion is dependent on self-contradictions and is therefore irrational; identical with a humanist, except that no person calling himself a rationalist could regard any form of metaphysics as other than irrational.

**raw sewage** Unprocessed shit.

**RC** Roman Catholic.

**Reader's Digest** The only mass circulation magazine aimed at an even less intelligent audience than that of network television.

**Reagan, Ronald** Possibly the most ignorant, scientifically illiterate, intellectually impoverished president America will ever have (although George W. Bush appears to be a serious candidate for the same title). The Democratic Party twice handed Reagan the presidency, the first time when they nominated Jimmy Carter at a time when Ted Kennedy could not have been defeated, and the second time when they nominated Walter Mondale at a time when Gary Hart could not have been defeated. Reagan based foreign policy decisions on the advice of an astrologer, timed press conferences to coincide with the full moon, publicly expressed belief in creationism, a universe less than ten thousand years old, and a geocentric universe, and endorsed compulsory overpopulation, and the conviction that America could *win* a nuclear war. Reagan was never named as an unindicted co-conspirator, even though his national security advisers were fined and jailed for obeying his orders. It is unlikely that he will ever be tried for high treason, as would certainly have happened at any other time or place in human history, since no jury in the world would reject a plea of diminished capacity. His subsequent diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease raised the question: how could they tell?

**real good** Televangelist English, in which the adjective *real* is used in a context calling for the adverb *really*.

**reality** That which objectively exists, and would continue to exist even if there was no conscious life form present to observe it. *see* solipsism

**reality, alternate** In science fiction, a metaphysical hypothesis in which parallel universes coexist and it is sometimes possible to cross from one to the other, as Kirk crossed into a universe containing a bearded Spock in a *Star Trek* episode; in reality: a realm of the imagination that has no more place in scientific speculation than time travel or teleportation.

**Rebekah** Woman named by the Yahwist and the Priestly author as the wife of Isaac, but not mentioned by the Elohist, in whose narrative Isaac was sacrificed as a child and never mentioned again.

**recombinant DNA** Genetic material into which has been spliced DNA from another organism, for the purpose of causing the recipient organism to reproduce the material for which the inserted DNA is programmed. For example, DNA from the human pancreas has been spliced into the DNA of *E. coli*, causing the bacteria to manufacture human insulin and to produce descendant *E. coli* with the same capacity. Insulin necessary for diabetes victims can thus be manufactured

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cheaply and in large quantities. Gene splicing has been condemned by fundamentalists on the ground that it saves the lives of persons the sadist in the sky was plotting to murder.

**recreation** Any activity practised for the sole purpose of deriving personal pleasure or satisfaction. Some persons recreate by playing tennis or golf. Some recreate by copulating with a compatible partner. The gods of such institutionalized sadism as Christianity and Islam recreate by torturing taboo-breakers with flamethrowers for billions and billions of eons.

**Redactor** The editor who combined J/E/D and P into a single continuous narrative that existed in 434 BCE but did not yet exist in 441 BCE. Since the completed Pentateuch first appeared in the hands of the high priest Ezra, with no explanation of its origin, a strong case can be made that the Redactor was Ezra. Since P was written to supersede and discredit J/E/D, R's action in harmonizing the two would certainly have been repudiated by P. R added several passages of his own composition, either to harmonize the incompatible stories or to make an earlier myth conform to a later theology. He also added several shorter documents, usually of priestly authorship, that had not been part of J/E/D or P. In charts showing Pentateuch authorship, the designation "R" is also given to passages that were or may have been composed by the earlier redactor who combined J and E.

**redemption** The restoring of immortality to a god worshipper who, because either he was born that way or had brought it on himself through sin, was destined for eventual extinction or damnation. Among the hundred or more gods who died temporarily in order to redeem their believers with their surrendered immortality were Easter, Persephone, Osiris, Jesus, Atthis, Tammuz, Dionysos, and Adonis.

**redneck** A right wing bigot who believes that *the way it's always been* is the way it must always be. Two centuries ago Americans needed to bear arms for personal defence; therefore every redneck should be allowed to own devices that have no function other than killing people. Three thousand years ago the only practical response to some crimes was execution; therefore state-sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder must continue. Ancient mythologians outlawed forms of sexual recreation that did not increase the population of believers; therefore persons with minority preferences must be treated the same as thieves and murderers. A century ago workers united into unions to combat a clear and present evil; therefore unions must be held sacrosanct even after they have become a worse evil than the one they replaced. Rednecks tend to be racists, sexists, godworshippers and epsilons.

**reductio ad absurdum** The method of proving a proposition's validity by showing that the counter-proposition leads to a self-contradiction. For example, to prove that the tales of Jesus' birth in MATTHEW and LUKE cannot both be true, assume that both are true. This leads to the conclusion that Jesus was already born during the lifetime of King Herod, but that he was still in his mother's womb at the time of the first Judean census, ten years after Herod's death. Since a man born ten years before he was conceived is an absurdity, the proposition that both gospels are true is therefore falsified, and the proposition that at least one is false is accordingly proven.

**Reefer Madness** Movie that attempted to dramatize the alleged effects of smoking cannabis, and succeeded in demonstrating only the mental bankruptcy of Hollywood filmmakers. According to *Reefer Madness*, smoking cannabis can cause insanity, blindness, damnation, and in all likelihood leprosy, werewolfism and Conservatism.

**reem** Biblical Hebrew word for a kind of musk ox; mistranslated in the *Authorized Version* as *unicorn*.

**Reformation** The revolution, begun by Martin Luther in 1521, that led to the formation of *Protestant* sects that protested the authority of the Catholic pope, and rejected the Catholic church's right to tell Jesus worshippers what they must believe.

**refugee** A person who can expect to be granted permanent residence in the USA if he is an escapee from a left-wing fascist tyranny, but can expect to be sent back if he is an escapee from one of the right-wing fascist tyrannies supported, in defiance of laws passed by the U.S. Congress, by a right-wing fascist president.

**Regina, Saint** Canonization of the Latinized Celtic queen of heaven.

**regression, age** The taking of an allegedly hypnotized person back, in his subjective consciousness, to a particular point in his life for the purpose of obtaining information allegedly surviving in his unconscious memory but forgotten when he is awake. Subjects of such experiments invariably go through the motions of reliving and remembering the suggested experience, and supply answers to any question the hypnotist asks. Stage hypnotists often ask, "What is that girl's name sitting across from you in your second grade class?" Police investigators ask, "This time take a long look at the driver of the getaway car you barely glimpsed, and describe him for me." There is always a possibility that information so solicited might be accurate. But far more often the subject's compulsion to please the hypnotist will cause him to fantasize an answer that has no factual basis. *see also* hypnosis, hypnotism, *and* memory enhancement

**regression, life** The technique used by some hypnotists of instructing a subject to go back in his mind to a time before his birth when he was somebody else. Because they have been told to do so, subjects who have heard of the concept of reincarnation invariably respond by fantasizing a past life, sometimes based on information casually acquired and not consciously remembered, but more often based on the subject's conscious beliefs about a given time and place in history. Even persons who have never heard of reincarnation are likely to invent past lives when the hypnotist's suggestions leave little doubt what is expected of them. Past life fantasies tend to conform to the patient's religious, philosophical and mystical frame of reference. But they also tend to conform to the hypnotist's perceived expectations. English hypnotist Joe Keeton believes that souls are reborn nine months after a previous death, and all but a handful of his nine thousand subjects have obligingly conformed to that norm. Hypnotherapist Arnall Bloxham, however, has no such belief, and his subjects report long periods of time and large distances of geography between successive incarnations. In an experiment conducted at the University of Kentucky, 60 students were instructed under alleged hypnosis to regress to past lives. Of the 60, 20 were, prior to the induction of hypnosis, given a description of past life experiments that clearly endorsed the validity of reincarnation theory. These were group A. The 20 who constituted group B were given a neutral description along the line, "According to some researchers, it may be possible..." The remaining 20, group C, were told, "Believe it or not, some crank hypnotists claim that..." As a consequence of their preconditioning, 17 out of 20 members of group A described one or more past lives; 12 out of 20 in group B did so; and in group C the only 2 out of 20 who described past lives were members of cults committed to a reincarnation belief. The experiment is described in *American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis*, 25(1), July 1982, pp. 71-76. For additional information see *Hypnotism Then and Now*, by Peter Reveen, chapter five, Imprintbooks, 2002, and the sources listed in the chapter's notes.

**reincarnation** Reincarnation, like *Heaven* and a *spirit world*, represents an annulment of the permanence of death, and for that reason has had little difficulty finding believers despite the absence of any valid supporting evidence whatsoever. Among the earliest god mythologies to incorporate reincarnation was Brahmanism, precursor to Hinduism, which taught that if members of womanless castes meekly accepted their celibate status and did not try to take the priestly caste's women by force, they would be reborn into the copulating castes in future incarnations. Mohamed utilized a similar scam when he promised his celibate followers an afterlife of wall-to-wall houris in exchange for allowing sheikhs and caliphs to retain all of the most desirable women. Brahman priests eventually recognized that a large womanless population would not remain



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obedient forever, and gave up their harems as the price of survival. But reincarnation theory survived, because any afterlife was better than no afterlife. In the 1960s a researcher in India discovered several cases of an Indian child displaying knowledge of a person who had recently died, and claiming to be that person reborn. A later researcher, more skeptical than the first, ascertained that reincarnation was good for the tourist trade, and parents were coaching their children to identify residents of nearby villages as spouses and other relatives from a recent life. No reincarnation theorist has attempted to explain where the new souls come from to support an exploding population. For further information see Ian Wilson's *Mind Out of Time*, London, 1981, and Paul Edwards' *Reincarnation: A Critical Examination*, Prometheus, 2001.

**reism** The assumption that anything which has a name must exist. While the most obvious example of a non-thing having a name is *God*, that is not a true reism, since even the most mindless believer is aware that his god's existence has been questioned. With a true reism, a believer can discuss the non-thing with no more ability to contemplate its possible nonexistence than he could contemplate the possible nonexistence of such valid abstractions as *joy*, *democracy* and *victory*. Almost all contemporary mythology depends on reisms for its continued existence. Examples are:

DISCIPLINE	REISM
religious masochism	purity; chastity; grace; sin
religious intolerance	perversion; immorality; heresy
religious sadism	Hell; Purgatory; Penance
parapsychology	psi; ESP; precognition
fortune telling	psychic power
moral majority	moral majority; pornography
chiropractic	vertebral subluxations
psychology	entire vocabulary
sociology	entire vocabulary
UFOlogy	UFO
Christian Science	Christian Science
Scientology	Scientology
fascism	treason; national security
fiction writing	<i>in love</i> concept
the Papacy	Peter as first pope

Whether reism stems from mere ignorance or chronic mental dysfunction is undetermined.

**relativism** The doctrine that there can be no absolutes, and all truths are relative. If the doctrine is valid, then the proposition,  $1 + 1 = 2$ , must be recognized as mere opinion. Relativism is a reasonable philosophy to any person with a mental age not exceeding ten years.

**relics** Pieces of corpses incorporated into altars or venerated in display cases. Relics preserved in various Christian churches include at least four heads of John the Immerser. It was the practice of enshrining relics that caused the emperor Julian to describe Christian churches as charnel houses.

**religion** A contagious form of insanity that deprives its victims of the ability to make a rational distinction between right and wrong, and has been the cause of ninety percent of all man-made evil for at least 3000 years. To a person infected with religion, sin is whatever his capricious lawgiver says it is. A person who was not insane before he acquired the belief that mass murder was evil when Hitler did it with gas chambers, but is not evil, merely *his mysterious ways*, when his god does it with disease, famine, religious wars, natural disasters and transportation accidents, is certainly insane once he does acquire such a belief. Religion is synonymous with *mythology* and *superstition*.

**religion of science** Oxymoron coined by fundamentalists to equate the methodology of science, in which conclusions must conform to the evidence, with the methodology of religion, in which evidence must be twisted to conform to predetermined conclusions. According to fundamentalist reasoning (oxymoron), basing conclusions on alleged revelations contained in a sacred book is a religion, and basing conclusions on objective observation and experimentation is also a religion, and the latter is therefore no more valid than the former. In fact the difference between science and religion is that scientists test their hypotheses and revise them in the light of new evidence, adhering only to those conclusions that give every appearance of surviving all attempts at falsification. Any religion that adopted such a practice would ensure its own extinction.

**religiosity** The combination of two forms of mental dysfunction:

- (A) the inability to grasp that, even in religious documents, “A” and “not-A” cannot both be true. This dysfunction is often called stupidity.
- (B) the inability to grasp that right and wrong must be determined by some consistent, rational criteria, such as the presence or absence of intent to hurt a non-consenting victim. While “whatever the Lawgiver says they are” could theoretically coincide with rational criteria, it cannot itself be a valid definition. This dysfunction is often called insanity.

**religious education** Oxymoron.

**Religious Science, Church of** Oxymoron.

**repentance** The condition of regretting one’s past actions, either from a recognition of the *wrongness* of such actions, or from the recognition that the actions were inexpedient and produced consequences harmful to oneself—such as getting caught.

**republican** A person who believes that the office of Head of State should be elective.

**Republican** A member of a morally retarded political party that not only nominated Eisenhower, Goldwater, Nixon, Reagan and Bush Junior to be President of the United States, but to this day does not see those nominations as crimes against humanity. Vincent Bugliosi reported (*The Betrayal of America*, NY, 2001) that he could not find a single Republican who saw anything wrong in the action of five Supreme Court Justices violating the Constitution in order to make a Republican president even though his Democratic opponent defeated him by almost a million votes.

**Republican Party** Ultra-reactionary political conspiracy, willing to obtain power by allowing theofascist extremists to pull its puppet strings, dedicated to the philosophy that:

- it is every American citizen’s right to starve to death if he cannot find employment;
- everything in America is perfect: “Love it or leave it”;
- might makes right: “My country, right or wrong”;
- the ruling oligarchy can do no wrong: “When the President does it, it’s not illegal”;
- the twentieth century, and most of the preceding two millennia, are evil and must be repealed;
- left-wing fascists who attempt to overthrow a right-wing government are terrorists, but right-wing fascists who attempt to overthrow a left-wing government are freedom-fighters;
- the humanistic founders of the American republic committed a grave oversight when they excluded the words, “under God,” from the Constitution;
- evidence proving a Republican President guilty of impeachable crimes can morally and legally be withheld from the courts and Congress on grounds of *national security*, national security being whatever the Party from time to time says it is;
- a person who helps the President wage a foreign war that Congress has declared illegal is an *American hero*;

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- when almost fifty of a President's cabinet-level appointees are indicted for criminal offenses committed while in office, that is sheer coincidence and does not reflect upon the President who appointed such a disproportionate number of criminals.
- the man most likely to win is the best possible nominee for President, even if most Republicans themselves recognize him as a crook from whom they would not buy a used car;
- freedom of conscience is un-American; placing America ahead of the Party, as Nelson Rockefeller did when he refused to support the nomination of an evolutionary throwback in 1964, is *disloyalty*;
- state-sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder was morally acceptable three thousand years ago and is therefore acceptable today;
- abortion must be suppressed, on the ground that it violates the religious teaching that humans in an under-populated society should *be prolific and increase in number*, even though criminalizing abortion constitutes a *law respecting an establishment of religion*, and even though free abortion alone can save the human race from overpopulation, starvation and extinction;
- patriotism is the virtue of granting blind, unquestioning obedience to Party philosophy, and criminalizing free speech that offends Party symbols;
- drawing attention to a Republican President's feeble intelligence, scientific illiteracy and chronic superstition is *dirty pool*;
- appointing a Vice President so incompetent that impeachment of the President is thereby made unthinkable is sound politics.

**rest and recreation** (R & R) militarese for copulation.

**Restituta, Saint** Canonization of a *holy restitution* of a statue of a goddess damaged by Christian vandals.

**resurrection** The restoration of a dead person to life. The ancients believed in many goddesses, and later male gods, who annually died in winter and were resurrected in spring. The belief eventually arose that each savior god died and rose from the dead only once, and that annual resurrection ceremonies were mere commemorations of that event. Savior gods who underwent death and resurrection included Easter, whose resurrection continues to be commemorated by Christians even though the festival that retains her name is now dedicated to the male god Jesus; Adonis; Osiris; Atthis; Tammuz; and Persephone. All contemporary mythologies not reincarnation-oriented believe that communicants are resurrected after death into an afterlife in the sky or on an earth in which death has been repealed.

**retard** Life form with one more chromosome than normal humans and one less than chimpanzees, with intelligence levels ranging from ultra-simian to infra-human. For most of human history retards were routinely abandoned to scavenging wolves and mountain lions, but in modern times they are maintained as pets and even permitted to breed.

**retreat** In Catholic mythology, a temporary sojourn in a deprived environment, practising orgasm-rejection, contemplation of an insane god's pretended positive qualities, and other forms of masochism and self-delusion.

**retribution** Any consequence, whether imposed or coincidental, perceived to be the merited result of acts that were selfish, immoral, anti-social, or in violation of a cultural taboo.

**Reuben** Jewish sheikh who, according to the Yahwist, tugged Bilhah, one of his father Jacob's junior wives. Since taking possession of a potentate's harem and publicly mounting his women constituted a declaration that a new potentate now ruled, the story may have had a factual basis.

The Yahwist named Reuben as Jacob's eldest son, and only an eldest son would have dared attempt to usurp the sheikhdom during his father's lifetime. From the fact that Reuben was not executed, the logical inference is that he was successful. To the degree that Reuben was historical, his true place in Jewish history is unknown. That the eponyms of twelve allied tribes were all brothers was sheer fantasy.

**Reuwel** As his name reveals, *Reuw-El* was a priest of the sky god El, identical with Allah. The Yahwist identified him as Moses' father-in-law, the father of Tsiporah, even though the Elohist named *Jethro* as Moses' father-in-law. JUDGES names Moses' father-in-law as Khobab the Cainite/Sumerian. The Yahwist had named Khobab as Reuwel's son, and called him a Midianite. The Elohist, who called Moses' father-in-law a Midianite in EXODUS 3:1, called Moses' wife a Kushite/Ethiopian in NUMBERS 12:1. Judaeo-Christian orthodoxy is that Reuwel and Jethro were the same father-in-law, but Tsiporah and the black woman were not the same wife. The historical Moses probably had several wives and catamites.

**revealed truth** Any fully falsified statement from a sacrosanct source such as the Judaeo-Christian bible, the Koran or *Mein Kampf*, that a believer in an emotionally-satisfying mind pabulum accepts as inerrant. To bible believers, the book that in seven places endorses a flat earth is revealed truth, even though its flat earth cosmography is recognized as false. *see also* doublethink

**revelation** An announcement by a pusher of a religion that is alleged to have been *revealed* to the pusher by a god. When the Mormon Church's categorization of blacks as second-class humans became an embarrassment to the church hierarchy, and the only means by which the Head Mormon could change the dogma was to have a revelation from the chief Mormon god, he conveniently did so.

**REVELATION** Book usually placed last in the Judaeo-Christian bible; The bulk of REVELATION (4:1 to 20:3a, excluding small Nazirite interpolations) was an apocalypse composed by an Essene between July 70 CE, when the Roman army first occupied the temple courtyard, and August 70 CE, when the temple was razed. The date can be so precisely pinpointed, because the author was aware of the former event but unaware of the latter, which he confidently prophesied could never happen. (11:12) The Essene apocalypse was an invective against Rome for daring to besiege Yahweh's holy city of Jerusalem, and threatened the capital of the world with annihilation by fire. Almost two millennia later, Rome still stands. Probably during the reign of Domitian, REVELATION was expanded to its present form by a Nazirite, a member of the Jewish sect that regarded Jesus as its resurrected Messiah, but rejected the gentile Christian religion, founded by Paul of Tarsus, as "those who call themselves Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of the Satan." (2:9) The Nazirite redactor denounced the preaching of Paul as "the teaching of Balaam." (2:14) Even though most of REVELATION was written by a Jew who knew nothing of Jesus, and the rest was written by a Jew who regarded the Christians as damnable heretics, it now forms part of all Christian bibles. Since the Nazirite redactor identified himself as a man named John, that name was retroactively applied to two letters and a gospel once mistakenly thought to have been composed by the same author. In fact JOHN was written in educated Greek by a native Greek speaker. REVELATION was written in the barbaric pidgin Greek, Koine, used only by persons to whom correct Greek was a foreign language.

**reverse discrimination** Oxymoron. Discrimination, whether against a minority or a majority, is a single phenomenon.

**reverse psychology** Pretentious name for pandering to the perverse.

**revival** A carnival in which a pusher of god insanity persuades an emotionally hypnotized mob of epsilons to declare its love for the sadist in the sky, and to contribute more money to the pusher's tax-free income in a single performance than P. T. Barnum separated from his suckers in a year.

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**Rhea** Mother Nature, wife of Father Time, Kronos; Queen of Heaven under the Pelasgians, but supplanted by Hera, ranking goddess of the conquering Greeks.

**Rhine, Dr Joseph** World's first professional parapsychologist. In experiments conducted over a thirty-year period at Duke University, Rhine attempted to obtain statistical evidence that would prove the existence of extra sensory perception. Unfortunately, in addition to being unable to detect test subjects who obtained positive results by cheating, Rhine was also an incompetent statistician. He consistently claimed better-than-chance results for experiments that in fact yielded equal-to-chance results. The popular press habitually cited Rhine's claims as evidence of ESP's reality. In fact Rhine single-handedly proved that ESP probably does not exist. If ESP was a quality possessed in measurable degree by less than one person in every million then, since Rhine tested less than one million subjects, his failure to find positive evidence would prove nothing one way or the other—if his subjects constituted a random sample. But Rhine was not trying to establish what percentage of humans have ESP, in which case random sampling would have been mandatory. Rather, he was trying to find the single replicable positive result that would prove that ESP exists. He therefore made a point of testing any person alleged to have previously demonstrated extra sensory abilities. In such a situation, his failure in thirty years to find the elusive replicable positive result constitutes solid evidence of ESP's nonexistence, because if it did exist Rhine would surely have found it. Rhine, however, maintained throughout his career that he *had* proven that ESP exists. He had test subjects guess which of five patterns was on the hidden side of each of 25 Zener cards. In a single test, pure chance would provide an expectation of five correct guesses. Whenever a subject made ten correct guesses, as was bound to happen at statistically predictable intervals, Rhine categorized that result as "one hundred percent better than chance" and declared that it could be explained only by the presence of some non-chance factor. Then when the same subject failed to repeat his success, Rhine attributed the failure to psionic exhaustion caused by his previous success. Subjects who scored particularly low were credited with a quality called *psi missing*, and that too was attributed to some non-chance factor. In fact competent analysis of Rhine's results over thirty years shows that his test subjects obtained scores he had deemed *significant* precisely as often as would be predicted by the statistical formula:

$$P(a < x_n < b) = \Phi\left(\frac{b + \frac{1}{2} - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \frac{1}{2} - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right)$$

Rhine had no ability whatsoever to comprehend that, while ESP could be attributable to an undetected *fifth force*, precognition was a violation of the physical absolute that an effect cannot precede its cause. He once re-examined test results that he had previously categorized as negative, concluded that the subjects' guesses corresponded significantly with the *one ahead* card, and reclassified the results as positive. He made his most serious public relations error when he agreed to test a magician's horse, and concluded that the horse possessed ESP. That the horse was able to tap its foot and stop tapping in response to subtle visual clues from its trainer did not cross Rhine's mind, just as it did not cross his mind that his favorite test subject, Hubert Pearce, was able to name Zener cards viewed by Rhine in a separate room, by leaving his own room and looking through a window over Rhine's shoulder. Rhine was no more naïve, or incapable of detecting when a test subject was cheating, than his successors. Scientists are accustomed to dealing with forces of nature that may behave randomly but can never cheat, and this makes them particularly susceptible to conjuring techniques. Rhine established the principle that, if positive results cannot be obtained under test conditions that make cheating and sensory cuing impossible, then testing must be carried out under conditions in which such factors are not impossible. Parapsychologists rigidly follow that principle to this day. For additional information see *ESP, Seers and Psychics*

by Milbourne Christopher, Crowell, 1970; and *The Search for Psychic Power* by C. E. M. Hansel, Prometheus, 1989.

**Rhinoceros Party** Canadian political organization dedicated to repealing the law of gravity. Rhinoceros Party candidates customarily promise that, if elected, they will demand a recount. The party, Canada's equivalent of *none of the above*, eventually came so close to winning some seats, that its founder announced its dissolution out of a real fear that one of his candidates might be elected.

**rhythm method** Method of birth control in which copulation is avoided on days on which the probability of pregnancy occurring is higher than minimal, and indulged with reckless abandon on days calculated to be safe. The rhythm method, being the only form of birth control permitted by the Catholic Church, is commonly termed *Vatican roulette*. The tiny percentage of Catholic women who use it are called *mothers*.

**ri** Latest version of the mermaid, reported by natives of Papua New Guinea. Published accounts have described the ri as fully human in appearance, from the human head, breasts and arms down to a functional genital orifice, but with a fish tail instead of legs. Competent investigators have determined that reports of ris have in fact been based on dugong sightings.

**Richard I** King of England 1189-1199; possibly the most incompetent ruler England has ever had, although Henry VI would have come close. By spending almost the entire ten years of his reign outside of England, indulging his hobby of massacring Muslim women and children for refusing to turn Christian, Richard destroyed the strong central government established by his father, Henry II. Richard's brother, John, fought desperately to reverse the consequences of Richard's incompetence, but in 1215 was forced to sign *Magna Carta*, a document designed to legalize and perpetuate the anarchy begun under Richard.

**Richard III** King of England, 1483-1485, who has had a particularly bad press, mainly because of the vicious fiction invented by Cardinal Morton and parroted by Thomas More and William Shakespeare to flatter the Lancastrian usurpers. He was not hunchbacked, did not have a withered arm, and committed none of the crimes of which he was posthumously accused with the one exception of the killing of his nephews. (*see* Tey) His death was loudly protested by the men of York, whose *Lord* he had long been and who knew him best. While it would be nonsense to suggest that Richard was not motivated by ambition, he did genuinely believe that Edward IV's children were illegitimate under strict Catholic canon law and that he was therefore the rightful king. He also recognized that the princes would eventually become the figureheads of another civil war if they were allowed to live, and almost certainly deluded himself that he was killing them *for England*.

**riddle** A trick question that can only be answered by lateral thinking. A riddle played a significant role in the myths of Oedipus and Samson.

**right of conquest** The pretence that, since the result of a war is predetermined by a god, territory won in battle is a gift from the god that the conqueror has a divine right to retain. Right of conquest was repudiated by the League of Nations in 1919, although with the proviso that land taken by conquest more than a generation earlier should remain the property of its current inhabitants. The United Nations approved an exception to the League declaration in 1948, when they recognized the state of Israel, which Jews had wrested from Arabs in battle and to which they had no valid claim other than right of conquest. The state of Israel in 1967 annexed additional Palestinian territory that it continues to occupy under right of conquest, even though the United Nations rejects the later claim and holds Israel to be in violation of international law.

**right to life** *see* quantity of life

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**right wing** *see* left wing

**Righteous Rabbi** Title assumed by the leader of the surviving remnants of the Khassidites when he reorganized his followers into a new sect thereafter known as Essenes; title born by successive Head Essenes for *c* 200 years. The original Righteous Rabbi founded his sect and probably composed the *Covenant of the Commune c* 140 BCE. He was executed by King Alexander Yannai of the Hasmonean dynasty in 104 BCE, at which time his followers appear to have fled into the desert and established a commune at Qumran. His name seems to have been Yahuwshua/Jesus, the “Jesus other than the Jesus I preach,” whose missionaries were denounced by Paul of Tarsus. The confusion of names led the Talmud authors into equating Jesus the Nazirite with his namesake of 134 years earlier, and declaring that Yannai had executed the Nazirite Jesus on the eve of Passover, the date of the later Jesus’ execution by Pilatus. The Essenes regarded the original Righteous Rabbi as the prophesied messiah, and from his death in 104 BCE until the sect’s destruction *c* 68 CE anxiously awaited his second coming.

**Rimini, Council of** The only Christian Council of the fourth century attended by a majority of bishops and not stacked by either Arians or Athanasians, in 360 CE. The Council of Rimini officially de-deified Jesus, declaring him to be the paramount god Yahweh’s creation. For that reason Rimini was retroactively declared schismatic, and the Councils of Nicea and Constantinople, 325 CE and 380 CE, both stacked by Athanasians, were deemed the First and Second Ecumenical Councils.

**rimmon** Hebrew word for “pomegranate,” from *rim* “to give birth,” indicating the pomegranate’s sacramental status as the flesh of the deified orifice-of-birth. Before Judaism’s paramount god was masculinized, the *rimmon* was eaten as the Body of Goddess. *see also* pomegranate

**ring** Item originally worn through the pierced ear of a slave to proclaim his status. The most common form of earring slave was a man’s *wife*, his privately owned breeding sow. Following the invention of divorce, the non-removable earring was replaced by a removable finger ring that a woman could take off to display her new, available status. At some stage it seems probable that finger rings and earrings were used in a single culture with slightly different meanings. A finger ring would have denoted a concubine, a woman obtained as a non-virgin who was therefore not subject to an adultery taboo, since her first child was destined to be sacrificed as a bastard, a child of many fathers. The earring would have identified a wife, a breeder of heirs, who had either been purchased as a virgin into whom no sperm had ever been intromitted, or been earringed following the birth of a bastard, so that her next child would be her owner’s legitimate heir. In modern times many males wear marriage rings in accordance with the evolved theory that both spouses are slaves who are not free to practise sexual recreation with others, even though such recreation by a man cannot possibly saddle his wife with a child of doubtful paternity and therefore does not violate the only valid purpose of the adultery taboo.

**Roberts, Oral** Atheistic televangelist humbug whose performances in Australia in the 1950s included simulated miracle cures of cripples achieved through the use of paid stooges. Throughout his career Roberts has maintained the pretence that he was divinely cured of cancer, but has steadfastly refused to identify any doctor or hospital that ever diagnosed or treated his alleged disease. More recently Roberts has claimed:

- (a) he once conversed with a 400-foot-tall Jesus;
- (b) Jesus informed him that the two of them were destined to share the government of planet earth;
- (c) he once physically wrestled with the Christian devil;
- (d) he has resurrected the dead, without the news media ever managing to locate or interview any of the former corpses;

- (e) his god blackmailed him into extorting several million dollars from gullible marks, by threatening to murder him if the money was not raised by a fixed date. Roberts first made such a claim in 1985, but when the deadline passed with the money not raised, he quietly dropped the subject. Thinking he had got away with it, Roberts repeated the same scam in 1987, causing a comedian to comment, “Don’t give in to terrorists.”

Following Roberts’ exposure as an unmistakable liar and hypocrite, a large number of television stations refused to continue carrying his blatant pitches for sucker-money. An even larger number did continue to carry them, raising the question: Which is the bigger prostitute?

**roc** Mythical bird featured in the *Arabian Nights* tale of Sinbad the sailor. Although considerably larger, the roc was to some degree based on the *aepyornis ingens*, a flightless Madagascar bird whose eggs had a capacity of ten liters, which became extinct soon after 1000 CE. Some creationists, in an attempt to make humans and dinosaurs contemporaneous, have cited the *roc* fable as evidence that humans had seen pterodactyls, which became extinct 160 million years before the evolution of *Homo sapiens*. Since the roc differed from other flightless birds such as the ostrich only in size, it would not have been difficult for the Arabian author to invent one with no historical model whatsoever.

**rock and roll** Expression that originally meant copulation performed to music, “I’m gonna rock and roll you all night long,” but quickly came to mean the kind of music to which no one but a teenager could possibly copulate.

**Rome** The city whose army sacked Jerusalem in 70 CE, for which crime the Essene author of REVELATION threatened speedy reprisal at the hands of the city-sacking Essene god. So far, the prophesied destruction of Rome by fire has not occurred, and the Catholic Church is sufficiently confident that the apocalypticist was a liar to retain Rome as its headquarters.

**Romulus** Roman demigod who at the end of his life journeyed to the kingdom in the sky in a fiery chariot, centuries after Apollo and Mithra had done so, about the same time Elijah was doing so, and centuries before Jesus did so.

**Romulus and Remus** Mythical founders of Rome, 753 BCE, whose rivalry began in the womb. The same myth was told of Proitos and Akrisios, Jacob and Esau, and Pharez and Zarah.

**root** Australian colloquialism equivalent to American *screw* and English *shag*.

**root beer** Soft drink banned in Australia on the ground that *root*, the Australian equivalent of *screw*, is a dirty word. A soft drink producer who tried marketing *root beer* was ordered to change the name or face prosecution. The drink can, however, be sold under the generic name, *sarsaparilla*.

**Rosalia, Saint** Canonization of Venus Rosalia, the Roman sex goddess as patron of the rose-as-vulva. The alleged bones of Saint Rosalia enshrined in her church in Palermo continued to work miracles, even after they were examined by an osteologist and found to be the bones of a goat.

**rosary** Catholic prayer beads borrowed from the Hindu *Rosary Upanishad*, in which alternating red and white beads signified Kali’s virgin and mother states. The ritual of using beads on a string as a memory aid for reciting repetitive prayers was first described in the Egyptian *Book of the Dead*, c 1800 BCE.

**Rose** Canonized Christian masochist who drank a bowl of blood from a diseased patient.

**Rosetta stone** Black basalt slab found near Rosetta in Egypt in 1799, containing the same text in demotic Egyptian, hieroglyphs and Greek, without which the decipherment of hieroglyphs may never have been possible. It is a measure of Joseph Smith’s ignorance that he pretended to decipher hieroglyphs more than thirty years after the stone’s discovery, when a more informed



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man would have realized that a true decipherment exposing him as a fraud might well be available at any moment.

**Rosh Hashanah** Jewish New Year festival, usually in October, based on the Jewish lunar calendar.

**Rosicrucians** Mythology centered in San Jose, California, whose most notable doctrine is an affirmation of reincarnation. The Rosicrucian order came into existence as a consequence of the publication of three tracts attributed to one *Christian Rosenkreuz* in 1614, 1615 and 1616. In fact the author was Johann Andrea, and he openly acknowledged that the tracts had been composed as a joke and that Christian Rosenkreuz did not exist. Rosicrucian advertising continues to claim that William Shakespeare and Isaac Newton were Rosicrucians, on the ground that those persons had some beliefs in common with modern Rosicrucians. That claim is indefensible. Although the sect maintains that it is not a religion, and that its members may belong to any religion they choose, it nonetheless enjoys the tax-free status of a religion. In fact it is more of a religion than Unitarianism. The Unitarians admit professed atheists. The Rosicrucians do not.

**Roswell Incident, The** Book written by Charles Berlitz and William Moore in 1980 reviving the claim, ignored for thirty years by all but the most rabid UFOlogists, that a flying saucer had crashed in New Mexico in 1947 and that the U.S. government had recovered the bodies of alien occupants. The remains of a high-altitude spy balloon did fall to earth at Roswell, NM, in 1947, causing local and national newspapers to report that a flying saucer had crashed. An investigation ascertained that confidence swindlers had concocted the *flying saucer* element of the story, and the perpetrators were convicted of fraud in 1952. The story was revived twenty years later when a retired professor claimed personal knowledge that the crashed object was indeed a flying saucer, that it had contained several humanoid bodies that were retrieved by the U.S. Air Force, and that the bodies were preserved in a deep freeze in hangar 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force base. In 1980, apparently swallowing an April Fool's Day satire on the incident shown on British television, Berlitz and Moore revived the Roswell fable again, carefully omitting all of the testimony of investigators who had falsified it beyond a doubt. They claimed that the most sensational news story in centuries had been successfully suppressed, not only by the same administration that had been unable to cover up one insignificant break-in at the Watergate building, but also every other president since 1947. For additional information see *The Real Roswell Crashed-Saucer Coverup*, by Phillip Klass, Prometheus, 1997.

**round table** Mythical element added to the King Arthur legend by the French poet Wace in the twelfth century CE, six centuries after Arthur of Britain allegedly lived.

**rubber** In America: a condom; in England: an eraser; in bridge: a set of best-two-out-of-three games.

**Rufus, Saint** Nonexistent Capuan whose nonexistent daughter was raised from the dead by the nonexistent Apollinaris.

**ruggedly handsome** Hollywoodese for ugly.

**ruin** Archaic term for hymen-piercing, thereby ruining the woman's market value as a virgin-bride.

**Rushdie, Salmon** Muslim author sentenced to death in absentia by Iran's Imam Khomeini for exercising free speech in a work of acknowledged fiction. Presumably the god Allah needs hit men to avenge its honor because it lacks the ability to act for itself.

**rut** The condition of sexual readiness in a male mammal subject to seasonal arousal.

**RUTH** Novel written at the time of the Maccabee persecution of the Moabites, tracing King David's ancestry to a mythical Moabite woman. By pretending that David's ancestor had married a Moabite woman in obedience to the levirate law, the author hoped to end the intra-Semitic conflict

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and unite the Jews and Moabites against the common Seleukid enemy. He was unsuccessful. By the time RUTH was canonized, the genocide of the Moabites had already been completed. Nonetheless, RUTH was eventually incorporated into the Jewish and Christian canons.

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**Sabazius** Phrygian virgin-born savior god who rose from the dead centuries before Jesus.

**sabbath** Hebrew word meaning “seventh.” Almost all sky-watching societies developed a seven day week in honor of the seven planetary gods, and the Jews were no exception. With the development of fanatic monolatry, Jewish days were purged of their god names and became simply, “day the first, day the second, ...day the *shabat*, seventh.” (That Monday is *yowm siniy*, and *Sin* was the Babylonian moon god, and Thursday is *yowm khemowshiy*, *Khemowsh* being the Moabite equivalent of Thor, may be coincidence.) *Yowm Shabat* became quite early a day of rest dedicated to Yahweh, not a sky god but a deified volcano whose erupting crater was his ejaculating phallus. In Persia, not the sabbath but the first day, Sunday, honoring the sun god Mithra, a resurrected savior, became Mithraism’s rest day. Christianity, in the mistaken belief that Jesus the Nazirite did not observe sabbaths, had no rest day until Constantine, accustomed to resting on Sunday, switched from Mithra to Jesus and brought his rest day with him. And because Christianity shared Jewish sacred books, in which the word for *seventh* had acquired connotations of sacrosanctity, the first day of the week, being a holy day, came to be called the seventh, *sabbath*.

