

## Who Is Jesus? II The Battle to Blot Out the Name of Jesus!

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- Why is there so much hostility toward Jesus?
- Why is it that Judaism is so adamant in what they claim is monotheism of the Old Testament?
- How does that figure in with what people believe, that Jesus was the God of the Old Testament?
- If there was only one God in the Old Testament, how could you have Jesus being God before He became human?
- Becoming God after He was human?
- How can you have all of this when the Jews claim that there is only *one* God?
- If that is so, then either the Jews are right and the Christians are wrong!
- The Christians are right and the Jews are wrong!
- The Jews adamantly claim that they're right and everyone else is wrong.

after all

- Did they not have the revelation of God from Moses?
- Did they not have the Scriptures given to them?

We find in the booklet *Who is Jesus?* by Anthony Buzzard a supposed Christian view of Jesus, claiming that He was not God before He became human; that He did not exist until He was conceived in the womb of Mary.

- Why, even in a Christian organization, do we have this kind of theology coming out?
- Why is it that there are so many attacks against Jesus?

Any way to attack Jesus; any way to take away from Jesus as Messiah, as Savior, as God, and reduce Him down to the level of an ordinary human being.

One of the ways to do that is say that the Old Testament is strictly monotheistic, and that is not a 100% true statement. There are some Scriptures that we will cover today that *looks like* it says that there is only one God, but then we will see some problems that you can come up against with that.

*Who Is Jesus?* by Anthony Buzzard  
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quote by L.L. Paine, at one time a Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Bangor Theological Seminary:

“The Old Testament is strictly monotheistic. God is a single personal being....

Which means that if Jesus were truly God before He became human, then where was God while He was human? So, you're presented with an awful lot of problems.

...The idea that a Trinity... [or as we're studying here, of duality] ...is to be found there or even **in any way shadowed forth**...

I'm going to disprove here in just a little bit that it is *shadowed forth*, that there are Scriptures that reveal that there is more than one God, even in the name Elohim.

...is an assumption that has long held sway in theology, but is utterly without foundation. The Jews, as a people, under its teachings became stern opponents of all polytheistic tendencies...

I read many times in the Old Testament that they became adherence of polytheistic theology. Remember all the times they went after the gods of the nations round about? Remember the times when God had to send them into captivity, had to punish them because of these things? That they became stern polytheistic did not really happen in exactly the way it is today until Jesus came on the scene and slightly after.

...and they have remained unflinching monotheists to this day.

One thing we need to understand is that you cannot read Jewish commentary today and have it reflect anything that is accurate when it comes to anything concerning Jesus or any prophecies concerning Jesus.

It is well known that right after Jesus' day, and even during the days of the apostles, there were what were called counter-evangelists. What did these counter-evangelists do? *They went around preaching that Jesus was not the Messiah, not God*, and that eventually led to the raising up of the Jewish nation again under Rabbi Akiva and the Bar Kokhba Revolution—132-135<sub>A.D.</sub> Akiva pronounced

Bar Kokhba the messiah in direct defiance of God in sending Jesus.

What was the result of that? *The complete absolute destruction of the Jewish nation!* The complete scattering of all Jews into the world, and there they developed the theology of monotheism in absolute intrenchant form.

So, anything we read today about Hebrew theology in relationship to Christ and the Messiah has been all tainted with their experience with Jesus and the destruction of the temple and the destruction of their nations, scattered into the world. They have tremendous plans and things that they've been doing down through the centuries to eat away, to undermine, to erode and take away the confidence of Christians and Christ.

On this point... [about monotheism] ...there is no break between the Old Testament and the New. The monotheistic tradition is continued. Jesus was a Jew, trained by Jewish parents in the Old Testament Scriptures. His teaching was Jewish to the core...

That's an assumption. *Jesus' training was not Jewish to the core; His training was by God the Father!* He never went to an rabbinical school; he was never taught of the rabbis. By the time He was 12-years-old He was teaching the elders and the rabbis (Luke 2).

Nowhere do we find that His teaching was *Jewish to the core*. What we can say is *it was Godly to the core!* So, part of the subterfuge to destroy Christianity is to make everything Jewish, make everything monotheistic, and deny Christ.

...a new Gospel indeed, but not a new theology. He declared that He came 'not to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill' them, and He accepted as His own belief the great text of Jewish monotheism...

We'll answer this as we go along, and see very clearly that even in the Old Testament there are indications that there is more than one God.

... 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one God.'....

The word for God is 'Elohim'; the word for Lord is 'Yahweh.'

...His proclamation concerning Himself was in line with Old Testament prophecy. He was the 'Messiah' of the promised Kingdom, the 'Son of Man'..." (end quote of L.L. Paine)

All the way through this booklet it is the 'Son of man.' The basic thrust of this booklet is that we can't trust John, we have to ignore John and take Matthew, Mark and Luke and have a preponderance of evidence.

