

SUPERSTITION

INTRODUCTION

In the beginning, God created Man as spirit, and subsequently formed and made him a living soul with a body. God made Man a living soul so that he can have the ability to believe by choice only in the God that had created him and all things for His pleasure and purpose alone on earth even as the holy angels do in heaven.

Man was to hold belief only in the God that created the heavens and earth and the LORD of all, besides whom there is no other. It is based on this fundamental knowledge that Man was supposed to relate everlastingly in understanding with God in all things that pertain to creation, life and godliness. God did not introduce created man to the knowledge of any other being as divine and sovereign apart from Himself from the beginning. It was only the knowledge of the “us” as God that created him at the beginning that Adam had. **Colo 1:15-18; Rev 4:11**

Gen 1: 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Gen 3: 22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us,

Gen 2: 4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, **Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Vr.8** And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **Vr.15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Unfortunately, their eating of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil brought them into the knowledge of sin and of Satan, the chief sinner. Man was introduced to a lying, erroneous knowledge that was contrary to the knowledge of the truth of God for his living and glorious existence. A belief that was based on the words of a rebellious creature of God which was in contradiction to that of his Creator leading to sin. This was accomplished by the operation of Satan via the serpent against the Woman and Man in the Garden of Eden that brought about death. **Gen 3:13,17; Rom 3:20**

This formed the foundation of superstition and the beliefs thereof that was to be found operational in the fallen world of mankind from thenceforth. Everyone born of woman is born into a world of superstition from the very beginning and has need to be delivered from the bondage thereof. The natural man born as a heathen is superstitious by nature or by default. No one is born otherwise into this world of sin and death, except Christ in his time. **Lk 1:34-35; Rom 5:12-14**

ORIGIN OF SUPERSTITION

The English dictionary defines Superstition as - A belief not based on human reason or scientific knowledge. An irrational belief arising from fear or ignorance. Superstition is any belief or practice considered by non-practitioners to be irrational or supernatural, attributed to fate or magic, perceived supernatural influence, or fear of that which is unknown. While the word 'Superstitious' is defined as - Showing ignorance of the law of nature and having faith in magic or chance.

Ignorance is at the root of superstition. By superstitious beliefs men are gotten to disbelief God in His word and deeds unto believing in another instead that is meant to be "like God". This leads to their disobeying the words of God consciously and/or unconsciously.

Whenever the word of God is handled deceitfully, twisted in order to perpetuate a lie, the doorway for superstition is opened. Therein, you will find the workings of Satan with power, in lying wonders, signs and miracles. **2 Thess 2:9-12; 2 Cor 4:2-4**

This was accomplished by Satan at the beginning through the operation of the serpent in the Garden of Eden. By changing the truth of God into a lie, the Devil got the Woman to believe him rather than God. And she got Adam to identify with her in her unbelief unto eating of the forbidden fruit. As a result, superstition was birthed in the fallen man, the belief in another besides God that can do what God says to the contrary. Though this brought them to death, but not the immediate manifestation of the second death, it seemed as if Satan was proven right instead of God. This formed the basis for the foundation of superstition as it were from the beginning.

Rom 1: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie,

Gen 3: 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **Vr.2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **Vr.3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye

shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **Vr.4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **Vr.5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Vr.22** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil:

Superstition, being of a lie, twists the truth and the understanding thereof. It is geared at contradicting God, His word and operations by providing a counterfeit alternative or false equivalent that appears to be true but is not. It is of the devil, the father of lies. Those that believe in superstition invariably believe, worship and serve the Devil, whether knowingly or unknowingly, expecting a result contrary to what God has determined and pronounced that shall definitely come to pass. Such do not wholly believe what God has said through His Son. **Jn 14:1,6;**
Hebr 1:1-3

Jn 8: 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Gen 3: 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [*contrary to the wisdom of God*], she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it:

Therefore, by subtility Satan was able to get Adam to forsake true belief and worship of God based on the revealed knowledge of the truth of his Creator unto believing the “unknown truth” (an error) of the creature of God that was of lies instead. Superstition is one of the major means by which this error in unbelief of the truth to holding unto lies is sustained by Satan in the present world as it were. Therefore, at the root of superstition from the start was satanic trickery or beguilement. It was meant to corrupt the knowledge cum word of God in the mind, heart and soul of man from the start unto unbelief in the works of God.

2 Cor 11: 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted

The world of sin and death is a world that lieth in superstition sustained by the god of this world. It is a world steeped in superstitious beliefs at every turn. The Son of God was made manifest in the world to dispel every form of superstition by the manifestation of the truth, Spirit and power

of God. And to draw or reconcile men through the knowledge of the truth back unto the one true God, our heavenly Father. **2 Cor 4:2-4; Jn 8:30-32; 2 Cor 5:19; Acts 10:38**

Jn 8: 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. **Vr.24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Mtt 12: 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? **Vr.28** But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

There is no superstition found in heaven amongst the holy angels and heavenly hosts, but only amongst humans, fallen men on earth. It is a devilish setup that is targeted to get men in their hearts to question and disbelieve God, His word and deed. It is based on lies and falsehood that are temporal (short-lived) and not everlasting. Superstitious beliefs and happenings abideth not forever even as the satanic being behind it. But the Word of God and His works abide forever.

Mtt 24:35

Jn 8: 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. **Vr.35** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

Jam 2: 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Neh 9: 6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Superstition shall pass away with the world, the heavens and the earth at the end even with Satan and his cohorts that utilizes it presently to deceive the whole world. **I Jn 2:17; Rev 20:10-11**

WHY SUPERSTITION?

Superstition is a satanically crafted art of deception, a counterfeiting of the original, meant to deceive as it were. Superstition is premised on knowledge that contradicts that which is of God (the word of God) and that which He also put in place for the operation of creation or nature in this world. It is usually contrary to nature, made to appear strange, mysterious and supernatural. It is an imitation of, and/or a corruption of the true supernatural that be of God. It is geared at hardening men's hearts toward belief in God unto believing another, an error, instead. **Rev 4:8; Rev 17:8,11**

Exo 7:1-25 (Vr.8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, **Vr.9** When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. **Vr.10** And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. **Vr.11** Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. **Vr.12** For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron' rod swallowed up their rods. **Vr.13** And he hardened Pharaoh' heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

I Kings 18:15-40 (Vr.21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. **Vr.22** Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal' prophets are four hundred and fifty men. **Vr.23** Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under : and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under : **Vr.24** And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

Superstition is of a devilish knowledge and operation that presents an alternative to whatever God says and does that He wants man to hearken unto and obey. Thereby, subtly getting men to believe in another entity or power besides God that is portrayed to be like God. Such spiritual entity is made out to be independent of God and opposite in power and deeds, but in truth isn't. A "being" that did not create heaven and earth, but yet is erroneously declared to own and control it, who can do and undo at will as God does. Unfortunately, the Church as a business organization (CAO) in its dogma propagate and sustain such errors amongst their adherents too. **Jam 3:13-16; Mtt 16:21-23; Lk 4:5-7; Jn 1:10-11**

