

Yahweh as antigod

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Who is Yahweh (Jahveh, Jehovah, YHWH)? There is some information in ancient scriptures that I here want to compare and evaluate as far as I can.

Gnostic Christianity

The New Testament informs us that Saul fought against the first Christians. Hence, before he converted to become Paul, there already were Christians who followed the teachings of Jesus. The Bible tells us little about early Christianity before Paul, but rather single episodes. So who were they?

The very first Christians will obviously have been the disciples of Jesus, persons who were close to him (such as his family – he had parents and at least a brother) and those who had heard him speak in public and found his words good. If they were Jews or Romans or through birth belonged to some other group, is, of course, unimportant. It is also unimportant to what extent they respected the Jewry with its norms in society and religion as long as they adopted his words. The very first Christians will irrefutably have been persons who at least in part had learned from Jesus himself. We may call them primary Christians. Later, others will obviously have joined who had not experienced Jesus personally but learned from primary Christians, especially when Jesus no more was there. Thus one may talk about a kind of an evolutionary sequence that carried Jesus' teachings on and spread them. This development was doubtlessly seen as threatening to the establishment of the time. High priests and the elite of the society feared for their power and position. It is in their view logical that they sought to hold this development back and when possible steer it in another direction.

The concern about this development touched not only humans in power positions but also a spiritual plane with not very enlightened entities that wanted to rule over humans and profit from them so as to manipulatively push them in a desired direction and feed on them energetically. That works better if the humans are ignorant. I will come back to discussing that immaterial realm later.

It will have been increasingly difficult to hold this development back and it was then attempted to hijack the new teachings to blunt them. For that purpose, Saul was from a “higher level” re-functioned to Paul and through a vision drastically converted, after which he took over the role of his former Gnostic enemies and began to preach a modified “Christianity light” that was “cleansed” from certain contents in Jesus' teachings.

In addition, Constantine was called to action to hold a council in Nicaea (today İznik in Turkey) at which the basis for the Church was laid. The main topic of the council was a dispute concerning a statement by Arius about the nature of Jesus that was then refuted, and it was declared that Jesus and God were of the same nature, the same *homousia*, even though this concept was also used by Gnostic Christians who had already been sentenced as heretics at the synod in Antiochia 264-268 and now were rejected anew in Nicaea. It has been said that Gnostic Christians were present at the council but that their petitions and proposals were given to the fire by the emperor without opening them. However that may be, the creed that was elaborated by the council contradicts the Gnostic opinion of duality.

Constantine's interest in these matters was that he in a unified Church saw a useful tool for his power. However, he did not succeed in achieving such a unity to the extent he had wanted, yet the Gnostics were at this council definitely branded as heretics and afterwards gradually disappeared from the stage.

Now we have to be careful about the use of the concept “Gnostic” since it serves as a melting pot for various movements and can be misused. The word means “knowing” (from the Greek word *gnosis*, “knowledge”). Also various secular movements, for example of a philosophical or Masonic nature, claim to be “knowing”, even some devoted to magic and Satanism. It will be very clear that those of the latter kind can never have emerged out of the environment around Jesus! Nevertheless the concept “Gnostic” is also used to devalue and slander “knowing Christians” only because they know much that should remain secret in the realm of the profane power of the Church.

Part of such knowledge of the Gnostic Christians is a creation story that is explicitly described as follows in *The Apocryphon of John*.

The primordial creator is an immeasurable, inconceivable and invisible entity. His first thought manifested as Barbelo (or Pronoia) that was conceived as female because she gave “birth” to the creation. The First Entity made a spark of light appear in Barbelo that was called Autogenes (“begotten out of itself”). We call him Christ. He was anointed with benevolence and was given prudence as an assistant. Then the four “enlighteners” (insights) came to be as a basis for the universe. One of them is *eleleth* with an aeon (emanation) that is called Sophia (wisdom).

Sophia wanted to “give birth” to a being out of herself (to some extent imitating Barbelo), but without consent of the First Entity. Thus Yaldabaoth appeared as an incomplete entity with the head of a lion and a body like a snake. She became ashamed, realized her mistake and hid him in a cloud. For this reason he is called *error* by Gnostic Christians.

Yaldabaoth then escaped into darker regions, where he became the first archon (ruler) and created twelve archons to be his assistants.

