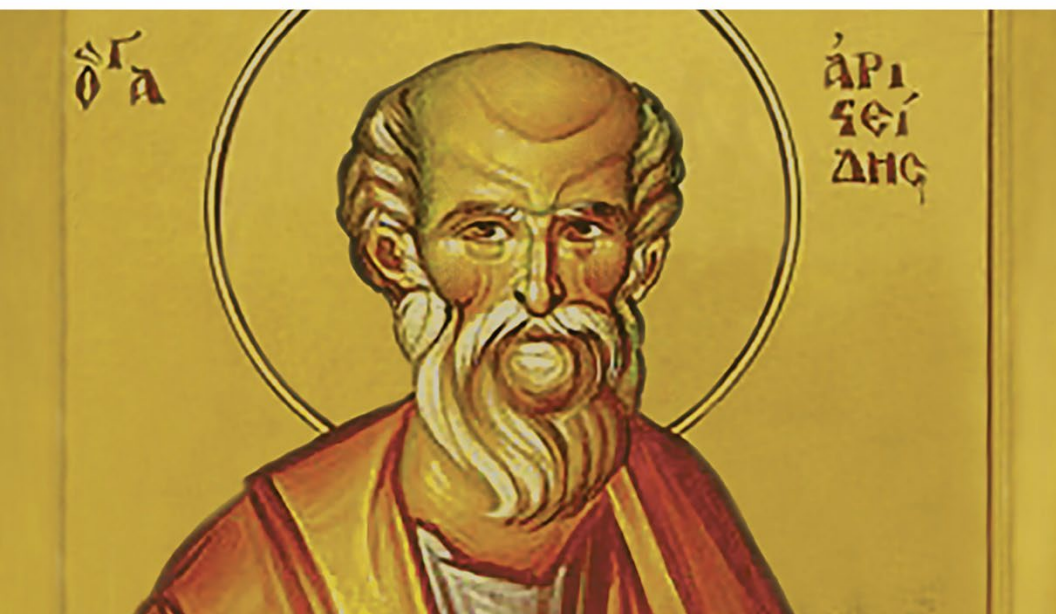


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Scriptures of Unconditional Love

They are called Scriptures of Unconditional Love because GOD is Unconditional Love (1 John 4:16) and these Scriptures will help us to walk in the ways of Unconditional Love. We should live by Unconditional Love because Moses commanded it (Leviticus 19:18) and so did Jesus the Christ (Matthew 22:37-39). There are an initial thirty of these books to be published. Some are still in process but should be ready by the end of 2026. Once they are completed, more will be added.

The Twenty-One Witness books have been updated from their previous titles and translations using the South-London English that I grew up with. I also replaced the word “church” with “community of GOD’s people” and “Lord” with “RULER” as these are more accurate translations. These twenty-one were chosen because they do not contradict the Old or New Testaments in any way but rather provide us with a means to interpret the Holy Bible more accurately and with additional knowledge and understanding.

Nobody had ever told me what was going to happen when I submitted my life to Christ on a South-London Street in February 1974, aged 13. I had a physical Holy Spirit experience as an “atomic bomb of joy” exploded in my being. As I walked along the street, it was like I was floating three feet off the ground. That evening, a Spirit person visited me and wrote these words in my heart with light and fire, “Do not rebuke the church”. The end result of this encounter are these Scriptures of Unconditional Love.

The Four Gospels-In-Advance

The Gospel of Isaiah

The Gospel of King David

The Gospel of Moses

The Gospel of The Prophets

These are the books of Written Miracles. Ancient prophecies and predictions scattered throughout the Holy Bible's Old Testament concerning the appearance of Christ. These prophecies were made hundreds, some over a thousand, years before Christ appeared. They were all miraculously fulfilled with pin-point accuracy by Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth. There are so many of them that they could only have been put there by Holy Spirit. Certain Jewish scholars, who did not want Jesus to be their Messiah or Christ, started deleting the more obvious prophecies. You can find some of them restored in the books of the twenty-one witnesses. It is best to read the Gospels of Isaiah and King David first as they will strengthen your faith so that your heart can be prepared to receive the teachings and testimonies of the twenty-one witnesses.

The Twenty-One Witnesses

It is like we have twenty-one new witnesses presenting themselves before a court with new evidence and testimonies that GOD is real, and Christ is knowable. Some of these witnesses might have come forward from the era of 'Belonging to the Way' which was from AD 33 (Jesus's physical and spiritual resurrection from the dead) to AD 47 after which time those 'Belonging to the Way' were first called Christians. Most of the other witnesses belong to the pre-church era of the Original First Christians. This era spanned from AD 47 to AD 155 when Polycarp, the Disciple of John the Apostle, was executed for being a Christian by the Roman Empire. The Roman Church filled the vacuum with their own authority and 'brand' and were a powerful influence in starting the new 'church age'. Eventually, the twenty-one witnesses were banned from the New Testament in the fourth century by Emperor Constantine's Roman Church of Christendom, even though these scriptures were originally treasured by Christians of the first and second centuries. Fearing persecution, holders of the books managed to hide them and keep them safe. One thousand two hundred and fifty years later they began to be rediscovered again. Silence broken. Christianity unrestricted. Let them speak. Let us listen.

If they had been allowed to speak and were given their rightful place in the New Testament, they would have acted as salt and light to have a purifying effect on the religious authorities down the centuries. The world would not have experienced the abuses of zealous misguided religious powers. There would have been no crusades, no inquisitions, no witch hunts, no public burnings and no religious persecutions. There would have been no need for European colonialism either as the colonised nations would already be worshipping Christ, having destroyed their gods. The world would have been a better place as the unconditional love of Christ became the new currency that replaced cruelty. The Good Confession would have united the community of GOD's people and all the gods would have been annihilated. There would also have been no need for GOD to send the Qur'an. Having said that, the church has done a vital job in helping to get rid of many gods by either destroying or absorbing them. My hope is that these twenty-one witnesses will serve to destroy the remaining gods in the world leaving Devil Satan, who has won the right to remain here, as the sole survivor from the original sin rebellion. Hindus and similar, must abandon all their gods and worship Krishna alone. You can read the books of enlightenment when they have been published, to understand more about this. It is also now time for those churches that have absorbed pagan gods and practices, to get rid of them.

