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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 twentyone 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

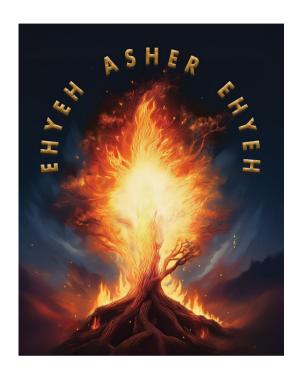
have sinned against us.

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 The Four Visions

When was it written?

AD 90. Most scholars date it at AD 150 because it is a composite document in two parts, and they have dated the older portion. As a composite document, it belongs to the Apostolic Fathers collection and is called *The Shepherd of Hermas*. The Shepherd was written around AD 150 according to the *Muratorian Canon* because it identifies Hermas as the brother of Pius, chief overseer at Rome. Irenaeus and others quote it as Scripture and allude to it as being a first-century writing. The earlier portion has been dated at AD 90 because Clement was 'secretary' of the community of GOD's people at Rome at that time and he is mentioned as a recipient of the book. Hermas is also told about a persecution that will soon come upon the community of GOD's people. This started around AD 92 under Emperor Domitian.

Where was it written?

Rome.

Who wrote it?

Hermas.

Why was it written?

Heaven had instructed him to share the vision given to him: "When I have finished adding the words they will then be made known to all of GOD's special people through you. You will therefore write two books. One you will send to Clement and the other to Grapte. Clement will forward it on to the cities abroad as that is his job. Grapte will instruct the widows and orphans. Your role is to read the words in this city along with the overseers who preside over the community of GOD's people." Heaven also wanted to warn the community of GOD's people about the impending persecution they would have to endure.

What authority does it have?

Irenaeus, Origen and Didymus the Blind considered it as Scripture. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church has included it in its New Testament Canon in the past. It was considered one of the most popular books in the Christian Church during the second, third and fourth centuries. Eusebius tells us it was read publicly in the churches. Many churches believed it was Scripture. Athanasius quoted it as New Testament Scripture and said that all new converts to Christianity should read it. It also appears that his Arian opponents thought likewise.

How was it rediscovered?

It was unknown in the West until rediscovered in 1844 in a fourth-century manuscript called *Codex Sinaiticus* at the Monastery of Saint Catherine, Mount Sinai. *Codex Sinaiticus* is the oldest Greek manuscript in existence and contains the entire New Testament. The *Shepherd of Hermas* sits at the end of the New Testament following *Revelation* and the *Epistle of Barnabas*.

Interesting points

- This vision took place before Revelation was written.
 Heaven instructs us to read this book and encourage others to read it also.
- The 'Tower' of the community of GOD's people is still being built today and anyone is free to choose to be included in it.

THE WITNESS OF THE FOUR VISIONS

Vision 1

The man who had raised me sold me to a lady in Rome called Rhoda. After many years I met her again and started to love her as a sister. After some time I saw her bathing in the River Tiber. I offered her my hand and helped her out of the river. Upon seeing her beauty I said to myself, "It would make me very happy to have a wife of such beauty and good character that she has." This was only a thought and nothing more.

A little while later I was going along the road to Cumae, glorifying GOD's creatures and thinking how beautiful, marvellous and powerful they were when I fell asleep whilst walking. Then a Spirit carried me away to a place where there were no paths and where nobody could reach because it was surrounded by rocky crags being dashed by a river. When I had crossed over it I came to some flat ground. There I knelt down on my knees and started to pray to the RULER and confess my sins.

Whilst praying, the heavens opened and I saw the lady, the very same one who I had desired. She greeted me from heaven saying, "Good day to you Hermas."

I looked up at her and said, "What are you doing here, lady?"

The Lady: "I have been taken up in order to convict you of your sins before the RULER."

Hermas: "Are you going to convict me right now, lady?"

The Lady: "No but listen to these words I am going to tell you. GOD, who lives in the heavens and created all things out of nothing, then multiplied and increased them all for the sake of the community of His special people, is angry at you for sinning against me."

Hermas: "Sin against you? How? When have I ever said anything wrong to you? Didn't I always consider you like a lady from heaven? Haven't I always respected you like a sister? How could you possibly falsely accuse me of evil and impurity?"

