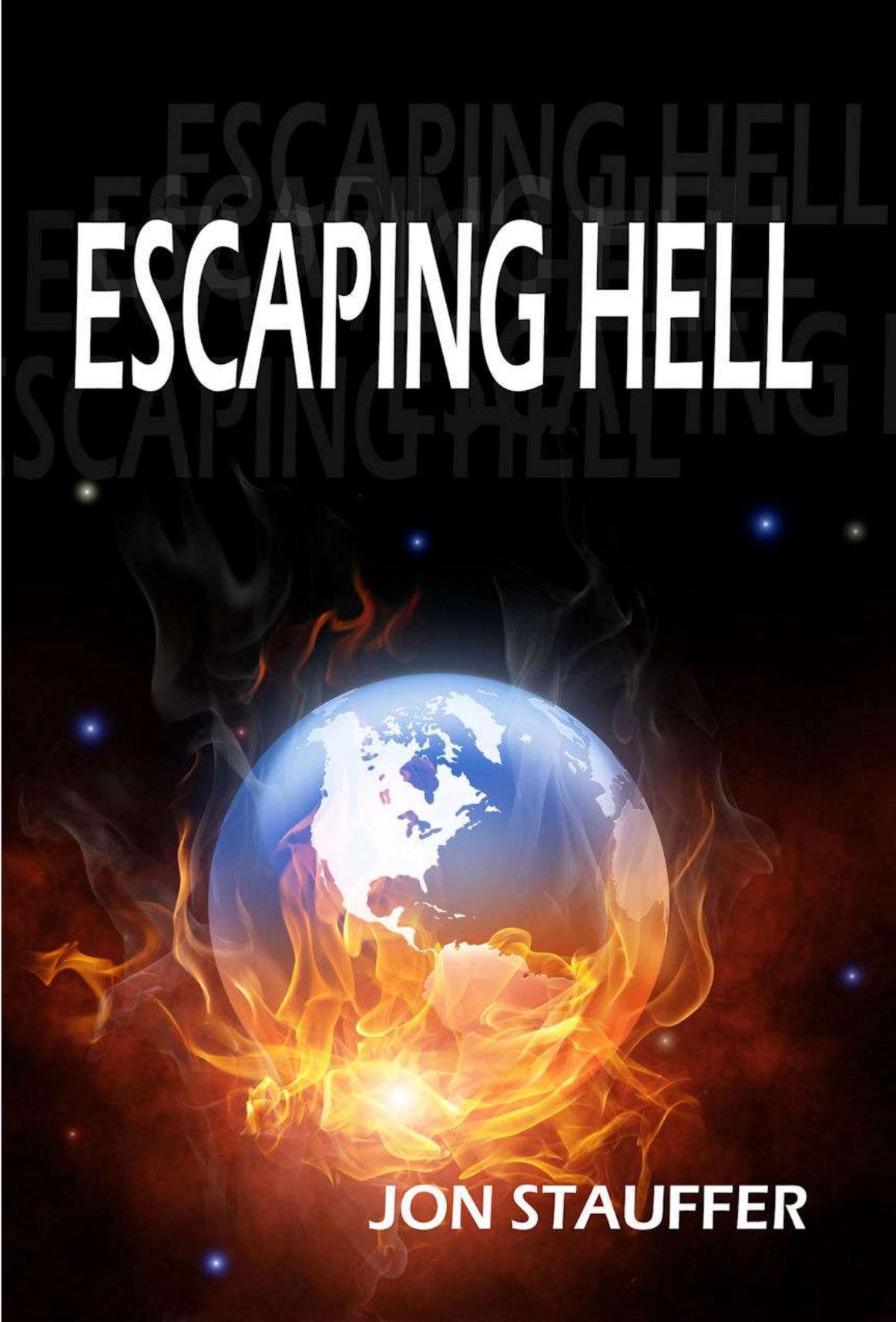


ESCAPING HELL



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PROLOGUE

This book is being made available free of charge, so that those who have little or no money can still hear my message and make a choice regarding their spiritual freedom. I will do my best to provide enough information here, to enable most people to escape this hell we call God's creation, without the need for a workshop. However, unless the individual is already quite adept with energetic forces and the astral plane, contacting the Mani-Om-Sah Institute at maniomsah.com is recommended.