The church's shortcomings can be traced all the way back to AD 154 when Anicetus, Bishop of Rome, refused to accept the Nisan 14 Passover date that Polycarp, disciple of apostle John, and the other apostles observed, regardless of the day of the week it landed on. Anicetus instead kept to what we now know as the Easter dates which should be abandoned in favour of Nisan 14.

The twenty-one witnesses reveal to mankind that all the books of the Holy Bible should be read in the context of GOD versus the gods. In this war, each one of us finds ourselves at one of five stages.

Stage One: Individuals abandon their god(s). It is better to practice secular atheism than to worship demons.

Stage Two: Acknowledge GOD but don't agree with GOD. Presenting oneself regularly before GOD, either in a church or some other similar gathering will help your case with your Creator.

Stage Three: Agree with GOD but don't obey.

Stage Four: Try your best to obey GOD.

Stage Five: Full submission to GOD. This is perfection.

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The Twenty-Second Witness

The Witness of The Qur'an

The Witness of The Qur'an was delivered between AD 609–632. It was delivered by Angel Gabriel to Muhammad because both the Jewish and Church systems and authorities had become corrupt. It's rather like GOD opened another front in the war to destroy GOD's enemies who were the gods. Many of the gods were fallen angels, demigods and demons being worshipped by mankind.

Books of Enlightenment

Philip's Testimony

Enoch – Before Noah's Flood

The History of the Spirit World

Enlightenment

The books of enlightenment explain the war that has been, currently is and will be raging in heaven and on earth until it is won by Christ. They also provide a whole lot more information, which when combined with the knowledge of the twenty-one witnesses, helps the reader to understand life, the universe and everything a whole lot better.

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Introduction

The Witness of Aristides is yet another book of EHYEH's Witnesses that belongs to the collection of the twenty-two books of EHYEH's Witnesses, which in turn belong to the collection of thirty books known as the *Scriptures of Unconditional Love*.

The Witness of Aristides benefits us because it acts as another witness coming forward to testify that GOD is real and knowable and that what the Scriptures tell us about Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth is indeed true. We can walk in a relationship with EHYEH ASHER EHYEH which is the true Name of GOD (Exodus 3:14).

This book should be used alongside other books of *Scriptures of Unconditional Love* and *The SoUL Song* as they all glorify the Name of GOD. You will no longer be in two minds and question in your hearts whether these things are true or not, instead you will now know, beyond any reasonable or rational doubt, that these things are indeed true and that nothing really exists outside of the truth. All these truths are certain, powerful and established on a sure footing.

The Prayer of Jesus

Come near and draw close to GOD and GOD will draw near to you – James 4:8

The Spirit of Jesus is EHYEH ASHER EHYEH which is the Name GOD told Moses when asked (Exodus 3:14).

Jesus told us to use these words when talking to GOD:

***“Our Father in Heaven,
May your Name be kept Holy,
Your Kingdom come,
Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.***

***Give us enough bread to eat today.
Forgive us our sin as we have forgiven those who
have sinned against us.
Do not allow us to be tempted, but deliver us from
the Evil One.
Yours is the power and the glory forever and ever.”***

The Witness of The Twelve Apostles.

The SoUL Song (short version)



EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

IHU KARAITI

EGO SUM QUI SUM

I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE WAY

I AM THE TRUTH

I AM THE LIFE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE LIGHT

I AM THE DOOR

I AM THE GOOD

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE SHEPHERD

I AM THE BREAD

I AM THE VINE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE RESURRECTION

I AM THE START

I AM THE END

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE ALPHA

I AM THE OMEGA

I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

IHU KARAITI

EGO SUM QUI SUM

I AM WHO AM

Introduction To: The Witness of Aristides

When was it written?

AD 125? According to Eusebius, Hadrian visited Athens during the eighth year of his reign.

Where was it written?

Athens.

Who wrote it?

A Greek philosopher called Aristides. It is not included in the Apostolic Fathers, but it deserves to be.

Why was it written?

It was written for the same reasons that Quadratus wrote his defence of Christianity.

Eusebius implied that the letters of Quadratus and Aristides were influential in winning a decree from Hadrian to forbid the punishment of Christians without careful investigation and trial.

What authority does it have?

Church Historian Eusebius introduces Aristides as follows:

“Aristides, a faithful follower devoted to our religion, left behind him a defence of our faith which he addressed to Hadrian just as Quadratus had done. His book also has been preserved in the hands of a large number of people right up to this present day.”

Church Historian Jerome also mentions him:

“Aristides, being a highly skilled and persuasive philosopher from Athens, and also a disciple of Christ whilst at the same time keeping up his philosopher’s appearance, submitted an address to Hadrian at the same time that Quadratus presented his. The writing included a methodical statement of our belief in defence of the Christians. It is still around today and considered by literary scholars to be a monument to his genius.”

He was also said to have been the inspiration for the works of Justin Martyr.

How was it rediscovered?

Aristides was unknown to scholars for many years and was said to have been lost until the late nineteenth century. In 1889 the full text in Syriac was discovered in the library at St. Catherine’s Convent on Mount Sinai.

Interesting points

- GOD is neither male nor female.
- Every morning and throughout the day, the Christians thanked GOD for his goodness and kindness to them.
- The Christians are a new race of people.
- Aristides goes into some detail about the wickedness of the so-called Greek gods and blames the Greeks for copying them.

