

6. These doctrines clearly demonstrate the blind spot in the souls of the Jews. They are still drawn to the rituals of an ancient dispensation whose teachings have been fulfilled and surpassed by the earthly career of Jesus Christ.
7. Here are some principles from the erroneous belief held by the Jews, “You believe that God is one”:
 1. This accusation demonstrates that Judaism does not have a working object for their faith. They place their faith in rituals that have been replaced by the reality of Christ whom they reject.
 2. As a result, the Jews place their faith in God the Father, but God holds them responsible, as He does all mankind, for their sins which can only be forgiven by faith alone in Christ alone.
 3. Belief in God is a legitimate working object, but He is not the working object for acquiring salvation.
 4. The authorized working object for salvation is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, Who was clearly revealed in the Tanakh:

Daniel 9:25 “So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree [by **Artaxerxes Longimanus (445 B.C.)**] to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [**Nehemiah 2–6**] until Messiah the Prince [**the Second Advent**] there will be seven weeks [**7 heptads or 49 years**] and sixty-two weeks [**62 heptads or 434 years; a total of 69 heptads or 483 years**] ... (NASB)
 5. This takes the Jewish nation up to the First Advent of Christ and the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union after which the mystery dispensation of the Church follows His ascension into heaven.
 6. Not recognizing Jesus Christ as the Messiah has blinded the minds of the Jews for over two millennia, yet David gave them a time clock that counted down to His arrival in Jerusalem and His public ministry to which many were witnesses.
8. The second sentence in James 2:19 is, “You do well.” This is not what is found in the Greek. It is not a declarative sentence but an interrogative. It is made up of the present active indicative of the verb **ποιέω (poiéō)**: “a completed action producing something obvious.”
9. It is followed by the adverb **καλῶς (kalōs)**: “well, or “beneficially.” This forms an interrogative, “Do you do this beneficially?”



10. James then gets sarcastic, but in doing so he makes a crucial point to these Jews that is a serious attention getter, “The demons also believe, and shudder.”
11. The plural noun, **διαμόνιον** (*diamónion*) refers to the fallen angels who followed Lucifer in his rebellion against God in eternity past. Their post-fall fate is described by John in:

Revelation 12:4 Then his tail [a dragon’s power is in his tail and it represents Lucifer’s power] dragged away a third of the stars¹⁴ of heaven [“stars” refers to angels (see below), here fallen angels] and threw [God’s exiled them to the earth]. Then the dragon [Lucifer] stood before the woman [Mary] who was about to deliver the Child for the purpose that when she might give birth, he [Lucifer] might devour her Son [Jesus Christ]. (EXT)

An angel, ἄγγελος (*ángelos*), is a messenger or communicator, an envoy, one who brings news. Angels are also described as “morning stars” (Job 38:7), “stars of God” (Isaiah 14:13), “ministering spirits” (Hebrews 1:14), “stars of heaven” (Revelation 12:4). The Bible describes their number as “myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands” (Revelation 5:11).¹⁵

Figurative. The patriarchs observed the stars (Genesis 37:9); and metaphors drawn from the starry world ... came into frequent and early use. Stars were frequently employed as symbols of persons in exalted stations; e.g., “a star shall come forth from Jacob” designates King David (Numbers 24:17) and Messiah. The Patriarchs were called “stars” (Genesis 37:9), and “stars” denote the princes, rulers, and nobles of the earth (Daniel 8:10; Revelation 6:13; 8:10–12; 9:1; 12:4). Christ is called the “morning star,” as He introduced the light of gospel day, revealing more fully the truths of God than the ancient prophets (Revelation 22:16)¹⁶

¹⁴ “Stars” refer here to the angelic population. Angels predate the creation of the universe. In Job 38:1–7, God instructs Job about the creation of the earth. After describing its original creation, God indicates that the angelic hoards celebrated the event as is noted in verse 7, “When the morning stars (angels) sang together and the sons of God (the entire angelic creation) shouted for joy?” (NASB)

¹⁵ Thieme, *The Angelic Conflict* (2012), 1.

¹⁶ Merrill F. Unger, *The New Unger’s Bible Dictionary*, rev. ed., ed. R. K. Harrison (Chicago: The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, 1988), 1219.



12. The demons are also said by James “to believe God is One.” The verb “to believe,” is the present active indicative of **πιστεύω (pisteúō)**. It is obvious that even the fallen angels are able to place their faith in the working object of God the Father. These demons are the recipients of God’s eternal condemnation to the lake of fire.
13. The present tense is a retroactive, progressive present “denoting that which has begun in the past and continues into the present. We may call it the present of *duration*.”¹⁷ The active voice indicates that the fallen angels produce the action of believing that God is One. The indicative mood certifies this belief as an ongoing fact.
14. Because of this fact, these fallen angels are said by James “to shudder,” another retroactive progressive present tense, active voice, indicative mood of **φρίσσω (phrissō)**. They all know that God is One in essence; that He is the absolute authority over all His creation, and that their ultimate sentence to the lake of fire is incontrovertible and immutable.
15. Knowing the certainty of their eternal fate, they are in open, unfettered rebellion for or against any concept, idea, mind–set, policy, strategy, or rationale that can delay the inevitable.
16. Top priority among their modi operandi is to attack the gospel of Jesus Christ by altering its faith-alone foundation into a system of works for salvation; convincing the saved that their works, regardless of their working objects, are the means of pleasing God and advancing His plan; keeping the unsaved satisfied with their lifestyles and in opposition to the Bible and its teachings.
17. The following observations of those who populate the demonic forces provide the background behind their commander’s desperate attempt to delay the Second Advent of Jesus Christ:
 1. The commanding officer of the demonic forces is the cherub-ranked angel, whom we refer to as Satan, but his real name is found in Isaiah 14:12: “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn!”
 2. In the Hebrew, this title reads, **הֵלֵל בֶּן-שָׁחַר (Helel ben-Shachar)**. The King James Bible translates Helel with the Latin noun that refers to the morning star: “Lucifer.”

