

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

**Who is this Man
Jesus?**



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“A new survey reveals that 52 percent of American adults believe that Jesus was a great teacher and nothing more,” a Ligonier news release stated.

Even more surprising, “almost a third of evangelicals (30 percent) agree that Jesus was merely a great teacher.

And while 66 percent of American evangelicals disagree with the statement, ‘Jesus was a good teacher, but he was not God,’ nearly as many (65 percent) still agree with the statement, ‘Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God.’”



Who Believes He Actually Lived?



**BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST WAS
A REAL PERSON WHO ACTUALLY LIVED:**



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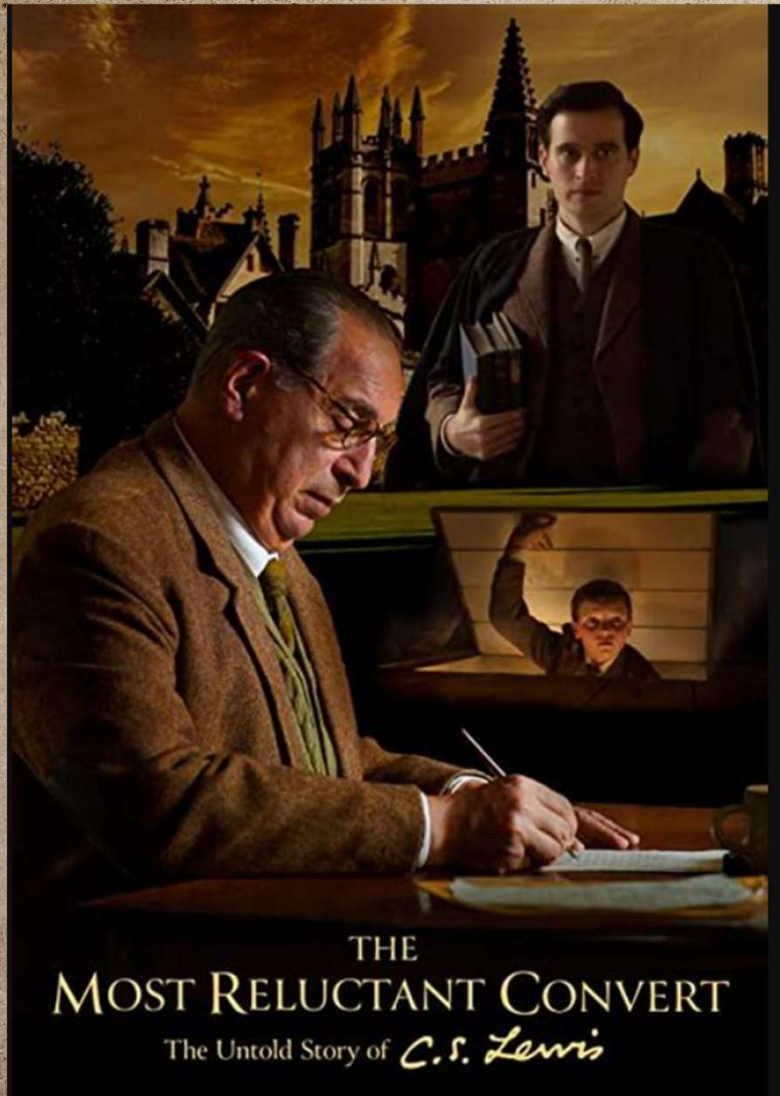
Matthew 16:13–18

- John the Baptist
- Elijah
- Jeremiah
- Another Prophet



What are the Implications if Jesus
was simply a Great Teacher
(or Prophet) ?