THE WITNESS OF ARISTIDES

To: Emperor Caesar Titus Hadrianus Antoninus

From: Marcianus Aristides, Philosopher of Athens

Great King, by the grace of GOD I was born into this world and after giving much thought about Heaven, the Earth and the sea I then turned my attention to studying the Sun and the orderly pattern of the rest of creation. I was astounded at the way the world had been so arranged. I then understood that the whole world and everything in it is active because of the power of someone who is outside of it. That the one who activates everything is GOD and that he is both hidden within it and also concealed from it. It is not difficult to see that the one who activates everything is greater than the things that are activated. I made up my mind to find out more about this activator of everything and what he was like even though he appears so incomprehensible. I wanted to analyse from a critical standpoint, the consistency of his orderly design so that I could understand it completely. However, I know that I will be working in vain because it would be impossible for any man to truly understand it. The fact is this activator of the world is the GOD of everything, and he made everything for the sake of man. It makes sense to me that we should all be reasonable by having great respect for GOD and that we should not want to cause harm to any man.

I therefore state the following about GOD.

1. GOD is not born
 2. GOD is not created
 3. GOD cannot change
 4. GOD has no beginning
 5. GOD has no end
 6. GOD lives forever
 7. GOD is perfect
 8. GOD cannot be fully understood.
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- By stating that he is perfect I mean that there is no fault in him. He does not need anything, but the whole of creation needs him.
 - By stating that he has no beginning I mean that everything else has a beginning and an end, after which they cease to be.
 - He has no name, for everything that has a name belongs to creation.
 - He has no likeness, and neither is he made up of different parts, for whatever is made up of parts has been created.
 - GOD is neither male nor female.

- The heavens cannot contain him yet the heavens and everything seen and unseen have been placed within their boundaries by him.
- He has no real opposition, for nothing that exists is more powerful than he is.
- He does not possess any anger or indignation because there is nothing that can threaten him.
- It is not in his nature to lack knowledge or forget anything, for he has perfect wisdom and knowledge.
- In him everything that has been created stays in its place.
- He does not need sacrifices of food or drink or anything else that is physical. He needs nothing from anything, yet all living creatures ask for things from him.

Because we have told you about GOD as far as our minds are able to, we should now look at the race of men. The aim is to see if any of them live by the truth which we have previously mentioned, and which ones have gone astray.

Great King, it is plain to see that there are four kinds of people in the world:

1. Barbarians
2. Greeks
3. Jews
4. Christians.

The Barbarians trace their origin to Kronos, Rhea and the rest of their gods which are their religion.

The Greeks trace theirs from Helenos who came from Zeus. Aeolus and Xuthos were born from Helenos and the rest from Inachos and Phoroneus. Lastly Danaos the Egyptian, and from Kadmos and from Dionysus.

The Jews trace their ancestry to Abraham then Isaac and Jacob who fathered twelve sons that migrated from Syria to Egypt. They were given the name Hebrews by the one who gave them their laws. After some time, they came to be called Jews.

The Christians believe that Jesus the Christ is the beginning of their religion. He is called Son of the Most High GOD. They say that GOD came down from heaven and through a Jewish virgin was born in a physical body. The Son of GOD lived in a daughter of man. This is all taught in the Good News which was preached amongst them a short time ago. If you read it yourself, you will then come to understand its power. Jesus

then was born a Jew and had twelve disciples in order to carry out the purposes of his appearing. He was crucified by the Jews, died and was buried. They believe that after three days he rose and ascended into heaven. His twelve disciples then went throughout the known world and taught about his greatness with humble righteousness. Because of their work, those who today believed their preaching are called Christians. And they have become very well known.

To re-iterate then, these are the four races of men:

1. Barbarians
2. Greeks
3. Jews
4. Christians.

The Barbarian gods

Now, let's first start with the Barbarians then carefully examine the others afterwards one by one. The aim is to find out which of them understood the truth about GOD and which of them have got it all wrong.

As the Barbarians did not understand GOD, they got it wrong over the elements. They started off worshipping created things instead of The Creator. Because of this they made images and placed them inside temple shrines. They then started worshipping them and guarding them carefully in case their gods were stolen by robbers. The Barbarians did not comprehend that the one who does the guarding is greater than the one who is guarded. That the one who creates is greater than the one created. If then their gods are too weak to help themselves, how can they ever be expected to help man? The Barbarians have made a great error by worshipping dead images which can do them no good. Great King, it also amazes me how their philosophers have likewise made a great error by giving names of gods to those images that were made in honour of the elements.

Their wise men did not comprehend that the elements dissolve and decay. If a tiny part of an element is dissolved or destroyed, then the whole of it can be dissolved and destroyed. Therefore, if these elements are dissolved or destroyed by being forced into submission to another stronger than themselves, and if they are not naturally gods, how can they call the images which are made in their honour, GOD? Great is the error made by the philosophers that have fallen on their followers.

Great King, now consider the elements themselves. We need to make it quite clear that they are not gods but form part of the creation itself. As such they are subject to decay and change which is a similar condition to man. In contrast to this, GOD is:

- Indestructible
- Unchanging
- Unseen yet he sees
- Changes things
- Rules over all things.

Those who believe in the earth as being GOD are deceiving themselves. The earth is dug, planted and ploughed. It takes in the excreta of men, animals and cattle. At times it becomes barren and if it endures fire no life survives in it for there is nothing living in baked pottery. Also, when watered it dissolves together with whatever is on or in it. Now listen

to this; it is trodden on by people and animals, it drinks the blood of the slain and is dug for graves to be filled with the corpses of the dead. None of these things can be acceptable to someone who is holy, worthy, blessed and indestructible. It therefore stands to reason that the earth is not a god but a creation of GOD.

Likewise, those who believe that the water is a god are also wrong. Water was created for man's use and has been placed under his rule in many ways. It can be changed, polluted, corrupted and lose its nature whilst being boiled into and with different things. It adds colours that naturally do not belong to it. It freezes and is mixed and stained with the excreta of men, animals and with the blood of the slain. Skilled workmen divert its flow against its natural will, with the use of channels to make it flow into gardens and other places. It's used for washing, to carry out waste, makes everything clean and serves man in many ways. Therefore, it is impossible for water to be a god for it is made by GOD and belongs to the world.