**sabbath goy** Among the Ashkenazi Jews, an infidel, commonly a Christian, hired to perform work on the sabbath that a Jew was forbidden from doing. Since the goy was already pre-damned for the terminal crime of not being Jewish, it was believed that he had nothing more to lose by violating the sabbath in order to keep the chosen nation comfortable. The practice of utilizing sabbath goys was condemned by rabbinical scholars as differing in no way from performing the proscribed labor oneself. Except among the ultra-orthodox, the practice is now extinct, although gentiles are still used to circumvent sabbath-year economic ordinances.

**Sabina, Saint** Canonization of *Sabine glory*, inscribed on a charnel house on Rome’s Aventine Hill.

**Sacco and Vanzetti** American anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested for murder in Massachusetts in 1920, convicted by a jury in 1921, and executed in 1927. Because Sacco and Vanzetti were tried and executed by a proto-McCarthyist society with the same paranoid hatred of political heresy that again infected America in the 1950s, the belief has persisted that they were convicted of capital heresy by a prejudiced jury that ignored the inadequacy of evidence linking them to the murders with which they were charged. In fact ballistic evidence definitively established that the fatal bullet came from a gun belonging to one of the accused and found in his possession. The probability of a wrongful conviction is quite low.

**sacrament** In salvation mythology, the ritual in which a worshipper is invested with some of a resurrected god’s immortality by consuming a substance believed to be the god’s sacramental body. For example, when Goddess the Mother was pictured as a deified vulva, a fruit such as the fig or pomegranate that resembled a human vulva was eaten as the Body of Goddess. After 3500 BCE, when the resurrected savior was given a phallus transplant and became the corn spirit, bread and alcohol, both made from corn, were eaten as the god’s body and blood. Such a ritual is described in the Egyptian *Book of the Dead* of c 1800 BCE, in connection with the worship of the resurrected Osiris. In the time of the Jewish prophets, the most widespread sacrament was that of Holy Fornication, in which a nun in the service of a fertility god copulated with male worshippers. During the consummation of the sacrament, the nun was believed to be transubstantiated into the Body of Goddess, and merely continued to look like the nun. To the nun, the worshipper was transubstantiated into the savior god who was the goddess’s son and lover. The Jewish Spokesmen vehemently condemned fornication as foreign-god worship, since deities other than Yahweh were

being honored. In Christian times, a sacramental meal identical with that of Osiris was added to Jesus mythology by the author of MARK, and later interpolated into 1 CORINTHIANS, for the purpose of convincing Vespasian that Christianity was more akin to Mithra worship than to Judaism, the religion responsible for the recent revolution. The Catholic Church eventually granted sacramental status to seven rituals, but Protestant reformers reduced the number to two. Neo-Christian sects founded in the nineteenth and twentieth century generally recognize no sacraments.

**sacred king** The figurehead consort of a priestess-queen from the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE until *c* 1000 BCE. The sacred king at first held office for one year, but that was eventually extended to a *great year*. A sacred king assumed office by killing his predecessor and marrying his widow. Since the priestess-queen was the earthly incarnation of the Mother of All, the incoming sacred king in effect killed his father and married his mother. At the end of his term, the sacred king would be ritually sacrificed by his successor. With few exceptions, sacred kings were volunteers who chose a short, glorious life over a long, uneventful one. Demigods whose myths reveal that they were sacred kings include Akhilleus, Paris, Idomeneus, Laios and Agamemnon. Odysseus was a sacred king who contrived to escape his prescribed fate once, but later succumbed. Sacred kings who avoided dying by seizing power from the priestess-queens included Priamos, Herakles and Tydeus. With the evolution of phallusocracy, with kings ruling as well as reigning, sacred kingship disappeared.

**sacred prostitute** *see* nun

**sacrifice** Originally, the gift to a god of any item, such as the fat, bones, skin and innards of a beast, that was of no use to the worshipper; later, the dedication to a god of a beast that was to be eaten by the worshipper; later still, the deliberate incineration of good meat or food crops in the belief that such waste somehow benefited the god. Members of masochistic mythologies such as Christianity and Buddhism regard any act of masochism as a sacrifice that a sadist in the sky will find pleasing. Mythologies that glorify sacrifice make no distinction between a useful sacrifice, such as denying oneself paid entertainment for a period in order to use the money saved to benefit the needy, and a useless sacrifice, such as masochistic abstinence from copulation or television during Lent or Yowm Kippur. *see also* human sacrifice

**sacrilege** Failure to base one's behavior in the presence of an object of superstition on the assumption that the superstition is valid.

**Sadducees** (Hebrew: *Tsadowkiym*, "followers/sons of Tsadowk"); Jewish sect that came into existence *c* 200 BCE as an ultra-orthodox response to the Zoroastrian doctrines adopted by the Khassidites who later became the Pharisees. The Sadducees maintained until their extinction in the late first century CE the traditional Jewish doctrine that physical death is the end of existence, in defiance of the Pharisee/Essene dogma that practising Jews could expect to be resurrected into *Abraham's bosom*, a metaphysical afterlife. At the time of Jesus the Nazirite, Sadducees dominated the Sanhedrin and strongly opposed all *last times* preachers. The Sadducees were the true targets of Jesus' Galilean invective, not the Pharisees as the author of MARK found it politically expedient to pretend.

**Sade, Marquis de** Late eighteenth-century CE writer and philosopher who, while demanding freedom from such superstitions as adultery, incest and perversion, simultaneously demanded for the upper classes the right to kill and torture the lower classes for their amusement. His name has become attached to the ability to derive sensual pleasure from physically hurting others. De Sade spent much of his life as an inmate of Charenton lunatic asylum, where both Louis XVI and Napoleon Bonaparte felt that he belonged. His novels, *Justine* and *Juliet*, constitute the definitive exposition of the philosophy of sadism.

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**sadism** The practice of deriving pleasure by hurting others; named for the Marquis de Sade.

**sadist** A practitioner of sadism. The archetypal sadist is the god that first materialized in the disturbed mind of Jesus the Nazirite, a monster that gets its orgasm substitutes by torturing taboo-breakers with flamethrowers for billions and billions of eons. That the biblical god is a sadist, deriving pleasure from hurting humans, is spelled out in DEUTERONOMY 28:63. Since humans create their gods in their own image, it follows that no one could worship God the Sadist except another sadist.

**saint** Originally, a member of a Jewish sect that combined Zoroastrian metaphysics with Buddhistic masochism. The sect called itself by various names, such as *Essenoi*, that all translate as “Saints.” Early Christianity adopted the same terminology, and letters from Paul of Tarsus were commonly addressed to *the saints* of various locations. As a title, *Saint* was restricted to the dead, initially all dead Christians, but eventually only those believed to be unquestionably in the Christian heaven. Eventually the practice of styling anyone *Saint* diminished to the point where a candidate for sainthood was required to perform posthumous miracles. However, since any candidate for such an honor always had thousands of supporters praying for low probability occurrences that were statistically certain to be followed by the prayed-for occurrence in at least a few cases, no would-be saint has ever been rejected due to an absence of the prescribed miracles. If Christianity ever regains its long-held power to persecute other mythologies, the canonization of Saint Hitler is a certainty.

**Saint John’s Day** *see* Beltane

**Saint Louis** King Louis IX of France, 1226-1270; chronic masochist who kissed lepers at a time when leprosy was believed to be far more contagious than it really is, wore a hair shirt, dined with peasants so foul smelling that his own guards objected, instituted sadistic punishments for the alleged heresies of blasphemy, gambling and prostitution, and persecuted Jews with a thoroughness exceeded only by Martin Luther and Adolf Hitler. With qualifications like that, it is no surprise that he was canonized a mere twenty-seven years after his death.

**salesman** A professional liar who earns his living by selling a product that could not be sold by telling the truth. If the product could be sold without lying, a sales clerk would sell it, and the occupation of salesman would cease to exist.

**Salome** (Hebrew: *Shelownith*) Granddaughter of Herod the Great; daughter of Herod’s son Philip and Herod’s son Aristobulus’s daughter Herodias. After being married to Philip, Herodias later married his brother Antipas. At the time that Antipas executed John the Immerser, Shelownith could not have been more than six years old. Since Antipas did not hesitate to send assassins to kill John’s replacement on the salvation circuit, Jesus the Nazirite, the suggestion that he needed to be tricked into executing John is nonsense.

**salute** Childish ritual in which grown men and women in a warrior culture degrade themselves by making a gesture of abject servility to members of a higher caste. The salute evolved from the practice of raising a helmet visor to reveal oneself as a friend, and the motion of raising the hand to the hat survived long after its function had been forgotten. In England and its former colonies, the salute’s derivation from hat raising survives in the regulation that only persons wearing hats are expected or permitted to salute. In America, even that concession to ancient practice has been lost.

**salvation** The end for which all religion was concocted: the gaining of immortality by moral cowards who, without an afterlife belief to annul their pathological terror of the finality of death, would have to be institutionalized and diapered.

**Salvation Army** Paramilitary neo-Christian cult invented by William Booth to provide employment for second-rate musicians and. turn a pawnbroker into a general.

**Samael** Jewish messenger of death; sometimes equated with Azazel, the deified planet Venus who became the Satan.

**Samaria** Buffer zone created by Simon Hasmon in 163 BCE between Jewish Judah and gentile Galilee. The inhabitants of Samaria practised a form of Yahweh worship that qualified them as *heretics* rather than gentiles. Following the extermination of the Moabites, Jewish xenophobia was thereafter directed against the Samaritans, in the recognition that militant nationalism cannot survive with nobody to hate.

**Samaritan, good** Expression analogous to *good nigger*. In the first century CE, Jews regarded Samaritans the way Irish Catholics regard Protestants. In order to promote the pretence that the pro-gentile policies of Paul of Tarsus had originated with Jesus, the Greek author of LUKE put into Jesus' mouth a parable in which the praiseworthy hero was a Samaritan. In fact Jesus the Nazirite was a xenophobe who equated gentiles with dogs (MARK 7:27; MATTHEW 10:5-6), and could not possibly have told such a story. Nor could he have done so in a totally hate-ridden society and escaped being lynched.

**same difference** Yuk!

**Samhain** Druidic underworld god whose festival was adapted to Christianity as Halloween.

**Samson** (Hebrew: *Shamashown*) Character in JUDGES who appears to be based loosely on a sheikh who violated a truce with the Palestines and was handed over to them for execution, but to whose legend myths of the sun god Shamash were posthumously added. Samson's long hair, for example, would have originated as the plentiful beams of the sun portrayed on an icon. The Samson myth was essentially the story of the sun's temporary blinding by the goddess Night, whose Hebrew name was *Lilah*, and revival the following morning. Samson allegedly killed three thousand Palestines by destroying a full temple. In fact Palestine temples were capable of holding no more than about thirty people, and the pillars were sufficiently separated that even a tall Jew could not have touched two of them with his fingertips at the same time. And any temple capable of accommodating three thousand could not have suffered more than minimal damage if two pillars were felled.

**Samuel** The Israelites' last sheikh and first spokesman. It was Samuel whom the Israelites asked to choose them a king when they decided to become a monarchy. Samuel's choice was Saul, the son of a powerful warlord. When David, a Jew, rebelled against the Israelite overlordship of Judah, he imported Samuel to anoint him as king of Judah while Saul was still king of Israel. Much later the story was invented that Samuel had anointed David while he was still a boy. Samuel was one of several biblical characters of whom a delayed-birth myth was told.

**Sanhedrin** The Jewish Council of Seventy instituted by the Maccabees in the belief that they were reviving a council that had been first appointed by Moses. The anonymous author of MARK, to hide from Vespasian that Jesus the Nazirite had been tried and executed by the Roman procurator, concocted the pretence that Jesus had been tried and condemned by the Sanhedrin, and only reluctantly executed by Pilatus at the Sanhedrin's insistence. MARK's account of Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin was so incompatible with Sanhedrin procedures and regulations, that only someone totally ignorant of Jewish law could have composed it. The Sanhedrin abolished the death penalty for adultery long before the birth of Jesus the Nazirite, so the gospel story that Jesus intervened to save a condemned woman's life is also revealed to be pure fantasy.

**Santa Claus** Modern fairy tale ostensibly modeled on a historical King Nicholas of Bohemia who allegedly gave a poor man money to cover the dowry of his three otherwise unmarriageable daughters. In fact Saint Nicholas was a canonization of the Norse sea god Hold Nickar, who became both Santa Claus and Old Nick.

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**Santiago, Saint** Canonization of the thunder god of the Aymara of South America, Apu-Illapu.

**Santo Nino** Christian baby whom many Jews confessed to sacrificing as a spell against Christianity in 1492 CE. Grand Inquisitor Torquemada used the confessions as his justification for giving all Jews three months to turn Christian or leave Spain. Unfortunately for the confessions' credibility, they were all extracted by torture, and the same Santo Nino was already on record as having been sacrificed by Jews in Germany two centuries earlier.

**Saoshyant** Zoroastrian virgin-born resurrected savior god.

**Sarah** Semitic word meaning *princess*, daughter of a sheikh; probably the official title of a potentate's chief wife; named in GENESIS as the wife of Abraham. According to the Yahwist, Sarah gave birth to Abraham's heir, Isaac, in her old age, by which he meant that she was about 35. In the Priestly author's retelling of the delayed-birth myth, Sarah bore Isaac at the age of 90. In a myth by the Yahwist, Isaac pandered his wife Rebekah to Abiyamolokh, the Palestinian king of Gerar. When the Elohist told the same story, he was unable to use Isaac's wife, since he had had Isaac sacrificed as a child, so the heroine pandered to Abiyamolokh became Abraham's wife Sarah.

**Sarapis, Saint** Nineteenth-century canonization of the Greco-Egyptian god created by the Ptolemies as a combination of Apis and Osiris.

**Sargon I** King of Assyria c 2200 BCE. Like Greek heroes from Perseus to Alexander, Sargon was the son of a virgin, magically sired by the king of gods. He was threatened with death at birth, as were Moses, Jesus, Abraham, Perseus, Cyrus, Arthur, Paris, John the Immerser, Theseus and others, and was saved by being set adrift in an ark, as were Moses and Perseus.

**sasquatch** "Bigfoot"; mythical ape-man, analogous to India's yeti, that first materialized in the legends of the Amerinds of Oregon. In recent years, sasquatch sightings have been reported in every American state except Hawaii. Researchers have failed to find a shred of evidence that sasquatch exists, and the probability of a human-shaped species, even an unclassified species of bear, remaining uncaught in the face of years of intensive searching, is vanishingly small. For additional information see *Bigfoot*, by John Napier, NY, 1972; and *Bigfoot: A Personal Inquiry into a Phenomenon*, by Kenneth Wylie, NY, 1980.

**Sasquatch and Other Hominids, The** Book edited by Vladimir Markotic, but reflecting mainly the position of sub editor Grover Krantz. According to sasquatch-believer Rene Dahinden, "Krantz isn't a scientist; he's a mental case." A reviewer described *Sasquatch* as, "bad science and, taken as a whole, bad writing." See the review in *Skeptical Inquirer*, summer 1987, pp. 409-411.

**Satan** (Hebrew: *ha-satan*, "the enemy"); originally, the goddess Ashtareth, the deified vulva who was Yahweh's mother and predecessor as monarch of the universe. During the period of Persian overlordship, Judaism's exposure to Zoroastrianism led to *the enemy* being masculinized to conform to the Persian antigod Ahriman. A male Satan first appeared in ZECHARIA 3:1 in 520 BCE. Much later, as a consequence of the Greek overlordship of Judah that began in 330 BCE, Satan acquired the underworld realm of Hades and the physical appearance of Pan. For the early centuries of his existence, Satan betrayed his female origin by being credited with a phallus no larger than a clitoris. Sex-hating Christianity later enlarged it to more-than-human proportions in keeping with the masochistic credo that joy is diabolic. Satan's moral qualities, including a pathological need to be worshipped despite his lacking any attributes that would justify his even being liked, were simply borrowed from Yahweh.

**sati** Hindu custom, outlawed by the British in 1829 but still practised in Nepal, of burning a dead man's living widow on his pyre. The rationale for the custom was that the corpse needed a bedfellow in limbo while he waited for his next incarnation, and a burned widow was guaranteed

35,000,000 years in Paradise. The real reason was to relieve relatives of the obligation of supporting the widow.

**satrap** Military governor of a province of the Persian empire between 538 and 330 BCE. Nehemiah was satrap of Judah under Artaxerxes I.

**Saturnalia** Fertility festival involving copulation and intoxication, commemorating the golden age when Saturn was king of all gods, held in the Roman Empire on the sun's birthday, December 25.

**Saturninus** Syrian Gnostic mythologist who formulated the demiurge theory. According to Saturninus, a supreme creator created the lesser gods, of whom the demiurge who was god of the Jews was one. The demiurge then created humans and imposed demiurge-worship on them instead of revealing the identity of the true ruler of the cosmos. Jesus was consequently sent by the true paramount god to destroy the demiurge.

**satyriasis** Psychobabble for the willingness of a man to mate with every available woman at every opportunity. Only a society brainwashed into seeing recreation as an injury against persons not present could regard such a willingness unfavorably.

**Saudi Arabia** The only family-owned business represented in the United Nations.

**Saul** King of Israel until *c* 1005 BCE, and king of Judah until five years earlier, when he was replaced by David. Saul was chosen to be king of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy by Samuel, partly because he was the son of a powerful warlord, and partly because he was inches taller than the average Semite. Prior to Saul, Israel and Judah had been ruled by regional sheikhs such as Samuel, and the various tribes' inability to agree on a common foreign policy made them vulnerable to attack by enemies that would not dare take on a thirteen-tribe united monarchy. Saul's unification of Israel and Judah was too fragile to survive, and David made himself king of Judah while Saul still ruled Israel. After Saul's death the two nations were again temporarily united under David and Solomon.

**savior** (Greek: *soterios*) A god who, although immortal by definition, nonetheless died, and by so doing enabled his worshippers to absorb the surrendered portion of his immortality. The earliest savior was the deified vulva, Easter/Ishtar, who from about 30,000 BCE died at the beginning of winter and was resurrected at the beginning of spring. Worshippers acquired her immortality by eating her sacramental body in the form of a vulva-shaped fig or pomegranate, just as warriors gained an enemy's strength and courage by eating his heart. The savior concept was humankind's earliest attempt to annul the inevitability of death. While not even the most chronic doublethinker could dispute that the physical body died and no metaphysical procedure could prevent that from happening, the belief arose that the breath, *spiritus* in Latin, achieved immortality and survived in some form of afterlife. When the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE of the male role in reproduction led to the creation of male gods, saviors also became male. The earliest of whom anything is known was Osiris, a corn spirit whose immortality was absorbed by eating his body and drinking his blood in the form of the corn products of barley bread and barley ale. Later saviors whose bodies were sacramentally eaten in similar form included Dionysos, Atthis, Tammuz, Adonis, Priapos, Mithra, Adonis, and Jesus. In secular Greek, *soterios* meant "liberator," and was borne as a title by Ptolemaios I and others in that sense. The gospel authors who described Jesus the Nazirite as *soterios* meant it in the "liberator" sense, the prophesied liberator who would liberate the Jews from the Roman occupation. All English bibles prior to the *Fully Translated Bible* translated *soterios* as "savior," creating the impression that Jesus was from the beginning regarded as a savior god. He was not.

**scab** Word used by TURDs to describe any person who refuses to put his brain and conscience in neutral and grant mindless, unquestioning obedience to a mob of epsilons.



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**scapegoat** *Authorized Version's* mistranslation of a proper name, corrected to *Azazel* in later translations. *Azazel/Azazel* was the goat god who was also the deification of the planet Venus. In the Priestly author's LEVITICUS 16:8-10, two goats were chosen by lot, one to be sacrificed to Yahweh and the other to be released to *Azazel*, by P's time believed to be a desert-dwelling demon. While P was unwilling to order a sacrifice to any god but Yahweh, he was also afraid to order a goat sacrifice to Yahweh without offering an equal gift, alive, to the goat god.

**schlaflyism** Culturally conditioned belief that, because the Judaeo-Christian bible says so, women are and must remain an inferior life form created by a male god for the god's male pets to use as they see fit; named for Phyllis Schlafly, whose determination to uphold theocratic phallusocracy caused her to give speeches that led to the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment.

**schmeiz** Yiddish for copulate/copulation.

**schmuck** Yiddish word that means literally "phallus," but is nonetheless a term of endearment; equivalent to *dork*, *dink*, and *wienie*; Although *putz* also means "phallus," the two words are not interchangeable. Friends can call each other *schmuck* and expect to remain friends, but not *putz*.

**school** In Australia, most of Europe and Asia, and large parts of Africa: an institution in which teachers who actually know something pass on their knowledge to classes of pupils; in North America: an institution in which semi-literate babysitters engage classes of unteachables in a mutual exchange of ignorance, and the government's solution to unemployment is to encourage adolescents to remain in school for an additional four years after they have learned everything they will ever know.

**Schrödinger's cat** Thought experiment formulated by quantum physicist Erwin Schrödinger as an example of the paradoxes of quantum theory. Schrödinger pictured a cat locked in a box rigged to a mechanism that has a fifty percent probability of releasing a cyanide capsule and killing the cat in the first minute. After one minute the mechanism is disconnected. Is the cat alive or dead? The answer that accords with quantum metaphysics is that, until someone looks into the box and, by observing it, *causes* the cat to be either alive or dead, it is both and neither. Probability waves for life and death are equal, and remain in operation until an act of observation gives one resultant a probability of one, and the other a probability of zero. To the degree that quantum theory demands that an unobserved cat be equally alive and dead at the same instant, quantum theory is pseudoscience. But as is also the case with relativity (see time dilation), the fact that a useful theory is given an unnecessarily metaphysical explanation does not mean that the theory is invalid, merely that the best explanation of why the theory is valid has yet to be found. At any instant the unobserved cat is either quite alive or quite dead, and even the most metaphysical quantum theorist does not really believe otherwise.

**science** (Latin: *scientia*, "knowledge"); any discipline in which a body of knowledge concerning some aspect of the universe is collected and verified by a methodology of gathering data, formulating and testing hypotheses, retesting to verify the results, and abandoning any hypothesis that proves incompatible with observation or other verifiable knowledge. No alleged discovery or research is accepted until it has been independently replicated and verified. A discipline that clings to hypotheses that have proven unverifiable, citing as its justification experimental results that have not been independently replicated, is not a science but a pseudoscience. Parapsychology fits that description. A discipline that retains beliefs that scientific methodology has refuted is not a science but a religion. *Christian Science* and *creation science* are religions.

**Science and Health** Book originally written by Mary Baker Eddy, based on the theories of Phineas Quimby, but revised several times by ghostwriters. The original version served the dual purpose of founding Christian Science, and proving to any rational reader that its author was incurably insane.

**Science Digest** Scientifically illiterate magazine that presents religious beliefs in the guise of science.

**science fiction** Genre that for forty years was the only means open to the rational to draw attention to the evils of religion in a society infested with Christian censorship, and to offer an alternative, rational morality. The most successful portrayals of theocratic insanity were painted in *Stranger in a Strange Land*, which depicted earth's taboo-infested society as seen through the eyes of a Martian, and *1984*, which disguised present-day England under totalitarian Christianity as a future England under totalitarian communism. For additional information see *Philosophy and Science Fiction*, edited by M. Philips, Prometheus, 1984.

**Scientology** When L. Ron Hubbard's quack-medicine scam, Dianetics, went bankrupt in 1952, Hubbard recognized that he would have a better chance of success if he marketed his hogwash under the tax-free umbrella of a religion. He bet a friend that he could invent a religion and have it show a profit within a year. He won the bet by founding the Church of Scientology, based on the science fiction concept, totally discredited by DNA comparison of all terrestrial life forms, that humans were brought to Earth by aliens from a galaxy far, far away. Scientology was a combination of hypnotherapy, psychoanalysis, cold reading, science fiction and paranoia, with a little metaphysics thrown in for good measure. Rumors that Hubbard was for many years forcibly confined by his successors to prevent him from publicly acknowledging that Scientology was a hoax, and eventually murdered by them, have never been substantiated. For additional information see *The Scandal of Scientology* by Paulette Cooper, NY, 1971; *Cults of Unreason* by Christopher Evans, NY, 1973; and *Bare-Faced Messiah* by Russell Miller, London, 1987.

**sclerology** Form of medical quackery involving the diagnosis of a person's health by examining the red lines in the whites of his eyes. To date, sclerology has won few believers. But as Barnum allegedly pointed out, a potential believer is born every minute.

**Scouting for Boys** Manual written by Lord Robert Baden-Powell when he founded the boy scouts in 1907. The manual spelled out in graphic detail the horrible consequences of masturbation, including blindness, insanity and physical deformity. It has been argued that the only reason Baden-Powell should not be considered insane is that delusions such as his were not uncommon in 1907. Schweitzer said much the same thing about Jesus.

**screw** Slang for copulate/copulation.

**scribes** A.V.'s misleading translation of *grammateis*, "lawteachers."

**scriptoscram** *see* graphology

**scum** In cesspools and mediocracies, the part that rises to the top.

**Sea of Reeds** In the Moses myth, the sea that Moses allegedly parted to lead the Israelites out of Egypt; mistranslated as "Red Sea" in the A.V. In the Yahwist's original tale (EXODUS 14:21b, 24-25, 27b), Yahweh utilized the forces of nature by combining an off-shore wind with a low tide to allow the Israelites to cross, and then reversed the process to drown the Egyptians. In the Priestly author's retelling (14:21a, 21c-23, 26-27a, 28-29), Yahweh presaged De Mille by carving a dry channel through deep water. Apparently the Jews of the seventh century BCE were more willing to believe absurdities than their predecessors of the tenth century.

**seal of Solomon** *see* hexagram

**seance** Ritual invented by Franz Anton Mesmer, in which mesmeric subjects were seated in a circle, holding hands, so that Mesmer's imaginary *animal magnetism* could be transmitted through the bodies of all participants. Spiritualists borrowed Mesmer's seance, but added the refinement of

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darkness so that they could create the illusion of spirit manifestations by manipulating lights and noise-making equipment while pretending to be held motionless in the sucker-circle.

**Sebastian, Saint** Canonization of the Celtic savior god Cuchulain, whose ritual sacrifice was accomplished with arrows. Although Roman Catholic scholars concede Sebastian's nonexistence, he was nonetheless not removed from the calendar of saints at the time of the 1969 purging of more popular saints such as Christopher.

**Seberg, Jean** American actress driven to suicide by J. Edgar Hoover's thought police, who deliberately planted false rumors calculated to destroy her, for the crime of campaigning for basic human rights for blacks.

**second coming** Originally, the expected return of the Essene Righteous Rabbi, whom Alexander Yannai executed in 104 BCE. Since the Essenes did not abandon their belief that he was the prophesied messiah even after his death, they concluded that his execution was a temporary setback and that he would soon return from the sky to carry out his messianic function of overthrowing the usurpers and establishing the true theocracy. Essenes continued to await their messiah's second coming until their extinction *c* 71 CE. More than a century after the Righteous Rabbi's execution, John the Immerser's sect refused to accept their leader's execution as proof that he could not have been Messiah, and awaited *his* second coming. Followers of Jesus the Nazirite did likewise. In Jesus' case, a prophecy that "There are some standing here who are not going to experience death until they have seen Allah's theocracy established by force," (MARK 9:1) was posthumously reinterpreted as referring to a second coming. In fact Jesus did not prophesy any second coming, since he believed that he could not die until he had overthrown the Roman Empire and been crowned king of an independent Judea. His prophecy became unfulfillable *c* 130 CE, since even a second coming could not thereafter occur within the lifetime of persons who had heard him preach. The most recent second coming myth is to be found among the cargo cultists of New guinea, who have been waiting since World War Two for the second coming of an American soldier named John Frumm.

**Secret Life of Plants, The** Book by P. Tomkins and C. Bird, describing experiments in which plants allegedly demonstrated emotional stress when the plants themselves or other living things were threatened with death or destruction, including when the threat was a formulated mental intention that no person had taken any step toward carrying out. The authors continue to maintain that the alleged results did occur, but now attribute them to an undetected prank by a third party, since neither the authors nor any other researchers have been able to replicate the alleged result.

**sect** (Greek: *hairesis*) Within a larger mythology, a sub-group that differs from other groups in beliefs that the sub-group considers vital. Catholicism is a sect of Christianity, and CUFOS and MUFON are sects of UFOlogy.

**Secular Organization for Sobriety** (S.O.S.); Organization formed in 1986 to offer recovery programs for alcoholics and addicts without substituting the equally mind-crippling opiate of religion in place of the dependence being treated, as is the practice in Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Sedna** Inuit heroine who married a dog. In Chaco mythology, the paramount goddess married a dog and gave birth to dog spirits. The myth supports the conclusion that zoophilia was as widespread in pre-Columbian America as in the rest of the world.

**seduce** Persuading another person to do something that benefits the seducer by harming the seducee. For example, Christian missionaries seduced thousands of black, female, sane Africans into worshipping white, male, insane gods. The use of *seduce* to mean persuading a person to participate in a shared experience that gives joy to all participants is inappropriate.

**Selene** Moon goddess, equivalent to Diana, Artemis, Sin.

**self abuse** Any self-inflicted act that is damaging to the physical or mental health of the perpetrator, such as celibacy, smoking, fasting, drunkenness, drug addiction, gluttony, self-flagellation, submission to initiation rituals in religions or fraternities, *humility*, and the pathological refusal to masturbate even when no alternative orgasm-inducing procedure is available.

**self-actualization** The self-delusion that makes the consumer of a superstition or fad believe he has not been suckered.

**self-castration** A common practice among the priests of fertility goddesses, the rationale being that a male could acquire ruling-caste status as a female by ridding himself of the parts that made him male. The practice was widespread in the Roman Empire until the emperor Hadrian outlawed it in 130 CE. Jesus the Nazirite, coming as he did from the sex-hating Essene sect, admired the practice as a method of terminating lust. Circumspectly, so that orthodox Jews would not realize he was endorsing a pagan practice that they found repulsive, he recommended it for his followers (MATTHEW 19:12). The mythologist Origen castrated himself in obedience to Jesus' recommendation, and in the twentieth century there is at least a suspicion that a religious fanatic pop-singing falsetto did likewise.

**self-sacrifice** *see* masochism

**self-determination** System under which the majority of residents of a geographic area are permitted to choose and install the political philosophy and government they prefer. Self-determination is now prevalent throughout the world, more so in the early twenty-first century than in the twentieth, but conspicuously absent from such organizations as the governments of China, North Korea, Israel, Iraq, and Cuba, and minority terrorist organizations such as the Irish Republican Army. America officially endorses self-determination for other countries as well as for America, but fanatic Republicans, including recent presidents, restrict that endorsement to countries that choose right wing rather than left wing governments.

**self incrimination** A kind of evidence that was once deemed a violation of an accused person's rights, on the ground that it may have been obtained under torture and therefore might not be true. The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed for the specific purpose of putting an end to the practice of torturing all defendants until, guilty or innocent, they confessed. At no time did it occur to the sponsors of the Bill of Rights that the prohibition of torture would one day be interpreted as a justification for turning law enforcement into a parlor game in which the guilty had to be given a sporting chance of winning. The Fifth Amendment was never intended to nullify true, uncoerced confessions by such guilty defendants as Miranda. Since an innocent person cannot incriminate himself, provided he tells the truth, the practice of allowing defendants to refuse to testify and be cross-examined can help only the guilty.

**self-inflicted wounds** Militaresque for drunkenness, sunburn, drug-intoxication and similar conditions whereunder an individual renders himself unfit for duty.

**self-interest** Morally neutral term that includes both enlightened self interest and unenlightened self interest. Enlightened self-interest, called altruism, is expressed in the dictum, "I will aid the needy, in the expectation that I will be aided if I become needy." Unenlightened self-interest, called selfishness, is expressed in the form, "I will do whatever is best for me, regardless of the degree to which another may be unnecessarily hurt."

***Selfish Gene, The*** Book by Richard Dawkins, Oxford, 1976, in which the assertion that a human being or other organism is merely a gene's way of making another gene, is one of the more rational of the author's mushroom fantasies. This is the book that popularized the imbecilic pseudoscience of sociobiology.

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**Semele** Virgin who was magically impregnated by the king of heaven and consequently gave birth to the resurrected savior god, Dionysos. Identical myths were told of the virgin Isis and the savior Horus; the virgin Kybele and the savior Atthis; and the virgin Mary and the savior Jesus.

**sentient** Capable, on maturity, of understanding that death is the inevitable consequence of aging. Humankind is the universe's only known sentient species, although dolphins are pre-sentient, and there is a near-certainty that other sentient species exist on worlds no closer to earth than twenty parsecs, the minimum distance at which a civilization comparable with humans could still be undetected.

**separate schools** *see* parochial schools

**separation melancholia** Homesickness; mental dysfunction due to the loss or absence of a lover or companion.

**Septuagint** (Latin: *septuaginta*, "seventy"); Greek translation of the Hebrew sacred writings, possibly begun as early as the reign of Ptolemaios Philadelphos, 285-246 BCE, and finished *c* 132 BCE. When the Jewish canon was promulgated in the second century CE, all books that the rabbis recognized as post-exilic were rejected and burned, even though Jews had accepted many of them as sacred up until that time. Since several of the purged books had already been incorporated into the Septuagint, on which the Catholic canon is based, they are now found in Catholic and Orthodox bibles, but not in Protestant or Jewish bibles, which are based on the Hebrew Masoretic text. The name, *Septuagint*, comes from the pretence that seventy scholars completed the translation in seventy days. It was the Septuagint that mistranslated *khalmah*, "young woman," as *parthenos*, "virgin," in ISAIAH 7:14, causing the interpolator of MATTHEW to invent the myth that Jesus the Nazirite was the son of a virgin. The oldest extant manuscripts date from 400 CE, and contain material that was added long after 132 BCE, the approximate date a finished Septuagint was first promulgated.

**seraphim, serafs** Originally, the seven planetary gods of the ancients. As Judaism moved toward pseudo-monotheism, the planetary gods were reduced to the level of Yahweh's messengers, created immortals. The fixed stars, *kherubim*, became angels, while the wandering planets, *seraphim*, became archangels. The head demon, Satan, was the deified planet Venus, while Satan's hordes were mere stars, angels who rebelled against Yahweh.

**Serapis** Virgin-born resurrected savior god created by the Ptolemies more than two centuries before the birth of Jesus the Nazirite, as a hybrid of the older gods, Osiris and Apis; canonized more than two thousand years later as Saint Sarapis.

**Sergius III** Pope, 904-911, whose cruelty and vices led to his excommunication by Pope John VIII, 872-882, but who was eventually promoted to the papacy by a faction that saw his violent qualities as politically useful. Sergius was an ardent adherent of the dicta, "When the Pope does it, it's not murder," and, "When the Pope does it, it's not adultery." Such reasoning today is called Nixonthink.

**Sergius IV** Pope, 1009-1012, who formulated the doctrine, "that the pope could not be damned, but that, do what he would, he must be saved."

**Sergius Paulus** Proconsul of Cyprus whom Paul of Tarsus converted to Christianity. It seems probable that it was Paulus who granted Paul Roman citizenship, and that Paul honored his benefactor by adopting his nomen, since *Saulos* was a vulgarity in Greek and had to be changed when Saul/Paul started preaching in that language.

**Serios, Ted** Would-be conjurer whose tricks failed to entertain more discerning audiences, so he started performing for gullible parapsychologists (there's another kind?) who promptly proclaimed him a *psychic*. There is no such thing as a psychic.

**sermon** A lecture by the uninformed to the indiscriminating about the nonexistent.

**sermon on the mount** Mythical sermon attributed to Jesus the Nazirite by the author of MATTHEW, that included most of the ethical teachings attributed to Jesus by the Q gospel and distributed throughout LUKE.

**serpent** In Babylonian and Hebrew mythology, the goddess of chaos, whose name was *Tiamat* in Akkadian and *Tehowm* in Hebrew, although biblical authors also called her *Rahab* and *Leviathan*. She was the creator god's mother and predecessor, and continued to be worshipped in many cultures as the paramount deity long after the Big Discovery. Her son overthrew her, and created the sky and the land out of her upper and lower body (GENESIS 1:2; 1:7). In the Yahwist's Adam-and-Eve myth, it was the serpent goddess who tempted Eve into worshipping her, by eating her sacramental vulva/pomegranate, in defiance of Yahweh's standing order that Adam and Eve worship him alone.

**Seth (Set, Seti)** Egyptian sun god who killed Osiris out of jealousy, but was defeated when Isis resurrected him by bearing a son, Horus, who was Osiris reincarnate. Isis hid Horus until the waning of Set's power, that is, until the end of summer, and that aspect of the myth was borrowed by the author of MATTHEW when he had Jesus hidden in Egypt until the waning of Herod's power. Set and Osiris first entered Jewish mythology as Seth and Abel, but by the time the Yahwist wrote the story down, the killer had become Cain, while Seth was identified as a younger brother. Seth was the earliest *enemy* or antigod, and as such was the prototype for Ahriman and Satan.

**seven brothers, saints** Canonization of Matathyah bar Hasmon's seven sons, the Maccabees, as the seven sons of the nonexistent Saint Felicity.