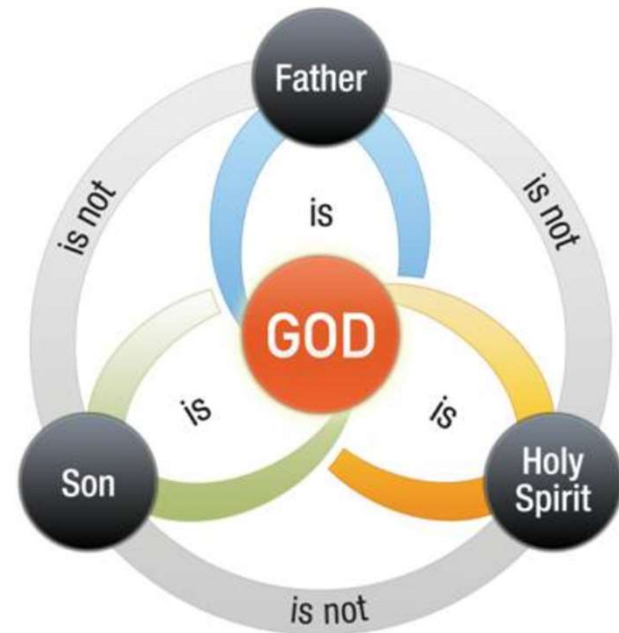
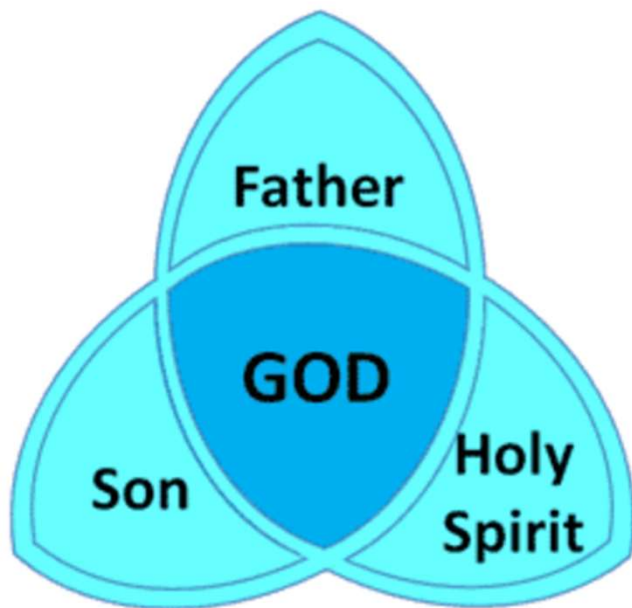




Famous Christian apologist—not to mention former atheist—C.S. Lewis answered in this way: “A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.”¹



The Trinity – Godhead



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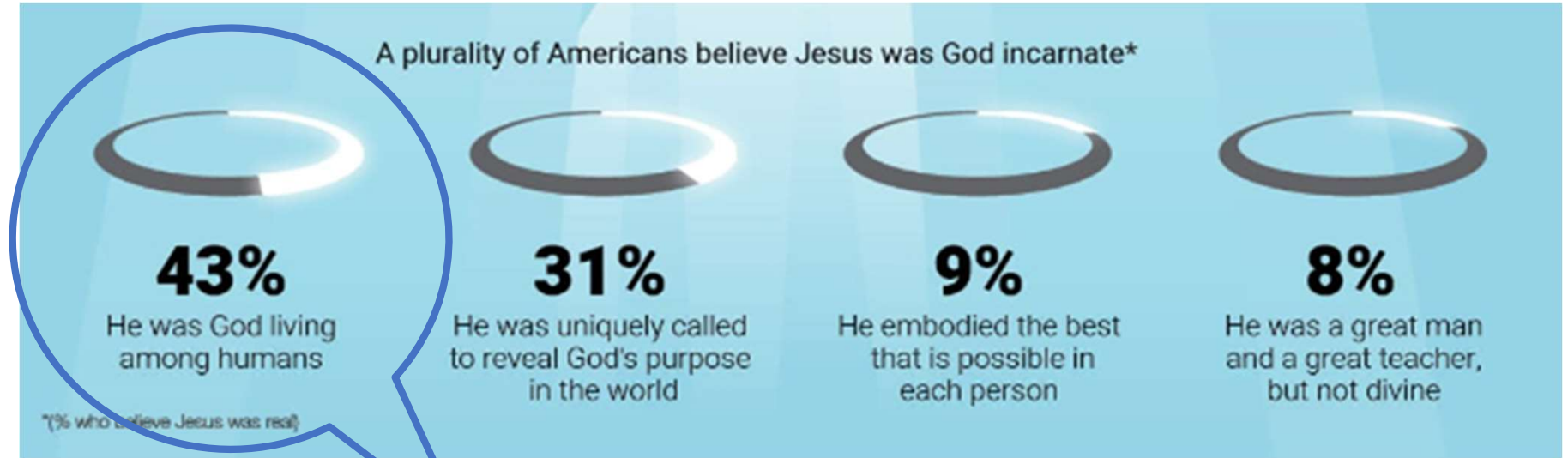
He created this world
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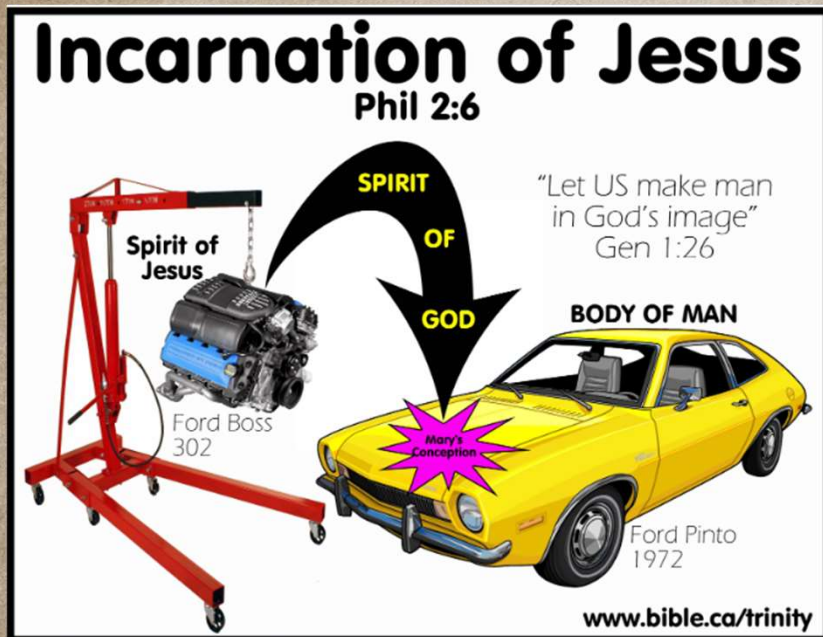
Jesus became
GOD INCARNATE