The Lady (laughing): "The desire for evil entered into your heart. Don't you believe that a righteous man commits sin when an evil desire enters into his heart? Of course, it's a sin and a big one at that! The thoughts of a righteous man should always pursue righteousness because his reputation will be strong in heaven, and by thinking in this way the RULER will be inclined to support everything he does. But those who choose to pursue unrighteous thoughts in their minds bring upon themselves death and enslavement. This is especially true in the case of those who set their hearts on this present world and feel proud about being rich and have no interest in the happiness of the world to come. They will

all regret it because they won't have any hope and have abandoned themselves and their life."

Immediately after she had said these words, heaven shut. Then I said to myself, "If this sin is written down against me, how can I be saved? How can I make it up to GOD with these dreadful sins? What can I say to the RULER so that he has mercy on me?"

Whilst pondering these things over in my heart, I saw opposite me a large bright-white chair. Then an old woman dressed in a sparkling robe and with a book in her hand came in. She sat down on her own.

The Woman: "Good day, Hermas."

Hermas (upset and crying): "Good morning, madam."

The Woman: "Why are you upset Hermas? You are a patient person with a good temper and always laughing. Why do you look depressed and not happy?"

Hermas: "Dear madam, I have been told off by a very good lady who claims that I have sinned against her."

The Woman: "This should never happen to a servant of GOD. Nevertheless, you really did in fact desire her in your heart. An intention such as this results in sin for GOD's servants because it is wicked to force upon a pure and approved spirit such evil desires, especially if it is Hermas who's guilty of it—

Hermas the self-controlled, who stays far away from all evil desires and is full of simplicity and basic goodness.

"However, GOD is not angry with you because of that, but so that you may convert many of your family who have committed sins against the RULER and against you, their parents. You are so fond of your children that you have failed to warn them and have allowed them to become terribly corrupt. This is why the RULER is angry with you, yet he will heal all the past sins committed by your family. Because of their sins and transgressions, you have been corrupted by what goes on in this world.

"The RULER, through his great mercy, has taken pity on you and your family. He will strengthen and establish you. Don't take the easy option, instead be courageous and strengthen your family. Be like the blacksmith who hammers out his work and makes whatever he likes. In the same way, righteous daily speech conquers all evil. Therefore, don't stop correcting your children. I know that if they repent with all their heart they will be written in the book of life along with all of GOD's special people."

Having finished talking about that subject, she then said to me: "Would you like me to read to you?"

Hermas: "Yes, madam."

The Woman: "Pay close attention then and hear about the glories of GOD."

I then heard her speak such amazing and magnificent things that my mind was unable to contain or remember them. The words were so terrifying that no mere mortal could take them in. I remembered the last words though because they were suitable for us and gentle.

The Woman: "Take note and see that the GOD of all powers who,

- By his invisible mighty power and by his great wisdom created the world
- By his glorious design clothed his creation with beauty
- By his strong word fixed the heavens in their place and laid the foundations of the earth upon the waters
- By his own wisdom and providence created the community of GOD's people whom he blessed,

is moving the heavens, mountains, hills and seas, and is making them level for his special people in order to make good the promise he made to them with great glory and rejoicing. All they have to do is keep the commandments of GOD which they received with great faith."

After she had stopped reading and had risen up from her chair, four young men came over and carried her chair away to the East. She called me over to her and touched my chest.

The Woman: "Were you pleased with my reading?"

Hermas: "Madam, I was pleased with the words at the end but the words at the beginning were very difficult and harsh."

The Woman: "The ending was for the righteous, but the beginning was for the ungodly and rebellious."

As she spoke, two men came over and lifted her up on their shoulders and they went away to where the chair was in the East.

Vision 2

As I was going to Cumae, about the same time as the previous year, I started to think about the vision I had back then as I walked. Again the Spirit came and took me to the same place where I had been taken the year before.

When I arrived I fell on my knees praying to the RULER and glorifying his Name, because he had considered me worthy and had revealed my former sins to me.

When I rose up from praying, I saw the same old woman as I had seen last year, walking and reading a little book.

The Woman: "Will you go and tell GOD's special people about these things?"

