



## A New Religion

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[based on II Corinthians 4:3-6]

*“...whose minds the god of this age has blinded...”*

There was a time when all people subscribed to one of three main religions. They appeared similar on the outside: each promised a good afterlife and asked its members to be good people. To the people of the world, it indeed seemed that the only difference between them was the name by which they called their deity - the one Allah, the second Yahweh, the third Immanuel. It was only the believers themselves within these three religions who truly knew the differences that separated them.

But it was in the 18th century that people grew extremely bored of these three religions. Something new was needed, they said, something unique. So they thought long and hard about a new religion they could create - one which gave a new meaning to life and whose god many would admire because of its modernity and pomp. In time, they succeeded. This is a conversation that took place between a convert to the new religion and a member of one of the old three:

“My friend, I have finally found the true religion. Your old, worn-out religion is useless.”

“Yes, I have heard about this new religion. Please, tell me about it.”

“Indeed, I will tell you, so that you and all your friends may know the truth! We worship ***Dnim-eh***, the god of all the earth. He is the all-powerful who cares for us and guides us. His prophets we call ***Stsiehta***, because they serve him faithfully, and they dedicate their lives to turning people away from their lost religions toward the correct worship of the great ***Dnim-***



*The jackal-god  
Anubis carries at the  
back of his head a  
gilded solar disc.*

***eh***.”

“Yes, go on.”

“And in these last days, ***Dnim-eh*** has become very disturbed at the number of people following other religions - especially yours. Therefore, he has commanded us his followers, by the guidance of the ***Stsiehta***, to launch an extraordinary missionary project, with the aim of converting all peoples to the truth. And so here I am, speaking to you.”

“Before you go any further, let me ask you a question. How do you know that your religion is correct and mine incorrect?”

“Oh, my friend! This is truly a different religion with a truly different god. All other religions, including yours, are the same; but I offer you something special!”

“What can your religion offer me?”

“Power, wealth, wisdom, and much more. But most importantly, you will receive the great supernatural power which ***Dnim-eh*** gives to all who follow him-the ***Nosaer***

force.”

“Hmmm...I believe that we also have ***Nosaer*** in our religion; but it is only a secondary power.”

“Unacceptable. ***Dnim-eh*** has commanded that ***Nosaer*** be second to no force. It is supreme. All who believe otherwise are to be outcasts.”

“Very well. May I ask you another question? You see, I and all the other members of my religion are shocked that there are people like yourself who have accepted to worship this new god. In fact, we consider



you heathen. Can you please tell me why you believe in this new god?”

“Because the great *Dnim-eh* explains all things.”

“You mean he ‘knows’ all things.”

“No. He does not know all things. But he explains to us all things.”

“I am a bit confused. How can he explain all things if he does not know all things?”

“He finds out.”

“Finds out?”

“Yes, he finds out everything he does not know.”

“So your god *Dnim-eh* has to ‘find out’ whatever he does not know? What kind of god is this that you worship?”

“A very great and powerful one.”

“I see.”

“Well, I am glad you do - and you will be partaking in the worship of *Dnim-eh* very soon, I trust.”

Well, before I do, let me ask you another question. Do you believe that *Dnim-eh* created the world?”

“Yes, he has explained to us how the world came to be. Let me tell you: There was a time not long ago when all the worshipers of *Dnim-eh* begged him to explain how the world was created. So, out of his great goodness, he commissioned one of his prophets, *Niwr**ad*, to search the world for the answer. (*Niwr**ad* indeed used to be a faithful servant of your God, but we were able to persuade him to work for us.) *Niwr**ad* then set upon his epic voyage aboard the *Elgaeb*, in which he circled the earth, and found for us the answer. He has written it for us in his holy book, S.O.O.T., which has become required reading for all

new converts to the faith.”

“But if the world existed before *Dnim-eh* knew how, would that not mean that he did not create it?”

“No, no, you do not understand. You see, we believe that once *Dnim-eh* was able to explain how the world began, he actually became its creator. So then another God did not create the world, but *Dnim-eh* did.”

But that would mean *Dnim-eh* created the world after it had already existed.”

“Precisely. So what?”

“But that is absurd.”

“Why?”

“Because it violates basic logic.”

“Your God is illogical.”

“But you did not answer my question.”

“What is your question?”