Quote by Rabbi J.H. Hurtz

"The belief that God is made up of several personalities such as the Christian belief in the Trinity... [duality, as we know] ...is a departure from the pure conception of the unity of God. Israel has throughout the ages rejected everything that marred or obscured the conception of pure monotheism it has given the world, and **rather than admit any weakening of it**, Jews are prepared to wander, to suffer, to die"

The Jews sincerely resent the implication that the Scriptures contain any proof, or any intimation of the doctrine of orthodox Trinitarianism. Or it's the same thing referring to Jesus or what we would call 'dualism.'

If we examine the recorded teachings of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, remembering that these documents represent the understanding of the apostolic church in the 60s-80s AD...

I'm going to bring some information about the canonization of the New Testament. If you have a premise and say, 'Let's get back to the teachings of the early Church':

- What happens when you get back to when the Church was so early that they excluded Gentiles?
- Is that the true teaching of the Church?
- What does the early Church contain?
- Just what Jesus taught?
- Just what Matthew, Mark and Luke taught?
- What about the Apostle John?
- What about the Apostle Paul?
- What about the Apostle Peter?
- What happened when John wrote in 95<sub>A.D.</sub>?
- Is that not counted the early Church?

*Should be, shouldn't it?* This is a deliberate attempt by the author of this booklet to discredit, psychologically as you go along, the writings of John.

...we will find not a hint that Jesus believed himself to be an uncreated being who had existed from eternity.... That idea was introduced into Christian circles after the New Testament documents had been completed. It does not belong to the thought world of the biblical writers.

### Whoever Said the Messiah Was God?

It is essential to ask, therefore, whether the Old Testament anywhere suggests that the Messiah was to be “coequal God,” a second *uncreated* being who abandons an eternal existence in heaven in order to become man. If it does not say anything like this (and remembering that the Old Testament is concerned even with minute details about the coming Messiah) we will have to **treat as suspicious** the claims of anyone saying that Jesus is both Messiah *and* an uncreated, second eternal Person of the Godhead, claiming the title “God” in the full sense.

*That’s where this is coming from!* That’s where this is moving here.

However, the sensitive reader...

Notice, a *sensitive reader*—meaning if you don’t read it the way that this is put in the booklet, you are not a sensitive reader. If you’re not a sensitive reader, you’re not qualified to make any judgments of what you read. I just want you to be aware of the psychology of these things.

...of Scripture will be aware that a single text should not be allowed to overthrow the Old Testament’s insistence that only one Person is truly God.

See what is happening here is being said that anything that you cannot prove in the Old Testament in the New Testament you cannot use. But you ought to read Matt. 4-7—what did Jesus say concerning how to keep the laws? Is that not new? Can God add something in one sentence and then men have the right to reject it?

...It should not be forgotten that the sacred oracles were committed to the Jews, none of whom thought that a divine title given to the Messianic King meant that he was a member of an eternal Godhead, now composed suddenly and mysteriously of *two* Persons...

*It says of the Son of God:*

...That notion cannot possibly be traced to the Scriptures....

We would search in vain to find any application of this title to an uncreated being, a member of the eternal Godhead. This idea is simply absent from the biblical idea of divine Sonship.

All of these things erode and pick away; it says that everywhere in the Old Testament it talks about the Son of man as a ‘human figure’ and not Divine.

### John’s Jewish Language

Since Jesus expressly denied that he was God...

*He did not expressly deny, as we will see later.*

...it will be most unwise to think that he contradicted himself elsewhere.

### Glory Before Abraham

It was typical of Jewish thinking that anything of supreme importance in God’s purpose—Moses, the Law, repentance, the Kingdom of God and the Messiah—had “existed” with God from eternity. In this vein John can speak of the crucifixion having “happened” before the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8, KJV). Peter, writing late in the first century, still knows of Jesus’ “preexistence” only as an existence in the *foreknowledge* of God (1 Peter 1:20)....

...Is the Trinitarian problem... [or dualistic problem] ...which has never been satisfactorily resolved, to be raised because of a single text in John? Would it not be wiser to read John 8:58 in the light of Jesus’ later statement in 10:36, and the rest of Scripture?

In the thoroughly Jewish atmosphere which pervades the Gospel of John...

*It is not a thoroughly Jewish atmosphere in the Gospel of John!* When we get in there we’ll see that.

...it is most natural to think that Jesus spoke in terms that were current amongst those trained in the rabbinical tradition. In a Jewish context, asserting “preexistence” does not mean that one is claiming to be an uncreated being!

It is a well-recognized fact that the conversations between Jesus and the Jews were often at cross-purposes.

- Why were they at cross-purposes?
- How do you prove or disprove a premise?

