

THE SHADOW, THE IMAGE AND THE TRUE

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Bible has been in circulation for many years now, having been read by millions of people in the world yet the understanding of the contents thereof remains a mystery to so many till date. Those that claim to be learned have read it with those that are not so learned and yet the ambiguity in decoding the word of God as contained in the Scriptures, the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Epistles of his Apostles still remains. Why?

The Word of God as contained in the Bible is not just mere letters as you can commonly find in the books of the literary world of this earth, but rather they are spirit and they are life (**Jn 6:63**). The true understanding thereof can only be gotten through divine revelations and insights given by the Spirit of truth to those amongst men that are made spiritually minded. Unfortunately, the many that read it are natural men that are carnally minded and therefore end up misinterpreting Scriptures and the gospel not knowing the power of God contained therein, because it is spiritually discerned. **Mtt 22:29; I Cor 2:13-14**

Mk 12:24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

Mtt 13:9-17 (Vr.10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? **Vr.11** He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Majority are simple minded being carnal and devoid of the Spirit of truth receivable in baptism, compulsorily required for one to truly interpret the mysteries of the Word of God contained in the Bible. They therefore find it difficult to accept and comprehend the revelational truths that those to whom it is given to understand bring forth, seeing it as foolishness. They therefore reject such truth in their ignorance and gainsaying nature. The truth of the matter is that the spiritual understanding of the Bible as a whole is not given to the Many to know ,but to the Few as it were. Pray that you may be found among the Few. **Acts 7:51; I Cor 1:18-24; I Cor 2:4-16; Mtt 16:19**

In this literature by the grace of our Lord Jesus, we shall be revealing one of the divine foundational concepts compulsorily needed in decoding the contents of the Bible by the spiritually discerning disciple of Christ, of which a few seem to know about. We shall be

examining the concept of the Shadow, the Image (the figure and the true of it) and the True. Lack of understanding of this concept in interpreting the Bible, amongst others, have led to the formulation of the various discordant doctrines of men wisdom that we find in the Churches as organizations or businesses (CAO) as peddled by their Ministers of the People (MOPs). The CAO MOPs are ignorant of the Image concept, though they claim to know about the Shadow and the True but they are definitely image-blind. Without having good understanding of the Image you cannot truly know the True as it were. **Mtt 15:14; Mtt 11:27**

Jn 9:39-41 (Vr.39) And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. **Vr.40** And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? **Vr.41** Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

As much as we shall bring out the revelational knowledge concerning this important concept yet we cannot lay claim to having the power to give spiritual understanding concerning it rather only the Holy Spirit can. Therefore, you need to have the Spirit of truth and the words of Christ richly dwelling in you to be able to come unto the understanding contained herein. Please be advised.

FUNDAMENTALS – THE TRUE

We shall be bringing out foundational truths and beliefs that are pertinent in one's walk in the faith. God is a Spirit and is the True. He is the origin and Creator of all that is true. The Father is the one True God and He is not an image of any other whether in heaven above or the earth beneath. Jesus Christ is His living Image being made the Son of the living God. Christ is the author and finisher of all that is Image that are living presently being the firstborn of every creature. Lucifer was of the image at his creation but iniquity was found in him and God made him to be as "a graven Image" instead, of the Shadow, as Satan the Devil. So he is the chief of those that are in the Shadows and are graven rather than living. All those that are workers of iniquity, transgressors and sinners are of the Shadow. **I Jn 5:20; I Thess 1:9; Mtt 4:16; Jn 8:44; 2 Cor 4:6; Jer 10:10; Colo 1:15**

Jn 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Jn 8: 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. **Vr.27** They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

Jn 7:28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. **Vr.29** But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

Mk 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord. **Vr.32** And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he [*every other are of the image and shadow*]:

Dictionary definitions: Shadow – Relative darkness, especially as caused by the interruption of light; gloom, obscurity; merely a hint of substance but not the substance itself; it is a figure, a shade.

Image – An optical or other representation of a real (true) object; a picture; To reflect, mirror; a form of the true.

True – Conforming to the actual state of reality or fact; Genuine; Legitimate

The Biblical meanings that encapsulate the three states can be perused for starters in the Bible verse of

Hebr 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

We can see that there is the Shadow of good things to come; the Image of good things to come; and the True as per the good things to come themselves as it were. The Shadow is found on earth, while the True is found only in heaven where our heavenly Father who is True and His holy angels dwelleth. The Image especially where Man is concerned is spiritual and is of two distinctions – the Figure of the living Image, which is still Terrestrial and the True of the living Image which is Celestial/heavenly. We shall treat these concepts in this literature accordingly.

God the Father is above all and the True, while every other are of the Image and of the Shadow. All emanate from Him without exception.

ORIGIN OF THE SHADOW – THE GRAVEN IMAGE

It was iniquity that brought into existence the Shadow concept and it began with Lucifer and his fall from the brightness into the darkness, from righteousness into wickedness, from heaven unto the earth. He was brought down to the lower parts of the earth. As it were, the earth being the footstool of God was thence covered in darkness, having the rebellious beings moving

in the shadows thereof, corrupted and became of that which shall pass away. Lucifer is a spiritual being that was made carnal by God and condemned to roam in the carnal unseen dark realms of the earth as Satan. **Isa 14:12,15; Ezek 28:15-18; Gen 3:14; Job 1:7; I Pet 5:8; Rev 12:9-13; Mtt 24:35**

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Ezek 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **Vr.18** Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Vr.12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Satan and his angels walk in the shadows of darkness and not in the light neither do they abide in the truth but in the lie; his kingdom is that of darkness as well as his children that produce unfruitful works of darkness. **Jn 8:44; Job 10:21-22; Mtt 8:12; Eph 5:11-12; I Thess 5:5**

Lucifer became as a graven image, being called Satan, a shadow of his former self – something that is not alive but made dead, from the grave even while he liveth. All that is of the graven image, of man-made gods and idols on earth stem from Satan as it were. Satan is the god of that which is of the dead, the grave and of hell. **Exo 20:3-5; Deu 4:16; Deu 7:25; 2 Kings 17:41; Isa 42:8,17; Isa 44:9-17; Nah 1:14; Rev 13:13-15; Mk 12:27; Rev 17:8; Mtt 25:41**

Isa 14:9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. **Vr.11** Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, **Vr.15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. **Vr.19** But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch [*a graven Image, an unfruitful branch*], and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Lev 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God.