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name “Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”” Matthew 1:23



Most people don't believe Jesus was God living among humans

Jesus was God INCARNATE



Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil. 2:6-8



What did Jesus Say about Himself?

John 6:35

John 18:37

John 14:5-6



What was Jesus' Purpose?

John 6:38

Mark 10:45

1 Tim 1:15

John 12:46-47

Col 1:19-20





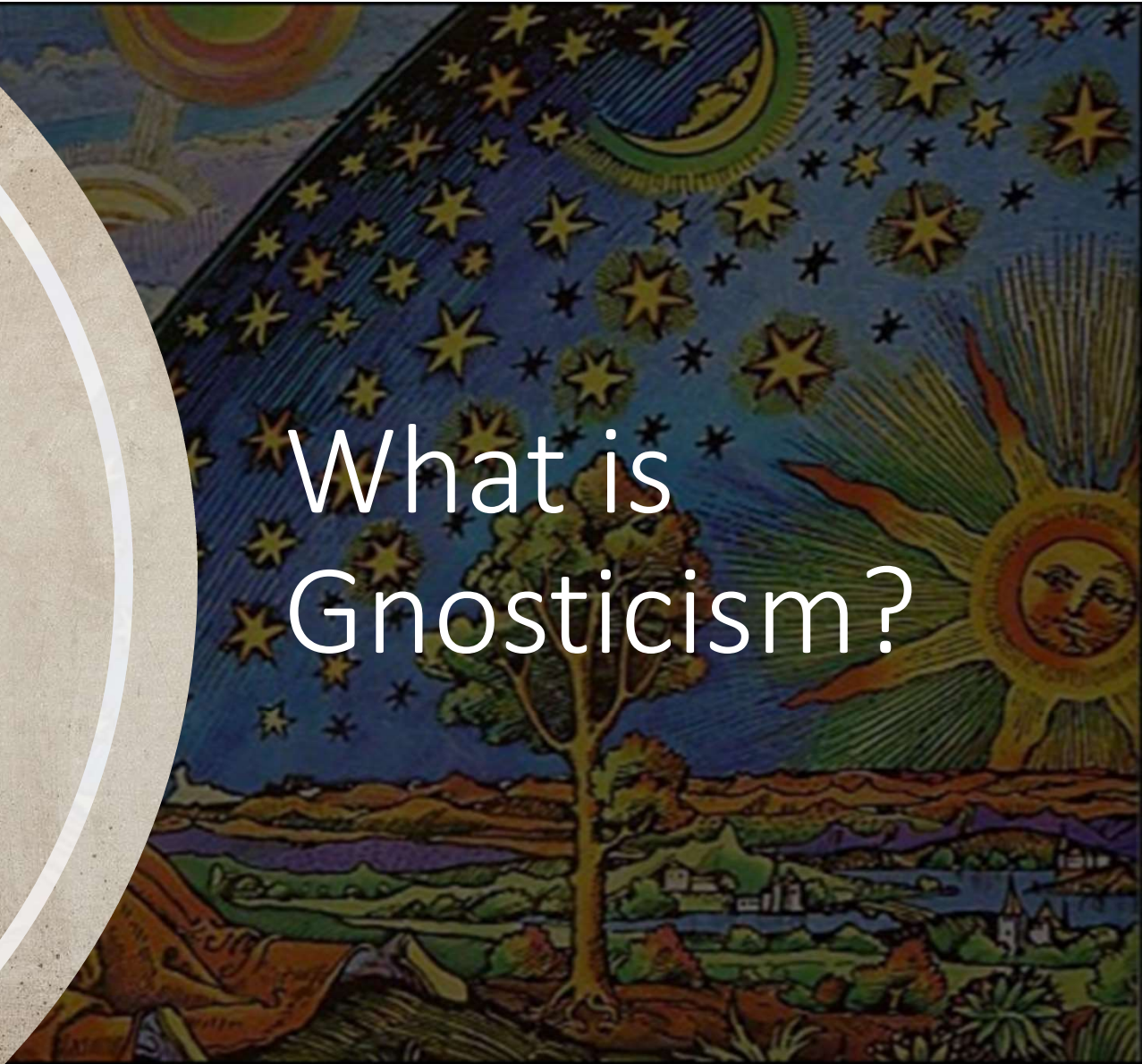
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The majority Gnostic position was one that modern scholars call “separationism:” the idea that Jesus did have a material body, but that his body and his spirit were two separate entities, it never suffered.