As we had opined, Satan is behind superstition, having the aim of deceiving and getting men to believe and trust in another, which is himself, besides God and His Christ as the sole power and authority in heaven and on earth. By believing this lie, men erroneously tend to seek other powers to save and deliver them which ultimately cannot. But the truth is that it is the LORD that doeth all things for us that believe and there is none besides Him. We know no other and refuse to know any other, but the LORD our God in all things. Superstition cannot save or deliver, but it can put up a deceptive appearance of doing so. **Ps 62:11; Ps 57:2; Isa 45:20; Isa 46:7**

Rom 13:1-5 (Vr.1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Ezek 28: 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

2 Thess 2: 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **Vr.4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Isa 47: 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

I Cor 8:1-7 (Vr.4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. **Vr.5** For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) **Vr.6** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

The motive of superstition is to establish in the hearts, minds and souls of men that there is another entity or being besides God who is independently powerful as to be hearkened unto and believed on more than even God. And who God does not control nor can stop in running or influencing the affairs of men in this world as he likes. That there is another “besides God” who is “like God” but in contrast to Him and that can do and undo at will. What a fallacy, a creature that presumes to be able to assume the status of his Creator. A belief in this is of superstition.

Isa 14: 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **Vr.14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

By superstition such a knowledge and belief are propagated and sustained amongst men. Any knowledge, happenings, situation and circumstance, whether strange or otherwise, that gets men to believe that there is another besides God that is in control of the affairs of this world whether it be for good or for evil, is of superstition. The Devil during the wilderness experience of Christ tried to establish this superstitious belief in him too and failed. **Dan 4: 17; Mk 8:36-37**

Lk 4: 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **Vr.6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me [*by who?*]; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Vr.7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **Vr.8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

But this lie (of pride) meant to establish superstition that Christ dispelled, the CAO in their doctrines had gotten men to believe concerning Satan. How? Teaching in their wisdom that Adam lost the divine dominion that God intended for man to Satan by the fall, which they say that he had begun to operate in the garden. And that Satan is now operating it in the world as he declared to Christ in the wilderness temptation. This is a foundational error established by the CAO (not the Word of God) in the hearts of their adherents today by which they exalt Satan in the world, unknowingly. It is a doctrine of devils not that of Christ. What does Christ tell us in his doctrine concerning this. We find it in the parable of the wheat and tares. **Gen 1:26-30; Isa 45:18; Jer 51:15; I Tim 4:1**

Mtt 13:24-30 (Vr.24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: **Vr.25** But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. **Vr.26** But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. **Vr.37** He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; **Vr.38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; **Vr.39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil;

Superstition is not geared at getting men to worship and serve God in truth, but an unknown "God" in ignorance and falsehood. It makes God out to be a liar as it were. Superstition gets men to walk in untruth and unbelief where the word and works of God is concerned. It gets people to be gullible and suspicious of the good intent and purpose of God for them. Such portrays God as being the evil and wicked one rather than the Devil as it were. The twisting of the minds and hearts of men to believing a lie instead of the truth is at the heart of superstition. By it men are made to be confused about the true nature and modus operandi of the one true God unto believing a lie.

Superstition does not glorify, exalt, nor honour God, but another that is said to be always in opposition to God, which gets men magnifying, exalting an error and a lie. Superstition is fake, a counterfeit and cannot standing the test of time in the long run as it were. It shall pass away with time.

SUPERSTITION IS SUSTAINED BY UNGODLY FEAR

Superstitious belief is a belief of things that are seen by ignorant men to be outside of God's operation of power or influence, but under that of another apart from God. This is the work of Satan amongst men on earth, right from the start in the garden of Eden from whence ungodly fear was introduced into Adam and the Woman. And they had to be cast out because it is by godly fear that garners obedience in the beings therein that one can operate in the garden of God.

Gen 3: 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. **Vr.8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **Vr.9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? **Vr.10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid [ungodly fear], because I was naked; and I hid myself. **Vr.11** And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? [*the premise for the fear*]

Superstition is a deceptive work meant to counter faith in God by men and to keep them in the fear of (created) things and the unknown, rather than in fear of God (the Creator). It became instilled in Adam and Eve from the time of the fall, wherein they died. And they became superstitious and enemies of God in their minds and so too their offspring in the world. It is sustained by the spirit of fear, suspicion, which is of bondage, of the prince of the power of the air. **2 Tim 1:7; Eph 2:2; Hebr 2:15; Tit 1:14-16; Gen 5:1-3**

Gen 2: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Rom 8: 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; **Vr.6** For to be carnally minded is death; **Vr.7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; **Vr.20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

Superstition is of carnality and used to hold the carnally minded continually believing an error. It is a system, setup to counter faith and establish ungodly fear in men, which does not glorify God nor belief in Him. Throughout the Bible, God copiously commanded His people not to learn the ways of the heathens and thereby falling for their superstitious beliefs and their fears. **Rev 2:14**

Isa 8:9-22 (Vr.11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, **Vr.12** Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to

whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. **Vr.13** Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Isa 51: 7 Harken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

Jer 10: 2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. **Vr.3** For the customs of the people are vain: **Vr.5** They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

Those Believers that fear death and evil, being evil minded, and carrying continually a devil consciousness are usually superstitious. They are shadowed and led by a suspicious spirit. And by default, think evil first and foremost about virtually all things that they encounter in life that seemingly are negative, strange or contrary to nature. It is a bondage, a work of the Devil, that Christ came to deliver men from as it were. **Jn 10:10; I Jn 3:8; Rom 8:20-21**

Mtt 10: 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Hebr 2: 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Vr.15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Isa 44: 6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. **Vr.8** Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. **Vr.24** Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

The fearful shall not enter the kingdom of God at the end. Ungodly fear keeps men walking in superstition and in disobedience to God. The kingdom of God is for those that are wise having true knowledge and fear of God, by which they depart from evil and resist superstition.

Rev 21: 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

As long as a man holds or clings unto superstitious beliefs, he cannot have true faith in Christ, but deceiveth himself claiming to be a Christian. Superstition is not of faith, but of fears that are ungodly.

SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS

Superstitious beliefs take root from where there is lack of the true knowledge of who God is truly, and His marvelous works in creation. It gives rise to idolatry, the worship of false gods, man-made idols as it were. When men lack true knowledge of the explanations behind certain seeming strange and inexplicable occurrences/happenings around them that seem supernatural, they fall for superstitious explanations for them most of the times. **Hosea 5:4; I Cor 15:34; I Thess 4:5**

Any knowledge outside of or that contradicts the knowledge of God, His Christ and kingdom in His Word leads to superstition. God is the source of all true knowledge. By such erroneous knowledge at work in them, men reject the truth of the word of God even when faced with it, having their hearts hardened. Superstition is tied to more of evil strange occurrences and happenings that may lack any logical or scientific reason for them, in the eyes of humans, at the moment. And therefore, viewed mystically or metaphysically by them. It is said that whatsoever a man does not know is greater than him. **I Sam 2:3**

Rom 1: 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; **Vr.19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. **Vr.20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: **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,

Jn 3: 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **Vr.19** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

We reiterate that any knowledge or happenings, whether strange or otherwise, that gets men to believe that there is “another besides God” that is in control of the affairs of this world or

influences situations and circumstances outside of God's control is of superstition. We declare that it is the LORD that doeth all things, whether good or evil. And without having a true spiritual understanding of what this truly means you will continually be held down by superstitions. And the word of God says,

Isa 45: 5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: **Vr.6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. **Vr.7** I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. **Vr.18** For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

I Sam 2: 6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. **Vr.7** The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. **Vr.8** He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD', and he hath set the world upon them.

Exo 4: 10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. **Vr.11** And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man' mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

Throughout the Bible we find men believing in superstition and operating in same contrary to the will of God. Even when they knew God in whatsoever way possible, yet glorified Him not as God. Such have a hardened heart of unbelief at work in them. This is naturally the state of the fallen unregenerated man on earth. And he cannot help himself out of it. **Rom 1:21**

Exo 8:16-19 (Vr.18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. **Vr.19** Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh' heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

Acts 8:1-24 (Vr.9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: **Vr.10** To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. **Vr.11** And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched

them with sorceries. **Vr.12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. **Vr.13** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. **Vr.21** Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. **Vr.22** Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. **Vr.23** For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Acts 17: 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. **Vr.18** Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods [*Why?*]: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. **Vr.19** And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? **Vr.20** For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. **Vr.21** (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) **Vr.22** Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. **Vr.23** For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions [*things ye believe in and worship*], I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

Usually, things or men that people find seemingly mysterious and who do strange inexplicable things that are found to be baffling are held in superstition by their fellow men until proven otherwise as it were.

Acts 14:8-18 (Vr.8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: **Vr.11** And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. **Vr.12** And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. **Vr.13** Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. **Vr.15** And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: **Vr.16** Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways [*of varied superstitions*].

Acts 28: 1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita. **Vr.2** And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. **Vr.3** And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and

fastened on his hand. **Vr.4** And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. **Vr.5** And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. **Vr.6** Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god

There are so many superstitious beliefs amongst men of different culture, race and creeds all over the nations of the world, each with their own set. We shall consider just a few of such beliefs in this literature having exposed the underlying principle behind it.

IDOLS AND GODS OF THE LAND

It is by superstition that the worship of idols and gods of the land came into existence amongst men. Idolatry and whoredom are products of superstition. Superstition is behind old wives' fables, myths, sorcery, wizardry, necromancy, witchcraft, enchantments, magic, legend, etc that form the basis of many beliefs in nations of the world. By these the children of the world in all nations are kept in darkness and ignorant of the truth of God by the god of this world, worshipping devils without knowing it. By superstitious beliefs and fears men are kept in bondage on earth. **Gal 4:8-10**

I Cor 10:19 What say I then? that the idol is anything, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything? **Vr.20** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

We all as children of the world started off as pagans, heathens and Gentiles. No man was at the initial born into this world as a Hebrew, Jew or Christian, but we all began as Gentiles in this world worshipping what we do not know even as God.

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Idols and gods are the works of man's hands and the vain imaginations of their hearts and minds. These superstitions being mixed with natural occurrences experienced over time by men gave rise to the customs, cultures and traditions adopted by peoples among various nations of the world. Unfortunately, many are unmindful of this truth concerning the corruption in beliefs and understanding of the worship of God amongst corrupted men from the very start of humanity.

Rom 1:21; Jer 13:10

I Cor 12: 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

I Cor 8: 4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

Vr.5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

Tit 1: 12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. **Vr.13** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; **Vr.14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. **Vr.15** Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **Vr.16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Men from the start in their reprobate, vain nature resorted to worshipping the works of their hands and imaginations, the created things, which by nature are not gods as God. In their corruption they were led to worship as gods, the sun, moon, stars, the hosts of heaven, angels, thunder, lightning, gold, silver, money, beasts of the forest, their fellow men, under groves, green trees, high hills, mountains, etc superstitiously. Where fables, traditions and commandments of men form the basis for belief and not the revealed word of truth superstition shall always thrive as amongst the CAO. **Acts 12:20-23; Exo 32:1-8; Dan 3:1-7; Deu 12:2; Deu 17:3; Ezek 6:13; Mtt 15:1-9**

Gal 4:8-11 (Vr.8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. **Vr.9** But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? **Vr.10** Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

Colo 2: 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. **Vr.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 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,

Acts 19: 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; **Vr.25** Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. **Vr.26** Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul

hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: **Vr.27** So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. **Vr.28** And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

Men formed gods for themselves of things that are seen by moldings things out of clay, brass, gold, wood and engraving imageries of things on earth to worship as they are led by unclean spirits.

Deu 4: 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 [*by what?*] to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Jer 10: 1-15 (Vr.2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. **Vr.3** For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. **Vr.4** They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. **Vr.5** They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good. **Vr.8** But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities. **Vr.9** Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men. **Vr.11** Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. **Vr.14** Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. **Vr.15** They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

Habak 2: 18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? **Vr.19** Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

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.14** He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. **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.16** He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: **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: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

Consulters of the dead, familiar spirits, charmers, observers of times, witches, wizards, juju priests practice and sustain superstitious beliefs among the children of the world as ministered unto them by the prince of this world. As we had earlier said, the world of men is the world of superstition as they are influenced and held captive by the god of this present evil world. By his operations, the whole world is held in bondage by deception and wickedness. **Isa 19:1-3; 2 Chron 33:6-7; Deu 18:9-14; Rev 12:9; I Jn 5:19; 2 Cor 4:4**

We all were born into a world of superstition and grew up therein, having a conscience of an idol. By reason of which our consciences and minds were defiled and made impure from inception. And that is why by default the fallen or natural man, being led by the spirit of the world, is superstitious by nature, belief and by upbringing as it were. No man was born having the true knowledge of the true God except Jesus Christ, the Son of God; for he is the Word of God made flesh that dwelt among us. By Adam, sin and death came into the world, so also supersition. **Jn 1:1-2,14; Tit 1:15; I Cor 8:7,10; I Cor 2:12; Job 14:1-4**

Ps 51: 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Jer 17: 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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:

Until a man is truly delivered by Christ from this innate superstitious tendency, he cannot but be dominated in life by the god of this world till death. At the point of becoming born again as a Christian does not automatically remove all these idol conscience and superstitious mindset overnight from a convert. There is need to be renewed in the spirit of your mind by the Word of Christ that we come to wholly believe and hold unto and the Spirit of truth that continually witness to our spirit sanctifying us.

