And that's basically it. There sure is a lot more that can be said - but for keeping it simple, this is $\frac{\text{all}}{\text{-}}$ err ... the basics of, the least - I really want people to know about. As you will proceed through life, if you chose wisely, you will come to fill in the blanks of what you care about here and there and why. Maybe you'll take the one or the other thing from what I've written - because that is a part of how this works.

Wisdom in and of itself doesn't care much about 'creating' knowledge, but to make sense of it. Creating knowledge then takes effort. Some dedication and Love. Wisdom will certainly help, because the more you're able to make sense of, the more you'll be able to meaningfully build upon.

I for myself assume that I was equipped with a strong subconscious understanding of these things - so upon reading a few things here and there, those respective pieces more often than not just fell into place and I could move on from there. The biggest problem in all of this was I, or rather: That part of me that grew up to internalize "worldly sorts" of messaging - thus producing more of an emotional struggle between what I believed to be true and what just made sense to be true. {DMX:Angel} More of it in Part 2

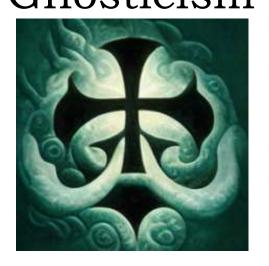
B. THE CLASSCIAL PATH

What now THE classical path is - might be everyone's best guess. With there certainly being more and less <u>educated opinions</u>. I have to wonder how things worked. From what I gather, the records we have today emerged from within an environment in which Christianity has pretty much already been a thing. I would assume that between hearsay and the desire to cherish one's faith, there was a certain demand for the written word. And so I assume that the writers of the time had a certain expectation to cater to. But also things to clarify.

Therein Paul's work pretty much took over the 'western' world; While, we today know that, there have been Christian communities apart from that domain. Then, later, probably declared to be heretics and hegemonied away or something. "Go figure". ... Oh, pardon me. I sometimes get ahead of myself. They (the others) eventually vanished and ... we'll get to that.

I believe that a change of confession is very transformative. Duh. So, new converts - I'd say - are far more willing to openly embrace the religious concepts put forward unto them; While fresh deconverts are seeing to it, that matters of religion be as far from them as possible. And assuming that people were confused, to an extent, over the lack of clear descriptive guidelines ... Paul's efforts just worked out somehow. He may have delivered a sharpness to the concerns of gender and sexuality (not speaking of homosexuality in the modern sense, but in the 'classical' sense) that spoke to the people's desires to reject the ways of their time (decadence and classism I would assume). And that sure would then come to be a 'new' "classical" path. But what came before that?

An extensive Introduction to (Neo) Gnosticism



"Self-Awareness" or something as mundane and "seeing the forest for the tree" esque.

(Thought) The ability to combine/connect thoughts

Now, this isn't exactly the order you'll find in the Apocryphon; And I don't want to get too deep into explaining them. Just ... give it time, I suppose. I'm not sure why I structured them this way – nor why I generally start with Grace to the left and go counter-clockwise. It's just my personal flavor I suppose. And the Apocryphon seems to have things jumbled up too. So, whatever. The reason why we are to address @[God] this way isn't because He just really insists that you have done your homework. I understand, that once the experience is granted - the prayer will be of pivotal significance. The experience and what follows will rest upon the contents of that prayer - and the two will contextually supplement each other. Alternatively it's a kind of safeguard. Knowledge being the Key.

The 13 Seals

Wisdom

Really \dots it's not necessary per se, but it's just part of the knowledge of it all. Like a map. So \dots

1. 2. 3.	Matter (undefined) Shaped Matter Structured Matter	INFANCY
4. 5. 6.	The 4 Elements Life Judgment, Reason and Acting	CHILDHOOD
7. 8.	Independence Thought	MATURITY
9.	The Force	
10. 11. 12. 13.	Identity/The Light The Receiving Spirit The Producing Spirit The Source/Well	TRANSCENDENCE

The Prayer

- 1. The "Caller" [brings to mind] [the Properties of God]
- 2. The prayer continues with a Plea: [Merge/Combine/Conjoin (Connect, Link)] Yourself, all-encompassing spirit, with the individual spirit, that is within us. {Verbinde dich, allumfassender Geist, mit dem individuellen Geist, der in uns ist}



Beyond the requirements to entry, one is to be familiar with "the ritual". To that, one will need to know of three things. The 12 Aeons and how they are constructed, the 13 Seals and the Prayer itself.