By reason of the fall of Adam due to his transgression in the Garden of Eden, the realm of the Shadow expanded unto covering the world that Man was to inhabit and into which he was cast out. Man was not created in darkness or for the Shadow, but was made to be in the Shadow by reason of disobedience to God's commandment. When Adam fell due to sin, the body of Man became of the shadow (flesh and blood) that passeth away after an appointed time (it is appointed unto man once to die- physical death) and his soul was in danger of entering into the everlasting shadows also if not redeemed before death (the soul that sinneth shall die- the second death). **Hebr 9:27; Gen 2:15-17; Ezek 18:4; Mtt 10:28; Ps 8:5**

Adam ended up eating of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and his body was downgraded to a figure, a shadow becoming flesh and blood, having at best long life which was made subject to physical death. The world to which he was condemned to be and cast out into became corrupted by reason of iniquity, wickedness and became also of a shadow that shall pass away too. **Ps 102:11; Eccl 8:13; Ps 109:23; I Jn 5:19; I Jn 2:17; Gen 6:11-13**

Gen 5: 3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image [*that is of the Shadow*]; and called his name Seth: **Vr.4** And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: **Vr.5** And all the days that Adam lived were [*as a Shadow*] nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Hebr 2:5-10 (Vr.6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? **Vr.7** Thou madest him [*as a Shadow*] a little lower than the angels; **Vr.9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death [*as a figure image*], crowned with glory and honour [*as the true Image*]; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Rom 5: 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure [*shadow*] of him [*the Image*] that was to come.

Mtt 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

By reason of iniquity/disobedience Adam the living soul was made earthy and given a natural body by God for the suffering of death on earth thereby becoming of the Shadow bodily. **Gen 3:17-19**

I Cor 15:42 It is sown in corruption; **Vr.43** It is sown in dishonour; it is sown in weakness; **Vr.44** It is sown a natural body; There is a natural body [*of the Shadow*], and there is a spiritual body [*of the Image*]. **Vr.45** And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **Vr.46**

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **Vr.47** The first man is of the earth, earthy [*of the Shadow*]: **Vr.48** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: **Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy [*which is but a figure, a shadow on earth*],

Ecc1 6: 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow?

The natural man with terrestrial body that is carnally minded is in darkness, dwelling in the region and shadow of death. Such are under the captivity of the spirit of fear being made afraid of death all their lives. Therefore he is in need of deliverance and the salvation of the Lord. Deception, ignorance and hidden things of darkness are found in the shadows even as operated by Satan in this world. Christ came to deliver us from such captivity to fear and unearth the hidden things unto our being made wise in the truth. How? by bringing immortality and life to light through the Resurrection gospel of truth. **Rev 12:9; Rev 20:7-10; Hebr 2:14-15; 2 Tim 1:7; Mtt 10:26-28; Acts 26:18; I Cor 4:5; Mtt 4:13-16**

Colo 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: **Vr.17** Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. **Vr.18** Let no man beguile you [*those that are in the shadows are beguiled*] of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

2 Tim 1: 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

THE LIVING IMAGE

The root of the true imagery that is spiritual is Christ, who is the true image of the invisible God. In all the ages past of fallen Man being in the world, men have desired to know and see the unseen God, the Creator of the heaven and earth with whom they have had to deal with but couldn't. Why? Because God is not a man or flesh that He can be seen by flesh rather He is a Spirit; for Man to see God he must die first and be thereafter born of the Spirit in the resurrection from the dead before he can see Him face to face as He shall will. For no flesh can see God and live but God hath made it possible for us to be able to behold His glory as His image in the face of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Moses, the servant of God under the Old Testament dispensation of the Shadow sought to see God as all others before him desired. They saw angels that stood as emissaries of God instead but claimed erroneously that they saw God. **Acts 7:29-33; Jn 1:18**

Exo 33:17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. **Vr.18** And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. **Vr.19** And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. **Vr.20** And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

Because unrighteous men, sinners cannot see God they resorted to making images of created beings as their replacement version of the unseen and unknown God. This they did in the vanity of their minds and the corrupt imaginations of their heart and worshipped such idolatrously as God instead. God warned His own people Israel against making any graven image that is supposed to be Him or His look alike of things on earth or things above as it were; for that would become idol worship of which the heathens were known abominably for. **Acts 7:39-43; Acts 17:22-31; I Cor 10:20**

Rom 1:18-26 (Vr.21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **Vr.22** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, **Vr.23** And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. **Vr.25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Vr.4** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: **Vr.5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Deu 4:10-20 (Vr.12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. **Vr.15** Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: **Vr.16** Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, **Vr.17** The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, **Vr.18** The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: **Vr.19** And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. **Vr.20** But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

Unfortunately, the children of Israel hearkened not unto these commandments of God but went on to do to the contrary in all manner of idolatrous practice and worship even as men continue to do till date ignorantly.

In order to address this craving of Man for worship of the Creator that they cannot see, God in His mercy and salvation sent into the world, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, His Word made flesh to dwell amongst us. And men beheld the glory of the Father in the face of His Son, His image and likeness made to partake of flesh and blood for the salvation of all mankind. **Jn 3:13**

Jn 1:1-18 (Vr.14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. **Vr.18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

2 Cor 4:4-6 (Vr.4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **Vr.6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Son as the likeness of God come down from heaven as the form of God authorized by the Father for us to honour and worship rather than any other before him or after him. The holy angels and hosts of heaven were also commanded by God to submit to and worship this His Image that He hath glorified above all His names and made to sit at His right hand in glory and majesty in the heavens as it were. Jesus Christ is the only likeness of God above, not made with hands but of heaven that we are commanded to honour in worship, praise and adoration even as we do the Father in heaven. **Jn 5:23; Jn 8:49,54; Hebr 1:6; I Pet 3:22; Ps 138:2; Phil 2:6**

Colo 1: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Jn 6: 51 I am the living [*image of God*] bread which came down from heaven:

The LORD God said that His glory will He not give to another, neither His praise to graven images, instead He gave them to His living Image in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He exalted to be seated at His right hand in glory after he had accomplished the will of the Father on earth. None could be likened unto the Father before but now the Son can be likened unto Him to a reasonable extent as His image having been exalted by the Father himself. Satan is of the graven image, an imitator and a counterfeiter and hath desired this privilege and status from the start but it was given to him. **Isa 42:8; Isa 14:14; Jn 8:49-50,54; Jn 5:22-23; Jn 17:5,22,24; Rev 5:13; Acts 2:29-35; Ps 86:8-10; Isa 45:5-6,21; I Jn 4:14; Mk 12:36**

Hebr 1:1-13 (Vr.13) But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Vr.5** For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? **Vr.8** But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. **Vr.9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

HOW IS CHRIST THE IMAGE OF GOD THE FATHER?

In order to answer this question judiciously we would have to define what an image is practically and then check the tenets of this definition out in the doctrine that the Master taught us of himself as the image of God. What is an image? An image is a picture of somebody seen in a mirror, or through a camera; ones reflection captured in a mirror.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **Vr.24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

An image does not have life of its own rather it is the person being reflected that has life of itself. Without the real (true) person existing there can be no image of him possible. It is the true person that gives expression and life to his image as it were. The Father is the true, while the Son is His Image that He made to come to life and dwell amongst us in the world.