Hermas: "Madam, I can't remember much of it so give me the little book and I will make a copy of it."

The Woman: "Take it, but make sure you return the book to me."

I took it and went to a certain spot in the country where I copied out every single letter as I could not make out the syllables. As soon as I had finished copying the book, it was suddenly snatched out of my hands.

Fifteen days later after a lot of praying and fasting to the RULER, the meaning of the writing was revealed to me. This was what was written:

'Hermas, your children have sinned against GOD. They have blasphemed the RULER and betrayed their parents by doing great evil. They have the reputation of being traitors to their parents even though they have not benefitted from their treachery. Even now they are continuing to add to their sins, lusts and reckless evil. They have now reached the limit of their sins. Now make these words known to all your children and your wife will become like a sister to you. She does not control her tongue and by not doing so she commits sin. But when she hears these words she will control herself and receive mercy. After you have spoken to them all these words that the Master commanded I reveal to you, then they will be forgiven all the sins which they previously committed. Indeed forgiveness will be granted to all of GOD's special people who have sinned up until now, on the condition they repent with all their heart and are not in two minds about it. For the Master has sworn by his own glory regarding his special people that should anyone sin after this day has been set they shall not be saved. There is a limit on the repentance of the righteous. The days of repentance for the righteous are over, but for the unsaved repentance will still be possible right up to the very last day. Therefore go and speak to the rulers of the community of GOD's people and tell them to direct their ways in righteousness, so that they may receive

the promises of GOD in full and with great glory.

Those who act righteously should stand strong and must not be in two minds so that they can enter in with GOD's angels. Happy will be those who endure the coming great tribulation and also those who will not deny their lives, for the RULER has sworn by his Son that those who denied their RULER should be rejected from their life, that is, those who are about to deny him in the days that are coming.

Hermas, you must no longer bear a grudge against your children. Neither must you allow your sister to have her way, so that they may be cleansed from their past sins. If you stop bearing a grudge against them they will be instructed by righteous discipline. Bearing a grudge leads to death, Hermas. You yourself have had to endure great trouble due to the sins of your family and because you did not deal with them. Instead, you neglected them and got mixed up in your own evil sins. Having said that, you are saved because you have never left the Living GOD and you have combined your great self-control with living simply. These have saved you on the condition that you keep on standing firm. They save everybody who behaves in this way and who walks without deceitful craftiness but in all simplicity. Those who possess these virtues will overcome all evil and go on to receive eternal life. Happy are those who do what is right for they will never be destroyed. Now go and

tell Maximus, "Watch out, tribulation is on its way to you if you are thinking of denying a second time." In the book of Eldah and Modat (who prophesied in the wilderness) it is written, 'The RULER is near to those who turn to him.'

One day as I slept a revelation was given to me by a very handsome young man.

Young Man: "Who do you think the old woman who gave you the book was?"

Hermas: "The Sibyl?"

Young Man: "Wrong. She is not the Sibyl."

Hermas: "Who is she then?"

Young Man: "She is the community of GOD's people."

Hermas: "How come she is an old woman then?"

Young Man: "She was created before anything else. This is why she is very old. It was for her sake that the world was made."

After that, I saw a vision while in my house. The same old woman came and asked me if I had given the book to the overseers yet. I told her that I hadn't.

The Woman: "That's all right because I have some words to add to it. When I have finished adding the words they will

then be made known to all of GOD's special people through you. You will therefore write two books. One you will send to Clement and the other to Grapte. Clement will forward it on to the cities abroad as that is his job. Grapte will instruct the widows and orphans. Your role is to read the words in this city along with the overseers who preside over the community of GOD's people."

Vision 3

The third vision I saw, brothers, was this:

After fasting regularly and earnestly asking the RULER to reveal the revelation he promised to show me through the mouth of the old woman, that very same night the old woman appeared to me.

The Woman: "Because you want to know much about these things and you have received no instructions about them, go into the countryside where you live, and I will come to see you around eleven o'clock in the morning and reveal to you what you need to know."

Hermas: "Where in the countryside should I go?"

The Woman: "Anywhere you want."

I decided to pick a secluded spot I knew, yet before I was able to open my mouth to tell her where it was, she told me she would be there at whichever spot I picked.