*A premise is a theory! A stated fact that you’re going to prove that your premise is correct!* The premise is that the God of the Old Testament is the Father. I want you to keep that in mind. Even those Christians who believe in God the Father and Jesus Christ say that God the Father was Yahweh. We’re

going to show that that premise falls apart when we look at some Scriptures. The reason I'm going here is to show that God, of the Old Testament, revealed Himself to the children of Israel of whom one tribe is the Jews.

Deuteronomy 4:32: "For ask now of the days past which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth... [this is going clear back to creation] ...and from the one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens, where there has been any thing as great as this, or has been heard any thing like it. Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire as you have heard and live?" (vs 32-33).

Did God reveal Himself? *The One here is called the LORD God!* In various places He's called *Elohim*. In various places where it is *LORD God*, it is *Yahweh Elohim*. In certain areas it is 'El' as we'll see in the book of Isaiah, meaning the singular God.

Verse 34: "Or has any god attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great *awe-inspiring* terrors, according to all that the LORD your God [Yahweh Elohim] did for you in Egypt before your eyes? It was shown to you so that you might know that the LORD [Yahweh] is God [Elohim], **and there is none other beside Him**" (vs 34-35).

That sounds like a pretty strong case that there's only one God—doesn't it? Does sound pretty strong, right here in this particular place. We'll find out what that means.

If you did not have something revealed to you, you wouldn't know that it was there. Let's use an example: What if you had in your hands—that you could hold, that you could see, revealed to you—ten pounds of gold, and that's all you knew of. And you did not know that buried in a wall over here is another ton of gold, your denial that the gold was there would be true inasmuch as *you didn't know* it was there. But after it has been *revealed* that it was there, you can't say that the ten pounds of gold is all that you know of. If it's not revealed to you, then you don't know.

Let's use another example: What if a man married a woman and she never revealed to him that she had been married previously and she had other children. He would not know that he is the stepfather of those children unless it was *revealed* to him. Here we have revealed *one God*. There is none else beside Him.

Verse 36: "He made you hear His voice out of heaven so that He might teach you. And He

showed you His great fire upon the earth. And you heard His words out of the midst of the fire."

Deuteronomy 5:23: "And it came to pass when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, for the mountain burned with fire, you came near me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders, and you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God [Yahweh Elohim] has revealed His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire. We have seen today that God [Elohim] talks with man yet he *still* lives'" (vs 23-24).

Undoubted proof that God revealed Himself. *Without a doubt!* The Jews cannot say that God did not reveal Himself here. *Absolutely!* I want to establish that, absolutely! I want to establish that absolutely firm! Every Jew would say that this God is *Father*. Even Yahwehists would say that this is the *Father*.

Deuteronomy 6:4—here is this famous text, and Jesus quoted this: "Hear, O Israel. Our one God is *the LORD, the LORD.*"

Now you're kind of stuck. There's one God. How then are we ever going to get two? *We'll find out!*

Verse 5: "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Jesus quoted those words—didn't He? (Matt. 22; Mark 12). We're really confronted with a problem—aren't we? *or* Are we?

Let's see what Jesus Himself said. Now you're confronted with another problem when you read Matt. 11. If you believe that the God of the Old Testament was the Father then you have to believe that He revealed Himself to Israel. We just read it; absolutely! Now, what are you going to do with:

Matthew 11:25: "At that time Jesus answered and said..."

I want you to read the things concerning John the Baptist; read Matt. 12 where they said that Jesus did these things 'by the power of Beelzebub.' The healings, the raising from the dead, and all of that sort of thing so that we get it in the context of this here.

**"...I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to babes.** Yes, Father, for it was well pleasing in Your sight *to do this*. All things were delivered to Me by My Father..." (vs 25-27).

In the New Testament, no doubt, the Father is God. No one who believes in Christ, in whatever

form that they believe in Christ, doubts that the Father is God. Was He the One of the Old Testament? *We'll see from Jesus' own words, no!*

Verse 27: “All things were **delivered to Me by My Father**; and no one knows the Son except the Father; **neither does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son personally chooses to reveal Him.**”

Now we're confronted with an insoluble problem. This Father was not revealed in the Old Testament, because Jesus came to reveal Him, and ***no man*** knew God the Father—*period!* “...**except the Son, and the one to whom the Son personally chooses to reveal Him.**”

- Now what are you going to do?
- Who was the God of the Old Testament then?
- How can we possibly answer that question?

*This is what theologians have gone around and around!*

- What does the Old Testament reveal to us?

I've got a book, *The Concordant Version* of the Old Testament. It's a literal translation—word for word—of the Old Testament. This is the book of Genesis. Let's see if we can answer the question. It may not be absolutely clearly spoken of here in the way that is completely, totally demonstrable, because the truth is *God did not reveal everything about Himself in the Old Testament* contrary to Jewish teaching.

Genesis 1: (CV): “In a beginning **Elohim...**”—‘im’ in the English means *plural*. The singular is ‘Eloha.’ In the book of Job, the word for God is ‘Eloha’—a single God. Why does God use Elohim here?