Jn 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father:

Jn 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

The image cannot do anything of itself except what the person that it is a reflection of does, only then can it do likewise. The Image cannot speak anything of itself only that which it hears from the true person. He cannot act or work anything except that which it sees the true person do.

Jn 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. **Vr.19** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise [*as the Image of the Father*]. **Vr.20** For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. **Vr.21** For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will [*being His living, active Image*].

Jn 8:26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true [*but I am His Image*]; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. **Vr.27** They understood not that he spake to them of the Father [*the True*]. **Vr.28** Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things [*as His Image*]. **Vr.29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Jn 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge [*as His Image*]: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. **Vr.22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Jn 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. **Vr.11** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. **Vr.24** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Jn 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. **Vr.17** If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

Jn 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak [*as His Image*].

Jesus Christ is the image of God the Father (the Word of God) that He gave life to in order to exist outside from the mirror as it were. No longer as a mere reflection of Him captured in a looking glass but a living, active image outside of the mirror medium. Jesus Christ is the Image of God that the Father made to come to life and have life in himself to give unto Man through the salvation process. Without the Father there can be no Son, but not vice versa. Jesus Christ is the living Image of the Father in heaven whom He sent to the earth to give us understanding of who the Father, the true, is. **Jn 5:26; Jn 6:57; I Jn 5:20**

The image is a reflection in a mirror or looking glass of the true (real) person but not the person itself. Jesus Christ NEVER claimed to be God the Father rather he told us that he is the Son of the living Father instead, but the CAO teaches otherwise in their Trinity doctrine in ambiguity even as the Pharisees of old did, twisting the truth, in order to lay an accusation of blaspheme against Christ our Master. **Mtt 26:57-66; 2 Cor 4:2-4**

Jn 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. **Vr.18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. **Vr.19** Then answered Jesus and said

unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself [*being an image*], but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Jn 10:30-39 (Vr.30 I and my Father are one [*as the image and the true*]. **Vr.31** Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. **Vr.33** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. **Vr.36** Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world [*as His living Image*], Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God [*not God the Father himself*]? **Vr.38** But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him [*this is the basis of Christ's operation as the Image of the Father*].

Jn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life [*as the image of the Father*]: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **Vr.7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him [*having seen me His Image*]. **Vr.8** Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father [*the True that is a Spirit which no flesh can see and live*], and it sufficeth us. **Vr.9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me [*the Image come in the flesh*] hath seen the Father [*the True that is a Spirit*]; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Christ is the Image that came out of the Father the True. He was begotten by the Father as His living Image and not a still, molten or graven image as men make on earth, that have mouth but cannot speak, ears but cannot hear and eyes but they cannot see. **Jn 1:14,18; I Jn 4:9; Habak 2:18-20**

Jn 16:27-30 (Vr.27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. **Vr.28** I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. **Vr.30** Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

Jn 17: 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Hebr 1: 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee [*as my image*]? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Christ as the Image of the Father did not come down from heaven on his own accord, rather the Father, the True sent him to do His will specifically for the salvation of all mankind.

Jn 6: 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Jn 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Jn 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

The True is greater than His Image that He sent but the CAO teaches otherwise in their Trinity doctrine saying that they are equal in all ramifications.

Jn 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

Jn 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all;

Jn13: 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

As the Image of the Father, Christ is the heir of God and therefore all that he hath is of the Father and all that the Father hath is his by inheritance.

Jn 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine.

Jn 17:10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

Jn 10:30 I and my Father are one [*even as the Image and the True are one*].

Hebr 1:1-6 (Vr.2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Vr.3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; **Vr.4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

In the fullness of light the true image is revealed and there is no shadow or turning in him. God as the Father of lights sent His Son into the world to be the light of the world in order to dispel the darkness found therein. Also the Father gave life to the Son for him to give life to the world. The light is of righteousness, while darkness is of iniquity. Christ being of the light is the image

of the invisible God and he walketh in light even as he is light. The Image is seen mainly in the light and not in darkness. **Jam 1:17; Jn 3:19-21; Lk 2:32**

Jn 1:4-9 (Vr.4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.**Vr.5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. **Vr.9** That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Jn 12:44-46 (Vr.45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me [*because he is the Image of Him*]. **Vr.46** I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Jn 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness [*nor in the shadows thereof*], but shall have the light of life [*being made an Image thereby*].

Jn 6: 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **Vr.33** For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. **Vr.57** As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

All those that live by the Son he sends to be the light of the world even as the Father sent him. **Jn 9:5; Mtt 5:14-16; Jn 20:21-22**

ADAM WAS FORMED IN THE IMAGE OF THE SON

Man was created in the likeness of God the Father, being formed in the image of Christ the Son.

Gen 1: 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **Vr.27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God [*that is Christ*] created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground [*as flesh and bone*], and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Gen 3: 22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us [*Which one of us? Like the Son of Man*], to know good and evil:

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man [*with a spirit*], in the likeness of God made he him;

The “likeness” component of the Father in Adam was the spirit which God created him with from the start, for God is a Spirit. And that is why the spirit of man at physical death returns directly to God who gave it. While as the image of the Son, Adam was formed as flesh and bone and made a living soul. So Christ is the Bishop and Shepherd of our soul which he redeems by his precious blood. That is why our fellowship is with the Father and the Son whose likeness and image we are. **Eccl 12:7; I Pet 2:25; Jn 4:24; Eph 3:9; I Jn 1:3**

Note that the Father is Spirit and have not flesh and bone, but the Son has, even as the angels. God is the Father of spirits, the God of the spirits of all flesh. God is neither man nor the son of man, but Christ is the Son of man, whose image we are. **Jn 4:24; Lk 24:39; Hebr 1:7,14; Hebr 12:9; Num 16:22; Num 23:19**

Eph 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: **Vr.30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones.

Lk 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **Vr.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **Vr.40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

So Man at creation has the likeness of God by reason of the spirit of man, and bore the image of the Son of Man by reason of the flesh and bone formation and Man being made a living soul as it were. The soul is the image of the spirit, both being spiritual. **Job 32:8; I Cor 11:7; Isa 42:5**

Rom 8: 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

As we have already seen the true direct Image and likeness of God from heaven is Jesus Christ who is His one and only begotten Son and none else. Therefore in reality Man was created in the likeness of the Father and formed in the image of the Son as it was. Why? Jesus Christ is the Son of Man in heaven but the Father is neither man nor the son of man. So when Adam was formed he was made in the image of the Son of Man. There is truly only one Image of the Father who is a Spirit and that is His Son whom He made a quickening Spirit as it were. Man was not made a living spirit nor a quickening spirit, but a living soul instead as an image. **I Cor 15:45; Num 23:19; Jn 5:21**

Jn 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me [*as His Image*]: **Vr.20** At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you [*you as the image of the Son*].