So I went along to the spot in the country I had picked and kept an eye on the time. I saw that an ivory couch had already been placed there, and on the couch was a linen cushion, upon which was spread a cloth of fine flax linen.

I was scared when I saw these things there with nobody around, and I started to tremble. My hair stood on end, and I had a panic attack because I saw that I was all alone. I

finally got a grip on myself and began thinking of GOD's glory which gave me courage. I knelt down and started to confess my sins to GOD as before.

At that moment she came along with six young men, the same ones that I had seen previously. She stood near to me and listened closely to me praying and confessing my sins to the RULER. She touched me.

The Woman: "Hermas, stop praying for your sins like that. Ask for righteousness as well so that you may spread some of it to your family."

Then she helped me up by the hand and took me over to the couch. Then she said to the young men, "Go and start building." Then the young men went away and left us alone.

The Woman: "Sit down here."

Hermas: "My elders should sit down first, madam."

The Woman: "Do as I tell you and sit down."

I tried to sit down on the right-hand side, but she stopped me and indicated with her hand to sit on the left. I pondered about this and was sad that she did not want me to sit on the right.

The Woman: "Are you upset Hermas? The right-hand side is for those who have already pleased GOD and have suffered for the sake of the Name. But you have not yet reached that

standard. Nevertheless, carry on living in your simplicity and one day you will sit with them. This will be true of everyone who has done as they have and suffered as they have suffered."

Hermas: "What have they suffered?"

The Woman: "Listen carefully. For the sake of the Name, they have suffered:

- Beatings
- Prison
- Severe persecution
- Torture
- Execution woods
- Killer beasts.

"Because of this, the right-hand side of the Holiness belongs to them and to everyone who suffers for GOD's Name. Everyone else is designated the left-hand side. But regardless of whether you sit on the right or left, the same promises and gifts belong to everyone. The only difference is that those who sit on the right have an extra glory. You are very keen to sit on the right with them, but your shortcomings are many. However, you will be purified of your shortcomings. In fact, any person who is not in two minds will be purified of their sins to this day."

Having said all this she then wanted to leave. But I threw myself at her feet and begged her by the RULER to show me the vision that she promised to show me. Again, she took me by the hand, lifted me up and sat me down on the couch at her left-hand side. She sat on the right. She held up a glowing rod.

The Woman: "Do you see something fantastic?"

Hermas: "Madam, I can't see anything."

The Woman: "Look. Can't you see that great tower in front of you, being built on water and made out of bright-white square stones?"

The tower was being built in a square by the six young men who had arrived with her. Countless other men were bringing stones to it, some from out of the water and others from the land. They handed them to the six young men who took them and used them to build with.

The stones that were dragged out of the water were placed in the building just as they were, for they were already the right shape and fitted in exactly. They fitted so closely together that you could not see the joins. The tower therefore looked like it was made out of one single stone.

However, the stones that were being brought from the land were treated differently. Some were discarded, some they fitted in, others they broke up and threw far away from the tower.

There were also many other stones lying around the tower, but the young men were not using them for building because some of them were full of mildew, some cracked, some too small and others white and round and so were the wrong shape to fit into the tower building.

I saw other stones thrown far away from the tower which fell onto a road and then kept rolling into wasteland. Other stones fell into the fire and lay there burning whilst others fell near the water. They were unable to roll into the water even though they wanted to carry on rolling into it.

After showing me these visions she wanted to leave quickly.

Hermas: "Madam, what's the point in seeing all these things when I don't know what they mean?"

The Woman: "You're an inquisitive man, wanting to know everything about the tower."

Hermas: "That's true, madam. It's so that I can declare it to all my brothers. They will be pleased to know the RULER in all his glory."

The Woman: "Many will hear, but after they have heard some will be happy, but others will be sad. Yet even those who are sad and repent will become happy. Now hear the parables about the tower because I am going to reveal

everything to you. After I have done this, don't bother me again about any revelation because these revelations have finished as they are now complete. Nevertheless, I can see that you will keep on asking for revelations as you are shameless.