Jn 8: 30 As he spake these words, many believed on him. **Vr.31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; **Vr.32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jn 15: 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Jn 3: 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

With genuine conversion should come spiritual transformation of the hearts and minds of the Believer. With the aim of having the same mind that was in Christ as we grow in the faith, being more Christlike by the day. Unfortunately, this is not the case for many CAO adherents, who seek to transform without being converted first and foremost. And attaining unto the nature of Christ is not in their agenda because of the belief that it is impossible. **Jn 3:3,5; I Cor 2:16; Phil 2:5**

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

TEMPLE WORSHIP

Also, the belief that God or His presence lives/dwells in a physical building, made with human hands that believers congregate in, is of superstition, as being held still by the CAO till date. A practice that the heathens have always operated in relating with their own gods cum idols in housing them in shrines, groves under green trees, high places, devilish physical temples and altars. **2 Chron 33:1-9; Acts 19:27**

2 Sam 7:1-7 (Vr.2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. **Vr.5** Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? **Vr.6** Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. **Vr.7** In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

Though permissively allowed by God in the Old Testament era for them to build an immobile structure, a physical temple, that He would put his name there. The children of Israel operated thus in olden times under the Law. But now in the New Testament gospel, through Christ we had been made to know instead the image of the true which is, that your body is the temple of the living God rather than a physical structure or building.

Jn 2: 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 years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? **Vr.21** But he spake of the temple of his body.

I Cor 3: 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **Vr.17** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Unfortunately, the CAO still revere and cling unto the shadows till date as per “anointed pulpits”, exalted altars in “holy” cathedrals, temples and halls erroneously referred to as the house of God or Church. A doctrine that subtly confines or limits “the presence of God” to a building or a place made with human hands or of the creation of God himself. In the same vein, as the CAO adherents reverence their buildings as the house of God, so also do they fear the evil shrines of the heathen as the dwelling of Satan as well. Thereby, fearing their fear also. But in truth, the Church is instead the gathering of Believers and not the building in which they congregate to fellowship nor the hills, mountains or high places they go to worship. **2 Sam 7:5-13; Hebr 9:11,24; Ps 139:7-12**

Mtt 18:17-20 (Vr.20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 7: 46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. **Vr.47** But Solomon built him an house. **Vr.48** Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 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? **Vr.50** Hath not my hand made all these things?

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. **Vr.22** Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. **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.

The CAO say they worship God that is a Spirit with their money and material/carnal things in such temples. They do declare that “their kind of gospel” cannot be preached without such things, same do the heathens. Thereby laying the foundation for the superstitious beliefs that riddle majority of their preaching and operation in what they call Church. But in actual fact they worship mammon and the material things invariably as it were; for whatsoever you declare heartily that you cannot do without tend to become a god over you, the idol of your heart. **Mtt 23:16-24; Mtt 6:24; I Tim 6:3-10; Phil 3:17-19; Rom 16:17-18; Mk 12:30**

Acts 17: 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **Vr.25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; **Vr.30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Acts 8: 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. **Vr.18** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, **Vr.19** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. **Vr.20** But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

As long as the CAO continue to operate a system that glorifies physical buildings as Church, money and material things as the bedrock for true blessings and sacrifices in operating their version of the kingdom of God on earth, then superstition would continue to thrive greatly in their midst unabated. **2 Cor 6:16; Acts 6:1-4**

REINCARNATION

Reincarnation, the reappearance of the spirit of a dead person in another person that is alive and exhibiting similar physical features, traits or characteristics of a dead person. That is, the rebirth of a dead person in a living person in this world. Many Jews and Gentiles in Christ time on earth believed in reincarnation. And they walked in that belief towards the persons of Jesus Christ and even John the Baptist amongst others, as per who they were and their doings. **Lk 1:13-17; Mtt 11:12-14**

Mtt 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? **Vr.14** And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mk 6: 14 And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. **Vr.15** Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the

prophets. **Vr.16** But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

Jn 1:19-25 (Vr.19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? **Vr.20** And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. **Vr.21** And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. **Vr.22** Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

As it were, reincarnation can be said to be a counterfeit or corruption of the doctrine of the new birth through resurrection as preached in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Wicked one continue unabated to reinforce it in the minds and hearts of men by certain births of new born in the world that tend to give credence to this superstitious belief till date. It is the LORD that gives or brings children into the world, no matter how they come, and not the Devil. If you believe otherwise by reason of some bizarre or strange births in the past, know that you are superstitious. **Isa 44:24; Jer 1:5; Ps 139:13-16; Ps 127:3; Jn 9:1-3; Exo 4:10-11**

SUPERSTITIOUS WORSHIP OF GOD

As we had opined, the fallen man from Adam is born into a world of superstition from birth. Such is brought up in the superstitious beliefs and practices of the community to which his parents or guardian belong and identify with as it were. He grows up living according to those beliefs and practices till death unless otherwise delivered and redeemed of the Lord.

It all began with Adam and Eve hearkening unto the voice of the Devil instead of that of God. By the operation cum ministrations of lying spirits and belief in the doctrines of devils,' superstition is established and sustained. **I Tim 4:1; Gen 3:1-6**

Adam was created, formed and made in the image and likeness of God in the Spirit without superstition, but he became to give birth in the flesh through Eve, children of the world that are born in superstition. Even as Satan through the serpent murdered Adam "spiritually" in Eden, so did Cain murder his brother Abel physically in the world. Superstition gives rise to killings, thefts, violence, evil imaginations and all manner of evil works amongst men as a result. Men that are of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth are superstitious. **I Jn 3:11-12; Jn 10:10; I Tim 6:4-5**

Gen 5: 3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; 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:

Gen 4: 25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. **Vr.26** And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

It is from the background of superstition that men are steeped in that they may begin to come to some form of knowledge of the God of heaven and earth. A God that they had worshipped ignorantly through natural, traditional myths and beliefs rooted in superstition, not in the very knowledge of the truth. This error was unknown or hidden to men from the beginning, wherein they operated in the shadow of mysteries believing that they were worshipping the true God. And God allowed it to be so from such times because of the sinful nature of man. Genuine repentance from this path of error is needed for one to enter the pathway of truth unto salvation.

Acts 17:30; I Cor 2:5-10

Gen 6: 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **Vr.5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **Vr.6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. **Vr.8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. **Vr.9** These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. **Vr.22** Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Many worships God ignorantly in superstition believing sincerely that they are worshipping the true God when they are not in actual fact. This is the bane of many CAO adherents today due to the error in their doctrines and gospel by which they live. So had It been from the beginning of the fall till date.

