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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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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).

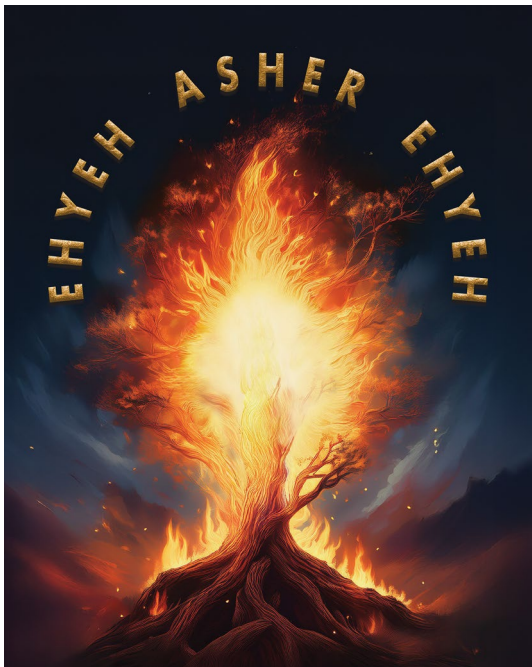
Jesus told us to use these words when talking to GOD:

***“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



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 Ignatius: Philadelphia

When was it written?

AD 107. Virtually every expert agrees that he wrote his letters during the reign of Trajan. Early church historian Eusebius places the date at AD 107 and I find no good reason to do otherwise.

Where was it written?

From the cities of Smyrna and Troas in Asia Minor (nowadays Turkey). He had been arrested in Antioch in Syria by Roman soldiers and was being taken as a prisoner in chains to Rome. In Rome, he was executed as GOD's witness by being thrown alive to the killer beasts in the arena for Roman entertainment.

From Smyrna: The letters to Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles and Rome.

From Troas: The letters to Philadelphia, Smyrna and Polycarp.

Who wrote it?

Ignatius of Antioch in Syria. Eusebius writes the following about him:

During those days, Polycarp, a disciple who mixed with the apostles, was held in very high regard throughout Asia, after being appointed the chief overseer of Smyrna by people who had seen and listened to the RULER. Papias, chief overseer of Hierapolis, also became well known at around that time. Likewise, Ignatius, who was appointed chief overseer of Antioch to succeed Peter.

The great renown and reputation of Ignatius was known by many. We are told he was taken from Syria to Rome to be eaten by killer beasts because of his witness to Christ. He was taken through Asia by soldiers under close guard. In every town and city that he passed through, he built up and encouraged the Christian community with his words. As a priority, he cautioned them to be on their guard against the heresies that were starting to take root, strongly persuading them to stick closely to the teachings handed down by the apostles. He believed it was vital to write down these teachings for the purpose of ensuring greater safety.

To that end, when he arrived in Smyrna where Polycarp was, he wrote a letter to the Christian community in Ephesus in which he mentions Onesimus, its chief overseer. He wrote another one to the Christian

community in Magnesia on the Meander, in which he mentions chief overseer Damas. Then he wrote to the Christian community in Tralles, whose chief overseer he mentions at that time was Polybius. Finally, he wrote to the Christian community in Rome virtually begging them not to deprive him of his great longing for hope by getting him released from his execution as GOD's witness. As confirmation of all this, here are some small extracts from his letters:

'From Syria to Rome I fight with wild animals by land and sea, at night and by day, being chained to ten leopards, a unit of soldiers that is. When they are treated pleasantly, they become worse. Regardless of their bad treatment, I am becoming a better disciple, not that this justifies me. What great pleasure I will have with the killer beasts that are waiting for me. I hope they will be eager to kill me. I will even coax them to eat me quickly and without the delay given to others by not attacking them out of fear. If they are reluctant to attack me I will force them to. Do excuse me in this for I know what is best for me. At last, I am starting to become a disciple. Allow no person seen or unseen to become jealous of me as I reach Jesus Christ. Let fire, execution wood, killer beasts, ripping of flesh, breaking and dislocation of bones, mutilations of my body, smashing my human frame and all the dreadful tortures of Devil Satan come upon me, only let me reach Jesus Christ.'