Verse 26—the Jews cannot answer this to this day. If they admit what this is saying, then they must admit that the Bible does, somewhere, show that there is the possibility, and they claim that there is not the possibility, not even the slightest hint that there is more than one God. If they admitted the truth of this, as I've mentioned before, even one of the most famous Jewish commentators—I've got his whole Hebrew Interlinear at home with all of his commentary—Rashi. I'll tell you what he says about this verse.

Verse 26 (CV): “And Elohim said: Let Us make humanity in Our image and according to Our likeness....”

You're stuck with a problem. If God is only one and Elohim always means only one—which it

does not—why would God say, “Let Us make man in Our image after Our likeness”? Why would He say that? He didn't say ‘Let *Me* make man in *My* image.’ There are the times when He says ‘I AM Yahweh Elohim, as we will see in the book of Isaiah. Why does it say, “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image”?’

All the way through the Gen. 1, the word for God throughout is Elohim. When you come to Genesis 2:4 you have an addition added: “This is the account of the heavens and of the earth when they *were* created; in the day that **the LORD God** [Yahweh Elohim] made the earth and the heavens.” So, *one God* made the heavens and the earth.

Why does God [Elohim] say, Genesis 1:26: “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth.’”

God created man in His own image. Now we go from *Our image* to *His image*, because it is showing us that there is more than one God by the very structure of the word Elohim, but that only one of the Elohim made man, later called Yahweh.

Let me read something very interesting here in the basic Hebrew grammar, right out of this book that explains it. Sometimes these things are contained in grammar. Let me read to you about the Hebrew plural inherent in the word. Being one of the Ten Commandments, it's very clear:

Exodus 20:3: “You shall have no other **gods** [elohim] before Me”—plural. Why is then translated plural in one place and singular in another place? What does the plural mean?

Exodus 12:12: “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And I will execute judgment against all the gods [elohim] of Egypt. I *am* the LORD [Yahweh].”

So, ‘elohim’ can refer to more than one. That's the whole point I'm making here. Where the pronoun is plural it refers to more than one automatically. How many does it refer to automatically? Here it is right here:

Hebrew elements—the Hebrew plural...

Like we have in English: man/men; woman/women; dog/dogs; house/houses. We know singular and plural.

...automatically denotes two unless the context calls for more so that it is necessary to add the numeral 2 at times as when Hebrew 50 and 100s must be rendered 200a50.

In other words it's a little awkward to give the numbers. So, when you read of men in the Old Testament—just take the word 'men'—that is the plural of Adam, that means two unless otherwise stated.

By the very nature of the language, what is this telling us in Gen. 1:26? "And God [Elohim] said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness...'—*since it denotes no other number, the inherent meaning of the language is that there are two.*

But the rest of it tells us that there was *one* Who did the creating, called 'Yahweh Elohim' as revealed a little later.

Now let's see something else concerning the name of God. We have proved from the very structure of the language that there is a hint that there is more than one God in the word 'Elohim.' But now, from here on, God in dealing with man, only one of the Elohim dealt with mankind from then on, and He's called 'Yahweh Elohim' or the Elohim Whose name is Yahweh.

Just like anything you do, you need to go back to the basics, back to the foundation, to build whatever you're building in that particular case.

Exodus 3:14: "And God said to Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM.'..." ***I AM what I AM and will be what I will be, or I'm becoming what I will be!*** That's a very fluid and moving terminology in the Hebrew.

"...And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you.' And God said to Moses again, 'You shall say this to the children of Israel, "The LORD God of your fathers [Yahweh Elohim], the God [Elohim] of Abraham, the God [Elohim] of Isaac, and the God [Elohim] of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My title from generation to generation'" (vs 14-15). *That seems very clear!*

What are you going to do with Exodus 6:2: "And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, 'I am the LORD [Yahweh]. And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob *as* God Almighty. [El Shaddai]. But I was not known to them *by* My name JEHOVAH [Yahweh]" (vs 2-3).

Didn't He just say back here in Exodus. 3:15 that "...The LORD God of your fathers [Yahweh Elohim], the God [Elohim] of Abraham, the God [Elohim] of Isaac, and the God [Elohim] of Jacob..."

Exodus 6:3: "And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob *as* God Almighty [El Shaddai]. But I was not known to them *by* My name

JEHOVAH [Yahweh]."

Yet, you read the account written about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and it talks about Elohim, Yahweh Elohim, El Shaddai.

Do we have a contradiction? *No, because what was written was written by Moses, who knew that Yahweh Elohim was also El Shaddai, also Elohim. There's no contradiction at all. It's just a statement of fact. But when Moses wrote the other parts of the book of Genesis—which it is well known that he wrote it—therefore, you have in Exo. 2 Yahweh Elohim.*

What are you going to do with this Scripture—Malachi 3—***if you say*** that in the Old Testament 'there is not one hint that the One Who became Jesus was God before He became human...