Similarly, those who believe that fire is a god have made a great error. It also has been created for man's use and has been placed under his rule in many ways. For instance, in the preparation of food, for the casting of metals and for other means that your Majesty is well aware of. Yet, at the same time it is extinguished and put out in a number of ways.

Then there are those who believe that the wind is a god. They have also made a great error. It is plain for us to see that the winds are affected by each other. At times they blow hard and at other times they blow gently or are still, all at the command of him who controls them. They were created for man's sake by GOD in order to meet the needs of trees, fruit and seeds, and to send ships over the sea. These ships convey necessities for man and goods from places where you can get them, to places where you can't and, therefore, provide for the whole world over. Since the wind itself blows both strong and light, in one place it helps and in another it causes disaster all according to the acceptance of him who rules over it. Men themselves are able, through the use of known inventions, to catch and manipulate it in order to serve their own needs from it. It has no control over itself at all and therefore winds should not be called gods, but rather a thing made by GOD.

Also, those who believe that the sun is a god have made a great error. Consider this; the sun moves by the force of another, revolves and makes its journey. It moves bit by bit, rising and setting every day to provide warmth for plants and trees to grow and to bring its properties into the air for everything to grow on the earth. It plays its part in calculations along with the rest of the stars in its course, and even though it is one in its nature it plays various parts that supply the needs of men. This is not according to its will, but according to the will of him who rules over it. It is therefore

not possible that the sun could be GOD. Instead, it is a work of GOD, just like the moon and the stars are.

Those who believe that some of the men of old are gods are also very much mistaken. Great King, as you yourself know, man is made up of the four elements (and therefore he is made out of earth), a soul and a spirit. Without any one of these parts, he would not exist. He has a beginning, an end, gets born and then dies. Yet GOD, as I have said before, is not made from these things but is uncreated and indestructible. Because of this it is not possible to give to man the nature of GOD. This is especially so when man looks for happiness but finds grief and looks for laughter but finds sorrow. Man is full of anger, greed, jealousy and many other defects as well. In many ways he is more corrupt than the elements and animals.

Great King, therefore, we should realise the mistake made by the Barbarians. Since they have not tried to find the true GOD, they have fallen away from the truth and followed the desires of their own minds. They serve elements that decay as well as lifeless images and because of their error they have not become aware of the true GOD.

The Greek gods

We will now reconsider the Greeks in order to find out their views on the true GOD.

Even though the Greeks are wiser than Barbarians, they have made even greater errors than the Barbarians because they have introduced many false gods. Some of their gods are male and some female. Some committed adultery, some murders and others were jealous, deranged, envious, angry, lustful, killers of parents, thieves and robbers. Their gods were crippled, maimed, sorcerers and some went totally mad. Others played the lyre, wandered around mountains, some even died, others were struck by lightning, and some were made servants of men. Some escaped by flight, were kidnapped by men, and listen to this, some even had tears shed over them and they were denounced by men. Some went to Hades, some were badly wounded, some turned themselves into animals to have sexual relations with women and some degraded themselves by having sexual relations with other men. It is said that some married their mothers, sisters or daughters. They also said that their gods had illicit sexual relations with the daughters of men who gave birth to a new race of mortal man. They also say that the goddesses contested with each other over beauty and asked men to act as the judges.

Great King, the Greeks then have introduced what is evil, ridiculous and foolish about their gods and themselves.

They have called such persons gods when in fact they are not gods at all. Because of this mankind has been incited to commit adultery, fornication, robberies, and practise everything that is evil, hateful and disgusting. For if the so-called gods have indulged themselves in these practises, how much more will men do them when they know that their gods have already done them! As a consequence of this evil error look what has happened to man: successive wars, famines, slavery and total ruin. Listen, it was because of their grave error that all these terrible things happened to them. Nevertheless, whilst they were going through this experience it did not enter their minds that this was the reason these bad things had fallen upon them.

Now let's look at the history of these gods in order to accurately demonstrate all that has been stated above. The first of their gods is Kronos who is also known as Chiun or Saturn. His worshippers sacrifice their children to him even burning them alive in his honour. It is said that he took one of his wives called Rhea and fathered many sons through her. Through her he also fathered Dios who is known as Zeus. After a while Saturn went mad and started eating his children because of his fear of an oracle made known to him. Zeus though, was secretly taken away from him. In the end Zeus tied him up, cut his genitals off and threw him into the sea. According to legend Aphrodite, who is also known as Astera, was born. Zeus then cast Saturn into the darkness all tied up. Great is the error and great is the dishonour which the Greeks have brought upon themselves by saying

all these things about their first god, Great King. It is not possible that God could be tied up or dismembered, for if he could be he would be absolutely useless.

After Saturn they introduce another god, Zeus. They say he took over the throne and became king of all the gods. Then they say that he turned himself into an animal and all kinds of other forms so that he could have sexual relations with human women in order to use them to bear children for him. At one time, they say, he turned himself into a bull because of his love for Europe and Pasiphae. He turned himself into gold because of his love for Danae, into a swan because of his love for Leda, into a man because of his love for Antiope and into lightning because of his love for the Moon. From these he fathered many children. They say Antiope bore Zethus and Amphion, the Moon bore Dionysus, Alcmena bore Hercules, Leto bore Apollo and Artemis, Danae bore Perseus, Leda bore Castor, Polydeuces, Helena and Paludus, Mnemosyne bore nine daughters whom he called muses and Europe bore Minos, Rhadamanthos and Sarpedon. Finally, he turned himself into an eagle because of his love for Ganymede the shepherd.