Jn 4: 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. **Vr.22** Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. **Vr.23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth [*unlike in the time of old*]: 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.

Mtt 16: 6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. **Vr.12** Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Lk 12: 1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Exo 32:1-8 (Vr.7 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: **Vr.8** They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS CONCERNING GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old covenant of Law dispensed a form of knowledge and of the truth which was still of the shadows; the knowledge of sin. But Christ came a light into the world to take away sin by dispelling the darkness of ignorance and superstition in men concerning God and His righteousness. For as long as men err in the knowledge of who God is and his divine ordination for Man through His Son, then superstition and they beliefs thereof shall not cease amongst them. Those that know not God truly shall always operate with Him superstitiously, while claiming to know Him truly. It is only by the Son that the true knowledge of the Father can be gotten. **Rom 2:20; Rom 3:20; Rom 1:18-23**

I Cor 1:18-24 (Vr.21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Gal 4:8-11 (Vr.8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

The knowledge of the one true God, who He is and who is beside Him truly in the heavens, had been mystified and hidden from men in all ages. Therefore, thus superstition was the order of the day, with everyone having his own thinking and “truth” of who God is to them. God, in ages past, had related with man through the disposition of angels, who men had assumed superstitiously to be the LORD God himself. A God that is like man, that they could see and eat with as they do with flesh. Though God had always dispelled this kind of thinking amongst men through his servants, but yet the people love a lie and cleave unto the father of lies always in their own wisdom. Those that treat God like man in their wisdom know not God, even as the CAO that do the same. **Deu 5:24-26; Acts 7:53; Jn 5:37**

Gen 32: 1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. **Vr.2** And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God' host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. **Vr.24** And Jacob

was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. **Vr.30** And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. **Vr.31** And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. **Vr.32** Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob' thigh in the sinew that shrank [*superstition continues to increase*].

Exo 24: 8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words. **Vr.9** Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: **Vr.10** And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. **Vr.11** And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Judg 13: 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. **Vr.21** But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD. **Vr.22** And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

Num 23: 19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Even though the children of Israel received the Law through Moses from God yet they operated therein superstitiously towards this God by their traditions. The Law could not yet deliver men from superstitious beliefs because it was weak through the flesh- the operation of carnal ordinances that could not save the souls of men. **Exo 20:1-23; Rom 8:3; Hebr 9:9-10**

SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS CONCERNING GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

But in these last days, God, who is a Spirit, through the knowledge of His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, who was made flesh, had revealed Himself to the world as our Father in heaven. And yet because men love darkness more than light, they still cling unto doctrines of devils in the knowledge of God and His Son, holding unto superstitious beliefs still as of old. **Jn 3:18-21**

God that in time past had declared that there is none besides Him neither did He share His glory with anyone, reveals to us in the New Testament that He has. This He did through the knowledge of His only begotten Son, who He hath exalted to be beside Him in glory, power and majesty in the heavens. That which Satan sought by himself to do; Christ had been glorified to attain by the

Father. What pride could not attain, humility has instead. **Mtt 23:10-12; I Pet 5:5; Isa 14:13-14; Rev 5:13; Col 3:1; Acts 7:55-56**

Isa 42: 8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isa 43: 3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: **Vr.10** Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. **Vr.11** I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Hebr 1: 1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **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 [*besides God the Father*] 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. **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?

Lk 10: 21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. **Vr.22** All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. **Vr.23** And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: **Vr.24** For I tell you, that many prophets and kings [*of the Old Covenant*] have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Jn 17: 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **Vr.4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **Vr.5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was [*the "us" in Gen 1:26*]. **Vr.24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Christ Jesus, was sent into the world by God as the Light to give us the truth, of who God is and his relationship with Him in heaven and on earth. For it is in the sanctification of the Spirit and belief in this truth that one can be saved and come unto eternal life. Yet, the CAO of our New

Testament era, who hear not Christ, still twist the truth of the doctrine of Christ unto getting men to still believe lies (and remain superstitious) by their own doctrines/dogmas – the traditions and commandments of men instead. **Mtt 15:1-14; Mtt 23:1-6,13-17**

Jn 17:1-6 (Vr.2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **Vr.3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

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, but shall have the light of life. **Vr.19** Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

Jn 12: 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. **Vr.46** I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Question: Who and What is the source or origin of what you believe? Is it Christ or the Devil or men (the CAO)?

Jn 8: 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. **Vr.47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. **Vr.44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father [source] of it.

Jesus the Christ in his doctrine taught us that God is a Spirit, and that He is his God and Father, with us that believe through him, the Son. That, he is the Son of Man (the Word of God made flesh) on earth that came down from heaven into the world through the virgin birth. And ascended back to heaven as the Son of God, glorified to be seated at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. Jesus taught us that he is not the Father God, but that he came forth from the Father. And that the Father is greater than him, having sent him into the world to save us, for which reason he is one with the Father, the Father in him and he in the Father. That Christ is that Prophet, the servant of God, the Messenger of the Covenant sent by Him to mediate between God and man as it were. **Jn 1:14; Jn 10:29; Mtt 12:17-21; Mal 3:1-2; Acts 3:22-23; Jn 5:45-47; Gal 3:20**

Jn 4: 24 God is a Spirit:

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.

Jn 10:27-39 (Vr.29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; **Vr.30** I and my Father are one. **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, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God [*not God the Father*]? **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 [*that is how we are One*].

Jn 16: 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.

I Tim 2:4-6 (Vr.5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Unfortunately, majority of the CAO teach to the contrary in many of their human contrived doctrines. For example, by the doctrine of Trinity, they lay a foundation of belief in a 3-in-1 God, comprising “God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit” equal in glory and in power, and are said to be one in person, none greater than the other. This we declare is an error meant to still keep men in the dark and still superstitious concerning the knowledge of the true God. Christ taught to the contrary.

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

Jn 13: 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.

Therefore, they continual twist in understanding the doctrine of Christ to fit into this mold of their Church creed. They teach that God the Father came down from heaven to the earth as the Son, took on flesh as a man, died and ascended into heaven in order to come back as the Holy Ghost presently. **I Tim 3:16**

Contradictorily, in the same breath, they teach that the Son came by himself, having volunteered to do so. Thereby leaving his throne and majesty in heaven for the work on earth. That he separated from the Father in order to do so. Some others teach that when we get to heaven, we will not see the Father nor the Holy Spirit but Christ seated upon the throne, being the fullness of the Godhead bodily. So, we can see that the CAO are double tongued in their dogmas, which is of hypocrisy and hold several theology that do not agree. **Jn 15:24; I Tim 3:8**

Rom 8: 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,

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.