This book has not been in the hands of a publisher, nor has it been edited by anyone other than me. I did not major in English literature, nor have I studied creative writing or English composition beyond one basic class in 1973; therefore, please ignore any grammatical and/or structural errors that you may come across in your reading. I appreciate your patience in this regard.

This book represents twenty-four years of personal study and research into the esoteric aspects of the world's spiritual and religious traditions, as well as the histories relevant to both the development and demise of such traditions.

It would be impossible to include all of my discoveries in just one book, especially in one as small as this one. However, I think you'll find that I have consolidated my notes sufficiently for the purpose of describing our situation on Earth, and explaining how we can make our escape.

Many of you will be angry with me; some to the point of wanting to kill me (a religious classic). Keep in mind though, that I am not a satanist, nor do I claim to be a prophet, a savior, or even a guru. I have formed no church, and I will never attempt to convert anyone to any philosophy. I do, however, have some very important information for those who are interested, and I am making it available to all. If you don't like it, simply ignore it, and ignore me as well. I won't even threaten you with God's wrath if you do.

Others will read this book and feel that it makes sense out of incongruities they have noticed in both life and religion. These are those who are ready to make their escape from hell. Although we of like-mind do not constitute a church, some have asked about what we are called in a philosophical sense. I say to them that we are ascensionists. Please do not confuse us with the "mass ascensionists" of either the New Age Movement, or the many Christian sects preaching the great rapture. We are "Internal Ascensionists"

It will probably be said of me that I am a dangerous man; that if everyone believed as I did, the foundations upon which this entire world rests would crumble. But what could be meant by that? Is it that the gates of hell would be opened and everyone could escape?

The only danger I bring is to those who stand to lose their power over others, as well as the money they fleece their sheep for. Before we go into the first chapter, I would like for the reader to carefully consider what I have to say next. Read the thirteenth chapter of Romans. What I have to say is stated very profoundly in the Gideon's Bible, and also in the New World

Translation. The King James version is a little more conservative, but it tells the same story. Basically, the message is this: “There is no authority but God’s authority”. “...and that is why we pay taxes...” “...to give tribute to God’s servants”.

The Bible tells us that government agents are the servants of God, so let’s consider just who they are. In America, we know them all to be liars, cheats, thieves, and murderers. Anyone who disagrees with this assessment has spent his or her entire life in front of a television set watching cartoons. If our government agents and politicians are servants of the Biblical God, then he must be the God of this world, who is Lucifer.

Beyond the concept of escaping hell, this book will provide the reader with a wealth of esoteric knowledge in brief form. Those of you who are able to grasp the concepts and their application to life in this world may feel a desire to share it all with friends and loved ones. For this reason, I feel that I should allude to the universal law of attraction.

Most people are distracted and led by sources of entertainment. Being lazy-minded, they prefer to sit passively and have their heads filled from the television, or to be told what to believe by religious authority. Such as these will not be attracted to the notion of transcendence because of the personal responsibility involved – it becomes a task too monumental for them even to begin. Therefore, don’t be disappointed if you have difficulty in tearing someone away from his or her routine long enough to download and read the book. They are simply being pulled elsewhere by the universal law of attraction.

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CHAPTER : 1

FOLLOWING IN **THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**

Most people will not entertain the thought that they can be spiritual without attending church. They have been taught by parents, society and religious authority that church is where God requires us to learn spiritual principles, to show our devotion, to receive sacrament, or otherwise to worship him. To them, the church is the Kingdom of God on Earth. Someone who does not attend church is viewed as lacking in faith, possessing spiritual weakness, and therefore existing outside God's kingdom. For this reason, those who believe in Christ, Jehovah, or Allah do not recognize the validity of a spiritual path that stands aside from their understanding of religion.

