

REVELATION 31 – LAODICEA: WEIGHED AND WANTING

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UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE: MEANS KNOWING HISTORY & LANGUAGE

- This verse *appears* to be a simple contrasting of dualities highlighting Laodicea's ignorance of their *true* spiritual condition; it is much more...
 - Christ's omniscience, like light shining in a dark place, unmasks Laodicea's ignorance of their true spiritual condition; they were not witnesses of Christ (Jn 15:18-22-27; 2Pe 1:16-21)
- However, it reveals the modern reader's ignorance; wretched {ταλαίπωρος talaiporos} means to be weighed and found wanting... (Da 5:13-31)
 - Christ is the measure of *Righteousness*, deviation is sin; hence Christ gave Church gifts to grow into maturity Laodicea chose Satan's measure: Hermeticism (Ep 4:11-14)
 - Satan offers a different measure: Self through special gnosis to attain divinity via individual and collective journey as revealed by history, religion and alchemy (Change)

HERMETICISM INFESTS ALL RELIGIONS: JUDAISM TO CHRISTIANITY TO TODAY

- Belshazzar measured himself by those around him; not wise (2Co 10:12)
 - Belshazzar willfully ignorant of his true spiritual, and physical, condition despite knowing Nebuchadnezzar's, his predecessor's, testimony; i.e., his salvation (Da 4:34-37)
 - Christ weighed Belshazzar in the balance and found him wanting; i.e., replaced the Babylonian kingdom with the Persian Kingdom {Cyrus} (1s 44:24-45:7)
- Through Jeremiah, Christ warned Jews <u>not</u> to flee to Egypt to escape Nebuchadnezzar's coming invasion (Je 43-44)
 - Ignoring Jeremiah, they dragged him with them <u>back</u> to Egypt; especially Alexandria
 - Judaism became infected with Egyptian-Hellenistic Hermeticism after Alexander defeated Egypt and Persia
 - The writings from 200 B.C.-200 A.D. form the corpus of Alchemic {Change} Hermeticism based on *special gnosis*, as Satan knew his time was growing short Great Tribulation (Re 12:7-12)

SEVEN PLANES OF HERMETICISM: PATHWAY TO BE AS GODS

PHYSICAL WORLD

- Mineral-Vegetable-Animal {Three separate levels}
- Human Great Reset:Transition Mankind to Next Plane begun by implementing Hegel's Dialectic methodology:Thesis-Antithesis-Synthesis or Guided Solutions via Reflexivity (Lies)
- Etheric Force be with you or the Matrix, "Plugged-in" bodies sharing goal of oneness {Internet via ethernet to wireless nets to implantable nanotech nets}
- Astral Physical body left behind or spiritualism's astral projection's dream {Metaverse Nightmare}
- Spirit Evolution's true goal of being, blobs of floating lights ready to transition to true spirit realm: Be as gods

SPIRIT WORLD

- <u>Self-Begotten</u> Christ defined as a man who reached this level and shows *believers* the Hermetic Way. {Self-Actualization defining sinful self as *good*. {Simulacrum}
- <u>Unbegotten</u> Pleroma: Man becomes one with God returning to his "Original State". When Man achieves the Self-Begotten level then Christ will bring us together with Him to this Unbegotten level.

LAODICEA NOT SIMPLY WORLDLY: EMBRACED HERMETIC WORLINESS

- As Hermeticism fanned into flames across the Hellenized-Romanized world it infected Christianity through Churches filled with Immature Believers
 - Worldliness is <u>not</u> about doing or not doing: Smoke, drink, movies, etc.
 - Worldliness is adopting Satan's hermetic schema {methodology} he has been preparing since enticing Woman in the Garden; that is his alchemy (Ge 3:5)
 - Satan's promise *light* of *special knowing* infected cultures from England to China by 500 A.D.; new world cultures retained old forms of Babel-style hermeticism degraded by isolation from Hellenistic influences and deepening ignorance
 - Nearly every form of Christian-type belief system sprang from Roman Catholicism which grew from early Alchemic Hermetic beliefs that later became science(isms)

LAODICEA FORESHADOWS OUR TIME: MODERNISM OF LAST TIMES

- This is why Christ spews them out of His mouth as lukewarm water
 - They believe they have *special gnosis* from spirit realm and do not need apostles, evangelists or written words, which are devalued compared to their *spiritual* insights
 - They embraced Satan's Delusional Lie confirmed by worldly knowing (2Th 2:3-12)
 - They see themselves as wise, ready to usher in Christ's Kingdom based on their works; Postmillennialism or Amillennialism: they are poor, walking in Darkness
 - Christ in His mercy and longsuffering warned He weighed them on His scales and found them deficient in danger of eternal judgment unless they exchange their *gnosis* for His Wisdom (Pr 1:20-33)
 - Christ weighs each of us against His Word? Are you embracing His Wisdom or your {Satan's} own?