The 12 Aeons (and how they are constructed)

The 12 Aeons (and how they are constructed) - is important because it is basically 'the Address', but also a Foundation. As found in NHC II.1 - The Apocryphon of John:

The 3 Principles are

Life, Will and Thought

The 4 Lights are (you don't need to remember the special terms)

Grace (Armozel)
Perception (Oriel)
Prudence (Daveithei)
Understanding (Eleleth)

I may at times use Mercy instead of Grace and Levelheadedness instead of Prudence. Those were my initial translations from German, though I always felt like Mercy might be too ambiguous. The terms here are from an English translation of the respective writing – so I'll go with those.

These two are part of the same – two separate facets of Existence. Thereby both sides exist as part of the other. And 3x4=12.

Armozel:		
Grace	(Will)	visible stuff
Truth	(Life)	knowledge, idea, in-form-ation
Form	(Thought)	Form
Oriel:		
Insight	(Will)	perception of grace
Perception	(Life)	perception of truth
Memory	(Thought)	Memory
Daveithei:		
Understanding	(Will)	Manipulating thought/Grace
Love	(Life)	Potential of thought/Truth
lmage	(Thought)	Potential to imaging/imagination, scheming
Eleleth:		
Perfection	(Will)	Intentionality
Peace	(Life)	Wholesomeness. Hard to tell.

Gnosticism (from Ancient Greek: γνωστικός, romanized: gnōstikós, Koine Greek: [ynosti'kos], 'having knowledge')

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Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

Isaiah 49:1-5

ourselves; Lest we want to end up or remain cynical about our nature, relying on God's forgiveness to be somehow enough. Although ... hmm.

And why not. We might sure receive some reward for try-harding it. But from my perspective now, there is also this potential that exists through our will or desire to leave those shackles of impurity behind. That we might so live up to our potential. And surely God must see the value in our individuality – otherwise we might be perfectly happy just walking in circles all day long. So, it comes down to what we have for God to work with

To keep it short: if we aren't worthy before God, He won't let us in(to the ninedom). In other terms however, this requirement is "an invitation from the Father". So, in that sense it is not as much about what we can do 'to be(come) worthy' - but about whether or not God wants us to be a part of His fold. And accounting for what God can do, that leaves us with some raw base capacity to align with that. We do thereby come down to the same set of issues — but from a different angle. So rather than wondering about whether or not we're aligned enough — the question may be whether or not God can work with us.

Either way, that decision isn't ours. To make it political or anti-political: Eventually we'd move from whether or not God 'can' work with us to whether or not God 'should be able to' work with us; Or on the other side: Whether or not God 'would want to' work with us. There's really only one way to find out.

Which takes us however to the other side of all this. If I baptized you, I could give you a certificate for it. Whether it means something or not. And that of course is one of those things. It's complicated bureaucracy stuff. On the one hand it's dismissive to argue that there's no point to it if we can't collectively tell that you "got in" - on the other hand it's lonely if we can't share our experiences. And if we can't stand together – how are we ever united? So, the way I read it, the experience to enter the ninedom can be a collective one. We might hope that things could work on good faith and reason alone – and generally that's how things are supposed to work anyway. But first of all it has to work for You. Then it can work for society.



And there's probably a lot more for one to put their concerns into. If you want something from the Bible – you can look into John 14:15-16:28. It's not explicit – but that's not the argument anyway.

At the end of the day, I have a hard time explaining this worthiness stuff. Maybe I'm overthinking it. I don't think it's a big deal; As in – you should rather be worried of severe disalignment. I assume. For if you believe/understand that this is between God and Yourself ... you should be fine. It's ... after all the Gnosis of it.

But enough talk ... let's ... get to the meat of things:

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Now, at no point yet is there a specification of 'what' we are to align to. It is merely implied – through the context – that there are those "gifts" from Baptism. But here we can similarly hike off, as per the intent that exists behind those or whatever.