**seven cardinal sins** Christian compilation of arbitrary taboos by Pope Gregory I, 590-604. Gregory's big seven were:

- (1) anger, meaning the ability to recognize the injustice of a tyrannical papacy and respond with hostility;
- (2) envy, meaning the ambition that led humans to emulate the flight of birds and the comfort of the ruling classes;
- (3) gluttony, meaning the desire to eat as well as the clergy;
- (4) greed, meaning the desire to own private property at a time when the Catholic church wanted to be the world's only capitalist;
- (5) lust, meaning the tender love of sexually compatible partners at a time when celibacy was still touted as the only true chastity;
- (6) pride, meaning self-respect and the healthy recognition of one's worth;
- (7) sloth, meaning the willingness to live and let live, instead of spying on friends and reporting suspected heretics to the vigilantes who foreshadowed the Inquisition.

Although Gregory's alleged sins are virtues when practised rationally, they can become vices when carried to excess. Thus anger can become rage, envy can become jealousy, gluttony and greed can become what those words connote today, pride can become conceit, lust can become self-gratification at the expense of another, and sloth can become the depraved indifference that allowed over forty persons to witness the murder of Kitty Genovese and not lift a finger to help her.

**seven cardinal virtues** Later compilation than the seven cardinal sins, not traceable to a single author or time. The primary virtues were faith, meaning the abdication of reason; hope, meaning unrealistic expectation; and compassion, originally understood to be applicable only toward one's fellow sectarians. The secondary virtues of wisdom, courage, temperance and justice are more

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defensible, provided they are interpreted in the modern, wide-ranging sense, and not in the original sense of wisdom to believe nonsense, courage to adhere to a persecuted nonsense belief, abstinence from all pleasure, and rigid enforcement of theocratic tyranny.

**seven-day creation** Priestly author's adaptation of the Zoroastrian belief that Ahura Mazda created the universe in seven stages or eons. In P's immediate source, the Babylonian Creation Epic, Marduk created everything in precisely the same sequence that P copied into GENESIS. The Babylonian and Persian creation myths predated P by more than a thousand years.

**seven-day week** Near-universal convention based on the detection of seven planetary gods and the dedication of one day to each. English days are named for the Germanic gods, the sun, the moon, Tiw/Mars, Woden/Jupiter, Thor/Mercury, Frig/Venus, and Saturn.

**seven dwarfs** Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Sneezey. The myth that a mark will not be able to name all seven does not allow for the person who has alphabetized them.

**seven sleepers of Ephesus, saints** Early form of the Rip Van Winkle legend; nonexistent Christians who slept for two hundred years; etymology uncertain.

**seven spurious arguments** Seven arguments offered by apologists for the assumed existence of a creator god, including the analogical argument, the ontological argument, the cosmological argument, the teleological argument, the epistemological argument, which is essentially the ontological argument rephrased, the normative argument, that the concept of morality could not exist without a morally perfect author, and various seventh arguments that are also variations of one of the basic five. Even the mythologians who tout the seven arguments concede that, taken individually, each of the seven is spurious. But they argue, in effect, that seven wrongs make a right.

**seven veils, dance of** Ritual re-enactment of the savior goddess Ishtar's descent into the underworld. Ishtar, seeking to rescue her lover, Tammuz, from the realm of death, entered the underworld by a route that took her through seven portals. At each gate she was obliged to remove one of her garments, so that after passing through all seven gates she entered Death's demesne naked. The necessity of removing her garments symbolized the impossibility of taking worldly goods into the land of the dead, giving rise to the cliché, "You can't take it with you." Ishtar's voyage into death and back took three days, and all later savior gods who died and went to the underworld similarly returned in three days, a period based on the three days between the sun's death on the winter solstice and its observable rebirth in a higher trajectory on December 25. The dance continued to be performed in Roman Judea, by and for persons who did not understand its religious significance. That it was performed at the Herodian courts for a nobility whose nakedness taboo gave them a prurient interest in strippers is not unlikely. The story in MATTHEW 14:6-8, that Herod Antipas's stepdaughter Salome performed such a provocative dance for him, in effect offering herself to him as a bedmate, is clearly fiction. Salome would have been four or five years old at the time of the execution of John the Immerser. While it is not implausible that a dance by a little girl so flattered Antipas that he made a rash promise to grant her anything she asked, since the claim that he was reluctant to execute a self-proclaimed rival king was false, it is probable that the entire story is baseless.

**Seventh Day Adventists** Neo-Christian sect founded by Ellen White, based on her pretended revelation that the second coming of Jesus the Nazirite was to take place in 1844. When King Jesus failed to appear at that time, White's followers rationalized that he had changed his schedule and would appear at a later unspecified date. The sect continues to exist even though its journal, *Ministry*, acknowledged in 1982 that White was a liar and a plagiarist. Adventists observe the Jewish Seventh rather than the common Christian sun god rest day on the first of the week.

**sex** Inherent quality, analogous to height and weight, of all organisms, plant and animal, that reproduce by the fusion of germ cells from two different organisms, regardless of whether the germ cells are brought together by copulation, wind, insects, or ejaculation over eggs already laid. Except in substandard English *sex* is not a synonym for copulation. An individual has sex by being born with male or female reproductive organs. He/she does not *have sex* by engaging in procreative activity. The quality of maleness is *sex*, not *gender*, a quality of words, not of organisms, and the activity of mating is *copulation*, not *sex*.

**Sex and the Single Girl** The world's best-selling cookbook; sample entry (paraphrased): "You will eventually invite your boyfriend to sleep with you overnight. You will then have to make him breakfast. Here is a good recipe for breakfast..." The book's title was made into a movie.

**sex and violence** Expression often used as an idiom by the mentally dysfunctional to imply that unrelated concepts have a common element; analogous to *joy and sadism*, *love and murder*, *tenderness and torture*, or *sanity and insanity*.

**sexist** Male bigot who believes that women are and should remain inferior. Sexism ultimately stems from belief in male gods.

**shabat** *see* sabbath

**Shaddai, El** "Allah the demon"; Title for the Israelite god that, according to the Priestly author, was the only name by which Yahweh was known to his worshippers prior to his revealing his true name to Moses. The name was not pejorative, since in P's time a demon was merely an immortal spirit, not necessarily evil. P's Torah used the name *Yahweh* in his narrative in GENESIS 17:1, but always the god-committee identified itself to its pets, prior to the scene with Moses, as *El Shaddai*, while they referred to it as *Allahim*, "the gods." Only when the Redactor riffled J/E/D and P together was the inconsistency created of having patriarchs address their god as *Yahweh* in chapter after chapter of a narrative in which Yahweh later revealed his name for the first time.

**shadow** Silhouette formed on the background by an object obstructing light rays. To the ancient Greeks, the shadow was the part of an individual that lived on in Tartaros after physical death. Since the underworld resident was literally a mere shadow of his former self, the author of *Odyssey* had the dead hero Akhilleus say he would rather be a poor sharecropper's slave on earth than the greatest prince in Tartaros.

**Shadrakh** *see* Abednego.

**shag** In England and Australia: copulate/copulation; in America: a teenage dance.

**Shakers** neo-Christian sect that imposed the perversion of sexual abstinence on its members in emulation of the sacred celibacy of the original Jesus sect, in ignorance of the fact that Jesus and his followers believed the end of the world to be only weeks away, so that repopulation to replace the dead was no longer necessary. At their peak in the nineteenth century the Shakers never numbered more than four hundred members. At the turn of the millennium, two small communities survive, all of them octogenarians. As with all organisms that do not breed, extinction is just a matter of time.

**Shakespeare, William** English playwright who, in the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I, wrote all or most of the 37 plays attributed to him. He may have worked with a collaborator on some, and one or two of the 37 may not have been his. But the myth that the *true* author of Shakespeare's plays was Bacon, or Marlowe, or some other more educated person than Shakespeare, has been fully refuted by competent scholars and does not warrant further consideration. For a detailed evaluation of the various theories see *The Shakespearean Ciphers Examined*, by V. F. and E. S. Friedman, Cambridge, 1957.



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**shaman** Originally a Siberian medicine man; now a generic term applied to the medicine man of any religion regarded by victims of more dogmatic superstitions as primitive.

**Shamash** Paramount god of the Old Babylonian pantheon, whose name meant both *phallus* and *the sun*, the sun being perceived by early male-god worshippers as a phallus in the sky; equivalent to Ra, Aton, So1, Helios, Hyperion and Galgaliel.

**shamrock** Plant with a leaf that resembles three vulvas; worshipped by the Irish as the emblem of the triple-goddess millennia before the creation of a male trinity.

**sharing joy** Most commonly, engaging in orgasm-inducing behavior with another person, but also applicable to passive sharing by watching or empathizing with the joyful recreation of others.

**Shastras** All classes of Hindu sacred books, including the first-ranking Vedas and the fourth-ranking Tantras.

**Sheba** Kingdom in northern Arabia. In King Solomon's time, the current queen of Sheba apparently dissuaded Solomon from annexing her kingdom by bribing him with gold, silver, and sexual recreation. Ethiopian emperors down to Haile Selassie claimed descent from Solomon and the queen of Sheba, on the ground that *Sheba* was also a Hebrew name for Ethiopia.

**Sheila-na-gig** Female demon of Druidic origin whose image, with an exaggerated gaping genital orifice, was regularly painted on the walls of Christian churches in medieval England to ward off evil spirits; possibly the origin of *sheila* as a pejorative term for a woman in Australia.

**Shekhem** In GENESIS, a gentile prince who abducted Jacob's daughter, Dinah, and later concluded an agreement to marry her, only to be murdered by Dinah's brothers after fulfilling his side of the contract. In fact Shekhem was a city in Israel built by King Yerobowam I, whom the Yahwist viewed as a usurper. So he composed the story to convey the message that the site had been acquired by treachery. In the Talmud, Shekhem and Dinah became the parents of Joseph's wife Asenath, thereby transforming Asenath from an Egyptian into a descendant of Jacob, as Jewish racism demanded an ancestress must be. The Talmud author solved a perceived chronology problem by declaring that Dinah gave birth to Shekhem's daughter at the age of six.

**Shekinah** Jewish goddess who was the breath/soul of Yahweh; incorporated into the gospels called JOHN and *Hebrews* as the *holy spirit* or *consecrated breath*. Interpolations into the synoptics masculinized her into the trinitarian spook.

**Shem (Sem)** Eponym of the Semites, persons who spoke Hebrew, Arabic or related languages; named by the Yahwist and the Priestly author as the eldest son of Noah.

**Shema** Jewish prayer formulated by the author of DEUTERONOMY in 621 BCE: "Listen Israel! Yahweh is your gods, Yahweh alone."

**Sheol** "underworld"; in Jewish mythology, originally the grave, but with the development of an afterlife belief in post-exilic times Sheol became the limbo in which dead Jews awaited the resurrection that would see all Jews restored to a deathless new life and all gentiles vaporized. The Essenes replaced Sheol with Gehenna, a place where dead souls were purified in readiness for the resurrection, and Jesus the Nazirite then transformed Gehenna into the Christian Hell by making it a place of never-ending torture.

**shepherds** Originally, the poor commoners who were the first persons to see and adore the newborn savior god Mithra in his manger. The myth was borrowed by the author of LUKE and transferred to Jesus.

**Shi'ite** Islamic sect retaining the original belief that the founder of Islam was not Mohamed, who was a secular warlord, but his son-in-law Ali, the sect's spiritual leader and last caliph prior to the

revolution that replaced Shi'ite caliphs with Sunni caliphs. Mohammed's true heir was not his son but his daughter Fatima, to whom Ali was allegedly married. In fact Fatima was the pre-Islamic mother goddess with whom Mohamed's daughter was posthumously equated, just as Jesus' otherwise obscure mother was posthumously equated with the same queen of heaven and mother goddess. The Shi'ite sect was originally matriarchal and Tantric, but is now as male supremacist and masochistic as Sunni Islam.

**shiksa** Racist term for a non-Jewish woman.

**Shimeown** Brother of Jesus the Nazirite; named in MARK 6:3 as the fifth son of Joseph and Mary.

**Shimeown the patriarch** Eponym of one of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy; named by the Yahwist as Jacob's second son, a seniority status he retained in J/E and in P, but almost certainly did not have in E.

**Shinga-moo** Chinese virgin who bore a savior god son, Deng, after being magically impregnated by the king of heaven.

**Shintoism** Oldest surviving religion in Japan, in which ancestors' names are kept alive by worship, even though most Shintoists also accept the Buddhist concept of soul-immortality. The paramount Shinto god is the sun, regarded as the physical ancestor of the Japanese emperors, just as the Julians claimed Venus as their ancestor and the Perseids claimed Zeus.

**shit** Old English word that became *vulgar* after 1066 CE, and was replaced in the ruling classes' vocabulary by the French *excrement* and the Latin *feces*.

**shitism** The thesis that Jesus the Nazirite had to shit and piss like any other man.

**shit-pusher** Australian slang for a pederast.

**Shiush** Hittite sun god whose name is a cognate of Indo-European *devas* and Greek *Zeus*.

**Shiva** seven-day ritual of mourning observed by Jews when a relative either dies physically, or condemns himself to exclusion from the Jews-only afterlife by marrying a dirty gentile. Catholics once behaved in a similar manner, commissioning requiem masses for relatives who turned Protestant.

**shop steward** A congenital epsilon with delusions of grandeur, to whom the role of big frog in a small puddle is the height of success. No person becomes a shop steward unless he lacks the competence to become assistant night manager of a pay toilet.

**Shriners** *see* Freemasons

**shrink** A headshrinker, psychoquack, skull diver, psychiatrist.

**shrinkanalysis** *see* psychoanalysis

**Shroud of Turin** Painting on a linen cloth, carbon dated to the fourteenth century CE, of the front and rear view of a life sized, naked, crucified man whose hands are so placed as to hide his genitalia. The painting was constructed by carving a bas-relief on a flat medium (not a three-dimensional sculpture), laying a wet cloth over it, and rubbing with iron earth and vermilion pigments. The method, readily available to a fourteenth-century artisan, has been replicated by Joe Nickell and found to produce the same kind of allegedly negative image found on the shroud. That the figure on the shroud was intended to be Jesus the Nazirite is certain. The figure's injuries, inconsistent with actual crucifixion, are identical with those described in the Christian gospels, while the face is copied from the sixth-century Mandylion on which all images of Jesus have been based since its construction. Also, bishop Henri de Poitiers in 1389 obtained a confession from the forger who constructed it to pass for Jesus' burial shroud, and forwarded the confession to the

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current pope. When Pope Wojtyla appointed a committee of what he considered *reliable* believers to examine the shroud and evaluate its authenticity, the two scholars who discovered evidence of fraud and refused to suppress their discoveries were purged from the committee, which eventually reported that the vermilion pigment was blood, and that no means existed, past or present, to construct such a negative image. Even after carbon dating established that the shroud was a fake, incurable believers continued to maintain that it was not. For additional information see Joe Nickell's *Inquest on the Shroud of Turin*, Prometheus, 1989, and Walter McCrone's *Judgment Day For the Shroud of Turin*, Prometheus, 1999.

**Shylock** Character in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* who represented sixteenth-century England's concept of a typical Jew: avaricious, subhuman, with a pathological hatred of Christians. At the end of the play Shylock is forced to become a Christian. To the viciously intolerant society for whom the play was written, that was supposed to be the happy ending.

**shyness effect** The refusal of ESP or other paranormal phenomena to manifest itself in the presence of a magician capable of detecting conjuring tricks. Parapsychologists whose imaginations dreamed up the shyness effect have yet to explain why gravity, inertia and electromagnetic radiation are willing to manifest themselves in the presence of skeptics, but extra-sensory perception is not.

**sicarius** *see* Iskariot

**Sidwell, Saint** Canonization of the scythe-wielding death goddess later masculinized as Father Time, as a result of a mistranslation of an inscription on her shrine that meant *well of the scythe*.

**significant other** Expression first used in the rhyming couplet, "spouse, lover, significant other," to mean one's current sex partner.

**Sikhism** Spin-off from Hinduism founded by Nanak c 1500 CE, that rejected polytheism and statue worship and tried to incorporate Nanak's concept of the best of Islam into a reformed Hinduism. Originally pacifistic, Sikhs have for some time been as willing to murder perceived enemies as are Irish Catholics, Lebanese Protestants, Serbian Orthodox Christians, Israeli Jews, and Iranian Muslims.

**sillygism** Form of syllogism that is not merely invalid, but is childishly so. A transparent example is: premise (a): rum and cola, gin and cola, whisky and cola, vodka and cola, all make me drunk; premise (b): the only common factor is cola; therefore, conclusion (c): cola makes me drunk. A less obvious but equally illogical example is: premise (a): the universe follows laws of physics that interact as precisely as the controlling mechanism of a watch; premise (b): a watch must be intelligently designed; therefore, conclusion (c): the universe was intelligently designed. Persons who lack the reasoning capacity to recognize the watch argument as a sillygism invariably do not stop there, but add the further non-sequitur (d): therefore the universe was designed by the hero of the fantasy novel known as the Bible.

**Silvanus** A Silvanus was an assistant of the disciple Peter, and at his dictation wrote down the Greek translation known as 1 PETER. A Silvanus was an assistant of Paul of Tarsus. Whether Peter's Silvanus and Paul's Silvanus were the same man is not known.

**Silverius** Pope, 536-538, removed from office on suspicion of making a deal with the Goths to betray Rome.

**Simeon** Masochistic saint (there's another kind?) who wore an iron belt that lacerated his flesh, and spent the last 37 years of his life atop a proto-flagpole, dying in 459 CE.

**Simeon bar Klopas** First cousin of Jesus the Nazirite; son of Joseph the carpenter's brother Klopas. Simeon became Head Nazirite following the execution of Jacob the Righteous in 62 CE, and

remained so until his execution by the emperor Trajan in 105 CE or 107 CE (sources differ). It was Simeon who led the Nazirites out of Jerusalem when the first Jewish War reached Jerusalem in 67 CE, and took them to the safety of the Decapolis, in an exodus that the author of MARK had Jesus retroactively authorize in his Little Apocalypse. If either of Jesus' grandnephews, Jacob and Zakharyah, outlived Simeon, he would certainly have succeeded him. But by 120 CE all of Jesus' blood relations were dead, and leadership of the Nazirites passed to persons not from his family.

**Simeon ben Azzai** Rabbi who, c 100 CE, in response to the virgin-birth myth that had been interpolated into MATTHEW a few weeks earlier, became the first person to accuse Jesus the Nazirite of being a bastard. Since a Christian author had claimed that Jesus was not Joseph's son, ben Azzai took that false claim at face value and explained it by the most logical method.

**Simeonites** One of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy. Its eponym was Shimeown the patriarch.

**Simon Hasmon** Last surviving brother of Judas Maccabaeus; founder of the Hasmonean dynasty and commonly regarded as its first king, even though he was officially only high priest and military governor. It was Simon who recognized that a too-large Jewish empire would be no more defensible under his successors than it had been under David's successors, so he led all Jews out of Galilee, leaving the province totally gentile. That action enables historians to recognize that the ancestors of Jesus the Nazirite were gentiles who were forced to save their lives by converting to Judaism when Simon's grandson invaded Galilee in 104 BCE.

**Simon Magus** Faithhealer mentioned in ACTS 3:9-24, and in the Manichean *Acts of Peter*. Simon was performing in Samaria when Philippos, a follower of Paul of Tarsus who was not the mythical Philippos named as one of Jesus' nonexistent *twelve apostles*, went there preaching Jesus as Messiah. Simon allowed himself to be initiated, by immersion, into Paulinist Naziritism, but found that his capacity to perform miracles did not thereby increase, so he sought out Naziritism's chief missionary, Peter, and offered to purchase the power to use Jesus-hypnosis effectively. The selling of ecclesiastical office for money is consequently called *simony*. While Simon's fame never equaled his ambition, the tale that he started believing his own publicity is unsupported by any contemporary testimony. He is alleged to have tried to top every other itinerant conjurer's illusions, and one legend has him being buried alive in the belief that he could survive in a buried coffin for three days, only to die in the attempt. The actual circumstances and location of his death are not known.

**Simon the Gnostic** Founder of the Gnostic Simonites. Nothing is known about him except that he flourished in the second century CE, at least fifty years after the death of Simon Magus, with whom he is equated in Christian tradition.

**Simon the Zealot** One of at least three card-carrying Zealots among the disciples of Jesus the Nazirite. He may have been the father of Judas the Iskariot, whom the author of JOHN identified as "Simon's son." He also may have been the son of Judas of Galilee, the founder of the Zealots, who had a son named Simon who was crucified with his brother Jacob in 48 CE. Simon's title could be interpreted as implying *Head Zealot*. But he could also have been simply the Zealot sect's official liaison officer attached to an alleged messiah to assess his credibility as the figurehead of a possible Zealot revolution.

**simony** *see* Simon Magus

**Sin** Originally, the Babylonian moon goddess; later masculinized under the same name.

**sin** Word commonly traced no further back than Latin *sons* and Germanic *sunde*, but clearly derived from Indo-European, the only common ancestor of the languages containing the cognates. While *sin* in early male-god mythology meant *sacred to a goddess*, it cannot be specifically derived from

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*sacred to Sin*, the Babylonian moon goddess. Following the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE, and the consequent creation of male gods, anything that a phallusocracy wished to denigrate as too feminist was declared a *sin*, meaning hateful to the ruling male gods. No other etymology can explain how the designation of *sin* became attached to such actions as eating pork, once consumed sacramentally as the body of the multi-breasted sow goddess, and nun-tupping, an alternate form of goddess worship. In classical Latin, *sons* meant “guilty,” not necessarily of crimes against religion. In modern English, *sin* is understood to mean the breach of a religious taboo, and as such has no validity to the rational. But it is sometimes used as a synonym for wrongdoing, and in that sense can be defined as the unnecessary hurting of a non-consenting victim. To quote Robert Heinlein: “Hurting yourself is not sinful, just stupid.”

**sin, mortal** Concept invented by the Roman Catholic church to terrify communicants into regular confession and cash contributions.

**sin, venial** Concept invented by the Roman Catholic church to convince its victims that even the most righteous regularly commit little sins that eventually add up to a big sin, requiring them to buy their way out of Hell by engaging the services of a priest.

**SINA** “Suppress Indecent Nudity in Animals”; organization invented by a stand-up comic as a joke, to prove that there is no hoax so outrageous that suckers cannot be found who will take it seriously. When SINA’s founders gave satirical interviews on radio and television talk shows and started receiving donations from fundamentalist cranks (tautology), they decided to extend the hoax until such time as it ceased to be a healthy source of income.

**Sinaiticus codex** Fourth-century CE manuscript of the Judaeo-Christian bible, containing books recognized as canonical at the time but later expurgated from the Christian canon.

**Sinay, Mount** According to the Yahwist (EXODUS 19:18), the Priestly author (EXODUS 24:16), and the Redactor (EXODUS 31:18), Yahweh’s sacred mountain. In contrast, the Elohist (EXODUS 3:1) and the Deuteronomist (DEUTERONOMY 5:2) identified Yahweh’s sacred mountain as Mount Horeb. In fact Mount Sinai was sacred to the deity whose name it bore, the moon goddess *Sin*.

**Sinclair** Celtic goddess adopted into Christianity as St Clare.

**single transferable vote** Common American name for what is called the preferential system in Australia; standard in Australia and Europe but rare in England and North America, where parties in power regard it as beyond the comprehension of the mental midgets who vote for them; suitable for voters above the age of nine or ten; sometimes confused with proportional representation, which is a multi-member-electorate system, not a voting system. Under STV, a voter marks a “1” against the candidate of his choice, “2” against his second preference, and so on through all names on the ballot. If the candidate receiving the “1” vote is eliminated for having the least votes of all surviving candidates, the “2” vote is then counted as the voter’s choice. Similarly, if a voter’s first five preferences have all been eliminated, his “6” vote then counts as if it were a “1.” No lower preference is ever counted until all candidates receiving a higher preference have been eliminated. A voter’s alternative preferences can therefore never help an unwanted candidate defeat a preferred candidate. In Australia, letter-of-the-law stupidity causes ballots to be ruled inadmissible if more than one candidate is given no preference number at all, even if sufficient preferences have been indicated for the ballot to be counted for a candidate still in the running, and apparently it has never occurred to anyone to change the law to make such ballots legally acceptable. But the fault is in the administration of the system, not the system itself. Political party leadership conventions in North America operate on what is virtually the STV system, except that voters are not asked for a second preference until earlier ballots have eliminated their previous choice. In each case, a candidate cannot win until he has accumulated fifty percent plus one of all votes cast.

**sirens** Mermaid-like creatures featured in *Odyssey*. Although belief in mermaids lasted much longer, it is doubtful if Homer's sirens were taken seriously by Caesar's time.

**sitcom** Contraction of *situation comedy*; television drivel in which at regular intervals a young, healthy, nubile woman is given the opportunity to share joy with a worthwhile partner, spends thirty or sixty minutes debating whether to accept the offered recreation, and decides at the end of the episode that she will not. In a superstition-infested society, such incidents undoubtedly also happen in real life. But in sitcoms the decision to remain a brainwashed masochist is touted as a happy ending.

**Siricius** Pope, 384-399, who founded the papacy. Although previous bishops of Rome had been styled *Papa* in recognition of their status as *father* of a patriarchate of bishoprics, Siricius was the first to demand recognition by the patriarchs of Constantinople, Antioch, Alexandria and Jerusalem as their superior. All but Constantinople eventually succumbed. Because no bishop of Rome before Siricius was recognized as Head Christian, none can be considered to have held the office of Pope. The pretence that the disciple Peter had been the first bishop of Rome had been maintained almost since the publication of the Manichean *Acts of Peter*, in which Peter was alleged to have journeyed to Rome and been executed there. But the interpolation of the keys-of-heaven fable, in which Jesus named Peter Head Christian, into MATTHEW, was almost certainly made during or soon after the bishopric of Siricius, for the purpose of providing biblical endorsement of the Roman bishop's claim to primacy over all Christians. All bishops of Rome since Siricius have been popes, meaning self-styled Head Christian.

**situation ethics** The philosophy that an action can only be judged good or evil in its context, that any action normally evil may be good in a limited-choice situation in which it is the least evil of the available options. Thus killing a man may be evil in all other circumstances, but not evil when no other means exists to prevent him from killing hostages. Since situation ethics is the antithesis of religion's black and white taboo code that declares such behavior as premarital copulation evil in all circumstances, it is vehemently denounced by fundamentalist godworshippers. Yet it is an intrinsic part of godworship, which maintains that the execution of 24,000 hostages by Adolf Hitler in retaliation for one man's breaking the Jew-gentile miscegenation prohibition would be unspeakably evil, but the identical behavior in identical circumstances by the Judaeo-Christian bible's paramount god, described in NUMBERS 25:6-9, is not evil because, "When God does it, it's not evil."

**Sixtus IV** Pope, 1471-1484, who established a brothel in Rome and, as its pimp, received commissions amounting to 20,000 ducats a year.

**Siva** Junior member of the Hindu trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Siva; equivalent to Jesus in the Christian trinity, and Persephone in the older female trinity.

**skeptic** A person who, in evaluating an event of low probability, remains cognizant of Occam's razor. Even an event of near-zero probability may conceivably have occurred, but a skeptic will demand better evidence than the uncorroborated testimony of proven liars, such as the authors of the Christian gospels or Erich von Däniken or Uri Geller.

**Skeptical Inquirer** Magazine published by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), in which pseudoscience and humbuggery of every kind, except religion *per se*, are discussed, and experiments and investigations of such claims are reported in considerable detail. *Skeptical Inquirer* stands ready to validate ESP, dowsing, or any other paranormal phenomenon the instant a single replicable positive result is obtained. That has never happened, and competent opinion is that it never will happen, because if there was anything to find, someone would have found it by now. The address for subscriptions is *The Skeptical Inquirer*, Box 703, Amherst, NY 14226-0703, USA.

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**Skinner, B.F.** Originator of behaviorism, a form of psychology predicated on the contention that the human mind does not exist and that all behavior down to the minutest fart or snicker is the environmentally programmed response to a stimulus and could not possibly have been different. Free will, according to Skinner, is a delusion, since conditioning, not choice, determines every action. When asked if his very act of answering a reporter's question did not constitute evidence of an unconditioned act called *thinking*, he replied that it did not—and he should know.

**skotography** Scam used by conscious practitioners of the spiritism hoax to produce *spirit* photos on blank photographic paper. The method is simple. The photographic paper is exposed to a projected negative, producing a latent positive image that will not be visible until the paper is immersed in a developing solution. Thus when the exposed paper is handed to a mark in a room lit only by a safelight, it appears to be unexposed. The mark is told to *pray* or *concentrate*, depending on the spook crook's orientation, then to immerse the paper in developing and fixing baths, at which time the latent image appears.

**skulldiver** Psychoquack; headshrinker; psychiatrist.

**slave** Originally, a woman owned by a man for the purpose of breeding heirs. In most of the world woman owning, called *marriage*, is the only form of slavery that still exists, unless the term is expanded to include the owning by humans of lower life forms. The discovery that slavery worked, that women could be subjugated indefinitely, led to the enslavement of men, usually captives, as day laborers who could be forced to obey a potentate's every whim. This in turn led to monarchy, a political system in which only the king was free while everyone else was his slave, or *subject*, which meant the same thing. Contemporary monarchies are only theoretical slave states, with citizens acknowledging that they are *subjects* but denying that they are slaves. Chattel slavery, the designation of one human as the private property of another human, was abolished in England in the eighteenth century CE, mainly through the efforts of William Wilberforce, and in America in the nineteenth century by a proclamation of Abraham Lincoln, but continues to exist in Muslim theocracies. Slavery is endorsed in the bibles of Jews (LEVITICUS 25:44), Christians (EPHESIANS 6:5) and Muslims (*Koran* 30:28).

**slave name** Name imposed on a slave by his owner. In ancient times a child was named by its ruling parent, the mother prior to c 3500 BCE and thereafter the father, in recognition of its status as the parent's disposable property. On reaching maturity an individual would abandon the imposed name and proclaim his free status by adopting a name of his own choosing. With the evolution of surnames, the permanent slave class, women, at all times bore the surname of their current owners. Thus John Smith's daughter Jill was born *Jill Smith*. When she was sold to be the wife of Richard Roe, she became *Jill Roe*. If she ceased to be Richard Roe's wife and became John Doe's wife, she became *Jill Doe*. When African slaves were imported into America, they were likewise given imposed names that denoted their ownership. If ol' Massa Kernel sold his slave, *Toby Kernel*, to ol' Massa Sanders, the slave became *Toby Sanders*. Emancipation created a class of former slaves whose surnames, which at that point became hereditary, were those of their most recent owners. Thus an Afro-American whose surname is King can be identified as the descendant of slaves whose owner at the time of the Civil War was ol' Massa King. One of the first persons to resent and reject the slave name he was born with, adopted the new name, *Malcolm X*, the X symbolizing the impossibility of tracing his true, African name.

**“sleep with”** Weasel words for *copulate with*, in keeping with an anti-sexual culture's pretence that sexuality is *dirty* and must be spoken of only in euphemisms.

**slime** Persons who earn their living justifying evil; e.g., apologists for whale extermination and forest extermination who defend the exterminators' *right to work*; tobacco executives who blatantly and fraudulently claim that their poison does not kill 800,000 Americans every year;

publishers of scientifically illiterate superstition who equate conscious lying with *freedom of belief*; priests who denounce non-marital sexuality, but seize every opportunity to bugger little boys.

**slut** Synonym for *bitch*, a female dog; pejorative term that equates a sexually functional woman with a female dog, the rationale being that a slut in heat will not refuse to copulate with any male that presents itself. In a phallusocracy in which even a woman's name is a reflection of her status as a particular man's private property, a woman who refuses to regard copulation with person A as a surrender of her right to copulate with person B is naturally regarded unfavorably.

**smallpox** The weapon used by the Christians from Europe in an unsuccessful attempt to exterminate the heathen natives and make America safe for Jesus.

**smart drug** Any of several drugs developed in Europe that are claimed to improve memory and raise intelligence. Double blind tests have established that they do neither for humans, although there is some evidence that they may improve memory in rodents.

**Smith, Joseph** American boy who, about three years after the death in 1816 CE of author Solomon Spaulding, found Spaulding's unpublished manuscript of a novel in which the imagined *lost tribes of Israel* migrated to America and became the American Indians, and rewrote it into the semblance of nonfiction under the title, *The Book of Mormon*. Smith founded a neo-Christian sect called Latter Day Saints, now renamed the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to distinguish it from the Mormons, a breakaway sect founded by Brigham Young after Smith's death. Smith's own sect has always been led by his primogenitural descendants. Smith was the kind of pathological egomaniac who could not distinguish between a lie that had a chance of remaining undetected and a lie that had no chance of remaining undetected, not unlike Oral Roberts. He was thus easily deceived into concocting a pretended translation of the Kinderhook plates, a compilation of apparent hieroglyphs forged by his opponents for the purpose of discrediting him, since at the time the papyrus scrolls he had pretended to translate as *The Book of Abraham* had not yet been correctly identified as funerary scrolls. In recent times scholars have established that twelve pages of Smith's manuscript of *The Book of Mormon* are in Solomon Spaulding's handwriting. For additional information see *Trouble Enough: Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon*, by E. H. Taves, Prometheus, 1984, and *No Man Knows My History: The Life of Joseph Smith*, by Fawn Brodie, NY, 1995.

**smoker** A person who, for the dubious pleasure of filling his lungs with a cancer-causing irritant that kills 800,000 Americans every year, demands the right to exhale his filthy poison into the atmosphere where it has been found to kill 50,000 non-smokers in America every year. Statistics for other countries are not available, but are bound to be commensurate with the prevalence of smoking in the population.

**SNAFU** Acronym for "situation normal—all fucked up."

**snob** To an alpha or beta: any person who believes that he must be *better* than another person simply because he was born into a higher socio-economic class; to a gamma or delta: any person who recognizes that he is measurably superior to a person whose intelligence and other intrinsic qualities, rather than external forces, are the reason for his lower socio-economic status; to an epsilon: anyone who gets out of the bath to pee.

**snow job** Tactic used by the ignorant to intimidate the gullible, by using incomprehensible jargon such as Faculty of Education doubletalk that the listener is not able to recognize as contentless nonsense, for the purpose of creating the impression that the double-talker is saying something meaningful that the hearer is too ignorant to understand. The most prolific practitioners of snow jobs are politicians, lawyers, salesmen, theologians, and professors of education.



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**snuck** Substandard English equivalent of *sneaked*.

**snuff movie** A movie made for sadists, in which a woman is tortured to death on camera. Investigators who have attempted to locate such items have concluded that snuff movies in fact do not exist, although movies showing faked murders are not unknown.

**soap opera** Mind pabulum for the intellectually handicapped.

**soap opera star** Oxymoron.

**so-called** Expression appended to a factual situation by doublethinkers in the belief that labeling a reality as *so-called* can make it unreal. Apologists for the Judaeo-Christian bible's many hundreds of mutually-exclusive statements and its flat-earth cosmography describe those embarrassing realities as *so-called inconsistencies*. Supporters of a theocratic tyranny's alleged right to enforce religious taboos describe the prohibited behavior as *so-called victimless crime*, as if consensual copulation, gambling or moderate drinking was not *really* victimless.

**Social Credit** Religion posing as a political party, that crippled two Provinces of Canada for forty years, even to the extent of prohibiting Sunday sport in the hope that Albertans would thereby be forced to listen to the Premier's *Back to the Bible* radio show. While the *name* Social Credit is dead (but refuses to get itself buried), the hate cult that the name represented is alive and well and has become Canada's Official Opposition in Parliament under the new name, *Canadian Alliance*.

**social disease** Euphemism for a venereal or sexually-transmitted disease. Planet Earth's true social disease is religion.

**socialist** Practitioner of the *dog in the manger* syndrome; one who, lacking the talent to acquire more than a minimum of private property himself, would deprive the rest of society of the right to do so.

**social problem of the week** Recurring theme on television programs that win an audience by presenting comedy or mystery drama, and then inflict that audience with soap opera scripts that have nothing to do with the show's established format.

**social science** "A study used to mystify trivial things by putting them into quasi-technical language." —Naom Chomsky. Social science consists of disciplines in which two dissertations, so incompatible that for either one to be valid the other must be contentless nonsense, can both receive doctoral degrees from the same department of the same university in the same year. That can happen in psychology, sociology, political science and economics, but not in history, sometimes unjustly labeled a social science. History dissertations that are incompatible can each receive doctorates, but only in different years, and only when the later incorporates data not known to the author of the earlier and thereby invalidates the earlier.

**social worker** A person who earns a living by listening to people's problems, nodding sympathetically, paraphrasing the client's words, and offering no useful advice or service whatsoever. Since a social worker must brainwash himself that he is performing a valid function, it follows that the occupation is restricted to the chronically mentally incompetent. Some social workers are good typists.

**sociobiology** Pseudoscientific humbuggery based on the falsifiable premises that:

- animals below *Homo sapiens* are aware of the biological relationship between sire and cub;
- organisms can consciously adapt to their environment by evolving survival qualities;
- women have always been second-class humans and are biologically doomed to remain so;
- the mating of the science of biology and the pseudoscience of sociology can produce something other than another pseudoscience.

In fact humans only discovered the father concept 5,500 years ago, and no other species has ever done so. When a new lion in a pride kills existing cubs, the explanation that accords with Occam's razor is that a lioness with a cub is less amenable to sexual advances than one without a cub. The sociobiologists' fantasy that the male will only tolerate its *own* cubs involves the false assumption that lions have an *own cubs* concept. Organisms cannot adapt to new circumstances unless they are already equipped with survival qualities appropriate to the new circumstances. The sociobiologists' claim that face-to-face mating led women to evolve breasts to arouse men in place of out-of-view buttocks could be valid only if men refused in significant numbers to mate with women whose chests remained flat. That clearly did not happen. For thirty thousand years women, believed to be born in the Mother's image, were the dominant sex. Only the Big Discovery that children have fathers as well as mothers led to men taking over the world and reducing women to serf status. If sociobiology is a science, then zoology, history, paleoanthropology and related disciplines are not.

