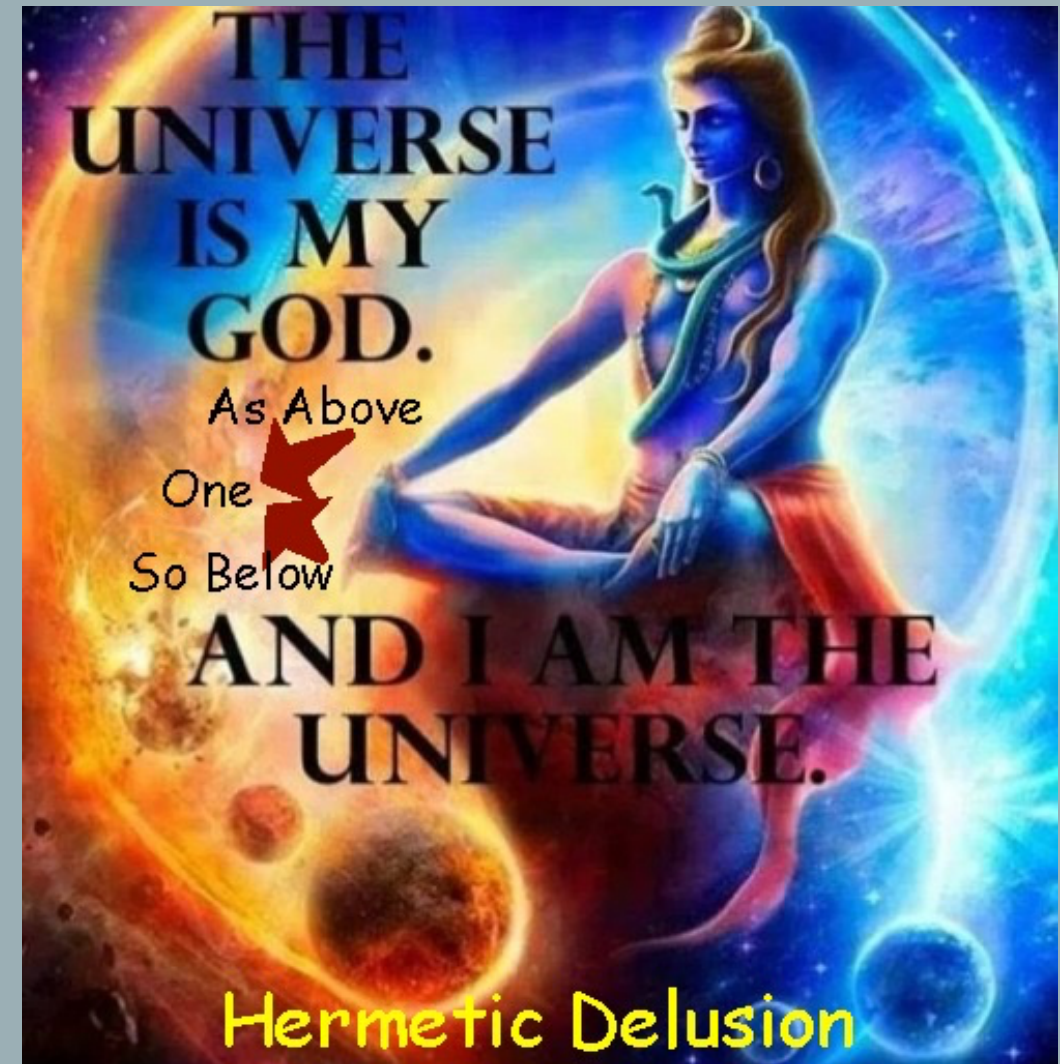


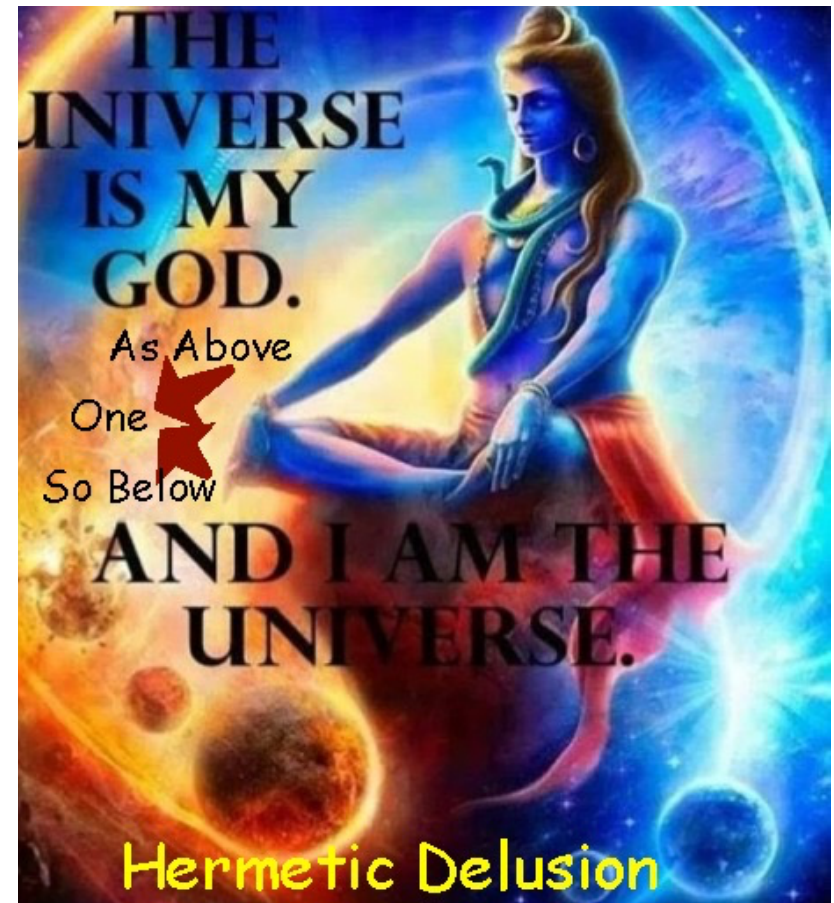
REVELATION 36 – CHRIST'S REALITY: SATAN'S SIMULACRUM

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SATAN'S *SIMULACRUM* MIMICS GOD'S REALITY

- We will look at Satan copying God's {Father-Son-Spirit} stated goals (Ep 1:3-14)
- God *creates* New Heaven-Earth (He 11:8-10; Re 21)
- Satan, Sinners, confined to this Creation; transient {Entropy} (He 1:5-14)
- Satan is *god* of this Cosmos who can only *mimic* Christ, not replace Him (2Co 11:13-15;)
- Revelation's backdrop: God's Recalcitrant Reality vs Satan's Simulacrum (Mal 4:1-3)



Hermetic Dialectic: Thesis-Antithesis-Synthesis'
Perpetual Spiral of Sinful Subjective Delusion
Pretending to be as god(s) (Ge 2:16-17; 3; 2Th 2:3-12)

REALITY VS SIMULACRUM: CHRIST – SATAN

CHRIST'S REALITY

- Christ very image of Father; given body to Save those who believe (He 1:1-4; 2:14-18; 5:1-10)
- Christ obedient to the Father (Jn 6:35-40)
- Christ the author-finisher of faith (He 12:1-2)
- Christ *submits* to the Father (1Co 15:5)
- Christ's rule **never** ends (Is 9:6-7; Da 2:44-45)

SATAN'S SIMULACRUM

- Satan *created* by Christ as ministering spirit to serve the Saved (Col 1:15-20)
- Satan rebelled to be god (Is 14:12-17; Ez 28:12-19)
- Satan father of sinners (Jn 8:44)
- Satan haughty before Christ (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6)
- Satan's rule end in Judgment (Re 20:10)

REALITY VS SIMULACRUM: ONENESS – INDIVIDUAL OR SOCIALISM

CHRIST'S REALITY

- Christ develops one people in Himself as *adopted sons of God* (Ga 3:25-4:7)
- Christ's government reflects Father's Truth; citizens participate via Spirit (Ro 12:3-5; 13:1-7; 1Co 12; 1Jo 2:8-11)
- Father is Spirit; those who worship Him do so in Truth (; Ps 145:18; Jn 4:23-24; Ro 8:15)

SATAN'S SIMULACRUM

- Satan allows only those who worship him to live: *Lie of Inclusiveness* (Re 13:13-17)