How did darkness come to be?

How did it happen that there was a darker region? One tradition goes back to Origen, among others, who in 553 was posthumously condemned for his writings at a council in Constantinople. He was not a Gnostic Christian, but stood near them. First there was only the divine light that also was the “body” of the creator. In that light all created beings were already existent, like “lights in the light” – also we humans that as time went on became souls that entered bodies and also other entities that did not later incarnate. God had promised us a free will that some of us wanted to claim, especially through emigrating from the light and have experiences we could not have there. Origen was accused for this conception at this council and his views were condemned as heresy. The two first condemnations at the council read as follows:

1. If anyone asserts the fabulous pre-existence of souls, and shall assert the monstrous restoration which follows from it: let him be anathema.
2. If anyone shall say that the creation of all reasonable things includes only intelligences without bodies and altogether immaterial, having neither number nor name, so that there is unity between them all by identity of substance, force and energy, and by their union with and knowledge of God the Word; but that no longer desiring the sight of God, they gave themselves over to worse things, each one following his own inclinations, and that they have taken bodies more or less subtle, and have received names, for among the heavenly Powers there is a difference of names as there is also a difference of bodies; and thence some became and are called Cherubims, others Seraphims, and Principalities, and Powers, and Dominations, and Thrones, and Angels, and as many other heavenly orders as there may be: let him be anathema.

Those who wanted to go out of the primordial light had come to develop a sense of boredom about being in it. All the time only harmony, light and love and no “action”... Furthermore the free will was circumstantially limited, after all, since we in that light were all one and yet individual. If an entity there would in some way offend or harm another, it would through the oneness immediately participate in and feel the negative feelings of the other one. Thus one did not do certain things which one in certain cases might have liked to do, since one would hurt oneself. We also did no more want to have this limitation, but freely do everything we wanted, even ruthlessly, if we would so desire.

Now there was at first only this primordial light and nothing else, so where could we go to leave the light? To enable us to do so, God contracted himself, a process that in the Kabbalah¹ is called *tzimtzum*, so that a dark region came to be outside his light, where we then could go. However, there first had to be some kind of structure and order there. Therefore an entity was created in the light, who

¹ The Kabbalah is often viewed rather negatively since it regrettably is abused in magic. It does, however, also contain deep knowledge about the creation, especially in the teachings of the great rabbi Jitzchak Luria (1534-1572).

was unconscious of his own light that was hidden in him, or he would bring light into the darkness that then would no more be so dark. This entity was Yaldabaoth, who then went into the realms of darkness. There he called himself Yahweh and created assistants (the archons) so that he could together with them let material worlds come to be. Now other entities could follow and populate that region with entities that became souls and entered physical bodies, but also with entities without material bodies.

Since the universe is multidimensional (for certain reasons I assume 12 dimensions) and we are incorporated in a three-dimensional world, one may assume that Yahweh's world is a restricted three-dimensional region in the creation, in which we are perceptually crippled so that we know only these dimensions and should not know the others.

Yahweh then claimed to be the one and only god. In the common translation of Ex 20:2-3 and Deut 5:6-7: "I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The literal translation of these two passages is, however: "I am Yahweh, your Elohim, who led you out of the land Egypt and out of the house of servants. There will come no other Elohim to you in my place." The word *elohim* is the plural of *el* or *eloah* = god. What did Yahweh mean by this – that he would be "the one 'Elohim' (hence one of the created gods), who will now be god to you only, and do not expect another"? He in any case does not contradict that there could be others and rather speaks in the sense of a non-competition clause... The Bible itself indicates in its very beginning that there may also be other "gods".

The first sentence in the Bible

The Hebrew text in Gen 1:1 reads as follows: *Bere'shit bara' 'elohim et ha-shamayim ve'et ha'arets*, usually translated as: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth."

However you twist and turn it, it remains a fact that that *'elohim* is the plural of *'eloah* = god. It has therefore been suggested that it could be understood as "...the gods created..." but this does not fit grammatically, because the verb *bara'* (created) has the singular form. Theologians then sweep this under the carpet and declare it to be a *pluralis maiestatis*. This grammatical form does exist in Hebrew, but there is another solution to the problem that is probably overlooked on purpose.