He wrote this from Smyrna. After leaving Smyrna he went to Troas and wrote letters to the Philadelphians, the Christian community in Smyrna, and then a special one to Polycarp their chief overseer. Because he knew that Polycarp was an apostolic man, he entrusted the Christian community in Antioch to him as a true and good shepherd. He urged him with grave seriousness to care diligently for it. In the letter to Smyrna, he quotes an unknown passage about Christ:

‘For I know without any doubt that after his resurrection he still possessed his body of flesh and blood. When, for example, he came to those with Peter, he told them, “Grab hold of me with your hands and see that I am not just a spirit without a body.” And immediately they touched him and believed, being convinced both by his physical body and spirit.’

Irenaeus also knew of his execution as GOD’s witness and states the following in his writings:

‘Just as one of our number said when he was condemned to the killer beasts because of his witness to GOD: “I am GOD’s wheat being ground by the teeth of killer beasts so that I will become pure bread for GOD.”’

Polycarp also mentions these letters in his letter to the Philippians:

'I therefore call on you all to obey the teaching of righteousness and to practice unlimited endurance. This endurance you saw face to face, not only in the blessed Ignatius, Zosimus, and Rufus, but also in others belonging to your own folk, and in Paul himself with the rest of the apostles. You have no doubt whatsoever that none of them ran in vain but in faith and righteousness and that they are now in the place of reward being by the side of the RULER whose sufferings they shared in. They did not love this present world, but him who died on our behalf and was raised by GOD for our sakes.'

Later he adds the following:

'Both you and Ignatius wrote to me that if anyone was going to Syria he should also take your letters. I will do this if I get a good opportunity, either myself or the one whom I am sending as a representative for you and me. We send you, as you asked, the letters of Ignatius which were sent to us by him, together with any others that we have in our possession – just as you requested us to do. These are attached to this letter, and you will be able to receive great benefit from them. They deal with faith, patience, and every kind of spiritual growth that has to do with our RULER.'

That concludes Ignatius. He was succeeded by Heros as chief overseer in Antioch.

Why was it written?

Several reasons:

1. In response to the community of GOD's people in Ephesus, Magnesia and Tralles for sending delegations to meet him in Smyrna. It was more than a thank-you letter for their show of solidarity and comradeship.
2. The letter to Rome was sent to beg them not to intervene and stop him from being executed. Much was at stake. If he had been released, some people might think that he had made the sacrifice to Caesar as god and cursed Christ.
3. To fight against the heresies of the false teachers. Some of these heretics were trying to find acceptance inside the community of GOD's people.
4. To maintain the unity within the community of GOD's people by appointing trustworthy overseers to a new, higher office of chief elder. The Judaisers and Docetists were considered by Ignatius as the main threats. The Judaisers wanted Christians to conform to Judaism and adopt Jewish customs and practices. The Docetists believed that matter was evil and therefore Jesus could not have had a real body because he was good. They were saying that he only appeared to have a real body and therefore could not have suffered and died.

What authority does it have?

1. Polycarp. When an approved disciple of the Apostle John recommends that we all read the letters of Ignatius, then we must read them regularly, both publicly amongst the communities of GOD's people and privately on our own.
2. Irenaeus.
3. Eusebius.

How was it rediscovered?

At one time there were fifteen letters that bore the name of Ignatius. Eight of these were found to be spurious and written at a later time. Only seven were eventually recognised as being genuine. Eusebius listed the seven genuine letters which appear in both volumes of the Apostolic Fathers collection. The genuine letters had remained undiscovered until 1644 when they were rediscovered by Archbishop Ussher of Ireland. He found them contained in two manuscripts in English libraries and subsequently published them.

Interesting points

- Ignatius is so concerned to protect and preserve the Truth that the apostles had delivered to the community of GOD's people, that he makes a number of statements of Truth. The Scriptures of Unconditional Love compile

these into a single statement of faith (mostly taken from his letter to Smyrna):

The Good Confession of Truth (Ignatius Composite)

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 Christ our RULER.

