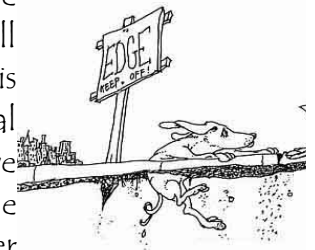




Cease And Desist!

And the Lord smote the three divisions that were there, and he punished them according to their works and designs; those who said, We will ascend to heaven and serve our gods, became like apes and elephants; and those who said, We will smite the heaven with arrows, the Lord killed them, one man through the hand of his neighbor; and the third division of those who said, We will ascend to heaven and fight against him, the Lord scattered them throughout the earth. **And those who were left amongst them, when they knew and understood the evil which was coming upon them, they forsook the building, and they also became scattered upon the face of the whole earth. JASHER 9:35-36**

This is an account of the construction of Babel from the book of Jasher. These particular verses list the consequences that people experienced as a result of involving themselves in the building project. Those who remained, and became conscious of the ramifications of their actions, ceased from their behaviors. Look at where we live. Look at how we live. Look at the fruits of all of our labor. When we go to work, when we shop, when we entertain ourselves, when we attempt to secure healthcare, when we attempt to secure finances against the day of our retirement, when we attempt to educate ourselves, when we attempt to develop a sense of spirituality, when we attempt to insure finances against the day of our death, when we attempt to have a say in the political process... In all that we do, we are involved in the building and maintenance of a structure that is diametrically opposed to the reality of a divine intelligence that brings a natural order to our existence. Because of our extreme dependence upon this system, we are ignorant to any other alternative forms of existence. Even if we acknowledge the corruption of the system, most of us are terrified by the thought of ever leaving it.



Hence, the experiment. Do less and less. Be involved less and less. Be less dependent. Be less involved. Create some space and distance between ourselves and the system.



How will we live? How will we survive? How will we make money? What about health insurance? How will we die? These are irrelevant questions with inconsequential answers. The vital question is: If we do as we are led, will the Creator sustain us?

All around us, the consequences of involvement in the system that has its foundation in Babel is evident. Fear, anger, mental and physical disease, emptiness, loneliness, separation, stress, violence, confusion. Add to this the element of control. We're told where to work, how to dress, what to eat, what is important, what is beautiful, what is right and wrong. Everything is under control.



What if there is something else underneath all of this that could blossom if we would allow it. Flowers growing through the pavement. This is our experiment: what else is out there? Is there another way to exist?

Step 1: Cease And Desist.