Christ is the image of the Father and we are the image of Christ. Christ is the only begotten Son of God and we are adopted sons of God through him. Man was created by the Father through the Son and was made to bare the image of the Son. Without Christ the Son of God, Adam would not have come into existence. Similarly, without God the Father the Son would not be in existence too. The Son is our brethren but not the Father as it were. So we are the image of Christ as his brethren. Christ is not our Father rather we have one Father with him even God our heavenly Father. **Mtt 23:8-9; Hebr 2:9-18; Jn 6:57; Jn 15:4-5**

I Cor 3:23 And ye are Christ's [*as his Image*]; and Christ is God's [*as His Image*].

I Cor 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of Christ is God.

Jn 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Eph 2: 10 For we are his [*God's*] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

Eph 3:9-12 (Vr.9) And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Rom 8:29 For whom he [*the Father*] did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

I Jn 4: 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world [*as a figure of his Image presently*].

Colo 1:12-20 (Vr.15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **Vr.16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth (**Gen 1:1**), visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. **Vr.11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew...; but Christ is all, and in all.

We are said to be the image of God only through Christ who is the true image of the Father as it were. We bare the image of the Son as a “**FIGURE**” presently as children of God on earth (while

being earthy-flesh and blood), but we shall bare the image of the Son as the “TRUE” as children of the resurrection on that day (when we shall have become heavenly-flesh and bone). It is only through Christ that we find expression in God and as Christ’s image we can do nothing without him. **Lk 20:34-36**

Jn 15: 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. **Vr.5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing [*being the image of Christ*].

I Jn 5: 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true [*the Father*], even in [*only through*] his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Jn 6: 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

I Cor 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy [*as the fallen man*]: the second man is the Lord from heaven [*heavenly*]. **Vr.48** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. **Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly [*the true image of Christ*]

I Jn 3:1-2 (Vr.2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God [*as a figure of his Image*], and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him [*as the true of his Image*]; for we shall see him as he is.

Paul captured the operation of our reflection of Christ on the earth as earthy aptly in

2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass [*mirror*] the glory of the Lord [*the image of God which is Christ*] are changed into the same image [*that we behold in the mirror which is Christ*] from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (**2 Cor 4:6; Jn 1:14**)

I Cor 13:12 For now we see through a glass darkly [*as a figure*]; but then face to face [*as the True*] : now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

When we shall become the heavenly even as the true image of Christ, we shall be able to see the Father face to face even as our guardian angels do presently. **Rev 22:3-4; Mtt 18:10; Jn 16:25-27; Mk 12:25; Rev 7:13-17**

Therefore in this literature we use identify the Redeemed Man as “the figure of the image of God”, which is Christ, in this world, while we identify the Resurrected Man as “the true of the image of God” which is Christ in heaven. The saved Man, whether as a “Figure” or as the “True”

is the image of Christ who is the true image of God. Man was created as an image from the very beginning by God. The first Man was the true image of Christ in the Garden of Eden, while the Redeemed Man is the figure of the image of Christ on earth presently.

ADAM'S FALL MADE MAN A SHADOW IN DARKNESS

Adam's fall took him out from the light wherein he was the true image and likeness of God in Christ into the dark to become as a Shadow. And Man became a figure of the last Adam found in the darkness as a shadow, being made mortal and corruptible, subject to the power of death and of darkness. **Acts 26:18; Hebr 2:6-7,9,14-16; Ps 51:1-5**

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure [Shadow] of him that was to come.

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image [in iniquity/transgression as a Shadow];

Sinners bare the image of the first Man, Adam, who is earthy with a natural body and in darkness being of the Shadow, while the redeemed man on earth (the saint) is made the figure of the image of the last Adam when born again. But the saint shall become the true image of the Son when we are made heavenly at the resurrection from the dead. Sinners are in darkness and in the shadows of death continually. **I Thess 5:5; I Cor 15:50-54**

2 Cor 4:2-12 (Vr.4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **Vr.6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **Vr.7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels [being a figure of the image presently], that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Eph 5:6-9 (Vr.8 For ye were sometimes darkness [*as a Shadow*], but now are ye light in the Lord [*as a figure of the image*]: walk as children of light:

Colo 1:12-15 (Vr.13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of [*Light of*] his dear Son:

Phil 3: 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **Vr.21** Who shall change our vile body [flesh and blood], that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body [flesh and bone], according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

So as born again believers on earth presently, we are still limited in power being flesh and blood (mortal), though no longer of the Shadow as sinners, but on that day becoming immortal the limitation shall be lifted in order for us to subdue the earth with the Son of God at his appearing. **I Cor 15:20-28; Mtt 4:16-17**

They that are of the Shadow are without God and without hope in this world and the wrath of God awaits them in the world to come.

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

The fallen man is as the graven image he maketh and worshippeth as his god, of which Satan is behind it. How? **Jn 12:37-40; Mtt 13:13-15**

Isa 44:9-20 (Vr.9 They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. **Vr.10** Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? **Vr.13** The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. **Vr.15** Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. **Vr.17** And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. **Vr.18** They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. **Vr.19** And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? **Vr.20** He feedeth on ashes [**Gen 3:14**]: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

Ps 135:15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. **Vr.16** They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; **Vr.17** They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. **Vr.18** They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

THE SHADOWY THINGS

As from the foregoing, the spirit of Man is of the True, while the flesh and soul of Man was of the Image but when Man fell due to transgression and sin, the flesh of Man became of the Shadow (it was then appointed unto man once to die) and his soul was covered in the darkness having the candle light of his spirit quenched. The fallen Man, being made of corruptible flesh, became of the Shadow in this world of lust and corruption. The Shadow came into being as a result of disobedience and sin but shall be done away with at the end.

The Shadow is found as flesh and blood in sin where Man is concerned and the flesh profiteth nothing. The Shadow is of the natural, earthy and carnal mind. The Shadow operations are of/for the earth only and are of the shakable and moveable things that shall pass away. They are temporal, "made things" that shall perish eventually. Therefore they that are of the Shadow can only attain at best unto long life, which they seek continually. The Shadow is of things that die, therefore those that are of the Shadow are always fearful and afraid to die being held captive in the shadow of death. The things of this world are of the Shadow which the Gentiles pursue relentlessly. **I Cor 7:31; Eccl 6:12; Mk 4:40; Rev 21:8; Hebr 2:15; Jn 6:63; Rom 8:8,12-13; Mtt 22:31-32**

Lk 9: 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. **Vr.60** Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Hebr 12:24-29 (Vr.26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. **Vr.27** And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

2 Cor 4:14-18 (Vr.16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man [*the Shadow*] perish, **Vr.17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **Vr.18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal [*which are of the Shadows*]; but the things which are not seen are eternal [*which are of the True*].