"The tower you see being built is me, the community of GOD's people, who has appeared to you both previously and now. Now ask whatever you want to know about the tower, and I will reveal it to you so that you will rejoice along with all of GOD's special people."

Hermas: "Madam, since you have considered me worthy to have all these things revealed to me, go ahead and reveal them now."

The Woman: "Whatever can be revealed will be revealed. Just make sure that your heart is near to GOD and don't doubt anything that you see."

Hermas: "Madam, why was the tower built on water?"

The Woman: "You are conscientious in your enquiries as I have said before. By enquiring you will find out the truth. Now listen to the reason why the tower is being built on water. The answer is that your life has been, and will be, saved through water. Now, the tower's foundations were built on the Word of the Almighty and Glorious Name. It is maintained by the invisible power of the RULER."

Hermas: "Madam, this is fantastic and wonderful. Who are the six young men doing the building?"

The Woman: "These are the holy angels of GOD that were created first of all. The RULER gave the whole of creation into their hands to increase, build up and rule over. The construction of the tower will be completed by them."

Hermas: "Who are the others carrying the stones?"

The Woman: "They are also holy angels of GOD, but the other six are superior to them. When the building of the tower has ended, everyone will gather around it to rejoice and glorify GOD because of its completion."

Hermas: "What happens to the stones, madam, and what do they represent?"

The Woman: "It's not because you are better than anyone else that this revelation is being given to you. Many others have gone before you who were better than you and they should have received these visions. But this revelation has been made to you personally in order for the Name of GOD to be glorified. It's been revealed to you for the sake of those people who are in two minds over whether these things are true or not and question them in their hearts. Go and tell them 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.

"Now hear about the stones which are in the building. The square white stones that fit seamlessly together are apostles, chief overseers, teachers and assistant overseers who have lived in compliance with GOD's holiness and have exercised their position as chief overseers, teachers, and assistant overseers in purity and deep respect for the sake of GOD's special people. Some of them have fallen asleep but some still remain alive to this very day. They have always agreed with each other, been at peace with each other and listened to each other. This is why they fit seamlessly into the building of the tower."

Hermas: "Who are the ones that have been dragged out of the water and laid together with the other stones that were already in the building?"

The Woman: "These are people who have suffered for the Name of the RULER."

Hermas: "Madam, I want to know who the other stones are that were carried in from the land."

The Woman: "Those going into the building without needing to be cut are those whom GOD has approved because they lived righteously and carried out his commandments."

Hermas: "Who are those being brought and placed inside the building?"

The Woman: "These ones are young in faith and faithful. Angels caution them to do good because wickedness was found in them."

Hermas: "Who are the ones they rejected and threw away?"

The Woman: "These are the ones who have sinned and want to repent. This is the reason they have not been flung too far from the tower because they will be useful if they repent. Those who are going to repent, if they truly do repent, will become strong in faith providing they repent now whilst the tower is being built. When the building work is finished there will be no more room and everyone else will be rejected. The only advantage they have is by lying close to the tower.

"Do you want to know about the ones that were broken and thrown far away from the tower? They are children of lawlessness who behaved hypocritically, and no wickedness escaped them. For this reason, they are not saved because they cannot be used for building due to their wickedness. Therefore they were broken up and thrown far away because the RULER was angry with them, having provoked him to anger.

"I will now explain to you about the stones that are lying around in large numbers and not going into the building. The ones with mildew are those who knew the truth but did not live by it. They decided not to join GOD's special people and for this reason, they are useless."

Hermas: "Who are the cracked ones?"

The Woman: "These ones secretly in their hearts fight against each other and therefore are not really at peace with each other. On the surface, they appear to be at peace with each other, but when alone they harbour evil thoughts in their hearts against each other. The cracks in the stones represent this. The stones that are too small represent those who believe and are mostly righteous, but they also sin a lot and are therefore too small and imperfect."

Hermas: "Madam, who are the white round ones that don't fit into the building of the tower?"

The Woman: "Have you understood nothing? These people have faith, but they also have riches in this world. Whenever persecution comes they deny the RULER because of their riches and business affairs."

Hermas: "Madam, when can they become useful for building then?"