Jn 12: 44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. **Vr.45** And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

Jn 14: 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **Vr.6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: 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 [*the CAO twist it to mean that the Son is the Father come in the flesh*]. **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 hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? **Vr.10** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? **Vr.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 6: 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **Vr.46** Not that any man hath seen the Father [*but in the old they said that they had seen God*], save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

Colo 2:8-10 (Vr.8) Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world [*even as the CAO has done to many*], and not after Christ. **Vr.9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

I Tim 3: 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

As long as the CAO remain devoid of the true divine revelation and understanding of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God that Christ taught in his parables, they shall continue to be steeped in superstitious beliefs in operating their own version of truth and faith in the another gospel. They shall continue to say "until we get to heaven before these mysteries can be revealed", unfortunately. Mysteries that Christ had taught and are already revealed by his Spirit to his saints on earth, the CAO are waiting to get to heaven first in order to receive. Heaven and hell afterlife tourism out of body experiences, dreams and demon utterances during deliverance sessions, etc shall come to constitute their source of superstitious knowledge, which is a grave error. **Mtt 13:9-13,34-35; 2 Cor 3:6; 1 Cor 4:1-2; Lk 10:21-24**

Also, by the CAO teaching that “evil is of the Devil, while good only is of God” and “that the Devil is fighting God tooth and nail”, they subtly setup “another besides God and like God” in the hearts and minds of their adherents. And thereby getting men to be fearing the Devil where evil is concerned and not God. But we know that it is the LORD that doeth all things, whether evil or good. And that no man or devil can do you evil or good without God allowing it to happen. That all power belongs to God. Satan is a fallen creature of God and not the Creator. And that the powers he exercises are as granted and allowed him by God. **Lk 22:53; Lk 10:17-19; Job 2:1-10; Jer 10:5; Gen 31:22-31; Jn 3:27**

Therefore, it is God that we ought to look and cry unto always in all things. That is why the Bible tells us to give thanks to God in everything whether good or bad, favourable or unfavourable, because the issues of life and death belongs to Him alone. Any contrary belief to this truth keeps men still believing a lie in superstition and under the manipulation of the Wicked one instead. **I Thess 5:18; Mtt 5:43-48; Jn 3:27**

Jn 19:8-12 (Vr.10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? **Vr.11** Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:

Mtt 28: 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

DEALING WITH SUPERSTITIONS

Superstition is rooted in false beliefs based on lies, falsehood and deceptions of the enemy, the god of the world that lieth in darkness, wickedness and evil. It is not of the truth of God, but of a system of lies meant to deceive and to keep men in the bondage of sin and death. There are no superstitious beliefs in the heavens of God nor amongst His holy angels, wherein aboundeth truth and righteousness. But only in the world cum earth of humans, wherein aboundeth ignorance and unrighteousness. Superstition thrives in unrighteousness and wickedness. **I Jn 5:19**

Superstitious belief, from the onset, is rooted in the lack of knowledge and understanding of God, His creations and ways, as perpetuated by Satan in humans through lies and deception. Those that lack the understanding of the one true God and His workings on the earth and heavens that He alone had created will always find themselves superstitious. Superstition is found among the carnally or earthly minded not amongst the truly spiritually or heavenly minded. It is rooted in carnality, but foundationally dispelled by spirituality as it were.

Therefore, in dealing with superstition, God in heaven is needed to intervene in the life and affairs of men on earth in order to bring them out of ignorance in darkness of lies unto the light of the knowledge of the truth in understanding. Without which no man can escape the bondage of sin and death that is perpetuated by superstition.

Acts 26: 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Where you have mysteries (godly or ungodly, natural or spiritual), myths, inexplicable/bizarre happenings, the unknown and the likes, superstition appears and thrives therein. But where such are understood, explained and exposed to the light, superstition is dissolved, expelled and disappears. **Jn 1:4-5; 2 Cor 4:1-6**

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.

DISPELLING SUPERSTITION THE SCIENTIFIC WAY

Scientific, technological, medical and even some herbal discoveries have given rise to the dispelling of so many superstitious beliefs on earth amongst men in the past. But these discoveries, being worldly, can only deal with the stem and branches (outward nature) of superstition and not the root cause (inward nature). Discoveries in science are still orchestrated by the inspiration of God in man. But unfortunately, many Scientists who do not know God give glory to another or even themselves, rather than to the all-wise God. **Ps 14:1; I Cor 1:25-29**

Ps 104: 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

Ezek 47: 12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

Dan 1: 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king' seed, and of the princes; **Vr.4** Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king' palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

Many of them, scientists, inventors, herbalists and innovators, glory in the flesh being atheists and unbelievers, unlike few that believe in God amongst them. As such all the glory and honour

does not go to God alone, but men share in the glory or even claim it all to themselves knowing not God. **Job 32:8; Dan 1:17; Eccl 7:29**

I Cor 1:17-31 (Vr.24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. **Vr.25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **Vr.26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: **Vr.27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **Vr.28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **Vr.29** That no flesh should glory in his presence. **Vr.30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **Vr.31** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Jer 9:23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: **Vr.24** But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Therefore, still by the manipulation of Satan, Science (the good of God amongst humans) is twisted or turned out to be (or seem evil and) against or in opposition to God. This is not true, for in reality, science is used of God to also deal with some erroneous misconceptions steeped in superstitious belief on earth.

I Tim 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: **Vr.21** Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

All the same, Science being empirical, physical, carnal and subject to manipulation and change is not the main means by which God is wholly glorified. Rather it is through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ that came down from heaven. Through Christ all the glory of every divine revelation, solution to both the root cause and branch manifestation of superstition goes to God, our heavenly Father without exception. Science is of facts; Christ is of the truth. Facts can and do change with time, but the truth remains unchangeable for all times. Today's scientific fact can turn out to be a lie or error tomorrow, but not the truth that came by Jesus Christ. **Jn 5:30; Jn 6:38; Jn 7:18; Jn 8:50; Jn 17:4; Jn 14:6; Mtt 24:35; Ps 119:89**

Jn 5: 43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. **Vr.44** How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

Jn 8: 49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.
Vr.50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

Generally speaking, until the science behind certain mysterious things that happen on earth is discovered such things shall still be held (stemmed) in superstition by men. When the science of them is discovered, superstition about them automatically disappears. Unfortunately, it is not by science that Christ can be discovered or known, but by the revelation of the Spirit of God. Science cannot acknowledge the Spirit because he cannot be seen with their instruments or tools. **Mtt 11:27**