The conventional and dogmatically approved translation of *bere'shit* is based on the translation of *be* as *in* or *at* and *re'shit* as *beginning*. According to dictionaries, *re'shit* can alternatively mean "the first of its kind", and *be* can refer to the origin. Thus the word *bere'shit* can also be seen as a somewhat tautological expression meaning "the original first" or "the very first" or "the primordial Creator." Then the following fits grammatically:

The First One created the gods, the heavens, and the Earth, or, a bit more freely:

The primordial Creator created the gods, the cosmic worlds, and the Earth.

Furthermore, very few translations have "the heavens," keeping the plural of the original text. But the Hebrew word *shamayim*, "heaven", also has the plural form and can meaningfully be understood as "cosmic worlds." Who, then, are the created gods? In our context, obviously the inhabitants of other cosmic worlds – planets and other-dimensional realms – that is, *extraterrestrial life in general*, also *other gods out there*.

This interpretation has some support in the light of otherwise enigmatic plurals in the Bible:

"And God said, Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness" (Genesis 1:26).

"And the LORD God said, behold, the man is become as one of *us*, to know good and evil" (Genesis 2:22; emphasis added).

An error in the creation?

That there are other divine entities is also mentioned in the original Gnostic Christianity. They are created by the "unnamed" first God, by the Highest God, who in Cana'an was called El Elyon, who had 70 sons and one of them was Yahweh. The first created entity is Autogenes, who we call Christ. He will later have sent us Jesus as a messenger to help us understand the situation. About this, the Gnostic Text *The Gospel of Truth* tells us:

“That is the gospel of him whom they seek, which he has revealed to the perfect through the mercies of the Father as the hidden mystery, Jesus the Christ. Through him he enlightened those who were in darkness because of forgetfulness. He enlightened them and gave them a path. And that path is the truth which he taught them. For this reason, *error* was angry with him, so it persecuted him. It was distressed by him, so it became powerless. He was nailed to a tree. He became a fruit of the knowledge of the Father. He did not, however, destroy them because they ate of it. He rather caused those who ate of it to be joyful because of this discovery.” (Emphasis by me.)

Who is here called *error* is Yahweh, as can be seen out of the context, since he originally is Yaldabaoth who came to be by a “mistake”, even though this (as indicated above) does have a sense.

Mesopotamian clay plates, especially the Sumerian ones, also contain a description of the creation. In *Enuma Elish* the creator pair is called Apsu and Tiamat and their firstborn is Mummu. Entities were created that were loud and behaved like rowdies and thus disturbed the order. Apsu wanted to reverse their creation, but Tiamat wanted to tolerate them in a motherly way. They then turned away from their creators, declared them to be dead and lived on as if they did not exist. The one who was in charge for the Earth was Enlil who was described as a god and has so many similarities with Yahweh that one may identify them with each other. In another text, *Atra-Hasis*, the “creation” (or rather breeding) of the actual humanity is described. Enlil was no friend of the humans that were genetically “produced” to serve as slaves and wanted, when they became too much for him, to eliminate them through a deluge. His brother Enki, however, warned Atra-Hasis (also called Ziusudra or Utnapishtim, in the Bible Noah) so that there were enough survivors for a “restart”. This angered Enlil, since he had wanted everyone to die. An example of Enlil’s the malevolence that resonates with the malevolence of Yahweh that is excessively described on the many bloody pages in the Bible.

Ethnologists and linguists who are dealing with the numerous clay plates, study and translate them, are mostly of the opinion that we here have the origin of the creation story and other stories in the Pentateuch, even though theologians and rabbis defend themselves against it. That could not be, since “God’s Word” is written therein ... One may, however, ask: of which god? Yahweh – then the “word” is biased, in the context discussed here. Or really of the Highest God, who is higher than Yahweh?

Who is the devil?

Who, then is the devil – Satan or Lucifer, resp.? The word “devil” will most probably be derived from the Greek *diabolos*. It may also be associated with “the evil”, but hardly as an etymological explanation. “Lucifer” (“carrier of light”) is a Latin word that is used for the planet Venus (in Hebrew *heylel*, “the shining one”). The word is *also* used for the rising morning star that brings light into the darkness and hence as signifying Jesus and Christ, resp., which can lead to misunderstandings. The association with the morning star (Greek *heosphoros*) with Lucifer may go back to Origen (probably associated with the text *Life of Adam and Eve*). Identifying Lucifer with Satan may have to do with what Jesus said in Luk 10:18: “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” His arrogance to want to exalt his throne above God was his fall (Isa 14:12-17).”Satan” is a Hebrew word that means “adversary” or “accuser”.