I Jn 2:15-17 (Vr.16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world [*of Shadows*]. **Vr.17** And the world passeth away [*because it is of the Shadow*],

Mtt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away [*because they are of the Shadow*],

Ps 109:23 I am gone like the shadow

Job 14: 1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. **Vr.2** He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

The children of the world are of the shadow being children of darkness, and of the night. They are the children of the Wicked one as it is and shall pass away. Such are tares, goats, wolves, hirelings, strangers, etc. They love money and seek lustfully the things that money can buy. They are of those that want to gain the whole world at the expense of losing their souls being deceived by the uncertain riches of this world. The children of this world lay their treasures on the earth where the thief cometh to steal always; for there their hearts lieth. They love the world and all the things that are in the world, pursuing shadows as it were. **I Thess 5:5; Mtt 13:22,38; Lk 16:8; Jn 10:10; Mtt 6:24,31-32; I Jn 2:15-17**

Mk 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world [*the shadowy things*], and lose his own soul?

Mtt 6: 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **Vr.21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The tabernacle that God commanded Moses to build in the wilderness as operated under the Old Testament law was of the Shadow.

Hebr 8: 5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Hebr 9:23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns [shadow] of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves [*the True*] with better sacrifices than these. **Vr.24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true [the Shadow]; but into heaven itself [*the True*], now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Acts 7:44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness [*the shadow representation*], as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion [*of the true in heaven*] that he had seen.

The bread that God gave to the children of Israel from heaven was of the Shadow in the wilderness. All they that ate of that manna from heaven still died as it were.

Jn 6: 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. **Vr.27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, **Vr.31** Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave

them bread from heaven to eat. **Vr.32** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **Vr.49** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

THE LAW IS OF THE SHADOW

The Law of Moses was given to those that dwelleth in the shadow of death and therefore comprises of shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the (true) things nor the true thing itself. The Law encompassing all that pertaineth unto it – Circumcision, Sabbath days, tithe, first fruit, the tabernacle/temple, the Promised land and its promised rest, etc. are all of the Shadowy things. The Law that came by Moses was for the operation of the Shadowy things and not for the image of the true things on earth as operated by grace and truth that came by Christ Jesus. **Colo 2:16-23; Mk 2:27-28; Jn 7:19,22-24**

Jn 1: 17 For the law was given by Moses [*for operation of the Shadowy things*], but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ [*for the operation of the image things*].

Hebr 10: 1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things,

2 Cor 3:4-18 (Vr.6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter [*used for operating the Shadow*], but of the spirit [*used for operating the image*]: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. **Vr.7** But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away [*being of the Shadow*]: **Vr.9** For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, **Vr.11** For if that which is done away [*being of the Shadow*] was glorious, **Vr.13** And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: **Vr.14** But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. **Vr.15** But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

Hebr 3:1-6 (Vr.2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house [*that was of the Shadow*]. **Vr.5** And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant [*operating under the Shadow*], for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after [*the image things of Christ that was to come*]; **Vr.6** But Christ as a son over his own [*image*] house; whose house are we [*as figures of his image*], if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end [*unto becoming the true of his image*].

What is found in the law is a form of knowledge and of the truth and those that are instructed out of the law have a “form” of understanding of the Scriptures thereof but not “the true”

spiritual understanding. Such make their boast in the law where forth they rely on or retest in wholly, always running to it for to get wisdom that is still from beneath rather than running to Christ in the gospel to receive of the wisdom that is from above instead. The Scriptures of the Law and the Prophets are meant to direct us by the faith of God unto Christ in order that we might hear him alone in his doctrines and live by his faith even as the Father hath commanded us. **Mtt 17:1-5; Acts 3:22-23; 2 Tim 3:15; Gal 3:21-28**

Rom 2:17-29 (Vr.17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, **Vr.18** And knowest his will, and approves the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; **Vr.19** And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, **Vr.20** An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

Jn 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. **Vr.40** And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. **Vr.46** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. **Vr.47** But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

The Pharisees proudly claimed to be disciples of Moses being the custodians of the Law but rejected becoming the disciples of Jesus Christ- the Way, the Truth and the Life. They refused to accept him as the Son of God thereby rejecting the counsel of God. They made their boast in the Law as renowned teachers of the Law, but Christ called them blind guides leading the blind as it were. **Mtt 23:1-2,16,24; Jn 3:9-12**

Jn 9:27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? **Vr.28** Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. **Vr.29** We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. **Vr.34** They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. **Vr.39** And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. **Vr.40** And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? **Vr.41** Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Mtt 15:12-14 (Vr.14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch [*being shadows in darkness*].

Unfortunately, those of the CAO that claim with mouth to be ministers of the New Testament are actually Old Testament ministers at heart, in doctrine and deeds. They are yet operating in the shadows and darkness of the old covenant and law till date, while claiming to be under grace and truth in the light, deceiving themselves and their numerous adherents. The

ministration of the Law is of the letters that killeth and was meant to be done away with after grace and truth came by Christ Jesus but the CAO MOPs yet cling unto it tenaciously being blind guides. The Law is for the unrighteous, sinners and not for the just. It was added because of transgressions.

I Tim 1: 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. **Vr.9** Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, **Vr.10** For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Gal 3: 19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator [*the man Moses*].

The Law of Moses is of the law of sin and death. And all those that say that they are in Christ Jesus but yet clinging unto the observance of the Law, walk after the flesh and are still under condemnation being under the curse. Such are yet carnally minded and earthly focused as it were. **Rom 8:1-6; Gal 3:10-13**

The Old Testament having Moses as the mediator and testator thereof is of the Shadow and therefore decayeth – the priesthood, sanctuary, ordinances and all that pertaineth to it are to be abolished. **2 Cor 3:11,13**

Hebr 8:1-13 (Vr.7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. **Vr.8** For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: **Vr.9** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. **Vr.13** In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebr 10:1-11 (Vr.8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; **Vr.9** Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

THE TEMPLE AND ITS WORSHIP IS OF THE SHADOW

The building of physical structures as the temple of God on earth and the Synagogue worship system are of the shadowy operations under the Old Testament. These were abolished by Jesus Christ under New Testament, who founded the Church instead; a body of true Believers and not a physical building as the CAO still make it out to seem till date. They call the building (their Cathedrals/edifices) the Church, rather than the Christians that congregate in the building, still operating and keeping men in the Shadows by the ordinances and doctrines therein by which they operate as it were. **Jer 7:3-15; Mtt 18:15-20**

Jn 2:13-22 (Vr.19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. **Vr.20** Then said the Jews, Forty and six (46) years was this temple [*the shadow temple*] in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? **Vr.21** But he spake of the temple of his body [*the image temple*].