Great King, because of these stories mankind has been afflicted with much evil since they copy these gods to this very day. They commit adultery, practise incest with their mothers and sisters, have sexual relations with other men and some have even killed their parents. If the one who is

said to be king of the gods does such things, how much more will his worshippers copy him? Great then is the foolish madness that the Greeks have introduced into their history concerning him. It is impossible for a God to commit adultery, fornication, solicit men for sexual relations or kill his parents. If he could, then he would be worse than a destructive demon.

In addition, they introduce another god called Hephaistos. They say he's crippled, wears a cap on his head, and holds fire tongs and a hammer in his hands. He works as a metal craftsman in order to earn a living. This god is therefore in great need, yet it is impossible for a god to be needy or crippled otherwise he is useless.

Another god they introduce is called Hermes. They say he is a thief, loves riches, greedy for gain, a sorcerer, maimed, an athlete and a language interpreter. However, it is impossible that a God could be a sorcerer, avaricious, maimed and greedy for other people's belongings or an athlete. If he was, he would be useless.

Following him they introduce another god called Asclepius. They say he is a doctor who prepares medicines and bandages for a living. This god has great need. In the end Zeus struck him with lightning because of Tyndareus the Lacedemonias and then he died. If Asclepius was really a god, yet when he was struck by lightning was unable to help himself, how can he possibly help anyone else? It is

impossible for the divine nature to be in need of anything or that he could be killed from being struck by lightning.

Yet again they introduce us to another god called Ares. They say he is a warrior, jealous, desires sheep and possessions that belong to others. He uses his weapons for profit, and they say that later on he committed adultery with Aphrodite but was captured by Eros the little boy and by Hephaistos the husband of Aphrodite. However, it is impossible for a God to be a warrior, an adulterer or imprisoned.

They also say that Dionysos is a god. He arranges drinking parties at night, teaches drunkenness and carries off women that don't belong to him. They say that in the end he went mad, got rid of his female servants and ran away into the wilderness. During his madness he ate snakes and was finally killed by Titan. If Dionysos was supposed to be a God yet was unable to prevent himself from being killed, how is it that he could possibly help others?

Next, they introduce Herakles saying that he is a god. He hates disgusting things, is a tyrant, warrior and kills the wicked. In the end he went mad, killed his children and threw himself into the fire and died. If Herakles was supposed to be a god yet in the midst of these disasters was unable to help himself, how could others possibly ask him for help? It is impossible for a God to go mad, get drunk, kill his children or die in a fire.

Then they introduce another god called Apollo. They say he is jealous and unstable. Sometimes he carries a bow and quiver and sometimes a pick and lyre. He speaks oracles to men for reward. Is this god then in need of reward? It is a disgrace that these things should be found in a God.

After him there is the goddess Artmeis who is Apollo's sister. They say she was a huntress who carried a bow and arrows. She used to venture over the mountains leading her dogs to hunt for deer or wild pigs. Yet it's wrong for a young woman to venture around mountains on her own going animal hunting. Therefore, it is not possible that Artemis is a goddess.

Likewise, they say that Aphrodite is truly a goddess. Sometimes she lives with the gods and other times she commits adultery with men. Sometimes she chooses Ares as her lover and at other times Adonis who is Tammuz. One day Aphrodite was weeping and wailing because Tammuz had died. They say she went down into Hades to pay a ransom to Persephore, the daughter of Hades, to redeem Adonis. If Aphrodite, as a goddess, was unable to help her lover when he died, how can she possibly help others? You will hardly want to hear this but, how could the divine nature start to weep, cry, and commit adultery?

Furthermore, they say that Tammuz is a god. That he is a hunter and an adulterer. They say that he was gored by a wild pig and was unable to help himself, so he died. But if

he was unable to help himself, how can he possibly look after people? It is impossible that a real God could be an adulterer, hunter or die as a result of being wounded.

Then they say that Rhea is the mother of their gods and that she once had a lover called Atys and enjoyed perverted sexual relations with men. In the end she wept loudly and cried much after the loss of Atys, her lover. If the mother of the gods could not help her lover and save him from death, how can she possibly help anyone else. It is disgraceful that a goddess should weep, cry and enjoy perverted sexual relations with men.

Then they introduce Kore and say that she was a goddess who was carried away by Pluto against her will and could not save herself. If she really is a goddess and could not save herself, how can she help others? A goddess who gets carried off is useless.

Great King, the Greeks have introduced all these things concerning their gods and have promoted and declared these things to their account. In view of this, all men have looked for the opportunity to behave in all kinds of disgusting and evil ways. In this manner the entire world has become corrupt.

The Egyptian gods

Regarding the Egyptians, because they are more degraded and stupid than every other people on the earth, they have also made a greater mistake than everyone else. The gods of the Barbarians and Greeks were not enough for them, so they introduced some gods with the nature of animals. They also made gods of creatures that crawl along the ground and live in water. Some plants and herbs are also made gods. They have been corrupted by all kinds of deluded evil, more than anyone else on earth. From ancient times they worshipped Isis saying that she is a goddess who had a brother called Osiris who also became her husband. But when Osiris was killed by his brother Typhon, Isis ran away with her son Horos to Byblus in Syria and stayed there until her son had grown. Horos then fought with his uncle Typhon and killed him. Then Isis returned and went around with her son Horos looking for the body of Osiris her lord, crying a great deal over his death. If therefore, Isis was a goddess and could not help Osiris her brother and lord, how could she possibly help others? It is impossible for the divine nature to be afraid and run away to safety or that she should weep and cry, otherwise they are useless.