Jn 14:16-17 (Vr.17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The root cause of superstition cannot be dealt with carnally or by worldly scientific discoveries. Why? because superstition did not originate from the natural cum terrestrial realms nor is the power behind it of such. Superstition started from the spiritual cum celestial realms of the garden of Eden by the operation of Satan. It corrupts the mind, heart and soul of a man unto unbelief. And so can only be dealt with definitively by divine spiritual means that is of God through the operation of Christ our Lord and Saviour that uproots iniquity from the hearts of man and satanic works. Science and technology cannot deliver a man from having a conscience or heart of an idol to having a pure conscience. It is only Christ that can and does. Christ came to save the world from superstition and the beliefs thereof. **Mtt 7:24-28; Jn 3:17; Jn 12:47; Lk 9:54-56; Jn 8:32-36; Acts 10:38; Jer 17:9-10;**

Jn 1: 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

I Jn 3: 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

BY COVENANTING WITH GOD

As we have opined severally, superstition is of darkness, deceit by the Devil. And therefore, can only be dealt with by the appearing of the light of God in men. It is of a lie and can only be dealt with by the truth, and the belief therein. As long as a man clings unto the belief of a lie superstition will continually thrive and reign over him. **I Pet 2:9**

God began dealing with superstition on the earth by separating unto Himself a people chosen and set apart from the rest of mankind that was in darkness. A people of covenant that would live and be governed by His own commandments and laws in order to be holy and true to Him alone, and to no other. He gradually began it first with Noah and his family as it were. It was to

be by them that the whole world was to be repopulated with the intent of a fresh uncorrupted start for mankind.

Gen 6: 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. **Vr.8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. **Vr.9** These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. **Vr.11** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **Vr.12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. **Vr.13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **Vr.14** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, **Vr.17** And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. **Vr.18** But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons'wives with thee.

Gen 9:1-29 (Vr.8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, **Vr.9** And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; **Vr.10** And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. **Vr.11** And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. **Vr.12** And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: **Vr.13** I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Unfortunately, still Noah's family was corrupted by transgression, and invariably the nations that emanated from them that constituted the new world too. In the process of time, God had to make another start at reconstituting a holy people unto Himself from this corrupt world. But not by the destruction of the whole world again. Rather by specifically calling out a people unto Himself, to disassociate or separate them from amongst their natural kins that were in the world of darkness and deceit. **Gen 9:17-25**

A family was to be set apart from all others that were steeped in superstitious beliefs and practices that did not glorify God in the world. They were to physically separate both bodily, mentally and locationally. They were to be moved to a special Promised Land wherein they were to live by His holy covenant as His peculiar people above all other people in the world. God began this again intentionally with Abraham and subsequently with his natural seed, the children of Israel, whom He gave the covenant of Law through Moses.

Gen 12: 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father' house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **Vr.2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **Vr.3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Acts 7: 2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, **Vr.3** And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. **Vr.4** Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. **Vr.8** And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

BY THE OLD COVENANT OF LAW

God began dealing with superstitious belief amongst men in this way. By entering into covenants with those that He chose and separated to be His own out of all other peoples of the earth. In order to make them holy and true to Himself alone. A covenant by which they would live holy according to the Law as His people on earth, and He would be their one and only God cum LORD. And this was to be accomplished through teaching them of His word and their having unwavering belief in same to do. This was with the ultimate aim of turning their hearts and minds from superstitious beliefs of dumb idols and gods of their fathers unto the belief of the one true God of heaven that has none other besides Him in heaven and on earth made known to them. **Deu 6:1-9**

Exo 19: 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: **Vr.6** And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Deu 7: 1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, **Vr.2** And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: **Vr.5** But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. **Vr.6** For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. **Vr.7** The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: **Vr.8** But because the LORD loved you, and

because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, **Vr.16** And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee. **Vr.25** The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

The very first command that God gave to the children of Israel through Moses in the Law, which is the greatest of all the commandments, was targeted at dealing with superstition at the root in their belief system. Without uprooting superstitious beliefs in the heart, mind and soul of a man, his worship of God would be tainted and untrue. He would be worshipping an unknown God without even knowing it. He would be a vain worshipper. **Mk 12:28-30**

Deu 6: 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: **Vr.5** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **Vr.6** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Exo 20: 1 And God spake all these words, saying, **Vr.2** I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **Vr.3** Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Vr.4** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything 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,

Unfortunately, the children of Israel were not faithful to the LORD, both in the wilderness and in the Promised land of Canaan when they eventually possessed it, in keeping to the old covenant of Law that was handed down to them. Instead, they still with a superstitious heart, went a whoring after idols and other gods of the land, to worship and serve them in disobedience to God.

The Law, being of the shadow, was still dominated by superstition in the peoples' practice of the carnal ordinances involved therein. The line of division between its ordinance practice of animal sacrifices, offerings and that of the heathen practices were blurred giving rise yet to superstitious practices in its observance by the people. Therefore, sin reigned and dominated them even in the Law, wherein they were held captive. **Gal 3:22; Judg 17; Judg 18**

Acts 7:37-53 (Vr.38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: **Vr.39** To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt, **Vr.40** Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. **Vr.41** And

they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. **Vr.42** Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? **Vr.43** Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon. **Vr.51** Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. **Vr.53** Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

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. **Vr.2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. **Vr.3** But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. **Vr.4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. **Vr.6** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. **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;

Under the Law, the people still carried a conscience of an idol in operating the carnal ordinances, meats, drinks and divers washings, etc imposed in the observance thereof. The conscience of sin could not be purged by animal sacrifices, burnt offerings and the likes. Therefore, superstition persisted in their mindset and hearts under the Old Testament even in their worship of God, a vain worship in the shadow of darkness. **Hebr 9:6-10; I Cor 8:7-10; Isa 9:2**

Jn 4: 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. **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. **Vr.22** Ye worship ye know not what: **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.

Worship of God by the observance of the covenant of Law did not produce true worshippers but vain ones at the end. **Colo 2:18; Mtt 15:7-9**

BY THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

The observance of the Law written on the tablets of stone could not destroy superstition rooted in the hearts and minds of the children of Israel, the people of God as at then. And God had to abolish or annul the Old Covenant in order to bring in a New Covenant, not just for the Jews only, but now for all peoples of the world (Gentiles) that shall come to believe in Him through belief in

His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. A covenant that will deal with superstition in the conscience, heart, mind and soul of the Believers thereof via the Spirit and no longer the flesh. **Jer 31:29-34**

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.10** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: **Vr.11** And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. **Vr.12** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. **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: 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **Vr.10** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Vr.11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: **Vr.12** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; **Vr.13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **Vr.14** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebr 9: 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; **Vr.12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. **Vr.14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works [of superstition] to serve the living God? **Vr.15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Lk 22: 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. **Vr.20** Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Grace and truth that came by Christ Jesus is the solution to superstition in man. Ye need to abide in Christ and his words abide in you or else ye shall be deceived. And a deceived heart is a superstitious heart as it were.