¹⁷ H. E. Dana and Julius R. Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament* (Toronto: The Macmillan Co., 1955), 183.

3. “Star of the morning, son of the dawn” is not an appellation but the given name of the commander in chief of the angelic community.
4. Lucifer’s strategy is to delay God carrying out his and his demonic rebels’ sentence to the Lake of Fire, an eternal prison mentioned by our Lord in Matthew 25:41:

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Matthew 25:41 “Then He [Jesus Christ at the Second Advent] will answer them on His left [condemnation of unbeliever Gentiles], ‘Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal fire [the lake of fire] that has been prepared for the devil [Lucifer] and his angels [demons]!’” (NET)

5. From this we are able to conclude that the demons’ faith in God produces something. It produces pride, arrogance, human good, and evil in the Judaizers and it produces shuddering in the demons.
6. Their faith in the working object of God the Father produces something, their shuddering from the knowledge that they have used their Law of Freedom to buy their way into eternal judgment in the lake of fire.
7. Why do people hate the idea of dying and often struggle to survive even when it becomes obvious that their time on this planet is nearing its end? Because they do not have confidence in the answer to the question, “What’s next?”
8. The believer, who has unwavering confidence in the working object of the Word of God, knows from Scripture that his personal faith in Jesus Christ resulted in the imputation of eternal life.
9. From that initial confidence emerges absolute confidence that at physical death, his soul and spirit will go to heaven in the presence of the Lord.
10. Therefore, his viewpoint about death is that it is simply the transfer out of time into eternity. Paul speaks of this transition in:

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, and he is, he is a new creature [a new spiritual species]. The ancient things have vanished. Behold, they have become new in species. (EXT)

11. The term, “new creature,” translates the words **καινός κτίσις (kainós ktísis)**. We enter this life in what Paul refers to in 1 Corinthians 15:44 as a “natural body”: **ψυχικός (psuchikós)** plus **σῶμα (sōma)** which is genetically flawed by the sin nature in every cell.
12. In that same passage Paul speaks of the “spiritual body” with the words **πνευματικός (pneumatikós)** plus **σῶμα (sōma)**: a “spiritual body.”
13. When a person places his personal faith in Jesus Christ for salvation he instantly becomes a “new spiritual species.” Homo sapiens physically, but new in species spiritually.



14. The physical body is carnal possessing the sin nature which eventuates in physical death. The spiritual body possesses eternal life that eventuates in a resurrection body at the Rapture of the Church.
15. Faith in Christ results in the believer overcoming death. His new spiritual species, with the imputation of eternal life, will live forever, temporally in time until the carnal body is eliminated by physical death and eternally, first in interim body until the Rapture and later in a resurrection body.
16. Unbelievers, who experience physical death without having believed in Christ for salvation, exit this life to be incarcerated in the Torments compartment of Hades until the end of the Millennium.
17. At that future date, which until the Rapture occurs is always at least one-thousand, seven years, and one second in the future, unbelievers must remain in Torments until the Lord detonates the universe into oblivion (2 Peter 3:10–12).
18. So the Bible is crystal clear about the future of the human race and the universe in which it functions. Scientists, who buy into Darwinian evolutionary speculations, busy themselves in pursuing a hypothesis based on the false premise that there is life elsewhere in the universe.
19. This cosmic daydream causes scientists to futilely pursue the answer to the question, “How did life begin?” before the facts are in:

Is the existence of life on Earth a lucky fluke or an inevitable consequence of the laws of nature? Is it simple for life to emerge on a newly formed planet, or is it the virtually impossible product of a long series of unlikely events? Advances in fields as disparate as astronomy, planetary science and chemistry now hold promise that answers to such profound questions may be around the corner. If life turns out to have emerged multiple times in our galaxy, as scientists are hoping to discover, the path to it cannot be so hard. Moreover, if the route from chemistry to biology proves simple to traverse, the universe could be teeming with life.

The discovery of thousands of exoplanets has sparked a renaissance in origin-of-life studies. In a stunning surprise, almost all the newly discovered solar systems look very different from our own. Does that mean something about our own, very odd, system favors the emergence of life? Detecting signs of life on a planet orbiting a distant star is not going to be easy, but the technology for teasing out subtle “biosignatures” is developing so rapidly that with luck we may see distant life within one or two decades.