They say that Osiris was a good god, but he could not stop himself being killed by Typhon. Again, it is plain to see that someone who cannot save himself cannot have a divine nature. Furthermore, they say that his brother Typhon, a god that killed his own brother, was in turn, killed by his

brother's wife and son. He was unable to stop them. How can one who can't help himself be a god? Now because the Egyptians were more stupid than any other nation, these and other similar gods were not enough for them. So they also gave the names of gods to animals that have no soul. Some of them therefore worship sheep, others: calves, pigs, shad fish, crocodiles, hawks, storks, kites, eagles, ravens, cats, flat fish, dogs, adders, asps, lions, garlic, onions, thorns, leopards and the like. The miserable wretches don't understand that all these things are valueless even though they see their gods being killed or eaten every day by their friends and other people. Some of these gods are burned, some rot, some decompose and some die. They are destroyed in a variety of ways, and they simply don't understand. The Egyptians have not accepted the fact that such things cannot be gods because they cannot help themselves. If they do not have the ability to help themselves, where are they going to get the power to save their worshippers? This is a deadly error that the Egyptians have wandered into, more deadly than that of any other people throughout the entire earth.

The Greeks

Great King, it is astounding how the Greeks, who are superior to all other peoples in being polite and for their reasoning powers, have gone astray following dead idols and lifeless images. They watch how their gods are sawn, planed, cut, forged, polished and decorated by their makers and moulded into every kind of shape. Then when the image has grown old or worn out over time, it is melted down, crushed or broken. How is it, I wonder, that they do not understand that they are not gods at all? These gods could not save themselves so how possibly could they take care of people?

Yet even their poets and philosophers have made a big mistake by saying that gods like them are made in honour of GOD Almighty. They make another terrible mistake in trying to make them look like GOD Almighty whom no man has ever seen at any time or can see. No-one can find out what he's like. They make another awful mistake by trying to say that the divine nature can have deficiencies in it, especially when they say he accepts sacrifices, requests burnt offerings, drinks the shed blood of men and needs a house to live in. But GOD is not in need and none of these things are necessary to him. It is obvious that those who imagine these things have made a critical error.

Furthermore, their poets and philosophers both introduce and tell us that the nature of their gods is one. But they have

not understood that whilst GOD our RULER is one, he is in everything. They therefore make a serious error. Take a man's body for instance, it has many parts, but the individual members do not live in fear of each other. They belong to each other and live in unity and equality with each other. In the same way GOD is one in his nature. GOD's properties consist of one single essence, and because he is equal in nature and essence, he is not afraid of himself. If then the nature of the gods is one, it is not right that one god should do evil to another, whether persecuting, killing or harming another god. If then these gods can be persecuted, wounded, kidnapped, and struck by lightning by other gods it is plain to see that the nature of their Gods is not one. Great King, it is therefore reasonable to assume that they have made a grave error when they believe all their gods belong to one single nature. If it's acceptable to worship a god that is visible but cannot see, how much better is it to believe in a nature that sees everything yet himself is unseen. Also, if it's acceptable to praise the works made by a craftsman, how much more is it right to worship the GOD who created the craftsman.

Listen, when the Greeks made their laws, they did not realise that by making those laws they were condemning their gods. If their laws were good then their gods were bad because they broke the laws by killing each other, practising witchcraft, committing adultery, robbing, thieving, having sexual relations with other men and by their other actions. However, if their gods were behaving in the right way in

doing all these things, then the Greek laws were bad by being made in contradiction to the will of their gods. If this is the case, then the whole world has gone badly wrong.

As for the past history of their gods, some have come down to us in myths, others in writings, and others in poems and songs. Poems and songs of meaningless words but expressed noisily. If the gods behaved as they say, then they are not true gods because real gods would not suffer or experience such things. These myths are mere fables without any depth or power.

The Jews

Great King, now let us examine the history of the Jews and find out what their view of GOD is. The Jews tell us that GOD is one and Creator of everything. He is all powerful and it is wrong to worship anyone or anything else except GOD alone. In this fact they actually align themselves closer to the truth than any other nation, particularly as they worship GOD himself and not the things that he has made. They also imitate GOD in their love of doing good. They have compassion for the poor, pay ransoms to get their comrades out of prison and bury their dead. These actions among other things are acceptable to GOD and are well thought of by society. This way of living has been handed down to them by their ancestors.

Having said that, they have lost their way concerning true and accurate knowledge. They think in their minds that they are serving GOD, but really, due to their methodical practise, they are serving angels instead of GOD. This is shown when they observe Sabbaths, new moons, the feast of unleavened bread, the great fast, fasting generally, circumcision and the cleansing of the meats – all of which are not observed properly anyway.

The Christians

Now the Christians Great King, have discovered the truth by searching for it. If you were to read their writings, you will see that they are nearer the truth and accurate knowledge than any other people on earth. They know and trust in GOD, the Creator of heaven and earth. In him are all things and from him are all things, He has no other god for company and has no equal. They received his commandments which are engraved on their minds and which they carefully observe in the certain hope of, and anticipation of, the world to come.

Because of this fact:

- They do not commit adultery
- They do not have sexual relations outside of marriage
- They do not give false witness
- They do not steal money entrusted to them

- They do not desire to own anything that does not belong to them
- They honour their mother and father
- They do good to their neighbour
- Whenever they make a judgement, they judge fairly
- They do not worship idols in the imaginations of man
- They do not treat others in ways they don't want to be treated themselves
- They do not eat meat that has been sacrificed to idols for they want to remain pure
- They comfort and make friends with those who want to harm them
- They do good to their enemies
- Their women are pure as virgins
- Their daughters are modest
- Their men keep away from every unlawful sexual relationship and from all impurity in the certain hope of the reward that they will receive in the next world
- If they have servants, handmaidens or children, they try and persuade them to become Christians because of the great love they have for them. When they have converted, they call them their brothers and don't treat them differently
- They do not worship strange Gods