The Woman: "They will become useful to GOD when their riches, which have led them astray, are cut off. Just as a round stone cannot become square unless parts of it are cut off and thrown away, so people who are rich in this world cannot become useful to the RULER unless their riches are cut off. You should know all about this from your own circumstances because when you were rich you were useless but now you have become useful and fit for living. Therefore,

make sure you are useful to GOD because you yourself were like one of these stones once.

"The other stones you saw that were thrown far away from the tower, falling onto the road and rolling into the wasteland, represent those who have believed but have abandoned the true way because they were in two hearts over it. Thinking they can find a better way, they wander away and become miserable as they trudge around a 'noman's-land'.

"Those who fell into a fire and were burnt represent those who have totally turned away from the Living GOD. The thought that they should repent no longer comes into their heart because of their lust for sin and the evil deeds they have done.

"Would you like to know who the others are that fell near the water but wouldn't roll into it? These are people who heard the Word of GOD and wanted to be baptised into the Name of the RULER. However, when they started thinking about the purity demanded by the truth, they changed their minds and went back to following their evil desires."

With that she ended the explanation of the tower, however, because I was shameless I asked her the following question:

Hermas: "Can the stones which have been rejected and do not fit into the building of the tower, have an opportunity to repent so that they can eventually be built into the tower?" The Woman: "Repentance is possible, but they won't fit into this tower. However, they will fit into another place instead which is inferior. But this won't happen until they have been punished and completed the days of their sins. They will then be transferred for one reason only, which is that they have received the righteous word. They will be transferred from their punishment if the evil deeds they have done come into their hearts. But if they don't come into their hearts, they won't be saved due to the hardness of their hearts."

When I stopped asking questions about these things, she said to me, "Would you like to see anything else?" As I was extremely keen to see more it made me very happy. She looked over at me, smiled and said, "Do you see seven women around the tower?"

Hermas: "I do, madam."

The Woman: "This tower is supported by them at the command of the RULER. Hear about what they do. The first woman, the one with the strong hands, is called Faith. GOD's special people are saved through her. The second woman, who looks like a man and wears work clothes, is called Self-Control. She is Faith's daughter and whoever follows her will be happy in this life because they will keep themselves from doing evil of any kind. They believe they will inherit eternal life if they keep themselves away from all evil desires."

Hermas: "Who are the others then, madam?"

The Woman: "They are all daughters of each other. Their names are Simplicity, Knowledge, Chastity, Reverence, and Unconditional Love. So when you carry out all their mother's works you will find life."

Hermas: "Madam, what power does each of them have, for I would like to know it?"

The Woman: "Now listen to their powers. Their powers are all controlled by each other, and they flow from each other in the same order as they were born. From Faith comes Self-Control. From Self-Control comes Simplicity. From Simplicity comes Knowledge. From Knowledge comes Chastity. From Chastity comes Reverence. From Reverence comes Unconditional Love. Their works then are pure, reverent, and divine. Whoever devotes himself to these women will have the strength to live by their works and will live in the tower with GOD's special people."

Next, I asked her about the times and whether all this had already been completed.

She shouted out: "Foolish man! Can't you see that the tower is still being built? The end won't come until the tower has been built and is finished. And it will be built quickly. Don't ask me any more questions. You, along with all GOD's special people, must be satisfied with what I have told you to remember. This will renew your spirits. Take note of the fact that these revelations have not been given to you for you alone, but in order for you to tell everyone about them. You

must now wait three days so that you can fully digest it yourself. Hermas, after that time I command you to tell GOD's special people all the words that I am about to declare. After hearing then acting upon them, they will be purified from their sin as you will be, too.

"Listen to me, my children. I raised you in simplicity, reverence and without treacherous deceit because of the RULER's mercy. He placed righteousness inside you so that you may be justified and made holy instead of being evil and depraved. But you don't want to stop sinning. Now listen to me and be at peace with each other. Be concerned for each other and help each other. Don't just use GOD's creation for your own selfish means but share it with those in need.