With it come expectations, expectations in form of demands, demands are a form of rules and rules make up a law.

And – I'm totally fine with this. However, still only in a somewhat abstract way. As so, there's a difference between obedience to the written law; And alignment to the intent behind the Law. And intent can be somewhat complicated. We can for instance say, that we shouldn't bump into people. It's rude, it's impolite. But are we now to punish everyone who also just by accident bumps into someone? And anyway – how does now punishment come into this?

A law, more specifically, is set up for us to have written rules by which we can regulate a sense of order. And it is then yet to be determined whether or not a given transgression is to be seen as a crime. What we are however (to be) encouraged by – generally speaking – isn't to not get punished, but to be a good person within the confines of *our society*. And so we come to another "magical" word here:

Compliance is of that part of ourselves, that makes up our **Autonomy**. Compliance is a difficult word thereby – depending on how well aligned we are to the corresponding demand. Compliance, Rules, Law, Bla, Punishment. Reverse Psychology is so a term used for when a demand causes the opposite reaction in an individual. Sometimes we also treasure our **autonomy** to a degree that has us react allergically to demands, or at least some, or perhaps ways in which they are delivered – which eventually gives us a hatred for the concept of compliance. We eventually say so: That we don't want to be patronized. So saying that God can't help us if we don't comply, to come to the point – implies as much as that God can't help us if we're in disalignment with His will. Sure thing. But here we now have the more serious question, of what good an imposed Law would do here.

In other words: One reason to use seemingly vague terms to describe things that "ought to be" more concrete — is that the things to be described aren't as concrete as we might think or like them to be.

And so – what it means to be 'Worthy' - to my understanding comes down to intent. One thing the New Testament so for instance tries to convey, is that we are inherently sinners. That we, on our own, could not attain Salvation. So what good is it to say: "OK, let's have a law like before but this time we pray really hard to not be sinners"? No. My whole philosophy here is predicated on the idea that there are things that God can do for us. That we need to be transformed – to some extent – so we can walk in the Light, as it were. And to do so, we need to be willing to embrace it. **The Alignment here is such, that God's work with us can flourish**.

At the end of the day, that's all we have. Of course we have to want to be good people. But ever so often we must learn that it's difficult. That we are impure or imperfect – and thus dependent on God's forgiveness. Within it, for us to be truly worthy, there must be the will to better

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And so, Baptism is simple – because all the stuff between the human and the divine; Why God does as He does, how to solicit information from or at least develop a relationship with God; Are of no concern. Those are the greater questions. And for here, this point, our own worthiness is measured by our own will to get Baptized.

3. Unification

And that is where Unification is different. The second requirement so is **worthiness**. Thus suggesting that baptism itself does not make you worthy. And yea ... I suppose it might mess with you if you get Baptized with impure intent — as it also doesn't really change or alter your intentions. And that is an important aspect to this: **Alignment**.

While this is still a pragmatic step; That is: Something to DO, for it to be DONE, so it can take effect; There's also a metaphysical component to it. More so than with the others. I could so also have skipped the Baptism part - and rather mentioned it through 'the two Requirements' - one of which is pragmatic and the other metaphysical. But still this is a pragmatic step. Full on Pragmatism. No metaphysical mumbo-jumbo, no getting into the right state of mind – sortof – no how to or mind this and that's, give or take - just your own way towards the various steps and what follows. Nonetheless: There's a bit of an increase in difficulty. Part 1 is easy, right? You just need to ... ask. The next thing is a bit more complex. You need the water and a Priest. And with that it might sound easier as it is, or seem scarier than is justified. This one however, well, is something that, say, nobody has ever heard about. Which makes it difficult as in impossible. But in as far as this is practically the revelation thereof, it's no longer impossible – and you need nothing but yourself. And "God's invitation", as it's phrased. And the cleansing of course. And so, a small jump into the theory rabbit-hole:

God can't help us if we don't comply. That much I can personally agree with, but ... we're entering difficult terrain. We'll get deeper into it later – concerning Shadow Truths, or how we might want to call it – but for now I want to continue with this line of reasoning, to maybe also do some tangential insight formation on matters of consciousness, thought and communication.