**Sociobiology: *The New Synthesis*** Mushroom fantasy by E. O. Wilson, in which the pseudoscience of the title was invented.

**sociology** The only pseudoscience in which epsilons can win academic recognition from other epsilons by conducting intensive research to establish the proportion of upper class Jews in Montreal who eat cornflakes for breakfast, and publish their findings under the title *Crestwood Heights*; a form of meta-history created to provide employment for mediocrities too dumb to learn Faculty of Education doubletalk and too lazy to become psychoquacks.

**sociopath** Psychobabble for a fruitcake who believes he should have the right to do anything he wishes and be answerable to nobody, a right exercised by Stalin, Hitler, Osama bin Laden, and the gods of all religions.

**Socrates** Greek philosopher, 469-399 BCE, who wrote nothing and who may or may not have espoused the views put into his mouth in dialogues composed after his death by his student, Plato. Socrates' existence has been questioned by non-historians, who apparently attach no significance to the fact that both Plato and Xenophon described him as a contemporary with whom they were personally acquainted. He was executed in 399 BCE for the crime of *not believing in the gods the polis believes in*. Approximately fifty percent of all criminal prosecutions in the Western world today are for the same crime, under such changed names as *blasphemy, statutory rape, incest, unlawful cohabitation, possession, violation of Lord's Day Act, indecent exposure, pornography, lewdness, obscenity, gross indecency, sodomy, soliciting, bootlegging, illegal gambling, desecrating the flag, running a gaming house, running a bawdy house, illegal carnal knowledge, adultery, fornication, perversion, and treason*.

**Sodom** Site of an Anatolian version of the myth of a god's destruction of the human race. In the earliest version of the Sodom-and-Khomorah fable, Levit and his two daughters were the sole survivors when the volcano god Yahweh erupted and inundated the world with lava, and became the ancestors of a new human race. This is evident from GENESIS 19:31, "Our old father is the only man left on earth to get into us, as is the custom throughout the land." In all likelihood, Sodom was a historical city in south-central Anatolia that was buried by the last eruption of Mount Yahweh before it became extinct in the third millennium BCE. Since the Yahwist's meta-history was set in Phoenicia rather than Anatolia, he relocated Sodom to the Valley of Demons adjacent to the Dead Sea, and associated its destruction with an Abraham who lived almost a thousand years later.

**SODOM** Acronym for Society Of Dirty Old Men.

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**softcore** Masochist's name for any visual art form that presents joyful recreation in a positive but non-graphic manner. *Time* used the word *softcore* to describe the wonderfully joyful movie, *Blue Lagoon*. That usage said nothing about the movie, but a great deal about *Time*.

**solar year** Year based on the number of days, not always calculated correctly, from vernal equinox to vernal equinox. Earliest calculations made the solar year 360 days. By Julius Caesar's time it had been corrected to 365 days. Caesar corrected it further by adding an extra day every fourth year. Pope Gregory corrected it still further by deleting three leap years every 400 years. The solar year is comparatively recent. The earliest calendars were based on the lunar year, and the calendars of Judaism and Islam are still lunar, although Judaism adds intercalated months to achieve reasonable harmony with the solar year, as Islam does not.

**soldier** A hit man who works for a government. The one prerequisite in a soldier is insanity, since he must hold his position when he is being shot at, whereas any sane person would flee for his life.

**Solidarity** Polish organization dedicated to replacing King Log in Moscow with King Stork in Rome.

**solipsism** The theory that only that which is currently perceived has any real existence, and that persons other than the perceiver cease to exist the instant they pass out of sight. The theory has been earnestly debated by nine-year-olds who have recognized its absurdity by the age of ten, and by intellectual nine-year-olds whose mental age has remained permanently at that level.

**Solomon** King of Judah and Israel *c* 970-930 BCE; probably David's seventh son, giving him the sacred status of a *seventh son of a seventh son*; probably a mulatto, since he was the son of David's Ethiopian wife Bathsheba, whose name meant *daughter of Ethiopia*. Although raised to be intolerant of every mythology except Yahweh worship, Solomon at his accession instituted religious toleration, and authorized the construction of altars to the gods of his many hostage-wives. For his tolerance and compassion, Solomon is widely regarded by fundamentalist Christians as being condemned to permanent torture with flamethrowers in King Jesus' Hell.

**Solon** According to Plato, the author of a poem about a sunken island civilization called Atlantis. No mention of Atlantis survives except in Plato's own writings, and some scholars believe that Atlantis was strictly Plato's creation. However, in view of the similarity between Plato's Atlantis and the Minoan civilization of Crete, it seems not unlikely that Plato indeed repeated older tales of a Cretan thalassocracy, and that his source was Solon. If so, Solon may well have equated the destruction of a powerful empire with the eruption that sank Thera-Santorini, between Greece and Crete, a mere millennium earlier, and Plato arbitrarily changed the date and location in the belief that Solon could not possibly have been right. That Atlantis was mythical is not in dispute. But just as Swift based the politics of Lilliput on the war between England and France, so did Solon base elements of Atlantis on Crete and Santorini.

**Soma** Vedic god created by the personification of the intoxicating *spirit* of a drink of the same name.

**soma** Intoxicating drink used in Hindu sacrificial rites, probably made from opium poppies; believed to confer immortality on its consumers; equivalent to Greek nectar, the drink of the gods that gave them their immortality.

**son of a bitch** In early Christianity, an insult that denoted a person conceived in a fertility temple with a nun for mother and an indeterminate number of casual worshippers for fathers. Because fornication, sacred nun-tupping dedicated to a fertility goddess, was anathema to Christians, since it constituted false-god worship, the offspring of fornication, a *son of a nun* or *son of a bitch* (same thing) was deemed the lowest possible life form. *Son of a bitch* remains an offensive epithet long after the true meaning has disappeared.

**Son of God** Title routinely assumed by pharaohs, mikados, kings and messiahs of many mythologies. To the ancient Jews, such a title was applied to the Davidic kings ostensibly anointed by Yahweh. HOSEA (11:1) put into Yahweh's mouth the words, "Out of Egypt I am calling my son," the son being the nation of Israel. By the first century CE the application of such a title to an individual had become so impossible in Judaism that, had the high priest asked Jesus the Nazirite, "Tell us if you're the son/descendant of the god?" as the author of MATTHEW 26:63 accused him, the high priest would have been executed as a blasphemer for even asking such a question. That such a title is associated with Jesus in the Christian gospels reveals that the authors were gentiles who knew nothing of Jewish law, and were reviving a title associated with Jewish kings in the belief that the custom had not changed. Jesus became a *son of God* in the literal sense only after he was adopted as the posthumous figurehead of a Greek religion known as Christianity, since all Greek superheroes, such as Herakles and Alexander the Great, had to be sons of gods.

**son of man** A.V. translation of *ben adam* and *huios anthropou*. Almost certainly Jesus the Nazirite called himself *Ben Adam*, thereby denoting himself the *descendent of Adam*, implying *second Adam*, the man who would correct the error of the first Adam. The Greek gossellers translated *ben adam* into *huios anthropou*, unaware that they were thereby obscuring the title's meaning, and the Greek was translated literally into English as *son of man*.

**son of the sun** Name adopted by several pharaohs of Egypt's nineteenth and twentieth dynasties, including Ramoses, "son of Ra," and by priests, including Atonmoses, "son of Aton," now known as Moses. All mikados up to Hirohito claimed the title, on the ground that the first mikado was the literal son of the sun god, and all later mikados were his direct descendants.

**Song of Songs** Sadducee paean to sexual recreation, composed *c* 200 BCE and attributed, as were most Sadducee writings, to King Solomon. Even though the song contains many explicit descriptions of sexual coupling, such as, "My lover put his hand up my snatch and my twat throbbled for him," (5:4) Catholic mythologists maintain with straight faces that it is about the spiritual love of King Jesus for his church.

**Sons of Freedom** Splinter sect of the Russian Doukhobors, accepted as immigrants into Canada in the nineteenth century when the rest of the world rejected them as terrorists. The Sons of Freedom commonly utilize public nudity in a society with a nakedness taboo as a form of protest against usually imaginary affronts, following a precedent set by Francis of Assisi. Their main claim to fame, however, is their use of arson and bombings to obtain publicity for their pretended grievances.

**Sophia, Saint** Canonization of the Greek goddess, Wisdom, whose symbol was a dove. Sophia is strictly a Catholic saint. Greek Orthodoxy acknowledges that the church of Saint Sophia in Istanbul is dedicated to *sacred wisdom*, not to a person from history.

**sorority** "sisterhood"; University social club organized to give rich-bitch snobettes the opportunity to pretend that they are hereditary courtesans slumming among the peasants. The definitive exposure of the true nature of sororities was the novel, *Take Care of my Little Girl*.

**S.O.S.** *see* Secular Organization for Sobriety

**soterios** "liberator"; Title adopted as a surname by such rulers as Ptolemaias I and Hadrian, on the ground that they had liberated their demesnes from some dire fate; also a generic term for fertility gods such as Tammuz and Adonis, whose annual death and resurrection liberated their worshippers from the permanence of death. Paul of Tarsus and other Greek-language bible authors described Jesus the Nazirite as *soterios* in the purely human sense, identifying him as the liberator whose prophesied task was to overthrow Roman domination and make himself king of an independent Judea. But eventually *soterios* was interpreted in the savior god sense, and Jesus was consequently fully deified in the gospel called JOHN.

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**Soubirous, Bernadette** *see* Bernadette

**soul** Postulated portion of the human organism credited with potential immortality; called *skia*, “shadow,” in Homeric Greek; *ka*, “astral body,” in Egyptian; and *psykhe*, “life force,” in modern Greek; often equated with Greek *pneuma*, Hebrew *nefesh*, and Latin *spiritus*, all meaning “breath.” Belief in a *soul* dates back to Cro-Magnon times, although at first it may have been equated with a revived physical body.

**South Africa** Country with four million whites and eighteen million blacks. Prior to the institution of democracy in 1992, the continued imposition of white rule caused comedian Robin Williams to ask, “Does the name *Custer* mean anything to you?”

**Southern Methodist University** Oxymoron.

**sow** (Greek: *gourouna*) Colloquialism for the genital orifice, analogous to *pussy* in English; a survival from goddess times, when the Mother was worshipped as a deified *gourouna*, a multi-breasted pig. It was the male chauvinist Jews’ rejection of everything sacred to goddess worship that caused them to classify sow meat, pork, as *unclean*.

**space, curved** Concept of the universe that is the theoretical basis of Einstein’s theory of relativity. Whereas Isaac Newton explained the laws of motion in terms of universal gravitation, Einstein explained them in terms of curved space. And since Einstein’s equations proved more accurate than Newton’s, it cannot be disputed that his theory is more useful. But that does not mean that a better explanation for Einstein’s accuracy than the metaphysical concept of *curved space* will not eventually be found. It seems highly unlikely that Einstein would have postulated such a self-contradiction as shaped nothingness if he had not been a believer in some kind of metaphysics.

**Spandaramet** Armenian underworld goddess whose name was later given to the Christian realm of the dead.

**Spaulding, Solomon** American novelist whose unpublished manuscript, in which the *lost tribes of Israel* became the American Indians, was found three years after his death by Joseph Smith and rewritten into the semblance of nonfiction as the *Book of Mormon*.

**speaking in tongues** *see* glossalalia.

**special** Adjective that once meant *possessed of positive qualities*, but now more commonly used as a euphemism for *retarded*.

**special education** Educationese for dunce-sitting.

**special guest star** Television euphemism for an actor who has dropped his price because he needs the work.

**spic** Racist term for a Spanish American.

**spinster** Archaic term for a woman who has not yet acquired a legal owner to recreate and impregnate her.

**spirit** (Latin: *spiritus*; Greek: *pneuma* Hebrew: *nefesh*) “breath” or “wind.” At a time when the difference between the living and the dead appeared to be that the living breathed, the belief arose that the breath was the body’s life, and that only a corpse was left after the breath or spirit departed for the underworld. Eventually *spirit* became interchangeable with *soul*, even though the former was the breath and the latter was the body’s abstract life force. Thus *spirit of truth* came to imply an honest intent to adhere to complete truth, as opposed to mere literal truth, which could be intentionally misleading. But the equation of *spirit* with *soul* led to a belief in disembodied spirits, ghosts that continued to exist as identifiable personalities after the breath or *spirit* had left its protoplasmic carcass. In ancient times such an object as the earth, the sky, a river or a tree was

likely to be credited with a *spirit* or *anima*, but contemporary mythology limits the concept to human beings.

**spirit of holiness** Originally a metaphor used by the Essenes to mean a commitment to the sect's concept of righteousness, and used by Jesus the Nazirite to mean precisely that. However, when some of Jesus' words were translated into Greek for the benefit of his Greek biographers, his *spirit of holiness*, also called *conscience*, became distorted into a metaphysical entity called *Holy Spirit* by Catholics and *Holy Ghost* by Protestants. That Jesus did not equate the *spirit of holiness* with a person can be seen by comparing his preaching with the Essene *Covenant of the Commune*. The *Covenant* taught that only unintentional sins could be forgiven, whereas sins committed intentionally, in violation of the spirit of righteousness of a clear conscience, could not. Jesus said the same thing in the words, "Whoever blasphemes contrary to the spirit of holiness [meaning: intentionally lies] shall not be forgiven." (MARK 3:29) Jesus was not a believer in the Christian Spook.

**spirit of truth** Essene metaphor virtually interchangeable in intent with *spirit of holiness*. Only the gospel called JOHN used both metaphors interchangeably in the original sense.

**spiritualism, spiritism** In 1848 the Fox sisters attracted national attention by pretending that cracking noises made with their toes were manifestations of disembodied *spirits*. So many persons were deceived by the Fox sisters' childish hoax, that shrewd religion-pushers quickly formed a new church in which dead relatives of the rich and gullible sent messages to their survivors that helped the new priests, called *mediums*, to get rich. Since the priesthoods of older religions were restricted to males, a new priesthood open to women not surprisingly attracted a disproportionate number. The Fox sisters' *spiritism* became *spiritualism* when the spook crooks recognized the commercial potential of anything *spiritual*. By the time the surviving sister confessed that spiritualism was a hoax, it had grown to the point where a weapon as insignificant as truth was incapable of destroying it. Spiritualism had all but disappeared when, in the 1980s, it was revived under the new name, *channeling*, and boosted to epidemic levels by the gullibility of one of its earliest marks, actress Shirley MacLaine. For additional information see *The Spiritualists* by R. Brandon, Prometheus, 1984.

**Spirogyra** Scientific name for reporters who demand the same rights as priests to conceal information relevant to a crime, but have no hesitation in publishing allegations prejudicial to an accused person's right to presumption of innocence, with reckless disregard for the accuracy or relevance of their information.

**split beaver** In magazine publications that make no pretence of portraying art or beauty, photographs showing the exterior and interior view of gaping female genitalia.

**Spock, Mr** Science fiction character who is the offspring of two organisms who evolved on different planets with no common evolutionary ancestor. Such a crossbreeding is more definitively impossible than the mating of a snapper and a snapdragon, which at least have the same amino acids and nucleotides.

**Spock, Dr Benjamin** Author of an imbecilic theory of child rearing, which Spock himself repudiated when he saw the full effects of the crime against humanity that he had committed in promoting such a theory. Unfortunately, by that time the world was infested with uncontrolled and uncontrollable adults committed to the immediate gratification of their every whim regardless of price or consequence.

**spokesman** *see* prophet

**spontaneous human combustion** The alleged explosion into flames of a human being for no apparent cause. It is difficult to determine who is the more mentally dysfunctional: the person who

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describes spontaneous human combustion as inexplicable, or the person who concocts a rational explanation of something that has in fact never happened and cannot happen. For a complete rebuttal of the spontaneous human combustion hoax, see *Skeptical Inquirer*, Summer 1987, pp. 352-357.

**spook crooks** *see* spiritualism

**spunk** In America: courage; in Australia: semen.

**spunk off** Ejaculate.

**spyce** All-embracing plural of *spouse*, analogous to mouse/mice, that includes designated partners, cohabs, roommates and probationary bedfellows, regardless of the presence or absence of a copulation permit from a superstition or a theocracy.

**square** Any person whose mores are more evolved than one's own. To thieves, honest persons are square. To cannabis smokers, non-users are square. To semi-literates, persons who use correct English are square. To adolescent conformists to a *rebel* dress code, persons who conform to any other dress code are square. And to persons with a death wish, wearing AIDS protection is square.

**Standard International (SI)** The metric system.

**star of Bethlehem** In Jesus mythology, the *new star* that heralded the birth of Jesus the Nazirite, just as a new star had heralded the births of Abraham and Zarathustra, and led the maguses to Jesus' birthplace as it had led them to Zarathustra's birthplace. Apologists for Jesus mythology have attempted to equate the star of Bethlehem with Halley's comet of 12 BCE, the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 7 BCE, and an otherwise unrecorded supernova. Those apologists have apparently never looked closely at MATTHEW 2:9-11, "And the star that they had seen in Anatolia was seen going ahead of them, until it came to rest over where the child was... And they went into the house and saw the child." Self-evidently, those verses were written by someone who believed that stars are located inside of earth's atmosphere, and are so small that one could identify a particular house by hovering over it. Furthermore, the story was written by the same man who had Satan take Jesus to the top of a mountain so high that he could see all the way to the edge of the flat earth. The *new star* fable was added to Jesus' biography seventy years after his death and, like every part of evolved Christianity, was borrowed from myths centuries older. There was no star of Bethlehem.

**star of David** *see* hexagram

**Starr, Ken** Prosecutor in the Republican attempt to impeach President Clinton for lying in a civil court about legal behavior. "The monstrous, grotesque Ken Starr...is a disgrace to prosecutors everywhere... Starr went far beyond merely breaking rules. Starr is one of the most reprehensible public figures we've ever been exposed to in America." —Vincent Bugliosi, *The Betrayal of America*, NY, 2001, page 79.

**Star Trek** allegory in the form of science fiction/fantasy; the only television series identified as science fiction that readers of true science fiction accept as such. Although the series incorporates such fantasy elements as faster-than-light travel and teleportation, such elements are acceptable in otherwise hard science fiction when a valid philosophical or literary point could not be made without them. The pilot episode, *Where No Man Has Gone Before*, presented extra-sensory perception as something that exists in the real world as well as in the SF/fantasy world, but that kind of prostitution was never repeated.

**Star Wars** Special effects movie mistaken for science fiction by persons who have never read science fiction, have no idea what science fiction is, and lack the rationality to recognize the moral philosophy behind most science fiction if they did read it. Science fiction can be filmed, as *Star*

*Trek* demonstrated, but it has rarely been done. *Star Wars* is puerile, cowboys-and-Indians escapism.

**Star Wars** Vernacular designation of Ronald Reagan's proposed satellite weapons system. What Reagan never comprehended was that the construction of such a system would have consumed an amount of energy equal to the total consumption of the United States, and by its very existence would have left America bankrupt and helpless, as similar spending did to the USSR. The cooling of the cold war delayed Star Wars for a few years, but George W. Bush, by no coincidence also a Republican, is so intellectually incapable of grasping the insanity of Star Wars, that unless Democratic senators stop him, he is likely to further America's pursuit of banana-republic status by spending what little money is left after Reagan's adding more to America's national debt than all previous administrations back to George Washington combined. So long as politicians, not only in America but worldwide, do not have to meet even minimal standards of scientific literacy, the extermination of the human race by sheer stupidity is by no means unlikely.

**statutory rape** Oxymoron. Of all the imaginary crimes that sex-hating theocrats have pulled out of their diseased little minds, *rape with the consent of the victim* is surely the most insane. In England and Australia, sexual recreation involving a consenting woman of fifteen years is considered a crime, but it is not called *rape*. Only in America is fundamentalist superstition so powerful that a joyful experience involving a consenting grown woman of seventeen years can be equated with rape.

**steak** Flesh of a dead animal that has no capacity to cure or diminish the effects of a black eye whatsoever.

**Stephen** According to the anachronous account in ACTS, a Nazirite administrator who was executed by the high priest within a couple of years of Jesus' death, prior to the conversion to Naziritism of Paul of Tarsus. In fact the seven deacons, of whom Stephen was leader, all had Greek names, and appear to have been Paul's successors as leaders of the Christians, not the Nazirites. No Nazirite would have preached that, "Jesus the Nazirite is going to...change the customs that Moses gave us," as Stephen was accused of doing (ACTS 6:14). And Stephen's denunciation of orthodox Jews as the murderers of *the Righteous One*, meaning Jacob the Righteous, could only have been made after Jacob's execution in 62 CE, by which time Paul was already in prison. Stephen probably came to Jerusalem as a consequence of the execution of Paul, to try to regain the Head Nazirite's recognition of the Christians as Nazirites lost at the time of Paul's arrest, and was executed as an uncircumcised gentile caught in the Temple.

**Stephen III** Pope, 768-772, who deposed his predecessor, Constantine, and had him blinded. To maintain the pretence that a legitimate pope cannot be deposed, Constantine was retroactively designated an antipope, even though he was properly elected and reigned unopposed for about a year. Stephen took the title *Stephen III* to accord with current orthodoxy, that the original Stephen II who reigned for a short time in 752 CE was an antipope, and his immediate successor of 752-757 was the true Stephen II. Eventually both Stephen IIs were retroactively recognized as legitimate, so that Stephen III became Stephen IV, and the pope of 816-817 is listed in the official RC calendar as Stephen V, but elsewhere as Stephen IV.

**Stephen VII** Pope, 896-897, who deposed Boniface VI and took his place. He later conducted a mock trial of Pope Formosus, 891-896, and threw his body into the Tiber. Styled Stephen VI during his lifetime, he became Stephen VII when the second Stephen II was retroactively designated Stephen III.

**Stephen IX** Pope, 939-942, originally styled Stephen VIII, who made himself so obnoxious to the Romans that they mutilated him.



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**Stevenson, Ian** Author of several books purporting to validate the concept of reincarnation. Stevenson's books show the desperate believer's willingness to see positive results in experiments that objective observers recognize as producing negative results. He also attaches uncritical credulity to anecdotal evidence that in some cases has been shown to be rehearsed lies. Stevenson does, however, demonstrate a willingness to search out any evidence that could falsify his conclusions, and while he can usually come up with an *ad hoc* doublethink to rationalize away inconsistencies, he stops short of being a crank.

**stigmata** Psychosomatic bleeding sores, induced by unconscious self-hypnosis, that suddenly appeared on the body of Francis of Assisi in 1224 CE. While the wounds did not correspond to the actual wounds suffered by Jesus the Nazirite at his crucifixion, they did match the Christian gospels' inaccurate description of Jesus' wounds, descriptions that all victims of stigmata had read before developing the symptoms. Stigmata are rare, but at any given moment at least one sufferer is likely to be alive somewhere in a predominantly Catholic region of the world. Stigmata are found only among Catholics, for the same reason demon-possession in the ancient world was found only among Jews. No amount of self-hypnosis can cause a fruitcake to display behavior that falls outside of the cultural conditioning of the audience for whom he is performing.

**stones** Television euphemism in the 1990s, later abandoned, for *testicles* as a symbol of courage, that was apparently an acceptable substitute for the taboo word, *balls*.

**stoolpigeon** Pejorative term used by the morally retarded to mean a person who refuses to shut his eyes to a hurt of which he becomes aware, but instead takes steps to end the hurt by bringing the hurter to justice. The word can also be used for a person who draws the attention of a theocracy to non-injurious behavior that violates the stoolpigeon's religious taboos.

**straight** Adjective that has long meant honest, honorable, truthful and reliable, but since the mid-twentieth century has come to mean *heterosexual*.

**Strange Mutants** Book by John Keel, postulating that radioactivity from nuclear explosions has created such genetic mutations as Ape-man, Slime-man, Moth-man, Grinning man, the Booger, centaurs, and a twenty-foot penguin. To Keel, the kind of writer usually employed by *National Inquirer*, the salability of his nonsense is the only consideration. That he believes he is writing nonfiction is highly improbable.

**stranger** A.V. translation of the Hebrew word *ger*, corrected to *foreigner* in later bibles.

**strapless gown** Female outer garment supported by the breasts. "Dear Abby" was once asked by a reader if his fifteen-year-old daughter was old enough to wear one, and answered with uncharacteristic freedom from dogma, "If it stays up, she's old enough."

**strike** Originally, the withholding of services by employees in recognition that it would not be economically feasible for the employer to fire them all and hire replacements rather than accede to their demands; more recently, TURD extortionists' tactic based on the dogma that the employer should not have the right to fire all strikers and hire replacements, even when that is the most economically viable solution. Hundreds of employers have been bankrupted when striking TURDs have used terrorism to prevent the employer from hiring replacements. Hundreds of other employers have hired replacements, and the fired TURDs have waved signs declaring that they are still on strike months and years after they have ceased to be employees.

**strike action** Oxymoron.

**stripper** A woman who removes most or all of her clothing while vibrating to music, for the purpose of sexually arousing male members of a paying audience. Some strippers are skilled dancers. Some are not. The concept of strip dancing goes back to the religious ritual of the seven veils commemoration. *see also* ecdysiast

**student** Correctly, a person who studies at a university or equivalent institution; in North America, a synonym for *pupil*, a person who warms a desk at an institution for lower learning and eventually receives a certificate of graduation even if he has not learned to read and write.

**student centered curriculum** Faculty of Education doubletalk for a school program in which the babysitter in charge of a class carefully avoids bruising tender psyches by requiring them to learn anything.

**students' union** Social club in which mediocrities with delusions of grandeur can practise being grown up by operating as big frogs in small puddles.

**Styx** In Greek mythology, the river that dead shades must cross to reach the underworld; absorbed into Christianity as the pearly gates.

**subliminal advertising** The subjecting of potential customers for a product to an advertising message for such a short time, for example a single frame of a film projected at 36 frames per second, or in such a way, that they are not consciously aware that they have been flashed. While early experiments were touted as evidence that subliminal advertising might be effective, later investigation established that the preliminary success claims were faked.

**substandard English** Unlearned dialect that a growing number of teachers and social workers are encouraging pupils from ethnic minorities to continue using, utilizing the rationalization that all dialects are intrinsically equal and what is substandard in white English is correct in black English. As a consequence, occupational levels open only to speakers of correct English are permanently closed to persons who have been deliberately encouraged not to learn correct English. There is some suspicion that teachers who encourage the use of substandard English are racists who consider minorities genetically incapable of filling *white* occupations.

**succubus** From Latin *sub cubare*, "to lie under"; the female equivalent of an incubus; a demon that visits the pious in their dreams for the purpose of seducing them while their defenses are down. The concept was concocted by Christianity's masochistic saints (there's another kind?) who could not accept the simple fact that they had wet dreams.

**sucker** Victim of a salesman, televangelist, or other confidence swindler. P.T. Barnum is alleged to have said, "There's a sucker born every minute." In fact three out of every four persons on earth will at some time be suckered by a god scam.

**Sudra** *see* Brahmana.

**Sufism** Pantheistic religion that evolved from a form of Shi'ite Islam into a form of Hinduism.

**suggestion therapy** Form of psycho-medical treatment presented in various guises, including hypnotherapy, faithhealing, psychic healing, and sometimes as acknowledged suggestion with no claim to involve an altered state of consciousness called hypnotism. Whether suggestion therapy can speed a patient's recovery appears to be unmeasurable. What is certain is that any patient who recovers after suggestion therapy would have done so in the absence of any treatment whatsoever. Even a patient *cured* of a smoking habit is thought to have been merely motivated rather than treated.

**suicide** For most practitioners, not so much the easy way out of an intolerable situation as the only way out; accepted as an honorable death in many past and present cultures, including Imperial Rome and pre-democratic Japan; condemned as *sin* by modern religions on the ground that it reduces the number of dues-paying believers. Socrates argued that suicide was always *inappropriate*, and the book of JOB presented its Sadducee author's philosophy that Yahweh's pets should be good little masochists who meekly accept whatever the sadist in the sky cares to dish out. But only after suicide had become a cultural taboo did any religion attempt to find

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scriptural justification. There are three main high suicide risks. The first is someone who has been conditioned to unrealistic expectations, such as a pupil who has consistently received high marks in school simply for being at the top of a low-ability class. When he enters university, and for the first time faces a curriculum not designed to be passed by mediocrities, the realization that he is capable of filling only limited-skills occupations may drive him to a suicide that could have been prevented if his high school teachers had had the competence or integrity to warn him that he was not university material. The second high-risk person is someone who has spent a lifetime in an occupation that he finally recognizes as valueless humbuggery when it is not feasible to try to find other work. At the top of that list are psychiatrists, whose suicide rate is acknowledged to be higher than any other profession, and priests, whose suicides are habitually passed off as something else. The third high-risk classification is reservation native. In recent years, a new category of suicide has emerged: the Muslim fanatic who has been assured by the likes of Osama bin Laden that killing himself in the process of murdering thousands of Americans or dozens of Jews will earn him a one-way ticket to an eternity of virgin-deflowering in a Garden of Delight straight out of the *Arabian Nights*. Since such dupes are brainwashed that death is unreal, a mere transition to perpetual orgasmic bliss in a horizon-to-horizon houri house, they do not count as conscious suicides.

**Sumer** Ancient kingdom in southern Mesopotamia that spoke a non-Semitic language that some scholars identify as Indo-European, although that identification seems at least questionable. J. M. Allegro, in *The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross*, argued that Sumerian was the ancestor language of Indo-European and Semitic. To reach that conclusion he utilized the kind of reasoning found in almost fifty published decipherments of Linear A—which competent scholars deem undecipherable until more documents are discovered. Sumer was overrun and eventually absorbed by the Akkadians/Babylonians in the third millennium BCE. Sumer, spelled *Shinar* in the A.V., played a role in the Yahwist's Abraham cycle, indicating that *Abraham* was a composite of Jewish sheikhs, perhaps all bearing the same name, analogous to *Minos* or *Pharaoh*, who flourished in three different millennia.

**superconsciousness** An alleged state of heightened suggestibility in which a subject is more susceptible to advertising, propaganda and unreason than he would normally be, due to induced concentration on a monocentric focus; a narrower term than *hypnotism*, which carries implications of a degree of suggestibility that almost certainly does not exist. The word *superconscious* is also used by spook crooks to mean the state of being possessed by a spook.

**superego** Freudian psychobabble for *conscience*, the awareness of a distinction between right and wrong.

**superman** *see übermensch*

**supernatural** Word used by believers in occult mythologies as a pseudonym for any phenomenon that in fact cannot exist because it violates the laws of nature.

**supernormal** Parapsychologists' doubletalk for nonexistent phenomena such as extra-sensory perception, that sounds less fantastic if it can be labeled as *normal*.

**supernova** An exploding star that, for a few weeks or months, reaches a luminosity billions of times greater than its former level, causing it to appear as a new star in the sky. Supernovas have been reported in 134 BCE, 1054 CE, 1572 CE and 1604 CE. A supernova sighting many centuries before 134 BCE triggered the myth that a *new star* heralded the birth of a hero. The earliest hero to whose birth such a myth was retroactively appended was Abraham. The same myth was later told of Zarathustra, and of Jesus the Nazirite. Only stars significantly more massive than Sol can go nova, and only stars several degrees of magnitude more massive still can become supernovas.

**superphallic oralistic expert cunnilingus** Deep tongue.

**superstition** Any irrational belief to which its victim is so emotionally committed that it affects his observable behavior, and renders him so dysfunctional that he becomes incapable of assimilating proof of its falseness. Superstition can range from the comparatively harmless belief that spilling salt produces detrimental consequences unless annulled by a counter-ritual, to the mind-crippling belief that only a lifetime of god-worshipping masochism can save the believer from being tortured with flame-throwers for billions and billions of years by a sadist in the sky. The most widespread superstitions prefer to be called *religion*, in the belief that the two words are not interchangeable.

**supervisor** In the civil service, a person who, by demonstrating that he was too stupid, unimaginative and incompetent to question his superiors' catatonic endorsement of *the way it's always been done*, was promoted to a position where he became the person ordering others to grant blind, unquestioning conformity to *the way it's always been done*. In the military, such persons are called non-commissioned officers.

**Supreme Court of the United States** Theocratic oligarchy appointed for life by Presidents from the Morally Retarded Party, who have for three decades been upholding and encouraging laws that are a blatant and illegal defiance of the Constitutional prohibition of any *law respecting an establishment of religion*. As soon as America elects a president and Congressional majority from the Morally Evolved Party, there is little doubt that all of the Supreme Court's conservative judges could be impeached for their treasonous Constitutional violations, particularly their intervention in the 2000 presidential election to prevent a recount that could have proven that Democrat Al Gore won the election.

**survival of the fittest** Expression coined by Herbert Spencer, 1820-1903, as a simplification of Charles Darwin's term, *natural selection*. By *fittest*, Spencer meant those organisms most capable of surviving in the specific environment in which they found themselves. *Survival of the fittest* referred only to natural selection, the system that produced a human race descended from males who were the best hunters and females who were the most sexually attractive. The term was never intended to justify social Darwinism, the practice of allowing families in an industrialized society to starve to death if the father cannot find employment. That, and the systematic extermination of *unfit* or *unchosen* races or nations, is artificial selection.

**Susanna** A Greek addition to DANIEL, included in Catholic bibles as chapter 13, in some Protestant bibles as Apocrypha, and in Orthodox bibles based on the Septuagint as the first chapter of DANIEL. The tale has the youthful Daniel rescue a woman named Susanna, wrongly accused of adultery, by declaring, "I am innocent of this one's blood." The line was borrowed by the author of MATTHEW and put into the mouth of Lucius Pontius Pilatus.

**Sutra** Buddhist Book of the Dead.

**swastika** Originally, a religious symbol of aboriginal peoples of central and south America; adopted by the German Nazi Party and still used by some adherents of white racism.

**Swithin, Saint** Canonization of the Saxon god Wotan.

**sword of Mithra** Emblem of the Persian savior god often tattooed on an initiate's forehead with the blade pointing down toward the nose; later borrowed by Christianity as the cross of Jesus. The sword of Mithra was regularly engraved on sacramental *mizd* cakes that became Christian *mass* wafers. Prior to the battle of Milvian Bridge that cemented the emperor Constantine's power, Constantine saw a cloud formation that, with a little imagination, could be perceived as the sword of Mithra hanging over the battlefield. Since most of Constantine's soldiers were Mithra worshippers, the myth was deliberately circulated among them that the cloud formation was an omen of victory. Much later, when Constantine had declared himself a Christian, he retroactively changed the imagined omen to the cross of Jesus.

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**Syllabus of Errors** Document in which Pope Pius IX denounced freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and freedom of conscience. In related documents stemming from the same megalomania, Pius ordered the imprisonment of Jews in a ghetto, and attempted to force King Umberto of Italy to jail any Protestant who dared preach in Catholic Tuscany. And in case any Catholic disagreed with Pius's paranoia, in 1870 he pronounced himself infallible.

**sylogism** Any argument involving two premises and a conclusion, whether valid or invalid. A valid argument would be: if A, then B; if B, then C; A, therefore C. An invalid argument would be: if A, then B; if B, then C; C, therefore A.

**Sylvanus, Saint** Canonization of Arcadian satyr god.

**synagogue** Originally, a teaching house where Jews gathered on Saturdays to hear a sermon or interpretation of the Torah. By the first century CE, synagogue Judaism was already strongly competing with temple Judaism, especially among those Jews for whom the mandatory three trips to Jerusalem each year constituted an economic hardship. Following the destruction of Yahweh's temple in 70 CE, the priesthood disappeared, and today only synagogue Judaism survives. Contemporary synagogue services are much closer to non-eucharistic Christian services than was the case even fifty years ago, at least in Reform Judaism.

**synoptic gospels** Name applied to MARK, MATTHEW and LUKE, on the ground that they are seen through the "same eye." In fact large parts of the synoptic gospels are identical, for the logical reason that the two others copied MARK. JOHN differs from the synoptics precisely because it was written to repudiate them.

**syphilis** Sexually transmitted, also called venereal, disease, colloquially called *pox*, now completely curable with penicillin, but once causing blindness, insanity and death. The disease is thought to have originated in Central America and to have been taken to Europe by Columbus's crew on their return. Syphilis is thought to have been a contributing factor in the death of England's Henry VIII.

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**Tabernacles, Feast of** (Hebrew: *Sukkoth*) Also called *Feast of Booths*; Jewish adaptation dating from the seventh century BCE of a Phoenician harvest festival that originally involved the consumption of large amounts of food and alcohol and unrestricted sexual coupling with as many partners as possible in the course of the seven-day festival. *Sukkoth* was purged of its free-love element when Christianity conquered the Roman world, and the anti-sexualism of the Jews' new overlords made the continuation of such practices impolitic.

**t and a** Show business shorthand for *tits and arse*, a generic term for a performer, chorus line, show, cheerleading squad or beauty pageant, in which the flaunting of a woman's t and a is her prime function.

**taboo** The prohibition, under curse or *pain of sin*, of behavior that was once dangerous or injurious but is not necessarily so today, even though the taboo continues to be observed. Thus an Amerind *sacred mountain* may remain taboo long after the mountain lion or grizzly bear that made it dangerous has died. The recreation that caused the fraudulent impregnation of another man's breeding woman continues to be equated with a taboo called *adultery*, long after the birth control pill has eliminated the risk of breaching the original taboo by generating a bastard. Homosexual recreation remains taboo long after the taboo's original purpose of maximizing procreation has become irrelevant. Recreation between siblings remains a taboo called *incest*, long after the pretence has disappeared that it is a hubristic emulation of the gods. The use of such English words as *fuck* and *cunt* is still taboo in a society that has abandoned the pretence that languages other than French and Latin are *vulgar*. Nakedness is a modern taboo, created in ignorance of the fact that clothing was invented as a decorative status symbol that not everybody could afford. And in fascist tyrannies it is often taboo to deface a symbol such as a Party emblem, national flag or monarch's likeness, since to a fascist nothing is as dangerous as free speech. Although the word is sometimes applied to prohibitions of genuinely anti-social behaviors such as killing and stealing, *taboo* is more accurately limited to proscriptions that can be defended only by the pretence that, "The god said so," or, "That's the way it's always been."