All who know me know that I have studied the world's religious and spiritual traditions aside from having been raised a Mormon and serving a full time mission for the LDS Church. It cannot be said, therefore, that I lack knowledge of either scripture or religious practice. Even so, the fact that I claim to walk a spiritual path which comes from within, has not been given much consideration by those who think I should attend church and go to the Temple.

In order for the nature of my path to be most easily understood by Christian readers, allow me to explain it in Christian terms. To begin with, Christ said: “The Kingdom of God is within”. In other words, Christ was telling his students to look within themselves rather than outside for the Kingdom of God. Christians at this point, are thinking that even so, Christ established a church. We make a mistake however, if we assume the church or churches actually, to have been an organized structure as we see in organized religion today.

A church literally refers to a group of people who come together. People came together as Christ traveled around teaching groups in such places as Corinth and elsewhere. The only organized religion with established dogmas and associated laws at that time was Judaism which was established by the priest class of Pharisees known as the Levites. Islam and Christianity emerged later as offshoots of Judaism.

To know what Christ was teaching about the Kingdom of God being within, we have to understand that he was an Essene. Although the Bible tells us this, few people consider the importance of the fact. Some people even say: “No, he was a Nazarene”. This is a reference to one who is from Nazareth. The Essenes were an esoteric group that taught spiritual principles not given to the masses. All esoteric groups in every culture around the world turn their students inward to find the Kingdom of God through a practice and discipline of meditation. None of them ever established a hierarchical structure with a book of laws teaching that spiritual development and salvation depended on both, obedience to those laws, and the forgiveness of transgressions by someone outside our selves.

The Gnostics of Christ's time referred to the process of turning within as "Gnosis", meaning knowledge, or the way of knowledge. The Vitkar of Northern Europe referred to the God within as the "Hamingja", while the Hindus refer to it as the "Atman", and the Essenes referred to it as the "Father". Christ, then, had not only found, but had become one with the God within, which some people refer to as the Higher Self. Is God truly within? Are not our bodies the Temples of God?

When we meditate, we should not blank the mind. True meditation allows us to perceive a beautiful place of peace, or the Inner Sanctuary, wherein dwells the God within us. This is what Christ was referring to. This is where we receive guidance; and through this guidance, we receive knowledge and wisdom to accompany our spiritual development. This is the path of enlightenment; the path that Christ placed before his disciples.

Many will contend that they do turn within, and that they receive inspiration on all sorts of issues. Unfortunately, their idea of turning within involves kneeling in prayer before a God and/or Jesus residing outside them selves, and praying for guidance to be given them from outside. Some of them are able to receive a certain amount of inspiration from the Higher Self on occasion, which confirms in their minds, the erroneous notion that their church is the one sanctioned by God. They don't realize that they are employing in their own fashion, a universal law which can achieve results. In accordance with spiritual law, however, the inspiration received must be limited by the individual's level of spiritual knowledge, and therefore, will remain within the parameters established by the one seeking such inspiration according to his or her religious beliefs. This is not at all like turning within to find the "Father". Neither is this becoming spiritually

liberated through inner guidance which provides knowledge and wisdom beyond that which is doled out by men with ambition for power and authority.

When we approach God within ourselves, we must do so pure in heart, and pure in spirit. This means that we must leave behind, all that we have been taught by the Priests, the Ministers, Pastors and Bishops, and be ready to listen and to learn. Our inner guidance will take us down a path regardless of our preconceived notions of the truth. It evolves into an inner dialogue with the Higher Self, or God within, rather than some vague feeling we call the Holy Spirit bearing witness to our hearts. The emotion we call a testimony is not the same as receiving inner guidance from the God within for every aspect of our lives.

In reference to turning within to find the Kingdom of God, Christ told his disciples that they would do even greater things than what they had seen him do. Would this be possible if they listened to religious authorities who cautioned them against turning within as Christ taught, out of fear that they might be led astray by the devil? Of course not; what's the Temple of God anyway, the Kingdom of God, or the Kingdom of the Devil?

We should be careful of following shepherds, because they herd sheep for only two reasons:

1. For fleecing, and...
2. For ultimate butchering

THINK ABOUT IT!

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