- They walk cheerfully with all gentleness and kindness
- They never act falsely
- They love one another unconditionally
- They do not ignore widows
- They save orphaned children from those who abuse them
- The one who has, gives to him who has not, in a discrete way
- When they meet a stranger they invite him into their homes with much joy as if he were their blood brother, for they don't call people brothers because of their bloodline but because they are in the Spirit and in GOD
- When one of their brothers who is poor leaves this world, everybody donates what they can to provide for his burial out of their respect for him
- Should they come to know about the imprisonment or oppression of one of their brothers for the Name of their Christ, they diligently care for his needs and if possible, pay a ransom for his release
- If anybody is poor or needy and has no food to eat, the others fast two or three days in order to provide the hungry with their meals
- With careful precision they obey the commandments of their Christ living righteously and soberly just as the RULER their GOD wants them to

- Every morning and throughout the day they thank GOD for his goodness and kindness to them
- Over their food and drink they offer GOD their thanksgiving
- When a righteous man leaves this world from amongst them, they rejoice and give thanks to GOD. Then they follow his body as if it is going from one place to another close by
- When a baby is born to any one of them they give thanks for it. If the child dies in infancy they praise GOD even more for it, for the child has passed through this world without committing any sin
- If they see that one of their number has died in their sin, they cry bitterly over him as they would for someone who is going to be punished.

Great King, those are the instructions given by the law of the Christians and this is their way of life. As men who know GOD, they request things from him that are both right for him to give and right for them to receive. They live this way their entire lives. Since they know the goodness of GOD towards them there is a consequent beauty that flows from them into the world around. It is true to say that they are the ones who have discovered the truth by diligently searching for it. By carefully considering these things it becomes plain to see that they alone are the ones nearest to the knowledge of truth.

They do not go around shouting about their good deeds to everybody but are careful to ensure that nobody sees them. They hide their giving as if they were hiding treasure. They work hard to become righteous because they expect to see their Christ and receive from him the glorious promises he made to them.

Great King, as for their words, their laws, their glorious worship and their certain hope of reward for their works which they expect to receive in the next world; you can learn all about these things by reading their writings.

It is sufficient for us to have briefly informed your majesty about the truth and acts of the Christians. Their teachings are truly great and wonderful to the person who is willing to receive and study them. Certainly, this is a new race of people and there is something divine that mixes and mingles with them.

Therefore, get hold of copies of their writings and read what's in them. You will find out that I have not written these things on my own authority, nor have I declared them as their advocate. No, I read their writings for myself and became absolutely convinced that they are true and correct. They will also be proven right about what they say will happen in the future. This was the reason I felt compelled to declare the truth, find pleasure in following it and dedicate myself to the world that is to come in the future.

Conclusion

I have no doubt that the earth lives on because of the representations made by the Christians. All other races of people are deceived, and they deceive others by wallowing about before the earth's elements. They refuse to see matters otherwise and grope around in darkness because of their unwillingness to face the truth. Like drunks they stagger, fight each other and trip over.

Great King, this is as much as I can write about. As for other material you will find it in their writings. It is not appropriate to write them down here or provide you with a commentary on them. Nevertheless, they are not only repeated verbally but clearly shown in the deeds and acts actually carried out.

Great King, the Greeks commit disgusting acts by having sexual relations with other males, sisters, mothers and daughters. Then they accuse the Christians of practising the same foul acts. But the Christians are good, honest and follow the truth in a spirit of patient endurance. Even though they are aware of the Greek's serious errors, they suffer and endure persecution from them. They see them as people who are destitute of knowledge and therefore have compassion on them. They offer up prayers on their behalf so that they may repent of their serious errors. When it happens that one of them repents, he becomes ashamed of the deeds he has done before the Christians. He then makes

a confession to GOD saying, *"I was ignorant when I did these things"* and purifies his heart. His sins are forgiven him because he did them in ignorance in a former time when he was blaspheming and speaking evil of the Christians' true knowledge. Truly happy are the race of Christians who are more blessed than all other peoples upon the face of the earth.

May the mouths of those who boast in their pride and attack the Christians become silent. Let them now speak the truth instead. It is much better for them to worship the true GOD rather than worship a noise without intelligence. Whatever is spoken from the mouth of the Christians is truly from GOD. Their teaching is the gateway to light. Let everyone who does not have knowledge of GOD approach it for they will receive words that are from time and eternity and will never pass away. One day, every person can expect to appear before the fearful judgement of Jesus the Christ that will fall upon the entire human race.

Here ends the defence of Aristides the Philosopher.

Gods

Back in the years 1975–1976, my school headmaster, Mr Raeburn, taught my class Greek Classics-in-Translation. I was fascinated to hear the exploits and activities of the gods, goddesses and demigods of Homer’s Iliad and Odyssey. Greek mythology they called it. But I was convinced that aspects of it could have been historical. I knew that unseen powers from another dimension influenced and manipulated people, matter and events on earth.

In *Philip’s Testimony* there is an account of a powerful supernatural encounter with Holy Spirit and an angel. This happened in 1974. The following year Mr Raeburn had unwittingly kindled my curiosity and thus unintentionally sent me on a mission to find out what really had been going on back then. Discovering the great treasure of *The Witness of Aristides* helped crystalise my thoughts and findings. It is such a valuable source of beneficial knowledge that I have included it amongst the thirty books of *Scriptures of Unconditional Love*.

I had planned to run this book past Mr Raeburn for his input as he was a renowned Greek classics scholar. Alas I was too late. On the 1st of February 2021, Mr Raeburn’s body began the de-atomising process (died) to re-join the swirl of atomic stardust. His Spirit was also ready to begin the

journey to re-join its Creator (pass on) after hanging around for a short while – it’s true, just ask Māori.

It was during this hanging-out time that an amazing thing happened. When the vicar gave the address at the service of thanksgiving and the funeral, he quoted from the comment I had made in the commemoration book. This was a great honour for me, as my quote was the only one referred to amongst the many. I had written that I considered Mr Raeburn as being the epitome of his Greek philosophy heroes and the nearest personification of “Logos” that I had met. I am convinced that Mr Raeburn’s hovering Spirit had influenced the vicar. The vicar then delivered a most amazing sermon on “Logos”. Whilst I was chuffed, there was this sneaking suspicion that unseen persons from another dimension were up to their usual practise of manipulating fate and destiny.