An essential aspect herein is the fall, the exit or expulsion out of the divine realm that first lead to becoming like an outcast and then an enemy in relation to the divine. Yaldabaoth turned away from God and became a devil. He does not want to have anything more to do with the creator. He sealed himself off with his dim light in his own world, where he wants to be the single ruler. He denies the true God and now wants to be god himself for him and all secondary creations in his realm. He now calls himself Yahweh and towards God becomes an “antigod”, Satan.

It will, of course, have been a task for Jesus as a messenger of Christ to clarify for the humans that Yahweh is not the true God but an impostor, as expressed in John 8:31-47.

Lucifer or Satan?

Are Lucifer and Satan one and the same? Many seem to have this opinion. However, in comparison

with Sumerian texts Enlil = Yahweh appears to be Satan and his brother Enki can be understood as being Lucifer.

In the dim region, a multitude of worlds with other heavenly bodies came to be where also other entities were incarnated in bodies in other dimensions. There was a world in which Yahweh settled with his archons and from where he wanted to influence what was going on in our world. They are there called Anunnaki and their manipulations of our Earth became increasingly extensive. For that reason, Christ sent us his messenger to show the humans a better way to live together, as far as they were able to adopt his words. This messenger was given the name Jesus (Yeshua, Yehoshua) and out of him emerged the Gnostic Christianity discussed above. The rulers controlled by Yahweh felt compelled to avert this development and later falsify these teachings to satisfy their own interests and let a Church develop as a tool for their power. However, this institution gradually lost much of its power over the humans as time went on, and they now try to replace it with the rule of another influential religion.

These Anunnaki have, as indicated above, some 500 millennia ago produced a biological humanity by means of genetic manipulation to be their slaves and then reproduce themselves. Yet these bodies did not function well without a soul, an “essence of light” from the divine world, for which the Anunnaki made use of a migration from the light world of entities that wanted to go out of it. These souls were like “software” for the function of the biological “hardware”. They would prefer to have humans who could function without a soul so that they could be entirely cut off from the divine light, since this way they were not completely independent from the true creator. Today, however, a new possibility with what we call artificial intelligence is arising with the rapid development in computer and robotics technology. Thus a new “population” arises with machines that without a soul can think and act themselves. With this, the Anunnaki can finally become completely independent from the true divine and they now seek to achieve a “total robotification” of the world. For that purpose, biological life – also human – as it used to be and still is should be eliminated and the whole world become converted by means of integration of all computers, communication systems and machines controlled by them to a superrobot in a unified system comprising the whole planet. Then Yahweh with his archons can incarnate (or rather inmachinate...) therein and let the whole humanity disappear as obsolete! A yahwistic dream of a future that will eventually collapse when all sources of energy and material are exhausted... Or, alternatively, when the real creator again expands and there will no more be a dark region.

This vision relates to a murky prophecy of John C. Lilly in his book *The Scientist*.

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A speculation about YHWH

The word YHWH may be associated with “he is” as follows. We may divide it in YH+HUH, keeping the middle H in both parts and reading the Hebrew letter *vav* as U, a valid alternative that depends upon missing diacritical marks. HUH could be derived from HU’ that means “he” and if we add an

initial H to the first part: HYH, we get a word that according to the Hebrew dictionary means “to be, exist,” from which ’HYH (*eh[e]yeh*) is derived. Therefore, we could regard YHWH as a kind of contraction of the words *ehyeh asher ehyeh* in Exodus 3:14. The controversial but very knowledgeable German linguist Friedrich Delitzsch (1850–1922) was of the opinion that the name should be read rather similarly as Yaho or Yeho (cf. his book *Die große Täuschung* [The Great Deception]), and was one of the first to suggest a Babylonian origin of the Old Testament, as argued in his book *Babel und Bibel*, published in English as *Babel and Bible* (Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company, 1903). “I am that I am” might also imply, “It is none of your business who I am.”