So, compliance requires obedience. Obedience allows us to 'see' one's lawfulness. Unlawfulness reveals disobedience, disobedience is indicative of a lack of compliance and respectively tells us you're in disalignment with the greater good.

So we've come from 'Alignment' to 'Obedience' - suggesting that the two then amount to the same thing. I did so via obfuscation and a chain of words - each slightly different from the one before and the one that follows. And while, if I squint hard and bend my neck a little (metaphorically), I can still find agreement with that logic, it's also really abstract. So - at no point was this meant to be turning into a matter of obedience.

Though I guess you could still try ... to find value in something you had no say over, which perhaps also makes the rest of your spiritual journey conveniently simple.

Baptism is however **one of two requirements** for the Enlightenment of Unification with the All-Encompassing spirit. Generally referred to as a 'cleansing' - it ... well ... does something. It certainly gets you wet. And if you got through it with the intellectual faculty to observe and judge whether or not there's more to it, you might find that ... well ... maybe. Maybe it's just some psychic shock from the submersion and reemergence, perhaps it's the water in your ears, maybe some chloride in the water or hell ... LSD perhaps? Who knows? Who could tell?

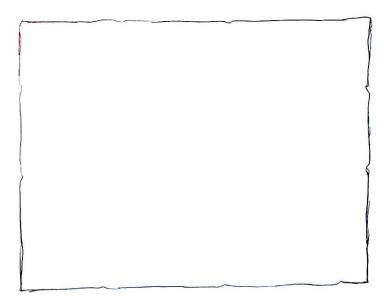
Well - I can't. I only have theories. I only have my own experiences – and so far wasn't able to corroborate any of my theories with someone else. Generally however I assume that what happens (provided you **get the right Baptism** (1.B-d – <u>Mormonism</u>) – I assume it's relevant) is that some things are being clipped away from us. Some bad things go away and we're being made better people. I believe it changed how it feels to get drunk. That's also why I think there's a personal choice aspect to it. And *perhaps* why Mormons are so dang nice. But also are Mormons not perfect – and a lot about their religion kinda doesn't make sense ... if you asked me. So, we have a bit of an issue there that is to be resolved ... and to me it **firstly** comes down to the 'fact', that it isn't the end of the way. Nor the beginning. It's just one more step towards Unification. <u>But more generally</u> so it is a **particular** (Of, relating to, or providing details; precise) gift. A cleansing. And this can explain why those that got Baptized get saved. At least generally speaking.

That at least is the simple side of the story. The pragmatic theory to my experience and understanding. And on the off-chance that things are going a bit too fast: That could be because I'm in a bit of a rush and these items here only serve a practical purpose. One can sure sit down and write at great length about them. But also do I not want – or need – you to suffer through endless pages of meta-commentary, theory and what not to come to the point. And one reason things might not sink in, is because time is what you make of it. Now you read – later you may ponder. And some of the things here might take years to fully unfold. In a way, the journey never ends - even.

Baptism ... so is a ritual you can partake in, that has a promise attached to it. It's your choice, you get what you get – and that doesn't entail omniscience. By the way. It is a constant throughline to the matters of Gnosis, that the matters of Gnosis are **our own**. By the way. At least so in terms of Growth. God may try to give us insight, but if our Gnosis isn't developed to the point of embracing that, it's as if nothing happened. And that's His choice. Though also how understanding works. If we're wrong about something, we have to correct ourselves. If we didn't correct ourselves, we run into danger of being wrong. What protects us is to have known better – consequentially we make mistakes. Nothing ... special going on here.

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I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon morter, and as the potter treadeth clay.

Isaiah 41:18-25

>>> If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. <<<

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(Teehee! It says Liberal! I'm also sure that the 'him' here is meant to be taken as gender-neutral)

And here's the thing: We – if we want to take this to a discussion of pragmatism and philosophical/psychological analysis – are eventually talking about personal gnosis here. And personal Gnosis, to my understanding, is a lot about **suggestibility**. So, once we're part of a group that we enjoy being with, that talks a lot of whacky stuff we cannot fully comprehend - we're in a bit of a pickle. And through our conscious or subconscious desire or willingness to be a part of that group, we become suggestible. So, willing to embrace the truths suggested to us. The way I understand it, what happens is akin to deep dreaming ("DeepDream" - a computer vision program). Thereby an image is given to some kind of artificial neural network; And then it is effectively told to "look" for something in that image. Say, Dogs for instance. The output will then be some psychedelic hellscape of Dogs that is extracted from the image you provided. And this isn't only about "supernatural experiences". Either way it might merely come down to some mental/spiritual potential (tension → discharge) to produce those experiences.