**tachyon** Postulated particle of non-zero mass that can only move at speeds greater than light speed. The existence of the tachyon, postulated by a limited number of physicists, remains unproven, and no accepted theory of physics demands its existence. While the concept of a tachyon is a violation of common sense, so is the notion that an observably flat earth is round; yet the latter notion is fully attested by evidence. As of 2001 the existence of the tachyon is not established, and any invention utilizing tachyon properties is certainly a fraud.

**Tacitus** Roman historian who, although reasonably reliable on most issues, uncritically reported in his *Annals of Imperial Rome* that a woman gave birth to a snake (14:12), half-bestial children were born (12:63), and she-animals tugged by men gave birth to hybrid offspring with two heads (15:47). Reporting on the Fire of Rome of 64 CE, Tacitus long after Nero's death blamed the "notoriously depraved Christians," whom Nero executed, "not so much for setting fire to the city as for their hatred of the human race." (15:45) Tacitus did state that alternative theories, that the fire was an accident, or that it was lit at Nero's orders, "each had its supporters."

**tact** The ability to avoid unintentionally offending anyone who does not deserve to be offended. The willingness to suppress facts or values to avoid offending the ignorant or the bigoted constitutes sucking up, not tact.

**tadpolecide** The killing of a pre-human tadpole; abortion.

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**tadpole liberation** Organization dedicated to the forcible prevention of all abortions of pre-human tadpoles, thereby forcing the human race to overpopulate until it starves to death and becomes extinct. The rationale behind tadpole liberation is that a pre-human tadpole is a *person*, possessed of a *soul* that has the same rights as a sentient human being. In crediting fetuses with *souls*, the tadpole liberationists display their unawareness that *soul* is an animistic equivalent of *breath*—and unborn mammals do not breathe. Tadpole liberation is a religious concept that came into existence in the nineteenth century CE. It has no scriptural endorsement in the sacred writings of any religion whatsoever.

**tail** Extension of the spinal column found on most vertebrates, which disappeared from primate anatomy at the time that primates became separated from their monkey ancestors. All primates, however, retain dormant DNA capable of triggering the growth of a tail, and humans are occasionally born retaining the tail that is an early feature of every human fetus but usually disappears before birth—just as a tadpole’s tail disappears before it becomes an adult frog. Human babies born with tails invariably have the tail surgically removed within a few days, partly because a tail serves no useful function on a biped and cultural conditioning has made such a feature aesthetically displeasing, and partly because anti-evolution fundamentalists are likely to murder a tailed human in order to get rid of visible evidence of human evolution from tailed ancestors.

**tail** Slang for copulation or sexual availability.

**“take advantage”** What a sex-hating culture accuses a man of doing when he provides sexual recreation for a woman whose need is greater than his own.

**Talmud** Collection of Jewish writings made by the last generations of Pharisees between 200 BCE and 500 CE, consisting of the *Mishnah* (code of oral law), *Gemara* (commentary on the Mishnah), and *Midrash* (interpretation of the Torah). The medieval Christian church proscribed the Talmud, and thousands of copies were burned. Later, expurgated versions were printed, deleting passages that Christians were likely to find offensive and use as a justification for further persecutions. Writings dating from before 70 CE are usually termed the *Jerusalem Talmud*, while later writings constitute the *Babylonian Talmud*.

**Tamar** Daughter of King David who was raped by her half-brother Amnon, who then refused to accept her as his wife even though he had destroyed her value as a virgin bride. The story, told in 2 SAMUEL 13, confirms that, prior to the composition of the Deuteronomic and Priestly lawcodes in the seventh century BCE, half-sibling marriage was not yet a Jewish taboo.

**Tamar** Daughter-in-law of the patriarch Judah; probably not a person from history. When two of Judah’s sons died childless after marrying Tamar, Judah unlawfully prevented her from marrying his third son, thereby denying his dead sons the legal descendants who would keep their names alive through ancestor worship. So Tamar posed as a nun in order to trick Judah into impregnating her. She gave birth to twin sons, one of whom turned out to be the ancestor of King David, the ultimate hero of the Yahwist who composed the fable.

**Tammuz** Babylonian sun god and resurrected savior; cognate of Shamash, Dionysos and Adonis; husband of moon goddess Ishtar/Easter; son of Ea and Davkina, the king and queen of heaven. In a pre-patriarchal myth, Ishtar journeyed into the underworld, shedding each of her seven veils on the way so that she reached the land of the dead naked, and on her return to the upper world became the savior whose surrendered immortality could be absorbed by her worshippers through the eating of her sacramental body in the form of a vulva-shaped pomegranate. After 3500 BCE the story changed, and Ishtar was only enabled to return to the land of the living when her savior-spouse agreed to take her place in the land of the dead. Still later, Ishtar died and Tammuz ventured into the underworld to rescue her, as Orpheus attempted to rescue Eurydike. Finally, Ishtar was purged from the myth altogether by male supremacists who were not willing to allow a

goddess any role in salvation, and Tammuz alone died and was resurrected on the third day. That final form had been reached c 580 BCE when EZEKIEL 8:14 castigated Jewish women for “weeping for Tammuz.” A mistranslation of the ceremonial lament, *Thamus Pan-megas Tethnece*, meaning, “the all-powerful Tammuz is dead,” led to the Greek myth that the god Pan had died.

**Tantalos** Originally, a sacred king who violated taboo by allowing the flesh of a sacrificed surrogate to be eaten by non-initiates instead of restricting it to himself and his priestesses. Long after the prototype’s death the myth arose that, since he had escaped earthly punishment, he must be suffering eternal torment in Tartaros. His earliest punishment was imagined to be that he was condemned to stand forever in water up to his chin, unable to rest for a moment lest he drown. By classical times the story had been embellished so that Tantalos was eternally hungry and thirsty, but unable to eat or drink because the water and fruit that were inches from his face receded or blew away whenever he tried to reach for them. It was that version that gave rise to the English word, *tantalize*.

**Tantric yoga** The combination of the exercise-and-meditation discipline of yoga with the copulatory practices of Tantrism.

**Tantrism** Yoni-centered religion in which a man is encouraged to absorb a woman’s superior life force by generating multiple orgasms within her body, and then drawing that life force into himself through his impaled phallus by avoiding achieving his own orgasm. Tantrism penetrated Lamaist Buddhism, Islam, and Ophite and Montanist Christianity, as well as giving rise to non-theistic Tantric yoga. Christians of larger and more orthodox sects, finding themselves unable to perform copulation without ejaculation, condemned the tantric sects’ couplings as *adultery* and *fornication*, even though recreation not involving sperm intromission could be neither adultery nor fornication under the original definitions of those words.

**Taoism** Chinese version of Tantrism, taught by Lao Tse, who ordered his male chauvinist followers never to reveal to women that their orgasms transmitted their life force to the men mounting them non-procreationally.

**Tapio, Saint** Canonization of a Finnish forest god. The god Tapio was the father of Anniki, herself canonized as Saint Anne.

**tarot** A deck of fortunetelling cards once used by priests to determine the will of the gods, now used mainly by entertainers, but also by humbugs whose alleged readings tend to separate their marks from considerable sums of money. So seriously do some fortunetellers take their superstition, that the author of a fantasy novel expressed the view as omniscient narrator that in this day and age anyone who rejected the power of the tarot must be mentally incompetent. Tarot cards date back to a time when almost everybody believed that the turn of a card or roll of a dice was determined by a god.

**Tartaros** The Greek underworld; the realm of the dead, originally ruled by Hekate, but in male-supremacists’ time ruled by Hades. Tartaros was the ultimate destination of all dead shades, good or evil. It was dark, damp and boring. The author of *Odyssey* had Akhilleus say that he would rather be a poor sharecropper’s slave on earth than the greatest prince in Tartaros.

**tassel** Object manufactured to resemble an oversized bewhiskered pubis; vicariously masturbated by cheerleaders as part of a performance aimed at raising the phalluses of male sports fans.

**tattoo** Bodily disfigurement created by injecting poisons of various colors under the skin where they remain indefinitely; originally a means of identification, particularly of sacred kings who could not be killed out of season, but later used as decorations. Tattoos first became widespread among men who spent long periods at sea or on campaign away from women, for the purpose of making the wearer more attractive to other men.



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**tautology** A redundancy caused by adding an adjective to a noun that already implied the adjective, such as male penis, true facts, free gift, insane religion, superstitious preacher, masochistic saint, sadistic foxhunter, redneck bigot, celibate pervert.

**Tawa** Pueblo Amerind sun god who created humans.

**Taylor, Elizabeth** English-born actress whose enjoyment of life has been enhanced by seven successful marriages, which superstitious joy-haters denigrate as seven failed marriages.

**teacher** In Europe: a person who has learned a subject and is employed to pass his knowledge on to the next generation; in North America: a babysitter who has spent twelve years in a school system in which teaching has been illegal since *c* 1945, who has been brainwashed in a faculty of education into believing that tender psyches must not be bruised by requiring them to learn anything, and whose own classes constitute a mutual exchange of ignorance. A European-style teacher cannot survive in North America because, the instant he attempts to *teach* anything, he will be purged before he can raise the question, "How come no one else is doing this?"

**teat** Alternative spelling of tit; pronounced *tit*.

**teenage** Best age bracket for a woman to have children in an under-populated world, and worst age bracket for her to do so in an overpopulated world. If every woman had two children, the first when she was aged 14 and the second a year later, then by the time a woman died at age 76 she would have 62 living descendants. But if every woman had her first child at age 35 and another a year later, then when she died at age 76 she would have 6 living descendants. To control population, not only must the number of children a woman bears be predetermined; so must the age at which she bears them.

**Tehowm** "Chaos"; In the mythology of the Priestly author, the goddess whom Elohim sliced in half in order to create the sky out of her upper body and the land out of her lower body. The story, copied from the Babylonian myth of the creator god Marduk and his mother Tiamat, is found in GENESIS 1:2, 7, but is recognizable only in Hebrew. In all translations prior to the *Fully Translated* bible, Tehowm's name is falsified into an abstract noun such as *chaos* or *void*. To the Yahwist, Tehowm was Yahweh's mother, the serpent goddess who tempted Adam and Eve into worshipping her.

**telebabble** Set of words created out of nothing by the purveyors of network television in America as euphemisms for words heard on cable television but taboo on network television. Telebabble words include *nerd* and *dweeb*, coined to imply "hick" or "shit-face" without offending hicks or shit-faces. Another form of telebabble involves words such as *stones*, used on network television and nowhere else as a substitute for *balls*. The third form of telebabble involves such words as *ratings* and *share*, invented to imply that 300 million North Americans watch the same television programs watched by 3000 families of indiscriminating couch potatoes. Sure.

**telecide** The destruction of a television series by reckless changes in cast, format, plot or situation, when such changes could have been identified by anyone with a functioning human brain as unacceptable to the show's established audience or intended audience. Series destroyed by telecide include *Moonlighting*, *Hot Pursuit*, *Spencer for Hire*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *Mork and Mindy*, *The A Team*, *Murphy's Law*, *Suddenly Susan*, *Murphy Brown*, *Ned and Stacy*, *Caroline in the City*, and *Jesse*.

**telekinesis** The ability to move objects through the air by mind control. Unlike precognition, which is a violation of the inviolable law of cause and effect, telekinesis could theoretically be achieved by manipulation of an undiscovered *fifth force*. While such a force could exist, it almost certainly does not. Magicians have no difficulty simulating telekinesis, utilizing methods of deception known to few non-magicians. Spook crooks demonstrate similar phenomena in darkened rooms

where the effects are achieved by the use of black-cloaked confederates who are virtually invisible under such conditions. Under laboratory conditions that eliminate deception, telekinesis has never been accomplished, and there is no reason to imagine that it ever will be. Jesus the Nazirite bestowed the power of telekinesis on his followers, telling them that they had the ability to make mountains move out of their way. So far, no Christian has succeeded in using that power to move so much as a single pebble.

**Telemachus** Christian monk who, in 391 CE, entered the Colosseum and attempted to stop the gladiatorial contests. He was torn apart by the sadists who patronize such spectacles. Today he would probably attempt to stop boxing or bullfighting by the same imprudent method, and suffer the same fate. Since he was a card-carrying masochist, naturally he was canonized.

**teleological argument** The claim that the symbiotic functioning of the universe implies intelligent design, and that the designer could only have been the paramount god of the currently fashionable religion. Since every organism is surrounded by its optimum environment, so the argument runs, an intelligent being who was aware of its needs must have put it there. If the teleological argument were valid, it would be necessary to conclude that the tapeworm, the wasp that lays its eggs in the paralyzed abdomen of a spider, and all disease-causing viruses and bacteria exist because an omnipotent sadist saw that they were good and provided them with niches. In fact adequate environments surround all organisms for the logical reason that every life form that found itself in a too-hostile environment became extinct. The teleological argument consists of two unrelated parts: (1) The universe shows signs of intelligent design; and (2) The designer was the megalomaniac serial killer known as God. While a careful analysis of the available data can produce an unconvincing but not implausible argument for conclusion (1), it is immediately apparent that conclusion (2) is a non sequitur. On that basis alone, the argument for the existence of Christianity's imaginary playmate breaks down. But conclusion (1) is a violation of Occam's razor, since present-day understanding of the laws of physics can provide a satisfactory explanation of the evolution of the universe without the necessity of introducing metaphysics. The discovery of the laws of motion made a creator unnecessary. The discoveries of molecular biology have made the creator theory untenable—unless of course a god created DNA, and natural selection took over from there. Such a theory does have some support among deists.

**telepathy** *see* extra sensory perception

**teleportation** Method of transportation in which any massive object, including a living being, is disassembled into its component atoms, electronically moved through four-dimensional space in order to avoid colliding or integrating with intervening obstacles, and reassembled at the other end without loss of life or other damage. Teleportation is in no way analogous to radio or television, which do not involve the physical movement of massive particles from transmitter to receiver, and only the scientifically illiterate have ever suggested that it is. Scientists place teleportation alongside faster-than-light, anti-gravity, infinite constant acceleration, time travel, and immortality, as science fiction concepts that will never be achieved.

**televangelist** Like Typhoid Mary, a carrier who infects others with a contagious disease, specifically the mental illness of godworship, but with rare exceptions has not contracted the disease himself.

**television** Described by FCC Chairman Newton Minnow in the early 1960s as "a vast wasteland." But those were the good old days. Today it is better described as a toxic dump.

**televisionthink** Mental processes of the persons controlling mass entertainment in North America. Under the orders of televisionthinkers, script writers for a program about the shooting of President Lincoln at the Ford Theatre were not permitted to use the words "Lincoln" or "Ford" at any time, on the ground that the sponsor was General Motors and the taboo words advertised a rival product.

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Televisionthink is a symptom of the same insanity that forced a red-haired actress to dye her hair black in order to play Portia in a movie version of *Julius Caesar*, since the actress playing Calpurnia was also red-haired and there could not be two redheads in the same movie—even though *Julius Caesar* was in black and white, and red hair and black hair came out on the film as the same color.

**Tell, William** Swiss archer alleged to have shot an apple off his son's head during a period of Austrian overlordship. Since the same legend had been told of several earlier heroes, the earliest being in the Persian poem, *Mantic Uttair*, and no other stories of the alleged hero are known, it is a reasonable assumption that William Tell was not a person from history.

**Tell Amarna** *see* Amarna letters

**Temple of Yahweh** Temple built by King Solomon in Jerusalem *c* 950 BCE, destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE, rebuilt on the same site by Zerubbabel in 516 BCE, refurbished by Ezra *c* 450 BCE, extensively repaired by Herod the Great between 37 BCE and 4 BCE, and permanently razed to the ground by the future emperor Titus in 70 CE. The temple, located on the site of a present-day mosque, was the central focus of Jewish religion for as long as it stood. Following its destruction, the priesthood disappeared, and Judaism has been synagogue-based ever since. The last attempt to rebuild the temple was made by the emperor Julian, 361-363 CE, but was sabotaged by Christians who were determined that a prophecy of the temple's demise put into the mouth of Jesus the Nazirite by the author of MARK must not prove to be temporary. Without a priesthood, there is no possibility of the temple ever being built again, since it could not function as anything but a glorified synagogue or museum.

**Temple, Mormon** Building in Salt Lake City constructed to be the Brigham Young sect's alleged successor to the temple of Yahweh. It was modeled on Solomon's temple, and like the original is taboo for non-initiates. However, non-Mormons caught in the Mormon temple can only be prosecuted for trespassing. Non-Jews caught in the temple of Yahweh were summarily executed.

**temple prostitute** *see* nun

**temptation** In god mythology: an opportunity to sin, deliberately placed in the way of a righteous person by Yahweh in the hope of entrapping him into committing an act for which the sadist in the sky would have an excuse to torture him with flamethrowers for billions and billions of eons; objectively: any opportunity to benefit oneself by injuring another with the reasonable probability of not getting caught, especially when the opportunity is accompanied by any means of rationalizing that such an injurious act could be justified by the prevailing circumstances.

**ten** The base unit of all secular mathematical systems, derived from the fact that humans have ten fingers, and a number such as *three times ten* could be conveyed by opening and closing the hands three times. The Babylonian priesthood invented a base-twelve mathematics, based on the masculinized twelve-sign zodiac, but it achieved only limited success.

**ten commandments** Concept that can be traced back as far as the Yahwist, *c* 920 BCE, whose original ten commandments can be found in EXODUS 34:14-26. J attributed his Decalogue to Moses, but only three were consistent with that attribution, including a commandment to sacrifice all firstborn children to Yahweh. The others were anachronistic, since they could only have originated in the kind of agricultural society that the Israelites formed after Moses' death. They were also borrowed from Phoenician practices with which Moses would have been unfamiliar. When the Elohist, *c* 770 BCE, wrote his alternative to J, he incorporated a much older Holiness Code that contained a different set of ten commandments, those that are now DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21. The Deuteronomist copied E's ten commandments from J/E unchanged. The Priestly author, using the same source, made a couple of changes, and it is P's decalogue rather than E's that is now found in EXODUS 20:3-17. When the Redactor combined J/E/D with P, he placed the

P Decalogue into its present position in EXODUS, but did not change the E/D version in DEUTERONOMY to make it identical with P's.

**Ten Commandments** The movie by Cecil B. DeMille that was the first of the spectacular fantasy special-effects movies that culminated in the silly, boring *Star Wars*.

**ten percent myth** The theory that humans utilize only ten percent of their cerebral potential. The theory, once endorsed by Einstein, was based on a misinterpretation of 1930s neurological research. It is now known that no part of the brain is normally dormant or awaiting new assignments.

**ten plagues** In EXODUS, plagues that Yahweh had Moses inflict on Egypt to terrorize Pharaoh into letting the Israelites leave. In the earliest version of the myth, that of the Yahwist, the number of plagues was eight. P reduced it to seven, by copying J's plagues of blood, frogs, hail, locusts and firstborn killings, deleting flies, pestilence and darkness, and adding lice and boils. To E, Yahweh imposed "just one plague," (EXODUS 11:1) the killing of the Egyptian firstborn. The Yahwist offered no explanation of why Pharaoh remained stubborn in the face of Yahweh's increasing outrages. The Priestly author did so by explaining that Yahweh deliberately caused Pharaoh's stubbornness so that he would have an excuse to commit some atrocities before Pharaoh changed his mind. That the god who would do such a thing must be a sadistic psychopath apparently did not cross P's mind. Although the *ten plagues* myth is fiction, the tenth plague, the killing of firstborn children, is probably a distorted account of a historical event, the Israelites' sacrifice of their own firstborn children to Allah as a bribe for a safe journey to a new homeland when they were expelled from Egypt.

**ten thousand martyrs** Nonexistent Christians executed by Diocletian, who in fact executed no more than 200 Christians altogether.

**Tenth Legion** The Roman legion that garrisoned Jerusalem after the city's destruction in 70 CE. The author of MARK wrote a fable in which Jesus the Nazirite caused a herd of pigs, a male pig being the tenth legion's emblem, to dive into the sea and destroy themselves, in a transparent prophecy of what would soon happen to the legion. MARK even had one of the pigs' demonic possessors say, "My name is Legion," in case any of his readers missed the boar metaphor. (MARK 5:1-15) Since the fable clearly referred to the Tenth Legion, which had not been in Judah during Jesus' lifetime, it could only have been composed after 70 CE.

**teraphim** Carved household godlets owned by persons of rank as the insignia of their authority. When Rakhel, in robbing her father to run off with Israel, took her father's teraphim, she was thereby guaranteeing her husband's position as Laban's heir.

**terebinth** A deified oak tree, worshipped in many cultures. A sacred oak is mentioned by the Yahwist in connection with Abraham, and also in *Iliad*.

**terminus a quo; terminus ad quem** In historical methodology, earliest possible date and latest possible date for an event or description of an event. For example, since Geoffrey of Monmouth's *Brut* referred to the Tower of London, built after 1066 CE, the book's *a quo* is the eleventh century CE. That dating identifies the *Brut* as Geoffrey's own composition, not a translation of an ancient Welsh document as he claimed. For the Essene REVELATION, prior to its expansion by a Nazirite redactor, the *terminus a quo* is July, 70 CE, since the author showed an awareness of the Roman occupation of the temple courtyard, which occurred in that month, and the *terminus ad quem* is August, 70 CE, since a prophecy that the temple would never be destroyed could only have been written at a time when the temple still stood. Not all documents can be dated so precisely. Among those that can are the Hebrew/Aramaic DANIEL, written between Judas Maccabaeus's rededication of the temple in 165 BCE and his death in 162 BCE, and second

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ISAIAH, written between Cyrus's order to rebuild the temple in 538 BCE and his annulment of that order later the same year.

**terrorist** To a liberal: a member of any organization, whether religious, political or purely self-serving, that uses sabotage and murder to intimidate a majority into granting the terrorist organization totalitarian power; to a conservative: a member of any left-wing organization that violently resists a right-wing government, regardless of whether the government was freely elected and regardless of whether the government grants equal rights to minorities and dissenters. A member of a right-wing organization that violently resists a left-wing government, regardless of whether the government was freely elected and regardless of whether the government grants equal rights to minorities and dissenters, is not a terrorist in conservative eyes, but a freedom fighter.

**Tertullian** Christian apologist *c* 155-222 CE who argued that the myth of an undying god dying and returning to life should be believed precisely *because* it was an oxymoronic absurdity. Apparently the only resurrected god Tertullian had heard of was Jesus, because he did not suggest that the identical myth should be believed in connection with any of the other fifty or more resurrected saviors of whom it had previously been told. Tertullian was a misogynist who described Woman as, "a temple built over a sewer." Tertullian was the creator of the Christian Trinity, since it was he who first turned Theophilus's triad of father, son and spook into a three-headed single substance. Since before his death he rejected Catholic orthodoxy and became a Montanist, he was never canonized.

**Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs** Essene document composed in the second century BCE that was the source of much of Jesus the Nazirite's ethical teaching. All Hebrew manuscripts of the *Testaments* were burned, along with other *apocrypha*, when an official Jewish canon was compiled. Greek translations survived, however. Extant manuscripts based on the Greek contain Christian interpolations dating from *c* 200 CE.

**testimony** Originally, a sworn statement made by a phallus worshipper while placing his hands on his testicles for the purpose of invoking the phallus god. A person who gave such testimony falsely would expect his genitals to shrivel and fall off. A form of the practice survives, with the genitals being replaced by a bible.

**tetrarch** "ruler of a quarter." At the death of Herod the Great in 4 BCE, the emperor Augustus made Herod's son Arkhelaos ruler of part of Herod's kingdom under the title, *ethnarch*, "ruler of the people." Two of Arkhelaos's brothers were made rulers of smaller parts as tetrarchs.

**Tey, Josephine** English novelist who, although totally incompetent in history, wrote *Daughter of Time* in which she rejected the unanimous conclusions of historians that Richard III had his nephews killed, and blamed their deaths on Henry VII. Tey argued, correctly, that insufficient evidence survives to convict Richard of murder in a modern law court. Yet, while demanding proof *beyond a reasonable doubt* of Richard's guilt, she had no hesitation in convicting Henry in the absence of any evidence whatsoever. To reach her conclusion, Tey rationalized away Richard's failure to respond to widespread accusations of murder by parading the princes through the streets of London alive, by claiming that the accusations never reached Richard's ears. She even offered as *evidence* the alleged fact that Richard had an honest face. In fact the conclusions of historians are based on the fact that the princes *were* killed, and only three persons could have been responsible: Henry VII (probability ten percent); the Duke of Buckingham acting alone (probability twenty percent); the Duke of Buckingham acting on Richard's orders (probability forty percent); and Richard III acting alone (probability thirty percent). The probability of Richard's guilt is seventy percent, although Tey was correct in acquitting him of other crimes dreamed up by Cardinal Morton, perpetuated by Thomas More, and immortalized by Shakespeare.

Tey expressed some extremely hostile opinions of historians, presumably because no historian has ever treated her as anything but an unlearned crank.

**Thaddaios** “son of a beast”; Person named in MARK as one of Jesus the Nazirite’s mythical *twelve apostles*. The author of MATTHEW accepted Thaddaios as an apostle, but an interpolator changed the first-century equivalent of “son of a bitch” into *Lebbaios*, “son of the heart,” or “lovechild,” a title that retained the implication of unknown paternity but did not imply *bastard of many fathers conceived in a pagan temple*. A second interpolator tried to harmonize interpolated MATTHEW with MARK by calling the disciple, *Lebbaios, known as Thaddaios*. The author of LUKE rejected “illegitimate one” altogether, and replaced him with a second Judas, the son of an unidentified Jacob. JOHN made no mention of any *twelve*, but, since his synoptic source was LUKE, did mention LUKE’s second Judas.

**Thais, Saint** Canonization of a nun of Ishtar who was regularly mounted in holy fornication by Alexander the Great. When she was adopted into Christianity as Saint Thais, she was said to have been converted by Saint Anthony in the fourth century CE, by which time she would have been over 600 years old.

**Thales** Greek philosopher, 624-546 BCE, who was the first man known to have reached conclusions about the structure of the universe that did not involve gods or demons. Thales pictured the earth as a flat disk floating on an infinite ocean, and that was the cosmography that was eventually incorporated into the Judaeo-Christian bible. In reaching conclusions based on observable data uninfluenced by metaphysical speculation, Thales in effect invented science.

**thanatology** *see* spiritualism

**Thanksgiving** Ancient Babylonian festival revived in North America in the seventeenth century, in which the god believed to be omnipotent, and therefore responsible for all evil, is ritually thanked for not being even more sadistic and misanthropic than it already is.

**Thatcher, Margaret** Prime Minister of England who was already an adult when Benito Mussolini died, and therefore could not have been Mussolini reincarnate, no matter how similar their observable behavior may have been.

**Thecla, Saint** Canonization of one of the titles of Artemis of Ephesus, as an alleged companion of Paul of Tarsus; unpersoned by Pope Paul VI in 1969.

**theidiocy** God worship.

**their** Plural possessive adjective used in substandard English as a common-gender singular in place of the correct *his*. Standard English: Each person must do *his* best; Substandard English: Each person must do *their* best.

**theist** Any person who believes in an anthropomorphic god whose whims must be gratified.

**them** In standard English, a personal pronoun: He shot *them*. In substandard English, a demonstrative adjective: He shot *them* cows.

**theocracide** The self-destruction of a theocracy by committing one atrocity too many. *e.g.*, Afghanistan’s Taliban.

**theocracy** A word coined by Josephus to describe the Jewish concept of a state ruled directly by the god Yahweh through his anointed king, Messiah. Jesus the Nazirite believed that he was the messiah whose destiny was to overthrow the Roman Empire and rule in Jerusalem as king of a worldwide theocracy. Examples of actual theocracies include the Arab world under Mohamed and the caliphs; western Europe under the medieval popes; Iran under the imams; the Canadian

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province of Alberta under Social Credit governments; and America the instant Republican appointees became a majority on the Supreme Court.

**theocrat** An autocrat, oligarch or representative of a tyrannical majority that imposes the taboos of a religion on believers and non-believers alike, making no distinction between crime and *sin*.

**Theodora** Courtesan so powerful in the oligarchy that ruled tenth-century Rome as surely as Capone ruled Chicago, that she and her daughter Marozia were able to make and break popes. Men who became pope through the two women's influence included Theodora's lover, John X, 914-928, and Marozia's lovers, Sergius III, 904-911; Leo VI, 928-929; and Stephen VIII, 929-931.

**Theodorus I** Pope, 642-649, who instituted the practice of dipping his pen in consecrated wine when signing warrants for the execution of heretics.

**Theodosius** Roman emperor 378-395 CE who outlawed all mythologies in the empire except Christianity. Since Theodosius's subjects were pagan, and Christianity was simply paganism with nothing changed except the various gods' names, Theodosius's decree worked and the empire became Christian. Since Theodosius was an Athanasian, whereas all previous Christian emperors except Constantine had been Arians, Theodosius called a Council at Constantinople that reversed the decrees of intervening Councils such as Rimini and restored Jesus to his Nicene status as the second head of a trinity. Theodosius and his successors were able to purge monotheism from Christianity permanently, and all current Jesus sects are consequently trinitarian.

**theolepsy** Religious seizure in which the victim, within the confines of a sub-culture that reinforces his glorified playacting, may froth at the mouth, or become cataleptic, or scream, bark or howl, or speak the gibberish known as glossalalia, or behave in other ways that would be recognized as symptomatic of insanity in any other environment, but are still encouraged in some radical Christian sects.

**theologian** A blind man in a darkened room who chases a black cat that is not there—and catches it.

**theology** Mythology involving only those gods that are currently fashionable.

**Theology, Faculty of** The only lunatic asylum in which the doctors are all former inmates.

**theophagy** The practice, originating between 30,000 and 6000 years ago, of eating the body and drinking the blood of a savior god in the form of a sacramental substance that was the god's earthly manifestation. For example, the body of Goddess the Mother, the deified vulva, was eaten in such vulva-shaped forms as a fig, pomegranate, almond or fish. The body and blood of the barley god Osiris were eaten as barley bread and barley ale. Theophagy today is limited to those Christian sects that were uninfluenced or minimally influenced by the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century CE. *see also* bread and wine

**Theophilus of Antioch** Christian mythologist who first described Yahweh, Jesus and the anthropomorphized *spirit of holiness* as a triad, c 180 CE, thereby paving the way for Tertullian to equate Christianity's three gods with the triple-goddess of the ancients, and thereby create the Christian trinity.

**Theosophy** Pseudo-oriental theistic philosophy invented by Helene Blavatsky c 1900. In 1908 Blavatsky's disciples, Annie Besant and Charles Leadbeater, wrote *Occult Chemistry*, in which they described the structure of known and unknown atoms as revealed to them by theosophical clairvoyance. Modern physicists' views of the structure of atoms are quite different. Theosophy did not long outlive its founding prophets.

**Thera-Santorini** An island in the Aegean Sea that erupted in a volcanic explosion c 1500 BCE that is calculated to have been ten times as massive as the eruption of Krakatoa. Almost certainly the

eruption of Thera, leaving an island only one quarter of its previous size, contributed to the final version of the myth of Atlantis.

**Thesmophoria** Greek festival in which cakes shaped like the vulva of Demeter Thesmophoros were eaten as the sacramental representation of the earth-womb from which the savior Dionysos was born. Prior to eating, the cakes were displayed in the manger in which Dionysos was swaddled. Along with the cakes, the savior's blood was drunk in the form of wine made from the wine god's sacramental body. As in all forms of god-eating, the worshipper thereby acquired the surrendered portion of the god's immortality. The festival dated from a time when Demeter and Persephone were multi-breasted pigs, and in its earliest form included no male-god elements. It was preceded by nine days of sexual abstinence, and it is a reasonable assumption that that detail was added only after the connection between copulation and fertility had been discovered. In Sumeria, Thesmophoria evolved into *Kupparu*, and in Judah, Kupparu evolved into *Yowm Kippur*.

**Theudas** One of many messiahs who, in 46 CE, tried to overthrow the Roman Empire with 400 followers. He met the same fate as Jesus the Nazirite, who had been executed for the same cause sixteen years earlier. The book of ACTS portrays Gamaliel describing Theudas's rebellion as a past event more than ten years before it in fact occurred.

**they** In standard English: third person, common gender, nominative case, plural personal pronoun; in substandard English: common substitute for the correct common gender singular, *he*, in such contexts as, "No one need attend classes unless *they* want to."

**Think and Grow Rich** Book by Napoleon Hill, so filled with contentless doubletalk that only an epsilon could believe it says anything at all, let alone anything useful. The book, aimed at salesmen and other confidence swindlers, urges each reader to hypnotize himself out of all touch with reality, so that he can believe he is not a liar and a thief when he swindles his marks with the same kind of doubletalk with which Hill swindled him.

**third day resurrection** *see* savior

**third eye** In Brahmana mysticism, the *mind's eye*, capable of seeing visions of former incarnations and other metaphysical revelations; title of the second book by the hoaxer Lobsang Rampa.

**thirteen** The most sacred number in goddess worship, based on the number of times the moon goddess died and was reborn as a new moon in a typical year. Following the invention of male gods after the Big Discovery of 3500 BCE, everything sacred to the old religion became taboo, including the number thirteen. The zodiac was masculinized, and reduced from thirteen signs to twelve by purging Ophiuchus and assigning its area of the sky to neighboring Scorpio. The thirteen-tribe Jewish-Israelite confederacy was reduced to twelve by pretending that Ephraim and Manasseh were half-tribes, moieties of a nonexistent *Joseph* tribe. And since thirteen was sacred to the moon goddess, while Friday was sacred to sex goddess Frig, *Friday the Thirteenth* was doubly feminine and therefore doubly hateful or frightening to male gods.

**Thirty Years War** The war of 1618-1648 CE, in which Catholics killed ninety percent of Europe's Protestants, to the great joy of the Catholic gods, and Protestants killed ninety percent of Europe's Catholics, to the immense satisfaction of the various Protestant gods. The war turned political when Cardinal Richelieu led Catholic France into the war on the side of the Protestants, for fear that a Catholic victory would make the Holy Roman Emperor too powerful and constitute a threat to France's independence. The Peace of Westphalia that ended the war was based on the formula, *cuius regio, eius religio*, that gave each ruler of a kingdom, principality, duchy, bishopric or other autonomous territory the right to impose the religion of his choice on all citizens within his demesne.



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**Thomas** In the synoptic gospels: one of Jesus the Nazirite's mythical *twelve apostles*; in JOHN: Jesus' twin brother; in the gospel called *Thomas*: a composite called *Judas Thomas*, who was simultaneously the Judas named in MARK and MATTHEW as Jesus' brother, and the Thomas named in JOHN as Jesus' twin. Since it was the Greek author of JOHN who first turned Jesus into a god, it was inevitable that he also give him a twin, since Greek mythology had long demanded that all divine offspring of matings between a god and a mortal woman should have mortal twins. The author of JOHN also made Jesus' twin the *Doubting Thomas* who first identified Jesus as the true emperor by addressing him with Domitian's title, "my master and my god."

**Thomas, gospel called** Gnostic gospel composed *c* 150 CE in Greek, by an author who claimed to be Jesus' twin brother, Judas Thomas. Since *Thomas* contained an admission by Jesus that he might have sinned, the compilers of the Christian canon rejected it, and accepted instead the four anonymous gospels retroactively named MARK, MATTHEW, LUKE and JOHN. Thomas is the only non-canonical gospel that survives almost complete.

**Thomas Aquinas** Christian mythologist, 1225-1274 CE, who dreamed up five arguments for the existence of a creator god, which he promptly equated with the chief Christian god. Aquinas's five arguments were later expanded into the *seven spurious arguments*, and some mythologists now offer nine arguments. None of the arguments has any validity, and the position of Aquinas and his successors has always been that a large enough number of wrongs can make a right. Aquinas's masturbation fantasies, vigorously opposed by Duns Scotis, form the basis of modern Roman Catholic dogma. As a pathological masochist, naturally he was canonized. *see also* Aquinas

**Thor** Norse thunder god who would have been the head of the Norse pantheon when he was first equated with the planet Jupiter, but who was later demoted to subservient status under Odin; name-god of Thor's Day/Thursday; equivalent to Yahweh, Zeus, Allah and some versions of Manitou.

**thou, thee, thine, thy** Archaic second person singular pronoun and possessive adjective that disappeared from English in the nineteenth century and was replaced by *you, yours, your*, words that formerly denoted the plural; equivalent to the German *du* and the French *tu* as intimate singulars, now replaced in English by the use of the first name. Due to the continued reprinting of the *Authorized Version* or King James bible, translated in 1611 when *thou* and its inflected forms were still standard English, the archaic forms continue to be used by ignorant god pushers (there's another kind?) who apparently imagine that calling a god by the equivalent of his first name is analogous to calling him "Sir." Or perhaps the pushers recognize that their gods are retarded, and must be addressed in seventeenth-century English because they are incapable of learning twentieth-century English. After all, it was not until the mid-twentieth century that the Catholic gods learned English. Before that they had to be addressed in Latin.

**thoughtcrime** In theocracies and other fascist dictatorships, the crime of failing to grant blind, unquestioning obedience to the Pope, Imam, shop steward, mediocrat, morally retarded majority, or regional oligarch. Thoughtcrime is a felony in England, where it is called *blasphemy*, all states dominated by religion, such as Iran and Israel, trade unions, and the Republican Party.

**thoughtography** Psychic scam apparently invented by magician Ted Serios, in which a negative is secretly exposed by a conjuring technique involving a pin hole, to produce a photograph that the magician pretends was produced by his mind. For further details see the section on Serios in Milbourne Christopher's *Mediums, Mystics and the Occult*, NY, 1975.

**thousand martyrs of Lichfield** Nonexistent Saint Amphibalus and 999 nonexistent companions, allegedly executed by a Roman emperor in the third or fourth century. Even though the *Oxford Dictionary of Saints* acknowledges the *thousand* to be mythical, they still have a feast day in the RC calendar.