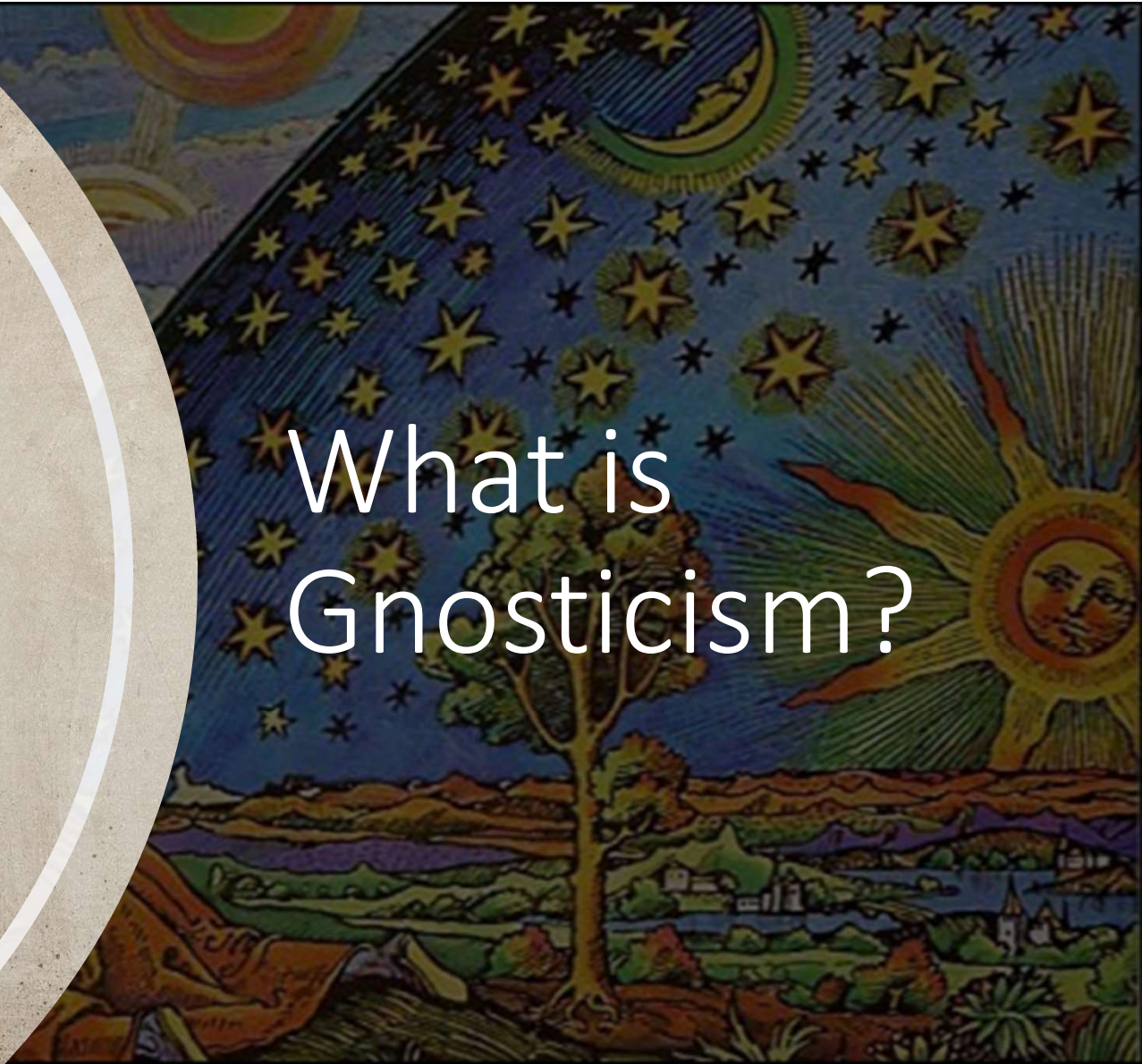
This made perfect sense within the Gnostics’ sharply dualistic worldview, wherein spirit and matter were categorically different, and even opposing, phenomena.