This is why I think it's important to <u>not</u> ask for a particular wisdom. Like, to be exceptionally homophobic today, or to debunk that one person you don't like because it's constantly more right than you. But yet, more to the point, such also shows lack of faith in God. Or rather, you try to do Gods work for Him. Perhaps from some fear that God might not actually exist. And yet in interjecting, by censoring God, you take away from Gods ability to show you what He's capable of. You so produce an expectation that may exist outside of what God wants to show you; And further become suggestible to have this expectation met. Say: The more you require God — pro-actively — to snap you out of a thing, the more lost you are. Because that's not God's job. It's yours. So to enable change from within first, at least. It ... to the believer at least ... is a step of faith. To let go of what control you think you have ... and partake of the liberal givings — for so we shall also take liberally — to a decline of our collective stupidity.

This is similar to sticking to the Lords prayer verbatim when something is burdening you

Baptism

To move further along the path of personal gnosis and suggestibility, we also come to the next step in the journey as prescribed. Though one might also speak of the Eucharist, that's not really what matters here. It certainly is one of those ... moments of truth. One might put a lot of hopes into this act, or rite ... or commitment. And if it doesn't give you what you expected, you better believe, it at least did something for you. Unless you're part of some weird catholic cult where they baptize their infants.

understanding, drawing shortcuts to comprehend what you believe to be real. To so make visible what is (assumed to be) invisible. So, when I talk about things that happen in my mind - say, a flash of insight, something akin to a vision, ideas coming together to higher and higher degrees of reason - I am utterly convinced that God has His hands in there. I have experienced these things a lot, I have learned to rely on them, they keep pushing me forward, they give me pause, they can give me dominion even - but not vet have I found, to be utterly honest, a way to declare it to be so, without just assuming it to be so. And this is as close to "the source" as it gets outside of the ninedom! Assuming it so, to then imply it to be so. I can then argue and reason why I think it to be so - and you might agree that it seems reasonable. And the more often this happens, the more tired I get of writing out the disclaimer, because at the end of the day I'm still pretty certain. Now, generally I then will just try to find ways to say it without saying it. To so ... render God invisible. But yea, if you had years worth of my work in front of you and you continuously read "this thing happened to me" and "that occurred to me" and "I had this insight" and "that thing finally made sense" - while I can't but somehow imply that this is due to some "unknown" force acting upon me, you might eventually come to accept it, or think that I'm just playing out an elaborate ruse unless you might think that I'm just crazy.

And so I also like to think of it; Were God to show Himself to us: That we may, in event, always find a reason to doubt that He is what He claims to be. Maybe it's Aliens, or "Neo-Trinity"/the Architect, the avatar of a sleeping fish acting out its dreams, Benny Russell^{1.1} – whatever. I love the idea of "Neo-Trinity", by the way. Not as a replacement for God, but from the angle of us growing within our **God given potential**. Which we can use for good, or for evil. For order, or for chaos. And since a Trinity implies three, but Neo and Trinity are only two, there still is space for God.

So, rather than finding signs and evidence for God in this outside world – this journey takes you inward. There sure you might only find darkness and chaos, maybe funny colors that don't seem to follow any logic or reason, but maybe how high you are – and oh, there are microbes swimming on the surface of my eyes But it is there. It will not be obvious or apparent at first – but once God will take you in, taking you by your hand ... you will uncover layer upon layer to greater and greater degrees of depth – within that apparent wasteland. Deep beneath ... the Black Fire. So, this first part is about 'practical' concepts.