**Three Faces of Eve** Book by a gullible psychiatrist (there's another kind?), about a patient whose addiction to pathological playacting convinced her that the three characters the patient performed were separate personalities that were each unaware of the others' existence. Whether "Eve" had seen the movie, *Madonna of the Seven Moons*, the psychoquack apparently did not ask. When *The Three Faces of Eve* was made into an Oscar-winning film, multiple personality playacting jumped to epidemic proportions, and is regularly utilized as the plot of television scripts that pretend they are not science fiction.

**threshold** The doorway marking the border between the inside and the outside of a dwelling. In medieval times it was believed that a witch, succubus or other demonic being was incapable of crossing a threshold to enter a Christian home under her own power. She therefore needed to feign lameness, a dizzy spell, or some analogous situation, in order to seduce her intended victim into picking her up and carrying her across the threshold. Due to the preaching of Christianity's sex-hating masochistic saints, the belief arose that marital copulation was evil, and, since a woman could not cross a man's threshold for an evil purpose, it was therefore necessary for a bridegroom to carry his bride into his house in his arms. The pretence that a woman cannot enter a man's dwelling for the immoral purpose of copulating with her husband unless she is carried across the threshold remains part of marital foreplay in Christianized society to this day.

**Thuggi** Sub-sect of Hinduism that is now extinct. The Thuggs' worship of Kali, the goddess of destruction, led them to commit ritual murders of randomly chosen non-members, justifying the killings as *sacrifice* and *freedom of religion*. Thuggi was the only Indian mythology that the tolerant British Empire ever suppressed, on the ground that its evil clearly warranted intervention to wipe it out. The equally tolerant Roman Empire tried to wipe out Christianity, and only Christianity, for the same reason.

**thumb tip** Life-size, hollow, flesh colored, usually metal, shell of a human thumb, designed to fit snugly over the thumb and appear to be part of an allegedly empty hand. Magicians hide small objects to be magically produced inside the thumb tip. More recently, psychic surgeons have used thumb tips to hide chicken giblets that will be passed off as diseased human tissue magically withdrawn from the body without an incision.

**Tiamat** Babylonian primeval goddess of chaos, pictured as a gigantic sea serpent, who was sliced in two by her son Marduk, who created the sky out of her upper body and the land out of her lower body. In the Hebrew borrowing of the same myth, GENESIS 1:2, 7, Tiamat became *Tehowm* while Marduk became *Elohim*, "the gods."

**Tiki** In Maori mythology, either the first man, or the god who created the first man out of clay; idiomatically, a contraction of *hei-tiki*, an amulet in the shape of a grotesque fetus, worn to ward off attacks by the ghosts of the stillborn.

**time dilation** According to relativity theory, an inevitable consequence of traveling at speeds close to the speed of light. If a spaceship is traveling fast enough relative to its starting point, a journey that lasts a few months from the perspective of the crew, with all physical reactions inside the ship, including the breakdown of radio-active isotopes, being those of a few months, may end back at its starting point to find that thousands of years have passed. While the crew of the spaceship will have in effect traveled into the future, time dilation is not time travel, since time passed is gone forever and a return to yesterday remains impossible. Every time an opportunity has arisen to test one of Einstein's equations pertaining to time dilation, the equation has proven one hundred percent accurate within error of measurement limits. Nonetheless, the theory that time passes at a rate that varies with an organism's relative velocity is unnecessarily metaphysical. An alternative explanation that accords with the observable data is that, the faster an organism travels, the slower all physical processes occur. Thus all methods of measuring the passing of a minute, including

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atomic reactions, take place on the spaceship in a time that a viewer on earth, if he could see them, would measure as significantly more than a minute.

**Times, The** London newspaper that exemplifies the intolerant, closed-minded, mentally dysfunctional bigotry of Anglican Christianity. *The Times* includes a “letters” page in which letters from readers are printed, with letters on a given topic clumped under a single descriptive headline. Those headlines illustrate Anglicanism’s incurable psychosis to perfection. For example:

- letters about the popularity of various given names were headlined, “Christian names.” *The Times* printed a letter pointing out how offensive it is to this planet’s five billion non-Christians to be told that they have or should have *Christian* names. The following day, letters on the subject of first names were again headlined, “Christian names.”
- letters on the subject of hypocrisy were headlined, “Pharisees.” A letter was printed pointing out that the Pharisees, predecessors of the rabbis, were not hypocrites, and that the equation of the Pharisees with hypocrites offended not only the rabbis but also all Jews. The following day’s letters on the subject of hypocrites was again headlined, “Pharisees.”
- when a London publisher was convicted of blasphemy for offending Anglican orthodoxy, not a single letter was printed pointing out that *blasphemy* was nothing more than a new name for *heresy*, the crime for which Mary I executed several Anglican bishops. It is known that letters making that point were received. The problem was not that mind-warped Anglicans (there’s another kind?) are incapable of being influenced by valid objections to their intolerant conceits, but rather that they are incapable of comprehending when a valid objection is raised.

Precisely because it is so respected by the ruling oligarchy, *The Times* may constitute the strongest single proof that England is the world’s largest insane asylum. Shi’ite intolerance may be the most violent, but Anglican intolerance is the most incurable.

**time travel** Science fiction concept that is observably impossible, since if it could exist a person from the distant future would already have come back and revealed his presence. And while a historian of the future might conclude that the career of Adolf Hitler contributed significantly to technological progress by nations impelled to defeat him, so that nipping his career in the bud would not be a good idea, the same historian could not fail to recognize that America’s collapse into mediocracy was a direct consequence of the murders of John and Robert Kennedy, murders that he would not fail to go back in time and prevent. But the ultimate argument against time travel is the paradoxes it would produce. For example, a man could travel back in time, kill his father before he met his mother, and therefore never be born. But if he was never born, then he could not go back in time. Therefore his father would not be prevented from meeting his mother, and he *would* be born, enabling him to go back in time and prevent his birth. Or a woman who was found on a doorstep as a baby could take her own baby back and place it on the same doorstep, and eventually give birth to herself. Since time travel would produce self-contradictions, it therefore cannot exist. But that does not invalidate it as a plot for the *what if?* literature known as science fiction.

**TIMOTHY, LETTER TO** Two letters, along with a letter to Titus, written c 120 CE by a person claiming to be Paul of Tarsus, who had died about sixty years earlier.

**Tinnin** Pre-Islamic serpent god absorbed into Islam as a demon.

**Tinnit** Carthaginian paramount goddess and vulva-deification who was simultaneously a virgin-mother, and queen of heaven, absorbed into Christianity as Mary.

**Tirshatha** “Satrap”; the title borne by Nehemiah as governor of Judah under Artaxerxes I, 446-434 BCE.

**tit** Sometimes spelled *teat*; a breast, human or nonhuman.

**Titans** The fourteen planetary gods, one male and one female for each of the ancient planets, worshipped by the Pelasgians prior to the coming of the Greeks. Following the Greek conquest, a myth was composed in which the Titans were overthrown by the Greek gods, Zeus and his siblings, who became the children of the paramount Titans, Kronos and Rhea.

**tit cover** *see* brassiere

**tithe** “tenth”; The portion of a god cultist’s produce that he was required to give to the priests, usually in obedience to laws attributed to the tribal god but actually written by a priest, as in LEVITICUS 27:32 and NUMBERS 18:21. Compared to the riches extracted from their suckers by the Catholic church, the Mormon church, the Moonie or Unification church, and televangelists, the original tithe-extorters were amateurs.

**TITUS, LETTER TO** *see* Timothy

**Tiw** Saxon war god after whom Tiw’s day, *Tuesday*, is named; equivalent to Ares, Mars, Mikhael and Nergal.

**Tlahuizcalpantecutli** Aztec morning-star god, equivalent to Phosphorus, Lucifer and Azazel; son of the virgin-mother Khimalman, “Earth.”

**Tlazoltedtl** Aztec goddess of sex, to whose priests adulterers used to confess their sins. Whether the penitents had to pay for forgiveness, as has been the norm in the Roman Catholic Church for most of its existence, is uncertain.

**toadstool** Any species of poisonous fungus that resembles a mushroom. In countries that differentiate between mushrooms and toadstools, nobody ever eats toadstools and therefore nobody is ever poisoned by them. In countries that have no *toadstool* concept, and instead try to differentiate between poisonous and non-poisonous mushrooms, many poisonings occur that would have been avoided if the victim had been taught to regard the poisonous *mushroom* as a toadstool.

**tobacco** Poison that kills 800,000 Americans every year, 50,000 of them non-smokers murdered by the exhalings of the other 750,000. The pushers of tobacco spend millions of dollars every year promoting the Big Lie that the toxic effects of tobacco are unproven. While some of the persons making that claim are conscious liars who should be prosecuted for premeditated murder, a large number appear to be not liars but merely insane.

**TOBIT** Book composed by a Pharisee in the second century BCE, that is included in Catholic bibles but rejected by Jews and Protestants. TOBIT contains the only biblical reference to the planetary god Raphael, the Jewish deification of Jupiter. TOBIT named *Akhashwerowsh* as the ally of Nebuchadnezzar in the conquest of Assyria, thereby identifying him as Kyaxares of Media rather than Xerxes or Artaxerxes, with whom he has been equated by translators of ESTHER. TOBIT contains the original version of Zarathustra’s dictum, “Do not do to another what is hateful to yourself,” that the author of LUKE distorted into the impossible *golden rule*.

**Todah** One of the five disciples of Jesus the Nazirite named in the *Toldot Yeshu* and the Talmud.

**tokenism** The practice of appointing persons not of the ruling caste to previously restricted positions, in far lower numbers than their distribution in the population would warrant, for the purpose of blunting allegations of discrimination. Thus a company with 100 executive offices to fill in the U.S.A. might hire 10 women, instead of the 50 that would constitute proportional

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representation, 2 blacks rather than 9, 1 Jew rather than 5, 3 liberals rather than 60, and no homosexuals or atheists, since neither of those groups has a powerful anti-discrimination lobby.

**Toldot Yeshu** A Jewish biography of Jesus the Nazirite composed in the second century CE as a parody of interpolated MATTHEW in which Jesus was first claimed to be the son of a virgin. According to *Toldot Yeshu*, Jesus was the son of a carpenter named Joseph Panther, who impregnated Mary by sneaking into her bed at night and pretending to be her husband John. MATTHEW had made Jesus *huios parthenou*, “son of a virgin,” so the Jewish parody, by interchanging two letters, made him *huios pantherou*, “son of a pussy.” The pun was so obvious that it is difficult to understand how the Talmud authors who repeated the story could have failed to see that it was a joke. Even though the Talmud was written in Hebrew, whereas the pun was in Greek, there was no excuse for an educated person missing it.

**tomboy** Non-pejorative word for a girl who exhibits boyish behavior patterns. There is no non-pejorative word for a boy who exhibits girlish behaviors patterns. In a phallusocracy, a breach of stereotype is permitted for females only.

**tongues, speaking in** *see* glossalalia

**tooth fairy** Tiny creature that takes the milk teeth of children from glasses of water and replaces them with silver coins. When evaluated by the methodology of parapsychology, claims for the tooth fairy’s reality must be deemed proven. Consider: thousands and thousands of teeth in water have been taken and replaced by coins. While there have been known instances of parents being seen making the substitution, and not a single instance where human substitution can positively be ruled out, it is simply not reasonable to attribute all of the thousands of incidents to mundane causes. Therefore the tooth fairy exists. Believers in the paranormal use identical arguments to reach the conclusions that extra sensory perception and unidentified flying objects exist, and by so doing they thereby validate the use of their own methodology to prove that the tooth fairy exists.

**Torah** “Law”; The Pentateuch.

**Torquemada, Tomas de** Dominican monk, 1420-1498, who was confessor to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. In 1483 he was appointed Grand Inquisitor of Spain by Pope Sixtus IV, and in the following fifteen years succeeded in burning 2000 heretics for being less insane than himself. Although Torquemada’s share of the fifteen million burnings ordered by the Inquisition was minute, he performed his function with a zeal and fanaticism that epitomized the true spirit of Christianity.

**tower of Babylon** One of many myths in which mortals made an unsuccessful attempt to reach the realm of the gods above the dome of the sky and thereby achieve immortality. Other attempts were made by the giants, who piled three mountains one atop the other in *Odyssey*; Bellerophon, who flew on a winged horse; and Gilgamesh. The story originated in northern Mesopotamia, and was an attempt to explain the huge ruins of a ziggurat at Kadimira/Babel/Babylon that Nebuchadnezzar eventually restored as his *hanging gardens*. To nomadic herdsman who had never seen a building more than two storeys high, the ruins could only be explained as an attempt to reach the sky, imagined to be a solid dome that was the roof of human-land and the floor of god-land. Since there was no folk memory of a disastrous flood so far north, the mythmakers were not tempted to have the gods respond to the builders’ hubris by sending a flood. When the Sumerians started to build a tower that would reach Yahweh’s tent on the solid sky, so the Yahwist who wrote the GENESIS myth imagined, Yahweh, having no more awareness than his biographer of the huge distance even to the nearest star, was terrified that, “They all have the same language, so that nothing they decide to do will be impossible.” Yahweh accordingly confused their language so that they could not understand one another, as his only method of preventing them from cooperating and thereby reaching his headquarters among the stars. A god with even a

rudimentary knowledge of cosmography would have laughed at their efforts. The Yahwist attempted to back up his myth with a spurious etymology that equated *Babel* with the Hebrew verb, *balbel*, “to confuse.” In fact Bab-El was a direct translation of the city’s Sumerian name, *Kadimira*, “God’s Gate.” The existence in southern Mesopotamia of an enormous variety of languages gave the mythmakers the idea for the tale’s finale.

**trade union** A type of organization that came into existence to combat a clear and present evil, and evolved into a worse evil than the one it replaced, proving again the Acton principle that absolute power corrupts absolutely.

**tradition** Any procedure that continues to be performed simply because *That’s the way it’s always been done*, by persons who lack the functional intelligence to comprehend that the procedure was first instituted either for reasons that are no longer applicable or for reasons now recognized as spurious; any absurdity that cannot be traced to an allegedly inspired source, and must be defended on the basis of antiquity alone.

**tramp** Word used by misogynists to describe a woman sufficiently rational to evaluate every offer to share joy on its merits.

**trance** An altered state of consciousness in which an adept can contact the dead, foretell the future, read minds, experience a hypnotically-suggested fantasy as objective reality, or send his astral body to other places. There is no such thing as a trance.

**trance channeling** *see* channeling

**transcendental meditation** System of relaxation that utilizes auto-suggestion techniques to calm the mind and, in some instances, rid the body of excessive adrenalin effects. Unlike persons claiming to be under hypnosis, whose autonomous systems show no change from measurements made when they are observably awake, persons engaged in TM have sometimes shown measurable physical reactions consistent with a state of near-sleep—and so have control groups instructed simply to relax. TM offers no benefits that are not available from far cheaper relaxation techniques. That TM was invented by the humbug Maharishi is perhaps not relevant.

**transfiguration** Because Jesus the Nazirite was known to have been horribly ugly and deformed, the anonymous author of MARK concluded that he must have had an alternate, handsome body that he saved for special occasions. The gospel author accordingly composed a fable in which Jesus was for a few moments transfigured into an Adonis-type, whose face shone like the sun and whose robe was as white as pure light. In the same scene, Jesus was portrayed as talking to the discarnate soul of Eliyahuw, even though another gospel declared that Eliyahuw was currently reincarnate as John the Immerser.

**transmigration of souls** *see* reincarnation

**transsexual** A person who has been surgically altered to give him the external appearance of the opposite sex. Changing a man into an apparent woman capable of mating non-procreationally with a man is comparatively simple. Giving a woman realistic male parts has yet to be accomplished.

**transubstantiation** Originally, the transformation of a vulva-shaped pomegranate or fig into the Body of Goddess by performing a priestly ritual, so that worshippers of the goddess were able to absorb her immortality by eating her sacramental body. Since the fruit observably remained unchanged, the pretence was adopted that it became the *substance* of the goddess while retaining the *accidents* or physical appearance of a pomegranate. Following the Big Discovery that reproduction was a function of copulation, the sacrament of fornication was instituted in which a fertility nun was transubstantiated into the *Body of Goddess*, so that the male worshipper with whom the sacrament was shared was *really* copulating with the fertility goddess, even though the body writhing under him and receiving his sperm continued to look, feel, taste and smell like an

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unwashed nun. With the transfer of dominion over fertility to male gods, a new sacrament was concocted in which the body and blood of barley god Osiris were eaten in the form of transubstantiated barley bread and barley ale, in a ritual described in the Egyptian *Book of the Dead*. Elsewhere the lord of fertility was wine god Dionysos, whose sacramental blood was wine. The transubstantiation of bread and alcohol into the body and blood of a savior became the core ritual of every mystery god from Persephone to Jesus, and is the basis of the Catholic mass to this day.

**transvestism** Practice begun in transitional societies in which matriarchy and patriarchy were still competing for supremacy, of men donning female garb for the purpose of assuming the traditional ruling-caste status of women. Since transvestism was based on an assumption of female superiority, it was strongly denounced by dogmatic phallusocrats such as the author of DEUTERONOMY 22:5.

**transvestite** In contemporary culture there are two main kinds of transvestites:

- (1) a person whose self-identification with the opposite sex causes him/her to disguise himself as a member of the opposite sex with appropriate costume and makeup.
- (2) a fetishist whose capacity to be sexually aroused by anything intimately associated with the opposite sex causes him to don opposite-sex apparel for the purpose of creating an artificial member of the opposite sex about whom he can fantasize.

**treason** The crime of believing that the *de facto* leaders of the state in which one was born are morally wrong, and offering aid to the other side; the crime of defecting to the losing side; the crime of changing sides and getting caught; the crime of failing to support *My country, right or wrong*; the crime of having a conscience. In a sane world, the only *treason* would be the overturning of the Constitution for the purpose of appointing a government or head of state from the traitors' party even though the other side had won an election—as five Republican Supreme Court judges did in November 2000.

**tree, Christmas** When the Anatolian savior god Atthis died for the sins of the world, he was metamorphosed into a fir tree. Every December 25 German worshippers of Atthis brought a fir tree into their homes as a traditional symbol of the resurrected god, even after Atthis worship had long ceased and the currently fashionable resurrected god was Jesus. When the German Prince Albert married England's Queen Victoria, he brought the Christmas tree custom with him.

**tree of knowledge** The moon tree, or asherah tree, or cunt tree, that bore fruit such as a fig or pomegranate that resembled a vulva and was sacramentally eaten as the Body of Goddess, the vulva of the deified Vulva. The asherah tree's crescent moon symbol remains the symbol of the Arabian goddess Allat in her new, masculinized form as *Allah*, god of Islam

**tree of life** Originally identical with the tree of knowledge but later separated, even though each remained the asherah or moon tree. By eating the fruit of the tree of life, in other words by eating the sacramental fig or pomegranate that was the deified Vulva's vulva, the worshipper absorbed her immortality and was assured of eternal life in the afterworld. The Yahwist's belief that asherah-eating bestowed immortality is made clear in the passage (GENESIS 3:22-23), "Yahweh the gods said, 'See? The human has become the same as one of us (gods), with understanding of right and wrong. Now what's to stop him from reaching out his hand and eating from the tree of life also, and thereby becoming immortal?' So Yahweh the gods expelled him from the garden in the (Sumerian) plain." In various societies, the fruit of the tree of life was called *soma*, *ambrosia* and *nectar*, and was believed to give the gods their immortality.

**triad** A ruling council of three. Theophilus of Antioch first described Yahweh, Jesus and the deified *spirit of holiness* as a triad, c 180 CE, and the triad was transformed into a trinity by Tertullian less than forty years later.

**triangle** Ancient sex symbol. An up-pointed triangle, depicting the outline of an erect phallus and testicles, was the common hieroglyph for a man. The down-pointed triangle, resembling the female pubic area, was the symbol for a woman. When the two were drawn in conjunction, portraying sexual coupling, the resultant was a hexagram, adopted as a Jewish symbol in late medieval times under the name, *star of David*.

**trident** Three-pronged fork originally associated with the Greek sea god Poseidon, but later transferred to the Christian devil in place of the *pipes of Pan* that betrayed the antigod's origin as the Greek goat god Pan.

**Triduana, Saint** Canonization of the triple-goddess, Diana Triformis; unpersoned in 1560 CE, when her shrine was torn down by the followers of John Knox.

**trinitarianism** Belief in a three-person godhead, as in Christianity, Brahmanism, and ancient goddess worship.

**Trinity, Christian** Masculinization of the triple-goddess of Virgin/Mother/Crone worshipped by the ancients. The Christian trinity, created by Tertullian, c 200 CE, out of a ruling triad concocted by Theophilus of Antioch, consisted of the paramount Jewish god, Yahweh, the deified Jesus of the gospel called JOHN, and the personified *spirit of holiness*, originally a metaphor for a pious state of mind. From the moment the anonymous author of JOHN deified Jesus and gave Christianity a dual godhead, it was inevitable that Greco-Roman culture, accustomed to a trinitarian godhead, albeit a female one, would eventually give Yahweh and Jesus a third partner. The earliest known female trinity was made up of Demeter, Persephone and Hekate. The earliest male trinity consisted of Brahma, Vishnu and Siva. Jesus, a historical monotheistic Jew, would have regarded his posthumous deification and incorporation into a trinity as a monstrous blasphemy.

**triple goddess** Early religion was monolatrous, with all worship centering on the nature deification, whether barley mother, Nile mother, rain mother, volcano mother, sea mother or earthquake mother deemed most relevant to a tribe's welfare. As earth worshippers, sky worshippers and grave worshippers communicated, they came to recognize one another's goddesses as having some qualities that identified them as the same goddess, and other qualities that identified them as separate persons. That widely separated cultures all came up with a triple, rather than a dual or quadruple goddess, can be attributed to their common recognition of the three stages of womanhood. A woman was born as a virgin, that is, as a woman who had never given birth. Virginity ended when she became a mother. Finally, menopause made her a crone, a woman no longer capable of being a mother. Just as a woman went through all three stages in a normal lifetime, so the stages of virgin, mother and crone came to be viewed as separate manifestations of a single goddess, even though the three were somehow able to coexist, often under three different names, such as Demeter, Persephone and Hekate. But in some places bribes were offered, often simultaneously, to Virgin Hera, Mother Hera, and Crone Hera. The concept of *one goddess in three persons* dates back almost to the beginning of mythology, c 30,000 BCE. The triple-goddess continued to be worshipped in the Greco-Roman world until the Christian male trinity superseded her, and the emperor Theodosius, 378-395 CE, outlawed her worship.

**tritheism** Belief in three paramount gods that differ qualitatively from minor gods such as angels, demons, saints and jinn. Christianity became tritheistic when Theophilus of Antioch gave the ruling duality, Yahweh and Jesus, a third partner, the Spook. But when Tertullian changed Theophilus's ruling triad into a trinity, tritheism became trinitarianism.

**Tro-Cortesianus codex** *see* Landa, Diego de



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**Troian War, Trojan War** War described in *Iliad* and other early literature, that appears to have had a historical basis, even though archaeology has been able to verify only that Troy and Mycenae did exist. No part of *Iliad* can be regarded as nonfiction; nor can any of its characters be regarded as historical. The war, which appears to have occurred in the thirteenth century BCE, five centuries before the compilation of *Iliad*, would have been primarily over control of the Bosphoros and Dardanelles for trade purposes. The spelling, *Trojan*, is the German equivalent of *Trojan*, and was retained in English even though the German consonant *J* is equivalent to the English consonant *Y*.

**Truman, Harry** American president who ended World War II by dropping nuclear fission bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. At the time that Truman made his decision, the existence of a monstrous illness called radiation poisoning was not suspected. Truman knew only that, if the war was allowed to continue, projected additional fatalities would number one million on each side, compared to the one hundred thousand that he expected the bomb to kill. In the light of the limited information available in 1945, a decision not to drop the bomb would have been criminally irresponsible. Any alternative evaluation of Truman's action can only be based on hindsight.

**Tsadkiye1, Zadkiel** Christian archangel who was the deified sun-messenger, equivalent to the Jewish Galgaliel.

**Tsadowk, Zadok** High priest who sided with Solomon when Adonyahuw attempted to secure the throne for himself while David was dying. During David's reign there had been two high priests, one claiming descent from Aaron and the other claiming descent from Moses. Following Solomon's victory, he exiled the Moshite high priest, who had supported Adonyahuw, and made the Aaronic claimant the sole high priest. The Jerusalem high priesthood remained Aaronic for the remainder of its existence, while the Moshite priesthood functioned in Shiloh. In the third century BCE, when a Jewish sect that eventually became Pharisees and Essenes started adopting the beliefs of the neighboring Zoroastrians, particularly belief in an afterlife that annulled the permanent death sentence Yahweh had inflicted on the descendants of Adam, a reactionary ultra-Judaic sect was formed to combat the gentile heresies and maintain traditional Jewish orthodoxy. The conservatives/traditionalists called themselves "Descendants of Tsadowk," Anglicized as *Sadducees*, taking as their model of ideal Jewish faithfulness the high priest who, in following the expressed wishes of David, had followed the wishes of Yahweh. To this day, conservatives regard blind, unquestioning obedience to authority as the ultimate virtue.

**Tupa** Paramount god in pre-Christian Brazil and Paraguay, whose name was borrowed by Christian missionaries and bestowed on the head of the Christian pantheon.

**Tupan** Thunder demon of the South American Tupi-Guarani tribes; equated with "God" by Christian missionaries as part of their plot to force the conquered red people to abandon red gods and worship gods created by their white conquerors in their own image, by giving the white gods familiar red names.

**turban** Headwear that adherents of Sikh mythology believe their gods require them to wear at all times, so that other Sikhs can recognize them and restrict their atrocities to the unturbaned. The Sikh gods, by declaring unturbaned heads sinful, thereby reveal themselves to be every bit as insane as the Mormon gods that declare tea drinking sinful, the Catholic gods that declare population control sinful, the Jewish god that declares lobster eating sinful, the Muslim god that declares wine drinking sinful, and the Hindu gods that declare marrying into a higher caste sinful.

**TURD** Acronym for Trade Union Redneck Drone; an intellectually handicapped trade unionist (there's another kind?), so committed to tyranny by the incompetent that he labels persons who refuse to submit to conscience amputations and grant blind, unquestioning obedience to a mob, *scabs*. Just as anyone who calls another person a *nigger* or a *kike* reveals himself to be a racist, so anyone who calls another person a *scab* reveals himself to be a TURD.

**Turin shroud** *see* shroud of Turin

**Turon** Polish winter solstice festival honoring the god Radegast; absorbed into Christianity as the twelve days of Christmas.

**Tutankhamen** Egyptian pharaoh in the fourteenth century BCE, son of Ikhenaton and Tiy, who was also Ikhenaton's mother; husband of his sister Ankhesenpaaton, whose previous husband had been her father Ikhenaton and whose next husband was her grandfather Ay. Tutankhamen's name at the time of his accession had been *Tutankhaton*, in honor of his father's god, Aton. He agreed to change his name when Aton was virtually unpersoned after Ikhenaton's death, and instead adopted a name honoring Amen, whose priesthood had been restored to power. Tutankhamen, or *King Tut*, was aged ten when he became pharaoh and sixteen when he died. He was succeeded by Ay, the last pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty, since the two children Ankhesenpaaton had borne him, as well as the daughter she had borne Ikhenaton, all died in infancy.

**Tutankhamen's curse** Alleged curse laid by Pharaoh Tutankhamen on any person desecrating or disturbing his sarcophagus. The origin of the curse was explained in *Skeptical Inquirer*, Summer 1982, p. 12. "According to a report in 1980 by Richard Adamson, a security officer who slept in the tomb after it was breached in 1922, the story of a curse was cooked up by expedition leaders Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon to frighten off anyone who had thoughts of robbing the tomb at night."

**twat** Slang for female genitalia.

**twelve** Sacred number that replaced thirteen when the latter came to be regarded as too female-oriented. The thirteen-sign zodiac was reduced to twelve by having Scorpio absorb Ophiuchus. The thirteen-tribe Jewish-Israelite confederacy was reduced to twelve by pretending that Ephraim and Manasseh were half-tribes. The lunar year was reduced to twelve months, and Islam retains a twelve-lunation, 354-day year to this day. Jesus the Nazirite's first biographer credited him with a nonexistent *twelve apostles*. Babylonian priests created a base-twelve mathematics, of which *dozen*, *gross*, and the twelve-hour clock face are survivals, to replace the secular base-ten. Ultimately base-twelve failed, as did a later compromise, base-sixty, sixty being the lowest common multiple of the sacred twelve and the secular ten. Base-sixty survivals include hours/minutes/seconds and degrees/minutes/seconds. In male-god religion, the zodiacal *twelve* came to equal the planetary *seven* as the two sacred numbers on which all mythological ritual should be based.

**twelve apostles** The sacredness of the number twelve decreed that Essene and neo-Essene communes should be administered by a council of twelve. So when Paul of Tarsus first met the leaders of the Nazirite commune in Jerusalem a few years after Jesus' death, he not surprisingly found such a *twelve*. He immediately assumed that there must have been a *Twelve* administering Jesus' sect of Ebionites during their founder's lifetime. Having heard the claim that Jesus after his execution had shown himself "to his disciples," Paul wrote in 1 CORINTHIANS 15:5 that Jesus had shown himself "to the Twelve." The author of MARK, accepting the existence of a *Twelve* as a given, learned the names of six historical disciples (Simon the Zealot, Judas the Iskariot, Peter and his brother, and Zebedyah's two sons), and completed his mythical *Twelve* by inventing six others. It was the same gospel author who first called the ranking disciples *apostoloi*, "envoys." There were no *twelve apostles*.

**twelve tribes** When the Jews and Israelites first formed an alliance and confederacy after the assassination of Moses and the settlement of Israel, there were thirteen tribes, thirteen being the most sacred number to the matriarchal Israelites who provided the confederacy's first king, Saul. When the patriarchal Jews became the confederacy's senior partner following the conquest of Israel by the Jewish king, David, the thirteen tribes were reduced to twelve, the sacred number in

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male-god religion, by pretending that two Israelite tribes were really half-tribes, moieties of a nonexistent *Joseph* tribe. Since there were only four Jewish tribes (Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah) and three Israelite tribes (Manasseh, Ephraim and Benjamin), six nearby tribes that spoke similar dialects were invited to make up the original thirteen. Those included the Danites, who may have been identical with the Danaans of the *Iliad* and the Hyksos who had once ruled Egypt; the phallus worshipping Asherites whose name, *Yasheruwn* (DEUTERONOMY 33:26), the region had previously borne; and four lesser tribes of which nothing is known beyond their names. The Yahwist composed or utilized a genealogy that made eleven of the tribal eponyms sons of Jacob, and the other two sons of Joseph, Jacob's remaining son. Several incompatible seniority lists of the tribal eponyms are to be found in the Judaeo-Christian bible. Both the Yahwist and the Elohist gave the sacred seventh and twelfth spots to Joseph and Benjamin. The J/E redactor made Gad the seventh, while the Priestly author made Asher number twelve. Documents inserted into the Pentateuch by the final Redactor provided further disagreements.

**Twilight Zone** Television series that, although excellent as acknowledged fantasy, deliberately pandered to the gullible and promoted superstition by implying that some of the fantasy concepts portrayed had counterparts in reality.

**twin** In most ancient mythologies it was necessary for the mating of a god and a mortal woman to result in the birth of twins, one divine and the other mortal. Examples include Kastor and Polydeukes, Dylan and Lieu, Shaher and Shalem, Ahura Mazda and Ahriman, white Manitou and black Manitou, Helios and Akiel, Jesus and Thomas, Herakles and Iphikles.

**twins fighting in womb** A common theme in many mythologies was that twins who wound up as antagonists began their struggle while still in the womb. Examples include Jacob and Esau; Pharez and Zarah, Akrisios and Proitos, Romulus and Remus.

**Two Brothers, Story of** Egyptian legend dating from c 1250 BCE, in which a woman tried to seduce her husband's brother and, when he resisted her advances, accused him of rape. The same story was later told of Joseph and Potiphar's wife, Bellerophon and Proitos's wife, Hippolytos and Theseus's wife.

**two-party system** Political system that always produces a majority government, but allows for the possibility that even the longest governing party can be defeated if it becomes unacceptably tyrannical. The two-party system is most effective in countries such as the U S A and Canada, where one of the parties is morally evolved. In places such as Australia and England, where only a morally retarded party and a socialist party are viable, tyranny alternates with incompetence.

**Tyler, John** The only American president whose life was saved by violating Christianity's anti-sex taboos. When a ten-ton gun on the USS *Princeton* exploded in 1844, killing the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Navy, President Tyler was safely out of range in his cabin copulating with his future wife.

**typecasting** Having Adolf Hitler play the title role in a remake of *Oh God!*

**tyranny** Government by a person or persons who are not answerable to the governed.

**tyranny of the majority** System of government or administration under which the political, religious, economic or social theories of the majority are enforced upon minorities, who are compelled to conform to the majority's whims and taboos even when no sane reason exists why they should do so. Majority tyranny is the norm in Catholic-dominated Ireland, America under any Republican president, trade unions, Shi'ite-dominated Iran, England under any Labour government, male-dominated Brazil, and all other theocracies, mediocracies and phallusocracies.

**Tyson, Mike** The first world heavyweight masochist who could never have become observably punch-drunk, because nobody would have noticed any difference if he had.

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**übermensch** “superior man,” sometimes translated *superman*; An evolutionary development that would be inevitable if humans were willing to devote the same foresight to their own breeding that they devote to the breeding of racehorses.

**UFO** *see* unidentified flying object

**UFO abductions** Concept that came into existence when a hypnotist who believed in UFOs used age regression on several subjects and, by leading questions and covert clueing, induced them to fantasize that they had been taken aboard flying saucers and subjected to whatever physical experience the hypnotist’s questions indicated that he wanted to hear. Not all such fantasies have been discredited on the basis of internal inconsistency. But some have, and even a single discrediting of such a tale is sufficient to establish that all others could also be fantasies concocted to please the hypnotist. There has not been a single instance of two persons ostensibly abducted together telling identical stories under hypnotic memory enhancement, unless the second had heard the details of the first one’s tale before being himself regressed and repeating it. Once a subject has concocted a fantasy, it is too late for a skeptical hypnotist to elicit a disconfirmation, since the story will have become a permanent part of his fantasized memories. For additional information *see* *UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game*, by Philip Klass, Prometheus, 1988, and *Alien Abductions: Creating a Modern Phenomenon*, by Terry Matheson, Prometheus, 1998.

**UFology** The credulous study of unidentified flying objects by persons who have no ability to comprehend or accept that UFOs are simply misidentified aerial objects augmented by an occasional hoax.

**Ugarit** Semitic city of the fourteenth century BCE in what is now northern Syria, which was the site of the Ras Shamra tablets.

**ugly pills** Tablets that are ground into pabulum and fed to girl babies whose parents want them to become nuns or quantity-of-lifers. Ever notice that the women most vocally opposed to abortion are those no sober man would want to knock up?

**Ukko** Finnish thunder god absorbed into Christianity by assimilation to the Jewish spokesman Eliyahu.

**Ulster Defence League** Organization of fundamentalist Protestant fanatics dedicated to maintaining majority tyranny in Northern Ireland. Since the Irish Republican Army is determined to replace majority tyranny with minority tyranny, and both sides believe in a god that hates the other side, persons who think the issue can be settled by compromise are being unrealistic.

**ultimogeniture** The system whereunder the youngest child of the correct sex inherited the property and position of her mother or his father. The castrations of Ouranos by his youngest son, Kronos, and of Noah by his youngest son, Canaan, were carried out so that the youngest son could never be replaced as his father’s heir.

**ultra-violet spring** The condition that will be reached when the destruction of earth’s ozone layer by chlorofluorocarbon emissions becomes critical. Ultra-violet radiation that is currently deflected by the ozone layer will then reach earth’s surface, wreaking havoc on all life forms with inadequate natural immunity. An ultra-violet spring probably could not exterminate the human race in the absence of other factors contributing to the same end. But it could become the final nail in humankind’s coffin.

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**uncle** Originally, one's nearest male relative, recognized as such long before the Big Discovery of the *father* concept. An uncle was specifically a mother's brother, *avunculus* in Latin. A father's brother was *patruus*. *Uncle* has now generalized to include both.

**unclean food** *see* kosher

**unclean spirits** *see* demons

**underdone** Word used by Australians to describe a steak that can be folded thirty degrees without snapping in two.

**underworld** In many mythologies, the realm of the dead. In early Judaism, the word for underworld, *sheol*, meant no more than "grave." In mythologies with an afterlife belief, it was the territory under the ground where the life forces of the dead lived on under the rule of deified Death, a goddess prior to the Big Discovery of *c* 3500 BCE and thereafter a male god. With the promulgation of the concept of alternate afterlives for *us* and *them*, the underworld became the destination of the unsaved or unchosen, while the elite spent their afterlives in the sky, eventually mistranslated into *heaven* in a language in which *heaven* and *sky* are not the same word, as they are in Hebrew, Greek and most other languages. Among the underworlds of various mythologies were the Egyptian Aalu, the Greek Tartaros, the Norse Hell, the Zoroastrian Purgatory, and the Catholic Limbo. Only Catholic mythology has or had three different underworlds: Hell for the eternally damned; Purgatory for venial sinners in need of temporary purgation; and Limbo for unbaptized non-sinners such as babies, who cannot enter Heaven until Jesus' second coming.

**unfair trading practices** Price-cutting by other countries to sell off their surplus. When *we* do the same thing, then it is simply good business.

**unfaithfulness** *see* infidelity

**Ungud** Australian Aboriginal creator god equated with the medicine man's tumescent phallus.

**unicorn** A horse-like animal with a large horn on its crown. The unicorn, whose horn was an aphrodisiac, could only be caught by a virgin, and when caught would lay its horn in her lap and die. The myth was formulated in medieval times when *die* was a euphemism for post-copulatory detumescence. A man's *unicorn* was his phallus. Biblical references to unicorns are mistranslations of *reem*, a wild ox.