But Mr Raeburn’s Spirit had not finished yet. It had inspired the Old Testament Reading to be the one that he often read at Whitgift Founder’s Day Service: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 44: 1–15. The words “proclaiming prophecies” leaped out at me. The first two books of *Scriptures of Unconditional Love: The Gospel of Isaiah* and *The Gospel of King David* do exactly that, proclaim prophecies! In these two *Gospels-In-Advance* though, I call them by what they really are – written miracles! Take a look yourself as all the books are, or will be, free to download at www.thesoulsong.co.nz. The third book released, the first of twenty-two *EHYEH’s Witnesses* books,

also proclaims prophecies and is called *The Witness of the Jewish Scriptures*.

I imagine Mr Raeburn putting his hand on my shoulder and saying, “*You were one of our less memorable pupils Davis, but at least you’ve come right in the end.*” So now I have been inspired again. When I have, GOD Willing, finished the “thirty”, I will start on the “seventy”. The very first one of these will be a more spiritually accurate translation of Sirach. It is logical to deduce that Mr Raeburn was/is an active force for good in life, crossover and death. Well, they do say, “*you can’t keep a good man (Spirit) down*”. Socrates, his number one Greek hero, would have been proud of him.

The War to Start all Wars

In the TV fantasy series Game of Thrones, Tyrion Lancaster says, “Why are the gods such vicious cunts?” He’s right. They are all nasty brutes. How did this happen? *The Witness of Aristides* provides us with some insight here:

“They also said that their (the Greeks) gods had illicit sexual relations with the daughters of men who gave birth to a new race of mortal man.”

It’s true, they did. But before we take a trip back in history to see what happened, let’s recap events listed in *The Witness of Jesus*:

1. GOD expanded, and through the Son, brought into existence spirit persons, spirit beings and spiritual dimensions.
2. The spirit persons and spirit beings are made out of the same substance as GOD.
3. Spirit persons have independent Will.
4. Spirit beings have no Will.
5. GOD expanded through the Son and created material of the same substance as GOD.
6. Multiverses were made of material including the earth.
7. GOD filled the earth with many forms of life.
8. GOD said to the Son, *"Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness, so they will rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the animals, the whole earth and over all the creatures that crawl on the earth"* (Genesis 1:26).
9. Everything that had been expanded or made was good and was perfect life. There was no death in it.
10. GOD said, *"You angels, I am creating a human being from clay and moulded mud. When I have formed him, and breathed into him of My Spirit, you must all bow down before him."*
11. So, GOD created and shaped them, and the angels bowed down, that is, all of them except Lucifer-Iblees

(Satan) who refused and rebelled. Satan had become proud, envious and disloyal.

12. Satan won the right to rule over the earth by deceiving and manipulating man to hand over rulership of the earth.
13. War broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought Satan and his angels.
14. Death entered the material creation.
15. Man lost paradise and was imprisoned on the earth which now had death in it. Satan ruled the earth. The war ravaged the earth and the multiverses.

Amidst the unseen war raging around them, and unencumbered by the advanced effects of death, decay and ageing, mankind procreated rapidly. Healthy children were being produced fast and furiously. They were all good looking too. Unfortunately, some of Satan's angels (gods) found the women attractive and decided to materialise and have sex with them (Genesis 6: 1–8). They produced hybrid humans called Nephilim. These demigods had the reputation of being ancient heroes, mighty men of fame. That is what the Holy Bible tells us about them. In verse 13 we learn that they were ultra-violent and the whole earth became filled with violence. That was probably the tip of the iceberg. Not mentioned in detail was the sad fact that the Earth and universe had become a free-for-all for fallen angels. It all sounds rather like Greek mythology, but in this

instance it is true. Things got so bad that GOD decided to wash it away and start again through Noah and his family. The flood was Karma, a measured response to the measure of evil.

The Witness of Enoch provides us with further insight into this area of history. The 200 fallen angels (gods) who came to earth were responsible for the spread of evil and impurity on Earth. They taught man knowledge of weapons, sexual sin, magic arts and astrology. The Nephilim demigods ate animals, people and drank blood. They oppressed mankind and were too powerful to stop. In the end they started killing each other before the flood wiped them out. The 200 fallen angels were chained up and imprisoned in darkness by Angel Michael and Angel Raphael for breaching their limits of authority and abandoning their proper place (Jude 1:6).

No longer allowed to materialise, *The Witness of Two Ways of Life & Death* explains the subsequent activities of fallen angels in our lifetimes in this present era.

The Good Confession

We agree with the apostles and believe that there is only one Healer who is made of both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, GOD in the flesh, true life surrounded by death, son of Mary and Son of GOD, initially experiencing suffering then afterwards beyond suffering – Jesus the Christ, our RULER.

For our GOD, Jesus the Christ:

- Was conceived in Mary's womb according to the pre-planning of GOD and by the Holy Spirit
- Is physically descended from the line of David according to ancestry
- Is the Son of GOD according to the will and power of GOD
- Was born the son of Mary when she was still a virgin
- Ate and drank among us, both before being killed and after being raised up to life again
- Was baptised by John in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by him
- Was nailed and crucified for us in his physical body under Pontius Pilate and Herod the Tetrarch
- Died in full sight of persons in heaven, on earth, and under the earth

- Was physically and spiritually raised from the dead when his Father raised him up
- Was touched and handled by his disciples after his resurrection. His disciples then saw that he was composed of flesh whilst being spiritually united with the Father at the same time. For this reason, his disciples also treated death with the same contempt.

He suffered all these things for our sakes so that we might be saved and likewise be raised up from the dead by the Father if we exercise trust in Jesus the Christ.

He has raised up a standard for all ages through his resurrection, to rally together his holy and faithful people whether among Jews or non-Jews, in the one body of the community of GOD's people.