A. THE GNOSTIC PATH (WISDOM \rightarrow BAPTISM \rightarrow UNIFICATION)

Wisdom

So, say, that I at the very least confused you enough for your inner agnostic to be awoken unto gnostic-curiosity. Being gnosticurious. That would be a great point for me to tell you about

FOREWORD

1. The Curse

I'm not sure where I did read the words, nor what exactly they were. But they were somewhat adjacent to my discoveries that established the basis to what I want to tell you about here.

DO NOT SELL THIS

In the modern day and age, so riddled with capitalistic features - it is difficult to not be at some point confronted with the issues of money and the moralistic implications thereof. But it should make certain sense to

DO NOT GATEKEEP SALVATION BEHIND A PAYWALL

thus I shall share this for free. I produce this at my own cost. I maintain my means to provide this at my own expense. And so, to my concern, this should be as freely available as somehow possible - and at no point should anyone be required to have any money to realize their Enlightenment (—entry into the ninedom). Well, there's a small~ish problem to that; As there's a bit of a bottleneck when it comes to baptism. So, if we were to say, that this (curse) is to exclude travel expenses - I do not mean that you should feel free to use "travel expenses" as a pretense to gatekeep these truths behind a paywall.

I don't think it's likely, that that would matter, but ... I still want to be clear on this.

Also have I reason to believe and on that basis an obligation to inform you, that I may very well be protected under the Divine Law of the executive of the Ministry of Salvation. If you so try to get at me wrong - life might just get back at you so. Challenge it at your own risk.

What exactly the Curse does is unclear.

2. Fruits of Chaos

I have ... considered many times how to describe myself. Yet none stuck better with me, than that I'm paradoxical. In as much as I enjoy pragmatism and a well structured environment – everything I do ends in

some kind of general chaos. Give or take. And so is this also technically a work of chaos. There sure is love and compassion in here, but also cynicism and an absence of fucks to give. Give or take.

I do understand the good and the need of order and a structured approach - and I did what I could, to also get that to be a part of this. But once I got around to leaving notes for what a certain headline was to entail ... the chaos kinda took over and now I'm here with most of the text written somehow. And now I'm almost done. And now I'm done~ish? ...

And that's also just how it works for me. Rather than waiting for God to explain the things to me so I might take a sober approach to things, I've gotten used to just sitting down and leaving it up to God to throw me a bone when He sees fit. For I am good girl! I like me them cookies and headpats.

3. Direction and Purpose

This is a big topic for me right now – in my actual life – and trying to do this right is a part of it. There's a direction – and there's a purpose – which so far, prior to this, to me has just been to write and write. For whenever I would sit down to give you a structured or sober or clean account ... I generally got stuck on some thing I had not yet thought of and so ... after a few attempts over the years, I eventually gave up on structured and sober. I mean, initially there were a handful of topics – and now I find myself more on the "everything" side of things.

So, this time, I bother not towards great ambitions. I'm somewhat tired and I really just want to get some things across. But yea, responsibility, decorum, such and such It's all neat and fine but my limits are my limits. It might seem like God should help me out - and woops ... I find myself, mentally placed in a spot to go on a lengthy tangent on what God's obligation would be – between whether or not I do or might have free will – next to a few other things. These and questions alike might not be answered herein. Maybe. But ... hand a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime. Unless all the rivers and lakes dry out I suppose. Or all the fish die of some poisoning.

In other words – I hope that you'll be able to come to your own conclusions that won't make me wanna drive my head into a wall.

As for evidence, because ... a lot is said ... without evidence to go for it, there isn't a lot of it. Obviously. What I have for you here is perhaps best described as philosophical in nature, but we'll eventually get around to finding better words for it. It is self-contained, but I'll try not to go much into theory and mental gymnastics – while so far this whole thing has become more of a narrative to introduce you into concepts of transcendental validity. But I don't think there's too much of a need of me to tell you what it is – because – that's yours to figure out. Supposedly.

1. The Basics

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It needs to be stated, perhaps as per the Gnostic Dilemma, but also in regards to the design of the World we inhabit, that no matter how close I might come – to your understanding – to proving the existence of God, beyond the shadow of a doubt, through anything I write in here – that is not actually what's happening. It is even strictly against my conviction to do so. Give or take. I mean, it's not that I wouldn't if I could – it is rather, that my understanding of why I can't, outweighs my understanding of what good it might do, if I could.