BY NEW BIRTH THROUGH DEATH AND RESURRECTION IN CHRIST

The Believer in Christ compulsorily needs to be born anew, to become a new man, without which the old man of superstitious beliefs shall continue to have dominion over him till death. The old man of the flesh needs to die in order for the new man in the Spirit, devoid of superstitions, to arise. Superstition is found in the flesh and not in the Spirit, in the world and not in the kingdom of God as it were. **Gal 5:16; Rom 8:1-4**

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.5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **Vr.8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

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

I Pet 1: 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 by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

As we had opined, he that is born of the flesh is superstitious by nature, but not so with he that is truly born of the Spirit of Christ. Why? Because there is no superstition found in Christ, his Word nor his Spirit, save to those whom the mysteries of God, His Christ and the Kingdom are not revealed, but yet hidden. As long as this remains the case for you that claim to be a Christian, as obtains amongst the CAO adherents, superstition shall continue to be rife in their midst as it is till date.

Rom 12: 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **Vr.2** And be not conformed to this world [*of superstition*]: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The spirit of your mind compulsorily has to be renewed according to the doctrine of Christ by the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Your heart and soul purged, washed and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Your spirit cleansed and awakened in the Holy Ghost, your mind illuminated by the truth. **Rom 6:6-11; 2 Thess 2:13; Mtt 13:9-17; I Pet 1:2; I Jn 1:7**

Eph 4: 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **Vr.18** Having the understanding darkened, being

alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **Vr.19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **Vr.20** But ye have not so learned Christ; **Vr.21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: **Vr.22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **Vr.23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness [*and not in superstition*]. **Vr.29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **Vr.30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **Vr.31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice [*the things that feed superstition in man*]: **Vr.32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colo 3: 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Vr.2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **Vr.3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **Vr.4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **Vr.5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **Vr.7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **Vr.8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **Vr.9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **Vr.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, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. **Vr.12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **Vr.16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Rom 8: 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **Vr.2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **Vr.3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **Vr.4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **Vr.5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **Vr.6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Vr.7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **Vr.8** So then

they that are in the flesh cannot please God. **Vr.9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Vr.14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **Vr.16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

As long as the Believer does not have the words of Christ richly dwelling in him in order to live righteously therein by the understanding of the mystery of God, His Christ and the Kingdom as taught by the Spirit of truth received in baptism, he cannot escape the captivity of superstition that is in the world. The carnally cum earthly minded shall always be superstition in nature, because this present evil world is rooted in superstition. As long as one's affections are not set on things above, but continually on things beneath, the temporal things and not the eternal things, he would remain superstitious at heart without fail. **2 Cor 4:18; Mtt 6:19-21**

I Jn 5: 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. **Vr.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, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. **Vr.21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

CONCLUSION

Ignorance of who God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are to man, is at the root of superstition cum superstitious beliefs. This is sustained in the world by the god of this world, the spirit at work in the children of disobedience, who know not the true God. Christ copiously communicated the truth concerning his relationship with the Father to his followers, though many fail to hear him in his doctrine till date. **I Jn 5:20; Jn 10:30**

Jn 17: 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **Vr.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. **Vr.21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **Vr.25** O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. **Vr.26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them

Jn 14: 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. **Vr.16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **Vr.17** Even the Spirit of truth;

whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Where there is ignorance, lies, hidden mysteries, and falsehood, superstition abounds therein. But where truth, exposition and righteousness abound superstition cannot exist there or have sway therein. As long as the CAO walk in error, they shall always see many things as mysteries even in their faith. And such mysteries unraveled are open doorways to continuous superstitious beliefs amongst their adherents.

Men had hitherto served the unknown God via superstitious beliefs, beliefs that were shrouded in mysteries and imageries that are of the shadow and darkness under the O.T. But by the coming of the light and truth via Jesus Christ in the gospel, superstitious beliefs were dispelled and exposed for the fraud and lies that they were. **Acts 13:4-12; Acts 8:1-13**

The one behind superstitious beliefs is the god of this world, Satan the Devil. And unfortunately, the world and many of the CAO believe in him more than they do Christ, in words and in deeds.

Eph 5: 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **Vr.6** Let no man deceive you [How?] with vain words: **Vr.7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. **Vr.11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. **Vr.12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. **Vr.14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

I Jn 1: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The CAO in their teachings keep many of their adherents more superstitious than they were as unbelievers before coming to the knowledge of Christ. While claiming to making their adherents spiritual, they make them more carnal in their thoughts and deeds. The CAO adherents are more Satan conscious than Christ conscious, being carnally minded majority of the time. **Mtt 23:13-15**

Many of the CAO ministers operate as occultists, diviners, seers, sorcerers, spiritualists, and false prophets. They churn out dogmas founded on fables, motivational speaking, traditions and commandment of men, rather than the raw word of God. By their erroneous doctrines, steeped in superstition they get men to be contradicting the doctrine of Christ at every turn.

The Devil and enemies are so much in their minds, lexicon, testimonies, and prayers. And they live their lives chasing demons and shadows, glorying in the flesh, rather than growing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. They try to cling unto the Old Testament ways of living in their foolishness rather than the New Testament way of Christlikeness. **2 Cor 3:6-18**

2 Cor 4: 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully [*as the CAO do*]; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **Vr.3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **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.

The more you know and understand the real truth of things the less superstitious you will be. Therefore, superstition is belief in a lie by reason of lack of understanding of the unknown or even the known truth. For one to have knowledge of the truth does not exonerate or free you entirely from the hold of superstition, rather it is the understanding of that knowledge and your faithful walk by wisdom therein that does. The power of superstition is based on the power of a lie, deception and ignorance. True wisdom exposes and destroys superstition.

Mtt 13: 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: **Vr.15** For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

It is the LORD that openeth and shutteth, so no man or Devil can resist Him in all things. Superstition is contrary to the doctrine of Christ and is therefore an antichrist belief as it were. Men need to be compulsorily delivered from the belief therefore by the Lord Jesus Christ. You cannot be said to be a true believer in Christ by still holding tenaciously to superstitious beliefs. You deceive yourself. Thou shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Those that are given to superstitions are given to readily believing a lie, and are also fearful and ignorant. The more enlightened or illuminated a person becomes by the truth, the less superstitious he will be. Unfortunately, there are many unexplained “mysteries” or hidden truths in the CAO that give rise to so much superstitious beliefs amongst their adherents.

Christ came to unravel mysteries that had been kept hidden even from the foundation of the world, before and beyond. The very things that had kept men in superstitious beliefs where God, His creations and workings were concerned, yet the CAO still wallow in superstition being blind and deaf to his truth.

Mtt 13: 34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: **Vr.35** That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

May the good Lord deliver us from superstitious mindset unto having the mind of Christ in believing the truth of God till the end. Amen

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