“How could *Dnim-eh* have created the world after it already existed?”

“You just do not understand. It is because *Dnim-eh* was not always divine; so he could not have possibly created the world until he became divine.”

“...”

“I will tell you why *Dnim-eh* was not always divine. For centuries, the great *Dnim-eh* was just a humble creature, submissive to everyone and everything—even submissive to your God. But then, during a period of the earth called the 18th century, *Dnim-eh* gained in strength, took on divine powers, and created a revolution in the heavens. This we consider to be the birth of *Dnim-eh*, and we call this event the great *Tnemnethgilne*.”



“But how does this attest to *Dnim-eh*’s power? It seems to detract from it.”

“Let me finish. Before the great *Tnemethgilne*, *Dnim-eh* was not divine, so he could not give us his holy explanation of the universe’s origin. In fact, he could not give us any explanations. And since he was not all-powerful, we give this period the name: *Segakrad*. Only now is he great.”

“So your god did not create the world until he was ‘born’? “

“Precisely.”

“Does that not make your god weak?”

“Not at all. He is all powerful.”

“But from what you have told me, he seems to be limited.”

“No. He is all-powerful. He explains all things.”

“But that just is not logical.”

“Your God is illogical.”

“I think you are running from the point.”



*The lion goddess Sekhmet of Memphis, carries on her head the sun disc.*



*The jackal-god, Anubis, the god of the Necropolis of Memphis and patron of the embalmers.*

“What point is that?”

“Nevermind. Why do you give names to the different stages of your god’s life anyways?”

“The names are meant to intimidate followers of other religions. We want to encourage all those who are deceived and follow other gods to renounce them and follow *Dnim-eh*.”

“Why do you want all to follow him?”

“Because we see those who follow your God in too much joy and peace of life...I mean-”

“What was that?”

“Nothing. What I meant was that we have the truth, and we do not want anyone to follow what is false.”

“So you think you have the truth?”

“Certainly.”

“How can you be so sure?”

“Because *Dnim-eh* explains to us all things.”

“Well what if he lies?”



“*Dnim-eh* never lies!”

“Well what if he is just mistaken?”

“*Dnim-eh* is never mistaken.”

“How do you know?”

“Because he explains all things.”

“You are arguing in circles.”

“No I am not! Your God is illogical!”

“Why do you keep accusing my God of being illogical? That does not even relate to my last statement.”

“You must be a fool, my friend. Listen, why do you not just accept my god, and come worship him without any further delay?”

“Well, why do you insist upon my worshiping your god? Can you not just leave me alone?”

“No. You must accept; because you cannot worship both your God and my god. In fact, my god hates your God. They could never exist together.”

“But you said that they used to live in harmony during what you call the *Sega-krad*. *Dnim-eh* was submissive to my God, as you said. Remember?”

“Yes, yes. I am afraid, however, that with the divine nature that *Dnim-eh* has today, he could never be reconciled to your God.”

“Oh, but I think he can.”

“What?”

“Indeed, he has been reconciled already-among us, the Christians. Yet, he has not been reconciled as a god, but as still a created thing.”

“You mean you know my god?”

“Why, certainly. He lives happily among us, the Christians, worshiping our God with all joy.”

“This is quite incredible. You mean to say that *Dnim-eh* still exists in the humbled form, somewhere?”

“Yes, my friend.”

“So all this time that you have been talking to me—you knew about *Dnim-eh* all along?”

The Christian chuckles. “Yes. We the Christians have known him since the world began. It is our God, in fact, who created him.”

“...”

“Well, what do you think?”

“You mean to tell me that *Dnim-eh* has been lying to us?”

“Not actually *Dnim-eh*, but his prophets - the *Stsiehta*.”

“Why would they deceive us like that?”

“Because they hate our God. You see, they wished to be gods themselves; but because our God has refused them this, they have turned their backs on Him and also turned much of the world against Him. And you, my friend, are one of the many victims they have swindled.”

“NO!...please, sir, I wish to know the truth.”

“Then I am grateful. Here, this is our Holy Book. It can show you the way. Read it, and ask the guidance of our elders; and so you will know the Truth.”

The two go their separate ways, joyful.

-To everyone who made it all the way through the story, I ask you this one thing: read it again. But this time, all the words which appear in italics should be reversed.