Let me give you a brief ... glimpse at my reasoning here. The world, as is, is created as though there were no God. But that aside: From Colossians 1:15 - or indirectly from the first few verses of the Gospel of John – we can deduce that God is invisible; And Jesus is His body. Think of it so: If God is eternal - as in eternally vast - Him being visible would need to fill out all spaces everywhere. Which basically breaks reality. Because 'everywhere' in that sense is immense. Infinite. So I argue: All creation – inevitably – is inherently limited to some capacity; And the uncreated is transcendental to that. This is also why we cannot ultimately grasp God in His entirety. We can grasp whatever we can construct from within our limitation - but the actual existence of an actual infinity in its entirety will always elude our grasp. So, maybe it is just me that cannot imagine God filling out immense Space; Or me not trying hard enough to shoehorn some infinity into my limited consciousness. But the claim that God is invisible, does back it up. And more importantly: Doesn't require God to be spacially infinite. We'll get into more of it later, but God being visible to Himself is already beyond our comprehension. Yet does it eventually entail properties that are then finitely comprehensive. Like the term 'eternity' is a finitely comprehensive word to describe a finitely incomprehensible reality. And so the expression of this infinity - the creation, the word – is, or were, finite. Like the word: God.

Whatever the case though ... imagine a blue realm. All you would see were waves emanating from what appears to be an invisible block in the center of view. But there is no block there. It is only the appearance by the apparent consequences of one – created by God, or more specifically – as per this thought experiment: me, by describing it to you; Or furthermore yourself by creating the image. Or perhaps some CG artist in case people suck at imagination. Think of how a pantomime can make you believe that there are invisible objects they interact with. Except it's the objects that move and there is no Pantomime.

In as far as God exists and does work through folks – there certainly will be those ... indicators that are eventually obvious markers of the divine. Interactions perhaps. But that eventually is just our mind, our

4. Some Terminology / Preliminary Rundown

So, I'm old. At least am I getting older. At the time of writing this (the first draft at least; And so far), I'm 38. Soon to be 39. So, 38 11/12 ~ish. And I've been doing this for almost two decades now. Or more. Depending on how we want to count this. I started naively, trying to wrap my discoveries into a short and comprehensive document such as this. Things didn't go too well – and with me trying to figure out why, I slipped into a state of continuous rambling, chasing after each and every possible mistake. Again and again. In between I'd get to some "this time it's gonna work out" type of thing – and after I had somehow given up, I still found ways to write about my thoughts. As per usual.

One thing that got clear to me during that time is, that I had not come to an end yet. Apparently. And when I'd get there, I'm still not sure about. Except that now just by happenstance ... I'm writing this. So, eventually things just kept piling up, until eventually – or finally – I could try to summarize. And now that I've sunken time into this document, writing out some of the chapters/segments – and pretty much the whole thing, it's pretty clear to me that I'm probably not going to vastly reorganize this. Yup, pretty much. And so I can now comment on the structure here. And it isn't really well thought out. It is another ad hoc attempt at communicating myself – but this time I have a reason to go over it a few times to maybe even smooth out all the Kinks. I try to verbally procrastinate – sometimes too much and other times too little, while maintaining a direction for the sake of order – to varying degrees of success. And thinking that for now or ever I probably can't do any better, I'm committed.

And I would love to be able to tell you everything all at once. To force compress and deep inject all the important stuff into your head. But two decades ish of more or less uninterrupted rambling ... doesn't make it easy to find a start. These aren't excuses – just observations that apply to the evolution and history towards this. I probably could try the same thing ten times and every time end up with a vastly different structure and approach. Next to the few things that need to be stated always. I understand that eventually I don't see the forest for the trees - and have kinda understood that eventually it's best to just say the things. But then the topic grows and the individual concepts that matter move further and further apart from each other – possibly **spread across different topics and categories**.

And no matter how I'd put it — well. Here's the thing: **Individual Truth**. I think the main issue is, that my way of understanding things is unique to myself. And so will you most likely **understand things in your own unique way**. And that may lead to some unanswered questions that I had not been bothered by. Or aren't answered right then and there. Or don't easily go into my state of mind.