- Satan's government based on Socialism Controlling or eliminating people (Ge 6:5; 11:1-9; 1Sa 8:4-18)
- Satan's religion self-serving hermetic system of lies (Is 56:7; Je 7:8-11; Ez 8; Mt 21:12-15; 2Th 2:3-12)

REALITY VS SIMULACRUM: FAITH – HOPE OR HOPELESS

CHRIST'S REALITY

- Faith is inherent quality of Salvation (He 1:1)
 - Assurance of what is hoped for (Ro 8:23-25)
 - Christ: *first fruit* of our promise (1Co 15:20-28)
- Predicated on One: Father, Christ, Spirit, Church, Belief system (Ep 4:4-8)
- One becomes *New Creation* leaving behind the Old in newness of Life: New Earth (Ro 6:5-12; 2Co 5:17; Ep 4:20-24; Re 22:1-5)

SATAN'S SIMULACRUM

- Sin's *faith* builds *subjective* Cosmos without Christ: Degradation (Ro 1:18-28)
- Division inherent in Sin (1Co 1:10-13; 3:1-4)
 - True Idolatry: Covetousness (Col 3:5)
 - Produces Violence (Ja 4:1-4)
- Without hope awaiting 1st Death only to face Christ; one's works secures 2nd Death (Lk 16: 22-31; Ro 5:10; Ep 2:11-13; He 9:27; Re 20:11-15)

REVELATION NOT A CONTEST: REVELATION REVEALS BIBLE'S TRUTH

- Christ revealing Father's completion of the work begun with this Creation AEB the New Creation
 - Sin's Dialectic Hermeticism faith endless cycle of Thesis-Antithesis-Synthesis {Thesis}-Antithesis, etc. never coming to Truth apart from Christ (2Ti 3:1-7)
 - Their Socialistic *Democracy* {Supposed rule of majority} based on the *shifting sand* of this transient Creation which is passing away (Mt 7:24-27; 2Ti 4:3-4; Ja 1:13-15; 2Pe 3:10)
 - Christ is the Rock made without hands which crushes sin's dominion and all who reject Christ's Unchangeable Truth (Da 2:40-45; 1Co 10:1-4; 2Ti 3:16-17; Ja 1:16-18)
 - Revelation secures the *hope* of those hypomenoi who remain to be witnesses so that others may *hear* and be *saved*; Do you have ears to *hear*? (Ro 10:9-10; 1Co 10:6-13)