**unidentified flying object (UFO)** In 1947 a pilot reported seeing nine boomerang-shaped objects flying through the sky. He described them as flying erratically, like a saucer that is skimmed across the water. The news media, ignoring the *boomerang* description, promptly coined the term, "flying saucers." Once flying saucers had been introduced to the mass imagination, sightings began to occur as regularly as demon possession among an earlier equally gullible society. As flying saucer reports became less and less credible, hardcore believers attempted to retain credibility by changing the saucers' name to *unidentified flying objects*. Although UFO reports in North America number over a million, 99.67 percent of Americans have not reported seeing a UFO. Probability therefore indicates that, if UFOs are real, there is one chance in 300 of an individual seeing a UFO once in his lifetime. The chances of anyone making two sightings are one in ninety thousand, three sightings one in twenty-seven million, and four sightings one in eight billion. Yet the pilot who filed the first report has been seeing UFOs almost monthly for forty years, and ninety percent of all reports come from persons with ten or more sightings. By 1956 belief in UFOs had become so widespread that the US Air force financed a study of their validity. That study led to the Condon Report, published in 1966, which recommended that the UFO study, Project Bluebook, be abandoned, because after ten years it had become unreasonable to continue believing that there was anything out there to study. UFOs were either misidentified aerial objects, or deliberate hoaxes. All but six percent of all reports analyzed had led to a specific identification,

and the remaining six percent were consistent with mundane explanations even though the specific explanation was not always available. No physical evidence had been found, and almost certainly UFOs as a paranormal or extra-terrestrial phenomenon did not exist. Later investigations have reached the same conclusion. For additional information see *Final Report of the Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, by Edward Condon, NY, 1966; and *The UFO Verdict: Examining the Evidence*, by Robert Sheaffer, Prometheus, 1981.

**Unification Church** *see* Moonies

**Unitarianism** Christian monotheism. Unlike all other Christian sects, Unitarianism acknowledges a single god, identical with the Jewish god Yahweh, and regards Jesus the Nazirite as merely an enlightened philosopher. Although some individuals have declared themselves simultaneously Unitarians and atheists, Unitarianism is unquestionably a religion and therefore unsuitable for rationalists.

**United Nations** A toothless bulldog to which some people nonetheless listen when it barks.

**unity ticket** In Australia, the coalition between the Labour Party and the Communist Party in the trade unions. Under the terms of the coalition, unionists are urged by both parties to vote for a ticket on which the candidate for union secretary, the man who runs the union, is a Communist, and the candidate for union president, a powerless figurehead, is from the Labour Party. The unity ticket has kept Australian unions under communist domination since 1945, even though in state and federal elections no Communist has ever received the ten percent of first preferences needed to avoid losing his deposit.

**universal mind** The postulated consciousness of the universe, capable of receiving all thoughts by a kind of telepathy and passing on information so gained to receptive individuals. The creators of the universal-mind concept had no belief in its reality, and wished only to offer a less capricious alternative that might appeal to believers in an anthropomorphic god. They apparently had some success. Believers have been heard to refer to the universal mind with the same inability to question its reality as believers in religion's various gods.

**unmarried mother** Oxymoron; unlike a single mother, who is merely a woman raising a child alone after the termination of a cohabitation, an unmarried mother is theoretically a woman who was never married to her child's father. Since self-evidently she *did* mate with an impregnator, if only for a short time, and historically marriage has meant precisely that, an *unmarried mother* cannot exist.

**unnatural** Any behavior that contravenes a life form's innate need for pleasure, well-being and emotional contentment. Among life forms below *Homo sapiens*, about the only recurring unnatural behavior is the practice of whales beaching themselves en masse in what has the appearance of a conscious suicide. Unnatural behavior by humans is far more common, and includes fasting, sexual abstinence, compulsive monogamy, self-flagellation, observance of irrational taboos, and self-deprivation that does not serve the purpose of benefiting another. The behavior of homosexuals is not unnatural. The mandatory celibacy of priests and nuns is unnatural. In all mythologies with buddhistic roots, such as Christianity, the unnatural is deemed virtuous.

**Untouchable** *see* Pariah

**up** A man engaged in copulation with a woman is said to be "up" her.

**up shit creek without a paddle** In an unsolvable predicament.

**up the creek** *see* up shit creek

**up the shitter** *see* up shit creek

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**up the spout** Pregnant.

**up the stick** Pregnant.

**up yours** Mild insult meaning “shove your head/advice/intervention up your arse.”

**Ur** (Hebrew: *Uwr*) An ancient city near Ugarit in northern Syria that was the original homeland of the biblical Abraham.

**Ur/Uwr of the Khassidites/Chaldeans** An ancient city on the Persian Gulf that was not the original homeland of Abraham. Khassidite Uwr was the site of a flood in 3200 BCE, so enormous that it left a silt residue fifteen meters high and may have contributed to the Noah myth. The Uwr flood did not, however, reach even three hundred kilometers from the gulf. Comparable floods occurred at Erich and Babylon, but not within centuries of each other or of the Uwr flood. That a meteorite hitting the Mesopotamian coast of the Persian Gulf caused the Uwr flood, as Isaac Asimov postulated, is at least possible. For much of the period after the flood Uwr was a coastal city. Silt from the Tigris and Euphrates gradually extended the shoreline, and today the site of Uwr is 240 kilometers from the sea.

**Urban II** Pope, 1083-1099 CE, who in 1095 solved Europe’s unemployment problem by sending the surplus population to Jerusalem to be killed in the First Crusade. To discourage the scum from surviving and returning, Urban pronounced that any Christian killed while trying to murder Muslims would be transported directly to Heaven, without passing GO and without collecting \$200.00.

**Urban VI** Pope, 1373-1389, who ordered that six French cardinals suspected of opposing him be tortured. That action caused all of the French cardinals, who constituted a majority, to call a new conclave, declare Urban deposed, and elect a French pope, Clement VII. When Urban, an Italian, succeeded in retaining the support of the Romans, the French pope and his cardinals moved their papacy back to Avignon, where it had been from 1309 to 1377. Current Catholic calendars list Urban VI as a pope and Clement VII as an antipope, but that distinction is purely retroactive. For the entire period of the great schism, 1378-1414, political considerations determined which country recognized the pope of Rome and which recognized the pope of Avignon.

**urban legend** Story of an event that supposedly happened to a friend of a friend, but which is so widely repeated throughout an entire culture that it is thereby identified as fiction. As popular an urban legend as any is the story of the construction worker who found his wife’s lover’s car parked in front of his house and filled the back seat with quick drying concrete. For additional urban legends see *Curses! Broiled Again*, by J. H. Brunvand, NY, 1989.

**Uri Award** Award of a “tastefully bent stainless steel spoon with a very transparent, very flimsy base,” made each April Fool’s Day since 1980 by magician and investigator of the paranormal, James Randi, for “outstanding performances in the pseudosciences of parapsychology and the supernatural.” The most notable winner to date was the USA Department of Defense, for spending \$6,000,000 of taxpayers’ money to investigate *the ESP gap*. The Defense Department spent the entire amount attempting to develop tactical ESP. Not one cent was devoted to establishing whether ESP actually exists. Since it does not, naturally all results were negative.

**Uriel** Jewish planetary god, archangel, seraph, who was a deification of the planet Saturn; equivalent to Kronos, Saturn, Ninib; first named in Jewish mythology in the second-century BCE Pharisee composition, *4 Esdras*.

**urim and thummim** Black and white stones representing Yahweh’s testicles, shaken inside a priest or spokesman’s ephod, a hollow dildo that was Yahweh’s image. Yahweh was asked a question, and the ephod was then tilted so that only one stone emerged from the tip of the glans. If the white uwriym came out, Yahweh’s answer was “yes.” If the black thumiym appeared, Yahweh’s answer

was “no.” There is little doubt that an operator skilled in manipulating the ephod could produce whichever answer he deemed expedient.

**urine** *Piss*; According to a belief reported by Aristotle, rain was Zeus’s urine, and he rained not from choice but because, like any urinating organism, he had to.

**Ursula, Saint** Canonization of the Saxon goddess Ursel, the she-bear of the constellation Ursa.

**Usins** Latvian deification of the planet Venus; canonized as dragon-slaying Saint George.

**Ussher, bishop** *see* chronology

**usury** Banking; lending money and charging interest. Jews were forbidden by DEUTERONOMY in 621 BCE from charging interest on loans to other Jews. As a consequence the custom evolved of utilizing a gentile middleman, who would be paid a small fee to borrow from one Jew and lend to another Jew. Since the Catholic Church makes much of its money from banking, it got around the biblical prohibition by redefining usury as lending money at *exorbitant* interest.

**Utilitarianism** Louis Blanc’s philosophy that those actions are moral which bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

**Utnapishtim** Akkadian name of Ziusudra, the flood hero of the *Epic of Gilgamesh*.

**uxorism** In medieval Christianity, the *sin* of a man forgetting that his wife was a soulless beast, and treating her as if she were a human being.

**Uzume** Japanese goddess of pleasure who, at the end of winter, performed an erotic dance that lured the goddess of fertility out of her cave and into Uzume’s loving embrace, thereby making the crops grow for another year. Since the goddess of sexual joy and the goddess of reproduction were not the same person, and no man was deemed necessary either for recreation or procreation, coupling with a loving partner was merely the fertility goddess’s bribe to permit propagation and not the cause of propagation. The myth could only have originated at a time when the male role in breeding was still unknown, at least 5,500 years ago. While all women would have been equal-opportunity lovers, only a small percentage would have restricted themselves to female partners to the degree that they failed to reproduce.



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**vacuum** Relative term used to describe an area of space containing significantly less matter than areas not designated as vacuums. In fact even the hardest vacuum, meaning the emptiest space, contains a smattering of isolated molecules. And the most solid matter, such as a brick of heavy metal, is mostly vacuum, since the area between each atom's nucleus of solid matter and its orbiting electrons is all empty space millions of times larger than the volume of the nucleus.

**vacuum cleaner** Product sold by home demonstrators at such a price that the salesman's commission on one sale equals a week's salary for a sales clerk, and sold in department stores for one-fifth of the price charged by the home demonstrator.

**vagina** Latin for *scabbard*, applied also to the female genital orifice. Such a usage could only have come into existence in a culture that regarded women as nothing more than receptacles in which men ensheathed their anatomical *swords*. Following the French conquest of England in 1066 CE, English came to be regarded as a *vulgar*, that is uneducated, language, and many English words were replaced in genteel society by their French or Latin counterparts. While the unpretentious continued to use the Old English word, *cunt*, status seekers substituted *vagina*.

**vaginal orgasm** In 1953 Alfred Kinsey published *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*. In it he reported that clitoral orgasms, induced by auto-stimulation, tended to be more intense than vaginal orgasms induced by copulation. Not having the kind of measuring and testing equipment available to Masters and Johnston a generation later, Kinsey was not able to recognize that copulation induces orgasm only by stimulating the clitoris. The internal genital tract contains no pleasure receptors, no G spot, and no capacity to bring a woman to orgasm in the absence of clitoral stimulation, direct or indirect. There is no such thing as a vaginal orgasm.

**Vahguru** Paramount Sikh god, combining elements of the Hindu Brahma and the Muslim Allah, but not identical with either and, unlike Brahma and Allah, created specifically for the new mythology rather than borrowed from older belief systems.

**Valentine, Saint** Canonization of various sex gods such as Eros, Cupid, Karma, Priapos and Pan.

**Valentine's Day** Christian adaptation of Lupercalia, the Roman mating festival.

**Valhalla** Norse palace for dead heroes; equivalent to the Greek Isles of the Blessed, the Christian Heaven, and the Muslim Gardens of Delight.

**valkyries** In Norse mythology, goddesses who transported dead heroes to Valhalla, and thereafter provided them with sexual recreation in the afterlife. Mohamed borrowed the valkyries and transformed them into the houris who provide a similar service for dead Muslims.

**vampire** Humanoid creature that inhabits Christian propaganda movies, in which it is portrayed as simultaneously the epitome of evil and the enemy of the most pervading evil that has ever existed, Christianity. Vampires are portrayed as invulnerable to swords, bullets and other death-dealing weapons, but helpless when confronted by an anti-vampire charm in the shape of a Roman execution stake. In a movie that subtly highlighted the offensiveness of such a concept to non-Christians, a vampire laughed at a man holding up a cross and told him, "Oy oy, you got the wrong vampire," and in another movie a vampire's intended victim flashed a Jewish pentagram only to realize, "It's the other one." The vampire concept predates Bram Stoker's *Dracula* by several centuries, and seems to have begun as a mythologizing of the behavior of some victims of the disease called porphyria.

**vampirism** The intersection of menstruation and cunnilingus.

**vasectomy** In pre-AIDS days: never having to say you're sorry.

**Vashti** In Esther, the queen of Persia, wife of Akhashwerowsh, whom Esther replaced. Since Esther and Mardukay were mortalizations of the gods Ishtar and Marduk, it seems evident that Vashti was also a goddess, probably derived from Hinduism. According to Herodotus, Xerxes' queen was neither Vishtu nor Ishtar, but Amestris.

**Vatican** An independent state within the borders of Rome where the monarch can be murdered with impunity, as may have happened in 1978, and protests from the whole world cannot force the theocrats to conduct an investigation.

**Vatican roulette** *see* rhythm method.

**Veda** Hindu Book of the Dead.

**veil** Originally, a face mask worn by a nun while participating in the sacrament of fornication, so that the nun would not be recognized by the nun-tupper if he later saw her on the street. The veil was regarded as a symbol of the nun's holiness, and as a consequence some rulers passed laws banning the wearing of the sacred veil by secular, commercial prostitutes. The ancient custom of hiding a tuppee's face from her tupper can be found in the story of Jacob and Leah, in which the bride remained veiled until the groom had made her his wife by an irreversible consummation. To this day some mythologies require that a woman's face be veiled during the ritual in which her father sells her to a new owner for breeding purposes.

**Velikovsky, Immanuel** Psychoquack with no qualifications or competence in physical science, who wrote books in which he equated biblical fantasy tales with alleged historical events. According to Velikovsky, the stopping of the sun over Gibeon, the parting of the Red Sea, and the manna from the sky, all really happened. To prove his masturbation fantasies, all Velikovsky had to do was throw out all established laws of physics, turn the planet Venus into a comet spewed out by Jupiter, rewrite all knowledge of astronomy, geology, biology and several other sciences, create *ad hoc* physical laws to support his contentions, and equate hydrocarbons (fossil fuel) with carbohydrates (food starch). Velikovsky's claims were so incompetent and so absurd that for more than a decade scientists refuse to dignify them with a response. That turned out to be a mistake, and the masses came to believe that scientists had not rebutted Velikovsky because he could not be rebutted. As recently as 1980, the scientifically illiterate editor of Velikovsky's original publisher was able to write, "The scientific evidence that has supported Dr Velikovsky's work since he first presented his theories speaks for itself." At the time that statement was made, a total, detailed, definitive rebuttal had already been published: *Scientists Confront Velikovsky*, D. Goldsmith, ed, NY, 1977.

**venereal disease** (from Latin *Veneris*, genitive form of *Venus*, goddess of sex); Any disease that is normally transmitted by sexual coupling, such as syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes, AIDS.

**Veneria, Saint** Balkan canonization of the goddess Venus.

**venial sin** In Catholic mythology, any breach of taboo that incurs punishment in Purgatory but does not condemn the sinner to Hell if it remains unconfessed. For example, it would be a venial sin for a priest to cop a feel from a nun, but a mortal sin if he were to get into the habit. *see also* sin

**vengeance** The deliberate hurting of a non-consenting victim in retaliation for a real or imagined injury committed previously by the present victim, inflicted in response to a pathological compulsion to *get even*; considered a valid and justifiable motive for the commission of retaliation-hurting by the morally retarded. While some godworshippers have evolved beyond the psychosis of vengeance addiction, their gods have not. The god created in Jesus' sick little imagination responds to even the slightest affront to its extravagant ego by sadistically torturing the alleged offender with flamethrowers for billions and billions of eons.

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**ventriloquist** Entertainer who performs comedy dialogues utilizing a puppet, usually called a dummy, manipulating the dummy's mouth while keeping his own lips immobile, so that his voice appears to be coming from the dummy. A ventriloquist does not *throw his voice*, as a diminishing number of persons still imagine. It is a common plot in fantasy fiction for a ventriloquist to lose control of his dummy, causing it to act independently and become an alternate personality, analogous to multiple personality syndrome, and the frequency with which such a plot is utilized, even in television programs not designated as science fiction, has led many persons to believe such a situation can occur in reality. It cannot, and if it ever did it would constitute the same pathological playacting as all other multiple personality situations.

**Venus** Planet that is earth's nearest neighbor, approximately the same size as earth, and the brightest *star* in the sky. To a person driving an automobile along a gradually curving road while Venus is in the sky, the planet can appear to be moving at great speed across the driver's line of sight. Such sightings of an apparently moving Venus have been responsible for more UFO reports than any other single phenomenon, including the report by American president Jimmy Carter.

**Venus** Roman goddess of sex, originally the underworld goddess of Venice, but later equated with the Greek Aphrodite; equivalent to Easter, Ishtar, Frig, Cunti, Anuket or Nukie, and Nuah; only member of the seven planetary gods who remained female in all male-god religions other than Judaism, in which she became *Satan*.

**Venus observa** The missionary position.

**Verbti** Old Albanian fire god, Christianized as a demon.

**verifiability criterion** Condition without which a hypothesis is unscientific nonsense. Thus the proposition, "A god created the universe," can be neither verified nor falsified and therefore has no place in scientific scholarship. However, the proposition, "The god that created the universe revealed its existence to Moses," has been investigated and falsified, and therefore meets the criteria for a meaningful hypothesis. The criterion of verifiability is commonly called *falsifiability*, since a hypothesis can only be considered scientific if it can be subjected to a test that could, if it is invalid, falsify it.

**Veronica, Saint** Canonization of *vera iconica*, "true image," a portrait of Jesus painted on cloth in the eighth century CE. To validate the icon, a myth was concocted that a *Saint Veronica* had wiped Jesus' face with a cloth on the road to his execution, and his face was magically imprinted on to the cloth. The fable was then interpolated into the *Gospel of Nicodemus* of c 400 CE. Veronica continues to be included in the Catholic ritual, *Stations of the Cross*, despite the fact that Veronica's nonexistence has become widely known and many Catholic mythologists have urged her deletion. Why Paul VI did not purge Veronica when he unpersoned many other spurious saints in 1969 is not known.

**Vespasian** Roman emperor 69-79 CE. Vespasian besieged Jerusalem when war broke out there in 67 CE. In *the year of the four emperors*, Vespasian succeeded Nero and three short-lived successors, and sent his son Titus to Jerusalem to finish the war. At a time when the siege of Jerusalem was continuing under Titus, the original Essene author of REVELATION described the emperor who had first ordered the siege, Nero, as a beast "fatally killed, but its fatal wound had healed," a reference to the rumors that somehow Nero had escaped alive despite his suicide. He then described Vespasian as, "another beast, exercising all the authority of the first beast that preceded it," adding that the second beast's number was 666. From the viewpoint of a Jew in Jerusalem, Nero's immediate successor as overlord of Judea was Vespasian, even though three others had reigned briefly in Rome, half a world away. REVELATION was written to denounce Vespasian and threaten Yahweh's vengeance against Rome for assaulting Yahweh's holy city. MARK, on the other hand, was written for Vespasian's benefit, to convince him that Jesus was not

one of the rebellious Jews who had fomented the recent war, but a friend of Rome and an enemy of the Jews. MARK achieved its objective, and the oppression of Christians begun by Nero was halted under Vespasian and his son Titus, not to be resumed until the reign of Vespasian's younger son, Domitian.

**Vesta** Roman goddess of the hearth, equated with the Greek Hestia, whose worship remained unchanged until the opportunity to subject her to a husband had been permanently lost. As a consequence, since goddesses were believed to observe human taboos, she was transformed from an eternal mother into an eternal virgin, as was deemed appropriate for an unmarried female, mortal or divine.

**Vestal virgins** Priestesses of the goddess Vesta. In the days when Vesta was still viewed as a mother, her priestesses were sacred nuns who copulated with casual worshippers in the sacrament of fornication. After Vesta had become a virgin, her priestesses were likewise obligated to practise the perversion of sexual abstinence. A Vestal virgin caught copulating was entombed alive, so that the gods who avenged priestess killing could see that she died alone and not at the hands of an executioner.

**Vice President of the United States** In the Democratic Party: a person chosen for his or her personal vote-getting potential among persons for whom the nominee for President had inadequate appeal, for the purpose of maximizing the Party's chances of winning the presidency; In the Republican Party: the most intellectually handicapped, morally retarded, incompetent cabbage-head that can possibly be found, nominated solely to prevent the impeachment of the president, by blackmailing Congress with the horrific prospect of putting a Spiro Agnew or Dan Quayle in the White House.

**vice squad** Thought police whose sole function is the enforcement of religious taboos that criminalize victimless acts prohibited by the gods the polis believes in, even in countries that have Constitutional guarantees against any *law respecting an establishment of religion*.

**victimless crime** In god-infested cultures, any act banned by the superstitious majority in the belief that the ban emanates from their insane god. It is estimated that more than 100,000 persons who have never hurt anybody are in Christian prisons for committing victimless so-called crimes.

**victimless sin** Oxymoron. Anyone who believes that a victimless act can be sinful, immoral, unjust, wrong, or evil, is as insane as his god.

**Victoria, Saint** Canonization of personified Victory.

**Virchow, Rudolf** German scientist, 1821-1902, whose beliefs concerning the cause of disease directly contradicted Pasteur's germ theory. As further research confirmed that Virchow was wrong and Pasteur was right, Virchow gave up reading, researching, or discussing science altogether, rather than abandon the contrary-to-fact belief system to which he was emotionally committed. In so doing he demonstrated an aberrant form of a godworshiper syndrome, the pathological inability to scrutinize beliefs that the believer knows cannot survive scrutiny. The prototypes of Virchow's syndrome were the Inquisitors who refused to look through Galileo's telescope, out of blind terror that they might see the Jovian moons the Catholic religion told them could not be there.

**virgin** Originally, one of the three stages of womanhood. A woman was born a virgin, meaning a woman who had never given birth to a live baby. Then she became a mother. And finally she became a crone, a woman no longer capable of being a mother. After the Big Discovery and the consequent male revolution that turned women into breeding slaves, *virgin* continued to mean a woman who had not produced a live offspring, but in a culture in which the most sought-after breeder was a woman who had demonstrated the ability to survive childbirth and produce live

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heirs, the term became pejorative. It was the belief that a woman's first baby was grown from the aggregate of all of the sperm intromitted into her body since her first tupp at the age of eight or nine, that caused the meaning of *virgin* to change to a woman who had never been tupp and whose womb therefore contained no seed that would mar the legitimacy of the child she bore the man who purchased her as a virgin bride. Eventually premarital virginity replaced sacrifice of the firstborn as the method by which husbands guarded against being saddled with a bastard, a *child of many fathers*. The survival of the word *virgin* in a culture that knows a woman can produce a child of undisputed paternity regardless of how many lovers she had previously had is incomprehensible.

**virgin, male** Oxymoron. Since a *virgin* was a woman capable of producing a legitimate heir because she had never been implanted with usurper's sperm, the concept of a male virgin is as self-contradictory as a male mother.

**virgin birth** Oxymoron; While the females of some lower life forms can give birth to female offspring without the necessity of being impregnated by a male, human females cannot. In the earliest myths of gods mating with mortal women, impregnation was deemed to have been accomplished by copulation. Only after the gods had evolved into non-corporeal entities were myths composed in which impregnation occurred without the god having to insert a physical phallus. Zeus impregnated Danaë, for example, by turning himself into a sunbeam and shining on her. He impregnated Semele, mother of the resurrected savior Dionysos, without compromising her virginity, even though the impregnation seems to have been accomplished by the usual method. Eventually the idea evolved that any woman impregnated by a god was somehow still a virgin, and the term, *son of a virgin*, came to mean a person conceived in a fertility goddess's temple in the sacrament of fornication, a ritual in which mortal surrogates were transubstantiated into the substance of a savior god. By classical times it had become so necessary for Greek heroes to be sons of gods, that Alexander the Great promulgated the story that he was the son of Zeus. And when an interpolator added a virgin-birth myth to LUKE's annunciation scene, he used terminology that suggested that Yahweh was going to impregnate Mary by a method not unlike Zeus's impregnation of Danaë. All savior gods were sons of virgins, including Osiris, Adonis, Atthis, Tammuz and Jesus.

**Virgin Mary** Christian goddess who, like Jesus, was a hybrid of a person from history and a pagan deity. The historical Mary was in fact a virgin up until the moment she married Joseph. It was standard practice for a Jewish husband to verify his bride's virginity by inserting his finger and feeling for the prescribed unruptured membrane. Had she not been a virgin, the marriage would not have proceeded, not because the ancients had any virginity fetish, but because a womb already containing another man's sperm could not produce a legitimate heir. Mary bore Joseph at least seven children, of whom Jesus was the eldest. In medieval times, to cater to the myriads of women who would not accept Christianity unless they could retain their favoured goddesses, the virgin Mary for all practical purposes became the goddess Mary, officially endowed with the qualities of Juno, Hera, Cybele, Isis, and the Roman empire's various other queens of heaven. Not until modern times, however, did the Catholic Church actually endow her with the *queen of heaven* title, thereby making her deification complete.

**virgin wool** Wool from ugly sheep.

**virginity fetish** The irrational desire to engage in sexual recreation with a virgin. The virginity fetish evolved out of the imposition on women of premarital virginity as the only means of ensuring that a woman's first child would be the legitimate offspring of her legal owner, and in god-infested societies did not disappear when the discovery that sperm dies within two days eliminated all justification for its continued existence. In cultures where the virginity fetish is most pronounced, women marry at the age of thirteen to sixteen years, since it is recognized that it is

unrealistic to expect women to practise the perversion of sexual abstinence to a later age. Probably history's most notable virginity fetishists were the followers of Mohamed, for whose immediate benefit he dictated the doctrines that became the Koran. Mohamed promised that every Muslim man would, in the afterlife, live in a Garden of Delight with eight heavenly houris, his personal virgins who had the capacity to re-grow a new hymen after every bout of deflowering recreation. Thus Mohamed's followers, in exchange for a lifetime of unquestioning obedience to his every whim, could spend all eternity virgin-tupping. It sure beat the Christian heaven of celibacy and playing harps.

**virtue** (Latin: *vir*, "man," *virtu*, "manliness"); The concept of manliness as a positive quality, compared to womanliness as a negative quality.

**Vishnu** *see* Brahma

**vision** A kind of dream that in retrospect appears to have occurred while one was awake and to have had a reality lacking in normal dreams. Visions can be hypnogogic, hypnopompic, drug-induced or trauma-induced. The vision of Paul of Tarsus, if it actually occurred, appears to have been partly hypnogogic and partly traumatic, brought on by exhaustion, heat stroke, and an epileptic seizure.

**Vitalis, Saint** Canonization by Ambrose of an unidentified corpse.

**vitamin pill** Pill that millions of persons in economically advanced countries take regularly, even though, with a statistically insignificant number of exceptions, the pill-takers eat a balanced diet that provides them with all necessary vitamins. For additional information see *Vitamin Politics* by J. Fried, Prometheus, 1984.

**Vitus, Saint** Canonization of the Latin moon goddess Vitis, "Life."

**Viviana, Saint** Canonization of Celtic goddess, Viviane, who became Merlin's lover in Arthurian literature.

**Vohu Manah** Persian goddess who mated with her father, Zoroastrianism's paramount god, Ahura Mazda, without any Persian ever suggesting that such a mating was improper.

**voice stress analyzer** Alleged lie detector, called a *psychological stress evaluator* (PSE) by its inventors, designed in the 1970s to replace the polygraph. The PSE measures stress in the human voice and, provided the subject knows he is being tested, can sometimes indicate that a speaker is lying. The PSE has been shown to have an effectiveness reliability of 38 percent, compared to 50 percent for tossing a coin and more than 75 percent for a polygraph. But even that 33 percent effectiveness will only be achieved when the machine is properly used. The PSE has been used on more than one occasion to authenticate a UFO buff's claim to have been kidnapped by little green men. For additional information see the article in *Skeptical Inquirer*, 4:4: 44-51.

**volcano worship** Tribes living in an area where the eruption of a nearby volcano could cause havoc solved the problem by deifying the volcano, and offering it sacrifices in exchange for its remaining inactive. The most famous deified volcano was Mount Yahweh in Anatolia, dormant since its last eruption that buried Sodom and Gomorrah in the third millennium BCE, but nonetheless worshipped as a creator god by Jews and Christians to this day. Other volcanoes worshipped as gods included Prometheus, Vulcan, Hephaistos and the Cyclopes.

**von Däniken, Erich** Author of several books about space gods, the earliest of which was mere incompetent speculation, while successive sequels became more and more based on conscious lies and deliberately falsified evidence. For additional information see *The Space-Gods Revealed: A Close Look at the Theories of Erich von Däniken*, NY, 1976, and *Some Trust in Chariots*, B. Thierung and E. Castle, eds, NY, 1972.

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**voodoo** Haitian religion derived from *Vodu*, a west African name for the pantheon of black gods; also called *hoodoo*; Haitian name for any African-derived religious ritual. The probable reason Haiti was the first new-world territory to discard Christianity, the religion of the slavers, and substitute a religion that reverted back to Africa, was that Haiti was the first colony to overthrow the slavers and establish black rule. Since voodoo involved the ritual slaughter of persons anathematized by the priests, it did not differ greatly from the Christianity that it replaced.

**vow** A promise to a god that, if the god grants the petitioner's request, a specified action will be taken for the god's benefit. JUDGES contains a story of a sheikh named Jephthah who vowed that, if Yahweh allowed him to win a battle, he would sacrifice the first living thing he saw on his return home. He wound up sacrificing his daughter. Modern godworshippers maintain that such an improper vow would not be binding, but for some reason they continue to regard Jephthah favorably.

**vow, marital** Ritual promise of eternal monocentric fixation and cohabitation that remains part of marriage ceremonies, even though the persons making such vows regard them as a joke.

**vox populi, vox dei** "the voice of the people, the voice of a god"; Satirical expression coined to parody the attitude that the whims of the majority constitute divine law.

**voyeur** To the rational: a person so damaged by his culture's secrecy fetishes that he feels compelled to peep surreptitiously at activities that would have no interest for him if he could view them openly; to the irrational: any person sufficiently free from secrecy fetishes to be able to observe other people's nakedness or recreation, either live, on film, or in magazines, and openly admire their beauty and share their joy.

**Vran, Saint** Canonization of the Celtic demigod Bran the Blessed, an ancient British king, as one of three kings who brought Christianity to Britain during the reign of Claudius. The *gifts from three kings* was a common motif in many mythologies.

**Vulcan** Roman volcano god, equivalent to Yahweh, Hephaistos, Prometheus and the Cyclopes.

**Vulcan** Postulated planet between the sun and Mercury, assumed to exist on account of perturbations in Mercury's orbit observed in the eighteenth century. When Einstein discovered the relationship between mass and energy, and calculated that the sun's energy field had a mass equivalent precisely equal to the gravitational mass perturbing Mercury, Vulcan's nonexistence was established.

**vulgar** From Latin *vulgus*, "the common mob," and *vulgaris*, "common"; originally, any uneducated usage; eventually, those uneducated usages that had come to be viewed as *dirty words*.

**Vulgate** Jerome's translation of the Greek bible into vulgar or contemporary Latin rather than classical Latin. The Catholic Church and several Protestant sects have declared the Vulgate to be *inspired*, thereby transforming its mistranslations into *revealed truth*, a status also granted to the lies of the original languages. It was Jerome's observance of a Jewish taboo against pronouncing Yahweh's name that led him to purge *Yahweh* from his bible altogether and replace him with a character called *Dominus*, "Master," which became *The LORD* in the *Authorized Version*.

**vulva worship** The world's oldest religion, based on the observation that the vulva was the source of all life. With the onset of metaphysical thinking about thirty thousand years ago, the paramount deity was inevitably Mother Earth, a deified vulva literally as big as all outdoors, which was the ultimate source of all life. Following the Big Discovery that children have fathers as well as mothers, vulva-worship continued for three millennia to compete with the newer religion of phallus-worship. In the myth with which the Yahwist explained the existence of death, the crime of Adam and Eve was that they disobeyed the order of the deified phallus, Yahweh, to worship

him alone, and instead worshipped the Mother by eating the vulva-shaped pomegranate that was her sacramental body.



## W

**Wailing wall** A place in Arab Jerusalem where, if the activity recorded in many news broadcasts on television is not mere simulation, pigtailed, black-costumed Jews from the neighboring state of Israel go to masturbate.

**Wakonda** The omnipresent life force, in the mythology of the Omaha Amerinds, responsible for all creation.

**Wallace, Alfred Russell** Biologist who, at the same time as Charles Darwin, independently formulated a detailed theory of evolution that repudiated Lamarckism. Wallace investigated several spiritualist mediums and pronounced the phenomenon genuine. He thereby provided the earliest proof that natural scientists, accustomed to dealing with a Nature that can produce anomalies but never cheats, are the easiest persons to deceive with pseudoscientific conjuring techniques deliberately presented as paranormal phenomena.

**Walpurga, Saint** Canonization of the May Queen who presided over *Walpurgisnacht*, the spring fertility orgy that introduced the new breeding season. As with so many other pagan gods and heroes, Walpurga was canonized as a means of assimilation when all attempts to suppress her festival failed.

**Wandering Jew** All three synoptic gospels recorded Jesus' rash prophecy that he would overthrow the Roman empire and establish a Jewish theocracy within the lifetime of persons listening to him preach. (MARK 9:1) When so much time had passed that the prophecy had become observably unfulfillable, desperate apologists invented the *Wandering Jew*, a man who had heard Jesus speak and, taunting him with his unfulfilled prophecy while he was dying on his execution stake, was cursed by him into remaining alive to see the prophecy fulfilled at Jesus' second coming. The Wandering Jew myth was a great comfort to Christians, since the existence of a living man who had heard Jesus make his boast meant that the prophecy *could* still be fulfilled. Official Christianity has never authenticated the Wandering Jew, but neither does it dare repudiate it, since that would be a declaration that Jesus' prophecy can never be fulfilled.

**wanking** British euphemism for masturbation.

**war** Politicians' chess, played with live pawns.

**warp drive** Science fiction concept analogous to hyperspace, subspace, tachyon space, and other terms used by writers of stories involving interstellar travel among inhabited planets, to avoid giving the appearance of ignoring the laws of physics that make faster-than-light (FTL) travel impossible in the real world. The rationale is that *Star Trek's Enterprise*, and space craft whose authors used the term, *warp*, before it was borrowed by *Star Trek*, traveled through a space warp in which the laws of three-dimensional physics do not apply, analogous to traveling through a hypersphere rather than along its three-dimensional surface. Even in hard science fiction, some such means of overcoming the FTL limitation is considered a legitimate concession to fantasy, since star-travel stories would otherwise be impossible to write. No *Star Trek* episode ever explained the relationship between the various warp speeds, presumably for fear of creating new limitations that might inhibit future story development. Even so, no warp speed definition can be made to conform to all *Star Trek* episodes. Although some physicists have hypothesized warp drive, hyperspace, universal hypersphere, curved space, or multi-dimensional space as a possible real world concept, no observable data requires the existence of such a concept, and the existence of any kind of space that is something other than mere emptiness is best viewed as metaphysical and not to be taken seriously in the absence of tangible evidence to the contrary.

**Wars of Yahweh, book of** Lost book, mentioned in NUMBERS 21:14, that was probably a collection of songs about the Jewish conquest of Judah, and very likely the Elohist's source for his portions of JOSHUA.

**Washington, George** American president whom most Americans rate as at least the equal of Abraham Lincoln, but whose only real claim to fame was that he led an army that won a war.

**watchdog** Name coined by entertainer Peter Reveen in *The Superconscious World* (Montreal, 1987) to describe that part of the mental faculty that continues to operate during all stages of consciousness short of coma or deep narcosis, which protects the individual from adverse consequences of hetero-suggestion implanted by any of the methods commonly termed *hypnotism*. That no one can be hypnotized into accepting an alternate reality with adverse real world consequences is established, but the best explanation is that hypnotism simply does not exist.

**watchers** *see* seraphim

**water into wine** Miracle performed by the Roman wine god Bacchus, that was commemorated in the festival of Martinalia. The myth was borrowed by the author of JOHN *c* 130 CE and attributed to Jesus.

**water witching** Dowsing.

**we** First person, plural number, nominative case personal pronoun; used as a singular instead of *I* by kings, queens, jacks, and sometimes even tens and nines, who believe their own publicity.

**weasel word** Word attached to something good to label it as bad, such as *adultery, fornication, pornography*, or to something bad to label it as good, such as *humility, chastity, modesty, faith*.

**wedding** The ritual transfer of ownership of a slave from a father to a husband, as is evident from such formulae as, "Who gives this woman to this man?" and, "Will you honor and obey him?" that remain part of traditional wedding ceremonies to this day.

**weightlessness** The condition of a massive body in free fall around a more massive body. Since *weight* is the measure of a body's mass multiplied by the net gravitational force pulling on it, and since a body in free fall is yielding to gravitational and lateral motion forces that balance and cancel each other, its weight equals mass times zero, which multiplies to zero. A spacecraft in earth orbit is not *outside* of earth's gravitational pull. Rather, earth's gravity pulls it toward the earth, while angular momentum moves it away from earth at the same velocity, causing the craft to fall around the earth instead of toward it. The difference between mass and weight is evident from the fact that a sledgehammer can smash a skull as effectively in weightlessness as on earth, since its mass remains unchanged even though its weight is currently zero.