"Some people who have over-indulged themselves with food have made their bodies weak and subsequently corrupted the flesh. Whereas, those people who don't have anything to eat harm their bodies because they don't have enough food, and their bodies are deteriorating through lack of nourishment. This selfishness is harmful to those of you who have but choose not to share it with those who have not. Take note of the judgement that is to come. You who have more than enough must search hard for anyone who is hungry until the tower is finished. After the tower is completed you will want to do good, but you won't have the opportunity. Be warned, therefore, you who take pride in your wealth, in case those in need should cry out in distress

and their crying should reach the RULER. You and your wealth will be shut outside of the tower's door.

"Now I say to the rulers of the community of GOD's people who hold high positions, you must not be like sorcerers. Sorcerers carry their drugs around in boxes, but you carry your drugs and poisons around with you in your hearts. You are being hard-hearted and don't want to purify your hearts by mixing wisdom together with a pure heart so that you may receive mercy from the Great King. Watch yourselves, therefore, children, in case these divisions deprive you of your life. How can you instruct GOD's special people if you yourselves have not taken on board instruction? Instruct each other, therefore, and be at peace amongst yourselves, so that I too may stand rejoicing before the Father and give an account of all of you before the RULER."

When she had stopped speaking to me, the six young men came over and escorted her to the tower. Four others lifted up the couch and took it to the tower also. I did not see their faces as they had their backs to me. As she went away I asked her to tell me the meanings of the three different forms in which she had appeared to me.

The Woman: "You must ask someone else to reveal their meaning to you."

You see, brothers, in the first vision of the previous year she appeared in the form of a very old woman sitting in a chair. In the second vision, her face was like a young woman's face,

but her skin and hair looked old. She spoke to me standing up and she appeared to be much happier than on the first occasion. In the third vision, she was totally youthful and beautiful except that her hair was like an old woman's. Her face was beaming with happiness, and she sat on a couch. These things made me sad, though, because I wanted to know what the revelations meant. The next time I saw the old woman it was in a vision I had at night time.

The Woman: "Every request must be asked with humility. Therefore, fast and you will receive from the RULER what you have asked for."

So I went on a day's fast and that very night a young man appeared to me.

Young Man: "Be careful because you are continually asking for revelations in your prayers, and you may harm your body doing it. These revelations have been enough for you. Can you possibly see greater revelations than the ones you have already seen?"

Hermas: "Sir, I would like to ask of you just one thing so that the revelations can be completed. Tell me about the three forms in which the old woman appeared."

Young Man: "How long will you remain in ignorance? It's because you are in two minds that you lack understanding. Your heart is not turned towards the RULER."

Hermas: "But we can receive more accurate knowledge from you."

Young Man: "All right then. Hear about the three forms which you are asking about. In the first vision she appeared as a very old woman sitting in a chair, did she not? The reason for this is that your spirit is old and rotting away. It is powerless because of your weakness and because you are in two minds. Just as old people have no hope of becoming young again and have no expectations in life but to fall asleep, so you also have been weakened by your cares for this world and given yourself over to indifference. You have not cast your cares upon the RULER, your spirit has been broken and you've grown old because of your sadness."

Hermas: "Sir, I want to know why she was sitting in a chair?"

Young Man: "All weak people sit down on chairs because they are weak and need to relieve their weakness by sitting down. Now you have the meaning of the first vision.

"In the second vision, you saw her standing up with a young-looking face and looking happier than before, albeit that her skin and hair still looked old. Now listen to this parable; Think about an old man who is depressed because he is weak and has no money. He looks forward to nothing except the very day that he dies. Suddenly he comes into an unexpected inheritance. When he hears the news he lifts himself up and becomes overwhelmed with happiness which makes him strong again. Instead of lying down he now

stands up and his spirit, which was previously broken due to his circumstances, becomes revitalised. He no longer just sits around but now moves around with renewed energy.

"The same thing happened with you. When you heard the revelation which GOD gave to you, the RULER had compassion on you and revitalised your spirit which chose to throw away its weaknesses. You then put on strength and became powerful in the faith. The RULER rejoiced because he saw that you had put on your strength. This is the reason why he showed you the building of the tower. He will show you other things, too, if you remain at peace with others with all your heart.

"In the third vision, you saw her become even younger still. She was beautiful, happy and had a shapely figure. It's like when someone who is sad suddenly hears some good news. They forget their sorrows immediately and think about nothing else except the good news they have heard. They are strengthened by this, and their spirit is revitalised by seeing these good things.