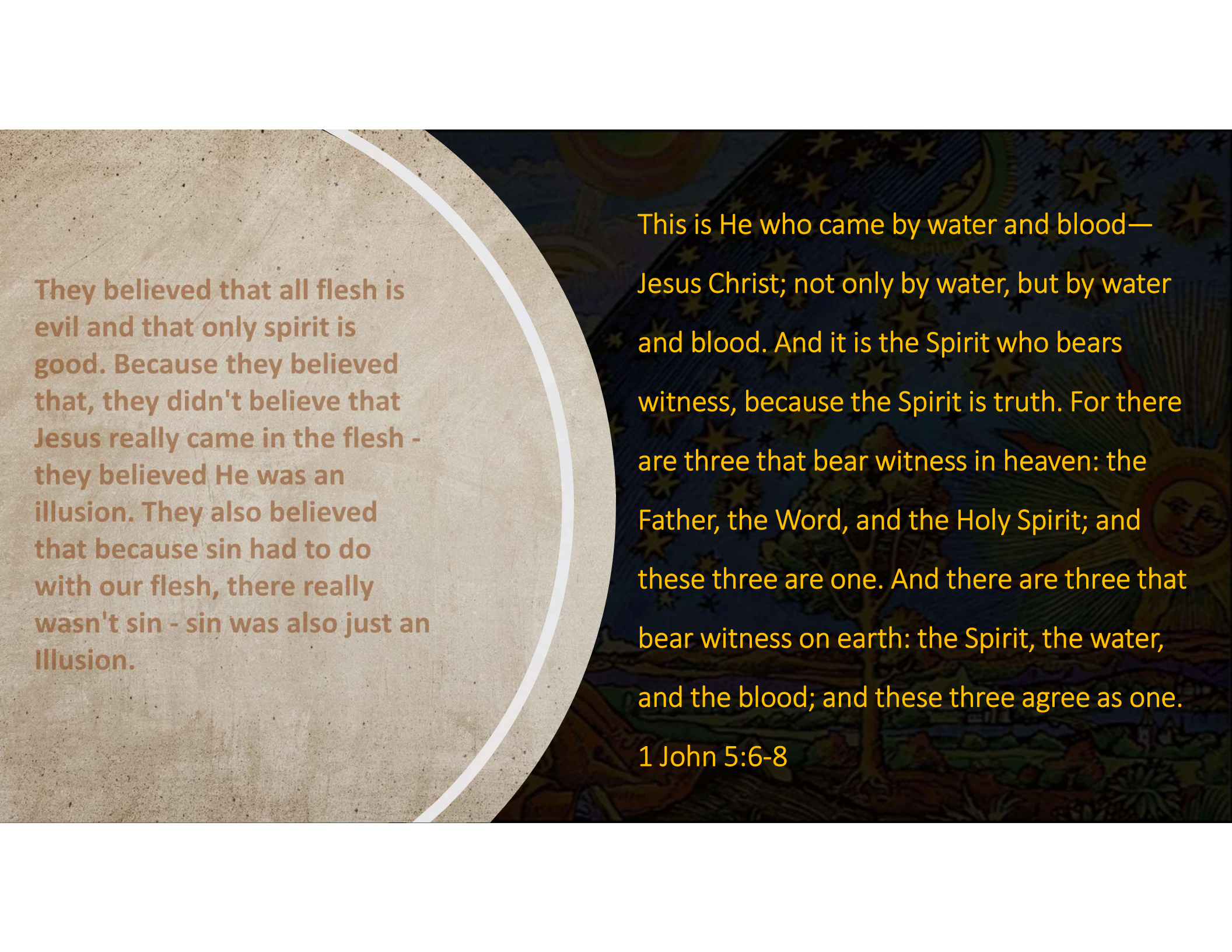
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This is He who came by water and blood— Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

1 John 5:6-8

By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

1 John 4:2-3