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...Jesus was a special creation only and did not exist until created in the womb of Mary'? What are you going to do with:

Malachi 3:1: "Behold, I will send My messenger... [which we know in the New Testament is John the Baptist] ...and he will prepare the way before Me... [Who is speaking? *God, the LORD, Yahweh!*] ...And **the Lord, Whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple...**"

- What are you going to do about that?
- How is Yahweh going to "...suddenly come to His temple..."?
- What did He do?

*The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, kicked out all of those who were selling and merchandising!* What are you going to do with this? If Jesus was not God before He became human, how are you going to answer this Scripture? *You cannot answer it! There's no way to answer it!*

1-Cor. 10—let's just review this; and here we have the Scripture, of course, is not in the Old Testament. But for those who believe in Jesus and believe in the New Testament, what are you going to do with this?

1-Corinthians 10:1: "Now, I do not wish you to be ignorant *of this*, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. And *they* all ate the same spiritual meat. And *they* all drank *of* the same spiritual drink; for they drank **from the spiritual Rock that followed them. And that Rock was Christ**" (vs 1-4). What on earth are you going to do with that?

- Does that not say that the Rock, the God of

the Old Testament, was Christ before He became human? *You have no other conclusion to draw!*

- How can you have any other conclusion? *You can't!*

Let's see what greats, down to the heart and core of Judaism, that they absolutely cannot stand, that they absolutely totally reject, and we'll see why.

Acts 4:5: "Now, it came to pass in the morning... [after the arrest of Peter and John] ...*that* their rulers and elders and scribes were assembled together in Jerusalem."

I need not have to go through and tell you how that the Jewish religious leaders hated Jesus, tried to kill Him, etc., etc.

- these were the same ones that crucified Jesus
- these were the same ones that said that He speaks blasphemy
- these were the same ones that said that He is worthy of death, because He said that He was the Son of God

Verse 7: "And after placing them in the midst, they inquired, 'By what power [authority] or in what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with *the* Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we are examined this day as to a good work *done to the* infirm man, by what *power* he has been cured, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean, Whom you crucified, but Whom God has raised from the dead, by Him this man stands before you whole. This is the Stone...** [doesn't it talk about that in the Old Testament (Psa. 118:22)] ...that was set at naught by you, the builders, which has become the Head of the corner. **And there is no salvation in any other, for neither is there another name under heaven which has been given among men, by which we must...** ['dei'—obligatory, mandatory, absolutely incumbent upon] ...**be saved**'" (vs 7-12). There is *no other name!*

This sets the Jews totally on fire! Judaism from that day forward has been the absolute archenemy of Christianity. Let's see what Jesus said concerning salvation. This also galls an awful lot of people. God has not given the broad and the general way. Jesus said, 'Broad is the way and wide is the gate that leads to destruction. But narrow is the way and straight is the gate that leads unto life, and few be there that find it.'

John 14:6: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way... [there is no other way; no other salvation]

...and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.'" *That is tough if you are a Jew! It is tough if you believe in Judaism!*

Speaking of a totally, thoroughly Jewish way, John 8:33: "They answered Him, 'We are Abraham's seed... [by right of inheritance we have this] ...and have never been in bondage to anyone. What do You mean by saying, "You shall become free"?"

Because in v 32, Jesus said, "And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free."

Verse 34: "Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a servant of sin.'

1-John 3:4: "Everyone who practices sin is also practicing lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness."

John 8:35: "And the servant does not live in the house forever; *but* the Son lives forever. Therefore, if the Son shall set you free, you shall truly be free" (vs 35-36). Why? *Because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life!*

Verse 37: "I know that you are Abraham's seed... [no doubt about it] ...but you are seeking to kill Me, because My words do not enter into your *minds*. I speak the things that I have seen from My Father, and you do the things that you have seen from your father.' They answered and said to Him, 'Our father is Abraham.' Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has spoken the Truth to you, which I have heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father.' Then they said to Him, '**We have not been born of fornication...**'" (vs 37-41). *That's tells us that it was:*

- well-known about Mary's pregnancy
- well-known about where He was born
- well-known Who He was

They said, "...We have one Father, *and that is* God.' Therefore, Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I proceeded forth and came from God....'" (vs 41-42). *There's another statement that is clearly showing that He came directly from God!*

"...For I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why don't you understand My speech? Because you cannot *bear* to hear My words... [My Message] ... You are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father you desire to practice....'" (vs 42-44).

There is a form of monotheism! ***If*** Satan is 'the god of this world,' which the Bible shows that

he is, and *if* Judaism is the enemy of Christ, which it is, not only Christ, but every form of Christianity: Catholicism, Orthodoxy, Protestantism, evangelism, even the *name of Christ*.