Mtt 24: 1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple [*which are of the Shadow*]. **Vr.2** And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Acts 7:44-50 (Vr.48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands [*because they are of the Shadows*]; as saith the prophet, **Vr.49** Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

Jn 4:20-24 (Vr.20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. **Vr.21** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father [*because they are of the Shadows*]. **Vr.22** Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: **Vr.23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **Vr.24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

God is not so much interested in physical structures in the form of temples/cathedrals and material things for sacrifice and offerings; for such shall all be done away with eventually, but He is a Spirit. Rather He has always been interested in our showing mercy, judgment and faith in obedience to Him above every other thing, but unfortunately the natural man refuses to understand this. **I Sam 15:21-23; Mtt 23:16-23; Mtt 15:3-6**

Jer 7:21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. **Vr.22** For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: **Vr.23** But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto

you. **Vr.24** But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Mtt 12: 6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. **Vr.7** But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. **Vr.8** For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

Hebr 10:1-11 (Vr.6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

I Sam 15: 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

The CAO MOPs still tenaciously cling unto these shadowy things in the form of Cathedrals, altars, tithes, seed sowing, money, carnal sacrifices, etc as their primary objects of worship needed in their vain service to God under the New Testament contrary to the doctrine of Christ and the examples that he set for us to follow. **Exo 34:20; Mk 12:28-34; Mtt 19:16-30**

MARRIAGE ON EARTH IS OF THE SHADOW

Marriage is premised on two flesh coming together in sexual union to become one body, a carnal interaction. It is for the children of this world and therefore shall pass away with the world also. It is a shadow of the figure of the image, which has to do with the saints all being baptized into one body by the one Spirit as in Christ. From the last day, marrying and being given in marriage shall cease for all those that shall become the children of the resurrection being the true children of God. **Gen 2:24; I Cor 6:17; I Cor 12:12-13; Eph 5:30-32; Rom 7:4**

I Cor 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Lk 20:27-36 (Vr.33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife. **Vr.34** And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: **Vr.35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

The multiplication and replenishing of the world through marriage is also of the shadow. This is how the children of the world are brought forth being born of the flesh, but not how the children of God are brought forth being born of the Spirit instead. **Hebr 9:27; Gen 9:1-7; Jn 3:6; I Pet 1:23**

The CAO being propagators of the shadowy things exalt marriage to high heavens and tout it as men's fulfillment of divine destiny but this is not true. Therefore, many are made to focus so

much on marriage and family life more than on Christ and the kingdom life unto making shipwreck of their faith clinging unto them to the detriment of their life in Christ. Men are made to be carnally minded by worldly marriage rather than spiritually minded instead. **Lk 9:57-62**

Lk 14: 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. **Vr.20** And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. **Vr.26** If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. **Vr.27** And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. **Vr.33** So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Marriage is not a prerequisite to fulfilling the will of God on earth or for making heaven on the last day. It is actually a distraction to a wholesome Kingdom pursuit and Christ our perfect example did not get involved with it unlike Adam to his detriment. It is of the shadow and shall pass away with the earth as it were. May you not pass away because of it and with it on that day. **Mtt 19:3-12; I Cor 7:32-35**

MAN AS A FIGURE OF THE IMAGE ON EARTH

As we have opined, the fallen Man is of the Shadow and operates in darkness, but the redeemed Man who becomes born again is made “the figure of the image of Christ” here on earth. It is by the coming of the Holy Ghost to dwell in us through baptism that we are made spiritual. The saint is a figure of the image in this world presently, rather than the true of the image, because he is still flesh and blood being subject to physical death.

Becoming the figure of the image by the new birth experience on earth does not make us spiritual beings but rather spiritually minded human beings. It is becoming “the true of the image” that shall make us spiritual beings in the world to come as it were. There is a difference between becoming spiritually minded as a human being and becoming a spiritual being even as the angels. The former is of the figure while the latter is of the true. Those that are of the world are of the Shadow, while those that are no longer of the world but are of the Kingdom are of the figure of the Image presently in this world. **Jn 17:6,14-16**

Man as the figure of the image being made spiritual by the indwelling Spirit of Christ is able to produce the fruit of the Spirit and is enabled to operate in the gifts of the Spirit also. The fruit shall endure unto everlasting life, but the gifts shall cease at the end and not carried over in the world to come. **Jn 15:16; I Cor 12:4-11; I Cor 13:8-13; Gal 5:22-25**

The image man still has a terrestrial body as long as he is still alive on the earth but he is spiritually minded having been baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Such are those that are led by the Spirit of God as the image sons of God on earth. They set their affections on things above where Christ is seated. They operate the kingdom of God as an image in righteousness within them above every other pursuit of life, being no longer of the world though still in the world. They are such that have been called out of the world into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Therefore, they neither crave nor lust after the things of this world any longer like the children of this world do. **Mtt 6:32-33; Colo 3:1-2; Rom 8:14; I Tim 6:5-12**

2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

I Cor 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly [*as a figure of the image*];

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image [*currently as a figure*] of him that created him.

I Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God [*as a figure of his Image*], and it doth not yet appear what we shall be:

Jn 17:6,14-16 (Vr.14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world [*being no longer of the Shadow but of the Image*], even as I am not of the world. **Vr.15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **Vr.16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Without receiving the Spirit in baptism one cannot become a figure of the image and operate thereby. You must be joined unto the Lord as one spirit. The Master with his apostles taught us in their doctrine about this severally. **I Cor 6:17; 2 Cor 3:17**

Jn 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **Vr.4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born [*as a Shadow again*]? **Vr.5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit [*becoming a figure of the Image*], he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Rom 8:9,14-16 (Vr.9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you [*being a figure of the Image*]. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his [*but still of the shadow*]. **Vr.14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are

the sons of God [*as a figure of the Image*]. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption [*without which you cannot become the figure of the image*], whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **Vr.16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God [*as figures of the image on earth*]:

Jn 1:11-13 (Vr.12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Vr.13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man [*as of the Shadow*], but of God [*as of the image*].

