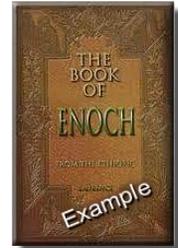


Frequently Asked Questions

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What is a Apocryphal Book?

The term **Apocrypha** is used with various meanings, including "hidden", "esoteric", "spurious", "of questionable authenticity", ancient Chinese "revealed texts and objects" and "Christian texts that are not canonical". The general term is usually applied to the books that the Protestant Christian Church considered useful but not divinely inspired. As such, it is misleading in this sense to refer to the Gospel according to the Hebrews or Gnostic writings as apocryphal, because they would not be classified in the same category by orthodox believers: they would be classified as a heretical subset of antilegomenae, to distinguish them from now-canonical ancient antilegomenae such as 2 Peter, 3 John and the Revelation of John, and non-canonical but non-heretical books which were quoted by the Early Fathers such as the pseudepigraphic Epistle of Barnabas, the Didache, or The Shepherd of Hermas. The gnostic writings are generally not accorded any status, not even a negative one: they are ignored, as they are incompatible with the accepted canon prima facie. Non-canonical books are texts of uncertain authenticity, or writings where the work is seriously questioned. Given that different denominations have different beliefs about what constitutes canonical scripture, there are several versions of the apocrypha. During 16th-century controversies about the biblical canon, the word acquired a negative connotation, and has become a synonym for "spurious" or "false". This usage usually involves fictitious or legendary accounts that are plausible enough to be commonly considered true.



Question by 2036terahertz: Giving sacrifice offerings to God.. doesn't make sense to me.. why kill an animal? Killing is negative energy. Value life and not do any harm? to any creature on earth.

Answer by Robert Ferrell: God has said that He Himself desires mercy and not sacrifice. How is this possible? The entire point of? the sacrifice is not to kill animals for God's sake. It is instead a picture of what the religious establishment does to that which is pure and unspotted and innocent. Sacrifice is probably not the best way to see this, but it is an illustration. Moses' commandments were not intended to be understood as rules to be followed, but to serve as illustrations and foreshadowings of things to come. The religious establishment is thereby exposed as the reason for the sacrifice. It is revelatory rather than compulsory.

Question by TzadokYochanan : I have two questions:

1. Do you think the? Mosaic Law (Torah) was done away with?
2. Was the Sabbath changed to Sunday?

Answer by Robert Ferrell: The Epistle of Barnabas 15:8-9 reads: "...it is not your present Sabbaths that are acceptable [unto Me], but the Sabbath which I have made, in the which, when I have set all things at rest, I will make the beginning of the? eighth day which is the beginning of another world. Wherefore also we keep the eighth day for rejoicing, in the which also Jesus rose from the dead, and having been manifested ascended into the heavens.

The "Sabbath Day" was always meant to symbolize the 1,000 year reign to come after the 6,000 years. The commandment was instituted as a constant reminder of that. The Lord's Day (Sunday) was to celebrate his resurrection from the dead. And the Mosaic Law was always meant to be higher order

things couched in lower level commands that served a dual? function--to place higher level principles behind rules and commands and whatnot, to keep people in line until their spiritual meanings were fulfilled.

Question By RendingMyVeil; So, if I understand some of what you're saying is...the ones that Simon Peter & Jude were referring to cryptically were symbolized by Judas. He symbolizes the infiltrators of? the Church.

Answer by Robert Ferrell: Yep. Judas is called the "Son of Simon" many times. Simon Peter is called the "son of Jonas," or John. John signifies the Congregation of the Elect, who like John, are to remain until the Lord's coming...or? in other words to be revealed at that time, so Simon Peter can be converted by "John," or the Elect, thereby becoming both Peter & the Son of John simultaneously. Judas, son of Simon, was told to do what he was going to do "quickly," so that it would be done early enough to seem like the original teachings. Judas, by betraying the Logos? to the religious and secular authorities with a kiss is indicative of the way in which these people would feign love for the "Word of God" (i.e. Jesus) in much the same way as those of the early Church would seek to get rid of books that some didn't like so they could have more butts in the pews & money in their coffers. They would argue that books like Enoch were not "worthy enough" to belong in the canon. That Christianity was way "too? pure" to be polluted by such "heretical" & "doubtful" teachings, even though the apostles read & quoted them. Remember, they took Jesus in the flesh. He showed them how to reduce Jesus' teachings to the fleshly level, thereby making it possible to destroy the higher level meanings. By preaching Jesus the man, they took away that higher meaning, betraying the Logos to men.

Question; The Gospel Of Thomas and a few other books see to suggest that man causes his own devistation to hiself and that is because good people do not take authority. In other words, turning the? other cheek , and loving your enemies ay have been added afterwards. What do you think?

Answer by Robert Ferrell: Turning one's cheek and loving your enemies is precisely how the good people take authority. Once we let Satan have his way with us, then Satan is judged for what he has done. With complete evil comes complete judgment & complete? destruction. There will be nothing left of him. For him to be completely judged, he needs to achieve complete injustice. God is using us to accomplish that.

How to understand and decode The Book Of Revelation:

If you're going to even begin to understand this book, DO NOT GO BEYOND THIS BOOK, or at least beyond the Scriptures. This book is self-contained, and there is NO need to try and figure out who any particular nation, person, people, etc., are that are represented. It is specific enough to understand in and of itself. You HAVE to follow an INTERNALLY CONSISTENT LOGIC when reading this book. Everything is by ASSOCIATION. For example, in Rev 11:9 we read that Enoch and Elijah are dead for three-and-a-half days. "And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. A little later we read in 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for A TIME, AND TIMES, AND HALF A TIME, from the face of the serpent. That means that the 3&1/2 have to do with one another, and the two wings correspond to the two witnesses, etc. Just go through it looking for numbers, names, angels, trumpets, thunders, etc., all line up. That is how you have to read this book. You HAVE to read it for what it is. Hopefully I will be able to piece it together for you as best I can, but it will take a while. Please be patient!