We're confronted with a problem that there has been an on-going theological battle taking place in very high places—in history, time and wars—to do away with the name of Jesus Christ as instigated by Judaism.

Jesus said, v 44: "You are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father you desire to practice. He was a murderer from *the* beginning, and has not stood in the Truth because there is no Truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he is speaking from his own *self*; for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Now let me read to you from this book entitled, *Judaism and the Vatican* by Leon De Poncins and Timothy Tindal. What was it that the pope required all the priests and the bishops and everything to read from every Catholic pulpit in Poland? *They were required to read a statement saying that the Catholic Church does not hold the Jews responsible for the death of Jesus, and that they are not anti-Semitic! Why did that take place? As this book points out, the Jews have been working for a long time to have the Catholic Church change all of their doctrines! We will see the philosophy coming, what they want to do.*

- anyway to destroy any form of Christianity
- anyway to blot out the name of Christ from under heaven

You can look at all of the movies, all of the television, all of the news, our school system and you have to conclude that they have been successful! This is written by a Jew:

*Judaism and the Vatican* by Leon De Poncins and Timothy Tindal:

pg 125—written by A. Nemi from a book that he wrote concerning Christians—Jew writing about Christians

Do Christians realize what the name of Jesus, their God, can mean to a Jew?

Do any of you know?

Do you know what it means to a Jew?

For a Christian, even an atheist it evokes, or at least has evoked at some time, a Being infinitely good, Who offers Himself as the good Who desires that at least carries on the torch of bygone philosophies and all morals. For the Christian who is still a believer, Jesus epitomizes and fulfills the

better part of Himself.

The Christian who has ceased to believe no longer takes that ideal seriously. He may even resent it and accuse the priest of incompetence or even deception. Though he denounces it as a delusion, he generally leaven no doubt as to the grandeur and beauty of that illusion.

However, to the Jews who still believes and professes his own religion, Christianity is the greatest theological and metaphysical usurpation in history.

We will show what the Jews have done in history to try and blot out the name of Jesus. To try and deride and take away from Jesus as the Messiah, or One Who was God before He became human.

It is a spiritual scandal, a subversion and blaspheme to all Jews—even if they are atheists—the name of Jesus is the symbol of a threat, or that great threat that has hung over their heads for centuries that may, at any moment, burst forth and catastrophes of which they know neither the cause or the prevention.

Dare anyone today say anything about the Jews at all, anywhere or anything, without being accused of being an anti-Semite? *No!* Has their program been successful? *Yes! Very successful!*

That name has been part of the accusation, the absurd and frenzied and so effectively cruel that it makes social life barely livable. That name has, in fact, come to be one of the signs, one of the names of the immense apparatus that surrounds the Jew, condemns him, excludes him.

I hope my Christian friends will forgive me. That they may better understand, let me say that to the Jews, their god is, in a way, the devil! If, as they say, the devil is the symbol and essence of all evil on earth; iniquitous and all powerful, incomprehensible and bent on crushing helpless human beings.

That's quite a statement! That shows the depth of bitterness that the Jews, to this day, have against Jesus Christ. What have they done about it?

pg. 118—written by Joshua Yehuda—he wrote a book concerning what the Jews have done down through history to destroy Christianity—every form of it; every name of it, the action of it, everything that it can do to infiltrate, to lie, to cheat, to steal, to overturn.



About a half a century later the rehabilitation of the Talmud was to lead to the reformation.

The Talmud is the whole series of writings that the Jews have, which is really *their religion*. *Their* religion is not based in the Bible. *Their* religion is not based in the Old Testament. They claim so, but it's not. *Their* religion is in the Talmud and the Kabbalah.

Pico de Mirandola had understood that the indispensable purification Christian dogma...

This is what they call it; they're going to *purify Christian dogma*.

...could only be affected after a profound study of authentic Jewish Kabbalah with the reformation, which broke out in Germany 50 years after the Renaissance, the universality of the church was destroyed.

A new age began. The Renaissance had not succeeded in purifying Christian dogma...

- Why do we have all of these social upheavals everywhere?
- Who foments them?
- Who starts them?
- What is the purpose of them?
- *To destroy Christianity!*

The Jews believe that if they alone—which they believe—have access to God, every other religion is worthless. They need to destroy Christianity or make it all paganized so that *they alone* will ride at the head of all nations. That may sound like an outlandish thing, but that is true!

...and the reformation finished by complicating even more the problem with Christianity...

*That as seen from the Jewish point of view!*

...evident though it was. It may be summarized as a question of how to overcome its fundamental dualism. The contradictory twofold origin in Jerusalem, Athens and to Rome succeeded. It is a well-known fact that the Reformation was achieved by Calvin Luther and others, but it also well-known that previously John Retchlan 1455-1531 A.D., Pico de Mirandola's disciple that shook the Christian conscience by suggesting as early as 1494 that there was nothing higher than Hebraic wisdom.