At any rate however, I have a set of terms I'd call "the three main points". Something that just kinda made sense at some point in the past.

Essentially these are what things boil down to – so when you're lost you can return to them. They are furthermore easily regurgitated, <u>as a bit of a reminder or reality check maybe</u>. **A guide to what I'm trying to get across**. An easy starting point and control reference maybe.

These three main points, in some particular order, are:



The Gnostic Dilemma is, we might say, about realistic expectations of how 'Gnosis' fits into the public discourse — and that concerning concepts such as empirical thinking, religion, spirituality and whatever else. The idea in simplicity is: That if God were to reveal a Truth to me, you would yet only have my word for it - unless He too revealed it unto You. Unificiation then is the central aspect of what I have to share. That is Unification with the all-encompassing Spirit — so, a state of unity with the divine (re-enforced by the divine), subsequent to Baptism. Testimony is about access to that state of Enlightenment. Matters of divine revelation that the individual has or may have access to. Where, if the Gnostic Dilemma is a Fortress and Unification the Treasure, this is the Gate.

And this is important. As it is said: "I can only show you the way". So I'll write about Unification only in the most Basic of terms. But much how the death of Christ tore apart the curtain separating the Holy from the Holy of Holies, this isn't about Arcana, initiates versus commoners or "things you wouldn't understand". This pretty much is about the things you would (or at least hypothetically could/should) understand. So, don't worry. For the most part I'll just ramble about Christianity, interpretating(sic) the Bible in a way that should be meaningful when trying to engage with the divine concept to any relevant capacity. Though technically these things are locked behind the Door, stored behind the Walls, not all of it is. Which is like ... the Way.

Another important term is **Enlightenment**. Although I don't really use it all that much. Or didn't. Mostly to not confuse the other interpretations of enlightenment that are being thrown around. And maybe it's also a little bit misleading in that the concept shared here, is more of a process than a sudden upgrade to omniscience or whatever. Generally, Enlightenment would however refer to Unification, where I have come to prefer Unification as a term because it is more descriptive. It's literally about 'Unification with the all-encompassing Spirit'. Enlightenment then is thereby a less specific term. More generally to refer to the cognitive process of Gnosis.

That now takes us to **the 13 Seals**, which ... I think may be the best thing to wrap your head around because it's easy. So, there are 13 Seals. Each Seal corresponds to an Experience, otherwise labeled as or relative to "the Guardian of the Seal". Once we attain the corresponding experience, we "break" the Seal and essentially |level up|. And they are somewhat cyclical – as in "rinse and repeat", give or take. By the time we

enter puberty we've most likely already passed the first 3 (it's like, impossible to read otherwise. Or navigate) - with seven and eight being generally things we would aspire. Seven, in all simplicity, is 'Independence' for instance; And the Eighth is Thought. Which is one of those issues with order. But ultimately, Thought after Independence is what this would be about.

That now however concludes the ... well ... "eightdom". I've gone through various ways of translating the term. Eightness. Eightity. Eightfold. It is, in all simplicity, the realm of experiences between the first and the eighth seal. Unification is about entering the "ninedom" - when put in these terms. Another way to label them would be "the eighth" and "the ninth". The ritual, or prayer – more to the point, of unification is a request unto God/the all-encompassing spirit, for that one key experience that allows us to pass the ninth seal (not related to the movie. It's nothing like that. They're not even called the same); Thus entering the realm of experiences between the first and thirteenth seal. The realm between the ninth and the thirteenth is somewhat artificial - at least it may be the best way to describe this to someone yet in the eightdom. But it isn't more or less artificial than the rest of creation either. It is however more direct.

What so happens, is that once God grants the experience – He acknowledges His unification with the individual spirit that is within you. So ... you. The difference to other experiences of God interacting with you – or revealing Himself to you – is in that here now a solid commitment is being established; And the side of reality that is His domain is opened up to you. That isn't as much a literal entry into a literal sphere of divine metaphysicality - but that literal sphere of divine metaphysicality now starting to communicate itself to you – as a part of you. Though, actually you're a part of IT. Imagine it like being given a second(++) body that exists in an alternate plane of existence.

But so, let's get started!

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