For our GOD, Jesus Christ:

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

8. *Died in full sight of persons in heaven, on earth, and under the earth*
9. *Was physically and spiritually raised from the dead when his Father raised him up*
10. *Was touched and handled by his disciples after his resurrection. His disciples then saw that he was composed of flesh while 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 believe in Jesus 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.

- Ignatius was the first to introduce a third tier of leadership, being the chief overseer. He did this to stop heresy and keep unity. When Polycarp was executed, heresies then became rampant, and the Christian unity began to break down into church schisms. The office of chief overseer then became obsolete; however, the church schisms chose to keep it going instead of returning to the original two-tier model provided by the apostles.

- Down through the ages, there have been certain people on a life quest to discover a potion to give them eternal life. Some have called it the '*elixir of life*' and others '*the fountain of eternal youth*'. But the good news is it has now been discovered and Ignatius shares it with everyone. He names it the medicine of immortality and the antidote to death. It is the Thanksgiving – the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ that we must eat and drink so that we can live forever and never die.
- Two of the letters Ignatius wrote are to Philadelphia and Smyrna. These are the only two communities of GOD's people out of seven in all that are commended without any rebuke by Jesus Christ in Revelation. Ignatius's letters were therefore written only fifteen years after Jesus Christ's expressed approval of them. Polycarp might even have been an overseer in Smyrna at that time; if not he would have been appointed by the Apostle John a few years later to maintain the high standard that Jesus Christ had praised them for.

THE WITNESS OF IGNATIUS: PHILADELPHIA

From Ignatius, who is called '*GOD bearer*' to the community of GOD's people who belong to GOD the Father and our RULER Jesus Christ in Philadelphia in Asia.

You have received mercy and are firmly established in the harmony of GOD. You rejoice continually in the suffering of our RULER and are filled with all mercy being totally convinced of his resurrection for which I honour you in the blood of Jesus the Christ. He is our eternal and everlasting joy, but especially to those who are in unity with the chief overseer, the overseers and the assistant overseers. They have all been appointed in unity with the mind of Jesus the Christ, whom he has securely established in unity with his own will and by his Holy Spirit.

I know that the chief overseer owes his ministry for your community to the love of GOD the Father and the RULER Jesus the Christ, and not to his own ambition or by the will of men. I am impressed by the way he handles himself, for by working in silence he achieves more than others who talk a lot. He is in harmony with the commandments as a harp is to its strings. For this reason, I declare that he has a holy mind towards GOD, knowing it to be full of virtue and perfection. His stable character and freedom from anger is an example of Jesus the Christ's gentleness.

As children of light and truth, you must flee from schism and false teachings. Follow the shepherd wherever he is just like sheep do, for there are many wolves who appear trustworthy but really use destructive pleasures to capture those running towards GOD. However, because of your unity, they will have no opportunity.

Stay away from evil plants that are not tended to by Jesus the Christ because they have not been planted by the Father – not that I have found any schism among you, but instead, great purity. For those that belong to GOD and Jesus the Christ are found to be with the chief overseer also. Likewise, those who repent and return to the unity of GOD's people will also belong to GOD and they will live in obedience to Jesus the Christ. Do not be fooled my brothers, if anybody follows someone that makes a schism amongst GOD's people, they will not inherit the Kingdom of GOD. If anyone follows heretical teaching he is out of line with the suffering of Christ.

Be careful to participate in only the one Thanksgiving. For there is one flesh of our RULER Jesus the Christ and one cup of his blood that unites us. There is one altar just as there is one chief overseer along with the overseers and assistant overseers. They are my fellow servants so whatever you do is done in line with GOD's will.

I am full of love for you my brothers and am overjoyed to watch over your safety – even though it is really Jesus the

Christ who does this. It is for his cause that I am a prisoner in chains which makes me deeply respect him all the more because I am not yet perfect. But your prayer to GOD will make me perfect so that I may gain the destiny that has mercifully been allocated to me. I have taken refuge in the Good News as the physical body of Jesus and in the apostles as the overseers of GOD's people.