*Do you see what we're getting to?*

When, in 1509, a renegade Jew named Joseph Peppercorn had the Talmud seized and finally obtained after several previous attempts the definite condemnation of this collective compendium, which contains a thousand years of Jewish wisdom...

There was a Jew who saw all the evil of this and said that in order to get rid of the evil in this society you've got to get rid of the Talmud. They couldn't do it.

John Retchlan did not shrink from exposing himself to every menace and danger in order to defend before the emperor and the pope the extraordinary value of the Talmud, whose venerable meaning he had fathomed. Retchlan advocated returning to Jewish sources, as well as to ancient text. Finally he won his case against the convert Peppercorn who loudly demanded the destruction of the Talmud.

We recently had an episode of that in Israel today. The leading translator and editor of the Dead Sea Scrolls was fired and dismissed by the Israelis when he said, after studying all of these things, that Judaism was distinctly racist, and hateful and should have been destroyed, and that they should all convert to Christianity. Well, needless to say, he was fired and accused of being mentally sick. We have the same thing going on back here:

"The new spirit that was to revolutionize the whole of Europe became apparent in regard to the Jews and the Talmud," wrote Historian Graetz.

However, the Reformation, which made know the bear text of the Bible, proved even more incapable than the Renaissance of purifying Christianity of its congenital anti-Semitism.

*Anything against the Jews is anti-Semitism.*

One is astonished to find that there were as many Protestants as Catholic anti-Semites. The Reformation finding itself in an intellectual impasse adopted the principle of Deism, thus excluding all possibility of it reasoning its faith.

The Reformation itself submitted to the irresistible attraction of the Greek miracle, which splits thoughts by separating it from faith and adopting, albeit so forth, and the pagan belief which prepare the ground for atheism.

The French Revolution marked the beginning of atheism. In the history of

Christian peoples and declaredly anti-religious, it continues through the influence of the Russian Communism to make a powerful contribution to the de-Christianization of the Christian world.

That is the whole goal of the Jewish intellectuals who come into contact with Christians. Do we not know in our church experience two very prominent Jews who came into contact with the Church we were in and what have they succeeded in doing? ***Taking away the name of Christ and preaching the Gospel!*** It is their continuous attempt! The Jews are like no other people. They are organized worldwide! Jews are meeting in meetings all over the world to come together and send money to Israel to help them. That's where their allegiance lies. Their allegiance is against Christianity.

The third attempt to amend the Christian position after the failure of reformed Christianity to unite took place under the impetus of the French Revolution.

Although the French Revolution, and the Russian Revolution which followed it, liberated the Jews in social and political fields, they both had the monotheistic religion of Israel and the same contempt as the Christian theology.

- What is their view of monotheism?
- Was it greatly altered because of Jesus?
- *Absolutely!*

To make everywhere in the Old Testament where it says, 'Our LORD is one Lord,' to appear that it is only one Lord. Therefore, there cannot be any Jesus. That's the whole impetus behind it. ***If*** they cannot get into the Christian seminaries to denounce Christ—and how many really preach Christ today?—***then*** they pick away and they deny the Father, they deny the Son—which John said in 1-John, are the *antichrist!*

The Revolution gave birth to 'laicism' and confirms on the Jew his dignity as a man. Christian theology has not yet abolished its spiritual contempt for him. This accounts for the twofold attitude of the modern world with regard to the Jews and the successive outbursts of anti-Semitism.

The real reason for anti-Semitism is because of their hatred for other people. It is their racism against all other races. That's where anti-Semitism comes. It also comes because of God's own curse upon them because of what they have done.

Thus, anti-Semitism of hoof-and-mouth disease of Christianity is still rebellious to

us Jews even after three attempts to purify Christian dogma.

*It's still going on, and the pope is acquiescing the purifying Christian dogma!*

But notwithstanding all the successive purges, Christianity remains firmly fastened to its mythical dogmatism, which invariably engenders anti-Semitism.

The affirmation that Christianity holds out to Judaism the last phase of its spiritual future must in the end be completely rethought from top to bottom in the interest of Christianity and thus of western civilization.

These are tremendous words! In other words, Christians, if you don't rethink your theology to affirm it to Judaism, your civilization is threatened! Who's threatening it?

Whoever looks deep into the meaning of the universal history in order to see it as a whole discovers that from antiquity to the present day it has been penetrated and fashioned unceasingly by two contrary currents.

*That is Messianism and anti-Semitism*

Today the attack is renewed under the banner of ecumenism and the war is being carried into the very interior of the Catholic Church itself supported by progressive parties. The spiritual leaders of western Jewry are asking for a reconsideration of the Catholic Church's official doctrine on Judaism as we showed in the first three chapters this work.