"The reason that you saw her sitting on a couch means that the matter is firm and settled. The couch has four feet and stands strong just as the world is held together with four elements. Those who repent with all their heart will become young and firmly established. You have now received the complete revelation."

Vision 4

Brothers, twenty days after the previous vision I received a fourth vision that provided me with a preview of the tribulation that was coming our way. I was going along the Campanian Way to an easily accessible place in the country just over a mile from the road. I was on my own and started praying to the RULER that he would complete the revelations and visions that he had made to me through the community of GOD's people. Also, that he would strengthen me and grant repentance to all his servants that were going astray. I wanted his great and glorious Name to be glorified because he counted me worthy enough to show his wonders to.

While I was praising him and giving him thanks, what seemed to be a voice answered me, "Don't be in two minds Hermas". I started thinking, "Why would I be in two minds, seeing that the RULER has established me, and I have seen such glorious things?"

I walked on a little further and suddenly saw dust rising up to the sky. I said to myself, "I wonder if a herd of cattle are coming this way and causing all that dust?" It was only about one hundred metres from me when I saw the dust rise up more and more. I reckoned it was something supernatural. Then the sun came out and I saw a huge beast that looked like a sea monster with fiery locusts pouring from its mouth. The beast was about thirty metres long and

its head looked like it was made out of a large clay pot. I

cried out and begged the RULER to save me from it. Then I

remembered the word that had been spoken to me, "Don't

be in two minds, Hermas." So, brothers, having put on the

RULER's faith I faced the beast with courage, remembering

the great things he had told me.

The beast bore down on me with such force that it could

have demolished a city. I started to walk towards it and then

this huge beast went and stretched itself out on the ground,

stuck its tongue out and did absolutely nothing. It remained

totally still whilst I walked past it. I noticed that the beast's

head had four colours, being black, blood and fire, gold, and

white.

After I had gone past the beast and walked on for another

ten metres, suddenly a virgin walked over to me, dressed all

in white as though she were coming from the bridal

chamber. She wore white sandals, a long veil and a head

covering. She had white hair, and I knew from my previous

visions that she was the community of GOD's people, so I

became quite happy. She greeted me:

The Woman: "Good morning, my good man."

Hermas: "Good morning, madam."

The Woman: "Did you come across anything?"

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Hermas: "I came across a huge beast that could have killed a lot of people, but by the power of the RULER and his great mercy I was saved from it."

The Woman: "You deserved to be saved from it because you opened your heart to the RULER and cast your cares upon him. You believed that nothing else could save you except his great and glorious Name. The RULER, therefore, sent his angel who rules over beasts. His name is Segri, and he shut its mouth so that it could not bite you. Because of your faith, you have been saved from a great tribulation and because you were not in two minds when confronted by it.

"Go, therefore, and declare to GOD's special people his mighty deeds. Tell them that the beast represents the great tribulation that is coming their way. If you prepare yourself in advance and turn your whole heart to the RULER, you will be able to be saved from it. That is if your heart is pure and spotless, and you spend the rest of your life serving him with blameless behaviour. Cast your cares upon the RULER and he will handle them. All of you who are in two minds should trust the RULER. The RULER is powerful, and he can do anything. He can turn his anger away from you whilst at the same time send trouble upon those who are in two minds. Those who hear these words and dismiss them will be miserable."

I then asked her about the four colours of the beast's head.

The Woman: "You're curious regarding these things again."

Hermas: "Yes, madam, tell me what they mean."

The Woman: "Listen. The black is this world in which you live. The blood and fire means that this world will be destroyed by fire and blood. The gold is you who have escaped this world. Just as gold is refined in the fire and becomes valuable so are you tested in this world when living in it. Those who pass through its flames and endure will become purified and useful to go into the building of the tower. The white colour is the age that is coming in which GOD's special people will become pure and spotless for eternal life. Therefore you must never stop talking about these matters to GOD's special people. You also have received a preview of the coming great tribulation. If you want, it will mean nothing to you. Now remember all the things that were previously written down."

After saying this she left, and I did not know where she went. Then I heard a noise and turned around thinking the beast was coming again.

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 preplanning 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.