Without being saved by hope and born unto a lively hope through the born again experience you cannot be said to have become the figure of the Image of Christ Jesus on earth. **Rom 8:23-25; I Pet 1:3-5**

THE FIGURE OF THE IMAGE OPERATION ON EARTH

The figure of the Image operation on earth kicked off from the time of the coming of the Holy Ghost after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is by the coming of the Holy Ghost to dwell in us through baptism that we were made spiritual before then it was not so, we were carnal (**Rom 7:14**). The figure of the image is of a spiritual operation by faith in hope by those that are made saints of God on earth. It is a New Testament operation and not of the Old Testament as it was. The facilitating media for this operation is by the three that bear witness on earth; without partaking in them you cannot become a figure of the image on earth as a true Believer in Christ Jesus. **Rom 8:9, 14-16**

I Jn 5:4-14 (Vr.6) This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. **Vr.8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. **Vr.9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. **Vr.10** He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself [*it is the Spirit that beareth witness*]: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son [*and cannot receive of his Spirit thereof*].

The Lord gives the gifts of the Spirit to those that become the figure of the image through the Spirit baptism for them to operate with here on earth unto the edification of the Body of Christ and for the manifestation of the deliverance power of the Kingdom for all men to see and attest to the miraculous working power of God in their lives. Through the manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit, the saints demonstrate the power of the True at work in them for the world to believe and have a taste. **Eph 4:7-16; I Cor 12:1-31; I Cor 13:1-13; Mtt 12:28; I Cor 14:23-25; Hebr 6:4-5**

All that Christ our Lord and Saviour accomplished for us on the cross and thereafter, we presently operate spiritually in victory by the faith of Jesus Christ in hope as a figure of the true image to come. Unfortunately, the CAO MOPs teach otherwise being image-blind, ignorant of the figure of the image concept and operation. They declare that we have begun to operate in the true while yet being of the flesh in this world; but this is an error in understanding of the true gospel message and therefore gives rise to the erroneous doctrines of men that the CAO propagate in that vein, exalting themselves to be something now which they are not nor have yet attained. That which we are to be in the world to come they falsely says that they are now.

What Christ has wrought upon the cross for us we currently have to operate in them as a figure of the image. How? By faith in hope and love. Faith here implies hearing and adhering to the doctrines of Christ as born again Believers (**Rom 10:17; Mtt 4:4; Gal 5:6; I Cor 13:13; Hebr 11:1**). The image is operated by faith in hope until the time of the True (the attaining and manifestation of that hope), which shall commence from the last day onward but the CAO mistaken the True operation to be now in this evil world rather than when it ought to be, which is in the world to come, a futuristic occurrence. The CAO being image deaf and dumb do not obtain this understanding in the biblical verses of the New Testament gospel as it were. Examples of this spiritual image concept abound like the following:

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life [*as the figure of the image in this world*]. **Vr.5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death [*now through baptism*], we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: **Vr.6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **Vr.7** For he that is dead is freed from sin. **Vr.8** Now if we be dead with Christ [*as a figure presently through baptism*], we believe that we shall also live with him [*When? on the day of our resurrection from the dead on the last day*]: **Vr.9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. **Vr.10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God [*as the true image of God*]. **Vr.11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin [*as a figure spiritually*], but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord [*as a figure also*].

2 Cor 10: 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh [*being of the figure of the image*]: **Vr.4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **Vr.5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **Vr.6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled [*when we become the true of the image*].

We are saved as a figure of the image by hope as well as having been begotten unto a lively hope as new creatures in Christ by faith. We shall become the true of these figures from the day of our resurrection unto life on the last day. Becoming a new man as a figure, we exercise by the renewal of our minds by the Spirit unto having the mind of Christ and living as he lived on earth. **Colo 3:10; Tit 3:5; Rom 12:2; Eph 4:23; Rev 21:4-5; I Pet 2:19-24; Jn 13:15**

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [*as a figure*]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new [*as a figure*].

2 Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day [*this is how the figure of the image is*].

I Pet 1:3-5 (Vr.3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope [*as a figure*] by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Rom 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit [*being a figure of the image*], even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. **Vr.24** For we are saved by hope [*presently*]: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Acts 15: 11 [*Peter speaking*] But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved [*How are we saved presently?*], even as they [*When? On the last day*].

The guarantee and assurance that God gives us presently that we shall be changed from the figure to the true image on the last day is the Holy Ghost that He has deposited in us and sealed us with in baptism. Therefore having the Holy Ghost in us we have confidence unto death concerning our resurrection unto life thereafter. So we are not afraid of them that can kill this mortal body but can do no more where our soul is concerned. **Mtt 10:28; Eph 1:13-14; Eph 4:30**

2 Cor 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; **Vr.22** Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

The CAO teach that we are already reigning as kings and should be dominating in this world as such in every sphere of life. They teach that Christ had finished on the cross on our behalf all concerning suffering, poverty, afflictions, etc and that we are not meant to experience such again but be walking in the victory thereof. But this is not true and contrary to the doctrine of Christ. Christ taught us that every one that shall follow after him must bear his own cross daily and follow him. He told us that as he suffered and was persecuted in this world having gone through all manner of sorrow and tribulations so shall we go through also, but that we should be of good cheer that he will be with us and never leave nor forsake us; as he overcame so shall

we overcome in this world and enter his glory at the end. He taught us that a disciple cannot be greater than his master as it were, but the CAO MOPs teach otherwise in their doctrines. **Lk 9:22-24; Jn 15:18-21; Jn 16:33**

It is those that endure till the end, fighting the good fight of faith that shall be saved, having overcome the evil, temptations and trials of this world. Then shall we enter the true glory and victory that Christ hath wrought for us and begin to reign with him at his second appearing for a thousand years as kings and priests of God over the earth as it were. **Rev 1:5-7; Rev 20:4-6; Rev 5:9-10; Mtt 24:13; Rev 2:7; Rev 3:21**

I Cor 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ [*as a figure of the image*], we are of all men most miserable.

Christ as the living bread of God that came down from heaven was the true of the image that is given to the saints on the earth as a figure of the image in Holy Communion service as it were. The bread and the wine as a figure of the image are meant to represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ which is the true of the image. **Lk 22:18-20**

Jn 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: **Vr.32** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **Vr.33** For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. **Vr.34** Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. **Vr.35** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. **Vr.48** I am that bread of life. **Vr.49** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **Vr.50** This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. **Vr.51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. **Vr.54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. **Vr.55** For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

MAN AS THE TRUE OF THE IMAGE IN HEAVEN

The saint shall become the true image of Christ and no longer a figure image as from the last day at the first Resurrection occurrence. All those that shall be accounted worthy of the resurrection of life shall become the true children of God having become truly born again, that is, begotten from the dead and having everlasting life. These shall put off the terrestrial, mortal

and corruptible body and put on the celestial, immortal and incorruptible body instead as children of the resurrection.

Lk 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection [*as the True*].

I Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. **Vr.21** For since by man came death [*the Shadow*], by man came also the resurrection of the dead [*the True*]. **Vr.22** For as in Adam all die [*as the Shadow*], even so in Christ shall all be made alive [*as the True*]. **Vr.47** The first man is of the earth, earthy [*of the Shadow*]: the second man is the Lord from heaven [*of the True*]. **Vr.48** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. **Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy [*as a Shadow*], we shall also bear the image of the heavenly [*as the True*].

I Cor 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part [*being the figure of the Image*]. **Vr.10** But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. **Vr.12** For now we see through a glass, darkly [*as the figure of the Image*]; but then face to face [*being the true of the image*]: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Rev 22:1-5 (Vr.3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: **Vr.4** And they shall see his face [*as the True*]; and his name shall be in their foreheads. **Vr.5** for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Mtt 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me [*as the Figure*], in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel [*as the True*]. **Vr.29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands [*being of the shadowy things*], for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life [*as the True*].

The saint in heaven as the true of the image shall have eternal life being not subject to the second death. Currently on earth the saint have eternal life as a hope in him as it were. **Tit 3:7**

THE TRUE OF THE IMAGE OPERATION

Man's operation as the true of the image of Christ shall be from the world to come after our resurrection from the death when we would have been received by Christ at the first Resurrection. We shall begin to reign truly as priests and kings of God having power to subdue

all rebellious forces and dominate the earth as God had ordained for Adam to operate by from the beginning of his creation. **Rev 22:3-5; Rev 5:9-10; Mk 10:28-30; Gen 1:26-28; I Cor 15:23-28**

Rev 20: 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years [*as the True*]. **Vr.5** But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. **Vr.6** Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

I Cor 6: 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels [*as the True*]? how much more things that pertain to this life [*as the Figure*]?

Rev 2: 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. **Vr.26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: **Vr.27** And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Jude 1: 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, **Vr.15** To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Lk 22: 28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations [*as the Figure*]. **Vr.29** And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; **Vr.30** That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel [*as the True*].

Christ shall give us of the true manna in heaven to eat of on that day.

Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna,

We shall also behold the true bride of Christ in heaven and be found in her. Paul figuratively referred to the Church being the figure of the image on earth as the bride of Christ, but we shall not be so when we become the true in heaven; for the true bride of Christ in heaven is the new Jerusalem city and we are the buildings of God to be found in it instead. **Rev 19:7-9; Rev 22:17; Isa 65:17-19**

Rev 21: 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Vr. 9** And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. **Vr.10** And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, **Vr.11** Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

As the True of the Image, Man shall operate in the new heaven and the new earth even as the old heaven and the old earth passeth away with the Shadows thereof. **Rev 21:1-5**

CONCLUSION

There is so much to be said about the Shadow, the Image and the True apart from the aspect of Man that we have dealt more with thus far. We can capture this concept in all other aspects of God's operation as it relates to Man's existence as it were. Unfortunately, we have been kept in the dark about this pertinent concept in our spiritual understanding as Christians for long.

In conclusion, we shall briefly outline some of the operations of this concept in other aspects of God's relationship with Man, illustrating the Shadow, Figure and True of the Image as much as we can in a tabular form.

OBJECT	SHADOW	FIGURE	TRUE
MAN	Born of Woman (Flesh) Fallen (old) Man	Born of Water and of the Spirit The Redeemed (new) Man	Born of God (Spirit) Resurrected/Glorified Man
BAPTISM	Baptized unto Moses	Baptized into Christ	Death and Resurrection
CIRCUMCISION	With hands	Without hands	[Colo 2:11-13]
JERUSALEM	Beneath	[Gal 4:24-26; Hebr 12:22; Rev 21:2]	Above
CHURCH	In the Wilderness	Body of Christ on earth	Church of firstborn in heaven
TABERNACLE	In the Wilderness	Sanctified body of the saint	The heavenly Tabernacle
LAW	The Law of Moses (of sin & death)	Law of Christ (of the Spirit of life)	The Law of God
LIFE	Long life	Everlasting life	Eternal life

KINGDOM	Promised Land	Kingdom of God within the saint	Kingdom of heaven above
KINGS & PRIESTS	Under the Old Testament	[Ezra 9:7; Rev 1:6]	Kings & Priests unto God
TEMPLE	Physical buildings	The Body of the Saint	The Temple of God in heaven
BRIDE OF CHRIST	Jerusalem City on earth	[Rev 21:2,9-27; Ezek 16]	Jerusalem City in heaven
GOD	Idols/gods/graven image	The Son of God(Living Image)	God the Father/The True
COMMUNION	Passover	Holy Communion of saints	Marriage Supper of the Lamb
REST	Sabbath days	Those asleep in Christ now	In bosom of Christ on last day
SACRIFICE	Tithe/Offerings	Your bodies as a living sacrifice	The Lamb of God that was slain
GOVERNMENT	Govt of men in the world	Govt of Christ	Govt of God the Father
THRONE	Throne of man	Throne of Christ	Throne of the Father
TESTAMENT	The Old Testament	The New Testament	Testament of God[Rev 11:19]
WORK	By the arm of flesh	The grace of the Lord Jesus	The grace of God the Father

We can go on and on. For without having a good knowledge of this revelational concept of the Shadow, the Image and the True, the Believer would continually fail to come unto to a true understanding of the mysteries of God as found in the Holy Bible. He would find the Bible contradictory and difficult to comprehend; for this is the state of the CAO MOPs till date who are religious and spiritually blind guides. Such run to the Scriptures of the Law and the Prophets seeking spiritual understanding rather than to Christ the wisdom of God made manifest in the New Testament. **Mk 12:18-27; Jn 3:7-12; Mtt 13:9-17; Lk 10:21-24; Jn 9:39-41; 2 Cor 3:13-17; Jn 5:39-40,45-47; Mtt 17:1-5**

The physical manifestations of things on earth take root from the spiritual things that are unseen in heaven. The spiritual superintends the physical. The physical seen things constitute the Shadows here on earth, while the spiritual unseen things constitute the True in heaven. Satan operates in the shadows in order to deceive men continually on earth. Those that are earthly minded and are kept so are in bondage to the wiles of the devil. The saints on earth relate to the unseen spiritual things of God through faith as a figure being spiritually minded, but shall operate these things as the true as from the day of their resurrection from the dead even as spiritual beings in the celestial realms. The True is found as spirit or spiritual beings, the Shadow is of the natural, while the figure of the image is of the spiritual while being on earth.

Hebr 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. **Vr.1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 Cor 4:16-18 (Vr.18) While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal [*being of the shadows*]; but the things which are not seen are eternal [*being of the True*].

May the good Lord give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ unto having your eyes of understanding being enlightened that ye may know the mystery revealed herein in Jesus name; no longer being babes tossed to and fro by the sleight of men of the CAO.

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God bless and keep you heaven bound while ye still walk on this earth. MARANATHA.