What religion, guiding principle, or idea gives you direction in life and fulfills your purpose in being? God.

Period. God is all, and nothing else exists besides Him. We all walk and talk and live in a world that is comprised of nothing other than God Himself. God has allowed us to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and since we opted to do so, we are receiving our lessons in evil by being subjected to it. But not to worry, there is an end to it, and a purpose behind it--which is the perfection of the gods, that is, ourselves living fully within God, His being and essence giving us the inner light to know Him while we are here, as well as in the hereafter.

Do you know that Yahushuah - Jesus Christ is the Son of God? He is both the Father AND the Son. Indeed he is all things. The Word (or Logos) was both WITH the Father and he WAS the Father. He did nothing without the Father, but since the world was not able to contain the Father in all His glory, he decided to create a fleshly image of Himself that mankind could look to and understand the Father's glory through the image, the Son, who was not only Jesus the man, but all of the material existence as well, such that one can see the "Logos" in all things; that is because there is nothing besides God in all things, and God wishes to bring mankind out of the mire of false-awareness. False-awareness creates the illusion that blind chance rules all things, and thus brings darkness and forgetfulness into enlightened beings who have forgotten their divinity--their true 'race,' if you will.

What do you think life is all about? Life is all about overcoming everything that stands in the way of truth and life and all that God is, with the eventual return to our true essence--as emanations of God, we return to God by becoming acquainted with the divine within and without ourselves. As coming from life, we return to an even greater life beyond suffering and ignorance into bliss and God-consciousness in all things.

Why do you think hell was created? "Hell" is not knowing your true nature. You are tossed to and fro by the passions of the lower, animal nature, that cannot help but see itself as caught within time and space, and is therefore subject to fear and desire, guilt and pain, life and death. In vain do we grope about for truth in the material realm, not quite grasping that the material realm is purely a function of powers and energies that lie beyond it, because it is arranged in such a way as to seem merely phenomenal and subject to chance. But since the spirit can only be fully understood through the eyes of faith, with the material realm serving as a kind-of obstacle course set up to weed out the dedicated from the easily swayed, the seekers of true things from the seekers of smooth things, etc., the reward of the spirit is reserved for those who are willing to stand up to illusion and opposition from "Hell."

Do you believe that group of fallen Angels descended to the earth and mated with the daughters of men? If God can become a man, then so can the angels. Indeed, we are not really men ourselves, but underneath it all we are angelic--we are gods. But we are deceived if we think that we are merely flesh and blood. This entire realm is the battleground for the two opposing spirits: the animal spirit, that looks to the flesh and the passions and the glory of material life, whereas our true angelic nature lies dormant within ourselves, waiting to rejoin the angelic realm, having passed through the difficulties of this realm. Do you believe that the results of that mating resulted in the creation of a race of Giants? It says so in the Bible--and especially in the Book of Enoch. The gigantic aspects of these hybrids was not merely fleshly, but their hearts were dark, and focused on the level of the material. Indeed, their seed, and all of Cain's seed have been given 6,000 years to rule the earth and dominate .

Do you believe that Satan and hell exists? The true hell is perdition, from whence there is no return. Satan realizes that he is doomed, and relentlessly points the finger at the sins of mankind, accusing them before the throne of God, and the Hosts of Heaven. Until mankind turns against Satan, he is mostly correct in his accusations, and therefore is given standing before God's throne. When we turn against

him and his world-system, he will be thrown down to us, that we might trample him beneath our feet, and "overcome him by the blood (sacrifice) of the Lamb and the Word of [our] testimony."

Who do you think created all the ancient structures spread out all over the planet? There have been many earth ages before, and at least one more is to come.

Do you think that Cain was the child of Adam or a child of the devil? Cain was the child of the devil. I have compiled a gospel from nearly all of the ancient Christian sources, and one passage is particularly telling. In the context of Joseph finding out that Mary is pregnant, he laments that his life has "become like Adam's, for just as Eve was alone in her hour of prayer and beguiled her, so also has it befallen me!" Pretty much says it all.

What do you think the fruit was that Eve ate in paradise? The book of Enoch calls it the "tree of wisdom, from which a man may eat and know great wisdom."

Do you believe in aliens or ancient astronaut? If so, do you believe they are benevolent or evil? If they exist, they are most likely the creation of the fallen angels, who in the Book of Enoch "sinned against the beasts of the earth." Quite possibly creating different species for various purposes. They are described as having learned "all of the secrets of heaven," and that they were not the great mysteries, but "worthless ones." In other words, whatever they may do in the flesh is vain.

Do you believe that we are at the end of days? We are thankfully at the end of bad the days, and at the threshold of days beyond what we can now understand. We await a new heavens and a new earth.

Do you read the Bible or any other sacred Scriptures regularly? The Bible, the Apocryphal books, and the Gnostic Scriptures.

What books do I recommend?:

The Bible & Apocryphal Literature: Volumes I recommend: The Lost Books of the Bible & The Forgotten Books of Eden - LB Press The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, Vols 1&2 - Charlesworth The Apocryphal Old Testament - Sparks The Apocryphal New Testament - Elliott New Testament Apocrypha, Vols 1&2 - Schneemelcher . Sites I Recommend:

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