We also love the prophets because they announced the Good News for us in advance, set their hope on him, waited for him to come and by believing in him are saved. Being GOD's people, they were united with Jesus the Christ and worthy of love and admiration because seeing that they were approved by Jesus the Christ, they were an integral part of the Good News of the common hope.

But if anyone tries to persuade you to follow the Jewish law don't listen to them. For it is better to listen to Christianity from someone who is circumcised than to Judaism from someone who is not. Regardless, should neither of them talk about Jesus the Christ, then as far as I am concerned they are just like graves and tombstones of the dead that have only the names of dead men written on them. Run away quickly from the evil tricks and traps of the ruler of this world, in case you are duped by his suggestions and grow weak in love. Instead, all of you should meet together in unity of heart. I thank GOD that I have a clear conscience in regard to you and that no one is able to boast, either privately or publicly, that I have been the slightest burden to

anyone. I pray that no one to whom I have spoken will take it that I have been overcritical of them.

Even though some people would like to deceive me in this material world, they can't deceive the Spirit because it's of GOD. It knows where it comes from and where it goes to and exposes secret things. When I was with you I yelled out speaking in a loud voice, *"Listen carefully to the chief overseer, to the overseers and to the assistant overseers."* Some people suspected me of anticipating that there were people who wanted to cause a schism among you. But nobody told me anything about this. The one for whose sake I am chained as a prisoner would bear witness to this fact. Rather, these words were proclaimed by the Spirit:

- *Do nothing without the chief overseer!*
- *Protect your bodies as GOD's temples!*
- *Love unity!*
- *Hate schisms!*
- *Imitate Jesus the Christ just as he imitated his Father!*

I was therefore doing my job as a man dedicated to unity. GOD does not dwell where there are schisms and anger. The RULER though, forgives all who repent providing they return to the unity of GOD and get in line with the chief overseer. I trust in the grace of Jesus the Christ who will release you from your personal prison. I urge you to do nothing that

causes trouble but instead live according to the teaching of Christ.

When some people said, *"If I don't find it in the Scriptures, I won't believe the Good News,"* I replied, *"But it is written there."* They answered me, *"It can't be proved."* But to me Jesus the Christ is the Scripture:

- His execution wood
- His death
- His resurrection
- The faith which he has given us.

All are pure monuments of Scripture. Because of these things and by your prayers I want to be justified.

Priests are good but the high priest is better because he has been trusted with the Holy of Holies and alone has been trusted with secret things of GOD. He is the door to the Father and through it enter Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, the apostles and GOD's people. All of them are joined together in GOD's unity. The Good News absorbs all this and is greater because of the coming of our RULER Jesus the Christ, his suffering and his resurrection. The dearly loved prophets announced his coming in advance, but the Good News delivers his perfect finished work forever. All these things are good and perfect if you live your faith with unconditional love.

Thanks to your prayers and love for me in Jesus the Christ, news has reached me that the community of GOD's people in Antioch in Syria are now at peace. It would therefore be most appropriate if you, as a community of GOD's people, were to choose an assistant overseer as GOD's ambassador to visit them. He will be able to rejoice with them and glorify the Name when they meet together. Happy is the one in Jesus the Christ, whom you judge worthy of such a cause in which you all will be glorified. It is not impossible for you to do this in the Name of GOD if you are willing. After all, the neighbouring communities of GOD's people have sent their chief overseers, overseers and assistant overseers.

Now concerning Philo the assistant overseer from Cilicia, a man of good reputation, who helps me with the Word of GOD along with Rheus Agathopus, a chosen person who has followed me from Syria, having renounced his life in this world. They speak well of you, and I personally give thanks to GOD for you because you received them just as the RULER received you. I hope that those who dishonoured them will be redeemed through the grace of Jesus the Christ.

The brothers from Troas send their love and greetings to you and it is from there, through Burrhus, that I am writing to you. He was sent along with me by the Ephesians and Smyrnaeans to show their respect. May the RULER Jesus the Christ honour them, in whom they hope in:

- Body
- Soul
- Spirit
- Faith
- Love
- Unity.

Goodbye in Christ Jesus, our common hope.

The Good Confession

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