**weirdo** Anyone less addicted to conformity than oneself.

**welfare state** To a liberal: the politico-economic system in which there is no incentive to work because the intentionally unemployed can receive as much money for an unlimited period as if they were working. (a state that supports the unintentionally unemployed is not necessarily a welfare state); to a conservative: the politico-economic system in which starving children are given food at public expense.

**Welles, Orson** First prominent member of the theatrical profession to recognize and proclaim psychoanalysis as a fraud, at a time when almost the entire population of Hollywood had been duped into believing that becoming the regular victim of a psychoquack was a status symbol.

**Wenceslas** Historical duke of Bohemia, 922-929, whose foreign policy of appeasement was unacceptable to the followers of his more nationalistic brother, who overthrew and executed him. Since Wenceslas had died for being pro-Christian, even recognizing the Christian emperor as his

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overlord in the face of pagan objections, he was granted martyr status and was canonized in or before 985 CE. His brother, less fanatic than Wenceslas, recognized the advisability of winning Christian as well as pagan support, and had Wenceslas' bones interred in a Prague church as cult objects. The popular carol is not based on any incident in his life.

**werewolf** "warrior-wolf"; In medieval Christianity it was commonly believed that devils could assume the form of humans or animals at will. That led to the belief that a man tainted by evil could be claimed by the Christian antigod and given the power to become a wolf. Although lycanthropy, werewolfism, has few adherents today, as recently as 1981 Paul Katzeff wrote a book called *Full Moons* in which he touted werewolves as a genuine phenomenon. Katzeff noted that, between 1520 and 1630, "some 30,000 cases of lycanthropy were reported to secular and church officials." Like believers in other nonexistent phenomena such as UFOs, Katzeff could not comprehend that cultural conditioning causes otherwise reasonable people to see things that do not exist, or more accurately to reconstruct something they saw into whatever they want it to be. If there were 30,000 werewolves in the sixteenth century, there must be at least a million today. Perhaps they are keeping a low profile. Or perhaps Mr Katzeff, like Charles Berlitz, was a liar who pandered to the ignorant's superstitions in full awareness that he was contributing to the dumbing of humankind.

**Wesley, John** Anglican preacher whose protests against the rigid dogmatism of Anglicanism became the basis of the Methodist religion founded after his death. Wesley was essentially a fundamentalist who could not consider the possibility that the *Authorized Version* contained mistranslations. When his nineteen-year-old sister Mehitabel sought attention by instituting a poltergeist hoax, Wesley swallowed it completely. On May 25, 1768, he wrote in his diary, "The giving up of witchcraft is, in effect, giving up the Bible." But only bible mistranslations mention witches. The original language did not.

**wet dream** Erotic dream by a male that terminates in semen emission. It was the compulsion of Christian masochists to explain away wet dreams that led them to concoct the *succubus* or *night marà*, a female demon that seduced men in their sleep.

**whale** An endangered species that some governments are prepared to exterminate to save whalers from unemployment, even though the oil extracted from whale blubber is readily obtainable from other sources. The whale is now known to be a mammal, but the authors of the Judaeo-Christian bible, and any god that inspired them, believed it to be a fish. An early myth designed to explain the cycle of day and night had the Mesopotamian sun god Oannes swallowed by a whale each night and regurgitated again in the morning. In Hebrew mythology, Oannes became Jonah. An identical tale of a hero being swallowed for three days by a whale was told of Herakles.

**whaling** The systematic killing of a pre-sentient life form.

**which** In standard English, a relative pronoun, as in: He hit the horse, which consequently kicked him; In substandard English, a demonstrative pronoun, as in: Adam died, which made Eve the oldest human.

**whiplash** Medical problem that produces no objectively verifiable symptoms, so that ultimately any doctor who diagnoses whiplash is doing nothing more than expressing a belief that his patient is telling the truth. Whiplash appears to have been invented in the mid-twentieth century for the sole purpose of enriching unscrupulous lawyers specializing in persuading juries that their clients really do have injuries that no doctor has ever been able to detect. Most neurologists believe that whiplash does exist, but its reality must be deemed unproven.

**whiskey, whisky** Flavored ethanol.

**White, Ellen** Founder of Seventh Day Adventism, whose mental dysfunction may have been related to her being hit on the head with a rock at the age of nine. She attributed her every masturbation fantasy to a revelation from metaphysical beings, including the declaration that persons who masturbate eventually become cripples and imbeciles. Physicians tend to disagree. Even the SDA church has in recent years been forced to acknowledge that White was a liar and a plagiarist. The church's journal, *Ministry*, in its June 1982 issue admitted, "She utilized the words of prior authors in describing words she heard spoken while in a vision. In a few instances, she used the writings of a 19th century source in quoting the words of Christ or of an angelic guide." For further information see V. T. Rea's *The White Lie*, NY, 1982.

**White Australia Policy** Immigration policy of the Australian government. Although the policy's title was abandoned in the 1950s, the practice of prohibiting more than token non-white immigration remains unchanged. In the event that Australia's racist immigration policy causes non-white nations to trigger a war, Australia's allies may be forced to remain neutral for the same reason that prevented England and France from aiding the Confederacy during America's Civil War: fear of being perceived as supporting racism.

**white Jew** In the Third Reich, common idiom for a person perceived as being Jewish by religion but not by race.

**white man's burden** The responsibility of white males, created in the image of a white male god, to accept the obligation of governing and caring for non-whites by conquering them and reducing them to serfdom for their own good. Following the disintegration of Europe's colonial empires, little has been heard of the *white man's burden* in recent decades.

**white meat and dark meat** Terms invented to describe chicken cuts in Victorian England because *breast* and *leg* were dirty words.

**white slavery** Weaselism for prostitution, carrying the implication that such an undignified occupation is suitable only for non-whites and that any white woman who prefers to earn ten times as much as a typist must have been forced into it by a slave-trading pimp.

**whore** Originally, a pejorative term applied to a fertility nun to imply that her religious practices constituted sexcrime; later, any secular prostitute; later still, any woman sufficiently rational to evaluate every offer to share joy on its merits.

**Wicca** Surviving form of the pre-Christian religion of Britain, incorporating as many Druidic practices as could legally be revived in a culture that frowns on human sacrifice. Adherents of Wicca, male and female, call themselves *witches*, never *warlocks*, and tend to believe in Goddess the Mother as sincerely as any phallusocrat believes in God the Father. There is, however, a reasonable suspicion that Wiccans have bought into the propaganda that a metaphysical Sky Führer will judge believers in any religion more favorably than believers in no religion.

**wife** Historically, a slave purchased from her father for the purpose of bearing a man's children; in Christianity prior to c 1200 CE, the woman with whom a man openly and notoriously practised the sin of copulation; in Christianity since c 1200 CE, the woman with whom a man was permitted to copulate, on the condition that the Church alone was permitted to *pronounce* a legal mating into existence, and the man was restrained from ever copulating with anyone else so long as his *wife* was alive; in a rational society, a woman who observably cohabits with a particular man, regardless of whether government records show the involved parties to be married to each other, married to other persons, or unmarried. In German, "wife" and "woman" are the same word, *Frau*.

**will to believe** Form of mental dysfunction that, when acute, enables a person to believe a proposition unsupported by definitive evidence, and when chronic enables him to believe a proposition falsified by definitive evidence. All religions encourage chronic will-to-believe,

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without which no religion could continue to exist, equating it with a virtue called *faith*. The will to believe is the most powerful factor in the continued existence of UFOlogy, parapsychology and other contrary-to-fact belief systems.

**William Tell** *see* Tell, William

**Wilson, Harold** British prime minister elected on the basis of a campaign promise that he would put his brain in neutral and gratify every whim of the mindless trade unions that elected him. He kept his promise, and set England's economy back at least one hundred years.

**wimp** A sadist's name for a person who is repulsed by sadism; boxing fan's name for a person repulsed by boxing; vengeance-motivated moral retard's name for a person who has evolved beyond vengeance; execution-supporter's name for a person repulsed by state sanctioned ritualistic revenge murder; war-lover's name for a person who believes war is intrinsically undesirable; chauvinist's name for an egalitarian; brawn's name for brain.

**Winchell, Walter** American gossipmonger, satirized in the movie, *The Sweet Smell of Success*, who pioneered the practice of keeping a blackmail file on everyone, whether currently friend or foe, on whom he could locate any dirt, a practice later emulated by other right wing fascists such as Joseph McCarthy, J. Edgar Hoover, and Richard Nixon.

**wisdom** That quality which enables an individual to change those evils that can be changed, live with those that cannot be changed, and recognize the difference.

**Wisdom** Translation of the goddess-names, Metis, Sophia and Minerva.

**WISDOM** Sadducee composition of the second century BCE, attributed, as were most writings by Sadducees, to King Solomon. WISDOM is included in Catholic bibles, but not accepted by Protestants or Jews.

**witch** *Authorized Version's* translation of *mekhashefah*, which meant a priestess of an opposition religion; an adherent of Wicca; in Cotton Mather's time, any woman who had outlived her teeth; in the imagination of the first Polish pope, a woman granted magical powers to do evil in exchange for agreeing to obey the Christian devil.

**witchhunt** The systematic purging and persecution of all dissent, for the purpose of stamping out thoughtcrime.

**Woden** Chief Saxon god, identical with Wotan; cognate of Norse Odin and Gothic Godan, who became *God*; equivalent to Jupiter, Zeus, Ahura Mazda, and Allah. Since Woden personified the planet Mercury, whereas Thor represented the brighter planet Jupiter, it seems evident that at one time Thor must have been paramount, but Woden later displaced him. Woden's Day was eventually corrupted to *Wednesday*.

**Wojtyla, Karol** Pope who, as John Paul II, became the most feeble-minded head of state since the emperor Caligula nominated his horse Incitatus to be a Consul of Rome. While it is not proven that Wojtyla wears long dresses in even the hottest weather to hide the triple-strength diaper that, as a chronic retard, he is obliged to wear twenty-four hours a day, his observable behavior is consistent with such a hypothesis.

**Wolf boy** Any abandoned or lost human baby suckled and raised by wolves. The first such myth was told in connection with Rome's legendary founders, Romulus and Remus. The most recent wolf-boy claim to be taken seriously occurred in India in the 1940s. The boy in the case was eventually ascertained to be severely mentally retarded, to such a degree that he would never learn to talk, and to have been subjected to constant mistreatment over a long period and deliberately subjected to dog bites for the purpose of making him marketable as a wolf boy.

**wolfman** *see* werewolf

**woman** In every religion on earth from *c* 30,000 BCE to *c* 3500 BCE, a member of the ruling caste, created in the image of Goddess the Mother and sharing the Mother's capacity to reproduce; in the male-god religions that came into existence after 3500 BCE, a member of the slave caste, put on earth by a male god for the ruling male caste to use as pleasure units and breeding stock. As the failure of the Equal Rights Amendment made clear, women are unlikely to achieve equality in any culture that remains infested with phallosocratic religions such as Christianity and Islam.

**Women Against Abortion** Organization that is not officially restricted to the flat chested, the ignorant and the ugly that no man would want to knock up anyway, but which appears to attract little else.

**Wong** Common Chinese surname sometimes used as a racist epithet to describe persons of Chinese origin. Arthur Caldwell, sometime leader of the Australian Labour Party, justified his country's White Australia Policy with the observation, "Two wongs don't make a white."

**word smog** Incomprehensible language used for the purpose of disguising the fact that the humbugs who write gobbledygook are illiterate ignoramuses who have nothing to say because they do not know anything.

**work** Any task one performs for a consideration when he would rather be doing something else.

**worker** In god cults such as the Moonies, a person who turns all of his produce over to the cult in exchange for a subsistence living as a mindless slave, just like a worker in a colony of bees or ants. In both situations, a worker that aspired to a higher status would be instantly purged.

**world government** An inevitable and necessary step in the evolution of any sentient species; opposed by myopic epsilons and conservatives (there's a difference?) who not only refuse to recognize that the human race is a single species and all wars are civil wars, but also fail to recognize that the alternative is ultimately the extinction of the human race. Although a world government with a world language will not be feasible so long as nationalism and oligarchy continue to exist, they seem a lot closer since the overthrow of racist government in South Africa and mad dog government in Afghanistan than they were before.

**world language** Standard Terran *see* world government

**world soul** The universe perceived as a self-aware, non-anthropomorphic omniscient intelligence, analogous to universal mind.

**wormhole** Speculated tunnel through hyperspace. According to a theory of astro-metaphysics endorsed by a small but impressive list of scientists, matter entering a black hole might travel through the fourth-dimensional wormhole and emerge, perhaps instantaneously, from a *white hole* at some far distant point in the universe. Such a hypothesis ignores the reality that a black hole consists of matter even denser than neutronium—but perhaps no denser than the supporters of such pseudoscience. There is a positive correlation between scientists who regard the wormhole thesis as plausible and scientists who regard the god theory as plausible.

**worship** Any act that subserviates oneself to a being of higher status or authority, whether a god, king, employer or armed assailant. Acts of worship included bowing, kneeling, saluting, removing headgear, and offering tokens of fealty. *Worship* was originally restricted to persons from whom the worshipper wanted something, even if all he wanted was to be ignored and left alive. As gods acquired the status of kings and potential benefactors, they began to be worshipped in exactly the same way their mortal counterparts had long been worshipped. In the fifteenth-century *Morte D'Arthur*, *worship* still meant the kind of obeisances due to Sir Lancelot and Sir Gawaine. Only in recent times has it come to mean a purely metaphysical subjugation appropriately offered only to a

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god. In contemporary mythologies, *worship* involves telling a hypothetical sadist in the sky what a wonderful, loving father it is, in the hope that such sycophancy will persuade it to restrict its malevolence to other people.

**Wotan** Dialectal form of *Woden*, whose emblem was the X-shaped cross that became the cross of saint Andrew.

**Wotan** Mayan religious reformer who was posthumously deified. The similarity of his name to the European Wotan is coincidental.

**wowser** A person who disapproves of everything enjoyable, and who believes that his god created sex because it has a dirty mind. The word was pejorative from the moment it was coined, and was never an acronym for, *We Only Want Social Errors Rectified*.

**wrestling** Spectacle in which two aging fat men engage in homosexual foreplay for the titillation of the same kind of marks who buy and believe *National Inquirer*.

**writing on the wall** In the fantasy novel, DANIEL, the message written by a mummified hand that informed Belshazzar, king of Babylon, that he had been tried, found wanting, and sentenced to have his kingdom divided between the Persians and the Medes. In fact Belshazzar was never king of Babylon, and Babylonia was never divided between Persian and Median overlords. The DANIEL prophecy was written almost four centuries after the fall of Babylon, by an author so ignorant of Mesopotamian history that he mistook the prince regent for the king, identified the conqueror as a nonexistent Darius the Mede, and was unaware that the true conqueror, Persia's king Cyrus, had already defeated and annexed Media before doing the same to Babylon.

**Wulfhad and Ruffin, Saints** Nonexistent English martyrs; possibly a canonization of the werewolf myth.

**Wyndham, John** Science fiction writer who had one of his heroes express the author's religious philosophy in the words, "We've got to believe that God is sane." Unfortunately for Wyndham's credibility, even a cursory examination of the Judaeo-Christian bible reveals that its paramount god is far from sane.

## X

**xenoglossy, recitative** The ability to speak an unlearned language without necessarily understanding it, as Gert Frobe learned his lines for *Goldfinger* without learning enough English to respond to even the simplest question or comment.

**xenoglossy, responsive** Term coined by Ian Stevenson to mean speaking a language one has not learned in a present lifetime, with sufficient competence to respond appropriately to unrehearsed questions or comments. Stevenson concluded that responsive xenoglossy exists, and that his past-lives subjects' foreign language responses demonstrated a level of competence beyond what could have been achieved by their learning a few sentences secretly for the purpose of deceiving him. A more objective examination of Stevenson's cases led Sarah Thomason, a linguistics professor at the University of Pittsburgh, to conclude that experimenter bias led Stevenson to indefensible conclusions. For additional information see Thomason's article in *Skeptical inquirer*, 11:4:367-375.

**Xenophanes** Greek philosopher, 570 - c 470 BCE, who first argued that, while gods may exist, nothing is or can be known about them. Xenophanes concluded that men created gods in their own image, just as ants would be bound to create ant-shaped gods if they had the mental capacity to do so.

**xenophobia** "fear of foreigners"; Nationalistic hatred of all persons who are not members of one's own tribe or perceived peers, whether the perception of *us* is based on skin color, religion, language, or any other identifiable mark of unity. As early as 3000 BCE Egyptian political policy was based on the categorization of non-Egyptians as inferior, while as recently as the fourth century BCE Aristotle declared that non-Greeks were fit only to be slaves. But the most vicious and virulent xenophobia of ancient times existed among the Jews, who credited their god Yahweh with *choosing* them to be his pets and labeling gentiles as subhumans who could be murdered with impunity (DEUTERONOMY 7:2). Jewish xenophobia led to the response now termed anti-Semitism, and by the first century CE when Jesus the Nazirite flourished, both kinds of racism were rife. In such an environment, Jesus' status as a fanatic goy-hater (MATTHEW 10:5; 15:26) was inevitable. The pretence that Jesus viewed gentiles favorably originated with Paul of Tarsus.

**Xerxes** King of Persia, 485-465 BCE. King Akhashwerowsh in ESTHER was certainly intended to be Xerxes, even though the Septuagint made him Artaxerxes. Xerxes ruled a large empire, but not the 127 provinces alleged in ESTHER. His queen's name was Amestris, not Vashti or Esther.

**XYY man** A man who has an extra Y chromosome, giving him a total of 47 chromosomes, one more than a normal human and one less than a chimpanzee. Whereas possession of an additional 18th chromosome produces a severely deformed individual who seldom lives more than four or five years, and possession of an additional 21st chromosome causes the condition known as Down syndrome, possession of an additional 23rd or Y chromosome appears to cause no mental or physical imperfection whatsoever. Nonetheless, practitioners of the new pseudoscience of sociobiology in the 1970s suggested that, since aggression is a *male* quality, an XYY man, having an extra male chromosome, should be super-aggressive and therefore genetically programmed to commit acts of violence such as rape and murder. An initial study appeared to support that theory, when the number of XYY men among a small population of convicted murderers was found to be higher than their representation in the general population would have suggested. The consequence was that an Australian jury acquitted a confessed murderer on the ground that, as an XYY man, he could not be held accountable for his actions. No study of a large enough experimental group to be



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statistically significant has ever replicated the initial findings. Having an extra Y chromosome is as much a determinant of human behavior as having a tattoo.

## Y

**yabyum** In Tantrism, Tantric yoga and tantric religions such as Zen, the optimum position for spiritual meditation, in which a man sits on a chair with his phallus raised while a woman sits on his lap, lowers her yoni onto his erect lingam, and relaxes into a state of non-erotic stupor.

**Yah** Alternative form of *Yahuw* or *Yahweh*.

**Yahuw** Earliest masculinized form of *Yahuwah*, who next became *Yahuweh* and finally *Yahweh*. Documents as late as the first millennium BCE portray the Jews as dividing their sacrifices between the gods of their overlords and *Yahuw*. The god's name was from an early date incorporated into such Jewish names as *Yahuwnathan* (A. V.: Jonathan) and *Yeshayahuw* (A. V.: Isaiah).

**Yahuwah** Jewish volcano goddess later masculinized to *Yahuw* and *Yahweh*.

**Yahuwdah bar Joseph** Brother of Jesus the Nazirite; fourth son of Joseph and Mary; grandfather of Jacob and Zakharyah.

**Yahweh** Originally, an active volcano in Anatolia, deified as the goddess *Yahuwah* at an undeterminable date, but masculinized to *Yah*, *Yahuw*, *Yahuweh* and *Yahweh* after the Big Discovery of c 3500 BCE. *Yahweh*'s last eruption occurred in the third millennium BCE, and buried the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The most probable location of Mount *Yahweh* is in modern Turkey, in the mountainous region near Adana, Maras and Antakya. When the Jews were driven out of their Anatolian homeland c 2000 BCE and migrated southward to Phoenicia, they took their volcano god with them. In the tenth century BCE the Yahwist wrote, "Don't let the people or the priests come up to *Yahweh*, or he'll erupt over them." (EXODUS 19:24) In the eighth century the Elohist wrote, "When the people saw and heard the thunder and lightning...and the mountain smoking, they shook with fear and backed far away." (EXODUS 20:18) In the seventh century the Priestly author wrote, "The magnificence of *Yahweh* was like a devouring fire on top of the mountain," (EXODUS 24:17) while the Deuteronomist wrote, "What creature has heard the thunder of erupting gods roaring from the middle of the lava, as we have, and survived?" (DEUTERONOMY 5:26) And at about the same time a psalmist wrote, "The land shook and trembled. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and out of his mouth a fire that devoured. Coals were kindled by it." (PSALM 18:7-8). *Yahweh* did not, however, remain an unambiguous volcano. Separation from his mountain home, plus amalgamation with Israelites and others into a thirteen-tribe confederacy, led to his assimilating the qualities of the confederacy's other tribes. From the seafaring Danites *Yahweh* absorbed sea-god qualities: "All your waves and billows are gone over me." (PSALM 42:7) Possibly from one of the three tribes that had been in Egypt, *Yahweh* became equated with a hawk-god not unlike *Thoth*: "He will cover you with his feathers, and keep you safe under his wings." (PSALM 91:4) But to King David and several generations of successors, he was primarily the deified phallus who had been the paramount god of the Asherites: "Yaakob erected a stone phallus on which he poured an offering of wine and oil." (GENESIS 35:14) Gideon made a golden phallus, "and all Yisrael went nun-tupping in front of it." (JUDGES 8:27) David "danced before *Yahweh*...clad in an erect dildo." (2 SAMUEL 6:14) Josiah "stood beside the stone phallus and made a deal with *Yahweh*." (2 KINGS 23:3) *Yahweh* was a volcano, the deified sea, a hawk, and a phallus. But he was also anthropomorphic. *Yahweh* informed Moses, "You can't see my face. I'll cover you with my hand until I'm past. Then I'll remove my hand and you'll see my backside." (EXODUS 33:20-23) It is in that form that Jews and Christians worship *Yahweh* to this day, under the name borrowed from the Goths, *God*.

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**Yahwist** The author, c 920 BCE, of the oldest portions of the Pentateuch. Although the Yahwist's narrative contains clues that he wrote after the accession of King David's grandson, Rekhobowam, he so glorified David that he must certainly have been personally acquainted with the empire builder. Probably he was an official in David's civil service, and retired to his writing after the death of Solomon. The Yahwist may have composed the genealogy that made the eponyms of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy sons and grandsons of an ancestor who was simultaneously the Jewish demigod Jacob and the Israelite demigod Israel, but it is also possible that he utilized a genealogy that already existed. It was the Yahwist who invented the concepts of *covenant mythology*, *Promised Land* and *chosen nation*, which became the basis of a fanatic xenophobia that in turn triggered the backlash called anti-Semitism. The Yahwist, abbreviated to *J* from the German *Jahwist*, is so called by historians because he called his god *Yahweh* from the beginning of his meta-history, whereas the Elohist called his god nothing but *Elohim* until the advent of Moses.

**Yanhuma** Military governor of Phoenicia under Pharaoh Ikhenaton, 1380-1362 BCE. Yanhuma is known to have been a native of the province he governed, and may well have been an Israelite. He was the historical model for the biblical *Joseph*.

**yarmulke** Hat worn by some Jews all of the time and all Jews some of the time, so that when the god Yahweh throws his final tantrum and exterminates the rest of the human race he will be able to recognize his pets by their yarmulkes and spare them. Some Mormons wear an undershirt, called a *garment*, which they may not remove even to bathe, for the same reason.

**Yasher** Now-lost book, written by a spokesman named Yasher, that first told the myth of the sun standing still over Gibeon. The Redactor who inserted the tale into JOSHUA (10:12-14) recognized its unbelievability and therefore attributed it to Yasher as a *usually reliable source*.

**Yawi, Ya'uw** Syrian god almost certainly identical with Yah, Yahuw, Yahweh.

**yeren** "wild man"; Chinese equivalent of the yeti. Belief in the yeren dates from a time when there were orangutans in China, and the most seemingly credible eyewitness reports are consistent with orangutan sightings. While the orangutan has long been thought to be extinct in China, the possibility that it survives there cannot be overlooked. However, an intensive yeren hunt by the Chinese government in 1976 found nothing. Also, a white anthropologist bathing in a river once led local peasants to cry, "Yeren!" Reports that a sighted orangutan-like biped was taller than a human and had enormous feet could have been honest misperceptions in a culture conditioned to believe in the yeren's reality. The suggestion that the yeren is a living descendant of *gigantopithecus*, extinct for a half-million years, need not be taken seriously. There is no unclassified primate in China, but there may still be orangutans.

**yeti** Mythical ape-man believed by Tibetans to dwell in the Himalayas; also called *abominable snowman*.

**Yiddish language** Form of lowland German that has absorbed a large number of words from Hebrew.

**Yllis, Saint** Canonization of Diana Ilithyia.

**yoni** Sanskrit word for vulva/asherah/vagina; personified as Roman goddess *Juno*, Mesopotamian sun god *Oannes*, *Jonah*, and *Ion*, eponym of Ionian Greeks.

**Yosef bar Joseph** Brother of Jesus the Nazirite; third son of Joseph and Mary. Nothing is known of him except his name and the fact that by c 120 CE he had no living descendants.

**Yoshyahuw** (A.V.: *Josiah*) King of Judah 640-609 BCE.

**you** In standard English, a personal pronoun, as in: “You were there. You saw the light.” In substandard English, an indefinite pronoun analogous to German *man* and French *on*: “The computer said, ‘Let there be light,’ and you could see for miles.”

**you know** Space filler used by the verbally inept to keep their tongues in gear while their brains are in neutral.

**Young, Brigham** Founder of the Mormon church as a breakaway group from the sect founded by Joseph Smith when Smith’s son and successor refused to leave Illinois for the safety of Utah. Young was responsible for Mormon polygyny. He had twenty-seven wives, only the last of whom ever divorced him. He managed to keep his harem resigned to an almost sexless existence by telling them that copulation was sinful during pregnancy.

**“Your...”** Pretentious form of address demanded by persons too fatuous to grasp how demeaning it is to the person required to use such sycophancy; *e.g.*, “Your Majesty,” “Your Honor,” “Your Eminence,” “Your Grace,” “Your Unholy Sloping Forehead,” “Your Royal Tallness.”

**yowie** Australian hominoid analogous to sasquatch, yeti and yeren. While some Aborigines may believe in the yowie, most Australians have never heard of such a creature. The yowie is promoted in a silly book called *The Sasquatch and Other Unknown Hominoids*.

**Yowm Kippur** “Day of Reparation”; Jewish adaptation of the Babylonian festival of *Kupparu*, in which a sheep was inducted with the sins of the community and ritually slaughtered; incorporated into Judaism in the seventh century BCE.

**yule log** Wooden representation of a Norse fertility god’s phallus, burned so that the ashes could be fed to livestock as a fertility charm; assimilated to Christianity as part of the Christmas festival.

**Yuletide** Druidic winter solstice festival in which the goddess’s blood was represented by red holly berries and the god’s sperm by white mistletoe berries; assimilated into Christianity as part of the Christmas festival.

**Yuti** Chinese “Father Sky” who created the first humans out of clay.

## Z

**Zadok** *see* Tsadowk

**Zagreus** Greek virgin-born savior god who rose from the dead centuries before Jesus.

**Zakharyah** Father of John the Immerser. In the now-lost *Nativity of John*, Zakharyah and his wife Elizabeth were credited with reciting the prayers known as the *Benedictus* and the *Magnificat*. The author of LUKE retained those attributions, but an interpolator later transferred the *Magnificat* to Mary.

**Zalmoxis** Thracian savior god who held a last supper before being executed, journeying to the underworld, and rising on the third day.

**Zarah** *see* Pharez

**Zarathustra** The founder of Persian dualism, in which everything good was attributed to the god of light, Ahura Mazda, while everything evil was attributed to a prince of darkness, Ahriman. A new star heralded Zarathustra's birth, and Median astrologer-priests called *magi* followed it to his birthplace. Dualism and the prince of darkness were absorbed into Judaism during the period of Persian overlordship. The author of MATTHEW borrowed the new star and the magi's journey.

**Zealots** Sect founded by Judas of Galilee in 6 CE in an attempt to prevent the Romans from annexing Judea, previously a dependent kingdom ruled by the Herods, as a Roman province governed by a procurator. Judas was the son of the man who had a generation earlier led the opposition to the installation of Herod as a puppet king. The Zealots, also called *Iskariots*, survived until the fall of Masada in 73 CE. It is thought that Bar Kokhba was Judas's descendant, but Bar Kokhba's followers did not revive the term, *Zealot*.

**Zebulon, Zebulwn, Zebuwlun** Eponym of one of the thirteen tribes of the Jewish-Israelite confederacy of c 1200-1030 BCE.

**ZECHARIAH** Book written by a spokesman named Zekharyah, who prophesied in 520 BCE that Zerubbabel, the current Davidic pretender, would refound the monarchy. The monarchy was never refounded. The original author wrote only chapters 1 to 8. Chapters 9 to 14, interpolated much later, attributed to Zekharyah the claim that he was to be the last spokesman. That claim led authors of later prophetic books to attribute them to authors from earlier history or mythology, or to insert their writings into older books.

**Zemes Mate** Lettish mother goddess absorbed into Christianity by assimilation to Mary.

**Zen** Tantric Buddhism. *see also* Lamaism

**Zend Avesta** Zoroastrian Book of the Dead, attributed to Zarathustra, but probably composed by magi, Zoroastrian priests, in the seventh century BCE.

**Zener cards** Deck of not less than 25 cards, containing an equal number of each of five symbols: 1 line forming a circle; 2 lines forming a cross; 3 wavy line; 4 lines forming a square; and a 5-pointed star; introduced into ESP research by Joseph Rhine for the purpose of deluding himself that tricks performed with Zener cards were not card tricks.

**Zeno, Saint** Nonexistent martyr associated with nonexistent Vitalis and nonexistent Felicula.

**ZEPHANIAH** Book written during the reign of King Yoshyahuw of Judah, 640-609 BCE, by a spokesman named Zefanyah. Zefanyah was a genocidal xenophobe who threatened that Yahweh

would punish any Jew who followed the king's lead in wearing foreign clothing, and that the Jews would eventually exterminate the Moabites, Ammonites and Ethiopians.

**Zerubbabel** Last descendant of King David whose name survives, although the author of MATTHEW credited him with a son named Abiud whose distant descendant was Jesus the Nazirite, a man who was in fact not Davidic. According to EZRA, written centuries after the event by an author appallingly ignorant of Persian history, it was Zerubbabel who led 42,360 Jewish exiles back to Jerusalem in 538 BCE after 48 years of Babylonian captivity. Zerubbabel completed the rebuilding of Yahweh's temple in 516 BCE. Both Haggai and Zechariah prophesied in 520 BCE that, once the temple was finished, Zerubbabel would refound the monarchy. The monarchy was never refounded, although two non-Davidic monarchies, Hasmonean and Herodian, flourished for short periods, and several messiahs, including Jesus, were recognized as king by a handful of followers for never more than a few weeks.

**Zetetic, The** Original title of *The Skeptical Inquirer*; now a separate publication produced by an editor who refuses to be told that there are only two sides to an issue up to the moment one of the sides is definitively falsified.

**Zeus** Greek king of gods; the deified rain and thunder, granted paramountcy because rain was more important to the Greek economy than sunshine; equivalent to Jupiter, Amun, Allah, Thor, Yahweh, Marduk, Godan.

**Ziasudra** Called *Utnapishtim* in Akkadian; hero of the flood myth in the Sumerian *Epic of Gilgamesh*, written c 2800 BCE and extant in the original language as well as in Akkadian and Assyrian translations. In GENESIS, Ziasudra became Noah.

**Zilpah** The patriarch Jacob's junior wife, slavegirl of Leah; mother of Gad and Asher. In Talmud times, Jewish racism made Zilpah Leah's half-sister by her father's concubine, rather than tolerate a gentile matriarch.

**Zion** Hebrew goddess after whom the site of Jerusalem, Mount Zion, was named.

**Zionist** Member of an organization that regards every part of the empire ruled by King David as rightfully Jewish, regardless of the fact that David acquired most of his territory by right of conquest and held it for a very short time, or that his successors lost it the same way. In 1919 CE *right of conquest* was declared by the League of Nations to have no further validity, and all lands on earth were deemed to be the permanent property of their current inhabitants. At that time Palestine was totally Arabic, although a British overlordship continued to be recognized for several years. In 1948 the United Nations voted to recognize one last right of conquest, and formally recognized the state of Israel, even though Jews had used military force to take the land from Arabs who had peacefully occupied it for 1400 years. The U.N. has consistently refused to recognize Israel's annexation of lands conquered after 1948, and has demanded that such territories be returned to their rightful owners. Zionists have refused to do so, maintaining that the land was *promised* to their ancestors by the extinct volcano, Yahweh. That the land was not Yahweh's to *promise* bothers them not at all.

**zodiac** "circle of animals"; Those constellations that lie on the ecliptic, so that the sun appears to pass through them once a year. Originally the zodiac consisted of thirteen divisions, equal to the moon goddess's sacred number based on new moons in a typical year, but the number was reduced to twelve when everything perceived as female-oriented became hateful to worshippers of male gods. Each zodiacal constellation was believed to be a group of gods who functioned as a team and could affect the lives of persons born under their influence. Modern astrologers maintain that the constellations of the zodiac are mere stars, but that they nonetheless retain the powers credited to them when they were regarded as gods.

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**zombie** In Haitian voodoo cult, a soulless human, in effect a walking corpse. It is suspected that the *zombie* myth has a factual basis, that sacrificial victims were given a kind of drug that destroyed their minds and allowed them to be used in living-dead ceremonies for a day or two before they died and were secretly buried. That theory is, however, unproven.

**zoophilia** Bestiality; the practice of a human engaging in copulation with a lower animal. Shi'ite Imam Khomeini authorized zoophilia for his followers, on the condition that the animal was female. In medieval times the Christian church officially categorized copulation with a Jew as bestiality.

**Zoroaster** *see* Zarathustra

**Zotz** Bat god of the Maya that remains the paramount god of the Zotzil, despite the efforts of Christian missionaries to impose the gods of the white conquerors on the tan-skinned Native Americans.

**Zundel, Ernst** Publisher convicted in 1984 under Canada's heresy laws for publishing pamphlets claiming that, while Jews undoubtedly died in Hitler's concentration camps, there was no systematic extermination of millions in gas chambers. Zundel's trial established to any reasonable person that, no matter how wrong he was in his conclusions, Zundel reached those conclusions after examining some evidence and sincerely believed that everything he wrote was the truth. That Canada's heresy laws permit conviction only if the accused can be shown to be fully aware that his statements are false, mattered to the heretic-hating jurors not at all. Zundel's conviction set a precedent that should enable historians to prosecute the publishers of bibles.

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depended on their maintaining the pretence that religion cannot be disproven, than Ralph Nader would have had of becoming publicity director of Volkswagen after writing *Unsafe at Any Speed*. After giving up the uneven struggle, he settled for teaching high school, before the reality became inescapable that North American schools are babysitting institutions in which any teacher who attempted to *teach* anything would be purged before he could raise the question, "How come nobody else is doing that?"

Dr Harwood was born in Australia, among people who lived in constant terror that some day, somewhere, someone might actually *do* something. He stayed there just long enough to recognize that there is something terribly wrong with a country that rejects moderate, pragmatic, middle-of-the-road politics, and instead alternates between governments of the far right and the far left. Later, as a research student at Cambridge University, he discovered that England has a similar deficiency.

Before settling in Canada, Dr Harwood toured Australia, New Guinea, Fiji, Bermuda and the USA as advertising manager for three hypnotic stage shows, including one that became a household name in Canada. Between shows, he obtained graduate degrees from universities in Canada, England and the USA, and spent eight years as a teacher. He joined Mensa for intelligent conversation, and left when he failed to find any. His most satisfying bread-and-butter job was general factotum at a now defunct private gambling establishment in Calgary. He is currently a resident of what is politely called Canada's Bible Belt, but is more accurately described as the redneck anus of the universe, where a theofascist majority believe that a referendum can give them the right to deprive minorities of basic human rights, strip women of sovereignty over their own bodies, and restore such barbarisms as capital punishment and probably heretic burning.

He started life as a Protestant (Methodist father, Anglican mother), and turned Catholic when he discovered that Protestantism is repudiated by its own Bible. He remained Catholic until he took his first ancient history course at the University of Calgary, and learned that fifty other virgin-born savior gods had risen from the dead on the third day centuries and even millennia before Jesus. (His desperate search for rebuttal evidence initially led him to discover that all claims of a god revealing its existence can be traced to the same authors who also assured their readers that the earth is flat, and eventually gave him the material to write *Mythology's Last Gods*.) But recognizing the falseness of religion at an intellectual level was not immediately sufficient. More than three years later, on a Sunday morning at Cambridge, England, he ate breakfast, got dressed, and opened the front door to go to mass, when it suddenly hit him: "If I participate in this 5000-year-old Egyptian god-eating ritual even once more, I will throw up." At that point he was cured—totally, permanently, irreversibly.

He has a low tolerance for self-inflicted brain death. The acquaintance whose reaction to his book disproving religion was a fatuous demand that he “pray,” is now someone he used to know. The same is true of the person who lured him to what he was assured would be a purely secular memorial, but which turned out to be fanatic triple-god worship, conducted by a megalomaniac tinpot Hitler priest, that even a Unitarian would have recognized as an abominable and detestable crime against sanity. He is, as Isaac Asimov used to say, in his late youth, and is between marriages (isn't everybody?).

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He considers North America the most near-perfect society on earth and, despite the *coup d'etat* that made a puppet of the Religious Right President even though the American people rejected him by almost a million votes, and despite the election of a hate cult led by a would-be Khomeini as Canada's Official Opposition, he would not wish to live anywhere else.