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The True Concept of Deity

Acts 17:22-34
Silence

“... I am a living expression of the omnipresent Spirit of Love."
God hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth, and it is the divine order that we should gather as a spiritual brotherhood to acknowledge the
Supreme author and ruler of the universe.
The shape of the world is in wise thought and men and women to represent the people in governmental places.
Our prayers should be, and are, that such leading those arise and be inspired, to do the will of God, as all the earth, to the end that health, happiness, and prosperity shall be universally established.
An altar with the inscription "To an unknown God.

Dwell not in temples made with hands,

Genes life and breath to all.
"Oh, where is the sea," the sisters cried,
As they surveyed the crystal waters there.
We've heard from old of the ocean's tide,
And we long to look more within it.
There's no one speaks of an infinite Sea.
Oh, who can tell us if such there be."
"In quenching we live, move, and have our being."

We live in God as in the New Line in the Sea.

Emerson says, "There is no bar nor wall in the soul where man, the effect, ceases, and God, the Cause, begins."
The Electric fans in Silent Unity

The difference between the contemplative ideals of Buddha and that of Jesus.
All power has its birth in the silence.

There is no exception to this rule in the whole universe. Noise is the dying echo of a spent force.

All true reforms begin in the mist. "Repete" alone.
your mind, proclaims John the Baptist at the begining of his ministry: "Change your Mind. Repent and believe in the Gospel." Change your own mind about God and God will be more manifest in your own life for God’s Spirit and Spirit is love.
“Have you not read in the book of Moses, at the bush, how God spoke to him saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

—Mic 1:3; 2:6.
There is an opinion that God is a Universal Light, the "sake of lights". In this principal light or realm of ideas, "are the potential idea as great, passing through the mind of one man, are transformed into heat, lights, power, color, sound, weight, size, shape, ..."
love, substance, and everything that appears in the material universe. As that electrical force, passing into a transform, is changed to suit the needs of man, so for energy a light, passing the sun at man's request, is transformed to suit his needs.
Jesus realized and incorporated into his consciousness more of God's life, love, and intelligence than most of us, hence he knew that he was the direct offspring of the life that was Vernon. He turned around him of blasphemy when he claimed...
he was the Son of God? He replied, “Is it not written in your law, I said, ye are gods? If he calls them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), say ye of him whom the Spirit beareth witness, how he saith, I saw the Son of God?”
Humanty lives in God as the lemons live on the tree. The same sap that runs the tree trunk of the tree feeds the lemons. The same life that flows the tree's bluennies flows the man. It's one life, all you are, the boy, you are, and above all.
Jesus' concept of God was quite superior to the Elijah concept. Elijah's God taught the destruction of one's enemies. Jesus' God taught, love your enemies, do good to those who despitefully treat you.

Those nations who go to war in this way try to...
make God tribulal—thay pray that he will bring victory to there soldiers. During our Civil War an old lady anxiously askes President Lincoln if he can see that God was on his side. He replie that he what he wants to be sure of was that he was on God's side.
The Hebrew concept of Yahweh was that he was the God of Israel, the God of the tribes around them. When Elijah proposed a contest between Baal and Yahweh, it was an god against and the Israelites thought they had
God in a bunch of gods, and they were sure not that the south moved the mental others more powerful than the priests of Boal and they won. But they often lost, and according to those prophets, it was because they had done after other gods.
The search for God is innate in the human soul. The building of a specific altar by the Athenians to the Nymphs God points directly to their desire to propitiate and acknowledge that part of God within which they revered.
And they called Barnabas, 
Jupiter; and Paul, Mercury, 
because he was the chief speaker. 
And the priests of Jupiter 
whose temple was before the 
city, brought oxen and garlands 
into the gates, and would have 
done sacrifice with the 
multitudes.
Acts 14:18

And at Lystra there sat a certain man impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb; who had never walked. The same heard Paul speaking: Who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had
faith to be healed made whole, had sent a loud voice, stood upright on the feet, and he leaped up and walked. And when the multitude saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, 'The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.'
The deification of the Roman emperors, which caused such scandal among the early Christians, was not an extraordinary circumstance.
The ordinary Englishman of today would smile at the suggestion that his King is descendant from a god. Yet ancient records enable us to trace back the English kings to the pagan days when they mightily prided themselves.
on the fact that they were human gods and not Wooden as this not remote ancestor. Our day of the week, Wednesday, is derived from this English.

The Emperor of Japan is worshipped by his people as
the sun-goddess. The Emperors of China were considered the sons of heaven.

The ancient kings of Egypt were considered as sons of the Sun-god, and so were the emperors of Peru. In fact, all the Assyrians from
India to Ireland were originally governed by rulers who were supposed to possess divine powers, by virtue of which they could make the earth fertile and alter its various ways in the course of nature.
"What Athenian listener in that crowd could have dreamt that the day would come when the crowd preached by Paul would dechristianize the goddesses of the Pantheon and the lords of Olympus close the schools of philosophy, seat itself in the palace..."
of the Caesars, transmuted the temple of the Virgin goddess into the church of the Virgin Mother, and create a new civilization out of the old.
Petronius remarks satirically that at Athens one could find a god easier than a man.
As Luke acutely remarks, "All the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there spent their time in nothing else, but either to talk or to hear some new things."
"The God that made the world
and all things therein."
The Greek gods, for the most part, were not thought of
as creators, but as supervisors. Neptune rules the sea, but
Neptune rules the sea. But
Jupiter rules the thunder and
die not make them.
Our sun the rain and was
supreme in the heavenly family
but did not form the heavens
Venus was the goddess of
love, but did not fashion
mankind on male and female.
So when Paul claimed that
the God he announced made
all things it was a doctrine entirely new to the Athenians.
Tracing back the origin of religion, it is found that all primitive races believed in spirits and that these spirits taught the propagation of spirits among or within their religion.
The Greeks had taught many of the fundamental truths expressed by Paul. They appear to be profoundly interested in metaphysical subjects, as evidenced by the doctrines of Pythagoras, Socrates, and Plato. But Paul claimed to
Know God, had an understanding of his laws, and was the representative of his Son Jesus Christ. These were startling propositions to a people who were given over to superstitions about God.

Paul was not narrow nor dogmatic—his mind was
far-reaching and generous in recognizing certain truths in all religions. In due respect he should be an example for the preachers of Christianity to follow; that is, true charity for all religions and point out their faults in spite of other errors.
Browning Sings,

"The year's at the spring,
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew pearl'd;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world."
"And he smote of one every nation of men,"

"He is not far from each one of us."

"For in him we live, move and have our being."
Ignorance is passing
Resurrection of dead
Mocked at at it
"Being the object of God we should mind that the Godhead is like good Silence, or Stone, or grain by art or device of means."