We are told that reconciliation is possible and desirable. We are the first to agree that it is desirable, but it is far more difficult to defend the proposition that it is possible. For the people of the Jewish faith, steeped in the Talmud, reconciliation, as we have demonstrated, means nothing less than the abandonment of Christianity in its entirety of everything that constitutes the essence of its doctrine and to its integral return to Judaism, which for its part intends to yield nothing! And firmly maintains its position of entrenchedness. All the Jewish thinkers, the rabbis, the leaders of Judaism, are unanimous on this point.

Hear what Andre Spire has to say speaking about this subject. "Beyond every confession, beyond every dogma, he—the Jew—has remained anchored to the spirit

of the Scriptures. By an original twist of thought, he incorporates the most attractive features of Christianity into Judaism, and leading the church back to the synagogue reconciles the mother with her daughter with an ideal Jerusalem.”

*You really need to catch what this is saying!* This is saying that in order for there to be any reconciliation between Judaism and Christianity—whatever the brand—**they must come to recognize the errors of their ways and return back to Hebrew thinking**, or in other words, live by the Old Testament if you want to claim the Scriptures and come back to Judaism entirely, then you accept the Talmud and the Kabbalah.

You then, as a Christian, belong to the group that is the errant daughter, and now you must return to the mother.

Joshua Yehuda writes: “A modern prophet once exclaimed, ‘Shame and curse on you Christian peoples if you ostensibly persist in stifling the monotheistic tradition of Israel. For without the renewal of monotheistic messianism there is no hope of salvation for you and the rest of the world.

So, the Jews are on a crusade to destroy concerning Jesus, everything concerning Christianity, everything to do with Jesus as part of being God. They think that is the only way there is going to be salvation for you and the rest of the world. That’s quite a statement!

It is not the cross which will repair this schism between the Jewish people and the rest of the nations...will only become possible when the world truly accepts the idea of common filiation.

*That is common faith with Judaism!*

Man may seek no other moral, and history no other end. Judaism is to become the religion of the human race, and the Jewish conception of the world is to prevail over all others.

Now we can know whence or from where all of these things take place to hate Jesus

- to take away from Him as Messiah
- to take away from Him as God
- to take away from the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul
- to make Jesus a man
- to make Him no more than a prophet

- to make Him no more than one well-educated in Hebraic parables and teaching the masses

*which it says in this book:*

We would gladly accept Jesus as a man skilled in Hebraic parables.

*But:*

- not as Messiah!
- not as God!
- not as part of a trinity or duality!

The world must accept with what ‘we the Jews say’ or there is no salvation for the whole world. Those are pretty strong words! As we read in John 8:

- What is their monotheism based upon?
  - God the Father?
- or*
- Satan the devil?

That is why with such hatred and vitriolic statements that I’ve read here, you cannot go to any Jewish commentary to get a clear definition of what is in the Old Testament. As we studied concerning the Septuagint—sometime back—that right after 125<sub>A.D.</sub> there was a concerted effort by the Jews to re-write the Septuagint Greek translation of the Old Testament to take away every prophetic reference to Jesus. To re-write it in Greek! To change it!

That is what has happened in almost everything here. Almost all of the theologians that have crept into the seminaries, into the churches, into the teachers of teachers. The Jews are smart, they know that to get to the teacher of teachers then you will water down the faith. So, if they cannot do away with the name of Christ, which they can’t, then let it become paganized. If you can’t blot out their faith, water it down and take it away so that they will not believe in that way. ‘We—the Jews—will protect ourselves from anti-Semitism.’

It’s very profound and it’s very hideous what has happened here. Now you know why when the Apostle Paul was arrested and stood up to speak before the people, as soon as mentioned the name of Jesus and the name of the Gentiles—that it was going to go to the Gentiles—there was a riot to kill him.

It will take more time than we have to go through and conclusively prove that Jesus was God before He became human. What God has revealed in the New Testament is also a progressive revelation. God also said that the Holy Spirit would **teach you things, reveal things to you, and they are spiritually understood.**

When Paul wrote this he was talking to us

about Jesus, Philippians 2:5: “Let this mind be in you, which *was* also in Christ Jesus. **Who, although He existed in the form of God...** [existing as God; subsisting as God] ...**did not consider it robbery to be equal with God**” (vs 5-6). *If you’re God, you’re God!* Those of us as human beings equal human life!

Verse 7: “But emptied Himself... [gave up being Yahweh; gave up being God; gave up being Elohim] ...*and* was made in *the* likeness of men, *and* took the form of a servant.”

How can you do that if you were not created until you impregnated in the womb of Mary? *It’s an impossibility, because you didn’t exist until that time!* What do you have to give up? *You have nothing to give up!*

Verse 8: “And being found in *the* manner of man, He “humbled Himself, *and* became obedient unto death, even *the* death of *the* cross.”

What a fantastic and tremendous thing that God did so that Jesus would become our sin offering. We will answer the question: Why did God have to die?

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